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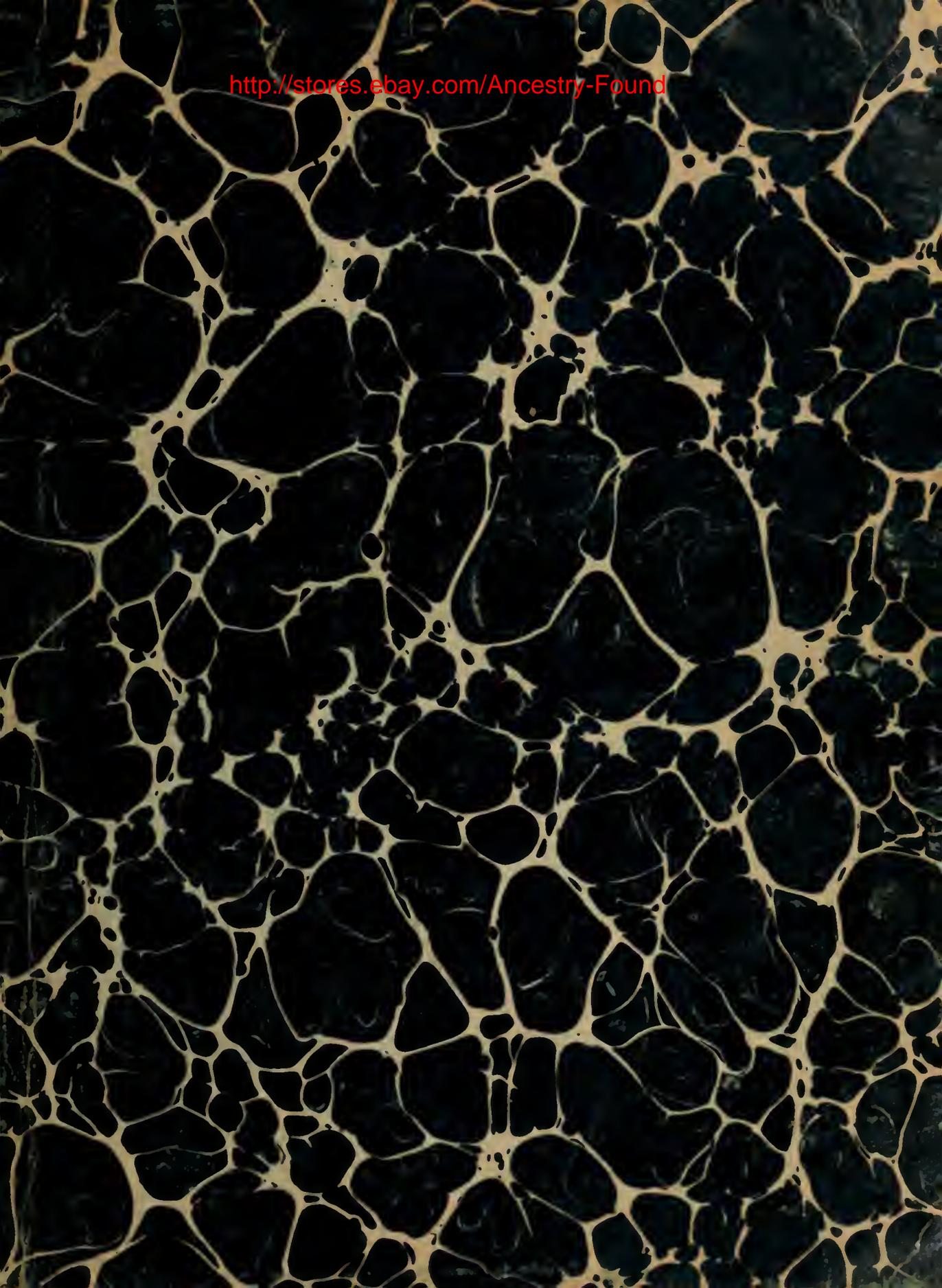
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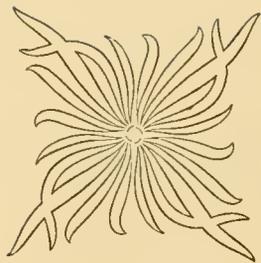
PREFACE.

THE importance of placing in book form biographical history of representative citizens—both for its immediate worth and for its value to coming generations—is admitted by all thinking people; and within the past decade there has been a growing interest in this commendable means of perpetuating biography and family genealogy.

That the public is entitled to the privileges afforded by a work of this nature needs no assertion at our hands; for one of our greatest Americans has said that the history of any country resolves itself into the biographies of its stout, earnest and representative citizens. This medium, then, serves more than a single purpose; while it perpetuates biography and family genealogy, it records history, much of which would be preserved in no other way.

In presenting the *COMMEMORATIVE BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD* to its patrons, the publishers have to acknowledge, with gratitude, the encouragement and support their enterprise has received, and the willing assistance rendered in enabling them to surmount the many unforeseen obstacles to be met with in the production of a work of this character. In nearly every instance the material composing the sketches was gathered from those immediately interested, and then submitted in type-written form for correction and revision. The volume, which is one of generous amplitude, is placed in the hands of the public with the belief that it will be found a valuable addition to the library, as well as an invaluable contribution to the historical literature of the State of Ohio.

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BIOGRAPHICAL.



GENERAL RALPH P. BUCKLAND. Leaders of men in all ages have not only possessed rare natural and acquired abilities, but in almost every instance they have been launched

into the stream of life under circumstances peculiarly favorable for their development, and have had to pass through severe trials and discipline preparatory to their life work, aptly illustrating that "There's a divinity that shapes our ends," or "There is a God in history."

As a highly worthy example of American leaders who have left their indelible impress upon the pages of United States history we present the subject of this sketch. His ancestry, his natural endowments, his education, his environment and achievements, both in civil and military life, resembling in some respects those of his illustrious contemporaries, Lincoln and Grant, furnish valuable object lessons to young Americans, and are eminently worthy of a place in the local biographical record of the people of a historic locality.

The ancestor from whom are descended the Buckland families in Sandusky county, Ohio, was a citizen of Hartford, Conn., in Colonial times, and was of English descent. His son, Stephen Buck-

land, of East Hartford, grandfather of our subject, was a captain-lieutenant in Bigelow's Artillery Company, raised in Connecticut during the Revolutionary war. This was an independent company, recruited early in 1776, and was attached to the Northern Department, where it appears to have been accepted as a Continental company. It was stationed during the summer and fall at Ticonderoga and vicinity. Stephen Buckland was commissioned captain-lieutenant of this company January 23, 1776, and was promoted November 9 to Maj. Steven's Continental Artillery. He was afterward a captain in Col. John Crane's Third Regiment of Continental Artillery, commissioned January 1, 1777, and was detached with his company to serve with Gates against Burgoyne. He was subsequently stationed at various points, and was at Farmington in the winter of 1777-78. He was furloughed by Gen. Washington for five weeks, from October 30, 1778, and was on command at Fort Arnold, West Point, in 1779. He afterward became captain of a privateer which was captured on the second day of April, 1782, by the British brig "Perseverance," Ross, commander, and was with his officers confined in the "Old Jersey" prison ship, where he died on the 7th of May, of the same year. His remains are probably now, with other martyrs of the prison ships, buried in Fort Green, Brook-

lyn, N. Y., near Washington Place, in that city. He had married a Miss Mary Olmsted, who was born September 27, 1774, and their children were Mary; Hannah; Stephen, who died in infancy; another child, also called Stephen, who also died in infancy; Betsey, and Ralph.

Ralph Buckland, born July 28, 1781, son of Stephen, came in the year 1811 to Portage county, Ohio, where he served in the capacity of land agent and surveyor. In 1812 he removed his family in a one-horse sleigh from their home in Massachusetts to Ravenna, Ohio. His wife's maiden name was Ann Kent. Some few years after his death Mrs. Buckland married Dr. Luther Hanchett, who then had four children by a former marriage; six more children were born to them. Ralph Buckland served as a volunteer in Hull's army during the war of 1812. He was second sergeant in Capt. John Campbell's company, which began its march on the 4th of July, 1812, to join the regiment commanded by Col. Lewis Cass, at Detroit. After great suffering and hardship, because of the character of the country traversed, they finally reached the river Raisin, and were surrendered by Gen. Hull on the 16th day of August, as prisoners of war. Mr. Buckland returned to his home in Ravenna, "prisoner on parole," and died May 23, 1813. His children were: An infant daughter who died on the way west, and was buried at Albany, N. Y.; Ralph Pomeroy, our subject; and Stephen, who for nearly forty years was a leading druggist at Fremont, Ohio.

Ralph Pomeroy Buckland was born at Leyden, Mass., January 20, 1812. During his early life he lived with his stepfather and family on a farm, but the greater part of the time previous to the age of eighteen he lived with and labored for a farmer uncle in Mantua, excepting two years when he worked in a woolen factory at Kendall, Ohio, and one year which he spent as clerk in a store. In

the winter he attended the country schools, and in the summer of 1830 attended an academy at Tallmadge, Ohio, where he commenced the study of Latin. In the fall of 1831 he embarked, at Akron, Ohio, on board a flat-boat loaded with a cargo of cheese, to be transported through the Ohio canal, down the Muskingum, Ohio and Mississippi rivers to Natchez, Miss. At Louisville he secured a deck passage on the "Daniel Boone," and worked his way by carrying wood on board. At Natchez he found employment, and secured the confidence of his employers so far that at the end of a few months they put him in charge of two flat-boats lashed together and loaded with 1200 barrels of flour for the New Orleans market. On this trip he served his turn with the rest of the crew as company cook. The voyage was successfully completed, and at the solicitation of his employers he remained in New Orleans, in charge of their commission house. Here, for a time, he was under the influence of companions who indulged in drinking, gambling and other vices, and was confirmed in his resolution to avoid the evils by the sudden death of a fellow clerk, a victim of dissipation. He saved his money, and spent his time in the study of the Latin and French languages, and in reviewing common-school branches.

In June, 1834, Mr. Buckland started for Ohio, on a visit to his mother, leaving New Orleans with the fixed idea of returning and making that city his future home. He had been offered several first-rate situations, but on arriving home his mother induced him to remain in the North. After spending one year at Kenyon College, he began the study of law in the office of Gregory Powers, at Middlebury, now a part of Akron, Ohio, and completed it with Whitlessy & Newton, at Canfield, being admitted to practice in the spring of 1837. During the winter of the previous year he had spent several months pursuing his studies in the office of George

B. Way, who was then editor of the *Toledo Blade*, and in whose temporary absence he acted for a few weeks as editor *pro tem*. Immediately after Mr. Buckland's admission to the bar, with only about fifty dollars in his pocket, loaned him by his uncle, Alson Kent, he started in quest of a favorable location for an attorney. The failure of the wild-cat banks was what settled him in Lower Sandusky, for on arriving here he had not good money enough to pay a week's board, and was obliged to stop. He was kindly trusted by Thomas L. Hawkins for a sign, opened a law office, and soon secured enough business to pay for his expenses, which were kept down to the lowest possible point. At this date he was not only without means, but still owed three hundred dollars for his expenses incurred while a student, and for a few necessary law books; but he was confident of ultimate success, for eight months after opening up his law office in Lower Sandusky he went to Canfield, Ohio, and married Charlotte Boughton, returning with her the following spring. Being strictly economical, their expenses during their first year of married life did not exceed \$300. His credit was good and his business steadily increased, so that at the end of three or four years he had all he could attend to. He was at that time slender in build and troubled with dyspepsia, but out-door exercise, gained in traveling on horseback to the courts of adjoining counties, during term time, cured him and gradually increased his weight and physical strength. In 1846 Rutherford B. Hayes became a partner with Mr. Buckland in the practice of law, and the partnership continued until Mr. Hayes removed to Cincinnati, three years later. He afterward had associated with him Hon. Homer Everett, under the firm name of Buckland & Everett, and still later James H. Fowler, the firm name becoming Buckland, Everett & Fowler, succeeded by R. P. &

H. S. Buckland, R. P. & H. S. Buckland & Zeigler, and Buckland & Buckland.

From his youth R. P. Buckland took an active interest in politics, and was a strong partisan, outspoken in his views. He was mayor of the village of Lower Sandusky (now Fremont), in 1843-45, and held other positions of public trust. He was a delegate to the Philadelphia Convention in 1843 which nominated Gen. Zachary Taylor for the Presidency. Upon the organization of the party he became a Republican, and never wavered from his principles. In 1855 he was elected to the Ohio Senate as a Republican, and was re-elected in 1857, serving four years. He was the author of the law for the adoption of children, which was passed during his service in the Senate.

Mr. Buckland's nature was intensely patriotic under the molding influences of his father and grandfather, who had been soldiers of the American Republic. Hence, at the outbreak of the Rebellion, in 1861, he threw his whole soul into the struggle. His military record is a matter of history. Gen. Hayes said of him: "He was the best soldier of his age in the volunteer service." In October, 1861, he was appointed lieutenant-colonel by Gov. William Dennison, of Ohio, and given authority to raise a regiment for the three-years' service. In three short months the glorious Seventy-second Regiment, which he organized, was ready for the field. On January 10, 1862, he was mustered into the United States service as colonel of the Seventy-second Regiment, O. V. I., and two weeks later left with his regiment for Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio. In February he was ordered to report with his command to Gen. W. T. Sherman, at Paducah, Ky., and here the regiment was assigned to the Fourth Brigade, First Division, Army of the Tennessee, and Col. Buckland placed in command of the brigade. At the battle of Shiloh, the first week in April, 1862, the Colonel won en-

during fame as an heroic soldier and commander, and his brigade covered itself with glory. Buckland was not surprised at Shiloh, but was expecting an attack. His brigade and the Seventy-second Regiment were at the keypoint of the fight, on the extreme right of the attack, and withstood the fierce onset of the enemy on the morning of the 6th. When the brigade did fall back, it was done in perfect order, contesting every foot of the ground. On the 7th Buckland's brigade participated in the advance that swept the enemy from the field, and at night they rested in advance of the position they occupied on the 6th. Gen. Sherman always accorded to Gen. Buckland the highest praise for his bravery and coolness at Shiloh, and the splendid services rendered by his brigade. Had some other man been where Buckland was, the final outcome of the battle might have been far different.

That Gen. Grant appreciated and recognized the military skill of Gen. R. P. Buckland is shown by his letter to Gen. Sherman, on November 10, 1862, in relation to operations in western Tennessee and northern Mississippi. He writes: "I will not be able to send you any general officers, unless possibly one to take command of the forces that will be left at Memphis. Stuart and Buckland will both command brigades or even divisions as well as if they held the commissions which they should and I hope will hold."* In battle Gen. Buckland was cool and fearless, but not reckless. He looked well to the comfort and health of his men on all occasions, and this made him loved and respected by the soldiers. On November 29, 1862, he was promoted to the rank of brigadier-general, for his bravery at Shiloh, and on January 26, 1864, Gen. Sherman placed Gen. Buckland in command of the District of Memphis, where his administrative abilities

were exemplified and his integrity of character clearly manifested. Here he promptly repelled an attack of Gen. Forrest, and put him to flight. While serving in the army, in the fall of 1864, Gen. Buckland was elected to Congress. He remained in command of the District of Memphis for the balance of the year, on January 6, 1865, tendered his resignation at Washington to the Secretary of War, and was duly mustered out of the service. On August 3, 1866, he was commissioned brevet-major-general, U. S. V., to rank from May 13, 1865, for meritorious service in the army.

After an honorable career in Congress during the reconstruction of the Southern States, Mr. Buckland returned to Fremont, Ohio, where he resumed his law practice. During recent years his sons, Horace S. and George, were associated with him in the law firm of Buckland & Buckland, and relieved their father of the arduous work of the profession. Gen. Buckland's legal career was marked by the same thorough integrity, ability and success that characterized him in his entire walk through life. To his example and influence the city of Fremont is indebted for much of its material prosperity in the matter of public improvements. He erected the first substantial three-story brick building in that city, now known as Masonic Block. In 1853 he built the residence he ever after occupied, and it was at that time the finest dwelling in northern Ohio. Subsequently he built the three-story block at the corner of Front and State streets. He took an active part in securing railroads and manufactories for the city, and always stood in the front rank of citizens who worked for the upbuilding of Fremont.

Gen. Buckland was a charter member of Eugene Rawson Post No. 32, G. A. R., Fremont, Ohio, and was its first commander. He was a companion of the Loyal Legion, and a member of the S. A. J. Snyder Command, Union Veteran's

*War of the Rebellion, Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, Series I, Volume XVII, Part II, page 336.

Union; also belonging to the Society of the Army of the Tennessee, and to other army societies. He was the life president of the Society of the Seventy-second Regiment O. V. I., and was for a time president of the Sandusky County Pioneer and Historical Society. He was for forty-five years a member of Croghan Lodge, I. O. O. F., and for many years had been junior warden in and an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Fremont. Thus for more than half a century he had been a conspicuous figure in Fremont and northern Ohio. He was a pioneer settler, a distinguished lawyer, a gallant soldier, an eminent member of the Ohio State and the National Legislatures, and an enterprising and public-spirited citizen. He was an educated and courteous Christian gentleman, and his name and his accomplishments are indelibly stamped on the history of the city of Fremont and of the Nation. He will never be forgotten. His death occurred on Friday, May 27, 1892, when he was at the venerable age of more than eighty years. From the announcement of his death until after his funeral many flags floated at half-mast all over the city, and nearly all the business houses were closed. At his funeral the spacious residence, the grounds and the adjoining streets were thronged with people anxious to pay the last tribute of respect to the departed. The funeral discourse was delivered by Rev. S. C. Aves, pastor of the Episcopal Church, Norwalk, Ohio, and was touchingly eloquent and sympathetic. At the close ex-President Hayes paid a fitting tribute to his life-long friend in a brief, concise and masterly manner. At the tomb, in Oak Wood Cemetery, the Grand Army of the Republic conducted its impressive burial service. Closely following this event many worthy tributes of respect were paid by the various societies of the city, among which were the Fremont Bar Association, the Union Veteran's Union, the Sons of Veterans, the

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the city council of Fremont, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The children of Gen. R. P. and Charlotte Buckland were: Ralph Boughton Buckland, who died at Fremont, Ohio, in 1886; Ann Kent Buckland, wife of Charles M. Dillon; Alson Kent Buckland and Thomas Stilwell Buckland, both of whom died in infancy; Caroline Nichols Buckland, who died at Memphis, Tenn., at the age of sixteen; Mary Buckland, who died at the age of six; Horace Stephen Buckland, attorney at law, just elected Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the second sub-division for the Fourth Judicial District of Ohio the married Miss Elizabeth Catherine Bauman, of Fremont, [a more extended account of Judge H. S. Buckland is found elsewhere in this volume]; and George Buckland, an attorney at law, of Cincinnati, Ohio, who married Grace Huntington, daughter of J. C. Huntington, of Cincinnati. The General's grandchildren are the children of his daughter, Mrs. C. M. Dillon, viz.: George Buckland Dillon, who died in infancy; Mary Buckland Dillon; Ralph Putnam Dillon, a graduate of the Case School, Cleveland, Ohio; Kent Howard Dillon, a student of the same school; Charlotte Elizabeth Dillon, a student at the Lake Erie Seminary, Painesville, Ohio; Edward Boughton and Edwin Dillon (twins), who died in infancy, and Charles Buckland Dillon.

Gen. Buckland's son, Ralph Boughton Buckland, was a man of more than usual force of character. At the breaking out of the war he enlisted in Capt. Tillotson's Company of the Eighth O. V. I., ninety-day-men, and went with that company to Cincinnati. Upon his return his father would not permit him to re-enlist, but required him to remain at home to look after the family and his varied interests there, which Ralph did nobly until the close of the war, when he went South to look after plantations which his

father had purchased. The venture not proving profitable, the plantations were sold and he returned to the homestead in the North, where he died in 1880. He never married.

Caroline Nichols Buckland died of congestive fever, at Memphis, Tenn., May 21, 1864. She had gone down to Memphis in company with her mother and little brother George, to visit her father, who was then in command of the District of Memphis. A few days before the time for their return North, Carrie was taken suddenly ill with the dread disease, and died after an illness of only three days. On Sunday evening, after services at the house, Carrie began her last journey, surrounded by the Seventy-second Regiment O. V. I., which by its own request acted as escort. She was only fifteen years and eight months old, and was probably the only young girl who had a military funeral during the war of the Rebellion. She was brought home, and now lies buried in Oak Wood Cemetery, Fremont, Ohio. The following lines were published in the *Memphis Bulletin* at the time of her death:

LINES ON THE DEATH OF MISS CARRIE BUCKLAND.

How still she lies amid the flowers,
And night itself seems dead;
The city sleeps; no sound we hear
Save the lone sentry's tread.

The slender fingers slightly clasp
Pale flowers, sweet and white;
All pure and lovely as yon moon
Of cold and silver light.

The soft, luxuriant, pale brown hair
Waves in the evening wind;
Yet in that marble, changeless face
No wave of life we find.

The fair face looks like peaceful sleep,
The lips full as in life;
Yet the red blood has ceased to flow—
Ceased has life's busy strife.

A broken lily-bud; no eye
Of earth may ever see
How gloriously it blooms above,
Flower of Eternity.

Were death but an unchanging sleep,
How sad would be this night;
But there's a land beyond the grave—
A home of living light.

Memphis, June 18, 1864.

The *Memphis Bulletin* said of her: "Three weeks ago she arrived with her mother from Ohio. With all the attractions of her sixteen summers about her, an amiability that won every heart, a fascination of manner whose gentle influence, wherever she appeared, awakened interest and admiration, and a kind and genial sympathy that captured affection, she was everywhere a favorite, and her company was sought and valued wherever she became known.

"Fresh as the spring whose charms at the moment deck every hill and meadow, she enjoyed her advent to new scenes, welcomed with youthful zest the appreciative regard of the new circle amid which she was introduced, and rejoiced once more to join her honored and happy sire, himself proud of the sweet blossom Providence had vouchsafed as the treasure of his life—when death plucked the flower in the very youth of its loveliness, and stamped the fleeting charm with the impress of immortality."

OSCAR J. DONCYSON, of Fremont, Sandusky county, is a native of the same, having been born March 14, 1862, a son of Christian and Marie Magdalen (Engler) Doncyson. The German spelling of the name was Danzeison.

Christian Doncyson was a native of Dentzlingen, Baden, Germany, born December 11, 1812, son of Bernhardt and Anna (Hugin) Doncyson, who were also natives of Baden. His mother died in Dentzlingen in 1813, during the Napoleonic war, and in 1815 his father married, for his second wife, Miss Christina Stribin. Christian Doncyson was educated in the public schools, and at the age of fourteen became a member of the Evangelical Protestant Church. He learned the trade of baker, at which he labored two years, and then worked in a brewery at Emmendingen, at the age of twenty-one com-

mencing to serve in the Second Regiment of Baden Dragoons at Mannheim. After thirteen months' service he was honorably discharged, at the request of his father, who had decided to emigrate to America.

The Doneyson family left their home in Baden June 30, 1834, and after a tedious journey of nineteen days arrived at Havre, where they took passage for America. The company consisted of Bernhardt Doneyson and wife, their sons John and Christian, George Engler and wife, and their children—Marie Magdalen (afterward wife of Judge Doneyson), Mrs. Christian Shively, Mrs. Catherine Ochs, George Engler, Andrew Engler, Henry Engler and Mrs. Rosina Longenbach. After a voyage of thirty-seven days they reached New York, from which city they proceeded by canal-boat to Buffalo, thence on the steamer "Harrison" to Portland (now Sandusky City), and by boat to Lower Sandusky. Bernhardt Doneyson bought eighty acres of wild land in Sandusky township, near the mouth of Little Mud creek, where he followed farming about twenty-three years. His death occurred February 1, 1867, and that of his wife in July, 1867.

Christian Doneyson assisted his father in farm work until 1836, when he found employment, as a baker, with Fred Wise, who occupied a wooden building on the site of the Star Clothing House, Fremont. He next worked a few months with Fred Boos, a baker, at Sandusky City, and then went to Manhattan (now Toledo), Ohio, where he plied his trade, and where, on February 7, 1837, he married Marie M. Engler. Returning to Sandusky county he again assisted his parents on their farm until 1838, when he hired out to John Stahl to manage a bakery in a building then belonging to Mrs. S. A. Grant, near the west end of State street bridge, Lower Sandusky. Here he remained until 1844, when he and George Engler jointly bought out John Stahl's grocery, and con-

ducted the business together for several years. In 1853 Mr. Doneyson erected a three-story brick building on ground which he afterward sold to the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad Company, and carried on a grocery and provision store for upward of twenty years. In 1883 he built a fine brick mansion on the corner of Croghan and Wayne streets, which he occupied as a family residence during the rest of his life. He held various offices of honor and trust in his community, having been treasurer of Sandusky township from 1846 to 1862, county infirmary director from 1867 to 1878, probate judge from 1878 to 1884, member of the city council of Fremont two terms, and of the city board of education twelve years. He was quiet and unassuming in manner, but proved a faithful and obliging official. During the last ten years of his life he lived partly retired from business, serving occasionally as deputy clerk for Hon. E. F. Dickinson and Hon. Joseph Zimmerman. He was for many years a member of Fort Stephenson Lodge, F. & A. M., and worshipful master of the same. The children of Christian and Marie M. Doneyson, all born in Sandusky, were: Christena, wife of Leonard Adler, a butcher on East State street, Fremont; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Charles Geisen, a brewer; Lucy A., who married Herman J. Gottron, a marble dealer (both now deceased); Henry G., a soldier of the Civil war, who served in Company K, One Hundredth Regiment O. V. I., married Miss Carrie Brown and is living at Topeka, Kans., where he is employed in the pension office; John R., a grocer of Fremont, who married Farry Kent; Herman W., an architect, of Fremont, married to Amelia Hidber; George E., a liveryman, of Fremont; Oscar J., whose name introduces this sketch; Ella, widow of Jesse Schultz, who was a teacher; and two sons and one daughter who died in infancy. Judge C. Doneyson died at his home in Fremont, Ohio, June 14, 1893, and was

buried with Masonic honors, in Oakwood cemetery. His wife preceded him to the grave May 18, 1892, at the age of seventy-two.

Oscar J. Doncyson, the subject proper of this sketch, spent his youth in assisting his parents and attending the public schools of his native city, Fremont. At the age of eighteen he entered on life for himself as clerk in a grocery store. In 1886 he established a grocery and provision store on his own account; but two years later he sold his grocery stock, and became an employe in the county auditor's office, where he served as deputy for a number of years. He had previously assisted his father in the office of probate judge. In religious connection he is a member of Grace Lutheran Church; socially he is affiliated with the German Aid Society of Fremont.

BASIL MEEK. The subject of this sketch was born at New Castle, Henry Co., Ind., April 20, 1829. He came of Anglo-Saxon ancestry, his paternal great-grandfather, Jacob Meek, having come from England to Virginia, whence later he moved to North Carolina, finally settling in Maryland. His maternal great-grandfather, James Stevenson, a native of Pennsylvania, but moving to North Carolina and finally settling in Tennessee, served as a soldier during the war of the Revolution, and held a commission as captain in that war. His paternal grandfather, John Meek, moved from his native State of Maryland to Pennsylvania when the father of the subject of this sketch, whose name was also John, was a small boy; but after a few years' residence there, he, in 1788, removed with his family and all his effects to Kentucky, settling at New Castle, Henry county, in that State, where he died in 1803. He had been the owner of slaves, but in his will manumitted the last one he owned.

John Meek (father of Basil), a farmer, was born in 1772, near Ellicott's Mills (now Ellicott City), in the State of Maryland, going with his father first to Pennsylvania and thence to Kentucky where he grew to manhood, and at New Castle, Ky., July 1, 1792, was married to his first wife, Miss Margaret Ervin, who bore him nine children—six sons and three daughters—their names and dates of birth being as follows: William, May 29, 1793; Joseph, March 3, 1795; Sarah, 1797; Mary, 1800; Jephtha, November 3, 1803; Jesse, May 27, 1806; Elizabeth, August 9, 1808; John (date lost); and Lorenzo Dow, May 29, 1812. These all married and raised families. Of them, Sarah was married at Richmond, Ind., to John Smith, son of one of the founders of that city, and Joseph married Gulielma, a sister of John Smith. Mary became the wife of Rev. Daniel Fraley, a pioneer Methodist preacher of Indiana. The last surviving one, Elizabeth, was the wife of Rev. John Davis, a local Methodist minister, who died at Wabash, Ind.; she died at Stratford, Ontario, Canada, in 1893, aged eighty-six years. John Meek, about 1812, moved from Kentucky to Wayne county, Ind., and settled at Clear Creek, on a farm now embraced within the limits of the present city of Richmond. Here his first wife died while Lorenzo D. was a small boy. He continued to live there some years, and then moved to New Castle, Henry Co., Ind., where in 1827, he married Miss Salina Stevenson, daughter of John Stevenson; she was only twenty while he was fifty-five years old at the time.

There were six children born to him of the marriage—four sons and two daughters—of whom are now living the subject of this sketch, and Capt. James S., who was born August 17, 1834, now living in Spencer, Ind.; Laurinda, born June 2, 1831, now the wife of Stephen Clement, of Newton Iowa; Cynthia J., born November 29, 1836, now



Baril Meek

the wife of Jesse Clement, of Scandia, Kans. One of the sons died in infancy; the other son, Thomas J., born January 15, 1843, died in early manhood. The mother of these died at the home of her son, Capt. James S. Meek, at Spencer, Ind., in 1883, aged seventy-six years. In the year 1832 John Meek returned to Wayne county, and there resided until 1841, when he removed with his family to Morgan township, Owen Co., Ind., then a very new and unimproved section of the State, with but very limited school or other privileges. Here he died in 1849, and was buried in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, in that township.

Basil Meek was only twelve years old when his father settled in Owen county, and, having no opportunity of attending any of the higher educational institutions, his school education was limited to that of the common schools of that comparatively new country; but being naturally inclined to study, he improved every opportunity that was afforded for self-improvement, and to none of these is he more indebted than to a few years' residence at the falls of Eel river—Cataract village—in the cultured family of Alfred N. Bullitt, Esq., in whose store he served as clerk. This was a Kentucky family from Louisville. Mr. Bullitt was a man of fine abilities, a graduate of Yale and had been possessed of what was in his day a large fortune in Louisville which through some misfortune he had lost, and having an interest in a large tract of land, which included the "falls," he removed to Cataract village with his accomplished family in 1846, and there kept a general store. To his valuable library of rare books, the subject of this sketch had access; which, together with the friendly interest of Mr. Bullitt and his family, awakened in him a desire, and supplied the opportunity for a higher and better education than could be obtained short of college.

While residing at Cataract village, De-

cember 23, 1849, he was united in marriage with Miss Cynthia A. Brown, daughter of Abner Brown, of Morgan township, the result of this union being four children, namely: Minerva Bullitt; Mary E.; Lenora Belle, and Flora B. Of these, Minerva B. died at Clyde, Ohio, November 22, 1869, in the eighteenth year of her age; Flora B. died in infancy; Mary E. is the wife of Byron R. Dudrow, attorney at law of Fremont; and Lenora Belle is the wife of L. C. Grover, farmer, near Clyde. The mother of these died in Spencer, Owen Co., Ind., in August, 1861. On September 30, 1862, Mr. Meek married Miss Martha E. Anderson, daughter of Alvin and Harriet (Baldwin) Anderson, of Bellevue, Ohio. By this marriage there are two children, namely: Clara C., wife of Dr. H. G. Edgerton, dentist, of Fremont, Ohio, and Dr. Robert Basil, a brief notice of whom follows. Our subject's grandchildren are: Robert Basil Grover, Mary B., Rachel, Dorothy and Henry Meek Edgerton.

In 1853 at the age of twenty-four Basil Meek was elected clerk of the circuit court and moved from Cataract to Spencer, the county seat of Owen county. He was re-elected without opposition in 1857, serving two terms of four years each. During these eight years he devoted such time as could be spared from his official duties in studying law, and in 1861 was admitted to the bar and formed a partnership with Hon. Samuel H. Buskirk, of Bloomington, and practiced law at Spencer for about two years. In 1864 he removed from his native State to Sandusky county, Ohio, making at first his home on a farm which is now within the village of Clyde. In 1871 he became a member of the Sandusky county bar, and formed a partnership with Col. J. H. Rhodes in the practice of law at Clyde. This partnership continued for four years, after which he practiced alone until February 10, 1879, when he entered upon his duties as clerk of courts, to which office

he had been elected at the previous fall election by a large plurality, running ahead of his ticket in his own village and township 284 votes. In the fall of 1879 he removed with his family to Fremont, where he now resides. At the close of his term he was re-elected clerk of courts by a majority of 1,100 votes, and served six years in all. On retiring from this office he resumed the practice of his profession, with F. R. Fronizer as partner, until he was appointed, by President Cleveland, postmaster at Fremont. He took charge of this office September 1, 1886, and served until March 1, 1891, a period of four years and six months. In this office he took much interest, and devoted his entire energies in rendering an efficient and highly satisfactory service to the public. It was during his term and through his efforts that the free-delivery system was extended to this office, and put into very successful operation under his management and that of his son, Robert B., who was his first-assistant postmaster. On April 1, 1891, he became associated with his son-in-law, Byron R. Dudrow, in the practice of the law in which he has since been engaged, and is senior member of the law firm of Meek, Dudrow & Worst. As a lawyer he is careful and painstaking in the preparation of his cases, and in their presentation he is clear in statement and forcible in argument. As an advocate he believes in his client, making his cause his own and serving him with a warmth and zeal which springs only from a conviction of the justness of his client's cause.

Mr. Meek has been a member of the board of education since April, 1894, and also clerk of that body. As a member of this board he was influential in the re-organization of the high school in 1895, in creating the principalship, adopting new courses of study and supporting other measures tending to advance the interests of said schools, and establish therein methods of instruction both modern and

practical. He was also active in making free Kindergartens a part of the public school system of the city, and is chairman of the standing committee on Kindergartens. Politically he has all his life been a Democrat, loyally supporting the measures and candidates of his party, and cheerfully working for the promotion of its principles, serving on several occasions as chairman of the County Executive Committee, with acceptability to his party.

He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has been such since 1857. As a lover of truth and freedom of thought and action, himself, he is not only resolute for what he believes to be the truth, but is tolerant of all who are seeking the same of whatever name or creed.

ROBERT BASIL MEEK, M. D., son of Basil and Martha E. (Anderson) Meek, was born at Clyde, Sandusky Co., Ohio, January 14, 1869. His paternal ancestry is given in the foregoing sketch of his father. On his mother's side he is of Scotch descent.

The Andersons were Covenanters, and during the persecutions waged against their faith in Scotland they emigrated to the North of Ireland. From here David Anderson, the great ancestor of this family line, about the year 1740, with a colony of Scotch Presbyterians, who brought with them a minister and schoolmaster, came to this country and settled first in Massachusetts; later in Lawrence county, N. Y. Among his children was a son named John, then a small boy, who here grew to manhood and married Elizabeth McCracken, who also was of this colony. John Anderson had five sons—David, Samuel, Joseph, James and John—all of whom were soldiers of the Revolutionary war, fighting for their country. James Anderson married Betsy Dodge, and several children were born to them,

one being Alvin Anderson, who married Harriet Baldwin.

Among the children of Alvin Anderson was Martha E. Anderson, who married Basil Meek, and is the mother of the subject of this sketch, Robert B., who, when he was ten years old, moved with his parents to Fremont, Ohio, where he completed his elementary and high-school education. In 1887, while his father was postmaster at this place, he was appointed first assistant, and served as such until September, 1890, rendering very efficient and satisfactory service to the public, among whom he was universally popular. During 1890-91 he pursued a scientific course at Adelbert College, Cleveland, Ohio, preparatory to entering upon the study of medicine. In 1891 he entered the Western Reserve Medical College at Cleveland, where he remained two years; then became a student in Wooster Medical College, in that city, taking his senior course therein, and graduating in the spring of 1894. During his three-years' course in the medical college he spent his vacations in the office of his able and skillful preceptor, William Caldwell, M. D., of Fremont. In the summer of 1894 Dr. Meek opened an office in Fremont and entered upon the practice of his profession. In the spring of 1895 he was chosen one of the city physicians of the board of health. He is a member of the Northwestern Ohio Medical Association. In August, 1895, he went to Europe to further pursue his medical education, and is now (1895) in Vienna, Austria, where he is devoting his time to study in the clinics of the large hospitals, and in taking special courses under the instruction of eminent professors in that great medical center of the Old World. He expects to return home during the summer of 1896, to resume his practice in Fremont, in which he was meeting with very flattering success when he gave it up, temporarily, to go abroad.

Dr. Meek is a young man of fine

natural abilities, and with his medical education received at home, and the rare opportunities he is now enjoying abroad for further equipment, it is safe to predict for him a useful and a successful career in his chosen profession.

ROBERT S. RICE, M. D., was born in Ohio county, Va. (now W. Va.), May 28, 1805, and died in Fremont, Ohio, August 5, 1875. At the age of ten he came to Ohio with his father's family, who located in Chillicothe, Ross county, the family in 1818 removing from that place to Marion county, and in 1827 our subject settled in Lower Sandusky. He worked at his trade as a potter until about the year 1847, when, having long employed his leisure hours in the study of medicine, he commenced practice. Although he labored under the disadvantages of limited educational opportunities in his youth, and of not having received a regular course of medical instruction, his career as a physician was quite successful, and he numbered as his patrons many among the most respectable families in his town and county.

Dr. Rice was a man of sound judgment, quick wit, fond of a joke, and seldom equaled as a mimic and story teller. He was a keen observer, and found amusement and instruction in his daily intercourse with men by perceiving many things that commonly pass unnoticed. His sympathies were constantly extended to all manner of suffering and oppressed people. He denounced human slavery, and from an early period acted politically with the opponents of that institution. He also opposed corporal punishment in schools, and favored the humane treatment of children. He was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, and was deeply religious. In early years, when preachers were few in this then new country, he often exhorted and preached. His public spirit was shown

on many occasions. He was colonel of the First Regiment of Cavalry Militia organized in Sandusky county, and also general of the first brigade. He assisted in running the line between Ohio and Michigan, near Toledo, Ohio, the dispute in regard to which led to the bloodless "Michigan war." He served several terms as justice of the peace, and one term as mayor of Lower Sandusky.

On December 30, 1824, Dr. Robert S. Rice married, in Marion, Ohio, Miss Eliza Ann, daughter of William and Mary (Park) Caldwell, born near Chillicothe, Ohio, March 19, 1807, and who died at Fremont, Ohio, January 17, 1873. They had seven sons and two daughters: The first two were sons who died in infancy; William A. was born in Fremont, Ohio, July 31, 1829; John B. was born June 23, 1832; Sarah Jane, February 20, 1835; Robert H., December 20, 1837; Alfred H., September 23, 1840; Charles F., July 23, 1843; Emeline E., January 14, 1847. Of this family Sarah Jane died June 20, 1841, and Emeline died September 19, 1859.

JOHN B. RICE, M. D., was born in Fremont (then Lower Sandusky), Ohio, June 23, 1832, son of Robert S. and Eliza Ann (Caldwell) Rice. During his boyhood he attended the village schools, and learned the printer's trade in the office of the *Sandusky County Democrat*, where he worked three years. After this he spent two years in study at Oberlin College, subsequently taking up the study of medicine, and graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Michigan in 1857, soon after which he associated himself with his father in practice at Fremont. In 1859 he further prosecuted his studies at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and at Bellevue Hospital, New York City. On returning home he resumed his practice.

On the breaking out of the Civil war Dr. Rice was appointed assistant surgeon of the Tenth O. V. I., and served with

his regiment under the gallant Col. Lytle, through the early battles in West Virginia. On November 25, 1861, he was promoted to surgeon, and assigned to his home regiment, the Seventy-second O. V. I., which first felt the shock of battle at Shiloh. Through the long years of the war Dr. Rice served with conspicuous bravery and devotion. He was, on different occasions, assigned to duty as surgeon-in-chief of Lauman's and Tuttle's Divisions of the Fifteenth Army Corps, and of the District of Memphis, when commanded by Gen. R. P. Buckland. To the members of the Seventy-second regiment and Buckland's Brigade he was as a brother. None of the thousands of soldiers who came under his care can ever forget or cease to bless his memory. He was always cheerful, sympathetic, and watchful for the interests of his comrades. After the Rebellion Dr. Rice returned to Fremont, and resumed the practice of his profession. His skill in medicine and surgery was unsurpassed, his practice was large, and he was called in consultation all over this section of the State. There are few capital operations in surgery that he had not performed many times. Dr. Rice was a member of the county, district and State medical societies, and for several years lectured in the Charity Hospital Medical College, and the Medical Department of the University of Wooster, at Cleveland; his topics were military surgery, obstetrics, etc. He contributed extensively to the medical journals of the country, and was everywhere recognized as one of the able men of his profession. He was one of the founders of the Trommer Extract of Malt Company, and was connected with other enterprises; he served on the city board of health, and was a member of the board of pension examiners; and he was ever ready, with his means and influence, to aid in any project for the prosperity and welfare of the community.

In 1880 Dr. Rice was nominated for

Congress by the Republican party of the Tenth District, composed of the counties of Erie, Hancock, Huron, Sandusky and Seneca, and was elected by the handsome plurality of almost 1,400 votes. He served with ability in the XLVIIth Congress, receiving the commendations of his constituents and the esteem of his political associates of both parties, and was re-nominated for the XLVIIIth Congress, but declined the nomination, resuming the practice of his profession and the management of the Trommer Extract of Malt Works.

In his demeanor Dr. Rice was simple and inmostentations. He was always the friend and defender of the poor, the weak and the oppressed. No one ever approached him for charity and was sent away empty. No one ever sought his advice in hours of trouble that did not receive full sympathy and generous counsel. No one has done more than he to aid worthy veterans in obtaining their hard-earned pensions, and for his services in their behalf he took no pay. Possessed of an attractive physical development, sound judgment and rare common sense, the versatility of his knowledge and the magic charm of his wit and humor made him the central figure around which all were delighted to gather. He always carried his good humor with him, and it became contagious. He was the master of the story-teller's art, and often left the memory of a rollicking story, a hearty laugh or an appropriate joke to do its good work long after he had taken his departure on his daily rounds. The affection in which he was held by all tells the story of his life, and is that life's best eulogy, as the remembrance of it will be his most fitting epitaph. Dr. Rice was received into the communion of St. Paul's Episcopal Church; was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, of the Loyal Legion and of the Masonic fraternity. He died January 14, 1893, and was buried in Oakwood cemetery.

On December 12, 1861, Dr. Rice married Miss Sarah E., daughter of Dr. James W. and Nancy E. (Justice) Wilson, of Fremont, Ohio, and the children born to this union were: Lizzie, born September 18, 1865, and Wilson, born July 2, 1875.

ROBERT H. RICE, M. D., was born in Lower Sandusky (now Fremont), Ohio, December 20, 1837, a son of Dr. Robert S. and Eliza Ann Caldwell Rice. In his youth he attended the village schools, and was for several years employed as clerk in the store of O. L. Nims. He afterward attended school at Oberlin College about two years, and then commenced the study of medicine with his father and brother, John. Later on he attended medical lectures in the Medical Department of the University of Michigan, and graduated from that institution in March, 1863, on his return to Fremont engaging in the practice of medicine with his father, his brother John being then in the army. He soon acquired a very extensive practice, which, later, in partnership with his brother, Dr. John B. Rice, he prosecuted with untiring zeal, and he has been eminently successful in his profession.

In 1872-73 Dr. Robert H. Rice, spent a year in Europe, during which time he traveled extensively over the continent, Great Britain and Ireland, devoting some time, in the medical schools of Paris and Berlin, to the study of his profession. His knowledge of the German and French languages, which he had acquired by his own efforts, and for which he has a great fondness, enabled him to derive unusual pleasure and advantage from his travels abroad. On his return home he resumed his practice, and soon after entered into the establishment of the Trommer Extract of Malt Works at Fremont, Ohio. Being possessed of a kind, sympathetic and generous nature, he has won a high place in the esteem of those with whom his professional rela-

tions have brought him in contact. Dr. Rice has for some years taken considerable interest in agricultural pursuits, having greatly improved and reclaimed a large tract of land by means of a steam-pump apparatus used to remove surface water whenever required. He aided in the organization of the Sandusky County Medical Society, of which he has been secretary since its organization, and he is also a member of the Ohio State Medical Society, and of the American Medical Association. He has been a member of the Masonic Fraternity for nearly thirty years, and has repeatedly served as presiding officer of that body. Dr. Robert H. Rice was married June 14, 1865, to Miss Cynthia J. Fry, daughter of Henry and Abigail (Rideout) Fry, and their children are: Henry C., Anna and Ada.

WILLIAM A. RICE was born in Lower Sandusky (now Fremont), Ohio, July 31, 1829, a son of Dr. Robert S. and Eliza Ann (Caldwell) Rice, who were among the early pioneers of Sandusky county. Nearly all his life was spent in Fremont, Ohio, where he was widely known and universally respected. For twenty-five years he was one of the leading dry-goods merchants of that city, retiring from business in 1883. He was a member of the Protestant Methodist Church, an unostentatious and consistent Christian. Socially he was a member of Croghan Lodge I. O. O. F., for thirty years, and a member of Fremont Lodge K. of H. He was a successful business man, a public-spirited citizen, a loving husband, father and friend. He died at Fremont, Ohio, April 24, 1893. On October 8, 1858, William A. Rice married Miss Juliet M. Moore, of Ballville township, by whom he has four children, two of whom are deceased. A son, Dr. James M. Rice, lives with his mother on the farm homestead, and a daughter, Mrs. Hattie E. Bates, resides in Illinois.

JAMES M. RICE, M. D., was born November 5, 1859, at Fremont, Ohio,

a son of William A. and Juliet M. (Moore) Rice. His boyhood and youth were spent at the Fremont city schools, helping his father in his dry-goods store, or working with other hands on his father's farm near the city. In the years 1879-80-81, he attended school at the Adrian (Michigan) College, and, returning to Fremont, studied medicine with his uncle, Dr. J. B. Rice, about one year, after which he attended the Ohio Medical College, at Cincinnati, one year, and then took a course in the Medical Department of the University of Louisville, Ky., from which he graduated, March 13, 1894. Shortly after this he opened an office for the practice of medicine, in the same room formerly occupied by Dr. J. B. Rice, opposite the City Hall, in Fremont, Ohio.

L. ORENZO DICK, the popular ex-sheriff of Sandusky county, was born in Erie county, N. Y., May 15, 1838, a son of Jacob and Catharine (Vogel) Dick, who were natives of Lorraine, France, married there, and emigrated to America, locating in Erie county, N. Y., where the father died at the age of forty, and the mother when eighty years old.

Our subject grew up in Erie county, N. Y., and there learned the trade of cabinet-maker. In 1858 he removed to Fremont, Ohio, where he followed his trade for several years with success. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted, at Fremont, Ohio, October 15, 1861, in Company H, Seventy-second Regiment, O. V. I. The regiment was assigned to the first brigade, first division, Fifteenth Army Corps. Mr. Dick was elected orderly sergeant by the men of his company, November 18, 1861. He veteranized January 1, 1864, at Germantown, Tenn., entering the same company as first lieutenant. He had been commissioned second lieutenant, April 6, 1862, at the

battle of Shiloh, for meritorious conduct. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, siege of Corinth, Champion Hills, Jackson, Black River, the siege of Vicksburg, and numerous other engagements. The first move of the regiment after veteranizing was to Paducah, Ky., where they drove out the enemy, and then to Memphis, Tenn. They soon after started on the Guntown expedition, and here they encountered the enemy, who had their lines drawn up in the shape of a horse-shoe, and into this trap the Union boys were led. Lieut. Dick and about thirty men of his company were taken prisoners, and were first sent to Andersonville, whence Lieut. Dick was sent to Macon, Ga., where he remained until the first of September. While in prison, Mr. Dick was commissioned captain, but did not know of the promotion until he reached home. He was sent to Charleston, S. C., as prisoner, and placed in a building called the "Workhouse," which was under fire from the Union guns. At the end of three weeks he was sent to Columbia, S. C., thence to Raleigh, N. C., thence to Wilmington, N. C., thence to Annapolis, Md., where they were paroled and sent home on thirty days' furlough. Owing to severe exposure in the field and privations during his prison life, Mr. Dick contracted rheumatism and other physical disabilities. He was honorably discharged, May 15, 1865.

For some years past Mr. Dick has been engaged in the restaurant and grocery business in Fremont, receiving a liberal patronage. He was nominated for county sheriff by the regular Democratic caucus, and elected in 1889; served two terms, his last one expiring January 1, 1894. At the spring election held on the first Monday in April, 1895, Mr. Dick was elected mayor of the city of Fremont, Ohio, which position he now holds. He is a member of the Eugene Rawson Post, No. 32, G. A. R., of which he has recently been elected commander. He has

for many years been a member of Fort Stephenson Lodge, F. & A. M., is a member of Humbolt Lodge, K. of H., and of the German Mutual Aid Society.

At Fremont, Ohio, April 4, 1864, Lorenzo Dick married Miss Catharine Renchler, who was born in Germany, September 27, 1841, a daughter of John and Mary Eisenhart Renchler. The names and dates of birth of the children born to this union are as follows: Lorenzo, Jr., January 9, 1865, died January 24, 1873; Charles F., October 25, 1866, died at the age of twenty-seven years; Jacob, May 9, 1869; Katie, August 6, 1872; George, March 4, 1876; Gertrude, December 12, 1882, died in infancy.

GEORGE SLESSMAN, sheriff of Sandusky county, Ohio, was born June 27, 1853, in Adams township, Seneca Co., Ohio, a son of John M. and Mary Freymoth Slessman, natives of Germany, who came to America when young, and after their marriage, which took place in Huron county, Ohio, settled on a farm in Seneca county, which they made their permanent residence.

The father of our subject was born in 1806. By trade he was a wagonmaker, but he followed farming in Seneca county, and died in 1862; the mother is still living on the old Slessman homestead, six miles south of Clyde. They were the parents of eight children, four of whom are living, namely: Barbara, deceased wife of Charles Drumm, a farmer of Erie county, Ohio, who had two children, one living, Lizzie, and one deceased; John, a farmer, who married Phyan Peters, of Seneca county, and had seven children; Catharine, who died in 1885, and who was the wife of Jacob Trott, a farmer of Seneca county, by whom she had five children; Mary, who married Samuel Swartz, a farmer of York township, Sandusky county; Margaret, who married Herman Baker, a

farmer of Seneca county, and had five children (he died in 1894); Samuel, who died in childhood; Henry, who died in childhood; and George, our subject.

George Slessman grew to manhood on his father's farm, and attended the public schools. In 1872 he married Miss Clara E. Whiteman, who was born October 16, 1852, a daughter of A. G. and Mary (Myers) Whiteman. A. G. Whiteman was born in Ohio, August 25, 1808, and died February 8, 1869; his wife was born in Virginia February 8, 1811, and died November 30, 1878. He was a Republican, and they were both members of the Free-will Baptist Church. Our subject, after marriage, settled on the Slessman homestead, where he dealt in live stock for about nine years. He then moved upon a farm in Sandusky county, one mile south of Clyde, where he engaged in farming, also buying and shipping live stock, and running a meat-market in Clyde, for about eight years. He then sold out and went into the grain business in Clyde, with which he is still connected.

Mr. Slessman has for some years been recognized as one of the efficient men of the Republican party of Sandusky county. In November, 1893, he was elected to the office of sheriff of the county, on the Republican ticket, and entered upon the discharge of his official duties January 2, 1894. He has an honorable standing in society circles, being a member of the Knights of Honor, Royal Arcanum and Knights of Pythias. In religious connection he is a member of the Lutheran Church. To George and Clara Slessman were born children as follows: Lena, Allen, Martin, Frank, Mary, and two who died in childhood—Charlie and Leta.

EDWARD LOUDENSLEGER.—
Among the honored pioneer citizens of Fremont, Sandusky county, the more prominent of whom find place in this volume, none enjoys to

a greater extent the confidence and esteem of the community at large than the gentleman whose name is here recorded.

He is a native of Seneca county, Ohio, born February 28, 1836, of Pennsylvanian ancestry, proverbial for their healthy vigor and traditional probity and virtue. Daniel Loudensleger, his father, was of Union-county (Penn.) birth, where he was reared to manhood and married to a Miss Barger. In 1831 he and his young wife moved to Seneca county, Ohio, locating in Flat Rock, Thompson township, until 1844, in which year they came to Sandusky county, making a new home in York township, with by no means favorable prospects, having a large and helpless family of children to support. For several years Mr. Loudensleger maintained them by renting farms, which he worked; but as the children grew up to usefulness, they prevailed on their father to purchase a farm (which he did), the boys promising to remain at home, and assist in the clearing up and improving of same—and it was in the performance of this duty that our subject learned his first lessons of industry and privation. Accordingly, with the assistance of the sons, the father paid for and improved his farm, which, in 1863, he sold, removing then to Monroe county, Mich., where, on a farm, he passed the rest of his days, dying February 28, 1881. In his political sympathies he was a Jacksonian Democrat, and in religious faith he was an adherent of the Evangelical (formerly known as the Albright) Church. His wife, who was also of Pennsylvania birth, born in the same locality as he, passed from earth in Sandusky county, when the subject of these lines was a fourteen-year-old boy. They were the parents of ten children, of whom the following brief mention is given: Mary Ann married John Brand, and now lives in Columbia City, Ind.; George is a farmer and stock raiser at Blue Hill, Neb.; Edward is the subject of this sketch; Lovina married



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Daniel Wagner; William was a farmer until recent years, and is now in the produce business at Rockwood, Mich.; Arminda married a Mr. Boyer, and is living near Delta, Ohio.; Matilda died at the age of eighteen years; Franklin, a painter by occupation, resides in Churubusco, Ind.; two died in infancy. For some years after the death of the mother of these, and until after the marriage of his eldest daughter, Mr. Loudensleger remained a widower, and he then married a widow lady, Mrs. Wagner, by whom he had four children, viz.: Daniel, who lives on the old homestead in Michigan; Charles Wesley, who resides in the same locality; Allen, a minister of the United Brethren Church, and living near his brothers; the youngest child died when five years old.

The education of the subject proper of this article was limited to such as was acquired at the common schools of his boyhood, consisting of three months' attendance in the winter seasons, many of the scholars, our subject included, having to travel long distances through frozen swamps, and cross running streams by jumping from one chance-fallen tree to another; yet, notwithstanding all these difficulties and obstacles, the lad succeeded, by natural acumen and persistent study, in securing sufficient education to enable him to teach in the public schools of the county. As an illustration of his fidelity to his parents and home, it is worthy of record that the salary he earned during his first term of school he freely and filially handed over to his father. In 1848 Mr. Loudensleger saw Fremont for the first time, and he well remembers it as an essentially "wooden town," composed for the most part of small unpainted frame buildings; and little did he then dream that he would ever see the place in its present advanced condition, much less that he himself would play such an important part in its development and progress as the tide of time has proven.

On November 23, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, Seventy-second Regiment O. V. I., which was attached to the army of the Tennessee, and the first battle he took part in was Shiloh, or Pittsburg Landing, April 6-7, 1862, after which the regiment participated in the siege of Corinth, and was then stationed at Memphis, Tenn., where it lay till the fall of 1862. It was then ordered to Vicksburg, but our subject, being invalided in the hospital, could not accompany it, and as a consequence was placed on detached duty in the Commissary Department, in which he served until mustered out of the army at Columbus, Ohio, December 13, 1864, the term of his enlistment having expired.

Mr. Loudensleger's domestic history, sad, it is true, in some particulars, has been strongly interwoven with his life, which has always been pacific in the extreme, and which has been made the more noble by many self-sacrifices. He has been thrice married: first time, in 1856, to Miss Emma Bellows, a native of New York State, who died in 1859, the mother of one child, Frances E., now the wife of Frank J. Tuttle, an attorney at law of Fremont, Ohio (she has two children: Howard and Florence). Mr. Loudensleger's second marriage, which occurred after his enlistment in the army, was with Mrs. Mary Jane Stevenson, *nee* Stahl, who unfortunately was soon grievously stricken with consumption, and during her husband's absence with his regiment was well nigh at the point of death. Obtaining a furlough, Mr. Loudensleger returned home and took his wife back with him to Memphis, Tenn., where she remained a couple of winters, her health thereby improving to such an extent that she became a much stronger woman than she had been for several years. When her husband received his discharge they returned to Memphis, Tenn., for the winter, then coming north to Fremont, and Mr. Loudensleger, having no special vocation, concluded to

purchase a lot whereon to build a home, later to look around him for some suitable business in which to engage. The residence he built, and the good taste he exhibited in the beautifying of it, etc., attracted such general attention that he soon received many offers from bidders for the property at advanced prices. Selling this house and lot accordingly, he proceeded in the same way with a second and even third residence, before he moved into any as a permanent home for himself and family; thus in this unexpected manner was laid the foundation of his future vast real-estate business in Fremont, where for years he has been recognized as one of the leading dealers and improvers of city property. The handsome block which bears his name, erected in 1888, and situated in the business center of Fremont, is acknowledged to be one of the finest in the city, and he still owns and deals in a considerable amount of property.

A short time after their return to Fremont from Memphis Mrs. Loudensleger's health again gave way, and Mr. Loudensleger subsequently made many trips with her to the balmy South, sometimes at heavy expense, being absent from home and business entire seasons; but he never complained, and when his wife at last, in 1874, succumbed to the dread disease that clung so cruelly and tenaciously to her, he had left at the least the consciousness of having done for her all that lay in human power. He started anew, a poorer man than when he came home from the war, and entered with renewed vigor and resolution into the insurance and real-estate businesses. His third wife, a sister to his second, was Mrs. Nina A. Miller, who, by her first husband, had a son, Isaac T. Miller, whom Mr. Loudensleger reared as his own; he is now deputy postmaster under his stepfather, and married to Miss Libbie Setzler, by whom he has one child, William. By his present wife Mr. Loudensleger has one daughter,

Nellie, who is in her seventeenth year, and now attending Lake Erie Seminary, at Painesville, Ohio.

Mr. Loudensleger has filled many positions of trust in his city, and is highly esteemed in business and social circles for his sound judgment and unquestioned integrity. In 1875 he was chosen one of the trustees of Oakwood Cemetery, in 1878 was elected secretary of same, and has served in that incumbency ever since. His associate trustees were Gen. R. B. Hayes, Stephen Buckland, C. R. McCulloch and Dr. L. Q. Rawson. In his political affiliations he has always been actively identified with the Republican party, and his influence therein has ever been felt for good. In 1880 he was elected a member of the city council, and in the second year of his term was chosen president of the same. At that time the mayor in office died, only one month of his term having expired, and the council chose Mr. Loudensleger to fill the vacant chair, into which he was accordingly installed. He pursued the course represented by the policy on which his predecessor had been elected, a policy known in the main as the "Law and Order" movement, and his administration was remarkable for the stand he took against the saloons, many of them being so obtrusively open on Sundays that he issued a proclamation to the effect that all such establishments should be closed on the Sabbath. This proclamation was respected, and to all intents and purposes its requirements were complied with under Mr. Loudensleger's wise jurisdiction; but as soon as he retired from office some of the saloons were again thrown open. He also caused the city to be purged of all manner of "fakirs" *et hoc genus omne*, thereby protecting not only the merchants but the citizens in general.

On September 19, 1881, occurred the death of President James A. Garfield, the funeral on the 26th, and Mayor Loudensleger issued the following proclamation:

Concurring with Hon. Charles Foster, Governor of Ohio, in his suggestions to the people of Ohio, and in view of the deep solemnity of the occasion, and as a most deserved and fitting act of respect to the memory of our lamented President, I would respectfully suggest to the citizens of Fremont that upon Monday, the 26th inst., all business pursuits be suspended, also that memorial services be held next Sunday in the city churches, and that the bells in the city be tolled during the last hour (11 to 12 o'clock) of the solemn funeral rites, on Monday.

Of this the following acknowledgements were received from James G. Blaine, Secretary of State at the time: By telegram September 22, 1881, "To Hon. E. Loudensleger: In the name of the sorrowing family of our beloved President of the Government I tender heartfelt acknowledgements of your touching tribute of the love and sorrow of the people of Fremont.—James G. Blaine, Sec'y of State." Also by letter dated Department of State, Washington, October 13, 1881:

His Honor, E. Loudensleger,
Mayor of Fremont, Ohio:

Sir:

It affords me sincere, although mournful, gratification to make feeling acknowledgement, in the name of the late President Garfield's grief-stricken family, of the many heartfelt tributes of sorrow for our common loss, and of admiration for the high character of the revered dead, which come to them and the American Government and people in this hour of deep affliction from every part of the Union, and especially for the touching notification of the President's death, made by you to the citizens of Fremont on the 23d ultimo, a copy of which I have received.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obt. servant,

JAMES G. BLAINE

In 1888 Mr. Loudensleger was induced to allow himself to be nominated for the mayoralty by the "Law and Order" party, but at the primaries the opposition to that party proved too strong. To his position of postmaster, as, in fact, to all other offices he has held, he was appointed without any solicitation on his part, and he has filled same with characteristic ability and fidelity from 1891, the year of his appointment by President Harrison, to 1895, the affairs of the office never

having been more satisfactorily conducted in the history of Fremont; and Mr. Loudensleger ascribes much of the success of the department to his stepson, Isaac Tickner Miller, who, as already stated, was assistant postmaster under him.

In religious faith our subject is an adherent of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee, having been elected to that office in 1867; and he has been an elder of the same for about ten years. He was a charter member of Eugene Rawson Post, G. A. R., and is now a member of Moore Post, of which he was also a charter member. He is the owner of one of the most attractive and pleasant residence properties in Fremont, adjoining that of the family of the late President Hayes.

ANSON H. MILLER, banker, of Fremont, Sandusky county, was born at Hinsdale, N. H., May 2, 1824. His father, John Miller, was a descendant of Nathan Douglas, whose property was destroyed by the burning of New London, Conn., by the British, during the Revolutionary war, and to whose heirs was granted a portion of the "Firelands," in New London township, Huron Co., Ohio. John Miller, by inheritance and purchase, came into possession of a large tract of these "Firelands," and in 1825 he removed with his family to Norwalk, Ohio, settling on the lands in New London in 1839. His children were Celestine, John, Anson H., Thomas D., and Elizabeth D—five in all—of whom John and Thomas D. are deceased.

During the residence of the family in Norwalk Anson H. Miller attended the seminary at that place, and during the year 1845 continued his studies at Milan Academy. In 1847 he entered the employ of Prague & Sherman, lumber dealers at New Orleans, remained there about fourteen months, and after his return in

1848 was engaged in farming on the New London lands until 1852, when he took a course of study in the Bryant, Lusk & Stratton Commercial College, at Cleveland, after which he accepted a position as bookkeeper in the office of the treasurer (Dr. William F. Kittrege) of the Toledo, Norwalk & Cleveland railroad, which he held about two years. In 1854 he was offered the position of cashier of the banking firm of Birchard & Otis, Fremont, Ohio, made vacant by the resignation of Rev. F. S. White. He accepted the offer, and coming to Fremont August 2, 1854, entered at once upon the duties of the position. Judge Otis, being about to move to Chicago, retired from the firm of Birchard & Otis, and on the first day of January, 1856, Mr. Miller became a partner with Mr. Birchard, under the firm name of Birchard, Miller & Co. One year later Dr. James W. Wilson came into the bank as partner, the firm continuing under the name of Birchard, Miller & Co. They occupied a small, one-story brick building on the east side of Front street, between Croghan and State, and the bank did a good business and prospered, without further change, until 1863, when it was merged into the First National Bank of Fremont, with a paid-up capital of \$100,000, and an authorized capital of \$200,000. This bank was the fifth National bank organized in the United States. The articles of association were signed by Sardis Birchard, James W. Wilson, Anson H. Miller, James Justice, R. W. B. McLellan, Jane E. Phelps, La Quinio Rawson, Martin Bruner, Robert Smith, Abraham Neff and Augustus W. Luckey. The first board of directors was elected May 27, 1863, and consisted of Messrs. Birchard, Wilson, Justice, Bruner, Smith, Luckey and Miller. The first officers of the board were Sardis Birchard, president; James W. Wilson, vice-president; and A. H. Miller, cashier.

At the time the old bank was merged

into the First National, Mr. Miller, with the help of a young clerk, did all the routine work of the bank, which now requires six experienced men. The bank occupies the ground floor of its fine three-story block, with Amherst stone front, erected by the stockholders, on the southwest corner of Front and Croghan streets, Fremont. Mr. Miller still holds the position of cashier. There were five pioneer National banks organized in 1863 in the United States, and Mr. Miller and Morton McMichael, of the First National Bank of Philadelphia, are the only men still living who are occupying the same positions in the same banks that they did at the beginning.

In March, 1854, Mr. Miller married Miss Nancy J. Otis, daughter of Joseph and Nancy B. Otis, of Berlin, Ohio, and children as follows came to their union: Mary O., born April 11, 1856, who was married October 3, 1894, to Samuel Brinkerhoff, an attorney at law, of Fremont, Ohio; Fannie B., born June 15, 1860, who married Thomas J. Stilwell, and who died April 4, 1887; and Julia E., born March 27, 1865, who died March 2, 1884.

W V. B. AMES, M. D., a practicing physician of Fremont, Sandusky county, was born in Huron county, Ohio, in 1821, a son of Jason C. and Sarah Ann (Moore) Ames, the former born in New Haven, Conn., the latter in New York.

The parents of our subject each removed in pioneer days to Huron county, Ohio, where they were married, and where the father followed the trade of shoemaker in connection with farming. They had a family of seven children, of whom five are now living: W. V. B., our subject; Cynthia, wife of D. F. Webber, of Charlotte, Eaton Co., Mich.; Emeline, widow of Smith Bodine, of Charlotte, Eaton Co., Mich., who en-

listed from Plymouth, Huron Co., Ohio, as a soldier in the Civil war, and died in Libby prison; George W., who resides at Sacramento City, Cal.; Angeline, widow of James Steele, of Charlotte, Mich., who died in 1893; Catharine, widow of Mr. Lewis Garsey, of Ukiab, Mendocino Co., Cal., and Edward, who resides at Ukiab, California.

Dr. Ames was reared in New Haven township, Huron Co., Ohio, and was educated in the public schools of the Western Reserve. He began reading medicine in his native county, and commenced practice at South Bend, Ind., where he remained from 1845 to 1851. He then went by the overland route to California, locating in Yuba county, where he practiced medicine about four years, having been engaged in mining for some time prior to that. About the year 1855 he returned to Seneca county, Ohio, and thence, in 1858, moved to Fremont, where he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession. He was married, in Huron county, Ohio, to Miss Adaline Harrington, a native of that county, daughter of Benjamin and Betsey (Taylor) Harrington, who were early pioneers of the Western Reserve, having come from the State of New York. The children of Dr. and Adaline Ames were: Elizabeth, wife of Evandor Dunning, of Eaton county, Mich.; Alice, wife of Charles A. Norton, of Kansas City, Mo.; William V. B., a dentist of Chicago, Ill.; and Rose, who resides at home. Mrs. Adaline Ames died May 30, 1860, and Dr. Ames subsequently wedded Miss Catharine Strohl, a native of Sandusky county, daughter of Peter Strohl, now deceased, who was one of the early pioneers of Ballville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio. The children by this marriage are: Nell, Jane, and Frank. Frank Ames married Miss Grace Ford, and lives in Sacramento, California.

Dr. Ames is a Republican in politics, but not a partisan. He is one of the old-

est and most successful medical practitioners of Fremont, having built up a widely extended and lucrative practice. He owns valuable interests in Fremont and vicinity, and a fine farm in California.

JAMES JUSTICE, one of the early pioneers of Sandusky county, and for nearly fifty years one of the live business men of Lower Sandusky (now Fremont), was born in Bedford county, Penn., August 18, 1794, a son of William and Eleanor Umsted Justice, the former of English, and the latter of German ancestry.

At about the age of nine years our subject removed with his parents to Ross county, Ohio, near Chillicothe, where he received a limited rudimentary education. Here he worked for a time at the business of tanning hides, but discontinued it to volunteer, under Gen. William H. Harrison, in the war of 1812. He was with Harrison at Fort Seneca, at the time of the battle of Fort Stephenson, August 2, 1813. After the war he resided at Chillicothe, and resumed tanning. About the year 1817 he engaged in the flat-boat trade with New Orleans, by which the early settlers along the Ohio river found a market for their bacon, flour and whisky, in exchange for sugar and other groceries. In this trade he displayed first-class financial talents, and accumulated considerable cash.

On October 12, 1820, he married Miss Eliza Moore, daughter of David Moore, and sister to John and James Moore, two well-known citizens of Ballville, both millers and manufacturers, and both wealthy and enterprising men.

In the month of September, 1822, Mr. Justice removed from Ross county to Sandusky county, and located at first in Ballville township. His manner of moving was decidedly primitive, he placing his wife and child on horseback while he journeyed with them on foot. For a

time after his arrival at Ballville he assisted his father-in-law in running his grist and saw mill at that place. In 1842 he removed to Lower Sandusky, and erected a tannery on the north side of State street, at the foot of the hill on the west side of the river. With the tannery he connected the business of harness making and shoe making, managing only the financial department, leaving the manual labor to expert workmen whom he employed in the different shops. About the year 1847 he turned the business over to his son, Milton J. Justice, and gave his attention to investing and managing his capital. He made large gains by buying and selling lands, sometimes on his own account, and sometimes in partnership with Rodolphus Dickinson and Sardis Birchard. He took a prominent part in the construction of the Tiffin and Fostoria plank roads. When the Wyandot reservation at Upper Sandusky was sold, and the Indians removed to the Far West, Mr. Justice was selected by the Government as appraiser of the land, on account of his soundness of judgment in matters of value.

Shortly after coming to Lower Sandusky Mr. Justice was chosen, by the legislature of Ohio, one of the associate judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Sandusky county, which office he filled with singular promptness and fidelity for a number of years, under the first constitution of the State. For a period of about ten years he discharged gratuitously and efficiently the duties of a member of the board of education of the city of Fremont, acting most of the time as treasurer. He was also mayor of the village for a term. In the summer of 1859 Mr. Justice was chosen one of the jurors in the U. S. Court at Cleveland, Ohio, in the famous "Wellington Rescue case," in which thirty-seven citizens of Oberlin and vicinity were prosecuted and imprisoned at Cleveland, Ohio, for recapturing and assisting to freedom a runaway slave

named John Price, who had left his master in Kentucky to escape to Canada, and had been concealed at Oberlin, where he was discovered and kidnaped by the slave-hunters who were on the return to the South to restore him to his master.

When the First National Bank of Fremont was organized, in 1863, Judge Justice placed some capital in the stock of that institution, and was one of the first board of directors; and he held this position by successive re-elections until his death, May 28, 1873. He left a large estate to his wife and children.

In person Judge Justice was a man of impressive presence and strong magnetic power, of large size, weighing over two hundred pounds, with light hair and complexion, blue eyes, and full, round head and face. In business promptness and integrity no citizen surpassed him. His portraits, drawn by his son Milton with remarkable accuracy, may be seen at the First National Bank, and at Birchard Library, presented by his children.

The wife of Judge Justice was born in Huntingdon county, Penn., October 13, 1800. At the age of fourteen years she came with her parents to Ross county, Ohio. Her father, David Moore, was of full Scotch blood; her mother was born in Pennsylvania. The child Nancy, which she brought with her on horseback, is now the wife of Dr. James W. Wilson, president of the First National Bank of Fremont. Their way was through an almost unbroken wilderness, and on their arrival here they lived for a time in a fisherman's shanty until their own log cabin was finished. Their means were scanty, and for nine months she never saw the face of another white woman—only Indians, and many of them intoxicated. Her fireplace was a wall of stones in one corner of the shanty, above which was an opening in the roof for the escape of smoke. If the rain put out the fire she would go to the home of the nearest neighbor, a mile and a quarter away, to get live coals to re-

kindle it. Among her cooking utensils was a Dutch-oven, an iron shallow kettle, with an iron lid or cover, in which all her baking was done by setting the kettle over coals and piling coals and hot ashes on the cover.

Mrs. Justice survived her husband until October 17, 1876, when she died at the advanced age of seventy-six years. Their children were: Nancy E. Wilson (wife of Dr. James W. Wilson), Minerva E. (relict of Hon. Homer Everett), and Mrs. S. Eliza Failing (relict of Dr. John W. Failing), all now residing in Fremont; Milton J. Justice, a resident of Lucas county, Ohio, and Granville M., who died at Lower Sandusky at the age of sixteen years. The old Justice homestead is still occupied by Mrs. Everett and Mrs. Failing, who cherish the memory of their parents, and preserve with scrupulous care the old-time family relics, consisting of household furniture and pioneer-day portraits.

WILLIAM CALDWELL, M. D., was born May 27, 1837, at Fremont, Ohio, a son of William and Jane A. Davis Caldwell, who were among the early pioneers of Sandusky and Ottawa counties.

Dr. Caldwell spent his early life in securing a liberal education, and in teaching school. He next attended Oberlin College several years, and acquired his medical knowledge in the Medical Department of the University of Michigan, in Charity Hospital Medical College, and in Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York, being admitted to practice in 1862. He was assistant surgeon of the Seventy-second Regiment O. V. I., and served from April, 1863, until January 4, 1865. After the war he located in Michigan for the practice of his profession, in June, 1880, taking up his residence in Fremont, Ohio, where he has since met with flattering success. He

has been a member of the Board of United States Examiners for Pensions, is ex-president of the Northwestern Ohio Medical Society, vice-president of the Ohio State Medical Society, and a member of the American Medical Association, as well as the National Association of Railroad Surgeons. He has also for a number of years been a liberal contributor to several medical periodicals. His enterprise is not confined to his profession alone, for he takes a deep interest in the municipal affairs of his native city. Socially he is a member of the Masonic Fraternity.

On January 15, 1868, Dr. Caldwell was married, at Byron, Mich., to Miss Arilla Cook, who was born March 15, 1848, daughter of Horace L. and Elizabeth Cook. Their children were: Bessie C., born November 10, 1869, died August 12, 1870; Maud, born January 23, 1873, who, after attending the Fremont City schools, entered upon a liberal course of study in the University of Michigan; and Robert L., born October 21, 1881.

WILLIAM CALDWELL was born December 23, 1808, near Chillicothe, Ohio. His father was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was at Detroit when Gen. Hull surrendered his army to the British. In 1828 the family removed to Port Clinton, and four years later William Caldwell came to Fremont (then Lower Sandusky). On August 14, 1836, he married Jane A. Davis, and they resided at Fremont until 1850, when Mr. Caldwell went to California, remaining in that State three years, and on his return settling in Elmore, Ottawa county. At Elmore he served for eighteen consecutive years as justice of the peace, and was also township treasurer and a member of the village council for a portion of the time. In 1881 Mr. Caldwell was elected probate judge of Ottawa county, and moved to Port Clinton; he was re-elected in 1884.

On August 14, 1886, Judge and Mrs.

Caldwell celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the home of their son, Dr. William Caldwell, at Fremont, Ohio, which was attended by many distinguished guests from Fremont and Port Clinton, and at which they were the recipients of many beautiful and valuable presents, among which was a valuable gold watch for the Judge from the courthouse officials of Ottawa county. At the expiration of his term of office Judge Caldwell and his wife moved to Fremont, purchasing the "Dryfoos House," on South Front street, where, on September 9, 1890, the worthy couple, after a happy married life of more than fifty-four years, were separated by the death of Mrs. Caldwell. They were the parents of four children, all born at Fremont, of whom, Charles died in 1852 at the age of thirteen; Robert H. became a member of the Twenty-first O. V. I., and was killed at the battle of Stone River, at the age of twenty-two; and Dr. William and Miss Juliet Cladwell are still living in Fremont, Ohio. Judge William Caldwell died at his home No. 415 South Front street, Fremont, on May 14, 1892.

JUDGE HORACE S. BUCKLAND.

The subject of this biographical sketch is a prominent attorney of Fremont, Ohio, and on November 5, 1895, was elected one of the common pleas judges of the Fourth Judicial District of Ohio, comprising the counties of Erie, Huron, Lucas, Ottawa and Sandusky.

He is a son of the late Gen. Ralph P. Buckland, and was born in Fremont, Ohio, April 21, 1851. His education was gained in the public schools of his native city, the preparatory school at Gambier, Ohio, a like school at East Hampton, Mass., Cornell University, and the Law Department of Harvard College. He supplemented his school studies by reading and practicing with his father, until

August 16, 1875, when he was admitted to the bar. Shortly afterward father and son formed a partnership, continuing their practice in the office which the latter still occupies in the Buckland block, corner of State and Front streets. George Buckland, a brother of the Judge, was also a member of the firm from June 1, 1886, until May 9, 1892, when he withdrew, and moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. After the death of the General, which occurred May 27, 1892, H. S. Buckland became his father's successor, and on October 19, 1892, he formed a partnership with Mr. D. B. Love, which still continues. Judge Buckland's practice has been general and successful. His knowledge of the law, his sound judicial mind, and his fairness and integrity at the bar and as referee have been universally admired, and his decisions have generally been upheld.

Judge Buckland is engaged in various enterprises. He is president of the Wickland Mfg. Co., a director of the H. B. Smith Building and Loan Association, and is also interested in other industries. Upon the death of Gen. R. B. Hayes he was chosen his successor as a director of the Birchard Library Association. He is an enterprising citizen, always ready with his means and influence to aid in the general growth and prosperity of his city and county. In 1884 he organized the Buckland Guards, a local volunteer military organization, which has attained a national reputation. It was named in honor of his cousin, Chester A. Buckland, a young man who died during the Civil war from wounds received at the battle of Shiloh. Our subject remained captain of the same until 1891, when he was elected colonel of the First Regiment S. of V. Guards. In 1893 he was elected commandant of the S. of V. Guards of the U. S. A., with the rank of general, and as such had several thousand men, fully armed and equipped at their own expense, and well drilled, under his command.



Horace S. Buckland

Upon his election as commandant his regiment would not accept his resignation, but gave him indefinite leave of absence; and at the close of 1894 he resigned as commandant of the Guards and returned to the regiment. In 1894, while serving as commandant of the Guards, he held two field encampments, one at Davenport, Iowa, and the other at Pittsburg, Penn., in connection with the G. A. R. encampment. At the former he planned one of the finest sham battles ever attempted, in which the Guards, members of the G. A. R., and other military organizations, participated. His regiment has encamped in various places, viz.: Washington, D. C., in 1892; Columbus, Ohio, in 1893; and Pittsburg, Penn., in 1894. It is needless to say that the interest he has taken in military affairs has given him a wide acquaintance, and added greatly to his popularity. Col. Buckland is also a member of the Masonic Fraternity, the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

During the Judicial Convention at Sandusky, Ohio, July 25 and 26, 1895, Col. Buckland was unanimously nominated for Common Pleas Judge on the 147th ballot. The convention was remarkable in many respects, and marks an epoch in the political history of the district. The *Sandusky Register*, in speaking of the nomination, says: "The name of Col. Horace S. Buckland was presented to the Republican Judicial Convention by Dr. Frank Creager, of Fremont, in the following eloquent address:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Convention: One of the most notable features in politics, one, certainly, which attracts more than anything else the attention of the people is the prominent position to which the young men have climbed during the political progress of the New World.

From the first formation of society he has invariably been a distinctive feature, the prime factor in the world's history; and surely the destiny of the republic was never so thoroughly and systematically cemented, with such a fraternal bond of loyalty encircling the globe, binding man to man, and brother to brother, as

it is to-day by the young men of the present generation. Everywhere we see the results of his ambition and energy. We find him all along the pathway of perpetual progress. We find him upon the avenues of life, buckling on the armor and fighting the political battles of his country. We find him in the halls of Congress. We find him everywhere carrying aloft, proudly and triumphantly, that banner of beauty and glory, with its magnificent emblazonry of stars and stripes—the escutcheon of free States—the emblem of the Republican party. No victory intoxicates him; no defeat dismays him; but with integrity too deeply rooted to be shaken by the vicissitudes of fate he treads the path of life unflinching, still laboring for the success of the party he so honorably represents.

With such an impulse, with such a fraternal feeling, we come before this convention to-day with the name of one who was born, reared and educated within the sacred folds of our country's banner. It is with pleasure, then, that I present the name of Horace S. Buckland. Perhaps it would be best to take the finger of time and move it backward over the dial of human progress and see where it stops. We will find among other things that he is a young man, a gentleman in the fullest sense of the term, and that to know him personally is to love him dearly. We will find that he belongs to the Republican party as the lighthouse does to the mariner who steers his bark by its steadfast rays. We will find that he is earnest, intelligent, and commands respect in every position in which he may be placed, particularly so in the common walks of life. Place him where you will, his fitness and fidelity will manifest themselves, and his true worth will win everlasting favor. You will find that this is the first time he has asked the people for their suffrage, and were it not for the urgent solicitation of his friends you would not have heard of him being a candidate. Yes, gentlemen of the convention, you will find that he is ever true to his friends, self-sacrificing, not courting popularity, but seeking proficiency and good results.

During the late war, although too young to enlist, he even ran away to do so, and were it not for the timely discovery might have sealed his youthful life in active service, or else been a veteran of the army to-day. But with loyalty too deeply rooted to be shaken by the dissension of friends, he still persevered, until at Memphis, Tenn., when he was taken into service by the musicians of the camp, marching at the head of the old Seventy-second, proudly victorious over his youth. Let it be remembered, now, that the old Seventy-second was his father's regiment, and as a mother's love goes out to her first-born, who has come to her "mid suffering and pain," so the few survivors of that dear old regiment revere the name of Gen. Buckland, whose honored remains lie sleeping beneath the silent clouds of Oak Wood Cemetery, that beautiful city of the dead, where the wild

winds chant his requiem, and where the virtues of his life of liberty and service will forever live in the hearts of his comrades. * *

Such, then, is the national character and standing of our candidate. A true American, ready to serve his country at a moment's notice. A gentleman capable of surrounding himself with the truest, the bravest and the most honored guests the world has ever known; and whose every act and purpose are those of an ideal citizen. It is needless to say that he enjoys a large and lucrative practice, being educated at one of the best law schools in the country, and is perfectly familiar with the lower and higher courts. In his profession he is modest and just. His actions at the bar, and his conduct and decisions as referee, have generally been upheld. His fitness and ability have also been universally approved by his associates. One of the most fitting testimonials that could possibly be offered, one, certainly, that commends itself to this convention, was the universal endorsement of the non-partisan meeting of the bar, which was held in the city of Fremont but a few weeks ago, when he was so magnanimously recommended as a person particularly fitted for Common Pleas Judge. No higher compliment was ever paid so young a practitioner. It marks a page in the judicial history of the country. Men who have grown gray in active practice, his fellow associates in the temple of justice, his brother practitioners at the bar—Democrats and Republicans alike—irrespective of party or politics, not only asked, but actually demanded of this convention the nomination of Col. Buckland. Nay, more; knowing the principles of economy, and the urgent appeal of tax-payers, said that it would be the saving of thousands of dollars to this judicial district by placing him on the bench.

With such a compliment, with such an endorsement, and in the very face of the brazen effrontery of power and wealth, he buckled on the armor and entered the race. It is unnecessary to recapitulate the glorious achievements of that campaign. The people have spoken. The farmer left the harvest and attended the caucus. The merchant closed his store and went to the polls, and to-day we lay the trophies of his victory at your feet. * * *

The Toledo (Ohio) *Blade* says that "Col. Buckland deserves all the kind things said of him by his neighbors. The situation is truly remarkable. All the prominent Democratic attorneys of Fremont have the highest regard for him as a lawyer and a man, and openly express themselves as willing for the Democratic Judicial Convention to endorse him. They also recommended him at the time of the non-partisan meeting of the bar as a person particularly fitted for the bench."

WELCOMED HOME FROM THE CONVENTION.

The Fremont *Journal* says:

Several hundred citizens of all political parties welcomed Col. Buckland and the Sandusky county delegates, whose fidelity for him won the day, on their return from Sandusky at 6:30 Friday evening. Music and cheers and congratulations greeted them as they left the train. Then the crowd, headed by the Light Guard band, escorted the Colonel to his residence on Birchard avenue. Here he was introduced by Mr. H. R. Shomo and made a short address, thanking his friends for their cordial reception, and for the support he had received in the contest for the nomination, and saying if elected he would try to perform the duties of the responsible position of Judge of Common Pleas Court to the best of his ability. His remarks were modest and in good taste. The reception, which was entirely impromptu, was a surprise to Col. Buckland, and is an evidence of the high esteem in which he is held by the people of our city.

At the general election in Ohio, held on the 5th day of November, A. D., 1895, Horace S. Buckland was elected judge by nearly 8,000 majority, that being the largest majority ever given to any candidate in the district, carrying his native city and county, though Democratic, and, in fact, carrying every county in the district but Ottawa. He succeeds Judge John L. Greene, and will take office May 9, 1895.

Judge Horace S. Buckland was married June 10, 1878, to Elizabeth Bauman. He is one of a family of seven children, three of whom are living, the other two being George, a graduate of Cincinnati Law School, and Mrs. Charles Dillon, residing on Buckland avenue, Fremont, Ohio. The mother still survives.

JAMES W. WILSON, M. D., of Fremont, Sandusky county, was born in New Berlin, Union Co., Penn., February 1, 1816. His grandfather James Wilson, of old New England stock, about the year 1791 went from Connecticut to eastern Pennsylvania, where he married. His father, Samuel Wilson, only son of James Wilson, was born

in Schuylkill county, Penn. November 25, 1793. He was married to Miss Sarah Mauck, a native of Pennsylvania, at New Berlin, and resided there, a much-esteemed and successful merchant, until his death, November 3, 1855. His wife, the mother of the subject of this sketch, died May 31, 1872, aged eighty-four years.

Our subject chose the profession of medicine, and made his preparatory studies under the direction of Dr. Joseph R. Lotz, of New Berlin. He subsequently attended lectures at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he graduated in March, 1837, in November of the same year commencing the practice of medicine in Center county, Penn. He came to Ohio in June, 1839, in company with Dr. Thomas Stilwell, and settled in Lower Sandusky (now Fremont), July 24, 1839. That part of northwestern Ohio in which he embarked in his professional career was a comparatively unsettled country. A few pioneers, living mostly in log houses erected by their own hands, had made but a beginning of the long and laborious task of clearing the land and fitting it for cultivation. The soil was indeed of unsurpassed richness; but before it could be subdued and brought to the condition of fertility now seen on every hand, it was necessary that a whole generation of hardy men and women should wear out their lives in incessant toil. It was a country of sluggish streams and stagnant swamps, and consequently was a sickly country.

It is difficult to imagine the arduous character of the labors of the country physician engaged in general practice fifty years ago. He was able to prove successful only under the conditions that he possessed unusual powers of endurance, thorough devotion to the duties of his calling, self-reliance and true courage. Dr. Wilson was successful. During the years he was engaged in the practice of his profession he ranked among the most

successful physicians in this section of the State. He was distinguished for promptitude and faithful punctuality in fulfilling engagements. The urbanity of his manner made him ever welcome to the bedside of the suffering. His intelligence and manly deportment won general confidence. His acknowledged skill, and the painstaking care with which he investigated the cases submitted to his judgment, commanded the respect and regard of his fellow practitioners. It is probable that no physician outside of the large cities of Ohio has ever enjoyed a larger practice or performed more arduous labor in meeting its requirements.

In consequence of severe exposure while attending to this large practice, in January, 1858, he suffered from a severe attack of pneumonia, from the effects of which he has never completely recovered; nor has he since devoted himself to the practice of medicine. He has, however, retained a lively interest in the progress of medical science, and whatever pertains to the welfare of his chosen profession. He is president of the Sandusky County Medical Society, and a member of the Ohio State Medical Society. During the war of the Rebellion, in August, 1862, he was appointed, by Governor Tod, surgeon for Sandusky county to examine applicants for exemption from draft. In 1858 he was elected treasurer of the Sandusky County Bible Society, which trust he kept until 1868, when he was chosen president of said society. This position he has retained to the present date, making thirty-seven years of faithful and continuous service. He has also for a number of years been president of the Sandusky County Pioneer and Historical Society, in which he takes a deep interest; and he has been president of the Birchard Library Association since the death of ex-President R. B. Hayes, whom he succeeded in that office.

On May 25, 1841, Dr. Wilson was married to Miss Nancy E. Justice, daugh-

ter of Judge James Justice, one of the early settlers of Lower Sandusky, and for a long period a director of the First National Bank of Fremont, Ohio. They have four children—two sons and two daughters: Charles G., the eldest son, a graduate of Kenyon College and Harvard Law School, now of the law firm of Pratt & Wilson, of Toledo; married Nellie, daughter of I. E. Annsden, of Fremont, Ohio. The younger son, James W., is connected with the First National Bank of Fremont, with his father. The eldest daughter, Sarah W., is the widow of Hon. J. B. Rice, of Fremont, Ohio. The youngest daughter is the wife of Charles F. Rice, of New York City.

In 1857 Dr. Wilson became a partner in the banking house of Birchard, Miller & Co. In September, 1863, the bank was merged into the First National Bank of Fremont, with Mr. Sardis Birchard as president and Dr. James W. Wilson as vice-president. On January 27, 1874, after the death of Mr. Birchard, Dr. Wilson was elected president, which position he still (July, 1895) holds. Dr. Wilson was one of the charter members of the Fremont Savings Bank Company, which was organized in 1882, under the State laws of Ohio. He was elected a director and president, and has held these positions continuously up to the present time. Thus has Dr. Wilson, through a long period, borne important relations to the principal financial institutions of Fremont. He is a conservative banker, and yet a popular one, ever ready to respond to the demands of the business public, and watchful that the affairs of the bank shall be conducted in accordance with those sound business principles which alone assure success and safety. He has witnessed with deep satisfaction the growth of Fremont, and the remarkable development of the surrounding country. It is not overstating the facts to say that he has never been lacking in public spirit of the commendable kind, and that he has

been a liberal contributor toward the various enterprises which have had for their object the promotion of the prosperity of the community.

Dr. Wilson is fond of reading, and it has long been his habit to devote most of his leisure hours to favorite books, periodicals and the current news. He loves to mingle with his fellow citizens and join in pleasant conversation. He is a man of conservative views, but liberal and tolerant. He freely accords to others that liberty of opinion which he desires for himself. He is firm in his religious belief, and his daily life is consistent with his convictions. He is a thorough believer in the doctrines of Christianity, and that the highest welfare of humanity can be attained only through obedience to the precepts of Jesus Christ. For forty-five years he has been a member of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, its senior warden for more than forty years, and he is a regular attendant upon its services, and a liberal contributor toward its support and its charities.

THOMAS STILWELL, M. D., was born in January, 1815, in Buffalo Valley, Union Co., Penn., five or six miles west of Lewisburg. His father, Joseph Stilwell, for more than half a century an honored citizen of that county, died in 1851, aged seventy-four years. His mother, Anna Stilwell, died eleven years later, aged eighty-four years.

When Thomas was a child his parents removed to New Berlin, the county seat of Union county, where he continued to reside—with the exception of such time as he was absent at school—until he left to make the West his future home. After a full academic course at Milton, Penn., under the tuition of Rev. David Kirkpatrick, a distinguished teacher in that section of the State, and a brief course of selected studies at La Fayette College, Easton, Penn., he entered upon the study

of medicine with Dr. Joseph R. Lotz, at New Berlin, and graduated at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Penn., in March, 1839, the same year locating at Lower Sandusky, Ohio. In 1842 he was married to Miss Jerusha A. Boughton, of Canfield, Mahoning (then Trumbull) Co., Ohio, and the children born to this union, five in number, are: Charles B., residing at Watertown, N. Y.; Thomas J., at St. Louis, Mo.; Charlotte E., married to John T. Lanman, living at New London, Conn.; Mary, married to W. T. Jordan, of Louisville, Ky.; and Anna M., at home with her parents.

Dr. Stilwell has always occupied a place in the front ranks of his profession. For several years he was vice president of the Sandusky County Medical Society, and for many years a member of the State Medical Society. He was among the first appointed pension-examining surgeons (February, 1863), holding that position until he resigned, in 1870. To his letter of resignation the Commissioner of Pensions replied in very complimentary terms, expressing regret for its having been tendered. He was afterward elected one of the censors of the Medical Department of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, having held the same position in Charity Hospital Medical College, afterward known as the Medical Department of Wooster University. Dr. Stilwell has been a member of the Presbyterian Church during the whole of his mature life, and has for many years been an elder.

The following account of some of the Doctor's experiences was furnished by him for Williams' History of Sandusky County, from which we take it: "Drs. Wilson and Stilwell grew up together in close companionship in their Pennsylvania town, were fellow students in Dr. Lotz' office, graduating at the same college, and formed the purpose, while yet office students, to migrate to the West together. Accordingly, on the 13th of June, 1839,

in a two-horse covered carriage, purposely constructed, with ample room for themselves and baggage, which included a small stock of books and instruments, they left their home for a Western prospecting tour, with the design, if no location to their liking offered sooner, of going on to Illinois, at that day the 'Far West.' Traveling leisurely, they stopped long enough at each important town on the way to ascertain what inducement it could offer two adventurous young men who were in the pursuit of bread and fame. Calling on their professional brethren, both as a matter of courtesy and interest, the pleasure of their journey was much increased thereby. In this way they reached Lower Sandusky (Fremont). Spending a few days visiting friends, who, a few years before, on coming West, settled in the neighborhood of Lower Sandusky, they continued on to Perrysburg and Maumee. Here they saw what had often been the exciting theme of their children—a tribe of Indians, the Ottawas, who were encamped on the flats opposite Maumee, preparatory to their being removed to their new hunting grounds west of the Mississippi, assigned them by the Government.

Finding the roads impassable for their carriage, the travelers returned to Lower Sandusky, and turned south. At Tiffin they met Dr. Dresbach, of lasting reputation in that locality for his genial manner and his ability as a physician and surgeon. Advised by him, they decided to remain at Lower Sandusky, to which they returned, and put up at Corbin's (later the 'Kessler House,' now the Wheeling railroad depot), it being then the 24th day of July, 1839. A week subsequently, on the 2nd of August, the citizens of Sandusky and neighboring counties celebrated the anniversary of Croghan's victory by barbecuing an ox on the commons, now the courthouse park. Eleutheros Cook, of Sandusky city, delivering an oration from the perch of the low frame dwelling

house erected a few years before by Jaques Hulburd, standing in the middle of Fort Stephenson, and which, a few years ago, was removed from the grounds when they became the property of the city and Birchard Library by purchase. The breastworks of the fort were, at that day, still conspicuous.

“Within a few days after their arrival both were taken sick with fever. Occupying beds at the hotel in the same out-of-the-way room, they were left pretty much to themselves, to acquire experience as patient, nurse and doctor, all at the same time and at their leisure. A new settler had a good deal to learn about sickness, and but few lacked opportunities for acquiring knowledge by personal experience. A notable fact connected with the history of the hotel that season is remembered by living participants, namely: That at one time for a few days not a woman remained in the house—filled as it was with guests and borders, of whom many were sick—except the landlord's wife, and she, too, down with the fever. The women help had all gone home sick. It was very hard to obtain others. A colored man—a steamboat cook—with man help for general housework, supplied their place.

“The sickness that season being very general all over the town and country, before either had so far recovered as to be able to do more than leave their room, they were importuned to visit the sick, and were compelled to comply long before they were fit for service. They secured for an office a little one-story frame structure, which stood where Buckland's Block now stands, at the corner of Front and State streets. It was an unpretentious building, belonging to Capt. Morris Tyler. Their neighbors on the south were Morris & John Tyler, merchants, whose store occupied one-half of a low two-story frame house, of very moderate dimensions, but for size and appearance one of the noted mercantile establishments of the town. To the north they

were in close proximity to Gen. R. P. Buckland's law office, of about the same size as their own, and in no way superior to theirs, excepting that it was a shade whiter from having probably had two coats of paint, while theirs had but one, and that one almost washed off by the northeasters which swept its front, unobstructed, as now, by three-story blocks, on the opposite sides of the street. This office at one time narrowly escaped destruction: A cannon fired at the intersection of State and Front streets, on the occasion of a jollification in 1842 over the election of Wilson Shannon as Governor of Ohio, burst, sending its butt end through the north side of Gen. Buckland's office, and but for its wise discrimination in the interest of humanity it would have gone through the north side of the doctors' office as well.

“The ‘doctor's ride,’ in that day, meant twelve or fifteen miles in all directions, and on horseback, mostly through woods on newly cut-out roads, often paths for some part of the way. He found his patients in the scattered cabins in which the farmers of Sandusky county then lived. During the continuance of their partnership, and until Dr. Wilson's health became impaired by a severe attack of sickness from exposure, as noted in his personal biography on a preceding page, they so arranged their business that their attendance upon patients was by alternate visits, making thus an equal division of the labor. He who went on the eastern round to-day would go on the western to-morrow. The ‘sickly season’—meaning from about the middle of July to the middle of October—was a phrase very familiar in those times, happily not applicable to this day, for the State may be challenged to name, within her bounds, a county now healthier than this same Sandusky. The change has been wrought partly by clearing up the land, but mostly by constructing ditches to carry off the water that overspread the surface. Dur-

ing the sickly season the pressure on their time was such as to enable them to make the round only once in two days. Oftentimes each passed over the other's route before they met in their office—not seeing each other for days—the necessary communications being made on a large slate kept in the office for that purpose. The story of the daily ride, extending far into the night, oftentimes with fog above and mud below, the weariness of body and limb, the loss of sleep, the burden of thought—all this now sounds like exaggeration, but to those who underwent it all it is a well-remembered and now wondered-at reality. Their contemporary physicians were equally hard pressed.

“In the season of which this is written, in the cabins visited, which sometimes meant every cabin on the road traveled, it was very exceptional to find but one of a family sick. To find three or four was commonly the case. Not infrequently the whole family were patients, and this with no outside help, sometimes not procurable even in times of dire necessity. While extreme cases could not fairly be given as the general experience, yet this class after all constituted a large proportion of the whole. An enumeration would include cases of scanty house-room, of lack of supplies, of distance from neighbors, of remoteness from physicians, of absence of help, of the number down in a family, of neglected ones, of work undone, of fields, such as they were, unprepared for seed. These, in their varied forms, composed a large list. In making the rounds one day he whose circuit included a cabin to be visited which had recently been erected in a small clearing, a half acre or so, in a dense woods, south of where Hessville now stands, and reached by passing through David Berry's lane and then along a path which led to the opening found, upon entering, the man of the house lying upon a bed in one corner of the room, in a burning fever, the woman in another

part of the room sitting upon the edge of an extemporized bed, with a face flushed with fever, and wild with excitement, leaning over a cradle in which lay their little child in spasms, it too having the fever. Quickly enquiring of the woman for the water-bucket, he was told that it was empty, that their well had just been dug, and was unwalled and uncovered; the only way they had to get water was to climb down a ladder that stood in the well and dip it up, which neither had been able to do that day, and no one coming to the house, they had no water. Procuring water from the well, he remained till the child was relieved of the spasms, when, having dispensed the medicines necessary, he departed, telling them to expect someone in soon, as the result of his efforts to get somebody, if possible, from the first house he reached on the way.

“The fevers of this country had peculiarities which for years have ceased to be observed, and which were the conditions exciting anxiety in the mind of the doctor as well as in the friends of the sick. Intermittent fever, one of the forms very common, was sometimes with chills, sometimes without, as now, and was manageable enough unless, as not infrequently was the case, it assumed a malignant type, known in the books as congestive chill, or pernicious intermittent. With the best that could be done, the cases were often fatal, many times for want of care at the critical period. But more marked was the condition which attended the latter stage of bilious remittent fever, the other form of miasmatic fever, generally prevalent in the latter part of summer and in the autumn months. Whether it run a short or a long course, whether of high or low grade, it usually terminated with a sweat and extreme exhaustion. A ‘sinking spell,’ as it was commonly called, was frequently its dreaded sequence, and the danger to life at the time imminent. A failure on the part of the attendants then to keep up the

circulation—by rubbing the surface, by applying warmth to the extremities, by spreading plenty of cover over the bed, and by administering stimulants freely, with liberal doses of quinine—was sure to seal the fate of the patient. Many died in this way. A representative case occurred in a small frame house of two rooms, which stood on what was then open common (now the corner of Croghan and Wood streets), occupied by a man and his family of the name of Tyler, strangers, no relatives of the Tyler family resident here. He was a stone mason, and came to work at the courthouse, the building of which had just been commenced. He and his wife were taken sick with the fever. No one could be found to take the constant charge of them. The neighbors, sparsely settled then in that part of the town, as they could be spared from home, went in, one now, and another then, and did what they could, but withal the care was far from what their condition required. The fever of the husband yielded first; instructions had been left as to what was to be done when the crisis came, which during the day gave signs of its near approach. The doctors, both having reached their office on their return from the country at the same time—about 12 o'clock at night—upon being informed that a messenger had just been down for them from the Tylers, went to the house to find the patient cold and pulseless, no appliances, no stimulants having been used as directed, and he died. They had the wife removed to a neighbor's house. When the crisis came to her—the breaking up of the fever in the manner described—she had the necessary care and lived.

“And here it should be remarked that whatever allusions may have been made in this or any other sketch of years ago, to hardship suffered for want of help in times of sickness, it was never refused when it could be given. To the extent of the ability to give it, no neighbor with-

held it. The brotherly spirit displayed at such times made itself proverbial, and could the deeds to which it prompted be written they would form a grand chapter in the history of Sandusky county.”

BURGOON. The ancestry, from whom are descended the Burgoon families of Sandusky and other counties of Ohio, was John Burgoon, who served in the French army, and about the year 1740 emigrated from Alsace, France (now in Germany), to America. Here he married and had a family of seven children: Charles, Robert, Peter, Jacob, Francis, John, and Honore, the only daughter. Of these Peter became a Methodist minister; Honore married Ulrich Sate, and removed to Pennsylvania, but the six sons all came to Ohio in an early day, and their descendants are found in Perry, Muskingum and Morgan counties. The father of this family died at his home in Frederick (now Carroll) county, Md., and his remains rest in the St. John's Catholic Cemetery at Westminster, he being of that faith. The mother was of the Protestant faith.

Francis Burgoon, son of John Burgoon, the immigrant, and Elizabeth, his wife, was born in Frederick county, Md., where he married Miss Elizabeth Low, a lady of English descent. In 1824 they moved to Perry county, Ohio, in company with a colony of nineteen other families from the same neighborhood, all related to each other. They both died in Perry county, and their remains rest in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, two miles southeast of Somerset. Their children were: David, Mary, Jacob, Theresa, William, Rachel, Peter, Edith and Sarah. Of this family, the youngest died in childhood, and was buried at Taneytown, Md.; David moved to Knox county, Ohio, where his descendants still reside; Mary married Joshua Coe, and their descend-



Yours very truly
J. B. Burroughs

ants are to be found in Licking county, Ohio; Jacob's descendants live in the vicinity of Somerset, Perry Co., Ohio; Theresa's descendants are found in Vermillion county, Ind.; the descendants of William live in Carroll county, Md.; Rachel married Basil Coe, and lived in the the vicinity of Fremont, Ohio; Edith married David Engler, and lived in Sandusky county, and was one of the earliest pioneers of the county.

Peter Burgoon, son of Francis and Elizabeth Burgoon, was born in Frederick county, Md., near Westminster, July 13, 1800. His educational advantages were limited, and for a trade he learned that of a stone mason. On October 18, 1821, he married Miss Margaret Fluegel, at Littlestown, Penn., a daughter of John and Margaret Hahn Fluegel, who lived near Westminster, Md. John Fluegel was a son of Vallen Fluegel, an emigrant from Germany, who had settled on a large farm near Westminster. Margaret E. (Hahn), his wife, was a daughter of Andrew Hahn. The names and dates of birth of the children of John and Margaret Fluegel are as follows: Elizabeth, February 6, 1791; John, July 25, 1793; Polly F., January 19, 1795; Samuel, August 18, 1796; George, July 23, 1798; Margaret, July 18, 1801; Henry, October 22, 1802; Daniel, June 25, 1804; Sarah, June 3, 1806; Simon, June 9, 1808; Benjamin, September 23, 1809; and Levi, November 29, 1811, who is still living. John Fluegel, the father of this family, served in the Revolutionary army as file-major; he died at the age of eighty-three, his wife Margaret at the age of seventy-three, and their remains are buried in Baust's churchyard, near Uniontown, Md. Of the above named children of John and Margaret Fluegel, Elizabeth married Cornelius Baust, and lived in Uniontown, Md.; Polly married Jacob Miller, and lived in Jay county, Ind.; Margaret married Peter Burgoon, and they became the parents of our subject;

Sarah married Peter Shriner, and lived near Union Mills, Md. Three of the sons—Henry, Simon and Benjamin—became ministers of the Gospel. The average age of all these sons and daughters was upward of eighty years. Levi Fluegel, now in his eighty-third year, is living at Frizellburg, Md. In religious faith the family originally belonged to the Reformed and Lutheran Churches, but later most of them became members of the Church of God.

Peter Burgoon, the father of our subject, came west from Maryland in 1824, first locating in Somerset, Perry Co., Ohio, where he worked at his trade about two years; then removed to Licking county, and there staid one year. In October, 1829, he came to Sandusky county, Ohio, and settled in the forest of the Black Swamp, on the bank of the Little Mud creek, about four miles northwest of Lower Sandusky (now Fremont). Several tribes of Indians were living here then, and the woods were teeming with wild animals. The Burgoon family had no white neighbors nearer than two miles distant, with the exception of Mrs. Rachel Coe, who had settled on an adjoining farm. Here Mr. Burgoon built a log cabin, and began to clear up the land with all the energy of a man of pluck, resolution and perseverance. Being possessed of sound practical common sense, he was often consulted by his neighbors on matters of business. In connection with farming he worked at his trade about twelve years, and was employed on the residence of Dr. L. Q. Rawson, which was the second brick edifice erected in Sandusky county. With many of the business interests of the county he became identified, and he held various offices of honor and trust. In politics he was originally an ardent Democrat, but during the Civil war he was a firm supporter of the U. S. Government, and from that time forward he affiliated with the Republican party. He was

possessed of robust health, a strong physical constitution and an iron will, and by his many sterling traits of manly character he gained and held an honorable place among the pioneers of Sandusky county. He died March 17, 1879, and was buried with Masonic honors; his wife passed away June 8, 1871, a member of the Reformed Church. Their remains rest in the Lutheran and Reformed Cemetery, four miles west of Fremont. Their children were named as follows: William, Washington, Miranda, Upton, Elizabeth, Margaret, Romanus, David, Isadore H., Mary and Malinda. Of these, William Washington died July 21, 1846, aged twenty-four years; Miranda married N. R. Tucker, a farmer of near Fremont, Ohio; Upton married Nancy A. Kerr, April 8, 1848; Elizabeth died October 4, 1835, aged six years; Margaret married Solomon Albert, July 4, 1852; Romanus married Mary Taylor, April 12, 1858 (he died January 14, 1860); David married Cynthia Skinner, May 1, 1863; Isadore H. married Eliza Ann Chapman, October 19, 1865; Mary married August Baumer, September 18, 1862; Malinda married O. R. Smith, April 6, 1869.

MAJOR I. H. BURGOON, railroad manager, Fremont, Sandusky county, was born in Sandusky township, Sandusky Co., Ohio., January 25, 1839, a son of Peter and Margaret (Fluegel) Burgoon, who at that time were living on a 200-acre farm about four miles north of Lower Sandusky (now Fremont), Ohio. He spent his early life on his father's farm, and received a liberal education at the common schools of the district. In the fall of 1858 he commenced teaching a country school, and in the fall of the following year he attended Oberlin College three months, after which he taught another term of winterschool in the country. On September 10, 1860, he came to Fremont and took the position of office boy and clerk for Dr. L. Q. Rawson, president of the Fremont & Indiana railroad.

He remained in the service of that road eighteen years, as follows: From 1861 to 1864 he was clerk in the president's office, and freight and ticket agent; 1864 to 1865, conductor; 1865 to 1866, train master; 1866 to 1867, assistant superintendent; 1868 to 1872, superintendent; 1872 to 1875, general superintendent; 1875 to 1878, receiver; 1878 to 1879, general superintendent of the Lake Erie & Louisville railroad, after the sale and reorganization; October, 1879 to 1881, general superintendent Toledo, Delphos & Burlington railroad; August 1, 1881, to 1883, general manager of the Ohio Construction Company; 1881 to 1885, general manager Cleveland, Delphos & St. Louis railroad; May, 1881, to 1885, general manager, secretary and treasurer, of the Cleveland, Delphos & Western Telegraph Company, and general manager of the Cleveland, Delphos & St. Louis railroad; May, 1885, to June 30, 1886, general agent of the Indiana, Bloomington & Western railroad; July 1, 1886, to December 31, 1890, receiver and general manager of the Bellaire, Zanesville & Cincinnati railroad; September 1, 1889, to October, 1892, general manager and treasurer of the Terre Haute & Peoria railroad. When the Terre Haute & Peoria railroad was leased to the Terre Haute & Indianapolis, he was made superintendent of the Peoria division, serving as such from October, 1892, to October, 1893. In January, 1894, he accepted the position of general superintendent of the Findlay, Fort Wayne & Western railroad, under a receiver. Upon the sale and transfer of this property, Mr. Burgoon was called to Salt Lake City, Utah, on August 15, 1894, and was appointed general superintendent and general freight and passenger agent of the Utah Central railway, his headquarters being at Salt Lake City, where he is at present, though retaining his residence at Fremont, Ohio, having here many business and social interests. During all his management of these roads he

made a clean record. By his enterprise, prudence, economy and integrity he secured the good will and best wishes of all parties concerned. He received many flattering testimonials from his superior officers, and from those who had confided their interests to his care, of which the following may serve as a sample: After having acted as receiver of the Lake Erie & Louisville railway, about three years, Mr. Burgoon filed in the court of common pleas, of Sandusky county, his final report and the account of his doings and dealings in the management of the road, of which he had full charge as receiver, under direction of the court, and his report and accounts were confirmed not only without a question but by consent of counsel on both sides, and he was highly complimented for his management of the affairs of the road, as is shown by the order of confirmation which follows:

And this Court, having examined the said final account and report, and found the same in all respects in accordance with law and the order of the Court, and that the said receiver has duly paid and delivered all money, credits and property of every kind which came into his possession or control, by virtue of his appointment and office in accordance with the order and direction of the Court, and has in all respects well and truly and faithfully discharged all his duties as such receiver, it is hereby ordered that the said final report and account be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed, and the said Isadore H. Burgoon discharged from all further accountability as such receiver. And he is especially commended for the ability and faithfulness with which he has discharged the arduous duties of his office.

Approved.

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On May 2, 1864, Mr. Burgoon entered the military service of his country, as private in Company F, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment, O. N. G. I. He served with his regiment at Fort Ethan Allen, Virginia, a term of four months, and was promoted to the rank of sergeant-

major, a position he held until the expiration of his term of service, September 4, 1864, having earned a record for promotion in the discharge of his duties. He wrote many interesting letters to his home papers during his time of service.

Mr. Burgoon has for many years been an active member of the Sandusky County Pioneer and Historical Society, of which he is still vice-president and secretary, and has been one of the leading spirits in making the annual reunion pioneer picnics a success. He takes a laudable interest in all public affairs in the city of Fremont, but has never been a political office seeker. He was raised a Democrat, and cast his first vote for Stephen A. Douglas, for president, since which time he has been a Republican. He has been a member of the Masonic Fraternity since 1862, and has taken all the degrees in the York Rite, and the Scottish Rite to the 32d degree. He is a member of the Eugene Rawson Post, G. A. R., at Fremont, Ohio, and has always taken an interest in the welfare of the soldiers. Since the year 1888 he has been president of the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth, O. V. I. Regimental Association.

On October 19, 1865, I. H. Burgoon was married at Fremont, Ohio, to Miss Eliza A. Chapman, who was born February 10, 1844, at Marion, Ohio, a daughter of Joseph and Dorinda (Ayer) Chapman, and their children were: J. Chapman Burgoon, born August 10, 1874, died September 19, 1874; and Charles Paine Burgoon, born May 25, 1878. A lasting honor was fittingly and worthily bestowed on Mr. Burgoon, when, on November 18, 1873, the citizens of the new town, established at the crossing of the Lake Erie & Louisville and the Toledo, Tiffin & Eastern railroads, in Jackson township, Sandusky county, concurred in asking the Post Office Department to name the new post office "Burgoon" after Mr. I. H. Burgoon, whose uniform courtesy

as an official of the Lake Erie & Louisville railroad had won for him the best wishes of the people of that community.

SHARON C. LAMBERSON, editor and co-proprietor of the *Democratic Messenger*, Fremont, Sandusky county, was born in Seneca county, Ohio, November 16, 1838, a son of William and Anna Mary (Creager) Lamberson.

William Lamberson was born at Easton, Penn., March 23, 1813, and came with his parents to Ohio in 1830, locating in the forests of Seneca county, where he helped to clear up a farm. In politics he was a radical Democrat. He married, January 4, 1838, and died January 15, 1882. Ann Mary Lamberson was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, June 12, 1815, and died February 6, 1887, and died a member of the Reformed Church, in which faith she was reared. Their children were: (1) Sharon C., our subject; (2) Eunice A., wife of John Huston, living near Dayton, Ohio; (3) Virgil D., a veteran of the Civil war, living at Tiffin, Ohio; (4) Janett C., widow of Victor J. Zahm, and one of the proprietors of the *Democratic Messenger*; (5) Herschel W., a farmer, living at Havana, Huron Co., Ohio; (6) Curtis M., who lives in Wamego, Kans.; (7) Dewitt C., who died August, 1875; (8) M. Marcena, a maiden lady, living at Tiffin, Ohio. Daniel Lamberson, our subject's paternal grandfather, was born near Easton, Penn., served in the war of 1812, became a pioneer settler of Seneca county, Ohio, and died at a good old age. Our subject's maternal grandparents came from Maryland, and settled near Dayton, Ohio. Both of S. C. Lamberson's parents were of German descent.

Our subject was reared on a farm, and after receiving a common-school education in Seneca county took a course of study at Heidelberg University, Tiffin,

Ohio, from which institution he graduated in 1859, with the first honor of his class. He followed school teaching and farming, alternating these occupations until 1873, when he engaged in the mercantile business at Tiffin for two years. He then became connected with the county auditor's office at Tiffin, for six years. On April 7, 1885, in partnership with his brother-in-law, V. J. Zahm, he purchased the *Democratic Messenger*, the organ of the Sandusky county Democracy. His partner died in August of the same year, and Mr. Lamberson has continued to conduct the paper since that time. Politically, he is a Jeffersonian Democrat, and socially, has been a member of Seneca Lodge, No. 35, I. O. O. F., about thirty years. On April 18, 1887, he was married, at Tiffin, Ohio, to Miss Johanna C. Zahm, who was born in Buffalo, N. Y., November 30, 1838. Mrs. Lamberson's parents were born in Germany and came to America, her father in 1832, her mother in 1833.

PETER BEAUGRAND, M. D., of Fremont, Sandusky county, one of the oldest living practitioners in the State of Ohio, was born at Detroit, Mich., August 26, 1814.

The Beaugrand family is of French origin, the grandfather of Dr. Beaugrand, John Baptiste Beaugrand, having emigrated from Bordeaux, France, to Canada about the year 1760. But little of his life's history has been preserved; but it is believed that he was a merchant, and spent his life in barter with the Indians. Dr. P. Beaugrand is a son of John B. and Margaret (Chabert) Beaugrand, the father born in Three Rivers, Canada, in 1768. He grew to manhood there, and at the age of twenty-one migrated to Detroit, Mich., where he engaged in business as an Indian trader with good success until during the war of 1812, when he was burned out by the Indians. He

removed with his family to Fremont (then Lower Sandusky), Ohio, settling here during the first week of January, 1823; he had spent the previous year here as a trader. The mother of our subject was born in Detroit, Mich., February 26, 1781, and died May 12, 1859, at Fremont, Ohio.

The family consisted of ten children: (1) Margaret, who married Rodolphus Dickinson, a brilliant young lawyer, who came to Lower Sandusky from the East shortly after the Beaugraud family took up their residence there; afterward was member of Congress, and died during his second term in Congress, in 1849. (2) Julia, who married B. F. Fletcher, who died in 1849, just after his election for the second term to the office of county recorder. (3) Sophia, who married La Quinio Rawson, a physician who became very eminent in his profession, and died in 1888. (4) Isidore D., at one time sheriff of Sandusky county. (5) John B., who was a sailor and a captain on the lakes; he was strong and athletic, and of a venturesome spirit; in 1846 he was presented by the mayor of Cleveland with a stand of colors for safely bringing into that port, during a severe storm, his boat, having on board a large number of passengers. (6) Peter, the subject of our sketch. (7) James, born in Detroit, died at Fremont at the age of three years. (8) Richard, who was also a sailor on the lakes, enlisted, and died during the Civil war. (9) Helen M., who married M. S. Castle, an attorney at law, of Cleveland, Ohio, where she resided until her death in 1890. (10) James A., who has always been engaged in clerical work, is now living in Racine, Wis., and is deputy clerk of courts at that place; he and the Doctor are the only survivors of the family.

Dr. P. Beaugraud is a man much respected in Fremont and vicinity, both as a skillful physician, and a gentleman of culture. He has been a student of the most ardent type during a long and busy

life, and is remarkable for his intellectual talents and his genial, kindly disposition. His profession has been to him as his bride, for he has led none other to the altar. Quick in perception, broad and charitable in his sympathies, with a memory that has never failed, and an integrity that has never wavered, Dr. Beaugraud possesses the essential qualities of a successful physician; and if implicit faith in a man by a whole community is of any solace to him, as he descends the western slope of life, the Doctor should be one of the most contented of mortals. He has also been a favorite in literary circles, there being few important facts of history or science with which he is not familiar.

In 1823, Dr. Beaugraud came with his parents to Fremont. He recollects distinctly the trip from Detroit to Lower Sandusky on the ice on Lake Erie, and the incidents that occurred on the way, one of which was the breaking of the ice, by which the parties in the sleigh all got wet, and how they all made for the shore, and built a huge fire by which to dry themselves. He is still able to point out the very spot at which they came ashore to make the remainder of the trip overland. Dr. Beaugraud attended the common schools here, and at the age of eighteen was a student one term at Wells' Academy, Mich. In March, 1833, he commenced the study of medicine at Findlay, Ohio, with B. and L. Q. Rawson, and when the latter returned to Fremont he came with him. During the winter of 1834-35, he attended medical lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Fairfield, Herkimer Co., N. Y. During the scholastic year of 1844-45 he graduated from the Ohio Medical College, at Cincinnati, Ohio. He began the practice of medicine at Lower Sandusky in 1834, continuing thus up to 1845 before he took the degree of M. D., and he now has a retrospect of more than sixty years of professional life, at the beginning of which

our country was in its infancy. He recalls with accuracy the great questions which agitated the public mind during the days of Clay, Webster, and their illustrious compeers.

In the spring of 1864 Dr. Beaugrand was appointed surgeon of the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment, O. V. I., at Cleveland, Ohio, and served one hundred days at Fort Ethan Allen, Va. On his return home he resumed the practice of his profession, which he still pursues, not from personal necessity but to accommodate old patients. He has accumulated a handsome competence which enables him to complete the rest of life's journey at his ease. The Doctor was a Democrat before the war, and during that struggle voted for Republican candidates; but his views at present are Democratic. He has always had a high regard for his mother, who was a remarkable woman, very active in visiting the sick and poor among the early pioneers, and who was very charitable. An oil painting of her now adorns the public library at Fremont.

WILLIAM E. LAY. Since the year 1828, this venerable, intelligent and highly-respected citizen of Sandusky county has lived upon the one farm in Green Creek township, a residence that is perhaps unequalled in the county. He has been an eyewitness to the growth of the county from its primitive condition to its present advanced stage of development. But the feature of his citizenship is not chiefly its duration. In public spirit and character, he ranks among the foremost residents.

Mr. Lay was born in Tompkins county, N. Y., October 20, 1809, son of John and Mary (Squires) Lay. John Lay was born in Connecticut January 22, 1775, and was the son of Aaron Lay, who, when a young man, emigrated with two brothers from England. One of these brothers, James Lay, afterward settled

near Buffalo, N. Y. Mary Squires was born September 9, 1777, and was married January 22, 1797, to John Lay. Their eight children were as follows: (1) Jeremiah, born January 17, 1798, married in 1826, settled in Seneca county, Ohio, and died there about 1879. (2) John, born September 7, 1801, a shoemaker by trade, lived at Attica, Seneca Co., Ohio. By his first wife, Aurora Ewer, he had one child, Henry, who died young; by his second wife, Mary Silcox, he also had one child, William, born September 6, 1850, and died June 18, 1873. John died August 12, 1889. (3) Almira, born November 16, 1803, married John Woodruff, lived in Jackson township, Sandusky county, and reared a large family; she died in 1874. (4) Eustacia, born August 9, 1805, married John Bartlett, lived in Green Creek township, and reared a family; she died in 1877. (5) Harmon, born June 13, 1807, died April 30, 1810. (6) William E. is the subject of this sketch. (7) Mary Ann, born September 8, 1817, married Hiram Babcock, of Green Creek, and died leaving six children. (8) Susan J., born February 16, 1820, was married first to Jacob Martin, of Castalia, by whom she had one child, and afterward to Horace Simpson; she died near Fremont, Michigan.

After marriage John and Mary Lay settled in Seneca (now Tompkins) county, N. Y., but moved thence to Steuben county. In 1816 he migrated to Ohio, going by team to Buffalo, and there taking passage on the schooner "American Eagle," and landing at the mouth of the Huron river. Living at Speers' Corners two years, he moved to the eastern part of Seneca county, and three years later crossed the Sandusky river to the western part of the county. He then moved back to Clinton township after five years, and in 1828, or three years later, settled on the farm in Green Creek township, Sandusky county, which his son William E. now occupies. Here the parents re-

mained until their death. They were buried on Butternut Ridge, or Lay's Cemetery. John Lay was a Henry Clay Whig, and he voted at the first election held in Sandusky county, in 1819; in early life he was in religious faith a close-communication Baptist, and for over thirty years he was either clerk or deacon of the Church; in after life he accepted the Universalist faith.

The boyhood of William E. Lay was spent in the wilderness home of his parents in Seneca and Sandusky counties. Indians were then abundant, and he had more Indians for playmates than white boys. The Seneca reservation was just across the river from the first home of the Lays in Seneca county. He received little education at Speers' Corners, Huron county, and scarcely any more in Seneca county. His chief instruction he obtained sitting in his father's cabin, book in hand, and reading by the light of the log fire. One winter he attended school there, but his days were pretty well occupied by farm work, and the echo of his axe was heard in the forest until midnight.

Mr. Lay was married April 11, 1833, to Margaret Lee, who was born in Northumberland county, Penn., September 15, 1815, moved with her parents to Franklin county, Ohio, and thence in 1823 to Seneca county, Ohio. After marriage he began housekeeping on the farm his father had occupied five years earlier, and has lived there ever since; he now owns 200 acres of well-improved land. Eleven children have been born to William and Margaret Lay, as follows: (1) Polly Minerva, born January 26, 1834, died July 26 of the same year. (2) Harkness N., born December 8, 1836, worked on the farm until the war broke out, and then enlisted in Company A, Seventy-second O. V. I.; he was orderly sergeant, and was taken prisoner at Brice's Cross Roads, near Guntown, Miss., June 10, 1864, with 247 other members of the regiment, and was confined in Andersonville prison nine months. On October 4, 1865, he was

married to Jemmetta Almond, and has two children living—Francis M. and Bessie. He has followed farming and carpentry since the war, and now lives at Chicago. (3) Ann E., born April 20, 1839, died unmarried February 25, 1888. (4) Cornelia, born July 29, 1840, married Jacob D. Le Fevre October 4, 1865, and died, childless, February 10, 1892. (5) Henry S., born June 16, 1842, unmarried, lives at home and operates the farm. (6) Clementine, born August 6, 1844, at home, unmarried. (7) Francis Marion, born August 24, 1846, enlisted in April, 1864, before he was eighteen, was taken prisoner at Guntown, June 10, 1864, and died from exposure and starvation at Savannah, Ga., October 24, 1864. (8) Fidelia, born September 12, 1848, married Cyrus Alexander February 2, 1870, lives on a farm in Erie county; they have no children. (9) Alice, born August 2, 1851, married December 30, 1892, to Abraham Van Doren, and resides at Clyde. (10) William B., born May 15, 1858, farmer, of Sandusky county, married Alice L. Jones October 24, 1883; they have no children. (11) Mabel V., born July 27, 1860, married Fred Hutchinson March 12, 1884, and has five sons—Claire L., Ernest D., Karl A., Frank M. and Ralph.

In politics, William E. Lay was a Democrat until the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, when he became a Republican. He cast his first vote for Andrew Jackson at his second term. He is a man of the strictest integrity, and one of the most highly respected in Sandusky county. In social affairs he has been a leader. Having amassed a goodly fortune, he contributes liberally to public enterprises. His family is highly cultured, and the afternoon of his life is cast in an atmosphere that is most congenial. Commanding the esteem of all good citizens, his life reflects the abilities and virtues that have lifted him to the enviable niche he occupies in the great social fabric of our land.

LEWIS W. WARD. Progress is born of courage. Courage stands erect and thinks while fear retreats. Courage advances step by step, believing in science and in eternal law. If properly guided by a conscience, courage will achieve deeds of heroism in defense of right and honor and friendship worthy of the noblest knighthood. As a living example of one who in early life had the courage of his convictions, in manhood dared where others faltered, one who was willing to forego his golden schemes of wealth for the sake of caring for his widowed mother, and who later kindly cared for other aged people left in his care, we present the subject of this sketch.

L. W. Ward, insurance and real-estate agent of Fremont, Sandusky county, was born in Reading township, near Somerset, Perry Co., Ohio, May 27, 1832, son of Amos and Polly (Shoup) Ward, who were natives of Pennsylvania. Amos Ward was born in 1797, and came at an early day to Perry county, Ohio, where he married and carried on farming. Late in the fall of 1834 he removed with his family through the wilds of Ohio in a large wagon loaded with household goods, provisions and grain for seed, to the northwestern part of Sandusky (now Ottawa) county, Ohio, and settled on 160 acres of land about midway between Port Clinton and Locust Point. He also bought 160 acres in Washington township. As the ground was then frozen solid, it was easy to get about with a team in the erection of a log cabin and sheds, the building of fences and the clearing of land for farming purposes. Work progressed fairly well, but there were some drawbacks. The surrounding country being then a wilderness, the family were often annoyed by the howling of wolves near their cabin before they secured substantial doors and windows, and for greater safety they built a high fence of rails and poles to keep off these midnight prowlers. One incident

in this connection is worthy of record. A pack of hungry, howling wolves came inside the inclosure one night, and threatened an attack. Mr. Ward was alarmed for the safety of his family, and decided to test the mettle of his big brindle dog, "Lion," who crouched in a corner for fear of the wolves, by throwing him out of the cabin and making him fight or die. He did so. There was heard a sudden terrific snarling, an encounter for a few seconds, and then a running away and a howling which died off in the distance, the dog having made hasty tracks for Perry county, followed by the wolves, perhaps, for many miles, leaving the terrified family in quiet the rest of that night and for many nights thereafter. A few weeks later the family learned that "Lion" had indeed escaped the jaws of the wolves, and made his appearance at his old home in Perry county in an almost famished and exhausted condition. He had made the trip of about 150 miles in an incredibly short time, as was learned by comparing the records of the two families. The dear old fellow was afterward taken again to Sandusky county, became a great pet in the family, and died of old age.

In the spring of the year, after the frost had disappeared, the family were distressed to find that the ground was so soft and spongy that they could not use their team to go to mill at Cold Creek, and for six weeks they were obliged to do without bread, except what could be made from grain pounded in a mortar or hollow stone. There were many other hindrances on account of the wet soil. After a residence of about six months in this marshy, malarious region, Mr. Ward died in June, 1835, leaving a widow and seven children in the wilderness. His family remained there for some time, and then moved upon the 160 acres in Washington township, same county, on what is known as the Limestone Ridge, a few miles southeast of Hessville. The children of



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L. H. Ward

Amos and Polly Ward, born in Perry county, were: Harriet, John, Hiram, Isaac, Eliza, Lewis W. (our subject), and Sarah.

Lewis W. Ward grew to manhood in Washington township, Sandusky county, amid the toils, hardships and privations of pioneer life, in a family bereft of a husband and father when they most needed his assistance. His physical powers were developed by a frequent and vigorous use of the axe, the mattock, the maul and wedge, and his love of sport gratified by the use of a trusty gun. On leaving his mother's roof, in 1847, he hired out to A. W. Green, a neighboring farmer, for six months, at \$3 per month. He generously contributed one dollar of the money thus earned to rebuild the Deal Block, in Lower Sandusky, which had been destroyed by fire. His brother Isaac took jobs of clearing land for farmers at \$8 per acre, and sometimes the brothers worked on the Western Reserve and Maumee pike. Mr. Ward's schooling in the country was very limited, and in 1852 he resolved to get a better education by attending a school taught in town by James Smith, son of Sheriff Jonas Smith, of Ballville township. He managed to pay his board and tuition by clerking evenings, morning and Saturdays for John F. Wooster, a druggist. His Sundays he usually spent at home or in attendance at the M. E. Church and Sunday-school. He next engaged as clerk on probation with Mr. David Betts, general merchant, and suited his employer so well that he was entrusted with the most valuable papers and records. At the end of about three years the store was destroyed by fire. Mr. Ward was accustomed to sleep in the store, and when roused out of sleep by the alarm of fire he was so intent on saving his employer's papers that he neglected to save his own valuables, consisting of a new suit of clothes and two watches. He next clerked about a year for Charles Haynes, and then started for California.

He was one of a company of seventeen who had agreed to go there together, but at the time appointed for starting he alone was ready, and so set out alone. It took him five days to reach New York, and having just missed going on the steamer for the Panama route he took a vessel going by the Nicaragua route, which had on board 400 filibusters, on their way to Granada, South America. In due time he arrived at Frisco, went up the Sacramento river, passed Marysville to Sierra county, and found work for about two years as an honest miner. In 1858 he returned to Ohio to visit and care for his mother, intending to go back to California. Finding strong inducements for him to remain in Fremont, he clerked for Mr. Edgerton, who had taken the stock in Betts & Krieb's store, until Edgerton failed, after which he clerked for Mr. A. Gusdorf. In 1858 he bought out S. H. Russel, and for eight years carried on a grocery and saloon on Front street. In 1866, his lease having expired, he sold out his stock and engaged in the insurance and real-estate business, in which he has continued ever since. His mother, for whom he had kindly cared, died at her home in Elmore in 1879.

On October 31, 1858, Mr. Ward married Miss Julia E. Leppelman, daughter of E. J. Leppelman, who with his wife afterward lived in the family of Mr. Ward for twenty odd years. Mr. Leppelman was killed by the cars at a crossing of the L. S. & M. S. railroad, on Main street, Fremont, June 30, 1892; his wife died in July, 1893. Mr. Ward is a regular attendant at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of which his wife is a member. Socially, he is a charter member of Fremont lodge No. 204, K. of P., and is also a member of L. W. Ward Division No. 87, Uniformed Rank, K. of P., which was named in honor of him. He was for many years a member of the I. O. O. F. Mr. Ward served four years as major of the Sixth Regiment, U. R. K. P., and was

reelected for four years, but declined to serve longer.

Our subject is one of the best preserved specimens of physical manhood in Fremont, being six feet tall, with broad chest and shoulders, erect carriage, dignified appearance and commanding presence. His fondness for out-door sport and horse-back riding, from his youth, has contributed no little to his good health and marked cheerfulness, while his business ventures have secured for him a comfortable competence.

PROF. W. W. ROSS, superintendent of public schools, Fremont, Sandusky county, and one of the oldest established and most widely known schoolmen in Ohio, was born in Medina county, Ohio, December 24, 1824.

The Ross family descended from ancient and time-honored Scottish blood. Our subject's great-grandfather, Capt. Alexander Ross, was an officer in Gen. Wolfe's army of invasion, and took part in the battle on the Plains of Abraham, Quebec, which resulted in the defeat of the French, and the conquest of all Canada. For gallant services he subsequently received a grant of lands from the Crown, and settled in Prince Edward county, Upper Canada, in 1785, where he lived until his death, in 1805. According to the genealogy, as traced by the Canadian cousins of W. W. Ross, "Capt. Ross was a grandson of Alexander Ross, Laird of Balnagown, Ross-shire, Scotland, who descended in direct line from Hugh Ross, of Rairiches, who was second son of Hugh, the sixth and last Earl of Ross, of the old family." The fifth Earl of Ross led the Ross-shire clans on the field of Bannockburn. In the ancestral line was Rev. Alexander Ross, of Aberdeen, Scotland, Chaplain to Charles I, of England, and a distinguished author of many religious works, both in English and Latin.

When Capt. Ross received the grant of lands in Canada he took his family from the Highlands of Scotland to live there. His son Alexander was the grandfather of our subject, W. W. Ross. He, Alexander, was born in Ross-shire, in the Scottish Highlands, not far from the site of the castle of Macbeth, before the family went to Canada. It is said he spent his life on his father's estate in Canada, near Picton, Prince Edward Co., Ontario. The full details of his life history seem not to be recorded, for his son, Joseph Ross, the father of Prof. W. W. Ross, was born, it is known, near Saratoga, N. Y., in 1805, a few months after his father's death. Joseph Ross married Mary Harkness. He was a shoemaker by trade, and in his earlier days spent his time between New York State and Canada. He migrated from New York to Medina county, Ohio, in pioneer days, in 1830, and was one of the first settlers at Seville, where he worked at his trade until he was elected justice of the peace, in which capacity he served over thirty years. He was a man of good information, broad views and discerning judgment. His probity and knowledge of law were universally recognized, and it became a proverb among the attorneys that if a case had been tried before Justice Ross an appeal was useless. It is said that not a single case tried before him was ever reversed in the higher courts during his thirty years of service. His death occurred in 1876. Mary Harkness, the mother of our subject, was born in Salem, Washington Co., N. Y., in 1806, and is still alive, having her residence with her son, W. W. Ross. She removed to eastern Ohio about the same time as her cousins of the same name (Harkness), who settled a little farther west, and who eventually became the multi-millionaire founders of the Standard Oil industry. She was a teacher in both New York and Ohio, and was married to Joseph Ross at Seville in 1831. To their

union were born seven children: Alexander DeWitt, who died at the age of seventeen; Zaccheus, who died in infancy; McDonough, who died in childhood; Zachary, who now resides in Fremont; Mary R., wife of William Decker; Albert, a farmer, of Sandusky county, and W. W.

Prof. W. W. Ross received his school training almost exclusively in the common and academic schools at Seville, Ohio, one term only, 1852, having been passed at the Twinsburgh Institute, Twinsburgh, Ohio. His parents gave him and his elder brother, Alexander De Witt Ross, their entire time for school work, besides rendering them much assistance and encouragement at home. Under the inspiration and guidance of Charles Foster, a graduate of Dartmouth College, who was eminent as a preceptor and educator, and who taught a flourishing school for years at Seville, he made rapid progress, and in his earliest "teens" was well along in algebra, geometry and other studies, in all of which he excelled. [His teacher, Mr. Foster, died during the war of the Rebellion, in which he was serving as captain.]

Our subject commenced teaching when sixteen, in Seville, and for forty-four years since has been engaged, almost unremittingly, in school work, giving thirty-one consecutive years of this time to superintending the schools of Fremont, Ohio. After a first trial in a small, select school at home, he taught two winter schools in the country, and then in the fall of 1853 organized a select and normal school at Spencer, Medina Co., Ohio, over which he continued to have charge for four years, building up a large and flourishing school which drew pupils from thirty miles around. He immediately thereafter took charge of the academy in his native village, which he taught for three years, beginning with the fall of 1857. In both these schools he established a reputation as a most successful teacher.

He again taught in Spencer in the fall of 1860, and in Wadsworth in 1861-62; in the fall of 1862 he took charge of the public schools of Clyde, Ohio, and after two years of successful work there was, in 1864, elected superintendent of the Fremont public schools. Thirty-one years have rolled away, and still Prof. Ross is holding his position of superintendent. Under his supervision great improvement and progress have been made, and Fremont boasts that no city is her peer in school equipment.

During the vacations of his school work in Spencer and Seville Prof. Ross studied law under J. C. Johnson, of Seville, Herman Canfield, of Medina who fell, while serving as lieutenant-colonel of the Seventy-second Ohio Regiment, at Shiloh, and in the office of Noble & Palmer, Cleveland, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar in 1861. More or less familiar from childhood with law proceedings in his father's courts, where he was accustomed to hear such distinguished men as D. K. Carter (afterward chief justice of the District of Columbia) and John McSweeney (one of America's most brilliant bar orators), his early aspirations were all in the line of the legal profession. His health had partially failed him some years before his admission to the bar, and the apprehension that his health and strength would not justify the labors necessary to eminent success in a new profession he continued to work in a field with which he was already familiar, and in which he was already assured of success. It was nearly a score of years before he fully abandoned the study of the law, but he was eventually well satisfied with his chosen work, into which, from the first, he threw his whole soul and all his energies. He never recovered vigorous health, and has said that he had not seen a perfectly well day in forty years. Although achieving an immense amount of work, he has always found it necessary to restrain his ambition within prescribed

limits, in order to avoid nervous exhaustion.

He early evinced, through the inspiration of his father, his academic school life and the environments of *ante-bellum* pioneer times on the Connecticut Western Reserve, a love for historical, dramatic and forensic literature, for public debate and general politics. In his earliest "teens" he had read, re-read and re-written Plutarch's Lives and gone through Gibbon's three thousand stately pages. Always punctual in his school composition and declamation work, he early laid a foundation for subsequent success in public speaking on the lecture and political platform, and in general literary work. In his earlier school work he prepared many dramas, Shakespearean and others, for presentation on the school stage, and found in the preparatory work excellent elocutionary drills both for himself and pupils. He was always an active participant in the debating societies, and the mock congresses that on the Connecticut Western Reserve were wont to discuss, in the years before the war, the great questions growing out of slavery, and was an active public speaker in the Douglas campaign of 1860. His services were always in demand on the Fourth of July occasions, which were unfailingly observed in his native village.

Prof. Ross has ever kept abreast with educational progress in both local and national matters. He has served three terms as a member of the Ohio School Board of Examiners, and was president of the same most of the time. He was a candidate for State School Commissioner in 1871, but being a Democrat was defeated. He has served as president of the Ohio State Teachers' Association, and also as president of the Tri-State Teachers' Association, composed of the States of Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, and has been quite a regular attendant of the National Teachers' Association. The honorary degree of M. A.

was conferred upon him by Western Reserve College, Hudson, Ohio (succeeded by Adelbert University). As an educator Prof. Ross has few peers. He is a man of broad general knowledge, a close student of economics, and, like most public economists, is an ardent advocate of tariff reform. He has published a series of masterly pamphlets on tariff reform, in which he shows the absurdity of protection, and handles McKinleyism without gloves. The titles of some of the pamphlets are: "Tariff Reform" (published October 15, 1888), "Indirect Tariff Taxation," and "Governor McKinley, at Fremont," etc. His paper entitled "Free Text Books," read before the Ohio Teachers' Association, at Chautauqua, N. Y., and published in the *Educational Monthly*, Akron, Ohio, and in the School Commissioners' Report to the Ohio Legislature, is an able treatise in favor of the idea it suggests. Prof. Ross is a lecturer of ability, and his patriotism and true Americanism are evident in all his writings and lectures. In the Congressional campaign of 1894 his name was urged by his party friends for congressional honors; but he declined to allow its use, stating that he had outlived all personal political aspirations, and was conscious that he had not the health and strength to stand the wear and worry of a congressional campaign, especially the labors of the stump. Mr. Ross is the inventor of a set of dissected mathematical forms, and the author of an accompanying treatise for illustrative instruction in mensuration and concrete geometry, which have been received with unqualified commendation by the leading educators of the country.

Prof. W. W. Ross was married, in 1863, to Miss Julia Houghton, of Wellington, Ohio, and they have three children: William DeWitt, who has charge of the high school at Fremont, Ohio; Clara J.; and Harry Houghton. In religious connection Prof. Ross is a member

of the M. E. Church, and has had charge of the Sunday-school about thirty years. Socially he is a member of the Masonic Fraternity.

JUDGE JOHN I. GARN. If history teaches by example, the lessons inculcated by biography must be still more impressive. We see exhibited in the varieties of human character, under different circumstances, something to instruct us in our duty, and to encourage our efforts, under every emergency. And, perhaps, there is no concurrence of events which produce this effect more certainly, than the steps by which distinction has been acquired through the unaided efforts of youthful enterprise, as illustrated in the life of Judge John I. Garn.

Our subject is by birth a Pennsylvanian, having been born in Bedford county October 27, 1833, a son of C. M. and Elizabeth (Ickes) Garn, both also natives of the Keystone State, the former born in Bedford county, in 1799, the latter in York county. The father was a lifelong farmer in Bedford county, dying there at the advanced age of eighty-four years, the mother passing away when a few months older; they were members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics he was originally a Whig, later a Republican. Frederick Garn, father of C. M. Garn, came from his native country, Holland, to America, settling in Pennsylvania. Judge Garn is the third, in the order of birth, in a family of eleven children, a brief record of the others being as follows: Susan now deceased married E. Conrad, and lived in Blair county, Penn.; Catherine married S. Mauk, and resided in Bedford county, Penn.; George lives in Sandusky county, Ohio; Daniel also lives in Sandusky county; Hannah married John Kesoberth; Margaret lives in Bedford county, Penn.; the other four are deceased.

Judge Garn received a liberal education at the public schools of his native

place, and assisted his parents on the farm until he was twenty-one years old, when he came to Sandusky county and bought an eighty-acre farm in Jackson township which he cleared with his own hands and carried on some eighteen years. He then entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as ticket and freight agent at Millersville, Sandusky Co., Ohio, a position he filled with efficiency the long period of twenty-one years, when he came to Fremont. In November, 1893, he was elected, on the Republican ticket, probate judge of Sandusky county, taking his seat February 12, 1894. While at Millersville he served as justice of the peace some fifteen years, which gave him good insight into the laws of the State, thereby well qualifying him, in that respect, to fill the position of probate judge.

In January, 1855, Judge Garn was united in marriage in Sandusky county with Miss Maria Garn (no blood relation), and seven children were born to them, to wit: Elizabeth J. married Abram Rinebolt, and they have two children—John and Minnie. Anna Mary married Henry Madison, and they have six children—Lottie, Anna, John, Charles, Ida and Grace. Delilah married Robert McCaul, and has one child, Minnie. Hannah is the wife of Alexander Claycom, and has one child, Delilah. Sarah C. is at home. Minnie is at home. John married and is now deceased; he was a telegraph operator. In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Garn are members of the Evangelical Church, and they are both highly respected in the community; socially he is affiliated with the Knights of Honor.

AR. FERGUSON, M. D.—The old-time pioneers of the far-famed Black Swamp, who transformed a howling wilderness into the garden spot of northern Ohio, are fast passing away. Especially is this noticeable

in the case of the pioneer preachers, doctors and lawyers, who traveled on foot or on horseback through dense forests, along winding obscure roads or Indian trails, to visit their patrons in lonely cabins, to administer their primitive remedies for the ailments of mind, body and soul. As an example of one of the best preserved medical gentlemen of those early days, who is now an octogenarian, and whose tales of adventure and privation, experienced and observed among the early settlers in Woodville township, Sandusky county, Ohio, would fill a volume, we introduce the subject of this sketch.

Dr. A. R. Ferguson, Ballville township, Sandusky county, was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, on September 20, 1814, a son of Samuel and Mary (Ralston) Ferguson. Samuel Ferguson was born in Antrim county, Ireland, and came to America with his parents when he was sixteen years of age, settling in Beaver county, Penn. He was the youngest of the family, a farmer by occupation, a Democrat in politics and a member of the Seceders, a branch of the Presbyterian Church. About the year 1808 he married Mary Ralston, who was then living at the home of her uncle, Nathaniel Ralston. In Trumbull county, Ohio, during the war of 1812, Samuel Ferguson and Nathaniel Ralston were drafted into the U. S. military service, and were sent under Gen. Wadsworth to guard the mouth of the Sandusky river. Mary Ralston was born in Pennsylvania, in 1776, and died in Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1854. The children of Samuel and Mary Ferguson were: (1) James, a carpenter and joiner, of Warren, Trumbull Co., Ohio, born in 1810, died in 1840; (2) Andrew, a farmer, same locality, born in 1812, died in 1889; (3) Archibald R., our subject; (4) William, a lawyer, who went to the West and died there; (5) John, born in 1816, who died in Kansas.

Our subject grew to manhood in Trumbull county, where he attended common

schools, and spent several years at Farmington Academy. He studied medicine about four years under John W. Seely, one of the pioneer doctors of Trumbull county, who became one of the leading stockholders in the Western Reserve Bank at Warren, Ohio. In the fall of 1839 Dr. Ferguson located and began the practice of medicine in Woodville, Sandusky Co., Ohio. Here he kept a small drug store, and served the country people as family physician for many miles around, during a period of about twenty years, traveling usually on horseback. His practice was unusually lucrative, netting him \$1,000 the first year. In addition to his medical projects, the Doctor also found time and means to engage in several other enterprises which were profitable. He was for a time proprietor of an ashery, a dry-goods store, a saw and grist mill, and he built at Woodville the nicest tavern stand then known in Sandusky county. He owned the first buggy ever used in Woodville, for which he bought the wood-work of a wagon-maker at Tiffin, Ohio, had the ironing done at Lower Sandusky, and did the painting of it himself. During the construction of the Toledo, Norwalk & Cleveland railroad through Sandusky county, Dr. Ferguson was employed by the projectors of the road to assist in securing the right of way through Woodville township, and to solicit subscriptions to stock from individuals and trustees in Ballville and Green Creek townships. When the route was changed so as to pass through Elmore instead of Woodville, the Doctor lost no time in selling out his property in Woodville and locating in Ballville township, which has been his permanent home since that time. The Doctor's enterprise and public spirit were recognized by his neighbors in his election to the office of justice of the peace two terms in succession, and to the office of sheriff of Sandusky county, two terms. During the past twenty years he has devoted most of his time to the

improvement of his model farm of 200 acres, lying two miles east of Fremont, and to the raising of choice farm products. He was for several years president of the Sandusky County Farmers' Club, and has since that time kept in touch with the best methods of agriculture by the reading of select farming literature. He has also taken an active interest in educational matters in his neighborhood. From his many tales of pioneer adventure we give the following as a sample: Once upon a time a man came after the Doctor from the present site of Pemberville to secure his services for a sick friend, and returned homeward on foot through a dense forest, walking some distance in advance of the Doctor, who followed on horseback. Thinking to play a joke on the Doctor, he turned aside and stood behind a tree, and howled in imitation of a wolf. The Doctor, not suspecting deceit in his fellow traveler, yelled and shouted to scare away the supposed wolf, but kept briskly on his way. In a few minutes he heard the howl of a real wolf in an opposite direction. In a short time the man who had raised the first howl was alarmed by the howling of a pack of wolves, and had to run like a deer to escape being attacked by them. He afterward told the Doctor that he came near losing his life by trying to play this unkind trick on him at the wrong time.

Dr. A. R. Ferguson was married in 1843 to Miss Marietta Hart, a native of New York, who died at Woodville, Ohio, in 1850. They had two children: 1) Archibald, who resides at Tiffin, Ohio, was a soldier in the Civil war, served as bugle boy in the One Hundred and Eleventh O. V. I., and now receives a pension; has two children, Lillie and Clarence. 2) Mary, who died at Tiffin, Ohio, at the age of thirty-one, and was buried in Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, Ballville township.

After the death of his first wife Dr. Ferguson married, in 1855, Sevilla E.

Cook, who was born January 3, 1835, in New York State, a daughter of John G., and Lucy (Martin) Cook. Her father was born in 1776, in Massachusetts, and her mother in New York. Her father was wont to say: "I lived six weeks under the King of England, and then rebelled." He died in 1861, praying for the success of the Union army. His parents were English, and came to America—a part of the "Pilgrim Fathers." The children of Dr. Ferguson by his second marriage were: William, who grew up on his father's farm, married Miss Georgia Vandemark, of Green Creek township, and their children are—Mabel, Charles, Fred and Edward Glenn; Edward, who married Miss Nattie Young, and whose children are—Hazel, Rupert and Clifton; Lillie B., wife of Kelly N. Myers, druggist, Fremont, Ohio, whose children are—Hazel and Cecile; Nellie, wife of George Harris, whose children are Hallie, Archie, George J., and Ruth; Lulu, wife of Hiram Smith, of Fort Wayne, Ind., who has one child—Veta; Sevilla E., living at home; Frank R., a citizen of the State of Washington, who married Clara Whitmore, and has two children—Waneta and Wan; and Fannie G., Alice and John Albert, living with their parents.

REV. MICHAEL LONG. Any pioneer record of the Black Swamp, in northern Ohio, which does not give an account of the old-time traveling preachers or circuit riders, who did so much to cheer the homes of the early settlers, must be incomplete, and any list of such itinerants which does not include the familiar name of Rev. Michael Long is untrue to history. For more than fifty years he traversed this region in every direction, and thousands loved to listen to the voice of his unstudied eloquence.

Rev. Michael Long was born May 3, 1814, in Guernsey county, Ohio, son of

Daniel and Margaret (Brill) Long, natives of Pennsylvania. He was reared to farm work, and was educated in the common schools. At an early age he joined the United Brethren Church, and at the age of twenty-one years was licensed to preach the Gospel. In 1834 he migrated from Guernsey to Sandusky county, Ohio, where he married, on April 20, 1837, Miss Sarah Gear, of the same county, and they lived at various places most convenient to his fields of labor. On April 26, 1836, he joined the Sandusky Conference, and was assigned to a circuit of twenty-eight appointments, at which he preached regularly every four weeks, requiring for each round a travel of four hundred miles, for the most part through the forests, either on foot or on horseback. For his services the first year of his ministry he received a salary of forty dollars. His circuit the second year, and indeed for quite a number of subsequent years, was much like the first, with salary ranging from one hundred to one hundred and seventy-five dollars.

He was an active itinerant, and for fifty years was continuously employed by the Conference as missionary, pastor or presiding elder, which, with one year's subsequent service as supply, made fifty-one years of active itinerant life. He was a member of the Conference and present at every session for fifty-six years, never missing the opening prayer. For many years he was almost constantly engaged in revival work, for which he was naturally fitted. His voice was wonderfully strong, clear and voluminous, his nature genial and his deportment dignified. He was directly instrumental in the conversion and addition to the Church of about five thousand persons. He solemnized more marriages and preached more funeral sermons than any other minister within the bounds of his acquaintance, and he no doubt traveled longer and suffered more privations than any other minister in his Conference. His unwritten stories

of daring adventure and hair-breadth escapes would fill a volume. When traveling in the Maumee Valley he sometimes passed trains of Indians half a mile long. He was endowed with remarkable physical powers, and could endure hunger and fatigue with little apparent discomfort. He was a friend to the so-called higher education, and encouraged it in his family, the fruits of this being manifest in the honorable standing of his three sons in the active ministry. He and his noble wife were examples of economy after which it would be well for many of our young people to pattern. Starting in life with scarcely anything of this world's goods, they lived within their small income, and so managed that a small per cent. was saved year after year until they were able to provide a comfortable home for themselves and family, near Fremont, and render aid in the education of their children at college. Mrs. Long died at the family residence on January 15, 1889, and his death occurred at the home of his nephew, Rev. James Long, at Weston, Ohio, November 17, 1891. Their children were: Martha Jane, deceased wife of John Ernsberger; Desire Angeline, wife of Martin Maurer; Rev. N. S. Long, of the U. B. Church; Rev. B. M. Long, of the Presbyterian Church; Calista, wife of J. W. Worst; and Rev. Milon De Witt Long, of the Presbyterian Church.

FRANK HEIM. That a review of the life of such an energetic and enterprising individual as is the subject of this memoir should have prominent place in the pages of a work of this kind is peculiarly proper; because a knowledge of men, whose substantial record rests upon their attainments and success, must at all times exert a wholesome influence on the rising generation of the American people, and can not fail to be more or less interesting to those of maturer years.



Frank Stein

Mr. Heim was born February 26, 1852, in the State of New York, a son of Albert and Margaret (Malkamus) Heim, natives of Hestia, Germany, the father born August 28, 1826, the mother in 1831. They were married in the Fatherland, soon afterward emigrating to the United States, for a time sojourning in New York State, whence, in 1853, they came to Fremont, where the father followed his trade, that of carpenter, and was also in the retail liquor trade. He died November 25, 1867; the mother passed away in 1871. Children as follows were born to them: Frank, subject of sketch; Joseph, now living in Indian Territory; William, conducting a dry-goods business in Fremont, and Clara, Henry and Charles, all three at home. The maternal grandmother of this family died in Germany at the age of ninety years.

The subject proper of these lines was about a year old when his parents brought him to Fremont, and at the public schools of that city he received a liberal education, at the age of eighteen commencing business for his own account in the retail liquor trade. In 1877 he purchased an interest in the Fremont Brewery Co., of which he is now the president, and since he has been associated with the concern its output has been increased, whilst many improvements have been made. He is also president of the Electric Light and Power Co. of Fremont, and of the Opera House Co. As a public-spirited and liberal citizen, he is more or less identified with most enterprises tending to the welfare of the city and the community at large.

On March 27, 1890, Mr. Heim was united in marriage with Miss Delilah Soward, who was born in Seneca county, Ohio, daughter of Thomas Soward. In politics our subject is a Republican, and in religious faith a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

SARDIS BIRCHARD, merchant, banker and philanthropist, Fremont, Sandusky county, was born at Wilmington, Windham Co., Vt., January 15, 1801. Both of his parents died when he was yet a child, the father, Roger Birchard, in 1805, the mother, Drusilla (Austin) Birchard, in 1813. Both of his grandfathers were Revolutionary soldiers. His grandfather, Elias Birchard, died of disease contracted in the service toward the close of the war. His grandfather, Capt. Daniel Austin, served as an officer under Washington throughout the war, and survived many years. The Birchards were among the first settlers of Norwich, Connecticut.

When the mother of our subject died, five children survived her, Sardis being the youngest. He was placed in charge of his sister, Sophia, wife of Rutherford Hayes (father of Gen. R. B. Hayes), became one of their family, and lived with them at Dummerston, Vt., until 1817, when he accompanied them in their emigration to Ohio. In Vermont young Birchard had acquired the rudiments of an English education, by an irregular attendance at such schools as were in existence at that day in the country towns of that State. He had also become an expert hunter and horseman, for a boy of his age, and gained some knowledge of business in the store of his brother-in-law, Mr. Hayes. In Ohio he worked with the latter in building, farming, driving and taking care of stock, and employing all his spare time in hunting. He was able with his rifle to supply his own and other families with turkeys and venison. In 1822 his brother-in-law, Mr. Hayes, died, leaving a widow and three young children and a large unsettled business. Of these children of his sister, the eldest, Lorenzo, was drowned at the age of ten years; Fanny became the wife of William A. Platt, of Columbus, Ohio; and the youngest, Rutherford Birchard Hayes, born the year of his father's death, 1822, became

the nineteenth President of the United States. Mr. Birchard, who was barely twenty-one years of age, at once assumed the duties of the head of the family, and applied himself diligently to the management of the unsettled affairs of the estate, and the care of the household. Inheriting from his father what was considered a handsome start for a young man, possessing a genial and friendly disposition and being fond of wild sports and wild company, with no one to look up to as entitled to control or advise him, his future might well have been regarded with apprehension. He was then a slender, delicate, handsome youth, with engaging and popular manners, and was a favorite among the young people in the new country. Warmly attached to his sister and her children, he devoted himself to their interests and was the mainstay of the family.

While yet a boy he was hired to help drive some hogs to Fort Ball (now Tiffin), Ohio, to feed the first settlers, in 1817. This was his first visit to the Sandusky region. His first visit to Lower Sandusky was made in 1824, in company with Benjaming Powers, a merchant of Delaware, Ohio. They stopped at Leason's tavern, a log house on the east side of Front street, where Shomo's Block now stands. The pickets were still standing around Fort Stephenson, and the ditch was quite perfect. The village then contained about two hundred inhabitants. After a trip to Portland (now Sandusky City), they returned home, and the same fall Mr. Birchard, with Stephen R. Bennett as partner, bought and drove to Baltimore, in the first cold weather of the winter, a drove of fat hogs. Mr. Birchard has narrated two incidents of the trip: The young men had to swim their hogs across the Ohio river at Wheeling, and came near losing all of them by the swift current of the river. By great exertion, and at considerable risk to themselves, they got all but four or five across. In the meantime they were overtaken on the

road by a tall fine looking gentleman on horseback, who had also a carriage drawn by four horses, and two saddle horses with attendants. The gentleman helped Mr. Birchard get the hogs out of the way, chatted with him about the state of the markets, and the prospects of the weather, and advised him as to the best way to dispose of his hogs at Baltimore. This gentleman turned out to be Gen. Jackson, on his way to Washington after the Presidential election of 1824, in which he received the highest vote, but was not finally the successful candidate.

In the summer of 1825, while mowing in the hay field, Mr. Birchard was seriously injured in health by over-exertion, his ambition not allowing him to fall behind the stronger men. From the effects of this he never fully recovered. In the winter of 1825-26 he was confined to his bed by an attack called "consumption," and it was supposed that he would not live until spring; but his cheerful disposition and the elasticity of his constitution carried him through. In the month of May he set out on horseback eastward, making short daily journeys as his strength would permit, and in due time reached Vermont, where he remained until the approach of winter, when he traveled south to Georgia and remained until the spring of 1827. This year he made his first purchase of goods as a retail dry-goods merchant. He went to New York without money and without acquaintances, but soon found a friend in William P. Dixon, who sold him a stock of goods in his line, and recommended him to others. His stock of goods was made up and shipped to Cleveland, himself accompanying it, intending to sell to laborers on the Ohio canal, which was then being built from Cleveland southward. On passing down into the Tuscarawas valley he became dissatisfied with that trade, sold part of his goods to another trader, and took the rest to Fort Ball (now Tiffin), on the west side of the Sandusky river. Here

he remained, trading successfully with the new settlers, until December, 1827, when he removed to Lower Sandusky, having decided to go with Dr. L. Q. Rawson, who preceded him a few days. He at first went into business alone in a store, on the corner of Front and Croghan streets, where the Dryfoos clothing house now stands, which was erected and owned by Richard Sears, who had made a fortune, trading with the Indians, and had left for Buffalo, N. Y. in the spring of 1827.

Though there were three other stores in the place and two distilleries, Mr. Birchard received the Indian trade to a large extent by refusing to sell them liquor. He was in trade three or four years, and, having accumulated about ten thousand dollars, considered himself rich enough to retire. About the year 1831, however, he formed a partnership with Rodolphus Dickinson and Esben Husted, himself furnishing the capital. The firm name was R. Dickinson & Co., and they soon had in operation one of the largest retail stores north of Columbus and west of Cleveland, their yearly sales amounting to fifty thousand dollars, the sales being largely on credit. Mr. Birchard, with Richard Sears, bought the first sailing vessel (each owning an equal interest), a schooner named "John Richards," worth then four thousand dollars, and of about one hundred tons burden. The first shipment of wheat out of Lower Sandusky was made on this schooner, and it was probably the first one sent eastward from any port west of Cleveland.

The Indians with whom Mr. Birchard chiefly traded were the Senecas. They drew an annuity from the State of New York, payable at Albany, amounting to \$1,700, and among Mr. Birchard's customers, whom he trusted during the year, were Tall Chief, Hard Hickory, Seneca John, Curley Eye, Good Hunter and others. Before the annuity was paid he would get authority to draw money, signed

by the chiefs, and go to Albany to collect it. This he did three times, with some risk but without loss. Besides the Seneca tribe he also traded with the Wyandots, Ottawas, and a few Delawares. The Senecas owned a reservation of forty thousand acres east of the Sandusky river, on the line of Sandusky and Seneca counties. Their principal settlement was north of Green Spring, where they had a mill near the site of where Stoner's mill stood later. Their Council House was not far from the mill, northwestward. Mr. Birchard attended some of the Indian dances, both in the daytime and at night, and was present at the religious ceremony of burning the white dogs. The Indians danced in the Council House, in the center of which was a fire over which was boiling a pot of corn and meat. Their musicians had in their hands some bundles of deer hoofs, which they rattled and pounded on a skin stretched over a hoop. Among the white men who joined in the Indian dance, were Mr. Birchard, Rodolphus Dickinson, Judge Justice, and Mr. Fifield. Mr. Birchard was the guest at night of Hard Hickory, and he was called by the Indians "Ausequago," or the man who owns the most land. Seneca John was in the habit of trading with Mr. Birchard, and called at the store to see the amount of indebtedness the evening before he was killed by Coonstick and Steele for witchcraft. His friend, Tall Chief, settled the account for him later, as he believed that no Indian can enter the happy hunting grounds of the Spirit Land until his debts are paid. This chief was a man of great dignity of manner and character. In their business transactions these Indians were generally very honest. They would not steal as much as the same number of whites with the same opportunities. Mr. Birchard sometimes had his store room full of Indians, sleeping all night on the floor, with no watch or guard, and he himself sleeping on a cot near them. The Indians paid for goods mostly in deer skins,

finely dressed, and in coon, muskrat, and sometimes in mink, otter and bear skins. The Indians dressed these skins much better than white men could.

In 1835 Mr. Husted died, and his place in Mr. Birchard's firm was taken by George Grant, who had been a clerk in the establishment since its formation. He was a man of great business capacity and energy, of prepossessing appearance, tall, slender, of fine address and full of life and ambition. He died in 1841, at the age of thirty-two, after which the firm was dissolved, and the business settled by Mr. Birchard.

On the first day of January, 1851, Mr. Birchard, in partnership with Lucius B. Otis, established the first banking house in Lower Sandusky, under the name of Birchard & Otis. On the removal of Judge Otis to Chicago, in 1856, Mr. Birchard formed a partnership with Anson H. Miller, and a year later with Dr. James W. Wilson, under the name of Birchard, Miller & Company. In 1863 the First National Bank of Fremont was organized, and the banking house of Birchard, Miller & Co., was merged into it. This was the second National Bank organized in Ohio, and the fifth in the United States. Mr. Birchard was elected president of the bank at its organization, and he held that position by re-election until his death.

When Mr. Birchard came to reside in Lower Sandusky there were only two lawyers in the place: Harvey J. Harmon, was cultivating the island in the river, and Rodolphus Dickinson, a graduate of Williams College, Mass., who had a good knowledge of the law, having studied under Judge Gustavus Swan, in Columbus, Ohio. The latter was active in the politics of his time, was thrice elected a member of the Board of Public Works, and twice elected to Congress, and died while a member of the House of Representatives of the United States, in 1849. For his private virtues and his public

services he is still held in grateful remembrance by the people not only of Sandusky county but throughout northwestern Ohio.

There were no church buildings in Lower Sandusky in 1827. Religious meetings were held in a log school house that stood nearly where the high school building is on Croghan street. Court was held in the same building, until the frame court house was finished, in which Rev. H. Lang afterward lived. The preachers were Rev. Mr. Harrington, a Presbyterian, and Rev. Mr. Montgomery, a Methodist missionary, who lived with the Seneca Indians, near Fort Seneca.

During the years that intervened between his arriving at manhood and his death, Mr. Birchard was ever conspicuous in, and the ardent promoter of, every good work designed to advance the welfare of the town of his residence. As has been stated, he was connected with the first enterprise that opened river and lake commerce between Fremont and Buffalo. Appropriations by the State, for the construction of the Western Reserve and Maumee road, had in him an early, untiring, and efficient advocate; and through his efforts in circulating petitions through the State to influence public opinion, and thus secure favorable legislation, that work was doubtless completed many years earlier than it otherwise would have been.

He next became enlisted in the enterprise of constructing the Toledo, Norwalk & Cleveland railroad. The chances then were that the northern and rival route, now known as the Northern Division, would be constructed first, and a long struggle ensued between the supporters of each route. In connection with C. L. Boalt, of Norwalk, Mr. Birchard was so effective in advancing the success of the southern route, by the pledge of every dollar of their private fortunes, and thus raising the funds to prosecute the work, that the issue turned in their favor, and the work went on to

completion that, but for their extraordinary efforts, would probably not have been finished for many years afterward. Mr. Boalt was made the first president of the road, upon the organization of the company, and heartily co-operating with him, Mr. Birchard, through his influence with leading capitalists of New York, was successful in obtaining the necessary means to push forward the work.

Mr. Birchard was a Whig while that party existed, and subsequently an earnest supporter of the Republican party, the administration of Abraham Lincoln, and the prosecution of the war for the Union. Hospitable, warm-hearted and friendly, in addition to his contributions to religious and benevolent objects, he cheerfully aided all really charitable objects. He had a deep sympathy for the poor, and could not bear to know suffering without offering relief. During the last years of his life, when poor health required confinement at home, he left with Mr. Miller, cashier of the bank, standing instructions to contribute liberally to worthy charities. His tenderness and solicitude for the unfortunate is illustrated by a letter which Mr. Miller still preserves. It was written on a cold, stormy day in early winter, and reads as follows: "Mr. Miller: What a storm! I fear many poor people are suffering. If you hear of any such, give liberally for me. S. Birchard."

In 1871, Mr. Birchard presented to the city of Fremont the large park between Birchard avenue and Croghan street, and the small triangular park at the junction of Birchard and Buckland avenues. In 1873 he set apart property amounting to fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of establishing a free public library in Fremont, appointed trustees to take charge of the fund, and provided for their perpetuity. The first collection of books was placed in Birchard Hall, on the corner of Front and State streets. In order to obtain a location suitable

for putting up a library building, the trustees united with the city council to purchase the Fort Stephenson property at a total cost of \$18,000, the trustees paying \$6,000, and thus was secured the famous historic locality to the people of Fremont forever. From the address of Rev. Dr. Bushnell, delivered at the laying of the corner-stone of the Birchard Library Building, July 18, 1878, we take the following: "It was not in his thought, at first, that this bequest of his should be coupled with the commemoration of the defense of Fort Stephenson, but the proposal to join with the city council in this movement received his hearty consent. And thus the building itself with its uses, and the site on which it stands, combine, like strands of gold, to form a cord of hallowed recollections ever attaching our thoughts alike to the deed of heroic defense, and to the bequest of kindly esteem. For, I wish personally to take this occasion to say that the bequest for this library was born in Mr. Birchard's heart, of the most kindly consideration for the people of Fremont and of Sandusky county. I know whereof I speak, for this is not a mere inference. He first determined to devote a liberal sum of money to some public benefit which all might have opportunity to enjoy; as to the especial form of it he took council, and what he said to others I do not particularly know, but he repeatedly expressed to me in this connection, his kindly feeling toward all in the community."

Mr. Birchard's gifts to the city are estimated at \$70,000, or about one-fifth of his estate. In addition to these gifts made during his lifetime he made in his will bequests to Oberlin College, to Home Missions, to the Fremont Ladies' Relief Society, and to the Conger Fund, a fund designed for the relief of superannuated preachers.

Mr. Birchard was benevolent to a degree and in a manner known only to

his most intimate friends. Aid in necessity was extended to many when none knew it except the recipients, and perhaps a friend whom he consulted. Mr. Birchard was especially devoted to the fine arts, and during his eventful life made a fine collection of oil paintings, which will eventually form one of the chief attractions of Birchard Library. Among them is an oil painting of his favorite horse, "Ned."

In May, 1857, Mr. Birchard became a member of the Presbyterian Church of Fremont, and he remained in its communion the remainder of his life. He contributed constantly to its incidental and benevolent funds. He also contributed \$7,000 to the erection of the new edifice now occupied by the congregations. In this he took especial satisfaction. He also aided other congregations without distinction of denomination. He gave most satisfactory evidence of sincerity in his religious experience, and died in perfect composure of mind. He had talked much with his friends concerning death, and seemed to be altogether ready. He was one of the marked characters in the early history of the country, and his life was fortunately spared to a ripe old age. Of him it may well be said, as the faithful steward he received the gifts of fortune and gave, in his turn, freely as he had received. He died January 1, 1874, aged seventy-three years. His funeral was attended by the largest concourse of citizens ever assembled on such an occasion in this vicinity. As a testimony of respect to the deceased all the stores and shops of the city were closed from one o'clock until four, in the afternoon, when he was laid to rest in Oak Wood Cemetery.

REV. PATRICK O'BRIEN, pastor of St. Ann's Congregation, Fremont, was born at Piltown, County Wexford, Ireland, February 20, 1844. He arrived in America on April

15, 1857, being at that time only thirteen years old.

Like all young men of his age and nationality, seeking a home in the New World, our subject applied himself assiduously to the task. The American Civil war, as the reader well knows, commenced in 1861, and our subject having imbibed that spirit of patriotism which is so characteristic of his race, handed down to him by his undeniable Celtic ancestors, donned the blue, enlisted in the Northern army for the purpose of assisting the Republic in preserving the life of the Union. Owing to ill health he could not render his adopted country that assistance for which he had hoped; however, he did his duty as a loyal subject of "Uncle Sam," to the best of his ability, actuated by the purest patriotic motives, until by reason of ill health, he was discharged from the organization in which he had enlisted. After his return from the service he resumed his studies, and very soon realized that his vocation was that of a priest. He was encouraged by his parents and friends in this idea, and attended college with a view of studying for the sacred ministry. Finally, Bishop Rappe received him into St. Mary's Seminary, at Cleveland, Ohio, as a student, and in a short time the student became master of philosophy and theology, and the late lamented Rt. Rev. Bishop Gilmour, D. D., bishop of Cleveland, ordained him priest July 21, 1872.

Father O'Brien has been recognized by those who know him as one of the ablest priests in Ohio, and especially in oratory he is unsurpassed anywhere in this section. He has had charge of the largest congregations in the diocese of Cleveland; was for some years pastor of the Immaculate Conception parish in Toledo, Ohio, one of the largest English-speaking congregation in that city. He was transferred from the Immaculate Conception parish to St. Francis De-Sales, on Cherry street, Toledo, and remained there a short time, when he was

again transferred to the pastorate of St. Patrick's Congregation of Cleveland, the largest congregation in the diocese. While pastor of St. Patrick's he built one of the finest schoolhouses in the State, which is an ornament not only to the city of Cleveland but to the State of Ohio.

Owing to the hard work that he was compelled to do at St. Patrick's, our subject was broken down in health to a certain extent, and, procuring a leave of absence, he traveled abroad extensively, making a flying trip to Ireland on his way to Rome and Jerusalem. During his absence he wrote very interesting letters on his travels abroad, which were published in the leading journals of this section. While visiting in the Holy Land he encountered a severe rain storm, and the result was that he contracted rheumatism, and it was on this account that he asked to be relieved from the charge of St. Patrick's, and to be sent to a place where he would not be required to do so much work. His request was granted, and he was transferred to St. Ann's, Fremont, Ohio.

While Father O'Brien is a celebrated poet, patriot and writer, perhaps his principal work outside the priesthood is that which he gives to the temperance cause. He has been identified with the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America since its organization, or nearly so, and has held many prominent offices in the Union. He is to-day president of the C. T. A. U., of Ohio, and at a recent convention held in New York City was chairman of the committee on resolutions, and drafted the resolutions which created so much discussion at the National convention. He is a thorough American in every sense and meaning of that word, and is respected and has always been respected by Protestants and Catholics alike. He was assigned to the pastorate of St. Ann's, Fremont, Ohio, in 1893, and he has been a valuable accession to the roll of the prominent pastors and citizens, and both

he and the temperance and other organizations of St. Ann's have done a vast amount of good in the community.

SAMUEL DOLL. Among the active spirits, which the oil and gas discoveries in Sandusky county have brought to the front in business circles, the name of Samuel Doll stands prominent. He is a widely-known pioneer of Jackson township, and in the spring of 1892 he organized the S. Doll Gas & Oil Co., of which he is now vice-president. The company has leased a large amount of land, and is pushing the new industry with energy and dispatch, and with marked success, having opened fourteen or more wells, the majority of which have produced gas in paying quantities.

Mr. Doll was born in Jackson township, March 3, 1835, son of John and Catherine (Dayhoff) Doll. The father was born, in 1797, in Bedford county, Penn., married in that State, and in 1834 migrated to Ohio, settling in Jackson township, Sandusky county, where he remained until his death, in 1865. He was a Democrat in *ante-bellum* times, but during the closing years of his life he voted the Republican ticket. His wife, Catherine Dayhoff, was a native of Maryland, and died in 1875 at the age of sixty-four years. A large family of children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Doll, as follows: Two who died in infancy; Joshua, who enlisted in the army during the Civil war, and died in Tennessee; John, who married Margaret A. Sprout, and died in 1890, leaving four children—Ralph P., Nancy, William and Emma; Daniel (deceased), who married Adeline Kennon and had six children—Alice, Byron D., Elmer, John, Peter and Nettie, Samuel, subject of this sketch; Mary E., who became the wife of Solomon Warner, of Jackson township, and has had seven children—Emma, Laura, Elsie, Charles,

Chauncey, Estelle and Blanche; Sarah A., who died young; Noah, a resident of Neosho county, Kans., whose children are Alfred, Chalmer, Edith, Henry and Mary; one who died young; Susan, wife of Isaac Hite, of Jackson township, and mother of the following children—Dorothy, William, Francis, Irvin, Milan, Edward, Lee, Verna and Franklin; and Jacob, who enlisted in the fall of 1864, and died at Camp Chase, Ohio.

Samuel Doll was reared in the pioneer wilderness of Jackson township. Educational facilities were meager, and the ambitious boy or girl must perforce stimulate his or her waking mental powers by poring over books beside the log blaze in the home cabin. Education was obscured, or wholly ignored. Other needs were pressing. The clearing of the land was the prime consideration, and the lad who could swing the ringing axe the lustiest was the hero of the day rather than the pale-faced youth who could spell down the entire school. Mr. Doll amply filled the requirements of that day, as he does, too, at the present time. He was a young man of almost gigantic stature, and of unusual strength and activity, and even to-day, though he has turned his sixtieth year, he can do more physical work than many a man at forty. He was married in 1859, to Mary Hummel, who was born in Scott township, April 12, 1839, daughter of George J. Hummel, a native of Germany, and to this union were born eleven children, as follows: A. J., born June 6, 1860, who married Emma J. Beaman, and has a family of two children—John F. and Jay; Mary C., wife of J. F. Hartman, and mother of three children—George, Clark and Vera; Harmannus, born September 2, 1861, died in infancy; John, born in 1862, died November 7, 1872, Lucy M., wife of William Heyman, of Sandusky county, and the mother of two children—Cecil and Veva; Eddie, who died in 1872, aged four years, nine months and twenty-seven days; George,

who died November 12, 1872, aged two years, one month, twenty-two days; Elsie, wife of F. B. Rollins; Orville and Arvilda, twins; and Estella. Mrs. Doll died January 21, 1889. She was a devoted wife and mother, and a devout member of the United Brethren Church, where Mr. Doll also worships. Mr. Doll served in the Union army during the summer of 1864 at Fort Ethan Allen, near Washington, and he is now a member of Manville Moore Post, G. A. R., Fremont. He is a prominent member of the P. of I. Our subject devoted his life exclusively to farming up to the time he entered the oil business, and now owns a large and well-cultivated farm, which he has always tilled with signal profit and success.

GEN. RUTHERFORD BIRCHARD HAYES, the better part of whose life is so closely interwoven with the history of this entire nation—whether we speak of him as General, Governor, or President—was born at Delaware, Ohio, October 4, 1822.

He was descended from George Hayes, a native of Scotland, who came to America in the latter part of the seventeenth century, settling at Windsor, Conn. Rutherford Hayes, of the fifth generation from this George Hayes, was born, in 1878, in West Brattleboro, Vt., and in 1813 married Sophia Birchard, of Wilmington, in that State, "a lady of fine intellect and lovely character." In 1817 the family moved to Ohio, the trip being made in a covered wagon and consuming forty-seven days, and in the town of Delaware they settled. Here in July, 1822, Mr. Hayes died, leaving a wife and one daughter, and in less than three months the future president of the United States was born, a posthumous child. The estate and management of the family affairs were entrusted to Sardis Birchard, Mrs. Hayes' brother, then a young man, who took a loving interest in his sister's welfare, and



LUCY WEBB HAYES.



R. B. HAYES.

became very fond of his young nephew, taking him under his immediate charge. The lad received his early education at the common schools, attended an academy at Norwalk, Ohio, and in 1837 went to Isaac Webb's school at Middletown, Conn., to prepare for college. In 1842 he graduated from Kenyon College, valedictorian of his class. During this school period he spent a large part of his vacation time at the residence of his uncle at Lower Sandusky (now Fremont), Ohio; in the meantime his sister had married William A. Platt, of Columbus, and the mother made her home in that city. Having concluded to make the profession of law his life work, Mr. Hayes commenced study in the office of Thomas Sparrow, of Columbus, Ohio, and was graduated at the Law School of Harvard University, in 1845, on May 10 of which year he was admitted to the bar at Marietta, Ohio. He began practice at Lower Sandusky (now Fremont) where, in April, 1846, he formed a partnership with Hon. Ralph P. Buckland (now also deceased).

In 1849 he opened a law office in Cincinnati, where he soon attracted attention through his ability and acquirements, and where he successfully pursued the practice of his profession till the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion. In 1856 he declined a nomination for judge of the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas. Two years later he was appointed city solicitor of Cincinnati, and served until April, 1861. On the organization of the Republican party, he at once became one of its active supporters, being attracted thereto by his strong anti-slavery sentiments.

At the outbreak of the war, he was elected captain of the military company formed from the celebrated Cincinnati Literary Club. In June, 1861, he was appointed major of the Twenty-third O. V. I., and in July following his regiment was ordered to West Virginia. Gen. Hayes' very gallant and meritorious mili-

tary career has been overlooked in the prominence given to his political life. An examination of his record in the army shows that such brave, gallant and able service has rarely been equalled, even in the annals of war.

In August, 1864, while fighting under Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley, Gen. Hayes was nominated by a Republican district convention, in Cincinnati, as a candidate for Congress. He was elected by a majority of 2,400. The General took his seat in Congress December 4, 1865, and was appointed chairman of the Library committee. In 1866 he was re-elected to Congress. In the House of Representatives he was prominent in the councils of his party.

In 1867 he was the Republican candidate for governor of Ohio, and elected over Judge Thurman. In 1869, he was re-elected governor of Ohio over George H. Pendleton. In 1872, despite his frequently expressed desire to retire from public life, Gen. Hayes was again nominated for Congress by the Republicans of Cincinnati, but was defeated.

In 1873 he returned to Fremont, and the next year inherited the considerable estate of his uncle, Sardis Birchard. In 1875, notwithstanding his well-known desire not to re-enter public life, he was again nominated for governor of Ohio, and, although he at first declined the honor, he was subsequently induced to accept the nomination, and after a hard-fought canvas was elected over William Allen by a majority of 5,500! This contest, by reason of the financial issue involved, became a national one, and was watched with interest throughout the country, and as a result he was nominated for the Presidency on the seventh ballot of the National Republican Convention which met at Cincinnati June 14, 1876. The doubtful result of the election in three Southern States threw the whole country into a state of anxiety which continued until inauguration day; but Gen. Hayes

was declared elected by the highest authority in the government, and on the 4th of March, 1877, he took his seat in the Presidential Chair.

The administration of President Hayes, although unsatisfactory to machine politicians, was a wise and conservative one, meeting with the approval of the people at large. Throughout, his administration was intelligently and consistently conducted with but one motive in view—the greatest good to the country, regardless of party affiliation. That he was eminently successful in this, and was as wise, patriotic, progressive and beneficial in its effects as any the country has enjoyed, is the judgment of every intelligent person who gives it an unbiased study.

On the expiration of his term, ex-President Hayes retired to his home in Fremont, Ohio. Here he died January 17, 1893, of neuralgia of the heart, deeply lamented not only by relations and friends, but by the entire nation, whose welfare he had ever at heart. That he was pre-eminently a soldier, his career as such, his interest in the Grand Army, the Loyal Legion, the Union Veterans Union, and all other organizations associated with the army, prove beyond peradventure. As a lawyer he was successful; as a congressman he was popular; as Governor and President he revealed the statesman. He was never idle—wherever duty called there was he ever to be found, and in this respect the many claims upon his time made him almost ubiquitous.

Gen. R. B. Hayes was the recipient of the degree of LL. D. from Kenyon, 1868; Harvard, 1877; Yale, 1880; and Johns Hopkins University, 1881. He was commander-in-chief of the military order of Loyal Legion; was first president of the Society of the Army of West Virginia. He was president of the John F. Slater Education Fund, and one of the trustees of the Peabody Fund—both for education in the South. He was also

president of the National Prison Reform Association, and a trustee of a large number of charitable and educational institutions. After leaving the Presidency, Mr. Hayes was actively engaged in educational, reformatory and benevolent work, and became president of many societies and associations, the chief object of which was the welfare of his fellow-men. Indeed, his life from beginning to end was a very busy one, and no less beautiful.

On October 30, 1852, Gen. R. B. Hayes was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Webb, who was born August 28, 1831, in Chillicothe, Ohio, at that time the capitol of the State, daughter of Dr. James and Maria (Cook) Webb, and descended, on both sides of the house, from Revolutionary stock. Miss Webb was instructed by the university professors, preparatory to entering the Wesleyan Female College at Cincinnati, and it was while attending this institution that Mr. Hayes made her acquaintance. Mrs. Hayes first became known to the outside world during the Civil war, and in the army, among volunteer soldiers, she found ample opportunity for the exercise of her rare faculties in making people happy. Upon learning of the severe wound received by her husband at the battle of South Mountain, she hastened east and joined him at Middletown, Md. As soon as he was able to be about she would spend a portion of each day in the hospitals, cheering and comforting the wounded of both armies with delicate attentions and tokens of sympathy. Eminently social and domestic, her residence, "Spiegel Grove," was seldom without visitors, and was always, in every station, mistress of her own household. The following named children were born to Gen. and Mrs. Hayes: Birchard A. Hayes, of Toledo; Webb C. Hayes, of Cleveland; Rutherford P. Hayes, of Columbus, and Fannie and Scott R. Hayes, of Fremont. Eight years of beautiful private life were granted Mrs. Hayes, years which were

filled to the brim with joy and occupation. On June 21, 1889, she was stricken with apoplexy, resulting in paralysis, and on the 28th her soul took flight. She took an interest in all charities, and was a leader among the originators of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home in Ohio. She was also a member of the Womans' Relief Corps of the State of Ohio. To her husband and herself the Methodist Episcopal Church in Fremont is largely indebted for its beautiful Church edifice.

TAYLOR FULLER, president of the Peoples Bank at Clyde, is a business man of recognized and deserved prominence among the diversified interests of Sandusky county. He is one of those sound, conservative men, whose judgment is rarely if ever at fault. He possesses a mind of those qualities which thoroughly grasp the subject it engages itself upon, determines its relation to extraneous matters, and finally passes unerring judgment upon the consequences of given conditions. He is thoroughly conversant with the principles which rule in the commercial world. Men like him are needed in every community to give voice to sound business principles, and to give proper direction to enterprise and industry.

Mr. Fuller comes of sterling pioneer stock. He was born in Townsend township, Sandusky county, March 29, 1840, son of William and Emma M. (Levissee) Fuller. William Fuller was one of the hardy and respected pioneers of Sandusky county who, perhaps, met with more than his share of severe hardships and misfortunes, but whose strength of character conquered every obstacle and bore him safely on to eventual comfort and affluence. William Fuller was born in Hawley, Mass., January 23, 1799. His father was Jason Fuller, a native of Connecticut, where he was born May 24,

1767. When a young man Jason Fuller moved to Massachusetts, and there married Philanda Taylor. In 1816 he moved with his family to what is now Livingston county, N. Y., and here his wife died two years later, aged forty-nine years. Jason Fuller died October 25, 1819, at the home of his son William, in Milan township, Huron county. He had been a farmer through life. Both he and his wife were honest, upright people, and members of the Baptist Church. They had eight children, as follows: Cynthia, who married, in Massachusetts, Silas Pratt, moved in 1824 to Sandusky county, Ohio, and died here; Rachel, who married Amos Hammond, in New York State, and died in Michigan; Philanda, first wife of James Morrill, died in Massachusetts; Electa, second wife of James Morrill, died in Kansas; William, father of Taylor Fuller; John, who married Rhoda Powell in Green Creek township, and died in Nebraska; Betsey, who married Ichabod Munger in New York State, and died in Michigan; Thomas, who married Margaret Ewart in New York, and died in Michigan.

William Fuller remained in his father's family until February, 1818. He then started alone and afoot for the wilds of Ohio, arriving thirteen days later in Milan township, Huron county, where his father, his eldest sister and his youngest brother joined him two weeks later, and took possession of a tract of land for which Jason, the father, had previously negotiated. William engaged to clear ten acres as a compensation for his time during the two remaining years of his minority. In July of the same year he returned to New York and to Massachusetts on business. While at the New York home his mother died, before the father could arrive. Here William Fuller married Mehetable Botsford, November 7, 1818, and in February, with his wife and his father, returned to Ohio with a yoke of oxen and a sled, the journey consuming twenty-two days. His father died in the following

autumn, and William continued to reside in Milan township until 1824, cultivating and clearing land which his father had negotiated for, but had never purchased. In 1823 William Fuller purchased forty acres in Green Creek township, Sandusky county, and in the spring of 1824 moved to the little place and began to clear and improve it. But misfortunes overtook him. He was taken ill in June, and was unable to work until late in August. Through the fall he suffered with ague. During the following summer he could do scarcely any work. In August, 1826, his oxen ran away, throwing his eldest child from the cart, and killing him. The same month his wife and youngest child died. Leaving his two remaining children in the care of his sister, Mrs. Hammond, he returned to New York State and worked there four years. He, in Livingston county, married Cynthia Havens, May 15, 1831, and with her returned to his home in Green Creek township. In 1834 he bought wild land in Townsend township, and again began a pioneer career. Death entered his household January 23, 1835, and again took away his wife. Left with four children to care for, he could not well break up housekeeping, and on July 6, 1835, he married Marcia M. George, a native of New York State. She survived her marriage just one year. Mr. Fuller was again united in marriage October 19, 1837, this time to Emma M. Levissee, who survived him. She was born in Lima, N. Y., March 24, 1818, daughter of Aaron and Anna (Lyon) Levissee.

Aaron Levissee was born in New Jersey, June 19, 1774, son of James Levissee, who had previously moved to that State from Connecticut. Aaron was the eldest child of a family of nine children. His boyhood was passed in Connecticut and Massachusetts. He acquired a fair education, followed the seas three years as clerk of a sailing vessel, then taught school. While teaching a term at

Lanesborough, Mass., he had for a pupil Anna Lyon, whom he soon after married. She was born at Lanesborough, May 13, 1778, daughter of Thomas and Thankful Lyon, both natives of Massachusetts. After marriage Aaron and Anna Levissee lived in Massachusetts, in Greenfield, Saratoga Co., N. Y., in Lima, Livingston Co., N. Y., and in Allen, Allegany Co., N. Y. Here Aaron Levissee died June 18, 1828. Four years later the widow migrated with her children to Townsend township, Sandusky Co., Ohio. In 1844 she moved to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thankful Botsford, near Ann Arbor, Mich., and died there July 3, 1845. The nine children of Aaron and Anna Levissee were Almedia, born August 1, 1799, married Ezra Lyons, and died in Townsend township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, June 28, 1853; Eveline, born June 21, 1801, married Hubbard Jones, and died in Townsend township June 13, 1873; Thankful, born July 15, 1804, married David Botsford, and died in Washtenaw county, Mich.; Eliza Ann, born May 6, 1806, first married to Jonathan Wisner, afterward to Joseph Cummings (she died in Townsend township November 6, 1838); John L. and Sarah L. (twins), born July 4, 1809, the former a prominent citizen of Townsend township, died at the age of eighty-six, the latter dying at the age of four years in 1813; Sarah Sophia, born February 14, 1815, married Charles Gillett, and died in Steuben county, Ind., March 16, 1847; Emma M., born March 24, 1818; and Aaron Burton, born March 18, 1821, a prominent lawyer of Fargo, North Dakota.

After his marriage to Emma M. Levissee, William Fuller continued farming in Townsend township. His industry and patience were rewarded in time. He acquired much land, and each of his five sons who grew to maturity were helped to a farm by their father. William Fuller was a Democrat until 1856; but from that time to his death, which occurred Janu-

ary 7, 1884, he was a Republican. In religious faith he was a Universalist. Two children by his first wife, David and John, grew to maturity. David was born July 8, 1821, married, for his first wife, Mary Z. Higley, and, for his second, Eliza J. Plumb. He died May 18, 1879. John, born April 7, 1823, married Eliza Mallory, and removed to Branch county, Mich. By his second wife William Fuller had two children: William T., who was born April 10, 1832, married Mary J. Van Buskirk, and resides at Townsend; and Cynthia M., born November 2, 1833, and died December 22, 1853. One child was born to his third wife, Jason E., who died in infancy. Three children were born to William and Emma M. (Levisse) Fuller, as follows: Taylor, James and Albert. James was born October 13, 1844, married Betsey Richards, and lives in Townsend township; Albert, born June 22, 1846, died September 26, 1849.

Taylor Fuller, the eldest of these three children, grew up on the farm in Townsend township, and attended the district schools. He enlisted in August, 1862, in Company K, One Hundred O. V. I., which was organized at Toledo. The regiment was sent to Kentucky, and operated against the forces of Gen. Kirby Smith. During the winter of 1862-63 it remained in the vicinity of Lexington, and in the fall of 1863 crossed the mountains to Knoxville, Tenn. A detachment of 240 men, sent up to the Virginia State line to guard the railroad, was captured by the Rebels. The regiment was engaged in nearly every battle of the Atlanta campaign, then returned to Tennessee, and met Hood at Columbia, Franklin and at Nashville. After Hood's defeat at Nashville, Mr. Fuller, then a sergeant, went with the command to North Carolina. It was actively engaged at Wilmington and assisted in the capture of that city, then moved to Goldsboro and met Sherman's army. The regiment was mustered out at Greensboro, N. C.,

June 20, 1865, and discharged at Cleveland, July 1, following. Sergt. Fuller was a faithful soldier, and was with the regiment during the whole of its active and eventful service. Returning to his home, he again took up the vocations of peace.

On December 3, 1867, he was married to Miss Lina E. Stone, who was born in Seneca county, Ohio, April 15, 1843. Their only child, Dermont E., was born November 6, 1868, and was educated in the schools of Clyde and at the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware; he is now assistant cashier of the Peoples Bank at Clyde. Taylor Fuller began house-keeping on a farm in Townsend township which he had previously purchased, but later settled on his present farm in York township. Besides looking after his farming interests he has been one of the leading stock farmers at Clyde for ten years or more, and for a number of years he has been a prominent wool dealer also. He was one of the founders of the Peoples Bank, which was organized in 1883 with a capital stock of \$50,000, and which is one of the leading and prosperous financial institutions of the county. He served as vice-president continuously until elected to his present responsible position of president of the bank. In politics Mr. Fuller is a pronounced Republican. He is a member of the G. A. R., and of the U. V. U. No man in the township ranks higher as a public-spirited citizen, and as a capable business man.

SANTON SQUIRE RATHBUN (deceased). For over seventy years this venerable and hearty pioneer was a resident of Green Creek township, Sandusky county, and at the time of his death he was one of the oldest settlers of the county. When his people came to the wilderness there was not a residence of any kind between Green Creek township and Sandusky Bay, and Indians inhabited the woods on every

side. It was in 1820 that Jonathan Rathbun, grandfather of Saxton S., migrated from Genesee county, N. Y., to Ohio, settling first in Lorain county, and four years later coming to the farm in Green Creek township lately occupied by S. S. Rathbun, where he permanently located. Jonathan Rathbun was one of three brothers who emigrated from England to America and the fourth in a family of ten, children. He settled in Tyringham, Mass., and later migrated with his family to Genesee county, N. Y. He had four sons—Clark, Chaplin, Lucius and Martin—and four daughters—Sally, Marvel, Eliza and Laura—all of whom moved with him to the Western home.

Chaplin Rathbun, father of Saxton S., was born in Tyringham, Mass., July 3, 1793. He was married in New York State to Lucinda Sutliff, who was born on the Genesee river, New York State, in 1792, and whose grandfather, Gad Sutliff, a ship carpenter by vocation, emigrated from England, and died in New York State, at the age of ninety-three years. Many of his descendants now live in Lorain county, Ohio, among them being William H. H. Sutliff, of Wellington. The children of Chaplin and Lucinda Rathbun were as follows: Saxton S., born in Genesee county, N. Y., June 3, 1813; Jeannette, who married James Cleveland, and died in Green Creek township; Jonathan, who died aged seven years; Catherine, who married Christian Huss, and died in 1894; Lucinda, married to Morris Lemmon, and died in Steuben county, Ind.; Sarah, who married H. Foster, and died recently in La Grange county, Ind.; Bliss, who died in Green Creek township, aged twenty-five years; Eliza, wife of John Hunter, of La Grange county, Ind. Chaplin Rathbun died January 1, 1865. He was a man of large size, hardy constitution and muscular frame. In politics he was a Whig and Republican successively.

Saxton S. Rathbun was a lad of

eleven years when his parents entered the dense wilderness which covered the now fertile farms of Green Creek township. The educational possibilities of the backwoods were not great, but he took advantage of such opportunities as the frontier then afforded. He attended a school in a log cabin wherein, as a substitute for a window, a hole was cut in a log and paper pasted over the opening. On April 9, 1835, he was married to Barbara E. Huss, born in Lancaster county, Penn., December 27, 1816, and their children were as follows: (1) Edwin, born March 10, 1837, who, while a river man, unmarried, died of yellow fever at St. Louis, Mo., in 1880. (2) Norton G., born September 19, 1839, now of Green Creek township, an ex-county commissioner, married, and is the father of three children—Edwin, Arthur and Herman. (3) Burton, married, and is the father of one child—Leonard. (4) Thaddeus, who died aged eight years. (5) James, who yielded up his life for his country on the battlefield of Stone River, December 30, 1862, after a service of nearly two years; he was a member of the 121st Illinois Regiment, in the division of Gen. Rosecrans; was six feet one inch tall in his stockings; always ready for duty, and the best man in his regiment; the bereaved father went to Tennessee and brought home the remains. (6) Norman died of typhoid fever, aged twenty-two years. (7) Chaplin L. married, and is the father of eight children—Harry, Edith, Fannie, James, Nina, Lucy, Ollie and Mabel. (8) Lucinda is the wife of Charles Storer and the mother of five children—Alice, Bessie, Mary, James and Carrie. (9) Brace, of Eaton Rapids, Mich., is the father of three children, one of whom died at the age of four years, those living being Bannie and Bertha. (10) Orvilla, wife of H. Sackrider, of Fremont, is the mother of five children, two of whom died in infancy, the living being Lynn, Blanche and Grace. (11) Jacob died in infancy.

(12) John E., connected with the Oakwood Cemetery Association, of Fremont, for the past fifteen years, has one child—Ferra Fern.

After his marriage Mr. Rathbun purchased eighty acres of land in Green Creek township. The original deed for the land bears the signature of Andrew Jackson, President, under date of 1832, and Mr. Rathbun paid for the land by working for \$10 per month. Nobly aided by his wife, he essayed the task of clearing the land, and gradually increased the acreage until it developed into the present excellent farm of 200 acres, all of which was acquired and improved by its worthy owner and his faithful helpmeet and co-worker, whose loss by death, occurring March 13, 1894, he deeply mourned. The rearing and educating of their large family consumed much of her time, but she proved equal to the stern responsibilities, and to her Mr. Rathbun ascribed due meed for the efficient manner in which she contributed to the accumulation of the estate. In politics Mr. Rathbun was a Democrat until the opening of the Civil war, after which time he was a Republican. He was trustee of the township fourteen years. In the esteem of his fellow citizens no man ranked higher than this brave and earnest pioneer. His life work was well done, and its remembrance will linger long in the memories of men. He passed from earth February 3, 1895.

WB. HEIM. Among the enterprising and successful young business men of Fremont, Sandusky county, may be justly mentioned William B. Heim, of the well known dry-goods firm of Heim & Barnum, corner of Front and State streets. Although of German parentage, Mr. Heim is a native of the "Buckeye State," having been born in Fremont, Ohio, June 6,

1857, a son of Albert and Margaret (Malkamus) Heim.

William B. Heim entered business life as a clerk in the dry-goods store of J. Ryan, in 1875, and remained in that capacity until 1882. Having mastered the problems involved in mercantile transactions thoroughly, and economized his time and means, he found himself ready to embark in an enterprise for himself, and in 1885 became a member of the firm of Heim & Richards, successors to J. Ryan. This firm was afterward changed to Heim & Barnum, our subject remaining connected with the firm. There are few men in any community who can boast of having gained the confidence of the public more thoroughly than he; and this has been done by fair dealing and genuine courtesy. The store of Heim & Barnum, No. 116 N. Front street, is 86 by 23 feet, and they occupy part of the second story of the building; eight clerks are employed.

Mr. Heim was married in 1887 to Miss Clara A. Dorr, of Fremont, and they have one child, Bogniard. Mr. and Mrs. Heim are both possessed of good educational ideas, and their aim is to give their son the advantage of modern methods of culture. Mr. Heim is a Democrat, a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and of the National Union.

HON. JOHN KELLY (deceased), who, for the long period of over half a century, was a resident of what is known as the Peninsula, Ottawa county, was born in the city of Troy, N. Y., December 14, 1809. In the fall of 1818 he came to Ohio with his father, the family settling at Sandusky, at that time a wilderness inhabited by Indians and wild animals. In 1832 our subject moved to the Peninsula, and on July 23, 1835, was married to Elizabeth Pettibone, soon after which event he purchased the farm whereon he passed the rest of his days.

Mr. Kelly enjoyed about the usual

school advantages of pioneer days, and, such as they were, they ended with his fourteenth year; but his extreme fondness for reading in a measure supplied the deficiencies of his early training. The Bible, the Iliad, Shakespeare, Goldsmith, Scott, Burns and Byron were among his favorite books and authors. He was a man of strong, resolute, independent character, possessed of deep convictions which were not shaken in the least, even if all the world disagreed with him. He would allow himself to be under no obligations to any one, and would not suffer anybody to have any power or control over him. He would deny himself a necessity before he would contract a debt that might embarrass him in the future. He was very exact in the performance of all his engagements; a debt with him must always be paid on the day it fell due. Though not pretending to a knowledge of the details of the law, he was well-versed in legal maxims, and had such rare judgment in their application that he was often called upon by his neighbors for legal advice, and in this way oftentimes rendered them material aid. He had a retentive memory, and could repeat entire many of the longer poems of his favorite poet, Burns. He never held a public position that was not given without asking. He served his township as justice of the peace for twelve consecutive years, and held various other minor public positions. In 1862 he was elected, on the Republican ticket, to represent the Thirtieth Senatorial District in the Fifty-fifth General Assembly of Ohio, wherein he served a term of two years—1862-63.

Mr. Kelly firmly believed in an overruling Providence, in retribution for evil doing, and in good works as an infallible index of good character; further than which it is doubtful whether he had any formulated belief. Upon this, as, indeed, upon every subject, he did his own thinking; he accepted nothing upon authority, scouting the idea that a man *must* believe any-

thing. He felt that the average Church creed was too detailed and definite to be wholly true, or even reverent.

He passed from earth April 18, 1883, at the age of seventy-three years, after but two days' illness, although he had been in feeble health for many years, the immediate cause of his demise being congestion of the lungs. His death-bed was surrounded by his wife and every one of his living children, who mourned the departure from their midst of a kind, affectionate husband and loving, indulgent father.

HON. WILLIAM KELLY, one of Ottawa county's prosperous farmers and stock dealers, is a native of the county, having been born March 17, 1838, in Danbury township, and is the son of the Hon. John Kelly, a sketch of whom precedes this.

The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm, during this time receiving a common-school education, which was afterward supplemented by a two-years' course at Oberlin College. About this time he made his choice of a companion who was to share with him the joys and sorrows that might await him, and on March 27, 1859, he wedded Miss Laura Lockwood, also a native of the county, born May 20, 1840, and a daughter of Edward J. and Lydia (Ramsdell) Lockwood, a sketch of whom follows. The young couple started out on life's journey full of hope and with bright prospects of success, which time has shown to have been fully realized. To this union have come four children—one son and three daughters—to wit: (1) Arthur A., born February 23, 1860, married to Jennie Latimore, and they are now the parents of two children—Edward L., born February 8, 1888, and Mary Gertrude, born January 25, 1895. (2) Mary E., born August 6, 1862, and married to Dr. Carl Esch, of Cleveland, Ohio. (3)



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Josephine, born March 17, 1864, married to Dr. R. L. Waters, of Elmore, Ohio. (4) Lydia, born October 17, 1875, still living with her parents.

Mr. Kelly has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits, including dealing in live stock, and besides general farming he has engaged extensively in the culture of fruit, an industry for which the Peninsula, on which his farm is located, has become noted. He is energetic and public-spirited, and has held many positions of local trust. Always identified with educational interests of Port Clinton, he served as a member of the Board of Education for over seventeen years, and for ten years was its president. He was likewise several times elected a member of the council, which incumbency he filled with ability. In 1890 he held the position of receiver for the Lakeside & Marblehead railroad, having been appointed by the court pending the adjustment of difficulties among its stockholders. In this position he managed the affairs of the company with such prudence and faithfulness that the court allowed him a liberal compensation, and what was more gratifying to him commended him highly for his ability.

In 1891 Mr. Kelly was elected a member of the Seventieth General Assembly of Ohio, on the Republican ticket in a county largely Democratic, and in 1893 he was again honored by a re-election. While in the Seventieth Mr. Kelly served on several important committees, prominent among which was the "Committee on Fish Culture and Game." In this capacity he secured the passage of an act reimbursing fishermen for large losses sustained by them in consequence of the destruction of their nets by the Fish Warden under an act afterward declared unconstitutional. During the same session he was instrumental in securing the passage of a joint ditch law. In speaking of Mr. Kelly's efforts in this instance, we can do no better than to quote the *To-*

ledo Bee of April 19, 1892, a Democratic paper, reading as follows: "Representative Kelly, of Ottawa, last evening secured the passage of his bill amending the existing statutes, so that, in the construction of a joint ditch, reviewers shall assess the damages to be paid by the upper county. This is a fight between Ottawa and Wood counties. Representative James fought the bill at every stage of the proceedings, but the quiet, unassuming ways of Kelly, of Ottawa, captured the House, as he made one of the ablest business-like arguments that has been delivered on the floor of the House this winter. His influence over fellow members of the House consisted largely in the fact that he was never known to introduce, favor or support any measure savoring of schemes; but was ever on the alert, watching closely every measure under consideration, and always taking sides, favoring or approving every measure pending before the House, as the interest of his constituents and the welfare of the State might dictate."

In the Seventy-first General Assembly, he was again placed on several important committees, one of these being appointed by the Speaker under a resolution passed by the House. Mr. Kelly was made chairman of this committee, whose duty was to prepare plans for remodeling the State House with a view to making room for the Supreme Court of the State to hold its sessions, this body having been increased by a former Legislature to six members in order to facilitate the work of the court and to get important cases disposed of, by making two divisions of the court, making more room necessary. The work was acceptably done, but never executed for want of a fund from which to make an appropriation for carrying on the same. Mr. Kelly likewise was instrumental in securing the passage of a law allowing courts, whose term expired by limitation, to reconvene at once when in the midst of a lengthy

case, to complete it, saving much time and needless expense.

Mr. Kelly has always been a prominent and influential leader in public affairs, possessing almost unrivaled gifts of persuasive eloquence and convincing logic. He is courteous in debate, fertile in resource, and a powerful supporter of any cause to which he may give his sanction. These characteristics, in connection with his able work in the Legislature, brought him into prominence, and made him the recipient of many complimentary notices from the Press of the Ninth Congressional District. At the Republican convention held in Toledo, June 19, 1894, Chairman of the Convention complimented the convention on having so many candidates, any one of whom would make admirable representatives, mentioning Mr. Kelly's name among the number. When the time came for nominations, the Hon. William Miller, of Ottawa, and Presidential elector who cast the vote of his Congressional District for Mr. Harrison the second time, announced the name of William Kelly, "the only man who had twice carried that Bourbon stronghold." The *Toledo Blade* of that date, in speaking of the different candidates before the convention, says: "Mr. Kelly received a continuous ovation all last evening from his many friends, not only from Toledo, but also from the other delegations."

With this brief account of his life and work, we leave the subject of this sketch in the enjoyment of good health at his pleasant home in Port Clinton, surrounded with the comforts of life, and the well-earned confidence and esteem of his many friends, the ripened fruit of a diligent and honorable life.

EDWARD J. LOCKWOOD, who for over seventy years has been a continuous resident of Ottawa county, and to-day is one of the few surviving pioneers who have been spared to see flourishing towns and productive farms and orchards supplant the primeval forests, was born in the city

of Albany, N. Y., August 17, 1813, and is a son of Col. Samuel M. and Mary (Doughty) Lockwood, the former a native of Stamford, Conn., the latter of New York City.

The parents and five members of their family came to Ottawa county a short time prior to the arrival of the subject of this sketch, when it was a part of Huron county, a wild and uncultivated tract of land, and they participated in all the trials and hardships that fall to the lot of early settlers. On November 9, 1817, Mrs. Col. Lockwood died in Danbury, Ottawa county, Ohio, and on November 30, 1818, Col. Lockwood was again united in marriage, this time to Gertrude Doughty (a sister of his former wife), who survived him many years, dying June 6, 1875, at Plasterbed, Ottawa Co., Ohio. The children by the latter union are John Wickliffe Lockwood, Horace A. Lockwood, A. Platt Lockwood, Hon. James K. Lockwood, Lane Lockwood, Laura Lockwood, Emeline Lockwood and Imogene Lockwood. Col. Lockwood was one of the energetic pioneers of this country. He made quite a history, a part of which was his service for four terms in the Legislature of Ohio, serving two terms in the House of Representatives, and two terms in the Senate. He was president of the first railroad built in Ohio.

Our subject, who is the only surviving member of Col. Lockwood's family by his first wife, was reared as a farmer boy, receiving a limited education in the old log schoolhouse near his home. After coming to Ottawa county he worked in the quarries at Plasterbed, where for some years he operated a stationary engine, afterward receiving a position as engineer on a steamboat; but the greater part of his life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits, and his industry and close attention to business have made his farm one of the finest in Ottawa county. He set the first vineyard and the first peach and quince orchard that was set on the Pen-

insula, a locality that has since become so famous as a fruit-growing section.

Edward J. Lockwood has been twice married; first time to Lydia Ramsdell, a daughter of Jacob and Experience Ramsdell, who were among the honored pioneers of Ottawa county. By this union there were born four daughters: Laura, now the wife of Hon. Kelly, of Port Clinton; Ellen, wife of William Sloan, who is living in Portage township, Ottawa county; Experience; and Elizabeth, wife of George R. Marshall, of Mansfield, Richland Co., Ohio. The mother of this family died March 24, 1890, and Mr. Lockwood subsequently married Mrs. Julia (Streeter) Wonnell, widow of James Wonnell, Esq., of Portage township, and a daughter of Solomon and Sarah (Arnold) Streeter, of New Hampshire.

Mr. Lockwood has never desired or sought the honor or emoluments of public office, preferring to give his time and attention to the duties of his farm, yet he has, by the earnest solicitations of his friends, accepted and efficiently filled various positions of trust in the township. In his political views he was formerly a Whig, giving his first vote for William Henry Harrison, and when the Republican party was formed he joined its ranks, and is still one of its earnest advocates. Although well-advanced in years, and one of the oldest citizens in Ottawa county, Ohio, he is still hale and hearty and more active than many men that are some years his junior. He gives his personal attention to his large and productive farm, and spends his evenings amidst the surroundings of his comfortable home in Port Clinton, where he has many friends who hold him high esteem.

JUDGE MALCOLM KELLY, who since the latter part of 1891 has been judge of the court of common pleas of the first subdivision of the Fourth Judicial District of Ohio, is a

native of Ohio, son of Hon. John Kelly, having been born July 31, 1844, in Danbury township, Ottawa county, on his father's farm. Here he grew up, going to school winters and working on the farm summers.

During the years 1860 and 1861 he attended the high school at Sandusky, and the winter before he was twenty-one years of age he taught his first country school. During the winters of 1865-66 and 1866-67 he again taught school, and in spring of the latter year entered the Business Institute at Oberlin, Ohio, but in consequence of sickness did not finish his course till the latter part of the summer of 1868. As soon as his course was completed he was offered the position of teacher in that institute, which he accepted, and he continued in that position till the spring of 1870, when he returned home, remaining there for a year. In the spring of 1871 our subject began the study of law in the office of Homer Goodwin, at Sandusky, Ohio, and in the following October entered the law department of Michigan University, Ann Arbor, Mich., where he was graduated in March, 1873, and received the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Immediately thereafter he was admitted to practice in the State of Michigan. In April following he formed a partnership and commenced the practice of law in Chicago, having been admitted to the bar of Illinois. During the entire winter following he was suffering from illness, and had to submit to a severe surgical operation; afterward, in April, returning to Chicago, where he remained till late in the fall. At that time he sold out his interest in the partnership, and removed to Port Clinton, Ohio, where he has ever since made his home.

Early in 1875 Judge Kelly was admitted to practice in Ohio, and he then formed a partnership with T. L. Magers (now of Tiffin) under the firm name of Magers & Kelly, which partnership was dissolved in 1878. Our subject continued

the law practice without any other business connection till the fall of 1891, when he was elected judge of the court of common pleas, to fill the unexpired term of Judge J. L. DeWitt, and was elected for the full term next following. He assumed the duties of the office in the latter part of 1891, and has ever since been acting in that capacity with his characteristic ability and zeal.

In 1876 Judge Kelly was married to Miss Susie Smith, and they have three children—two daughters and one son. The Judge in his political preferences is a Republican, has served on the board of school examiners of Ottawa county, and was mayor of Port Clinton one term. In religious faith he is a member of the Congregational Church. For the past two years he has held the position of president of the German-American Bank of Port Clinton.

WILLIAM D. SHERWOOD, retired farmer, Fremont, Sandusky county, was born in Seneca county, Ohio, April 22, 1822, a son of William D. Sherwood and Martha (Allen), daughter of David Allen, of Essex county, N. J., who was a brother of Col. Ethan Allen, of Vermont, famous for bravery in Colonial days.

The father of our subject was born on a farm in Dutchess county, N. Y., which lay on the Hudson river, and has since become a part of New York City. He was educated in the city schools, studied law, was admitted to the bar and practiced law a few years. During the war of 1812 he served as captain of a company of Jersey Grays, and also as colonel of a regiment; during the latter part of the war he served as commissary. After his marriage he began the manufacture of edged tools, at Plainfield, N. J., and continued at the same with good success about ten years, employing usually about forty men. In 1820 he sold his plant and

moved to the then wilds of Seneca county, Ohio, north of Tiffin, where he entered 820 acres of government land, on which not a stick of timber had been cut except sufficient to open a winding road through the woods from Lower Sandusky to Delaware, Ohio. He cleared about fifty acres for farming purposes and erected a double hewed-log house, a part of which was afterward sided up with boards, and is still (1895) standing as one of the oldest pioneer landmarks. Six years later he sold this land to different parties, among whom were the Souders and the Stoners, and himself located on 160 acres of government land on Green creek, three miles east of Lower Sandusky. This was in 1826, when the country was a wilderness, and Indians and wild animals roamed the forests in all directions at their will. With herculean labor he cut the heavy timber from one hundred acres, and cleared the land for farming purposes, using ox-teams and pioneer implements.

Physically, Mr. Sherwood was a heavy-set man, muscular, five feet eight inches in height, of light complexion, with blue eyes, and in the enjoyment of robust health, regarded as one of the most powerful men in the settlement. He could wield an axe or a maul, or drive a yoke of oxen at loggings, or plow among roots and stumps to pioneer perfection. Among his scattered neighbors he was public-spirited and progressive, and held the offices of school director and township clerk for a number of years. In politics he was an Old-line Whig, and in religious faith a Universalist. His first wife died near Tiffin in 1822. For his second wife he married Miss Lois Emerson, sister of Jesse Emerson, late of Ballville township. Mr. Sherwood's death occurred in August, 1846, and he was laid to rest in a burial lot on his farm which he had previously given to the public for a cemetery, now known as the Dana Cemetery. The children of William D. Sherwood,

Sen., by his first marriage were: James, Mary, Janette, Ruth, Nancy, Joseph, John and William D.

William D. Sherwood, our subject, spent his childhood among Indian playmates, and grew up to hard work on his father's farm. He helped to set out one of the first apple orchards in Sandusky county. In 1839 he went to Iowa, then a territory, to locate land, and spent a year among the Musquaka Indians, whom he taught many things, and by whom he was a petted hero. He next took a trip to Tennessee and Kentucky, to visit his brother James, and while there engaged in steamboating. In 1845 he returned to Ohio, where he married Miss Mary E. Scovill, and farmed for his father. In the fall of the same year he moved to Burlington, Iowa, where for four years he assisted his brother, Joseph, to run a steamboat wood-yard. In 1849 his wife died of cholera, and he then abandoned business for a time. In the spring of 1850 he started for California with a party of prospective miners, by the overland route. They drove ox-teams, and took a herd of cattle with them over the plains and mountains and across the rivers, occupying six months and one day on their journey. They operated gold mines chiefly on the Yuba and Feather rivers. In the winter of 1853-54 Mr. Sherwood returned to Fort Seneca, Ohio, where, after farming one year, he married Miss Frances Elizabeth Harris, daughter of Mark Harris. In 1856 he engaged in the tanning business at Fostoria, and continued there until 1861, within which time he held the offices of township trustee and mayor of the village. At the outbreak of the Civil war, in 1861, Mr. Sherwood, as first lieutenant, joined Company B, Fifty-fifth O. V. I., under Col. J. C. Lee, of Tiffin, and served with his regiment about a year, when, on account of impaired health, he resigned and returned to Fostoria. In 1865 he came to Fremont, and bought a tannery of Jesse S. Van Ness. This he

worked about two years, when he sold out and purchased the property now occupied as a parsonage by the pastor of St. Ann's Catholic Church, where his family resided several years. Here he suffered another attack of the gold fever, and went on the newly-constructed Union Pacific railroad westward as far as he could, to Evanston, 300 miles east of Salt Lake City, from which place his party were obliged to "stage it" to Diamond City, a distance of 1,200 miles, crossing the Rockies twice, and suffering many hardships. In 1870 he returned again to Fremont, and for two years, kept the "Croghan House" billiard saloon, and for one year a saloon on Front street. In 1874 he sold out, and went again to California to engage in mining on the Yuba river. He operated a hydraulic mine, at great expense, on Slate creek, and sunk about ten thousand dollars. Two years later he returned to Ohio, and for six years kept a saloon on Croghan street, Fremont, where the *News* office is located. In the meantime he bought lot 1018, on Hayes avenue, which he improved as a place of residence. Later he kept a saloon, two years, on the corner of Garrison and Front streets. His second wife died October 2, 1884, and on December 26, 1888, he married Miss Ida May Hawk, daughter of Joseph Hawk, a pioneer of Green Creek township. His children by his first wife were Alice and John, those by the second wife being Norman C., Eugene H., and William D.; those by his third wife being Harry Allen and Olive May.

Mr. Sherwood has held various local offices. He has been sanitary policeman, health officer, street commissioner, assessor, and since he quit keeping saloon has been janitor of the Union Club room. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity and of Eugene Rawson Post, G. A. R.; in politics a Republican, and in religious faith a Universalist. A full account of his exploits would fill volumes. Though past his three score and ten years his

health is good, his mind clear and his memory undimmed; results which he attributes to the fact that he never used tobacco in any form, nor intoxicating drinks, nor indulged in gambling, nor in any social impurity.

NORMAN C. SHERWOOD, treasurer of the Trommer Extract of Malt Co., Fremont, was born at Fostoria, Ohio, May 17, 1857, a son of William D. and Frances E. (Harris) Sherwood. His childhood was spent at Fostoria where he attended the village schools, and at the age of eight years he came with his parents to Fremont, where he grew to manhood, meanwhile attending the city schools. At the age of twenty he took a position as book-keeper in the above named company, and has remained with them, serving in various relations, for a period of more than eighteen years, and becoming a stockholder in the same. Being possessed of a genial and social nature, he is popular in the various social circles of Fremont. He has served as chorister of the M. E. Church for a number of years very acceptably; is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and in politics is a Republican. On April 19, 1882, he married Miss Susan Lewis, who was born November 16, 1858, at Fremont, Ohio, daughter of B. W. Lewis. Their children are: Charles Lewis, Norman Dickinson, Jeannette and Norma, all born in Fremont.

LEVI WOLFE, a farmer of Sandusky township Sandusky county, was born April 10, 1836, in Union county, Penn., a son of Michael and Margaret (Engleman) Wolfe, who were of German descent.

Mr. Wolfe's paternal great-grandfather was one of three brothers who emigrated from Germany to America, and served with Washington in the Revolutionary war, and later settled in Union county, Penn. This great ancestor of

the Wolfe families, from whom our subject is descended, died in Union county, Penn., at the age of eighty years. Amongst the first settlers in the Buffalo Valley was George Wendell Wolfe, who served as a private in Capt. Clark's company, Col. Patton's regiment, in the Revolutionary war, in 1776. He had seven sons: Michael, Peter, John (surnamed the strong), Jacob, Christian, Leonard and Andrew.

Michael Wolfe, the eldest, and grandfather of our subject, was a man of large stature and robust health, as were also his father and brothers, who were noted for feats of strength. He was a blacksmith by trade. He married Miss Catharine Smith, and settled on a farm in Union county, Penn., where he died. Their children were: George, Margaret, Mary, Elizabeth, Abraham, Julia, John, Michael (Jr.), and Catharine, of whom all except John became heads of families, and only three are now living—Elizabeth, Julia and Catharine, who are widows.

Michael Wolfe (Jr.), father of our subject, was born August 6, 1809, in Union county, Penn., and on January 31, 1833, married Miss Margaret Engleman, who was born August 17, 1812, in Union county, Penn. She was the daughter of Solomon and Anna M. (Bruner) Engleman, the former of whom was born October 2, 1753, in Maryland, the latter on December 1, 1753, in Lehigh county, Penn. They died in Union county, Penn. Their children were: Elizabeth, David, Amelia, Jonathan, John, Margaret, Rachel and Tobias, all of whom became heads of families except Jonathan. Of these, only Margaret, mother of our subject, is now living. In 1843 Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe came to Ohio, moving from Pennsylvania in a one-horse and a two-horse wagon, and located on a farm two miles west of Fremont, on Muskallonge creek, in Sandusky township. Michael Wolfe had twice previously walked and staged the distance, a journey of more than four hundred miles through the forests.

The record of the children of Michael and Margaret Wolfe is as follows: Two sons, one born June 2, 1834, and another March 28, 1835, died in infancy. Levi, born April 10, 1836, is mentioned farther on. Solomon Wolfe, born February 8, 1838, was married January 16, 1862, to Mahala Bowlus, who was born April 21, 1839, and they had five children—George W. (who was killed by a traction engine when a young man), Rosa, Catharine, Jessiah and Howard; they live in Seneca county, Ohio, where Solomon Wolfe is a farmer and grain thresher; he is a Republican in politics, and a member of the M. P. Church. Jessiah Wolfe, born February 17, 1840, was married May 9, 1867, to Elizabeth Loose; they had three children—one that died in infancy, and Clarence and Monroe; they live at Lindsey, Ohio, where Jessiah is engaged in the grain, produce and live-stock business. Andrew J. Wolfe, born July 19, 1842, married Jemima Stults, February 16, 1865 (he is mentioned farther on). One son, born June 6, 1844, died in infancy. Jane Ellen, born May 27, 1845, was married in July, 1879, to A. D. Hook, of Fremont, Ohio, proprietor of a shirt factory; they have no children. Catharine Ann, born November 29, 1847, was married February 16, 1871, to William L. Baker, of the firm of Engler & Baker, grain and produce dealers, of Fremont; they have two children—Harry M. and Verna L. Margaret Savilla, born January 25, 1850, was married in 1872 to James D. Hensel, a farmer west of Fremont; they had five children—two living, Nora and Mabel, and three deceased. Two other children of Michael Wolfe died in infancy. In the spring of 1865 Michael Wolfe moved from his farm on the Muskallonge creek to his farm on the Western Reserve and Maumee pike, to enjoy the fruits of his labor and economy, where he lived until his death, April 15, 1879. He was ever a kind and devoted husband, an affection-

ate father, always looking after the welfare of his children, and it is said of Mr. Wolfe that he never had an enemy.

Levi Wolfe, our subject, came with his parents from Union county, Penn., to Sandusky county, Ohio, when seven years of age, and grew to manhood on his father's farm. He received his early education in the country schools, and later attended several terms in the Fremont schools and at Oberlin College. On December 17, 1857, he married Christiana M. Lantz, who was born July 31, 1836, in Northumberland county, Penn., daughter of John and Elizabeth (Dieffenbach) Lantz, whose other children were Mary Ann, Simon, Nicholas, Rosanna, John, Henry, Philip, and Emanuel, all of whom came to Ohio about the year 1846, and settled on a farm in Washington township, Sandusky county. In May, 1864, Mr. Wolfe enlisted in the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment, O. V. I., under Col. Nathaniel E. Haynes, in Company H, Capt. Jacob D. Thomas, and served four months at Fort Ethan Allen, Virginia, one of the defences of Washington City, when Gen. Early attempted to take it. Mr. Wolfe was honorably discharged in September, 1864, and resumed farming in Jackson township. A year later he removed to the old home farm, which he conducted, and also engaged in grain threshing. He operated one of the first steam-threshing machines in the county. In 1883 he abandoned farming, moved to Fremont, and sold farming implements and machinery. In 1884 he went to his mother's farm, to manage and care for her, and continued the sale of farm machinery. In 1895 he removed to Fremont, his present residence.

The children of Levi and Christiana Wolfe, which includes two pairs of twins, are: (1) Robert Andrew, born October 31, 1858, who married Miss Jane Druckemiller, November 6, 1879, and had six children—Blanche B., Harry and Clyde, who are living, and Claude, Daisie E.,

and James O., deceased. In 1885 the family moved upon a prairie farm in Edwards county, Kans. (2) Lydia Cecilia, born February 25, 1860, died February 17, 1862. (3) Catharine Cadilia, born February 25, 1860, married February 20, 1882, to John J. Stein, whose children are—Essie A., Minor W., Mary C., and Matilda W. Mr. Stein is a butcher by trade. In 1890 he removed with his family to Lewisburg, Penn., where he had formerly resided, and is at present engaged with the Quaker City Meat & Provision Company, at Sunbury, Penn. (4) Emma Rosanna, born April 28, 1861, married Elliott T. Fox, February 23, 1887, whose children are—Adda Corinne, and George Chester. Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Fox moved upon a new prairie farm in Edwards county, Kans. (5) Ellen Helena, born July 19, 1862, who, August 10, 1883, married David Swinehart, and whose children are—Alva A., and Merrill James. Mr. Swinehart lives on his father's farm in Washington township. (6) James H., born October 31, 1863, married November 18, 1891, Miss Kate Boyer, of Fremont, and has one child, James Robert. J. H. Wolfe is assistant secretary of the Lehr Agricultural Company, Fremont. (7) Chester Edward, born November 28, 1865, married November 28, 1889, Miss Hattie Waggoner, and lives on the Samuel Waggoner farm, five miles west of Fremont. (8) Michael John, born November 11, 1867, married September 18, 1889, Miss Minnie Boyer, of Fremont, and has one daughter—Corinne W.; M. J. Wolfe is a butcher in the employ of the Quaker City Meat & Provision Company, Sunbury, Penn., where he resides. (9) Margaret Elizabeth, born November 11, 1867, married June 26, 1890, Calvin Benner, a blacksmith, of Fremont, and has two sons—James Levi, born March 27, 1891, and Robert Rice, born January 18, 1894. (10) Adda Savilla, born August 5, 1874, married, August 8,

1894, William H. Hensel, a farmer, four miles west of Fremont.

In politics Levi Wolfe is a Republican, and has held various local offices. He has cared kindly for his aged mother who has been an almost helpless invalid for the last two years, and who has now reached the advanced age of eighty-three.

WASHINGTON GORDON. For more than half a century the name of Gordon has been closely identified with the growth and progress of Ottawa county, more particularly with Salem township. The family is of Scotch ancestry on the father's side, while the mother is of Yankee parentage. The parents and grandparents of our subject were natives of Somerset county, N. J. The first members of the family to settle in Ohio were John and Rachel (Smith) Gordon, parents of our subject, who removed from Somerset county, N. J., in 1831, and located in Salem township. After residing here for about six months, they removed to Harris township, where they remained three years, at the end of that time returning to Salem township, making it their place of abode during the remainder of their lives. They were honored and respected people, and had a large circle of warm friends. The father passed away November 7, 1851, preceded to the grave by the mother, who departed this life March 3, 1842.

In every community various pursuits are followed which add to the material prosperity of the neighborhood, while advancing the interests of the individual. Among the worthy representatives of the commercial class in Ottawa county, there is no one more highly respected than Washington Gordon, of Salem township, a self-made man, who is now a prosperous lumber dealer of Oak Harbor. He was born in Harris township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, January 9, 1834, and since his infancy has resided in Salem township,



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being to-day one of its oldest residents. His educational advantages in early life were of a very limited nature, his boyhood having been largely occupied with the arduous duties that accompany farming in a new region. Not wishing, however, to engage in agricultural pursuits through his entire business career, he turned his attention to the manufacture of lumber, and is one of the leaders in this line of industry in Ottawa county.

On July 7, 1857, in Portage township, Ottawa county, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Gordon and Miss Margaret Rymers, who was born in Stark county, Ohio, January 25, 1834, daughter of Frederick and Catherine (Williamson) Rymers, who came to Ohio, and settled in Ottawa county in 1841. By this union there were six children: William H., born June 13, 1858, and died December 8, 1860; Frank, born August 13, 1860, died February 25, 1867; William, born December 15, 1862, now prosecuting attorney of Ottawa county. On September 12, 1893, he was married to Elizabeth Gernhard, who was born December 8, 1874, daughter of Conrad and Augusta (Wilke) Gernhard, who came from Germany; Eva, born January 31, 1865, married October 11, 1882, to William Bleckner, postmaster at Oak Harbor (Mr. Bleckner was born February 14, 1854); Nora, born June 20, 1867, wife of H. A. Kilmer, of Oak Harbor; and Harry J., born November 7, 1870, now a school teacher.

Mr. Gordon capably served for many years as treasurer of Oak Harbor, for four years was county treasurer, was justice of the peace three years, and was a member of the board of education of Oak Harbor. In all these positions he discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity, and won the commendation of all concerned. Socially, he is connected with Oak Harbor Lodge, No. 495, F. & A. M., and in his political affiliations he is a staunch advocate of Democratic

principles. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Gordon is a man of more than ordinary natural ability, and has made good use of his opportunities in life. With a generous sympathy, kindness, and a desire to live an upright and helpful life, he has endeared himself to a large circle of friends. He has devoted himself to his business—pleasure coming as an after consideration—and his success, therefore, has been but the consequence of a natural law. His prosperity is well merited, and his honorable straightforward career has earned for him the prominence he now enjoys in the community.

PETER SPIELDENNER, farmer and importer of thoroughbred horses, Fremont, Sandusky county, was born October 25, 1840, in Lorraine, France, a son of Francis and Elizabeth (Gerber) Spieldenner. The father was a native of the same place, and a farmer by occupation. In 1845 he emigrated to America with his family, and locating in Washington township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, bought forty acres of the forest land, which he cleared up for a home. Here he died September 15, 1850, aged forty-seven years, four months, three days, leaving a wife and five children, viz.: Peter, the subject of this sketch; Frank, who resides in eastern Ohio; Margaret, who married John Nomene, and resides in Putnam county, Ohio; Elizabeth, who married Peter Nomene, and resides in Putnam county, Ohio; and John, who lives with his brother Frank. The mother of this family passed away February 28, 1895, at the advanced age of eighty years, six months, three days.

After the death of Francis Spieldenner, our subject remained with the family to provide and care for them until the children were all grown up, on which account he was deprived of educational ad-

vantages, but he mastered the rudiments of English and German by private study at home. On May 2, 1865, he was married to Mary Snider, and they have two children: Fredolina, who married John L. Reineck, of Fremont, Ohio, a member of the firm of Hetrick, Bristol & Co., dealers in hardware, and Adolph, unmarried, who lives with his parents. Two children died, Johannah at the age of seventeen, and one in infancy. Mrs. Spieldenner is the daughter of Martin and Mary (Flatz) Snider, and was born November 19, 1846, in Tyrol, Austria, being educated at Wolfurt, near Bregenz. When she was twelve years old her parents came to America, and the family settled in Rice township, Sandusky county, Ohio. The mother died on the second day after reaching Fremont. The children remained at home until their marriage, and the father is now living at Millersville with his son-in-law, F. Fisher. He was born November 11, 1806, in Austria, and was always a farmer; his wife, born in 1809, died June 25, 1859, and was buried in Ludwick Cemetery. There were fourteen children in the family, six of whom are living, one in California and the others in Sandusky county. Mrs. Spieldenner's maternal grandmother, May Ann Grising, was born in Austria about 1778.

After his marriage Peter Spieldenner settled on a farm in Ballville township and followed agriculture exclusively for about six years; then moved to Sandusky township, where he bought eighty-five acres of land west of Fremont, just outside the corporation, on which he now lives. Upon his removal to this place he engaged in buying and shipping live stock to Eastern markets, chiefly to Buffalo, N. Y., and a few years later he became interested in the breeding of horses, becoming an importer of French stallions. He went to France about the year 1882, and purchased two Percheron stallions, which he brought to Fremont. For sev-

eral years subsequent to this he devoted his attention to the breeding of horses, and on a second trip to France he imported six stallions. While abroad in Europe he traveled through Scotland, England and parts of France, visiting his relatives in Paris. During the last thirty years Mr. Spieldenner has been well known in the vicinity of Fremont as a popular auctioneer, being able to speak both German and English fluently. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served as trustee of Sandusky township. He and his family are members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Fremont.

LAUREL ELMER ROBINSON, M. D., a successful and thoroughly trained medical practitioner of Clyde, Sandusky county, was born in Holmes county, Ohio, August 14, 1845, son of Basil W. and Elizabeth (Blair) Robinson.

The father was born at Danville, Knox county, in 1818, and now lives at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, a successful retired farmer and stock dealer. He bought horses and sheep extensively, selling them at Chicago and in other markets. The paternal grandfather of B. W. Robinson emigrated from Scotland about the middle of the last century, and settled near Harrisburg, where he was engaged in general merchandising. He died possessed of considerable property, and his will is now in the possession of B. W. Robinson. William Robinson, one of the sons of this Scotch emigrant, was a member of one of the early legislatures of Ohio. Solomon Robinson, another son, father of B. W., migrated from Pennsylvania to Ohio in 1799 or 1800. He had eleven children, the eldest of whom was born in Ohio in 1801. Solomon Robinson died of apoplexy in his eighty-sixth year on the farm he had cleared near Mt. Vernon. Only three of his children survive: Daniel, of Lima; Mrs. Brooks, of Newark;

and B. W. The latter is a Republican in politics; and a member of the Baptist Church. His wife, Elizabeth Blair, was born in Ashland county, Ohio, in 1821, and died in 1889. Her father was a Scotch emigrant; her maternal grandmother was stolen from Ireland by a brother, and educated in America. The mother of Elizabeth Blair is said to have been the first white child born west of the Ohio river. When a child, during the early Indian troubles, she witnessed, through a crack in the stockade, the massacre of her brother—twenty-one years old—and of her sister—two years younger—both victims of the tomahawks and scalping knives of the savages. B. W. and Elizabeth Robinson had five children, four of whom lived to maturity, as follows: Rovilla, who married John Godfrey Jones, a Methodist minister, and a graduate of Kenyon College, and now resides near Portsmouth; Laurel Elmer, subject of this sketch; Winfield Scott, a physician, who was educated at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and Philadelphia, Penn., and who died in 1893; R. J., also a physician, now deceased; and one child that died in infancy.

Laurel Elmer Robinson was educated at Mt. Vernon. In 1868 he entered the U. S. regular army as hospital steward for a term of five years, passing a strict technical examination before his appointment could be made effective. From this service Dr. Robinson received great professional benefit. He was stationed in Arizona during the Indian troubles of 1870, and in his professional capacity was often under fire from the savages. His hat brim was once shot off, and bullets several times pierced his clothing. He was under Gen. Crook's command, and not infrequently prescribed medicine for this unassuming commander, but brilliant Indian fighter. Retiring from the army service, Dr. Robinson completed a course of study at Rush Medical College, graduating with the class of 1874. He prac-

ticed two years at Mt. Vernon with his brother, R. J., then three years at Republic, Seneca county, and in 1879 settled permanently at Clyde, where he has since built up a large practice. Dr. Robinson was married at Mt. Vernon, in 1876, to Miss Cora B. McElroy, and four children have been born to them—Howard, Lester, Carl and Russell; the latter died in June, 1894, aged two years and six months. Dr. Robinson is a member of the Sandusky County Medical Society, and in politics he is a Republican.

S B. TAYLOR, M. D., physician and surgeon, Fremont, Sandusky county, has been engaged in the practice of medicine for thirty years. He was born at Lower Sandusky, Ohio, March 19, 1844, son of Austin B. and Delia A. Pettibone Taylor. His father was born in Newfane, Vt., in 1814, and at the age of twenty-four came to Lower Sandusky, Ohio, to clerk for Sardis Birchard, of the firm of Birchard, Dickinson & Grant, whom he afterward succeeded in business, and was one of the pioneer merchants of the village. He died February 22, 1863. Dr. Taylor's mother was born in Granby, Conn., in 1822, daughter of Hon. Hiram Pettibone, a native of Connecticut, who in 1836 came to Lower Sandusky, and was one of its first attorneys. He died at Fond du Lac, Wis., in 1886; his wife died at Fremont in 1854. Mrs. Taylor died in 1888, at Fremont, Ohio.

The children of Austin B. and Delia A. Taylor were: Mary, who died in 1857, at the age of fourteen; Sardis B., our subject, Charles, who died in Dunlap, Iowa, in 1891, George, who died in Attica, Harper Co., Kans., in 1891; Oscar W., who died in Dunlap, Iowa, in 1891; Austin B., who resides at Dunlap, Iowa, and Delia, who is a teacher of German in the Fremont public schools. Miss

Taylor is a graduate of Wells College, N. Y.).

Dr. S. B. Taylor was reared in Fremont, there receiving his primary education in the public schools, and subsequently passed through the Preparatory Department of Western Reserve College, at Hudson, Ohio. He then commenced the study of medicine at Cleveland, Ohio, under Dr. S. R. Beckwith, and later entered Cleveland Medical Institute, from which he graduated with the class of 1864. He afterward attended Starling Medical College, Columbus, Ohio, from which he graduated with the class of 1872. He began the practice of his profession in 1864, in the capacity of assistant-surgeon of the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment, O. V. I., at Fort Ethan Allen, Va., and since that time he has been in constant practice at Fremont, Ohio. He was physician at the County Infirmary from 1868 to 1872, and he is now president of the Sandusky County Soldiers' Relief Commission, and a member of the Sandusky County Medical Society, of which he was the first librarian. Dr. Taylor is a member of Dickinson Tent No. 21, K. O. T. M., of which he has been physician, and a member of Eugene Rawson Post No. 32, G. A. R., numbering 170 members, of which he has been surgeon for twelve years. He was aide-de-camp to the G. A. R. for Sandusky county in 1890. He is a Democrat in politics. Dr. Taylor is a lineal descendant, great-grandson, of Brig.-Gen. Chauncey Pettibone, who served in the Revolutionary war.

JOSEPH L. RAWSON. Few families have honored the memory of an illustrious line of English ancestry more than has the Rawson family in Sandusky county, Ohio. Depending wholly upon their own exertions, each has left the impress of his life and character upon the history of the community in

which he lived and labored. As an honored representative of the Rawsons we present the one whose name opens this article.

Joseph L. Rawson, surveyor, was born in Fremont, Ohio, in 1835, a son of Dr. L. Q. and Sophia (Beaugrand) Rawson, the former of English and the latter of French descent. Dr. Rawson was a native of Irving, Franklin Co., Mass., born September 4, 1804, a son of Lemuel Rawson, who was also a native of Massachusetts, born January 18, 1767. Lemuel Rawson was a tanner by trade until 1812, after which he was a farmer; he was married on September 8, 1791, to Miss Sarah Barrus, and after farming successively at Orange, New Salem and Irving Grant, Mass., until 1836, came to Bath, Summit Co., Ohio, where he remained until September 20, 1844, when his wife died, and he then removed to Lower Sandusky. Their children were: Sallie Rawson, who was first married to Capt. Jesse Thompson, and after his death to Mr. B. Hubbard, who settled in Putnam county, Ohio; she died October 15, 1853. Lemuel, born December 14, 1793, died October 6, 1866; he settled on the Rawson farm, in South Orange, Mass. Secretary Rawson, who practiced medicine in Summit county, Ohio, forty-two years, after which he went to Des Moines, Iowa, where he died in 1891, aged ninety-five years; he was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Elizabeth, twin of Secretary, died when two years old. Abel Rawson, an attorney at law of Tiffin, Ohio, died in 1871. Bass Rawson, who was a hatter by trade, and later a physician and surgeon of Findlay, Hancock Co., Ohio; he died in 1891, aged ninety-two years. Hannah Rawson, wife of John Galbraith, of Seneca county, Ohio; she died in September, 1867. L. Q., father of our subject. Alonzo Rawson, who published a weekly paper at Athol, Mass., called the *Freedom Sentinel*, until 1833, when he came to Tiffin, Ohio, and published the *Independent Chronicle* two years; after this he engaged for a

time in mercantile pursuits, and then studied and practiced medicine; he died at Colton, Ohio, November 25, 1864, aged fifty-eight years.

Dr. L. Q. Rawson was reared and educated in Massachusetts, and in 1824 attended a medical college at Cincinnati, Ohio. He began the practice of medicine in 1825, in Wyandot county, and in 1826 came to Lower Sandusky, whence after a brief stay he then went east and entered the Medical College of the University of Pennsylvania, where he finished his education and received the degree of M. D.; he returned to Sandusky county, and continued in the practice of his profession until 1855. He held various offices of honor and trust in his community, for a time serving as clerk of courts, and also as clerk of the supreme court from 1836 to 1851. From 1853 he devoted part of his time to the building of the Lake Erie & Western railroad, of which he was president several years. The town of Rawson was named after him, as was also Rawson avenue, Fremont. He was considered a man of good financial ability and force of character. On July 8, 1829, Dr. Rawson was married to Miss Sophia Beaugrand, at Lower Sandusky (now Fremont), Ohio, who was born October 20, 1810, a daughter of John B. Beaugrand, one of the early pioneers of the Black Swamp, who was a merchant at Maumee from 1802 to 1812. He had married in 1802, at Detroit, Mich., Miss Margaret Chabert, daughter of Col. Chabert de Joucaire, of the French army. Dr. L. Q. Rawson died at Fremont, in September, 1888, and his wife in May, 1882. Their children were: Milton E., a physician, who graduated from Cleveland Medical College, practiced medicine in Grand Haven and Muskegon, Mich., and at Fremont, Ohio; Xavier J., who died in infancy; Joseph L., whose name opens this sketch; Josephine, who died in childhood; Roxin e H., born in 1838, and died in 1846; Eugene A., born

March 14, 1840, a soldier of the Civil war, who died July 22, 1864, and after whom a G. A. R. Post is named (he enlisted in the Twelfth New York Infantry, was transferred in December, 1861, to the Seventy-second Regiment, O. V. I., with the rank of adjutant, and soon afterward received the rank of major which he held up to the time of his death. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, first Bull Run, siege of Corinth, Vicksburg, and other engagements of less note. During a skirmish near Guntown, Miss., July 15, 1864, he received a wound which resulted in his death a week later, at Memphis, Tenn.); and Estelle S., born March 2, 1849, wife of L. A. Russell, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Joseph L. Rawson was reared and educated in Fremont, and occasionally performed farm labor. He took up civil engineering, which he followed for a time, and for about ten years also had charge of a grain elevator at the docks in Fremont. In September, 1859, he married Miss Margaret A. Gelpin, of Fremont, Ohio, whose parents were Lyman and Martha Stevenson Gelpin, the former from New York State, the latter from Maryland, both having come to the Western Reserve at an early day, where they died. To our subject and wife were born three children: Sophia E., born July 4, 1860, wife of Theodore Harris, a merchant of Tecumseh, Mich., who has one child, Jennie May; Jennie A., born February 7, 1863, wife of Dr. O. H. Thomas, of Fremont, Ohio, and La Quinio G., born October 28, 1871, an attorney at law of Cleveland, Ohio, who read law with James H. Fowler, Fremont, attended the Cincinnati Law School, from which he graduated, standing fifth in a class of ninety-seven, and was admitted to the bar in 1891.

Our subject is a Republican in politics; his family are members of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The Rawson family is of English ancestry, being

descended from Edward Rawson, who came to the Colony of Massachusetts, in 1636-37, and settled at Newbury, Mass. Some of the family line were ministers, some sea captains, and others physicians. The family have a coat of arms traced back to England, and a well-written book of family genealogy.

MAJOR EUGENE ALLEN RAWSON. Prominent among the patriotic and brave young men of Sandusky county, who voluntarily sacrificed their lives on the altar of their country during the Civil war, 1861-65, was he whose name introduces this article.

While a student at Homer, N. Y., and just about finishing his academic course preparatory to entering Yale College, he promptly responded to Abraham Lincoln's first call for volunteers by enlisting in the Twelfth New York Regiment. In the capacity of private he took a noble part in the battle of Bull Run, evincing great coolness and bravery. In December, 1861, he was appointed adjutant of the Seventy-second Regiment O. V. I., by the governor of Ohio, and was accordingly transferred to it by the War Department. He left Fremont with the regiment in January, 1862, when it moved to Camp Chase, preparatory to going to its final destination—Paducah and the Southwest. He shared its perils after it joined the army of the Tennessee, and moved down the Mississippi to Pittsburg Landing. Many boys of the regiment were sick with the diseases peculiar to that Southern climate, and Mr. Rawson's natural buoyancy of spirit and cheerful sprightly manner did no little to drive away despondency. A few incidents will give an idea of his bravery. On Friday preceding the battle of Shiloh, at the head of Company B, Adjutant Rawson, with forty men, having only a fallen tree for their breastwork, kept six hundred Rebel cavalry in

check for several hours, until relieved by the timely arrival of Col. Buckland. When the battle opened on Sunday morning, April 6th, and the Rebels came like an avalanche upon the unsuspecting Union troops, Buckland's brigade responded to the beat of the "long roll" with such alacrity that they stood in the very front of Sherman's Division, ready for action, before the enemy had gained rifle distance of their position. Col. R. P. Buckland being in command of the brigade, the command of the regiment devolved upon Lieut.-Col. Canfield, and as Major Crockett, the only other field officer of the regiment had been taken prisoner two days previous, Adjutant Rawson, by common consent assumed the duties of major for the occasion. At the first or second fire, Lieut.-Col. Canfield fell mortally wounded, and Adjutant Rawson alone remained to command the regiment, and cheer the boys who stood steadfast amid the storm of leaden hail that mowed through their ranks, until Col. Buckland, seeing their extremity, came to their relief. The horse of Adj. Rawson was shot from under him, and another that had been sent for him was captured before it reached him, but he performed his duties promptly and efficiently on foot. He distinguished himself later in the three-days' fight at Pittsburg Landing, at the siege of Corinth, in the pursuit of Forrest through Tennessee, in the marches, skirmishes and battles from Memphis to Vicksburg, in the pursuit of Johnson, under Sherman, to Jackson, in the return to Memphis, and in the expedition into Mississippi.

After the Seventy-second had re-enlisted as veterans, and after the main body composing Sherman's expedition had moved southward, a small force of about 1,600 men was sent out on the venturesome expedition of making a feint into the enemy's country, where they were holding a position on the bank of the Tallahatchie to intercept and defeat the cross-

ing of reinforcements moving to the support of Sherman. Of this small force, the Seventy-second regiment, under Lieut.-Col. Eaton and Maj. Rawson formed a part. The latter officer had been promoted by common consent to the rank of major, and performed his part of the undertaking with rare good judgment and intrepidity. From the badly managed expedition of which the Seventy-second regiment formed a part, which was sent out from Memphis under Gen. Sturgis, and which ended so sadly at Guntown and Ripley, in Mississippi, Maj. Rawson reached Memphis with such of the officers and men as were saved from the general disaster; marching over eighty miles without food or rest, in less than forty-eight hours. The Seventy-second regiment acted as a rear guard to the fleeing troops, and valiantly beat back the pursuing foe until out of ammunition and having their supply train destroyed by the Rebels, when they were at last forced to make good their escape by flight after 250 of their men had been captured. Scarcely rested from this scene of suffering, the Seventy-second regiment, under Maj. Rawson, started again, under Gen. A. J. Smith, to encounter the same foe. Coming up to the enemy at Tupelo, Miss., Maj. Rawson was mortally wounded at Old Town Creek, while gallantly leading a charge against the Rebel lines. He was borne from the field and conveyed back to Memphis, where he died July 22, 1864, aged twenty-four years. His remains were embalmed and sent home to Fremont, Ohio, where with appropriate ceremonies they were interred in Oak Wood Cemetery. Resolutions of respect were adopted by the remaining officers of the regiment, and forwarded for publication to the Press of Sandusky county. In the year 1881, the first organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Fremont, was named after Maj. Eugene Allen Rawson, and among its charter members were Gen. R. P. Buckland and Gen.

R. B. Hayes, the latter of whom donated the use of Birchard Hall to the Post, free, as long as they shall maintain their organization.

Major Rawson was the son of Dr. La Quinio and Sophia (Beaugrand) Rawson, and was born at Fremont, Ohio, March 14, 1840. While absent from his regiment on furlough, August 31, 1863, he married Miss Jennie Snyder, an amiable and accomplished lady of Cortland, New York.

J D. BEMIS, M. D., is a native of Ohio, born in Elyria, March 14, 1858, a son of Eri and Lydia A. Griswold Bemis, the former of whom was a well-to-do farmer of Lorain county until the breaking out of the Civil war. At that time, fired with the spirit of patriotism, he gave his services to the government, for the preservation of the Union, by enlisting, in August, 1862, in Company E, First Ohio Light Artillery (Edgerton's Battery), in which he bravely served until he died at Nashville, Tenn., July 13, 1863; his remains were sent home to Elyria for burial. The mother of our subject also died in comparatively early life, leaving four children, namely: Charles, who lives in Elyria, Ohio; H. E., in California; Dr. J. D.; and Clara, now the wife of C. W. Benton, of Elyria, Ohio.

The subject of these lines after the death of his parents was placed in care of his uncle, Dr. Griswold, of Elyria, Lorain county, and attended the schools of that city until he was about nine years of age, when he was received into the Soldiers and Sailors Orphans home, at Xenia, Ohio (of which institution his uncle had just been appointed superintendent), remaining there until he was thirteen years old. This brings us now to 1871, at which time our subject received, at the hands of Lieut.-Gov. J. C. Lee, the appointment of bill-room mes-

senger for the Ohio Senate, in which capacity he served two years. During the State Constitutional Convention, 1873-74, he was appointed page, and later he filled the office of assistant sergeant-at-arms, under appointment from M. R. Waite, president of the convention, and afterward chief justice of the United States. In 1874-75 Dr. Bemis attended Baldwin University, and from there returned to Elyria, where he pursued the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Perry, having previously studied at intervals with the aid of his uncle's medical library. From Dr. Perry's office he went, in 1876, to the Eclectic Medical Institute, Cincinnati (Ohio), graduating thereat in 1879, and then came to Fremont, where he at once commenced the practice of his chosen profession, and, as a hard student of advanced ideas in both medicine and surgery, has placed himself in the foremost rank of skilled practitioners in the county.

In 1892 the Doctor was elected health officer for the city of Fremont, and is at present filling the incumbency with his proverbial skill and efficiency, the quality of which is well evidenced by the present high sanitary condition of the city. In 1892 he was appointed a member of the United States Board of Pension Examining Surgeons, and has been its secretary since 1893.

WILLIAM A. CLEMONS, familiarly known as "Judge Clemons," one of the most prominent citizens of Ottawa county, was born in Erie county, Ohio, December 15, 1829, and is a son of Alexander and Angeline (Hollister) Clemons, the former a native of Maine, the latter of Connecticut. They were of Scotch ancestry on the maternal side, but the Clemons family, as far as known, originated on the Isle of Guernsey, where two little boys, Isaac and John Clemons, were stolen while on their

way to school, and brought to America, locating at Salem, Mass., in the early part of the eighteenth century.

Our subject is descended from Isaac, who afterward located in the State of Maine, and became the father of two sons—Edward and John. The former had four sons—Jock, Samuel, Jabez, and Frank—and these four brothers removed to Madison, N. Y., in 1795. The first named became the father of three sons and two daughters. Samuel had one son and two daughters; Jabez, two sons and three daughters; Frank had three daughters. Jabez became the father of David Clemons, the father of the celebrated humorist, who is best known to the world as Mark Twain. John, the brother of Edward, had three sons and three daughters, namely: John, Jonathan, Eli, Ruth, Hannah and Eunice. John wedded Mary McLellan, of Gorham, Maine, and their children were—Cary, Andrew, Alexander, John, Eunice, Ai, Elijah, Nancy, Samuel and William. Ruth, a sister of the father of this family, became the wife of Col. Charles Wadsworth, son of Gen. Peleg Wadsworth, of Revolutionary fame, and the brother of the mother of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Hannah married William Cotton. The mother of John Clemons, and the great-grandmother of our subject, was Abigail Wetherbee, who lived to be one hundred and four years old, and left one hundred and sixty-four descendants.

Alexander Clemons, father of our subject, was born in Hiram, Maine, February 11, 1794, and was a cabinet maker by trade, but after locating in Ottawa county engaged in stone quarrying. He was one of the best known and most prominent men of his day. He was married February 11, 1824, to Almira Angeline Hollister, who was born in Glastonburg, Conn., April 5, 1806. Their children were: Winslow, born in Sandusky, Ohio, December 29, 1824; Milo, born April 6, 1827, and died March 6, 1888; William Alexander; Phineas



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Harrison, born February 16, 1832; Sarah, born March 4, 1834; Frances, born April 6, 1836; Myron Elijah, born February 25, 1838; Albert Alonzo, born April 9, 1840; Lucian Monroe, born November 28, 1841; Lester Newton, who was born in 1843, and died March 5, 1846; Lucia Louise, who was born in December, 1844, and died November 20, 1849; Hubbard Mortimer, born March 27, 1848; Ai Jay, born June 17, 1850; Eunice, who died March 6, 1888; and one son who died in infancy.

When our subject was three years old he was brought by his parents to Danbury township, Ottawa county, and he is to-day an honored pioneer whose residence covers a period of sixty-three years. His father passed away March 12, 1886, his mother on March 24, 1861. William obtained a limited education in the district schools, and then worked in his father's quarry, after which he engaged in business for several years with his brothers, but later was associated with no partner. Since 1891 he has lived retired, enjoying a rest which he truly earned and well deserves.

Mr. Clemons was married at Marblehead Lighthouse, January 1, 1856, to Alvira V., daughter of J. B. and Arvilla (Knapp) Keyes, the former a native of New York, the latter of Vermont. Her father was born May 8, 1815, was a seafaring man, and for several years lighthouse keeper, at Marblehead. He was married December 24, 1834, to Mrs. Arvilla Wolcott, who was born September 21, 1810, and February 21, 1830, married William B. Wolcott. In her family were eight children: Harrison W. born February 21, 1831; Mary E., born December 20, 1832, and Arvilla A., born April 21, 1835, all three now deceased; Alvira V., born September 17, 1837; Charles M., born October 28, 1840, now living in Sandusky City; Thomas J., born December 28, 1842, is at Berlin Heights, Ohio; Jane Ellen, born March 27, 1845,

died in infancy, and Jennie V., born September 5, 1846, now the widow of Horace Pond, of Elyria. The father died July 20, 1891, the mother on June 8, 1892.

Our subject and his wife have had twelve children, as follows: Ada V., born February 16, 1857, now the wife of Richard Coorty, a prominent merchant of Marblehead; Arvilla C., born March 1, 1860, and died December 3, 1869; Cora A., born April 19, 1862; Sarah E., born July 12, 1864; James A., born August 29, 1866, a merchant of Marblehead; Charles B., born August 22, 1868, now a member of the crew of the Marblehead life-saving station; Francis J., of Marblehead, born April 12, 1870; Harry R., born November 12, 1872; Clarence M., and Clement M., born June 17, 1874, and died in infancy; Walter L., born July 26, 1870; and Erie May, born February 21, 1879.

In his political views, Mr. Clemons is a Republican. His business enterprises have been generally successful, and by industry, integrity and perseverance he has accumulated a snug fortune, and to-day is in a position to enjoy the rest which he has so well earned. He has lived in Marblehead for sixty-three years, and has applied himself to business pursuits unfalteringly, never failing to discharge his pecuniary obligations, and his business record is without a blemish. Most of the pioneers of the county have passed to their long homes, yet they were men of sterling integrity who left the impress of their individuality upon the community with which they were identified. The log cabins of the early settlers, in which all received a hearty welcome, have disappeared, and in their place stand handsome and imposing residences. Where once there was not only a dense forest there are now well cultivated farms and fruit orchards, and most of this change has taken place within the memory of Mr. Clemons. The good old pioneer days

have passed, but he well remembers the generosity and helpfulness which characterized the early settlers. He was favored with but few advantages in his youth, yet he made the most of his opportunities, and is known as a straightforward business man, a public-spirited and progressive citizen, an affectionate husband and kind father, and a trusted friend and neighbor whose example is well worthy of emulation.

ELIJAH CULBERT, who has been a resident of Sandusky township, Sandusky county, for the past several years, is a native of Ireland, born August 9, 1821, in the city of Belfast, County Antrim.

William Culbert, grandfather of our subject, was born in County Donegal, Ireland, and was there married to Sophia Greer, of the same nativity, by whom he had four children, as follows: David (our subject's father); Sophia, who married Hugh Patton, and died in Belfast; Mary, who married William Ross (they both also passed away in Belfast); and Andrew, who was drowned about the year 1830 at Belfast. The parents both died in that city. The family are of Scotch descent, the father of William Culbert having migrated from Scotland to the North of Ireland.

David Culbert, eldest son of William and Sophia (Greer) Culbert, and father of Elijah, was born in County Donegal, Ireland, removing to Belfast with his father's family. He was a wholesale and retail merchant in glass, oils and colors. In his native land he married Eleanor Patton, who was born in Newtownards, County Down, Ireland, and a record of the children of this union is as follows: David, born January, 1847, died July, 1888, at Southampton, County of Bruce, Upper Canada (now Province of Ontario); William, born October 23, 1819, died in Toronto, Canada, July 16, 1893; Elijah,

who is the subject proper of this sketch, comes next; Mary, born in 1823, died in Belfast, Ireland, in 1828; Sophia, born in 1825, was married in 1857 to John Moore, and died in Lindsay, Canada, in 1877; Thomas, born August 12, 1828, died December 20, 1877, at Cape Croker, County of Bruce, Upper Canada (now Province of Ontario); Isaac Cookson, born in 1830, died in Lindsay, Canada, November, 1856; Mary Amelia, born January 19, 1834, in Lindsay, Canada, died September 12, 1855, in Toronto, Canada. All the others were in the city of Belfast, Ireland, and on April 26, 1833, the family set sail for the *New World*, Little York, Upper Canada (now the city of Toronto, Ontario), being their destination. From there, after a brief sojourn, they moved to Lindsay, County of Victoria, where the mother died May 6, 1853, the father on Good Friday, 1856. He was a man of mark in his day, and while a resident of Lindsay held four commissions under the Canadian government, to wit: commissioner of the Court of Queen's Bench; commissioner of the Court of Requests; justice of the peace (under commission from the Governor General of Canada); and postmaster at Lindsay, holding all the offices up to the time of his death.

Elijah Culbert, of whom this memoir more particularly relates, was a lad of twelve summers when he accompanied the rest of his father's family across the ocean. On April 30, 1846, he was married at Port Hope, Canada, to Miss Eliza Day, Rev. John Genley officiating; in 1848 he moved to Lindsay, where he resided nine years, and then left Canada for the United States, making his first home under the Stars and Stripes at East Hamburg, Erie Co., N. Y. From there he, in 1859, removed to Fremont, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where he engaged in the nursery business for a short time, or until his enlistment in the Union army during the Civil war, an account of which

will presently be given. Since his discharge from the army in June, 1865, he has been engaged more or less in agricultural pursuits.

To Elijah and Eliza (Day) Culbert were born ten children, as follows: (1) Eleanor Jane, born in Toronto, Canada, March 2, 1847, died in Lindsay, Canada, September 2, 1848. (2) Sophia Elizabeth, born in Lindsay, Canada, January 21, 1849, graduated from the Fremont (Ohio) public schools, and is a teacher in the Fremont Grammar Schools of twenty-five years' standing. (3) Thomas Andrew, born in Lindsay, Canada, July 5, 1851, died at the same place, March 7, 1853.

(4) Samuel James, born in Lindsay, July 22, 1853, married Margaret Conly, and has three children—Gracie, Walter, and one whose name is not given—he lives in Michigan. (5) John Patton, also born in Lindsay, Canada, September 1, 1855, died in Ballville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, November 13, 1893; he married Lena Cook, and has six children—Jessie, Eva, George W., Wilbur, Susan and Lula.

(6) Letitia Emily, born in Lindsay, Canada, September 2, 1857, was married, in 1880, to John Nickles, by whom she had the following children—Lottie, Maud, Lucy E., Helen S., Addie E., Walter W., and Ruth, the last named dying August 11, 1894. (7) Charles Henry, born in Ballville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, December 24, 1859, and died unmarried, December 10, 1889, in Sandusky township. (8) Albert Edward, born in Ballville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, March 27, 1862, married Mary Rose, and has three children—Chester, Stella and Ralph P. (9) Mary Eleanor, born in Ballville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, January 15, 1866, and is still living at home, single. (10) Edgar Augustus, born in Sandusky township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, June 25, 1868.

War record of Elijah Culbert is as follows, from his own graphic pen: "On September 7, 1863, I enlisted at Fremont, Ohio, in Company I, Twelfth O. V. C., for three years or during the war. My regiment belonged to the Fourth Cavalry Brigade, Twenty-third Corps, Army of the Cumberland. I participated in three battles, the first being at Mt. Sterling, Ky., when we encountered Gen. John Morgan, Gen. Marmaduke and others. The engagement commenced in the early morning of Thursday, June 9, 1864, and continued until 9 A. M.; at 10 A. M. Morgan was reinforced and the fight was renewed, lasting till 3 P. M., Morgan being defeated in both engagements, and terribly used up. On the Ticktown pike his dead lay like ranks of cordwood, presenting a horrible sight such as I wish never to set eyes on again. At 3:30 P. M. the Rebels started for Lexington, Ky., twenty-six miles from Mt. Sterling, and there plundered the stores and banks, besides looting the government corrals of the best horses and mules they could lay their hands on, destroying the remainder. Our division lay at Mt. Sterling that afternoon and night, on the following morning proceeding to Lexington, Morgan's rear guard leaving that city just as our advance guard was entering it. At this time we were under Gen. Burbridge, who for some reason halted our division on the main street, keeping the men standing at their horses heads all day. At night we pursued the Rebels, and reached Paris about sunrise Saturday morning, June 11, where we remained all day; the following night found us riding to Cynthia, overtaking Morgan on the morning of June 12, with whom we had another stubborn tussel, again defeating him. This was Morgan's last fight, for we slew and took prisoners a great number of his men; most of the remainder sought safety in the mountains, while Morgan himself and his generals fled to Tennessee, where he was afterward betrayed by a woman and killed.

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Gens. Early, Breckenridge, Roberts, Jackson and others. It looked as if the mountains were covered with the Confederate soldiers, so vast was their number, at least five to one of us. We expected to be reinforced by Gen. Gillam, but his corps did not arrive in time; however, we kept the enemy at bay all day, and at night our division retreated. Our officers detailed men to light fires on the mountains and the Rebels thought they had us all 'bagged,' but our men got safely away. The Eleventh Michigan Cavalry was rear guard at first, on this retreat, and next day fought like good fellows, but were unable to check the enemy, who were now in full pursuit, and Gen. Gillam then ordered the Twelfth Ohio Cavalry to act as rear guard. In this engagement I, among hundreds of others, was taken prisoner, and we were at first confined in an old shed at Fort Breckenridge, Saltville, six days, where we were stripped of our boots and clothing, and fed on nothing but a little flour once a day. On the night of October 8, a bitterly cold night, we were hustled off, half-naked as we were, to Glade Springs, eight miles distant, where we changed cars for Lynchburg, but had to wait several hours for the train, during which time we tramped up and down the station platform on our bare feet, although the ice and snow was several inches deep. When we reached Lynchburg prison we were driven, like so many hogs, into the yard which was paved with nigger-heads, and most of the prisoners had to pass the night there. I was more fortunate, being permitted to sleep with some others in a sort of boarded-up place under the stairs, but were nearly suffocated to death when the doorway closed. From Lynchburg we were conveyed to Libby, arriving there October 13, where our first day's rations consisted of one tub of 'Mississippi pea soup' to be divided among 150 famishing men. Having no such luxury as a spoon or

ladle we were content to dip the soup up with the half of a tin tobacco box, and pass it round. This, however, was too slow a process for a lot of starving men, so three or four of the boys grabbed the tub, and turning it to one side, as many as could get their heads into it at a time did so; then they had to be choked off to allow others to get a chance, and such pushing, crawling and fighting over that tub I never saw equaled except, perhaps, by a lot of pigs at a newly-filled swill trough.

"I was confined in Libby until November 8, 1864, and was removed to Pemberton prison, at which time the cold was intense. There were 300 men on each floor, and when time to 'retire' at night we would divide into three squads of 100 each; one squad would take the center of the floor, the other two being stretched out by the walls. Before lying down we would take a sort of plebiscite vote as to which side we would lie on—'right or left'—and once down we could not 'turn over' until another vote was taken, the majority always carrying the day—or rather 'the night.' This is only one example of the many methods we unfortunates used to adopt in order to keep ourselves warm; but in spite of all our precautions many of our poor boys were badly frozen. Our rations generally consisted of pieces of corn bread (two inches square, the flour being made of corn and cob ground together) every twenty-four hours, and if any mules got killed in battle, and any bones were left after the Confederates had picked them clean, we got the *bones*. I have even seen some of our boys hunt in the spittoons for any stray bones, which, if found, they would take to a windlass near by, crush them between the cogs and then swallow the fragments. But I will refrain from dwelling further on such disgusting episodes, true though they be, those I have here related being mild in comparison to many I could record. In December, 1864, I was seized with

congestive chills, and had to run up and down the prison floor for three consecutive days and nights, or die. On Christmas Day, 1864, I was carried to the Confederate Hospital No. 21, Carey street, Richmond, the prison doctor who sent me there affirming that I could not live more than two or three hours. [*Only the dying were sent to the hospital!*] It was found I had pleuro-pneumonia, and I live to be able to say that I was the only pneumonia patient in my ward who survived!

"On the 5th day of February, 1865, I was paroled, and same day left Libby prison for home, after being a captive four months and three days. On Sunday, February 5, 1865, we left Richmond, Va., on the steamboat 'Cyrus Allison' which conveyed us to Aikens Landing, on the James river, where I once more beheld 'Old Glory,' at the sight of which tears came unbidden to my eyes. Aikens Landing, some nine miles from Richmond, was neutral ground, set apart for the exchange of prisoners. At this time one thousand and twenty of us were paroled and sent north, the Northern steamer 'City of New York' taking us down the river, on Sunday afternoon, as far as Bermuda Hundred, where we remained until morning, when we started for Fortress Monroe; thence crossed Chesapeake Bay to Annapolis, Md., which city we reached on Tuesday morning in a furious snow-storm. All the clothing I had on was a ragged pair of pants, an old unlined blouse, with no shirt under it, a well-worn pair of shoes, four sizes too large for my weary feet, most of which apparel had been stripped from the dead body of one of my comrades in the hospital—in fact the *dead* had to be stripped in order to provide covering for his *living*. But at Annapolis 'Uncle Sam' supplied us with new and comfortable clothing. After remaining in camp there sixteen days, we were sent to Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio, where, not having fully recovered my health and

strength, I received a thirty-days' furlough. On this I went home, but took a relapse and became very ill, so much so that I was under the necessity of having my furlough twice renewed before I was able to return to parole camp at Columbus. On June 10, 1865, I received my discharge from the service by War Department Order No. 770. Thus ends the record of my army service."

In May, 1886, Mr. Culbert was mustered into Manville Moore Post No. 525, G. A. R.; was junior vice-commander in 1890; elected senior vice-commander in 1891, and post commander in 1892. On September 4, 1889, he commenced recruiting for S. A. J. Snyder command of Union Veterans Union, an organization composed only of the soldiers who were in active service at least six months, a part of the time at the front engaged in actual warfare. On November 8, 1889, he had his command ready for muster-in, which was effected by Gen. Loomis, of Norwalk, Ohio, at that time Department commander in the State. Mr. Culbert was elected its first colonel; for two years was staff officer on Gen. Ellis' staff; in 1893 was elected lieutenant-colonel, and in 1894 was appointed colonel by Gen. W. T. Clark, of Cleveland, Ohio, which position he holds at the present time.

CAPTAIN ANDREW NUHFER, retired farmer, Woodville, Sandusky county, was born in Bavaria, Germany, October 19, 1819, a son of Nicholas and Eve (Weaver) Nuhfer, also natives of Bavaria.

They came to America and first settled in Lancaster county, Penn., in the fall of 1835, where for two years they engaged in the nursery business. In 1839 they removed to Maumee City, Ohio, remained two years, and then located in Woodville township, Sandusky county, on the Western Reserve and Maumee turnpike, three miles east of Woodville.

Here Nicholas Nuhfer died, two years later, at the age of sixty-eight years, and his wife at the same age, in 1854. While in Germany they were members of the Roman Catholic Church, but soon after coming to Ohio they joined the M. E. Church. Their children, all born in Germany, were: (1) Frederick, a soldier and sailor; (2) Margaret, now dead, who married William Geyer, of Washington township; (3) Anthony, a baker, now living at Maumec, Ohio, who, at the time of his parents' emigration, was in the German army, as body guard to King Otto, whom he accompanied to Athens, Greece, and to other parts of the East, but, wishing to accompany his parents to the New World, escaped from a fort by a ruse, made his way to France, and thence to the United States; (4) Nicholas, who died in Toledo, Ohio, in 1892, was formerly a well-known minister of the German M. E. Church; (5) Maria, wife of William Behrends, now living in Illinois; (6) Andrew, our subject; (7) Catharine, wife of Rev. E. Riemenschneider, who was sent as a missionary to Germany, by the M. E. Church, where she died; (8) Helen, who married Jacob Artz, and now lives at Lindsey, Ohio.

Our subject first came to Woodville with his parents. Later he spent three seasons as fireman and assistant engineer on lake steamers. After having learned the blacksmith trade in Maumec City, he returned to Woodville and started a blacksmith shop, buying his tools in Buffalo, and the first hard coal ever burned in Woodville township. He carried on his trade at this place with good success for twenty years, until the fall of 1861, when, under a commission from Gov. Tod, as second lieutenant, he enlisted and organized Company D, Seventy-second Regiment, O. V. I. This company was composed largely of the best young men of Woodville township, and they subsequently chose him captain. At the head of this company he followed

the various fortunes of his regiment, participating in all its campaigns and engagements, except when incapacitated by wounds or confined in Rebel prisons. At the battle of Shiloh he was wounded, but he remained with his company until the enemy were driven from the field. For his bravery and soldierly conduct on this occasion he received special mention in the report of Col. R. P. Buckland who commanded the brigade. Owing to the serious nature of his wound he was sent to the General Hospital at Cincinnati, where his limb barely escaped amputation, and he was shortly after ordered home to recuperate. As soon as he was able to walk about he rejoined his command at Monterey, Miss., and later participated in Grant's futile campaign in northern Mississippi; helped guard our line of communications along the Memphis and Charleston railroad; took a part in the campaign which resulted in the fall of Vicksburg; was in two battles at Jackson, Miss., in the latter of which he commanded the skirmish line which drove the enemy into their breastworks on the day prior to their evacuation; was with the advance on Brandon, and for a short time was in command of the regiment at Oak Ridge, in October, 1863.

The regiment having by this time been much reduced in numbers, Capt. Nuhfer was sent home in charge of a recruiting party. While he was engaged in this duty, the regiment veteranized, and he rejoined it after its veteran furlough. He was with it at Paducah when Gen. Forrest made his attack, and when Sturgis made his first expedition into northeastern Mississippi. On the second and ill-fated Guntown expedition, along with about 250 other officers and men of his regiment, he was taken prisoner by the forces under Gen. Forrest and conveyed to Andersonville prison. Here Capt. Nuhfer, as the ranking officer of the regiment, and being able to speak German, was requested by

his comrades to interview Capt. Wirz, in command of the prison, and get him to allow all the officers and men of the Seventy-second regiment to remain together. The request was made, but Wirz refused and at once became abusive. He held the privates at Andersonville, but sent the officers to Macon, Ga. When the latter place was threatened by Union troops, they were sent to Charleston, S. C., then to Columbus, S. C., then to Raleigh, N. C., then to Goldsboro, N. C., and thence to points in Virginia and to Wilmington, N. C., for exchange, after a confinement of nine months. At Columbia, S. C., Capt. Nuhfer was taken down with fever, and would have died had it not been for his iron constitution and the care he received from a brother officer, Lieut.-Col. Von Helmrich, formerly an officer in the Prussian army, who also loaned him a sum of Confederate money. After his exchange he was furloughed for thirty days to recover his health, and meanwhile the war closed.

Capt. Nuhfer married, October 23, 1843, Miss Elizabeth Shuler, of Perrysburg, Wood Co., Ohio, born in Wittenberg, Germany. Their children were: (1) John George, of Fremont, Ohio, who married Miss Olivia J. Totten, by whom he had one child, George Bartlett, after which she died, and he afterward married Mrs. Martha G. Hafford; (2) Caroline, deceased wife of Theobald Schunck, who had five children—George D., Charles, Caroline, William and Albert; (3) Sophia, who married John Otjen, and had four children—Caroline E., Nellie O., Kate and William; (4) Daniel, who died in infancy; (5) Catharine, who became second wife of Theobald Schunck; (6) Agnes Amelia, deceased wife of George Blake, who had one child—Flossie; (7) Esther Elizabeth, unmarried, who died at the age of twenty-seven; (8) Charles A., farmer of Woodville township, who married Caroline Baker, and has a son—Elmer L.; (9) Minnie, wife of John Blake,

whose daughter, Minnie E., died shortly after the death of her mother, who was aged twenty-one; (10) William, a clerk in Toledo, who married Miss Sarah Unger, who has a son—Earl A.

Since the war Capt. Nuhfer has been engaged in mercantile business, the sale of hardware, the management of his farm property, fifty acres just outside of the Woodville village limits, and in the oversight of his real estate in the oil region. For fourteen years he was village postmaster, under the administration of Presidents Grant and Hayes. He has twice been nominated for county treasurer by the Republicans, and in each election polled more than his party's vote. He has been township trustee six years, and a member of both township and village school boards for some twelve years, and a member of the city council. He has always tried to promote the interests of his adopted county in the lines of education, temperance and religion. For the last thirty years he has been a member of the Evangelical Association. During his residence of fifty-five years in Woodville, he has seen it grow from a collection of half a dozen scattered houses to hundreds of handsome homes occupied by well-to-do and happy families. Of the early pioneers of the place, only he and his faithful wife remain.

HON. JOSEPH ZIMMERMANN, editor of the *Fremont Courier*, the German organ of the Sandusky county Democracy, was born in the city of Mainz, Germany, June 19, 1831. After his graduation in the Protestant public school of his native city he studied the languages and prepared himself for mercantile pursuits, under private tutors. In 1866 he came to America, and, after eleven years of newspaper work in Pennsylvania and Ohio, he in 1877 took editorial charge of the *Fremont Courier*, to succeed Judge F. Wilmer. In 1883

he was elected member of the board of education, and was re-elected in 1886 and 1889, serving as president of the board six years and clerk two years. While presiding over the deliberations of the board he displayed great executive ability, and under his administration three fine new school buildings were erected in Fremont, while all his dealings with school officials, teachers and the public, were characterized by good tact and judgment. He is a staunch friend of the public-school system, and keeps thoroughly informed on all matters pertaining to educational progress.

In 1885 Mr. Zimmermann was elected State senator of the Thirtieth District of Ohio, consisting of the counties of Erie, Huron, Ottawa and Sandusky, and was re-elected in 1887. As a State senator he was in favor of every measure tending toward educational progress, and was also one of the most active promoters of the compulsory education law now on the statutes of Ohio, which has worked so well for the promotion of the interests of Ohio's school youth. Though a Democrat in a legislative body which was two-thirds Republican, he was elected chairman of the committee on public printing.

On October 6, 1891, he was appointed, by Gov. Campbell, probate judge of Sandusky county to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge E. F. Dickinson, and in November following was elected to that office by the people, by a large majority. Since that time he has devoted his attention to professional duties as editor of the *Courier*. His office is in the New Opera House, corner of Arch and State streets, and is well supplied with literary helps, a well selected library, maps and pamphlets. Judge Zimmermann is the author of the *Criminal History of Sandusky County*, published by Williams Brothers in 1882, giving a detailed account of the Sperry and the Thompson murder trials. He also wrote the first Masonic history of

Fremont. Socially he is a member of Fort Stephenson Lodge, F. & A. M., McPherson Lodge, I. O. O. F., the Knights of Honor, B. P. Order of Elks, and other organizations. Since 1877 Mr. Zimmermann has been local representative of the Cunard, the Hamburg-American and the North German Lloyd lines of ocean steamers.

A B. LEVISEE, familiarly known as Judge Levissee, was born in Livingston county, State of New York, March 18, 1821. In 1832 he migrated, with his mother, an older brother and a sister, to Ohio, and settled in Sandusky county, where the brother and sister still live. The mother died, in July, 1845, at the home of an elder daughter in Michigan.

Sandusky county was at that time essentially a wilderness, interspersed here and there with hardy pioneer settlers—most of them located right in the solid woods, with but little to aid them save their brave hearts and strong arms. Here the subject of this sketch, with an axe or a hoe in his hands, from one end of the year to the other, practically "grew up with the country." The only educational facilities he enjoyed in his youth were those afforded by the primitive log school-houses, with such teachers as the time could furnish. It was in these circumstances that he lived and grew to the years of early manhood. In the meantime he had become inspired with a purpose to improve his education. Under the impulse of this thought he labored in season and out of season to accumulate the necessary means wherewith to accomplish this great purpose. At length, in March, 1844, with the few hundred dollars thus gathered at the slow rate of \$10 to \$11 per month, he went to Ann Arbor and became a student at the University of Michigan, where he pursued the regular undergraduate course until November, 1847. For



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want of means to continue his studies longer at the University, he left without a degree and went directly to Louisiana, where he taught in a private school in Baton Rouge a short time, and then went to Alabama. He spent about two years teaching in Selma and Montgomery, and in the spring of 1850 went to Talladega, and there established an independent private school, which he continued to conduct some three years, and which won for him a wide reputation as a successful teacher. One of his students entered the Junior Class at Princeton, New Jersey, while one entered the Junior Class of the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, and others in the lower classes. The board of regents of the last-named school recognized his scholarship and efficiency as a teacher by conferring on him the honorary degree of A. M.

During the years 1853 and 1854 our subject attended law lectures in New York; then returned to Alabama and was tendered the presidency of the teaching faculty of the Female Collegiate Institute at Talladega, which he accepted temporarily to accommodate the board. At the close of 1854 he resigned the same, and went to Louisiana to enter upon the practice of law, and located at Shreveport in March, 1855, where he continued to practice until 1877, including nearly five years, during which he occupied the bench as judge of his district. The Judge's thorough education, previous mental training and studious habits, brought him rapidly forward in his new profession in which he achieved a high degree of financial success, and an enviable reputation as a jurist and attorney. In 1875-76 he held the position of commissioner of United States Circuit Court.

In politics Judge Levissee was a follower of Clay and Webster while they lived. He was a Republican and Anti-Secessionist in 1860, and took a decided stand against the secession movement. He remained in Louisiana during the en-

tire war; was nominally in the Confederate service from July, 1863, to the close, as an attache of the Inspector General's department, with the rank of first lieutenant. He was never assigned to any command. In April, 1868, he was elected judge of his Judicial District, and was re-elected in the general election of 1872 by at least 1,500 majority and was "counted out." By that time the survivors of the lost cause had partially recovered from the fright incident to their defeat. The returned brigadiers and their subordinates, together with the small politicians, were reorganizing the Rebellion under the auspices of the White League. It was the same old fight under changed circumstances and a new name. The White League was the paramount authority in the State at that time, and, of course, dominated all elections and dictated the results. In 1874 Judge Levissee was elected a member of the State Legislature, and was "counted out;" but under the Wheeler Compromise the leaders of the White League were themselves compelled to admit that he was elected and he held his seat. In the National campaign of 1876 he was a candidate for Presidential elector for the Fourth Congressional District of Louisiana, comprising an area of not less than ten thousand square miles. He made at his own individual expense a thorough canvass of the entire District, which was the first time that it had been undertaken by any Republican. He went up and down throughout the District, rallied the negroes in great mass meetings, told them their rights, and encouraged and emboldened them to assert their rights in a proper and legal way by registering and voting. The result was a larger majority in that District than the entire Republican majority in the State. But he was "counted out" again, and this time it required the National Electoral Commission to settle the matter. At length, disgusted and weary of the insane strife that had raged about him so long,

he determined that the opportunities of life were too valuable to be further thrown away in such bootless contest, and at the cost of professional prestige and wealth honorably earned by useful service, he abandoned the home of his adoption to find again a place where he could live a free life and enjoy the equal privileges of a citizen.

For three years from July, 1878, he held the position of a Government Agent in the Internal Revenue Service, at the close of which period he resigned that position, and in 1881 located, with his son, in North Dakota. In addition to his other professional labors in Dakota, Judge Levisee rendered a highly appreciated service to the bar of that then Territory by the preparation and publication of an annotated edition of the Dakota Codes, which was approved and adopted by the Legislature and the profession, and is still in general use.

After experiencing the vicissitudes of frontier life for twelve years in North Dakota, the Judge began to feel that it was time to retire from active pursuits, and to prepare for the end. He returned to his old home—the home of his childhood and youth. Here in the beautiful village of Clyde, Sandusky Co., Ohio, he has built for himself a sumptuous place of abode. Here, in elegant retirement, amid his books and maps, he spends the evening of his long and useful life, surrounded by all that can make old age agreeable, blessed with excellent health and cheered by the merited friendship and esteem of all who know him.

R W. SANDWISCH, ex-sheriff of Sandusky county, was born in Woodville township, that county, July 20, 1846, a son of Hermon and Catharine (Mergel) Sandwisch. The father was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1811, and died at Woodville in 1854, of Asiatic cholera. He had come to this

country a young man, married in this country and worked at the blacksmith trade. The mother was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1810, came to this country, and is still living as one of the pioneers of Woodville. Their children were: Mary Jane, wife of Jacob Bishoff; Louisa, wife of Benedict Emch; R. W., our subject; J. G., in Bowling Green, Ohio; and Emeline, who married C. G. Bradt, a contractor, living at Atlanta, Georgia.

Our subject grew to manhood in Woodville township, on a farm, learned the blacksmith trade in early life at Woodville, and later worked two years at the same in Toledo, Ohio. In the fall of 1868 he opened a blacksmith shop in Woodville, which he operated himself for eighteen consecutive years, making twenty-two years of work at his trade. For several years past he has been prominently identified with politics in Woodville township as an ardent Democrat. He was first elected supervisor of roads, and afterward justice of the peace for three terms. He became the regular nominee of the Democratic party for sheriff, and was elected to that position in 1885, taking charge of the office in January, 1886. In 1887 he was re-elected, serving a second term. After leaving the sheriff's office he engaged in selling farming implements, and in that capacity traveled extensively over Sandusky county.

Mr. Sandwisch was married, in 1868, to Miss Clarinda Swartzman, who was born in Woodville township, January 11, 1849, a daughter of Isaac Swartzman, a native of Pennsylvania, and an early pioneer of Woodville township. They have children as follows: Albert H., born May 30, 1869, who was his father's deputy when he held the office of sheriff, and is engaged with him in business at the present time. Catherine Lovisa, born September 20, 1871, living at home; and Adolph Franklin, born January 18, 1877. Mr. Sandwisch is a member of the

I. O. O. F., McPherson Lodge, No. 637, Fremont, and has filled all the chairs in the subordinate lodge, having been a member since 1870. He is also a member of Fort Stephenson Masonic Lodge, Fremont, and has taken the third degree.

CAPTAIN B. S. OTTEN. In scanning the pages of this volume one will find the history of many men who have made a success of life in various lines of terrene occupations; but the subject of this sketch is a man who has been highly successful not only on land, but also on the sea.

Many a time has Capt. Otten stood on the deck of his vessel in the night time and gazed at the great clock whose face is the blue heavens, the markings on which are the glittering stars, and whose hand is the silver moon. With his sextant he has measured the moon's distance from some prominent star, thus determining the variation of his chronometer. Then on a beautiful morning we again see him, measuring the altitude of the sun, by which means he determined the latitude and longitude of his vessel, thus enabling him to guide her safely into port.

Capt. B. S. Otten, the subject of this sketch, now one of the most prominent merchants of Woodville, Sandusky county, was born in Hanover, Germany, January 26, 1835, son of Herman and Anna (Jude) Otten, both of whom died in their native country, the former at the age of eighty-five years, and the latter at the end of her three-score years and ten. To them were born six children, as follows: Margaret and Etta, who now live in Germany, Marie, who came to America, and settled in Woodville; Herman, a commission merchant in Germany; B. S., and Gerhard, who lives in Pemberville, Ohio.

Our subject attended the public schools of his native place until about sixteen years of age, when he went to sea

on the Atlantic as mast-boy, in which capacity he served six years. He then returned to Germany and took a full course in navigation at one of the leading schools of that country, graduating therefrom in 1859, after which he resumed sailing, putting into practical use the studies of his college course. Mr. Otten now entered marine life as mate, in which position he served for two years, when he was given a ship and made captain thereof, serving ably in this capacity for thirteen years. Be it said to his credit as a sea captain that while he encountered severe storms, he never, in the entire time he had charge of a boat, lost a man by accident. His first wife, Betty Bringman, who accompanied him many a time on long journeys on the sea, was born in 1850, and they were married in 1872. To their union came one child, Otto D., born July 19, 1874, in Baltimore, Md., who never saw his mother, as she died the next day after his birth. She was the daughter of John and Rebecca (Bringman) Bringman, the former of whom was a sea captain for many years, and now resides in Wood county, Ohio; his wife died some time ago. In January, 1876, Capt. Otten married Miss Matilda Bringman—a cousin of his former wife—who is a daughter of Borchard and Marguerite Bringman. Borchard Bringman was also a sea captain, and was drowned in the Atlantic while on a voyage; the mother still lives in Germany. To them were born five children, of whom Mrs. Otten is the second; her brother Gustav was washed overboard in a high sea and buried in a watery grave, as was also her brother Borchard. The grandfathers on both sides were sea captains.

On leaving the sea, Capt. Otten was for two years engaged as ship chandler in Baltimore, Md., after which, in 1876, he sold out, and came to Woodville, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where two years later he embarked in the general mercantile business, which he has ever since suc-

cessfully conducted. Mrs. Otten is a thorough business lady, and is well acquainted with their extensive mercantile business, being often found assisting in the different lines of their enterprise. To Mr. and Mrs. Otten have been born six children, three of whom are living, namely: Anna, who is now in the store; Etta, who is devoting her time to study in the public schools of Woodville; and Olga. The family is one of the most prominent in Woodville, in both a business and social way. Capt. and Mrs. Otten are highly esteemed by all who know them, while their beautiful brick residence on Main street is a standing witness to their admiration of a modern home.

ISAAC MARVIN KEELER, senior editor of the *Fremont Journal*, and one of Fremont's most respected citizens, is of Puritan parentage on both sides of his family. Of his ancestors to the seventh generation, Ralph Keeler came from England in 1639, settling at Hartford, Conn., and Matthew Marvin preceded him in 1635. His grandfathers, Luke Keeler and Isaac Marvin, emigrated with their families to Ohio in wagons from Norwalk, Conn., in 1817, coming by way of Pittsburg and making the trip in six weeks. Two of their children, Eri Keeler and Sally Marvin, both born in Connecticut in the last year of the preceding century, were married in July, 1821; and Isaac Marvin Keeler was born in Sharon township, Richland Co., Ohio, September 8, 1823. Five years later the father, Eri Keeler, and the grandfather, Luke Keeler, were among the incorporators of the town of Norwalk, Ohio, named after their old home, Norwalk, Conn. Eri Keeler died April 11, 1894, lacking but a few days of being ninety-five years of age.

The subject of this sketch lived at Norwalk until 1840, when he came to Lower Sandusky (now Fremont), and en-

tered the office of the *Lower Sandusky Whig* as an apprentice. Between 1843 and 1849, Mr. Keeler was temporarily in Milan, Norwalk, Sharon and New York, and in 1850 was commissioned postmaster at Fremont, serving in that capacity two years. In 1854 he purchased the *Fremont Journal*, the predecessor of which was established in July, 1829, which he edited and published until 1865, during all the bitter years of the Civil war, selling the office at last on account of poor health, and going into the insurance and real-estate business. In December, 1877, he repurchased the *Journal*, and in association with his son, S. P. Keeler, continues to edit the paper.

Mr. Keeler was married June 23, 1847, to Anna F. Hulburd, of Lower Sandusky, who died October 26, 1850, leaving one child. On May 12, 1857, he married Janette Elliot, daughter of Judge Samuel and Linda (Hayes) Elliot, of Brattleboro, Vt., by whom he has two children—one son and one daughter. In the more than fifty years of his residence in Fremont Mr. Keeler has not only watched its development from a rough frontier hamlet into a beautiful and thriving city, but he has been prominently instrumental in that development; and while his voice and pen have ever been on the side of municipal progress they have never swerved in time-serving expediency from what was pure and just and of good report.

BYRON A. FOCHE, attorney at law, Fremont, Sandusky county, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, September 8, 1858, a son of Josiah and Susannah (Stutzman) Fouche. The father of our subject was born in Somerset county, Penn., in 1830, where he grew to manhood, and whence he came at the age of twenty-three to Wayne county, Ohio, where he still resides. He was a school teacher by profession, and followed his vocation in

Wayne, Holmes and Tuscarawas counties for many years. He finally settled on a farm where he is now passing his declining years.

Our subject's mother was born in Wayne county, Ohio, in 1833, and here she grew to womanhood and became the wife of Josiah Fouché. Nine children—two sons and seven daughters—were the fruits of their marriage. Our subject's paternal grandfather was born in 1793, either in France or in Somerset county, Penn. He emigrated thence to Holmes county, Ohio, where he died in 1873. His father (subject's great-grandfather) was a native of France, enlisted under Lafayette, came to America, and assisted the Colonies in the Revolutionary war.

Byron A. Fouché attended the common schools in his native place, and then the University of Wooster, at Wooster, Ohio, from which he graduated in the class of 1883. He worked his own way through college by teaching school. He studied law in the office of the famous criminal lawyer and advocate, John McSweeney, and was admitted to the bar in 1886. He located in Fremont, Ohio, in 1888. He is at present Deputy State Supervisor of Elections for Sandusky county. In politics he is a Republican. On December 31, 1887, he married Miss Jane Parmeter, at Caanan, Wayne county, Ohio.

WRIGLEY BROTHERS, proprietors of the *Daily and Weekly News*, Fremont, Sandusky county, are sons of James and Mary (Haywood) Wrigley. James Wrigley was born in eastern Pennsylvania, September 25, 1821, and died December 16, 1878. His wife was born in Lancashire, England, in 1824, and came when a child with her parents to America. She resided at Denison, Iowa, where she died July 15, 1895. To them were born ten children, of whom seven are living: Alfred C., December 19,

1849; Mark H., July 12, 1853; James B., February 21, 1859; Alice J.; Gertrude V.; Anna A., wife of Philip A. Schlumberger; and Mary H. All of the daughters reside at Fremont, Ohio, excepting Mrs. Schlumberger.

The Wrigley Brothers are natives of the town of Conshohocken, Penn., where they grew up, attended the public schools and learned the printer's trade. They were proprietors of the *Conshohocken Recorder*, a weekly paper, from 1877 until 1881, when they sold it and removed to Denison, Iowa, where they bought the *Denison Review*, which they published in English and German. In 1888 they sold out, and next published the *Boone Weekly Republican*, at Boone, Iowa, about four years. In June, 1892, they purchased the *Fremont News*, the only daily paper in Fremont, Ohio, with a circulation of 1,250, and also publish a weekly, which has a circulation of 3,200. It is devoted to the business interests of Fremont and Sandusky county, furnishes fresh and reliable news from all parts of the world in a brief and attractive form, and is neutral in politics. The proprietors are sparing no pains to make it the best local paper in northern Ohio.

HG. EDGERTON, D. D. S. The name Edgerton is of English origin, but representatives of that family have been many years in the United States.

Prominent among the business men and manufacturers of Fremont, Sandusky county, for nearly half a century has been Chester Edgerton, who was born in Pawlet, Vt., in 1819, and came to Ohio in 1844. He is now seventy-six years old, and is living retired. He was an attorney in his day, and a very successful collector. He was also for a number of years engaged in the lumber business, as a member of the firm of Edgerton Bros., by fair dealing and close attention to busi-

ness he accumulated a small fortune, and is recognized as one of the most successful men of the early days of Fremont. He is a Republican in politics, and in the year 1847 was elected mayor of the city. In 1845 he married Miss Augusta F. Fusselman, who was born in 1826, and six children were born to them: Frank, now living in Tennessee; Hattie, wife of G. Kinney, an attorney at law, of Fremont; Fannie A., who died in 1879; Maude, wife of Lieut. John Garvin, U. S. N.; Chester, living in Kansas City, Mo.; and H. G.

Dr. H. G. Edgerton was born in Fremont, Ohio, April 23, 1859, and was educated in the Fremont public schools and at Oberlin College. He began the study of dentistry in 1875, and graduated from the Dental Department of the University of Ann Arbor (Mich.) in 1881, with the degree of D. D. S. He practiced his profession at Toledo, Ohio, one year, and then came to Fremont, where he has had a leading practice for several years in his pleasant rooms over the First National Bank. He is a Republican, a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the National Union, and is connected with several social clubs of the city. On January 29, 1884, he married Miss Clara Meek, daughter of B. Meek, an attorney at law, and four children have been born to them: Mary B., Rachel, Dorothy and Henry Meek.

JOSEPH KINDLE, attorney at law, Fremont, Sandusky county, was born at Caroline, near Republic, Seneca county, Ohio, December 9, 1858, a son of Gottlieb and Mary Magdalena (Michels) Kindle.

Our subject's father was born in Triesen, Principality of Lichtenstein, Germany, and emigrated to America in 1852. He had followed the trade of blacksmith in the Fatherland, but on settling in Seneca county, Ohio, upon a

farm, he devoted his time to agricultural pursuits, and did only his own blacksmithing. Our subject's mother was born in Baden, Germany, in 1837, and came with her father's family to Sandusky county, Ohio, when three years old. Here she grew to womanhood, became the wife of Gottlieb Kindle, and died March 1, 1866. Their children were: Regina, who married Frank Binsack, of Fremont, Ohio; Rosa Ann, who died at the age of eighteen; Mary Ann, who is unmarried; and Joseph, our subject.

Joseph Kindle came with his parents at an early age to New Riegel, Ohio, where he attended school until he was fourteen years of age, also a parochial school, in which he was at the head of his classes at the age of eleven, and kept his place as they progressed upward for three years. In August, 1871, the family removed to Green Creek township, Sandusky county, where they remained about five years. In March, 1876, they moved to Sandusky township, near Booktown, at the mouth of Muskallonge creek, upon a farm where the parents lived and died. After settling up his father's estate, our subject, being of a literary turn of mind, sought the halls of learning to qualify himself for an occupation better suited to his tastes. He attended school two years at Notre Dame University, South Bend, Ind., devoting the first year to a commercial course, from which he graduated, and received his diploma, and the second year he took a mixed course, scientific and literary, in a line with the study of law. On his return from school he followed the occupation of bookkeeping for a year, and then went into a general mercantile business for himself, in which he continued with good success for ten years, most of the time at Fremont, Ohio. He then sold out and resumed the study of law with the firm of Meek & Dudrow, and, was admitted to the bar on December 8,

1892. He now has an office on Croghan street, Fremont, opposite the First National Bank.

Mr. Kindle is a man of large stature, manly form and commanding presence. He possesses great strength and power of endurance, physically and intellectually, which, coupled with his ability to use the German language as fluently as the English, gives him a vast advantage over the ordinary man. He is a Democrat in politics, and, as were his parents before him, he is an ardent Roman Catholic. He is one of the most prominent members of Branch No. 290, Catholic Knights of America, also a member of Branch No. 8, Catholic Knights of Ohio, of which Branch he is the present president, and is a member of St. Joseph's Parish. He has been an officer of trust in these societies during nearly all the time of his membership therein, and has represented them in different state councils.

Mr. Kindle was married April 28, 1884, to Miss Mary Drum, daughter of Jacob and Anna (Durnwald) Drum. Her father was a Union soldier in the late war, and is now a member of Eugene Rawson Post, G. A. R., Fremont, Ohio. The children of Joseph and Mary Kindle are: Frank J., Edward A., Gertrude M., and Laura Ann.

FRANK E. SEAGER, prosecuting attorney for Sandusky county, was born in Ballville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, October 17, 1861, a son of Charles D. and Caroline (Hoover) Seager, natives of Sandusky county. Charles D. Seager was an only son of Charles L. Seager, a native of New York State, who came west in 1835, was one of the early pioneers of Sandusky county, and died in 1843. Our subject's maternal grandparents, Lawrence Hoover and wife, were natives of Germany, and also came at an early day to Sandusky county; they are both now dead. Our

subject's parents were married in Ballville township, Sandusky county, in 1858.

Frank E. Seager was reared in the place of his nativity, attended the common schools and the Fremont city schools, later the Normal University, at Ada, Ohio, where he completed the classical course in 1886, and then attended the Northwestern College, at Naperville, Ill., from which he graduated in 1887. He then began studying law, alternating that with teaching winter schools. He located in Fremont in 1888, and entered the law office of Pinefrock & Brinkerhoff, for the purpose of continuing his law studies and engaging in the insurance and loan business. He was admitted to the bar in 1893, and in 1894 was elected prosecuting attorney, which office he still holds.

Socially, our subject is a member of Croghan Lodge, No. 77, I. O. O. F., and Fremont Encampment, No. 64. He is also a member of the Uniformed Rank, Patriarchs Militant, and, of the Masonic Fraternity, a Royal Arch Mason. He is an active member of the Church of the Evangelical Association; was for several years its efficient Sunday-school superintendent; he also superintends a Sunday-school at Ballville village. In politics he has always been a Republican, and takes an interest in local and national affairs. On May 16, 1895, Mr. Seager was married, at New Carlisle, Clark Co., Ohio, to Miss Marie Gates.

FRED R. FRONIZER, attorney at law, Fremont, Sandusky county, was born near Buffalo, N. Y., in 1852, son of Henry and Mary Young Fromzer, natives of Germany, who emigrated to New York, where they were married. In 1853 they came to Sandusky county, Ohio, locating in Ballville township, where they followed farming. The mother died in 1885. Their children were: Fred R., our subject,

John, a carpenter, of Fremont; Simon, a contractor and grocer; Matilda, who died at the age of four; Lana; Susan; Katty, and Joseph.

Our subject was reared to farm labor, and attended the country schools. At the age of eighteen he entered upon life for himself, attended the Fremont city schools, and taught country schools in the winter seasons to pay his way. Later he went to a Normal school at Fostoria, Ohio, for a few terms, and then taught the Woodville High School two years. In the spring of 1874 he commenced the study of law in the office of J. T. Garver, in the meantime continuing to teach winter schools, and was admitted to the bar in April, 1877. He held the office of justice of the peace in Ballville township six years, and in 1887 was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney for Sandusky county, which he held six years. He was county school examiner from August, 1881, to 1887. Mr. Fronizer is a life-long Democrat, and a member of the M. E. Church of Fremont. Socially, he is a member of Croghan Lodge, No. 77, I. O. O. F. He was married, in Sandusky county, to Miss Isabella Boyer, daughter of George Boyer, a pioneer of Washington township, that county, and two children have blessed their union—Irvin F. and Harry L.

DAVID GORDON. For more than half a century the name of Gordon has been closely identified with the growth and progress of Ottawa county, and more particularly with Salem township. The family is of Scotch ancestry on the father's side, the mother's people being Yankees.

The parents and grandparents of our subject were natives of Somerset county, N. J., and the first members of the family to settle in Ohio were John and Rachel (Smith) Gordon, who removed from Somerset county, N. J., in 1831, and located

in Salem township. After residing here some six months they removed to Harris township, where they remained for three years, and returning then to Salem township made it their place of abode during the remainder of their lives. They were honored and respected people, and had a large circle of warm friends. The father passed away November 7, 1851, the mother on March 3, 1842.

It will thus be seen that the family has been identified with Ottawa county since pioneer days, and David Gordon is now the oldest living resident of Salem township. He is numbered among the prominent and progressive farmers and stock raisers, and has a home pleasantly situated about one mile and a half from Oak Harbor. Born in Somerset county, N. J., March 19, 1827, he came to Salem township with his parents when only four years old, and since 1831 has been a continuous resident of the farm he now owns. The township in those days was an unbroken wilderness, without roads and without schoolhouses, the latter being at that time considered a needless luxury. In consequence David Gordon received very meager privileges for obtaining a literary education. From early life he was obliged to engage in the arduous duties of developing a new farm, a work that had to be accomplished with rude machinery, for the wonderful inventions in farm implements were then a thing of the future. He perseveringly continued his labors, however, and is still engaged in farming, now on an extensive scale, being numbered among the most prosperous agriculturists of his adopted county.

Mr. Gordon was married, December 1, 1851, in Erie township, Ottawa county, to Miss Caroline Redding, who was born in Warren county, N. J., February 9, 1827, daughter of David B. and Anna (Engler) Redding, natives of New Jersey, who located in Ottawa county in 1839. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, but the eldest died when



David Gordon

only a few hours old. The others are John, who was born September 10, 1854, and is now a prominent farmer of Erie township; Rachel and Cornelius (twins), born February 22, 1857, of whom Cornelius was drowned February 27, 1859, and Rachel is the wife of W.A. Eisenhour, who was clerk of Ottawa county, and is now a farmer of Erie township; David and George (twins), born January 9, 1859, the former a resident of Montana, the latter a prominent farmer of Salem township, Ottawa county; Evaline, born February 3, 1860, deceased in infancy; Catherine, born July 26, 1862, who died in infancy; Marian, born September 15, 1864, who also died in infancy; and Helen, born May 16, 1865.

Mr. Gordon is a charter member of Oak Harbor Lodge No. 495, F. & A. M., and belongs to Fremont Chapter No. 64, R. A. M., and Fremont Council No. 61, K. T. He and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics he is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. He is numbered among the honored pioneers of Ottawa county, who have witnessed its growth and development from the days of its infancy, and in the work of progress and advancement he has ever borne his part as a faithful citizen.

DR. FRANK CREAGER, the well-known dentist of Fremont, Sandusky county, was born July 25, 1850, in York township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, on the farm of David Moore, about four miles southwest of Bellevue, Ohio, son of Jacob and Margaret Ann Creager. The parents, who were of German descent, came from Hagerstown, Maryland.

In early life our subject removed with the family to White Pigeon, Mich., and thence to Elkhart county, Indiana, where he was reared on a farm, and where he received a common-school education. In 1865 he commenced the study

of dentistry with Dr. H. B. Boswell, of Rochester, N. Y., and in 1870 accepted a situation as an assistant in the office of Drs. Cummins and Hawk, of Elkhart, Ind., remaining with them three years. To these gentlemen he is indebted for much of his early education in dentistry. In 1873 he located in Fremont, Ohio, for the practice of his profession, soon establishing a large and lucrative business, and gaining the national reputation he now enjoys. He also enjoys the distinction of having spent more years in active practice than any other dental practitioner in the history of Sandusky county. It is needless, however, to speak of him in a professional light, for his skill as an operator and his mechanical abilities are extensively known. The prominent positions he has occupied in the various dental societies of the country are also matters of history. He has one of the finest dental offices in the State, provided with all the modern improvements and appliances known to the profession, many of which are of his own invention.

On March 11, 1875, Dr. Frank Creager was married to Miss Clara L. Moore, of Ballville, Ohio, daughter of John and Eliza Moore; the children born to them were Edna, Volta, Grace, Bessie and Frankie Bon. The first two died of diphtheria in the latter part of the winter of 1880, Edna dying February 19, and Volta on the 29th of the same month, only a difference of ten days in the time of their deaths. When twenty-one years of age Dr. Creager joined the Masonic Fraternity at Bristol, Ind., but shortly afterward he took a dimit and united with Brainard Lodge No. 336, F. & A. M., Fremont, and has been an active member ever since. He is now the master of the Lodge, a position he has held continuously for three terms, and under his guidanceship it has acquired an enviable reputation. In fact it is conceded to be

one of the best working Lodges in the State. He is also a member of the Grand Council, Royal Arcanum; but the efforts which brought him most prominently before the people were in the interest of the National Union (a similar beneficial organization), and especially the local Council which was named, in honor of his little girl, "Edna." The loss of this child, their first-born, was a severe blow to the parents, and the honor thus bestowed by his associates in naming the Council after her perhaps made the Doctor take more than the usual interest in its welfare. Edna Council was instituted December 3, 1883, with forty-nine charter members, and Dr. Creager was chosen its first president. The following January he was re-elected, and the officers and members went to work in such an earnest manner that in less than six months the roll was swelled to more than a hundred members, and Dr. Creager's name appears on nearly all the applications.

At a meeting of the Ohio State Assembly, which was held in the city of Fremont June 10, 1884, he was chosen Senator for two years, being one of the first Senators elected by the Councils to represent the Order in that Supreme body. The Edna Ritual was exemplified by the Council to the members of the Assembly during their stay in the city, and although in rather a crude state, it was well received. At the session of the Senate in 1884 Dr. Creager was elected speaker, and also a member of the Finance Committee. At the session of 1885, held in the city of Chicago, he was elected vice president, and was also retained on the Finance Committee, of which he was a valuable member. During 1885 he was a member of the Committee on Laws. At the session of the Senate held at Mansfield in 1886, he was chosen president, and on his return home was met at the depot by the council in a body, and escorted to his residence on Main street, where he was most cordially received by

his neighbors and the members of his Council. The following year he was unanimously re-elected president of the Senate, and was also made a life member of that Supreme body—one of the highest honors within its gift. In 1888 he revised the Ritual originally prepared by him, which has been unanimously endorsed by every Council and member of the Order.

In 1891, during the session of the Senate at Milwaukee, Wis., he presented to the assembly a beautiful and impressive Burial Service, in perfect keeping with the tenets of the Order, which has been universally admired. His last and best effort, however, in ritualistic work, was the Public or Private Installation Ceremony written and arranged by him in 1894. It is a scholarly production, and commends itself to nearly all the fraternal societies of the country. It can truly be said that Dr. Creager has tried to serve the order faithfully and well—"With malice toward none, with charity for all." Taking the office at a time when affairs at headquarters were not in the best condition, he has triumphantly come through it all, and to-day the National Union is recognized as one of the leading beneficial societies.

Dr. Creager is a pleasant and fluent speaker, most of his addresses being in connection with the Grand and Supreme bodies with which he is affiliated. In 1895 he entered actively into the campaign which terminated in the nomination of Col. Horace S. Buckland as a candidate for common pleas judge, announcing his name to the convention in an eloquent speech, which was most enthusiastically received.

JACOB GABEL. The value of a biographical work, such as the one in which these sketches are found, is readily conceded when one realizes how fast the old landmarks are disappear-

ing in the onward march of time, and how few are left of that generation of brave pioneers under whose patient strokes the forests gave place to well-tilled fields with their wealth of golden grain, and these, in their turn, to busy, thriving villages, which anon grew into cities, the smoke of whose countless industries ascend without ceasing, and the names of whose citizens, famous in statesmanship, war or commerce, have become known throughout the world.

The men and women who contributed, even in the humblest way, to the planting and growth of this great commonwealth, must feel a laudable pride, when, themselves in the sere and yellow leaf, they can look back on lives spent in honest industry and patient toil, and see the results in the happy homes and wonderful progress of the State, which has been the birthplace of so many great men, and which holds so enviable a place in the Union. Of the early settlers of this State, as well as others, many were of German birth, and to no class of people is the country more indebted for its substantial prosperity. Hardy, industrious and frugal, they were well adapted to confront the obstacles which lay in the path of the pioneer, and to them and their children are due the thanks of those now enjoying the benefits of their labors.

Jacob Gabel, the subject of this sketch, who is now enjoying at his pleasant home in Fremont, Sandusky county, the rest earned by a long life of activity, was born May 4, 1821, in Alsace, Germany. His parents, Jacob and Barbara (Lebald) Gabel, who were natives of the same place, sailed for America in 1829, when their little lad was about eight years old. Their first location was at Buffalo, N. Y., where they were engaged in farming for seven years. In 1836 they removed to Ohio, and settled in what was known as the Black Swamp, in Jackson township, four miles from Fremont. Their home was a small log cabin, in the midst

of a dense forest; no roads through the timber, no neighbors, no comforts or conveniences of any kind, and mud, mud everywhere. Nothing daunted, their busy hands cleared away the trees, tilled the ground, sowed and reaped the abundant harvests and reared the children who came to cheer their loneliness. On this farm, wrested from the wilderness by incessant toil, Jacob Gabel, Sr., lived his long life, dying in 1872, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years, five months and some days. The mother passed away in 1866, at the ripe age of eighty-two years.

To this worthy couple were born six children—three sons and three daughters—all of whom lived to a goodly age: Joseph, a farmer in Ballville township, Sandusky county, who lived to be eighty-two years old; Michael, who followed farming in Jackson township, and died when sixty-two years old; Jacob, our subject; Catharine, who married Louis Schutz, and resided in Ballville township, where she died at the age of sixty; Elizabeth, who married George Rimmelspacher, and Magdalena, wife of Adam Bien-sack.

Jacob Gabel, the subject of this sketch, grew up on his father's farm, and at the age of twenty-three was married to Miss Magdalena Durr, who was born January 20, 1826, in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to this country when twelve years old, making her home in Ottawa county. Their marriage took place in Fremont, May 12, 1845, and the young couple took up their abode with the father of our subject, where they resided until the death of the former. A large family, eleven children in all, was born to this estimable couple, and on February 13, 1876, the beloved wife and mother passed away, leaving behind her a most gracious memory of a loving and well-spent life. The following brief record is given of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Gabel: (1) Catherine, born May 8, 1846, married Joseph Dolweck, and lives in

Ottawa county, this State; she is the mother of six children—Clara (who married Fred Bauer; they reside in Cleveland and have one child, Helen), Lena, Jacob, John, Frank and Alpha. (2) Peter, born October 25, 1847, married and living in Fremont, has seven children—Rosa, Anna, Katie, Mamie, Alois, Herman and Estella. (3) Caroline, born May 22, 1850, married John Busold, and lives in Fremont; they have had four children, of whom the following are living: Rosa, Frances and Lidwina. (4) Jacob, born November 20, 1852, is married, and lives in Jackson township; his children are seven in number: Henry, Ella, Minnie, Edward, Herman, Max and Clara. (5) Mary, born March 3, 1855, married Joseph L. Fegelist, lives in Bellevue, and has three children—Ervin, Leander, and Oliver. (6) Charley, born April 21, 1857, lives in Jackson township, and has had four children—Frances, Lucy, Leo, and Hedwig (deceased). (7) Frank, born May 25, 1859, lives in Fremont, and has four children—Lidwina, Alphonse, Oscar and Olive. (8) Louis, born May 28, 1861, lives in Jackson township, and has four children—Ida, Roman, Cletus and Clement, the latter two being twins. (9) John S., born June 23, 1864, lives in Jackson township, and has three children—Florine, Walter and Bernard. (10) Albert, born September 29, 1866, lives in Jackson township, and has one child—Anna. (11) William, born September 1, 1870, was educated in the Ohio Normal University, and subsequently clerked in the drug store of Thomas & Grund, in Fremont, after which he accepted the position which he now holds, that of bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Fremont. He is a Democrat, and an active member of the Young Men's Sodality of St. Joseph's Church.

Jacob Gabel, the father of this interesting family, has for fifty years been a successful farmer in Jackson township, where he now owns some 600 acres of

land, accumulated by industry and economy. He gives the credit for his success to his noble wife, who, he thinks, was the best woman in the world. After her death he could not bear the loneliness of country life, and came to Fremont, where he resides with his daughter Caroline. Although he has given up the care of his farm to his sons, he frequently goes out to it and looks after his interests there. He also owns a grocery store in Fremont, which is managed by one of his sons. In politics Mr. Gabel is a Democrat, and in religion a devout Catholic. His father was one of the founders of St. Joseph's Church in Fremont. The last years of his life are passing peacefully by in the society of his numerous children and grandchildren, with the sustaining thoughts of a life well spent, and the hope of a glorious immortality.

CALEB TAYLOR (deceased) was born in Maryland, October 20, 1800. His parents moved to Virginia when he was a lad of seven years, and after living there two years located in Belmont county, Ohio, where they remained until 1828, in that year moving to Richland county, Ohio,

In the spring of 1822 Caleb Taylor was united in marriage, in Belmont county, with Sarah Yost, who was born in that county, October 21, 1802. Her parents were of German ancestry. For nine years, or until 1837, Caleb Taylor worked at his trade of blacksmithing and also at farming, and in that year located in Sandusky county, Ohio, on an eighty-acre tract of timberland, the greater part of which he had cleared by the time of his death. He passed away on January 12, 1871, at the age of seventy-one years. Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Taylor had eleven children, as follows: John, a carpenter, who married Barbara Shrively, and had six children; Elizabeth, who married Eli Reeves, a retired carpenter of Gibsonburg,

Ohio; Lydia, who lives in Oregon, married to Christian Rheinhardt, by whom she had five children; Ben, who died in 1864 in the war of the Rebellion; William, who died at the age of seventeen; George, who died in Michigan June 12, 1893, at the age of sixty years; J. B., a resident of Gibsonburg, Madison township, who married Cynthia Campbell, and has had two children; Enoch, born April 1, 1837; Hannah, who married Eli Rheinhardt, a farmer of Indiana; Mary J., who married James Wells, a weaver, and lives in Bradner, Wood Co., Ohio; and Aaron, who died in infancy. Mrs. Taylor is still living, at the advanced age of ninety-two, having her home with her daughter at Gibsonburg part of the time, and on the old homestead. She has for the greater part of her life been a devout member of the German Baptist Church.

Enoch Taylor, a son of Caleb Taylor, always lived at home, excepting the time he was in Stenben county, Ind., where he bought forty acres of land on which he lived two years. On December 1, 1864, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Rheinhardt, who was born June 4, 1844, and they have had five children, namely: Martha A., who died young; L. C., a school teacher in Gibsonburg, Madison township, who received most of his schooling at the district school, attended school one term at Angola, Ind., and one at Fostoria, Ohio; he married Eliza Schneider; George W., born January 29, 1875, who works at home; Mary E., born March 31, 1877; and Orphia, born March 28, 1883. Mrs. Taylor's parents, Christian and Barbara (Raymer) Rheinhardt, were natives of Pennsylvania.

In 1863 Enoch Taylor took his father to a railroad station, and on their return home the team became frightened and ran away, throwing him out and fracturing his right shoulder, which injury has caused him a great deal of inconvenience in later years. In 1876, by a kick from a horse in the forehead, his skull was fractured,

and he was picked up for dead, but after two months he was able to get around again. Since then his eyesight has been impaired. He has always worked hard from his youth, and since the death of his father has had charge of the old homestead.

DAVID GARN, JR. The entrance of the Garn families into Washington township, Sandusky county, dates back as early as 1834. They have been widely and favorably known as enterprising farmers and business men, and the parents of our subject were among the early pioneers of the Black Swamp.

David Garn, Jr., the subject of this sketch was born June 3, 1846, in Washington township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, a son of David Garn and Margaret (Ickes) Garn, the former of whom died in February, 1848. David Garn's earlier educational advantages were limited, but he afterward attended the high school at Fremont two terms; Normal school at Milan, Ohio, two terms; and business college at Oberlin, Ohio, one term. He was a Union soldier in the war of the Rebellion, having enlisted at Fremont, Ohio, May 2, 1864, in Company G, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment, O. V. I., and served four months at Fort Ethan Allen, Virginia, where he suffered from sunstroke and camp-fever. On September 4, 1864, he was honorably discharged at Cleveland, Ohio. He was a member of Eugene Rawson Post, No. 32, G. A. R., at Fremont, Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. David Garn, Sr., were born children as follows: Sarah, wife of Daniel Swickard; Daniel, who was a member of Company K, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth O. V. I. He married Miss Hattie King, and their children are—Ella, Mary, William, Albert, Edward, Samuel; Mary, wife of Michael Weible, farmer of Sandusky township (they had one child, who with parents are

all deceased); Isaac, a commission merchant, of Vinton, Iowa, born February 9, 1841, married to T. C. Mitchell, daughter of Jacob Mitchell (Isaac was a member of Company G, One Hundred and Eleventh O. V. I.); Alexander, born July 10, 1843, was a soldier in the Civil war, in Company I, Seventy-second Regiment O. V. I., and died near Memphis, Tenn.; David, Jr., is the subject of our sketch.

David Garn, Jr., was married in Sandusky county, January 20, 1884, to Miss Anna Hoffman, who was born August 10, 1864, at Hagerstown, Md., a daughter of Jacob and Johanna (Leshner) Hoffman. Their children are: Firm, born December 10, 1884; Ray, born January 3, 1886; David, born June 10, 1887; Leo, born February 6, 1895. Mr. Garn is a merchant at Helena, Ohio, and has held the office of notary public and of postmaster since 1885. He previously held the offices of precinct assessor, school director and clerk of the board of public schools for eleven years.

WILSON DWIGHT (deceased) was a son of Josiah and Abigail (Fish) Dwight, and was born June 1, 1819, upon a farm near Cincinnati, New York.

When seventeen years of age he came to Huron county, Ohio, where he rented land and engaged, in his own behalf, in agricultural pursuits. One year later his father's family also came to Huron county, purchased a farm, and Wilson made his home with them until he had passed his twenty-seventh birthday anniversary, when he wedded Electa Osterhout. To this union came four children, viz.: Charles G., who died when eight years of age; Jennie M., deceased wife of James Swisher; Emma L., wife of William Lovering, a contractor, of Findlay, Ohio; and Flora Bell, wife of Lester Wilson, an attorney at law of Fremont, Ohio.

Shortly after his marriage, Mr. Dwight

moved to La Grange county, Ind., and purchased a farm upon which he resided for three years, when he sold out and returned to Ohio, buying a farm in Groton township, Erie county. Here he made his home until 1873 when he removed to Clyde, Ohio, and purchased a splendid home where his widow now resides. During the twenty-two years of his residence in Clyde, although he lived a quiet life and gave little attention to business other than a general supervision of his farm, he came to be universally known as a man of kind and accommodating disposition, and the personification of honesty and integrity. He passed away June 6, 1895, and was laid to rest in the beautiful McPherson cemetery, adjoining the village.

DAVID R. RUSSELL, who in his lifetime was an honored citizen of Riley township, Sandusky county, was born November 23, 1855, in Castalia, Erie Co., Ohio, and is a son of Alonzo and Sarah (Baker) Russell, both also natives of Ohio, the father born in Erie county, April 8, 1823, the mother in Castalia, Erie Co., Ohio, March 28, 1829. They were married August 28, 1848, and were the parents of eight children as follows: Sophronia, born in 1849, and now living in Erie county, Ohio, was married to James Lemon, who died in 1881; Lafayette born in 1851, married Nettie Lemon, and they have two children (they live in Erie county); Mary, born in 1853, married George Riggel, and they have had four children (they live in Huron county, Ohio); David R., is the subject of this sketch; Emma, born in 1857, married Eugene Zabst, and they have one child (they live in Bay City, Mich.); Frank, born in 1859, died at the age of eighteen years; George, born in 1861, married Maud Upton, by whom he has four children (they live in Missouri); and Sarah, born in 1863, married

Hiram Harris, and has two children (they live in Michigan).

Alonzo Russell when a young man was employed by the day. After his marriage he moved to Michigan, bought a farm there, lived on it for two years, and then selling it removed to Erie county, Ohio, where he worked four years for a man by the name of David Richmond. He saved his money and bought fifty acres of land, later purchasing sixty-five more. He died February 7, 1874, since when his widow has managed two farms.

David R. Russell, the subject proper of these lines, was raised by his parents, received a common-school education, and worked at home until his marriage. On May 2, 1882, he was wedded to Miss Harriet Livingstine, who was born April 8, 1863, in Sandusky county, and five children have blessed their union, as follows: Sadie May, born March 7, 1883; Charles David, born February 9, 1885; Rosa Harriet Gertrude, born February 2, 1887; Clara Catherine, born November 12, 1888; and John Robert, born September 5, 1891. Of these children, Sadie May died January 17, 1895, aged eleven years, ten months and ten days. The father, David R. Russell, departed this life September 26, 1895, at the age of thirty-nine years, ten months and three days. He died, of enlargement of the spleen, at the home of his sister in West Bay City, Mich., whither he had gone for the benefit of his health, and his remains were brought back to his home by his father-in-law, Charles Livingstine, and were laid to rest in the Scotch cemetery in Riley township, Sandusky county. The services at the funerals of both father and daughter were conducted by Rev. E. Peiffer, in Grace Lutheran Church, at Fremont.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. David R. Russell settled in Riley township, Sandusky county, her father having given her thirty-three acres of land there. In 1884 Mr. Russell bought thirty-five acres adjoining, paying for it at the rate

of seventy-five dollars per acre. As did his father before him in political matters, he voted the Republican ticket, and he donated liberally toward the support of the Lutheran Church.

GEORGE REYNOLDS, a retired farmer of Sandusky county, living in Ballville village, near Fremont, was born March 9, 1817, in Essex county, N. Y., near Elizabethtown, son of Daniel and Betsey Adams Reynolds.

Daniel Reynolds was born near Saratoga Springs, N. Y. In 1834 he migrated to Ohio with his son, George Reynolds, and settled in Lorain county, near Elyria, where he remained for some years. In the latter part of his life he removed to Ballville township, Sandusky county, on land now occupied by his son George, where he died at the age of sixty-six, the mother also passing away at the same age. Mr. Reynolds was a Whig in politics, a descendant of an old Yankee family. There were eleven children born to him and his wife—Lyllis, George, Harry, Melissa, Ransom, Daniel, Rosetta, Philemon, Lucinda, Edgar and Rousseau—six of whom are still living.

George Reynolds spent his youth and attended school in the State of New York. After coming to Ohio, he resided about five years in Elyria, and afterward removed to Fremont, settling in Ballville township, where he has resided on the same farm for fifty years. He has a tract of 145 acres of land under a high state of cultivation, lying on the east bank of the Sandusky river. Here, on February 6, 1844, he married Miss Maria Prior, who was born, November 1, 1823, in Sandusky county, on their present farm. A brief record of their children is as follows: (1) Chauncey, born October 17, 1844, married Miss Effie Bender, and they have two children—George and Bessie. (2) Cynthia, born June 6, 1850, married T. L. Parker, and now resides with her parents

(they have one child, Effie, who married James Hill, and has a daughter—Della Irene). (3) Orrin, born May 23, 1855, was an attorney at law, and died at Fremont, Ohio, in 1879. (4) Della, married R. W. Mitchener, and they have two children—Kent and Robert Donnell. (5) Ransom, born May 15, 1859, is unmarried, and is living with his parents. All the married children were married on the home farm. Our subject is a Republican in politics, and for about eight years has been a member of the M. E. Church, with which his wife has been united from childhood, she being the oldest living member of that organization in Fremont. Mrs. Reynolds is one of the old pioneers of Sandusky county, and can relate many incidents of early pioneer life.

HON. SOLOMON W. REED.—
Among the men of mark of Ottawa county, and representative citizens of this section of Ohio, stands the gentleman whose name is here recorded.

A native of Sandusky township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, born February 9, 1840, he was there educated at the public schools, and also learned the trade of carpenter with his father, who was born about the year 1810, in Pennsylvania, and died in 1869. The mother of our subject passed away on November 4, 1895, at the age of seventy-seven years. This honored couple were the parents of fourteen children—seven sons and seven daughters. At the age of twenty-three years our subject moved to Elmore, Ottawa county, where he has ever since, now a period of thirty-two years, been a highly-esteemed citizen. For one year he was engaged at his trade, and then embarked in lumbering and farming, businesses he still carries on, in connection with which he is also interested in the manufacture of staves and headings. In 1870 Mr. Reed appraised the real estate of Harris township to the unqualified sat-

isfaction of all concerned, thus establishing a recognition of his adaptability for positions to which good judgment is an importance essential. In 1892 the "oil boom" reached Elmore, and our subject at once embarked in that speculation, and he has since put down fifteen wells, most of which are producing. In 1893 he purchased of Caleb Klink the Elmore Wagon and Carriage Factory, in which he placed the machinery for the manufacture of heading, staves and lumber, and in his various businesses he now employs an average of some seventy-five hands. In the year just mentioned he was appointed assignee for the Ottawa County Bank, located at Elmore.

Mr. Reed, in his political proclivities, is an ardent supporter of Democratic principles, and in 1895, justly appreciating his merits and abilities, that party placed him in nomination as representative of Ottawa county for the Ohio State Legislature. On the 5th of November, same year, he was elected by a majority of 374 over his opponent, Emery Thierwechter, of Oak Harbor, which in itself is substantial enough evidence of his popularity.

In 1860 Hon. S. W. Reed was united in marriage with Miss Emma Hetrick, daughter of George and Catherine Hetrick, and to this union have been born eight children, to wit: Saloma (Mrs. John Reber, of Elmore), William Lester (deceased, who for several years prior to his death was engaged with his father in business), Embro T. (a farmer at Elmore), Franklin M. (in a lumber and stave business), Ella, Edwin E., Eva and Warrie W. The entire family enjoy the highest esteem and regard of the community in which they live.

EMBRA T. REED. Among the younger representatives of the agricultural interests of Ottawa county is this gentleman, who was born on March 10, 1865, in Washington



S. W. Reed

township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, a son of Solomon Wilson and Emeline (Hetrick) Reed. The former was born in Washington township about 1840, and his first business venture was the purchase and sale of horses which he secured for the Union army during the war of the Rebellion. In 1860 he married Miss Hetrick, who was born in the same locality in 1838, and they became the parents of eight children—five sons and three daughters—seven of whom are now living; William Lester died in 1890 from an injury received several years before.

The boyhood days of our subject were spent under the parental roof at Elmore, Ohio, and he there obtained his education. In 1884, at the age of nineteen, he started on a trip through the South and West, first going to Texas, thence to California, where he remained a year, and then on to Montana, returning to his Ohio home by the way of North Dakota. He continued with his father through the winter, and in the succeeding spring went to New Mexico and to Colorado, where for two years he was engaged in silver mining. On the expiration of that period he made his way to Oregon and Washington, remaining in that section of the country for nine months when he again came to Ohio.

On October 11, 1888, Mr. Reed was joined in wedlock with Miss Julia James, of Elmore, who was born in Harris township, Ottawa county, January 21, 1867. She was educated in the district schools, and until her marriage remained at home with her parents. Her father, Orin James, was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, February 7, 1832, and came to Ottawa county during his boyhood. He married Miss Melvina Richards, who was born in Ottawa county in 1830, and died in 1873. Three children grace the union of our subject and his wife: Le Roy Trask, born July 28, 1880; Carl De Witt, born December 28, 1892; and Arzella, born September 23, 1894. For a year after his

marriage Mr. Reed lived in Findlay, Ohio, engaged in the cooperage business. He then came to Harris township, Ottawa county, and took charge of one of his father's farms which he is still operating. He is also engaged in raising stock for the local trade, and is doing a good business. In his political views he is a Republican. He and his wife hold membership with the Disciple Church of Elmore, and are highly-esteemed residents of his locality, having many friends. He has the culture which travel brings, and many interesting incidents which he can relate of his journey make him an entertaining companion.

C S. KEATING. Although he has long since passed his allotted three score years and ten, and has now entered his eightieth year, this well-beloved old gentleman of Clyde, Sandusky county, is at this writing as erect in figure, as quick in action, as a man of half his years. His eyesight is keen, and he is yet an active follower of Nimrod and of Walton. Each summer he visits the haunts of noble game, and the favorite nooks of the trout and the muskallonge, while his pleasant home is adorned with numerous and valuable trophies of the chase. In this respect it resembles rather some old baronial hall than a modern dwelling house, and for each trophy Mr. Keating has an interesting story.

He was born in Maine April 8, 1816, son of John and Elizabeth (Mathews) Keating, both also natives of the "Pine Tree State." John Keating was a man of earnest convictions. About 1819 he with his wife and family made the long and tiresome journey by wagon from Maine to Ohio, settling near Zanesville, where he farmed and followed the trade of millwright. In 1825 he moved to a farm in Clinton township, Seneca county. There was then but one frame house in

Tiffin. He cut a wagon road from Tiffin to his little log cabin in the woods two and a half miles away, and soon after found employment as a ship carpenter at Sandusky, Huron and Fremont, following that trade for ten years or longer. He was also a Baptist minister, and preached the Gospel at frequent intervals from a sense of right, and not for emoluments, and each Sunday he made long trips on horseback through the mud and woods to fill these clerical appointments. He had nine children as follows: John M., who died at the old homestead after marriage; Joseph, a boss ship-builder, who married and lived at Toledo, where he was accidentally killed at the age of fifty-six years; Edward and Edwin, who both died young; Capt. A. C. Keating, of Clyde; C. S., subject of this sketch; Henry A., who lives on the pike below Clyde; George L., residing on the old homestead near Tiffin; Louisa, who married Elias Jackson, and is now a widow, living in Indiana (Mr. Jackson died several years ago); Elizabeth, married to Charles Sloat, now living in California; and one child who died in infancy.

C. S. Keating grew to manhood on the pioneer farm in Seneca county, receiving a scant education in the log school houses of that age. He paid for one term of instruction by chopping trees, and remembers that one tree which he tackled was too large for him, and he was obliged to call his father's assistance in felling it. He remained on the home farm till twenty-two years of age, then entered the shipyard at Marblehead as carpenter; he followed this trade at Lorain, on the Black river, at Vermilion, Huron and Fremont, for about two years. On December 1, 1839, he was married to Miss Olive E. Butler, born near Rockland, Maine, August 29, 1822, a distant relative of Ben. Butler. She is the daughter of Brackett and Nancy (Mathews) Butler, the former of whom was of English ancestry, and by his wife Nancy had

five children, as follows: Myra, wife of Samuel Russ, of Boston, Mass.; Lucy, who died at Clyde, the wife of Gilbert Perry; Olive; Marie, wife of Charles Bradbury; Amanda, now Mrs. Boston, of Boston, Mass. Mrs. Butler died in 1827, and Mr. Butler married again, by his second marriage rearing a family; he died in Indiana. Olive met her future husband while visiting in Ohio. Mr. Keating began housekeeping at Hedges Springs, Seneca county. He lived there six years, and followed his trade of ship carpenter at Fremont as well. He also cleared up some land in Adams township, Seneca county, and farmed there for several years; then bought timber land on the pike below Clyde, paying \$14 per acre, and selling it for \$80 per acre during the Civil war. At the close of the war he bought another farm. He lived on the place about six years, then moved to Clyde, where he now resides. To Mr. and Mrs. Keating were born four children, a brief record of whom is as follows: (1) Joseph B., born July 8, 1841, was educated in the Clyde schools and in a Commercial College at Cleveland, followed railroading and, subsequently, the jewelry business; he died at Huntington, Ind., February 25, 1889, leaving two children—Laura and Truman. (2) Alice K., the widow of William Weaver, is an instructor in the public schools at Huntington, Ind. (3) Russ, born October 29, 1853, is a traveling salesman at Fond du Lac, Wis., for the Diebold Safe & Lock Co.; he is married and has one child—Charles. (4) Walter L., born January 17, 1859, engaged in the safe business at La Crosse, Wis., is married and has one child—Florence. Mr. and Mrs. Keating celebrated their golden wedding in 1889. Mrs. Keating is an active member of the Methodist Church, and an earnest worker in the temperance cause. Her father was a Baptist from boyhood, and was a leader in the Church choir, having a cultured voice.

Mr. Keating has not yet lost his keen zest for the gun and fishing rod. He attributes his well-preserved eyesight and his unimpaired vitality, not so much to his hardy physique as to the excellent care he has taken of himself. The trophies of his skill which adorn his home recall the lines of Walter Scott, in "The Lady of the Lake:"

Here grins the wolf as when he died,
There hangs the wild cat's brindled hide,
And all around, the walls to grace,
Hang trophies of the fight and chase.

In the year 1852 Mr. Keating became a Free Mason at Clyde, Ohio, joining Monticello Lodge No. 244. In politics he is non-partisan, with a predilection toward the Republican party. Conviction and principle dominate his ballot as well as his religion, and his relations to his fellow men. He is a genuine-hearted man, held in highest esteem by all who know him.

JOHAN L. LEVISEE is one of the comparatively few men born so far back as 1809. He is the oldest man in and one of the earliest pioneers of Townsend township, Sandusky county, having located there on October 29, 1831. His parents were Aaron and Anna (Lyon) Levisce.

James Levisce, his paternal grandfather, was born in Connecticut, and went from there to New Jersey. He had two sons: Aaron Levisce, born in New Jersey, July 9, 1774, and John. During their younger days these brothers followed the sea. While their vessel was lying off the coast of South America, a number of the crew were stricken with yellow fever, including the brothers, Aaron and John. When they reached New York, John died in the hospital there, but Aaron survived, although all his hair fell out, leaving him entirely bald. In 1798 Aaron Levisce was united in marriage with Anna Lyon, who was born in Massachusetts, and their

children were: Almeda, born August 1, 1799; Avelina, June 21, 1801; Thankful, July 15, 1803; Eliza Ann, May 6, 1806; John L. and Sarah L., July 4, 1809; two who died in infancy; Sophia, born February 14, 1815; Emma, born March 24, 1818; and Aaron Burton, born March 18, 1821. Of these, the survivors are: John L., the subject of this sketch; Emma, widow of William Fuller, of Townsend township, Sandusky township, and A. B. Levisce, of Clyde, Green Creek township, Sandusky county. Aaron Levisce, Sr., died June 18, 1828, in Allen, Allegany county, N. Y.; his widow died in 1845. Mrs. Levisce was a daughter of Thomas and Thankful Lyon.

John L. Levisce was born in Charleston, Ontario Co., since Lima, Livingston Co., N. Y., on the east bank of the Genesee river, and went with his parents to Allegany county in 1822. At the age of twenty-two he left his native State to make him a home in the unbroken wilderness of northern Ohio. His mother and the other members of the family came in the following year. Of these sturdy pioneers, it could well be said: "There were giants in those days"—giants in endurance, strength and courage. Here Mr. Levisce worked for five years, clearing and preparing a tract of land. At the end of that time he was united in marriage with Diana Stanley, who was born in Jefferson county, N. Y., October 25, 1810. They have the following named children: Sarah, born May 5, 1838; Anna, July 28, 1840; Elizabeth, October 27, 1842; Eliza, August 18, 1844; Mary Jane, October 23, 1846; Civilia, January 30, 1849; David, November 21, 1850, and Chauncey, May 23, 1855. Mrs. Levisce was a daughter of Asa and Anna Stanley, of York township, Sandusky county, and was a member of the Methodist Church; her death occurred July 4, 1855.

On November 15, 1866, Mr. Levisce again married, taking for his second wife Mrs. Statira E. Cable Reynolds, who

was born in Lorain county, Ohio, June 7, 1830, a daughter of Shubael and Elizabeth Reynolds, and they had two children: Francis A., born August 12, 1868, and Willie, born July 12, 1870, and died December 14, 1870. In his younger days Mr. Levisse worked somewhat at the carpenter trade. He lives on the farm, which he cleared over sixty years ago, but retired from the active supervision of the place several years since, and his son Chauncey now has the management. Mr. Levisse is a Republican in politics, and in Church connection is a Universalist.

F J. WHITTEMORE, M. D., a prominent and leading physician and surgeon of Clyde, Sandusky county, was born in Massachusetts, January 15, 1831. In the Williston Seminary of East Hampton, Mass., he was prepared for college, after which he entered the New York University, where his literary education was completed, graduating in the class of 1851. Later he became a student in the medical department of the same university, where he received the degree of M. D. In Plymouth, Conn., he began the practice of his chosen profession, and remained there for ten years—the following years in New Haven, Conn., until about four years ago, when he came to Ohio, leaving his son, a skillful physician, in charge of his extensive practice. He belongs to the Allopathic school, and in New Haven did a general practice; but since coming to the Buckeye State has made a specialty of chronic diseases, and his practice has grown so rapidly that he has almost more than he can attend to. He has ever been a close student of his profession, and well deserves the liberal patronage which he receives.

The Doctor is a son of Amos and Clara (Hamilton) Whittemore, both natives of Massachusetts, the former born at Spencer, the latter at Chester. The

father began business as an agriculturist, but later became connected with railroad work, serving for many years as yardmaster. He was of English descent, the great-grandfather of our subject coming from Wales at an early day, locating in New England, where the grandfather was born. The maternal grandfather, John Hamilton, came to the New World from Ireland, and during the Revolutionary war served as lieutenant in the Continental army, which rank he was holding at the time of Burgoyne's surrender. The father of the Doctor was called from this life about 1862, at the age of seventy-six years; the mother passed away at the age of fifty-seven years. They left one son besides our subject—Louis W., a resident of Hartford, Connecticut.

At Plymouth, Conn., Dr. Whittemore was united in marriage with Miss Fallah Terry (now deceased), daughter of Eli Terry, who made the first clock in this country, and was the first large manufacturer of clocks in the United States. His father, a resident of Windsor, Conn., constructed the first wooden clock. To the Doctor and his wife have been born four children: (1) Dr. Frank H., a graduate of Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York, who also studied in Europe, and has succeeded to his father's practice in New Haven, Conn.; he is married and has one child—E. Reid. (2) William R., who studied law, but is now traveling. (3) Clara, wife of Rev. E. Oakley, of Romeo, Mich.; they have three children—Frank, Ralph and Roy. (4) Lillie (now deceased), who married Charles L. Knapp, a manufacturer, of New York City; they made their home in Brooklyn. For his second wife Dr. Whittemore wedded, in 1887, Miss Alice J. Blackman, of New Haven, Connecticut.

Although he has but lately come to Sandusky county, Dr. Whittemore has made many warm friends, and has secured a lucrative practice. He uses his right of franchise in support of the Republican

party; while in religious faith he belongs to the Congregational Church. He occupies quite a prominent position among the medical fraternity and holds memberships with the State Medical Association, and also with the Sandusky County Medical Society.

JAMES RAMAGE, postmaster at Gibsonburg, Sandusky county, has been a resident of that city for about twenty-two years, and is held in the highest esteem by his fellow citizens. He is now holding the office of postmaster for the second time, having been appointed under Cleveland's first administration, and again under his present one.

Abner Ramage, the father of our subject, was born in Fayette county, Penn., and came to Ohio, settling in Holmes county in 1823, where he carried on farming. He was born in 1800 and died in 1861. He was married in Holmes county to Miss Susannah Custer, who was born in Leesburg, Penn., and was a full cousin of Gen. Custer, who was massacred by the Indians on the Little Big Horn, during the Indian troubles in the West some years ago. Mrs. Ramage was about fifty years old at the time of her death. She was the mother of ten children, of whom our subject is the eldest, the others in the order of birth being as follows: Mary, who married John Malone, is deceased; Sarah, who married a Mr. Mitchell, is also deceased; John J. lives in Delaware county, this State; he enlisted, at the commencement of the war of the Rebellion, and served all through the struggle, receiving a severe wound in the hip; he went to the front as orderly sergeant, and returned as second lieutenant; he was with Sherman on his march to the sea. On his return home he served two terms as county auditor of Delaware county, Ohio; Elizabeth died in youth; George is a practicing physician at Jennings, La. he was an assist-

ant surgeon through the war. William lives in Memphis, Tenn.; Delila married M. J. VanSwearengen, and lives in Illinois; Lydia died when sixteen years old; Hampton lives in Findlay, this State. The Ramages are of French descent, and were early pioneers in America. The Custers are of Pennsylvania-Dutch stock.

James Ramage grew to manhood in Holmes county, this State, in his boyish days attending the common schools which were held in log schoolhouses, with puncheon floors, greased paper for windows, and slab seats and desks. He worked on his father's farm until twenty-eight years of age, in the meantime, when twenty-five years old, marrying Miss Christina Mills, who was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, in 1831, and died in 1886. This worthy couple were the parents of nine children, as follows: Elizabeth, now the widow of S. C. Bevington, and living with our subject (she has two children—Elsie and Floyd); Abner N., who died when seven months old; Joseph, who died when three years old; Ida, deceased at the age of two years; Elmer, who died when about ten months old; John, unmarried and living at home; Alice, now the wife of P. A. Rust (they have two children—Florence and Dewitt); Hattie, who died when nineteen years old, and Rena, at home.

The subject of this sketch learned the carpenter's trade in Holmes county when he was twenty-eight years of age, and followed that occupation until 1861. He then entered the dry-goods business at Middletown, Holmes county, and carried same on for four years, when he sold out and went to Mansfield, this State, working at his trade for about four years. In 1873 he came to Gibsonburg, at the time the Pennsylvania railroad was being built, and has worked at his trade most of the time except when acting as postmaster. Mr. Ramage has always been a staunch Democrat, and has been active in promoting the interests of his party. In

religious faith, he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for about thirty years; socially, he belongs to the I. O. O. F., and is a member of the Masonic lodge, at Genoa.

FRED CURTISS. The annals of the lives of some men read more like a romance than sober history, on account of the adventurous turn of their mind, and the circumstances under which they have lived, causing them to roam from place to place. Among these is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch, and who is engaged in the grocery business in Clyde, Sandusky county. In Green Creek township, that county, he was born September 16, 1855, and is a son of Charles and R. J. (Hurd) Curtiss.

Tradition has been more often consulted and relied upon than recorded facts, and as a consequence the English origin of the Curtiss family—like Homer's birth-place—has many locations. It is believed that our subject is descended from the Curtiss family of Stratford, Conn., who are known to have lived there in 1658, as the record shows, and were descended from William Curtiss, the founder of the family in America being one of the passengers on board the ship "Lion," which arrived in Boston harbor, Sunday evening, September 16, 1632. The paternal grandfather of Fred was born in New York State, and came to Ohio at an early day, locating in Sandusky county, where his son Charles was born; but the former, who bore the name of Benjamin Curtiss, died when his son was a mere child. The mother again married, and the son was reared by his uncle, James Cleveland. After his marriage the father of our subject settled on the farm near his uncle, and after clearing up this tract he sold and bought the old homestead in Townsend township, Sandusky county, where he engaged in farming, but later

became a merchant of Clyde, and was thus engaged until the time of his disappearance. He had been unfortunate in business, and those who knew him best assert that he was swindled by his partners. He took the matter deeply to heart, and one day, saying he was going hunting, he started out with his gun and was never heard of afterward. His fate will doubtless always be an unrevealed mystery. This occurred when our subject was only five years old, and his mother was left with five helpless children and only five dollars of visible means for their support. She was born in Sandusky county, and is still living at the age of sixty-six years.

The family comprised (1) Benjamin, who, at the age of fourteen years, enlisted in the United States army. His mother afterward secured his release on the grounds of his minority, but as he was anxious to go into the field he re-enlisted for actual service, which he experienced until the close of the war, after which he came home on a visit. He then went to the Pacific coast where he remained twenty-two years, most of the time being in the employ of the government, but for the past few years he has been in the timber business. (2) Frank, who also served in the regular army, subsequently secured a position with the government, hauling supplies to the great Northwest. He became a hunter and trapper of Washington and Idaho, and in the latter State was married, but he now resides in Seneca county, Ohio. (3) Fred is next in order of birth. (4) Mary is the wife of Robert Foster, of Townsend township, Sandusky county. (5) Ada, who lives in London, Ohio, is the wife of George J. Holgate. As the mother was unable to support the family, the boys were obliged to go among strangers as soon as they were able to earn their clothes and board, and consequently the early life of Fred Curtiss was not a very pleasant one. At an early age he began peddling fruit on the cars and around the

depot, after which he drove milk wagon, ice wagon and dray, and later became brakeman for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad. On quitting that occupation he worked for one season on the farm of William McPherson, a brother of Gen. McPherson, and for a while lived with the General's mother, working during the winter for his board and being allowed to attend school, while during the summer season he was employed in a brick yard.

On attaining the age of nineteen years, after a series of trials and vicissitudes, Mr. Curtiss determined to act on Horace Greely's advice to "Go West" and grow up with the country. Accompanied by an old friend, he accordingly started for Wisconsin, and on arriving in New Lisbon, that State, he secured employment in a dry-goods store, where he remained six months. He then went to Minnesota, and thence to Iowa, but found no permanent employment. At Sioux City, Iowa, he engaged with the captain of a steamboat to work his passage still farther west. He stood the life of a "roustabout" until he reached Fort Randall, whence he proceeded to Yankton, S. Dak., and later went to Vermillion, in the same State. On reaching the latter place he had but twenty-five cents remaining, and employment was a necessity. While looking around, to his great surprise he met Frank Haywood, the friend whom he had left in Wisconsin. Through that gentleman he soon found employment in a brickyard, where he remained until securing a better position in a sawmill up the river, where he received \$2.00. On leaving that place he went to Nebraska, thence to Missouri, and still later we find him in Kansas, where he went to work as a stock drover, remaining there until shipping time in the fall, when he came East with the stock.

On returning home Mr. Curtiss began work with J. L. Ames, a farmer of Sandusky county, with whom he remained

for four or five years, after which he began railroading again as brakeman. On giving up his position he was employed by his uncle, T. P. Hurd, of Clyde, until he started in business for himself. He opened his present store in 1886, where he carries a full and complete line of staple and fancy groceries, and has now the largest trade of any dealer of the kind in the city.

In 1885 Mr. Curtiss wedded Miss Catherine Mulchy, a native of Sandusky county, where they are both widely and favorably known. He holds membership with the Masonic Fraternity, belonging to the Blue Lodge, Clyde, and is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. As a man and citizen he is respected and esteemed by the community in which he lives, and enjoys the regard and confidence of all who know him. He is now serving as director of the First National Bank. Politically he votes with the Democratic party.

JACKSON TINNEY (deceased) was born in Niagara county, N. Y., June 15, 1832, and died at Greensburg, Ohio, June 24, 1891. His father, Stephen Tinney, was a native of Massachusetts, and his mother, Julia Scott, was born in New York. When Jackson was only one year old his parents moved to Lenawee county, Mich., where they remained six years, thence removing to Ohio, and settling in Scott township, Sandusky county, in the spring of 1839, where the family has since resided. He was the third son in a family of four children.

On July 4, 1863, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Inman, daughter of William Inman, one of the pioneer settlers of Scott township; as a result of this union two children have been born—one son and one daughter. His wife and children survive him. His worth as a citizen was appreciated, as is shown by the

fact that he was several times elected township clerk, while in 1890 he served as appraiser of the real estate of Scott township, to the great satisfaction of the public and with credit to himself. He was a man of honesty and upright character. On the day before his death he worked as usual in the field, but in the evening complained of feeling ill, and took some home remedies, thinking he would feel better in the morning. About midnight he rapidly grew worse, and died early Wednesday morning of heart disease before a physician could be summoned. His health failed about one year before his death when he had an attack of the "grip," from which he never recovered. He died June 24, 1891. His funeral occurred on Friday following his death from the M. E. Church, of Greensburg, the services being preached by Rev. S. Kaiser, of Gibsonburg, the text selected being Matthew vi: 25. The interment was made in Metzger Cemetery.

Mrs. Tinney, widow of our subject, was born at Fremont, March 7, 1841. When she was a child her parents came to Scott township, where her father cleared a farm and made a home for himself and family. For fourteen years he was assessor of Scott township, and was an esteemed citizen of the community in which he lived. Mrs. Tinney was educated in the public schools of Scott township.

Alfred W. Tinney, the son of Jackson Tinney, was born May 7, 1864, on the farm where he now lives. He was educated in the common schools of the township, in the Fremont High School, and Normal at Ada. For several years he has been one of the most successful teachers of Sandusky county, and is pronounced by those who know him as one of the ablest young men of Scott township. In addition to his school work he carries on the old farm of his father as well as a small farm of his own. He is always found attending to his business, never hav-

ing any time for the frivolous things of life. Cora, his sister, now Mrs. Kleinhenn, was born August 8, 1868, and acquired a common-school education at home. She was married June 2, 1893, to Oscar Kleinhenn, and they now live at Tinney; they have one child, Ida Loree, born August, 1894.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM J. LAUNDY, who now lives a quiet and peaceful life on his well-improved farm near Green Spring, Sandusky county, after a thoroughly successful and prosperous career on the great inland lakes, is by birth an Englishman; but it would be difficult to find in this country a native-born citizen more intensely patriotic than he. His ancestry were liberty-loving people, and Captain Laundry reveres the stars and stripes as the only flag to which he now owes any allegiance.

He was born in the county of Essex, England, April 26, 1842, and is a son of Henry and Sarah Ann (Fletcher) Laundry, people of Cambridgeshire, England, the former of whom was a gardener for Sir John Young. Grandmother Laundry was a preacher in the Friends Church in England, and in her old age wrote many letters to her descendants in America. The father of Henry Laundry was a religious refugee in England from Germany. Sarah Ann Fletcher, wife of Henry Laundry, was an Episcopalian. When William J. was a small child his parents emigrated to Canada from England in a sailing vessel, the trip consuming eleven weeks. They located on the St. Lawrence river, nine miles below Kingston, thence, in 1861, removing to Huron county, Ontario, where they died at the ages of eighty-two and eighty-four respectively, eight days apart. Henry Laundry was an orthodox Quaker, a strong anti-slavery man, and an active "agent" for the "underground railway."



W. J. Laundry

At the age of about twenty William J. crossed the border to the United States for the express purpose of taking up arms in behalf of its national preservation. He expected to join his brother Fletcher, who was a member of an independent company of Illinois cavalry; but before he reached him Fletcher had lost his health in military service, and strongly dissuaded William from enlisting. The latter, therefore, went to Milwaukee, where, in 1863, he went on the lakes. He commenced as a watchman, and worked up rapidly to the position of master, or captain, in which capacity he plied many years between Buffalo and Chicago, being, all told, some twenty-three years on the lakes. In 1879 he had purchased his present farm, located close to Green Spring, Sandusky county, and when, in 1883, he resigned his captaincy, he came to his fertile acres, and has been here ever since.

In 1872 Capt. Laundry was married to Miss Deborah A. Rouse, who was born in Ottawa county, Ohio, December 20, 1851, youngest daughter of George Lathrop and Mary (Knapp) Rouse, both of old New England stock, the former born in New York State September 18, 1809, the latter on September 13, 1818. They were married in Danbury township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, April 27, 1838, and were early pioneers of that county. Subsequently they removed into the village of Marblehead, where Mr. Rouse was for many years engaged in general merchandising, and where he to some degree followed his trade of ship carpenter. He died May 26, 1853, and his widow subsequently married Robert Killey; she still lives at Marblehead. George L. and Mary Rouse were the parents of eight children, as follows: Sabra, born January 8, 1830, married Dominick Barnholtzer, and died July 22, 1895, Laura, born August 3, 1841, wife of John Boschen; Lucretia, born January 10, 1843, married James Fletcher, and died De-

ember 11, 1856; Betsy, born September 24, 1844, married T. Sexton, and died March 20, 1864; George Lathrop, born June 17, 1846, lives near Grand Island, Neb.; Ida, born April 24, 1848, died unmarried, May 26, 1894; Joseph, born July 30, 1850, died February 24, 1864; and Deborah. Robert and Mary Killey had three children, of whom Frances, born December 15, 1855, and now the wife of Frederick Daily, survives.

To William J. and Deborah Laundry three children were born, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Fannie, September 13, 1882; Mary, August 1, 1888; Luff, August 19, 1893. Capt. Laundry is a man of extensive information and broad and liberal views. He has been a great traveler, and his wide experience in life has left upon his receptive mind deep impressions, thoroughly assimilated by his reflective faculties. His wife is a bright, sensible business woman, and the devoted couple have the universal esteem of the community in which they live.

WILLIAM J. HAVENS. As a pioneer of the Black Swamp, a region lying between the Sandusky and Maumee rivers, extending several miles on each side of a line drawn from Fremont to Perrysburg, and as one who has spent the greater part of a busy life in helping to subdue the dense forests, reclaim the marshes and change the once howling, malarial wilderness into one of the choicest and healthiest garden spots of the Buckeye State, the subject of our sketch is well worthy of place in these pages. Having his residence on the old parental homestead which he has so grandly improved and beautified, he is able to appreciate the marvelous changes which have taken place in this region within the last half century, and is worthy of the modest laurels of pioneer heroes.

The grandfather of our subject was William Havens, a farmer, living in the State of New Jersey, who married a Miss Mackley, and about the year 1815 removed with his family of eight children to Franklin county, Ohio, and settled on Black Lick creek, about twelve miles east of Columbus. Here, after experiencing the usual vicissitudes of pioneer life, he died in 1820; his wife passed away twenty years later. Their children were Mary, Thomas, Susan, John, Sarah, Henry, Martha and William, all now dead except William, who is eighty-one years of age.

Henry Havens, the father of our subject, was born in New Jersey, in 1809, and at the age of six years came with his father's family to Ohio. He grew up on the home farm in Franklin county, his educational advantages being very limited. In the fall of 1831, having saved up his hard-earned money, he came to Sandusky county and entered 160 acres of government land in Section 10, Jackson township, at \$1.25 per acre. He was married the same year to Miss Sarah Iams (daughter of Hugh Iams, who died in 1837), and on March 10, 1832, moved upon his farm in the Black Swamp. The moving party were ten days on the way through the forests, being obliged to cut out their way as they went among logs and underbrush. They built a double log cabin in which they lived comfortably for twelve years, when they built a frame residence, and herein he resided until within one year of his death, which occurred in 1853, when he was aged forty-four years; his wife died in 1851, at the age of thirty-eight. Their children were William J., Hugh, Birchard, Mahala, Ora and Mary J. Henry Havens was a highly-respected citizen, and held the office of justice of the peace in his township for a term of years. He was one of the jurors in the first murder trial ever held in Lower Sandusky, known as the Sperry case.

William J. Havens was born December 13, 1833, in Jackson township. He received only a common-school education, but by reading and observation he has developed a broad and liberal intelligence. For many years he has been engaged in mixed farming, the raising of grain and live stock of superior quality, and at one time was the owner of over five hundred acres of land, only two hundred acres of which he now retains, having divided the remainder among his sons. He has given special attention to the breeding and fattening of fine hogs, while his farm is a model one in point of culture. Mr. Havens is a public-spirited citizen, and has held various offices of honor and trust in his community, such as land appraiser, town clerk, treasurer, trustee, and member of the board of education. In 1863 he enlisted in Company B, Fiftieth Regiment, Ohio Home Guards, became first lieutenant of his company, and in the fall of that year assisted in the guarding of Johnson's Island, in Sandusky Bay, where Rebel officers were confined as prisoners of war. In the spring of 1864, when Abraham Lincoln called on Ohio for troops, and Gov. Brough responded with 40,000 Home Guards, Mr. Havens went with his regiment to Cleveland, Ohio, where, after consolidation with other companies, they were mustered into the United States service, and he took his place as first lieutenant of Company H, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth O. V. I. They were sent to the defense of Washington, D. C., and were also located four months at Fort Ethan Allen, Va., where Mr. Havens was taken down with malarial fever, which impaired his health and rendered him unfit for service. After returning with his regiment he resumed farming. Mr. Havens is a member of the Sandusky County Pioneer and Historical Society, of Manville Moore Post, G. A. R., Fremont, and of the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth O. V. I. Regimental Association. He is a Republican in politics,

and in religious affiliation is a member of the U. B. Church, with which he and his wife united in 1868.

On October 1, 1852, William J. Havens married Miss Ann M. Paden, daughter of Alexander and Maria Rensburg Paden, who migrated from Maryland, where they were both born, the father in Hagerstown, the mother in Middletown. The children born to this union were George W., who married Marcella Swickard, and has two children—Frank and Dora; Ann Rebecca, who married Jerome Voorhies, and had two children—Stella (who died at the age of seven years) and Lula; John F., who married for his first wife Ann Fry (by whom he had one child, Ida), and after her death wedded Miss Fanny Winters, by whom he had four children; Charles, who married Miss Celiette Warner, and has two children, Milo and Russell; Frank, who married Avida Winters, and whose children are Flavel, Robert, Essie, Ray, and one son unnamed; James, who died in Denver, Col., at the age of twenty years; two children who died in infancy; Emma Jane, who married C. C. Ritter, and has one child, Virgil, Orrville, who married Miss Cora Fought, daughter of William Fought, of Gibsonburg, Ohio, and whose children are Chattie and Orlic.

SOLOMON S. WRIGHT, an honored pioneer of Scott township, Sandusky county, was born in St. Lawrence county, N. Y., August 25, 1816, and died in Helena, Sandusky county, Ohio, June 5, 1892.

He came to Ohio with his parents in 1835, settling in Scott township, where he resided until 1877, when he purchased a store in the village of Millersville. Mr. Wright, like his brother, settled in Scott township when it was comparatively a wilderness, and lived, not only to see it one of the best agricultural townships in Sandusky county, but helped to make it such, clearing and making for himself a

good home, and an excellent start in life for his children. In 1856 he was married to Miss Louesa Brownell, formerly of Rhode Island. Mr. Wright began his career as a merchant in the little village of Greensburgh (Tinney), in 1856, and the firm of S. S. Wright & Brother was well and favorably known throughout Sandusky and adjoining counties as one of the most substantial county general merchants in that part of the State. Mr. Wright was a man noted for his integrity and uprightness of character. He left a wife and two sons. His funeral services were held at his residence at Helena, June 7, 1892, the sermon being preached by Rev. Schumaker, of Tiffin, and the interment was made in Metzger Cemetery.

His wife, Louesa Brownell, was born October 12, 1837, in Rhode Island, and now makes her home near Fremont. Her father, Horace Brownell, was a native of Rhode Island, born in 1811. In 1830 he came to Ohio, bought a farm in Scott township, where he died June 10, 1869. He was one of the pioneers of Scott township, making for himself and family a comfortable home from the wilderness where he first located. His wife was born in Rhode Island in 1813, and died at Gibsonburg, in February, 1887. She was the daughter of Amasa and Debora (Ross) Harris, who were the parents of four children: Elias; Louesa, born October 12, 1837; Julia, born May 15, 1842; and Mary, born October 12, 1844. Louesa Brownell's (Mrs. Wright) paternal grandfather, George Brownell, was born about 1780, his wife, Mary Bussey, was born about 1790. They had one child, Horace Brownell. Mrs. Wright's maternal grandmother, Debora Ross, was born about 1773, and was the mother of a large family.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Solomon S. Wright are as follows: Silas E., born January 22, 1857, completed his education in Fostoria Normal School, and has been associated with his father

in business at Millersville; on December 21, 1885, he was married to Anna Schumaker, of Toledo; about 1888 they left Millersville and located on the farm where he now lives, and where he has erected a good house and outbuildings. Mr. Wright is a member of the I. O. O. F., and politically is a Democrat. To them have been born two children—Inez, born October 18, 1886, and Martin, born January 9, 1890. Mrs. Wright was born December 3, 1864, in Toledo, where she was educated, after which she learned dressmaking, which she followed until her marriage. She is the daughter of John C. and Mary Schumaker. Her father was born, August 11, 1829, in Hanover, Germany; his wife was also born in the same place in 1833; they were married April 1, 1853, and had a family of six children. Mrs. Wright's paternal grandfather was born in Germany in 1814, as was also his wife, about the same year.

W. R. WRIGHT, the other son of S. S. Wright, was born January 19, 1864, in Scott township, where he received his education, and at nineteen years of age went into the livery business at Gibsonburg, after one year transferred his business to Millersville, where he remained three years. He then sold out and settled on the farm where he now lives at Tinney. In 1889 he married Miss Louisa Snearing, of Fremont, who was born March 2, 1865, in Sandusky county; she was educated in Fremont, and afterward made a specialty of music under Prof. Dickinson. For five terms Mrs. Wright was a teacher in the public schools of Sandusky county. Her father, Sophëria Snearing, was a fine linguist, writing and speaking fluently three different languages. He was born in France about 1830. In 1856 he was married to Mrs. Nancy Miner, *née* Nancy Stull, who was born in Reading, Penn., in 1829. Four children were born to them. Mrs. Snearing's parents were born in Germany, and moved to this country in 1827.

GEORGE D. CLEVELAND, though still in the prime of life, has witnessed a wonderful transformation in the land about Clyde, Sandusky county, in the village itself, and in the conditions under which the people here live.

He is the son of honored pioneers, James and Jeannette (Rathbun) Cleveland, and was born in Green Creek township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, September 9, 1838. In his youth Clyde was known as Hamer's Corners, and only a few buildings were then grouped here. The old stage-coach lumbered lazily through the straggling village, stopping at the inn for refreshments, while the passengers dreamed about the time when they might hope to reach their destination. There were then no railroads. The inhabitants had not the thrifty and bustling metropolitan airs of the present citizens, but the transposition has been made, swift, it seems, as the shifting panorama. To one who has seen it all, as has George D. Cleveland, the change has been almost magical.

Clark Cleveland, Sr., his grandfather, migrated with his wife, Jemima (Butler), and family early in the century, from Mount Morris, Livingston Co., N. Y., to northern Ohio. He first settled in the forests of Huron county, and had made improvements, when he learned that his title to the land was not good. He then packed up his few household effects, and penetrated deeper into the western wilderness, entering eighty acres of government land in Green Creek township, and there building his second pioneer cabin some time prior to 1822. Here he remained until his death, which occurred in 1831, in his seventy-first year. The children of Clark and Jemima Cleveland were as follows: Abigail, who married Oliver Hayden; Cozia, who married William Hamer; Moses; Sally, whose first husband was Benjamin Curtis, her second, Alpheus McIntyre; Clark, Jr., who married Eliza Grover, and left six children; Polly, who

married Timothy Babcock; Betsy, who married Samuel Baker, and James. James Cleveland was born at Mount Morris, N. Y., March 14, 1806, and migrated with his father to the pioneer home in northern Ohio. He remained with his father until his marriage, March 3, 1831, to Jeannette Rathbun, who was born in Genesee county, N. Y., May 9, 1815, daughter of Chaplin and Lucinda (Sutliff) Rathbun, pioneers of Green Creek township, Sandusky county. At the time of his marriage James Cleveland had saved money enough to buy forty acres of land in Green Creek township, a part of the old Sawyer farm. For five years he was clearing and cultivating the land. Then during one winter he rented, with his father-in-law, a saw and grist mill on Green Creek, several miles from the farm. He supported his family, and accumulated enough lumber to build a barn on his farm, and in the spring he returned to his farming operations, and purchased some additional land.

In 1841 he took a contract to grade a half mile of the Maumee and Western Reserve turnpike. He moved his family near the scene of the operations, and upon its completion five months later returned to the farm richer by \$600, paid in "State scrip." A part of this he traded for building hardware, and erected a large frame dwelling in 1845. Meanwhile he kept adding more acres to his now quite extensive farm. He was a sagacious, tireless, thrifty pioneer, and at the time of his death, which occurred September 1, 1878, he owned nearly 400 acres of land, containing some of the best and most extensive improvements in the county. His wife, who survived until August 8, 1891, was a woman of unusual energy, and was in every sense worthy of his ambitions and plans for advancement. She ably seconded his efforts to secure a competence that might support them in their declining years. In physique somewhat below the medium size, scarcely weighing 120 pounds in her

best days, she left nothing undone to advance the interests of her family. When her husband was clearing up the farm she hauled the rails which he split and made the fences with. Once, when help was scarce, she fastened her child to her back by a shawl, and, thus burdened, she planted and hoed corn in the field. Her first calico dress she earned by picking ten quarts of wild strawberries, and walking to Lower Sandusky, where she traded them at a shilling a quart for five yards of calico worth two shillings a yard. Few pioneer families in Sandusky county have left a worthier record than that of the Clevelands. Ten children were born to James and Jeanette Cleveland, as follows: James, born December 3, 1831, who reared a family and died in 1890, a farmer of Green Creek township; Eliza, born November 29, 1833, married A. J. Harris, of Clyde, and died in 1861, leaving two children; Clark R., of Green Creek township, born April 1, 1836; George D., of Green Creek township, born September 9, 1838; Lucinda, born May 29, 1841, married Horace Taylor; Chaplin S., born July 28, 1844, a resident of Green Creek township; John H., born November 21, 1847, died October 28, 1879, leaving one daughter; Sarah, born September 22, 1851, married Charles Sackrider, and now living on the old homestead; Mary, born February 25, 1854, married George Crosby, of Clyde; Charles, born December 30, 1857, died December 14, 1879.

George D. Cleveland grew to manhood on his father's farm near Clyde, and attended the schools in that village. He was married in 1864 to Miss Rosa Metz, who was born in Seneca county, near Green Spring, in 1842. She died in 1880, leaving three children: Clark, Minnie and Olivia; Bertie died aged thirteen months. The second and present wife of Mr. Cleveland was Miss Mattie Stroup, who was born April 30, 1860, in Crawford county, where she was raised. She

was married June 29, 1882, to George D. Cleveland. After living a few years elsewhere Mr. Cleveland settled on his father's old homestead. He has been buying out the heirs, and now owns 135 acres located just outside the corporation limits of Clyde. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, and in later years he has also devoted considerable attention to fruit. He has built an excellent barn, and his improvements are among the best in the township. In politics Mr. Cleveland is a Democrat, and as a thrifty progressive citizen he has few equals.

JOHN FRABISH (deceased) belonged to that class of valued and progressive citizens to whom any community owes its advancement and prosperity, and his death was a loss to the entire county. He was born in Saxony, Germany, August 16, 1814, and was a son of Godlup Frabish, a farmer of Saxony. He acquired his education in his native town, and then began learning the shoemaker's trade. In 1838 he crossed the Atlantic to America, locating in Wheeling, W. Va., where he followed shoemaking for a short time, later coming to Ohio, where he engaged in the same pursuit in Fremont.

In 1852 Mr. Frabish became a resident of Woodville township, Sandusky county, where he purchased one hundred acres of land covered with timber. There were no roads in the locality, and only two other settlers in the neighborhood. In true pioneer style he began life upon this place, building a log cabin and continuing the work of cultivation and improvement. His task was a hard one, for his farm implements were crude; but undaunted he continued his labors, cutting down the trees, removing the stumps and planting crops which soon yielded to him good harvests. He had to cut his grain with a sickle and thresh it with a flail,

for the improved machinery of to-day was then unknown. He hauled his products to the mill at Green Springs with ox-teams, a distance of twenty-four miles, and there had it ground into flour that the family might have bread. He had to go to Fremont to market, and went through all the experiences and hardships of pioneer life; but time and his arduous labor brought a change, and a substantial frame residence took the place of the rude cabin, a fine orchard supplanted the wild forest trees, ditches for drainage were dug, barns and out-houses were built, and all the improvements and accessories of a model farm were added. Around the home is a well-kept lawn, and in front is an ornamental hedge fence, making the Frabish farm one of the finest in the township.

Mr. Frabish was married in Fremont, Ohio, in 1842, to Mrs. Rosenia (Walters) Bowers, a sister of Lewis Walters, and widow of John Bowers. For more than a quarter of a century this happy couple lived together in their cabin home, sharing in the trials of pioneer life, the wife encouraging and aiding her husband in all possible ways. She died in 1869, and in 1870 Mr. Frabish married Mrs. Hester (Mohler) Tucker, widow of Thomas Tucker, who was a native of New York, and a farmer by occupation. Removing to Ohio, he (Mr. Tucker) followed the same pursuit in Madison township, Sandusky county. He was married in Fremont in 1856 to Hester Mohler, and they became the parents of four children—Nelson Tucker, a farmer of Woodville township, Sandusky county; Addie, wife of Reuben Clink; Sebastian, who died in childhood, and Franklin, who died in infancy. Mrs. Frabish was born in Basel, Switzerland, in 1833, and came to this country in 1847.

Mr. Frabish was a well-known and highly-esteemed citizen, and for a number of years held the office of township supervisor, being elected on the Repub-

lican ticket. He was also a director of schools for a number of years, taking a deep interest in the cause of education. He was unfaltering in his support of the Republican party, and in his religious views was a German Methodist. His life was that of an upright and just man, whose kindness and generosity were manifest toward all. He was a loving husband and good neighbor, his genial disposition winning for him many friends, and making him very popular with all classes of people. His integrity and honor were above question, and his fidelity to the best interests of his adopted county was shown in his devotion to everything calculated to prove of public benefit—indeed, this Biographical Record would be incomplete without a sketch of his life. He passed away in 1892 at the advanced age of seventy-seven years, five months, twelve days, mourned by all who knew him. Mrs. Frabish, a most estimable lady, still resides on the homestead, which is now operated by her son, Nelson Tucker, who was married, in 1882, to Miss Emma Rearick, of Woodville, Sandusky Co., Ohio, and resides with his mother. She is now surrounded with the comforts of life, and enjoys the esteem of a large circle of friends.

JAMES CAMPBELL. One does not have to be very old to recall the time when the greater part of the magnificent State of Ohio was a "howling wilderness," nor even to have been a participant in the work of the pioneer settlers, clearing away the mighty forests, cultivating the virgin soil, building roads and bridges, and subduing Nature until she became the obedient servant of her masters. Then, as the years rolled by, these same pioneers have seen the results of their labors in busy hamlets, towns and cities, in schoolhouses and churches, and, best of all, in their children grown to be strong and noble men and women,

who take their places among the wisest and best of the land. Happy the people who have watched the steady progress of the glorious Buckeye State in her march to prosperity and honor.

Among the early settlers of Sandusky county were the parents of our subject, James and Nancy (Mickin) Campbell, who came hither December 2, 1835, from Beaver county, Penn., and settled on eighty acres of land in Madison township. The father was born March 17, 1796, in Beaver county, Penn., of Scotch and Irish descent, his paternal grandparents being natives of Ireland, those on his mother's side coming from Scotland. The mother was born in 1794, in Pennsylvania, and died in November, 1878, in Sandusky county. When this worthy couple came west and took up their abode in Sandusky county, they settled in the midst of a forest. With the assistance of their sturdy boys a space was soon cleared, a log cabin erected, and the almost incessant stroke of the axes told daily of fallen trees, whose space was speedily converted into fruitful fields, smiling with golden harvests. On this land, wrested from the wilderness, the brave pioneer passed the remainder of his peaceful life, closing his eyes in death March 17, 1861, at the age of seventy-three years. His wife survived until November 20, 1878.

A family of nine children composed the parental household, of which our subject was the youngest. The others in order of birth were as follows: Robert, born June 19, 1823, lives in Madison township, where he carries on farming; Elisan, born July 17, 1825, died May 10, 1848; Mary, born March 15, 1827, is the wife of Adam Ickes, a farmer in Steuben county, Ind.; Daniel, born September 16, 1828, lives in Indiana; Louise Jane, born April 3, 1830, died August 8, 1832; Beisilve born December 19, 1831, died July 16, 1862; George, born December 11, 1833, is a farmer of Madison township; Sinthiann, born September 8, 1836, is

the wife of Jonathan Taylor, and lives in Madison township.

James Campbell, the subject of this sketch, was born in Madison township, August 16, 1839, on the home farm one half mile from Gibsonburg. His early days were spent in the hard work which falls to the lot of a pioneer's son, and he chopped timber and cleared away brush with his father and brothers, the only break in the steady labor being the few weeks in the depth of winter, when he attended the primitive schools of those days and gained what meager stock of information could be imparted in that short space of time. He grew up, however, to be a strong and sturdy young man, and in 1862, at the age of twenty-three, fired with the patriotism which is inborn in a native American, he laid aside his axe and plough and donned the Union blue, enlisting in Company H, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment O. N. G. They were sent to Virginia to guard the Capital from the advancing Rebel army, and were on duty for 115 days. He then returned to the farm and resumed his peaceful occupations.

On April 11, 1878, Mr. Campbell was married to Miss Caroline Zorn, daughter of Christian and Catherine (Snyder) Zorn, her parents being natives of Germany. Mrs. Campbell is the eldest of four children, viz.: Caspar, unmarried and living in Deuel county, Neb.; Philip, who lives in the same county, married Miss Santa Hartman, and has one child; Mary, who is the wife of John Blasley, also living in Deuel county, Neb., and has three children. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have had a family of six children, of whom one is dead; their names and dates of birth are as follows: Eda, August 3, 1879; Eli, August 1, 1881; Nelia, September 15, 1883; Ira, July 24, 1886 (died June 28, 1891, aged four years, eleven months and four days); Matilda, June 6, 1892; and Ray, July 11, 1894.

Mr. Campbell has always lived upon

the home farm, he buying the interests of his brothers and sisters after the death of the father. He has upon this property nine oil wells, which yield him an income of \$50. per month. He is a Democrat in politics, and a man of integrity and good business ability. While he is not connected with any religious body, he believes in Christianity, is a reader of the Bible, and donates liberally to all good causes. He has filled the office of school director. His wife is a member of the Lutheran Church.

FLETCHER HARTSHORN. The subject of this memorial was born March 17, 1831, at Danbury, Ottawa county, where he spent the days of his boyhood, youth and early manhood. He was a son of Wyatt and Jane (Kelly) Hartshorn, the former born October 16, 1793, the latter on September 17, 1805. His parents were married on the 18th of March, 1824, and he was the fourth in their family of eight children: Catherine D., born March 8, 1825, became the wife of George Mallory, May 18, 1845; Isaac B., born November 11, 1826, married Matilda Bryson, January 28, 1853; Byron, born January 1, 1829, wedded Mary Knapp, July 28, 1853; Sarah M. was born August 17, 1833; Alfred, born October 31, 1835, married Jane Mathews, August 31, 1859; Harriet, born December 27, 1837, became the wife of Charles D. Johnson, February 13, 1859; and Jane, born September 17, 1842, married Marshall Duroy, March 6, 1864.

His studious habits enabled Fletcher Hartshorn to quickly master all that the common schools of that day had to teach, and to this he added a course of study at Delaware and Oberlin. At an early age he left school to take charge of his father's business, and was soon brought to notice as a business manager by the success which attended his efforts. Soon his



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financial abilities became well known in the commercial circles in which he moved. His energy was untiring and his integrity beyond question. His sagacity and insight led to many desirable offers of business connections, some of which he made available. He had the Midas touch—all ventures seemed to prosper under his hands. He became interested at different times in farming, grazing, fruit growing, the handling and shipping of live stock, speculating in real estate, and later in the manufacture and shipment of lime. In furtherance of the last-named enterprise, contiguous to his extensive quarries and kilns, he built the work that is known as Hartshorn's Dock.

Mr. Hartshorn was a man of strong reliance, resolute character, always remarkably reticent in matters concerning himself. In such an active career he must have met with disappointments, but he made no mention of them. He was an enthusiast in outdoor sports, his dogs and gun furnishing the pastime in which he most delighted. He was a royal entertainer, and in his younger days delighted in playing the host to his bachelor friends, and later his home, until darkened by the affliction under which he suffered, was a model of hospitality. When a student at Oberlin, he was converted, united with the Congregational Church, and often acted as teacher in the Sabbath-school. He was free from narrowness and bigotry, had an open hand for all worthy objects of charity, and accepted nothing but good works as proof of good character.

On December 9, 1869, Mr. Hartshorn was united in marriage with Ann Jemmetta Elwell, the eldest daughter of H. H. Elwell, a former resident of Sandusky, Ohio, now of Danbury township, Ottawa county. Two children were born of this union—Lee, born December 10, 1872, died January 25, 1873; and F. Pierre, born June 4, 1875, still residing on the homestead. Remaining on his farm for several years, his time and en-

ergies were given to the development of its superior resources.

While still a young man in the enjoyment of a prosperous and rapidly increasing business, Mr. Hartshorn was stricken with paralysis. The best medical advice was summoned, mineral springs sought, and every known means employed, hoping to prevent a recurrence of the dreaded malady. Few may know the deep anxiety which his case elicited from all his friends. His aged mother, who still survives him, with her superior intelligence and skill; with the accumulated experience of years, gave her loving, watchful care, striving with a mother's solicitude to lessen his sufferings. His young wife, with devotion unparalleled, was ever at his side to comfort and cheer, and to minister to his every want. But the insidious disease could not be eliminated. The attacks were repeated, and as time passed slowly but surely he was forced to yield to the blighting influence, and at length became a hopeless invalid. Through years of physical suffering, though disappointed in hopes and aspirations, his unimpaired mind was actively engaged with his business interests, which he advised and dictated with the clearness and precision of former days until a short time before the end came.

Mr. Hartshorn knew his life work was well done, his loved ones abundantly provided for, and he often expressed a desire to be released from the life which was now a burden, to enter into rest—to go to his Father's house, and there in the beautiful mansion prepared for him, abide the coming of his beloved whom he was to leave for a short time. He knew his time was very brief at most—a mere fragment, as he indicated by measurement upon his wasted finger—when they might join him there. As these thoughts were presented, the light in his dimming eyes grew brighter and an expression of satisfaction and trust came to his countenance. By faith in the precious promises vouch-

safed him, he had gained a victory over death. The tardy messenger came on Sunday morning, December 22, 1889. The church bells were tolling the hour of six as the released spirit took its flight, leaving in our presence the "temple" untenanted; the seeming requiem of the bells unbroken. The wife and only living child, though bowed with sorrow inexpressible, could not ask that he might longer remain this side of the "portal." For weary years they had witnessed the ravages of relentless disease; with tender sympathy felt his affliction—had been "sad in his sadness," and now they were "glad in his gladness" and they saw him

Sustained and soothed
By an unflinching trust, approach the grave.
Like one who wraps the drapery of the couch
About him and lies down to peaceful dreams.

The obsequies, conducted by Rev. George Peeke, pastor of the Congregational Church, were observed at the family residence on East Washington street, Sandusky, Ohio, Tuesday, December 24, at two o'clock in the afternoon. Mrs. Mary Robinson assisted by Messrs. McFall and Talcott of the Aeolian Quartette, rendered with much feeling the beautiful hymn, "Weary of Earth and Laden With my Sin." Rev. Peeke selected for the subject of his sermon the following appropriate text, taken from St. Paul's Second Epistle to Timothy, second chapter and twelfth verse: "If we suffer, we shall reign with Him." After an eloquent and pathetic address on the sufferings of mankind and the reward thereof, he referred to the departed in the following touching manner:

"The scope of these remarks applies to our departed friend, Fletcher Hartshorn. God called him toward suffering in order to prepare him for divine nobility. During seventeen years he has been a sufferer, and during the past nine years a sufferer confined to his home, shut in from the busy activities he so much loved. The keenness of his suffering can

be somewhat estimated by considering the exceptional vital force with which he was endowed. He was a man with immense vital powers, which, had he carefully considered, might have given him an active life until four-score years, but his ambition to achieve business success, coupled with a desire to see all his affairs progress rapidly and harmoniously, made him unsparing in his application to every detail of business. Early in his business life he paid the price of his devotion by a paralytic shock. The last nine years were years of patient waiting and uncomplaining suffering. It was a signal and unusual providence that called so strong a man to so many years of trial apart from that business life with which his sympathies were entwined. None but the unseen witnesses of God's moral kingdom can know what a soul so placed could suffer. A disciplining providence placed him in the hottest fires, but it melted his dross and refined his gold. The result of this trial was an unwavering faith, a beautiful confidence in God. His frequent expression was 'It is all right, all right.' During all his years of trial this was his unswerving attitude. To sit nine years wasting away and waiting for the end and to feel 'It is all right' is the very sublimity of confidence and trust. His kindness was as marked as his confidence. The tendency of suffering is to make one sensitive, acerb and impatient. None of these in our friend. His soul was serene and sweet. Conspicuous above all shone his remarkable patience. He suffered and was resigned. His royalty was apparent day by day. His patience was truly sublime. No saint ever suffered martyrdom with more apparent submission and fortitude than he. During my six years acquaintance with him, he has been to me a constant wonder. To the end he resigned in true nobility. All that suffering can do for a soul seemed to have been produced in Fletcher Hartshorn, and we devoutly

recognize the fact that he won the crown of spiritual martyrdom. Such suffering as his could only lead to humble trust in Christ. His confessions of confidence and hope were clear and explicit. Patiently he waited for the hour of deliverance, and after the fierce conflict of years he rests;

Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep."

The services were concluded with the singing of that beautiful hymn "Lead kindly light amid th' encircling gloom." The burial was in Oakland Cemetery. The spires of the "Silent City" were casting lengthening shadows across our pathway when we left him to his long coveted rest. —[The foregoing is from the pens of his loving and devoted wife and her mother, Mrs. H. H. Elwell.]

In connection with the above sketch so ably written, there is little to add, though it might truthfully be said of the deceased that he was a man of fine education, broad and general reading, and of a genial, sunny temperament, and every citizen in Ottawa county was his warm friend. In his domestic life he was a devoted husband and father, attentive to his home duties through all his undertakings; economical, yet given to acts of kindness and deeds of charity where deserved. Always busy himself, he had no sympathy for the shiftless and idle; but to the unfortunate he was a kind and helpful friend, whose sympathy was shown in acts rather than words, and in all plans for the advancement of his community, his active co-operation could be relied upon.

No biography of Mr. Hartshorn would be complete which failed to make mention of his most estimable wife and widow. Side by side for twenty years they journeyed along life's pathway together, mutually encouraging and helping—he a kind husband and indulgent father—she a faithful wife and loving mother. During

his long and tedious illness, she was not only his constant attendant and faithful nurse, but also looked after his business matters, in connection with his quarry interests, and in these matters not only proved her love and devotion, but also her excellent executive ability as a thorough business woman.

EDWIN C. TINNEY, one of the pioneers of Scott township, is a son of Stephen Tinney, and was born in Niagara Co., New York State, June 6, 1828. When five years old he moved with his parents to Lenawee county, Mich., where he lived six years; thence came to Scott township, Sandusky county, where he has since lived. After the death of his father there was quite an indebtedness on the farm, but the boys remained at home and paid up the debt, during which time they added one hundred acres to the original purchase. When all was paid the four children—three boys and one girl—divided the property among them, our subject taking the eighty acres where he now lives at Tinney. On his farm is a very productive gas well, which supplies the home with fuel and light.

On November 25, 1858, Mr. Tinney was married to Miss Catherine Wiggins, of Tinney, and to them were born two children: Ida May, born March 2, 1860; and Charlie, born September 21, 1862, at Tinney. Ida was educated in the district school, and the Normal at Fostoria and Fremont High School. She made a specialty of music under Prof. Menkhous, of Fremont, and for fourteen years has been a teacher of instrumental music, she finding this preferable to public-school teaching, in which she was engaged for a time. The son Charlie was educated in the Mansfield Normal and in the district schools. He was one of Sandusky county's most promising teachers, and had also acquired an enviable reputation as an

editor, his first work in that line being on the *Daily Herald* of Fremont; during the last years of his life he was local and managing editor of the Fremont *Messenger*. He died in the prime of life January 31, 1885. Mrs. Tinney, wife of our subject, was born January 22, 1837, in Scott township, Sandusky county, daughter of John and Jane (Kelly) Wiggins. She was educated in the country schools, and was for a time a teacher in Sandusky county. When she was a child her mother died, leaving her with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Swickard, by whom she was brought up and with whom she lived until she was sixteen years of age, after which she made her home with D. S. Tinney until her marriage. Her father, John Wiggins, was one of Sandusky county's early settlers, coming hither when the country was new, and began the clearing of the forest and making a home for himself and family. He died in 1841, at an early age, his wife dying in 1844. Mrs. Tinney's parents are thought to have been born about the year 1808.

ELI REEVES. A man can not hold public office without either gaining the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens, or incurring their distrust and animosity. That he can retain the same office or be elected to others equally responsible, for long terms of years is, therefore, proof that he has performed his duties in an acceptable manner, and is popular in both public and private life. The record of the subject of this sketch, who since boyhood has been a resident of Gibsonburg, Sandusky county, illustrates this argument. For twenty terms he filled the important position of township assessor; he was a notary public for eighteen years; justice of the peace from 1854 to 1860, and township clerk for six years. In all these capacities he earned the commendation of the community by his integrity of character and

upright dealings, while his genial disposition has gained him many warm personal friends.

Mr. Reeves was born February 7, 1819, in Burlington county, N. J., son of David and Grace (Rineer) Reeves, the former born in 1778, in Burlington county, N. J. David Reeves was married in 1807, and with his family came to Ohio in July, 1821, settling in Salem, Columbiana county. Here he worked at his trade of a carpenter until 1832, when he removed to Cleveland, Ohio, remaining one year. He then located in Madison township, Sandusky county, and was elected county surveyor, which office he filled eleven years. At the expiration of that time he removed to Fremont, and again worked at his trade for several years, when he returned to Madison township and there died in 1849; his wife survived him until 1871, dying at the advanced age of ninety years. They had a large family, thirteen children in all, of whom four are living.

Eli Reeves was married September 26, 1844, to Miss Elizabeth Taylor, who was born December 2, 1824, in Belmont county, Ohio, daughter of Caleb and Sarah (Yost) Taylor, the former born October 22, 1800, in the State of Maryland, the latter on October 21, 1802, in Belmont county, Ohio. The father came to Ohio, in 1810, living in Belmont county, where, on arriving at manhood, he rented some land which he farmed until 1822. In that year he was married, and then removed to Richland county, where he lived nine years, at the end of which time he took up his residence in Madison township where he spent the rest of his days, dying in 1873. The mother is still living at the venerable age of ninety-three years, and makes her home with our subject and his wife. She was the mother of eleven children, six of whom are living. At the time of his death Mr. Taylor owned a farm of 120 acres, eighty of which he cleared.

To our subject and his wife have been born ten children, two of whom died in infancy; the others in order of birth are as follows: Lucinda, born April 28, 1845; Mehssa, November 1, 1847; Miriam, September 18, 1849; R. D., October 13, 1851; John C., April 21, 1854; Sarah A., September 17, 1860; Candis E., October 6, 1864, and Grace S., December 27, 1866. Mr. Reeves began to learn the carpenter's trade when eleven years old. In later life he bought twenty acres of land, and afterward purchased eighty acres more. He retired from active work in 1889. In politics, he is a Democrat. Popular with all classes, and interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community, he enjoys the respect and esteem of all.

CONRAD OBERST. Prominent among the surviving pioneers of Madison township, Sandusky county, stands this well-known agriculturist, who is a native of Germany, born near the city of Louden, Baden, near the River Rhine, September 10, 1827.

John Oberst, the father of our subject, was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and followed the trade of a wagon maker in his native country until 1832, when he crossed the Atlantic to America, the voyage occupying ninety days. He was married in Germany to Barbara Ault, and they became parents of eight children: Daniel, a farmer, who died in Indiana; John, who also followed farming, and died in that State; Conrad, George, who died and was buried in Nebraska; Maria, widow of Peter Bowman, a farmer of Jackson township, Sandusky county; Elizabeth, wife of Martin Smith, a farmer of Nebraska; Catherine, wife of Solomon Hinehne, who also follows agricultural pursuits in Nebraska; and Christopher, a farmer of Indiana, who served in the Civil war, and still carries a bullet by which he

was wounded at Lookout Mountain. On coming to this country, John Oberst located in Bay township, then a part of Sandusky county, but now in Ottawa county, Ohio, where he farmed 140 acres of land. He was one of the signers of the petition to separate Ottawa county. Subsequently he purchased a tract of land in Sandusky county, which he owned and operated up to the time of his death, and he also followed his trade in this country. His wife died in Ottawa county. They experienced all the hardships and inconveniences of life in such an unsettled region, and they were often obliged to go as far as Fremont to mill. Their stock of provisions, at the time of their commencing life in Ohio, consisted of one bushel of cornmeal, one-half bushel of green coffee, forty pounds of maple sugar and fourteen bushels of potatoes, but no meat whatever, and they ate many a meal from the old chest in which their wearing apparel was kept.

Conrad Oberst attended the schools of Bay township, and at the tender age of twelve years began to earn his living by working on his father's farm, also cutting and hewing timber for building purposes to be used for dwelling houses, barns, bridges, etc. He continued to make his home under the paternal roof until twenty-two years of age, when he went to Erie county, and worked for one year as a farm laborer, being employed by the month. Later he came to Sandusky county, and worked by the year for his brother on the latter's farm in Madison township. After two years had passed he was married, and then operated, on shares, 160 acres of land owned by his brother, being thus engaged for several years, during which time, through industry and economy, he saved enough capital with which to purchase forty acres of wooded land in Madison township, Sandusky county. This he cleared, but not liking the location he sold out, with the intention of going to Michigan, this plan he abandoned

ed, however, and purchasing another farm in Sandusky county, set about its further improvement and development. He has erected a substantial residence, good barns and other outbuildings, planted an orchard and made all the improvements that are found upon a model farm, and is also the owner of three oil wells, which are now operated by a Toledo oil firm.

On September 16, 1853, in Madison township, Sandusky county, Mr. Oberst married Betsy Florence, who was born April 21, 1832, and is one of the twelve children of John and Lydia (Roberts) Florence. Her father, a prominent farmer of Madison township, died in 1860; her mother passed away in 1862. Mr. and Mrs. Oberst became the parents of eight children, the eldest of whom was Jennie; Robert is engaged in farming and bee culture in Jackson township, Sandusky county (he married Hattie, daughter of Peter Bauman, a farmer of Jackson township, Sandusky county); Ellen is the wife of Augustus Bowman; Frank is a contractor and builder; Lucy is engaged in school teaching; Harry is a farmer and oil pumper (he married Minnie, daughter of John Peoples, an agriculturist of Madison township, Sandusky county); Tillie is the wife of William Peters, an oil operator of Woodville township, Sandusky county; John M., who is a farmer and oil operator, married Minnie, daughter of Casper Dausey, an oil speculator of Rollersville, Ohio.

Mr. Oberst was for many years elected trustee of Madison township, of which he was treasurer some eight years, and during the Civil war he had at one time over \$2,000 in his log cabin belonging to the township. He was also elected constable, filling that position for a long period, including the trying times between 1861 and 1865. He also did police duty, and his service often equaled in danger and hardships that of the "boys in blue" at the front. He would have gone to the war had it been possible, but there would have been no one left to care for his wife

and children; so he discharged his duties to his family by remaining at home, and to his country by helping to send substitutes for those drafted, until he paid \$175. He has held the office of school director, was clerk of school District No. 9 for a number of years, is still serving as director and is one of the most earnest and efficient advocates of the cause of education in this locality, doing all in his power to advance the standard of the schools and secure capable teachers. While serving as trustee he did much for the improvement of the township in the way of making roads. His duties of citizenship have ever been faithfully performed, and his irreproachable service in office won him the confidence and respect of all. For some years he has been a member of the band of Rollersville, playing the tuba. His success in life has been secured through his own enterprising and well-directed efforts, and industry and energy are numbered among his chief characteristics. In politics he is a Democrat, and he and his family attend the Disciple Church. He and his estimable wife are now enjoying the fruits of their former toil, and the high regard of many warm friends who respect them for their genuine worth.

MD. WELLER, attorney at law, Fremont, Sandusky county. It is generally admitted that rural pursuits and rural scenes are most conducive to health, happiness and contentment, which city life and the mere accumulation of wealth can never impart. As a professional gentleman who enjoyed these favorable environments in his younger days, and who appreciates their salutary influence on him in later life, we present the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Weller was born in Thompson township, Seneca county, Ohio, May 9,

1860, a son of John and Christena (Orner) Weller. The father of our subject was born in Freeburg, Snyder Co., Penn., March 18, 1821, a son Isaac and Elizabeth Weller, well-to-do farmers of that county, and who died there. John Weller came from Pennsylvania to Ohio when a young man, and worked as a farm hand about a year at Osceola, Crawford Co., Ohio; then four years on the model farm of George Close, north of Bellevue, Ohio; then six years for Daniel Close, one of the substantial farmers of Seneca county; then one year for his next neighbor, Edward Kern, taking good care of his earnings and investing them in real estate. He first bought and moved upon a farm of eighty acres, which in the pioneer days constituted a part of what was known as the Henry Miller farm, on the Kilburn road, northwest of West Lodi. This he sold a few years later, and then bought the John Payne farm, in Adams township, which he likewise sold. He afterward bought and sold other landed property, until he now owns about 500 acres, some of which is valued at \$125 per acre. Mr. Weller was self-reliant, never had a dollar given him, but accumulated all his property by hard work, economy and prudent investments. In all his deals he never gave a mortgage in his life. His school education was limited to three months, in Pennsylvania, but he snatched many spare moments from his daily toil for self-instruction in the common branches of an English education. In 1851, he married Miss Christena Orner, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Keller) Orner, of Adams township, Seneca Co., Ohio, and their children were: Henry J., attorney at law, in the firm of McCauley & Weller, Tiffin, Ohio; Amanda, wife of John Dornbach, a farmer of Adams township, Seneca county, M. D.; our subject, Laura, wife of Louis Breyman, a railroad man, of Republic, Ohio; Dexter B., a farmer, living with his parents; Andrew J., a farmer, living on one of the old home-

steads; Emma C., at home; one that died in infancy; B. Jay, also at home.

Our subject grew up on his father's farm where he learned valuable lessons in practical agriculture, and from which he attended a country school near by. He made such rapid progress in his studies that at the age of seventeen he was able to teach a country school with good success. After spending one whole year in attendance at the Bellevue Union schools, he resumed teaching winter schools and working on a farm during the summer seasons; by the age of twenty-two he had taught seven terms of school in the vicinity of his home, his last term being at Flat Rock, Ohio. Mr. Weller began the study of law in April, 1883, with Smith & Kinney, Fremont, Ohio, was admitted to the bar December 1, 1885, and has been in the legal practice at Fremont and vicinity ever since. From August, 1887, to August, 1891, he was in the firm of Weller & Butman, in fire and life insurance. In 1884 he was chosen secretary of the Sandusky County Agricultural Society, and held that office four years with credit to himself and profit to the society. He is at present a member of Croghan Lodge No. 77, I. O. O. F., and of Brainard Lodge, and Fremont Chapter, F. & A. M., also of the Knights of Pythias, Clyde, Ohio, and last, but not least, of the Fremont German Aid Society.

Mr. Weller was married January 30, 1889, to Miss Carrie Smith, daughter of S. H. Smith, grain and lumber merchant, of Green Spring, Ohio. Her mother's name was Van Sickle. Both of her parents came from New Jersey. She was reared at Green Spring, attended the Union schools of that village and then the academy, from which she was the first graduate, and had the honor of receiving her diploma from the hands of ex-President R. B. Hayes, chairman of the board of trustees of that institution. She afterwards taught school in Seneca county, and later took a course in painting in an

art school at Cleveland, Ohio. In addition to his law practice, Mr. Weller is at present engaged in a general loan and real-estate business. He is the owner of landed property in the oil and gas region, Wood county, where he has several oil wells in operation. In politics he is a Democrat; his wife is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

CHRISTOPHER STREETER is one of the best known old pioneers of Green Creek township, Sandusky county. He was born in Heath, Franklin Co., Mass., April 9, 1815, son of David and Sylva (Roach) Streeter, the former of whom was a native of the same county, and a farmer by occupation. He was a lifelong resident of Massachusetts, where he died at the age of seventy years; the mother died when about sixty years of age. The family is one of old New England stock.

Our subject broke away from the ancestral ties in his young manhood at the age of twenty-two years, and sought a home in the then distant West. In 1837 he disposed of his interest in the homestead, and in the fall of the same year came to Ohio by means that now seem insufferably tedious and slow. He settled on a farm in York township, Sandusky county, which he opened up, erecting a small dwelling. On December 3, 1835, he had married Miss Louisa Kennedy, and to them were born four children: Edward, born in Heath, Mass., June 25, 1837; Albert, born September 29, 1839; and Alonzo and Lorenzo, born June 25, 1842, the latter of whom died September 30, 1851; the mother passed from earth December 26, 1851. Thus within the space of three short months Mr. Streeter lost a dear child, and the partner of his youth, who died with the confident hope of Heaven and a bright place on the Resurrection morn. Edward, the eldest son, is married, and had five children—Lydia,

Charles, Ira, Louisa and Levi—of whom Louisa died while young. Albert, the second son, married and had four children—Minnie, George, Alice and Mabel—the last named dying young. Alonzo married, and had seven children—Waller, Roly, Elmer, Clarence, Abbie, Nora and Lena, of whom Abbie died young. On February 2, 1853, our subject married his present wife, Henrietta Clark. Mr. Streeter in politics has been a Whig and a Republican, and cast his first Presidential vote for William H. Harrison. In religious faith he has been a prominent member of the Advent Church. He has been an eminently successful farmer, and accumulated 300 acres of well-improved land. This farm he divided among his three son—one hundred acres each—and there they reside with their families. In 1882 Mr. Streeter erected a fine brick residence in Clyde, where he now lives a retired life, with the respect and esteem of the entire community in which he dwells.

DAVID A. C. SHERRARD. This prosperous farmer of Sandusky county, Ohio, near Fremont, was born January 10, 1820, at Rush Run, Jefferson Co., Ohio, a son of Robert Andrew and Mary (Kithcart) Sherrard.

Robert Andrew Sherrard is a descendant of Huguenot ancestors who, having been driven out of the north of France, fled to the Lowlands of Scotland and afterward removed to Ireland. A coat of arms, and a pedigree in tabular form, were in existence in 1872, tracing the lineage of the Sherrard family back to Robert, whose father emigrated with the Duke of Normandy. There were two brothers, Hugh and William Sherrard, whose father came over from Scotland about 1710, and settled in Limavady, County Londonderry, Ireland. Here Hugh and William were born, and when the former arrived at manhood he married and settled across the Bann Water, near Coleraine. He



MRS. NARCISSA T. SHERRARD.



D. A. C. Merrard.

had a son, Hugh Sherrard, who emigrated to America in 1770, and settled on Miller's run, in Washington county, Pennsylvania.

William Sherrard, from whom are descended the Sherrard families in Sandusky county, Ohio, was born in 1720 in Limavady, where he carried on the business of farming and linen weaving. He died wealthy in 1781. In 1750 he married Margaret Johnston, by whom he had five children—John, Elizabeth, Margaret, James and Mary. John Sherrard was born about 1750, immigrated to America in 1772, and on May 5, 1784, married Mary Cathcart, by whom he had children as follows: William J., David Alexander, John James, Robert Andrew, Ann and Thomas G. The last named was one of the pioneers of Sandusky county, and was found dead in Sandusky river April 21, 1824, supposed to have been murdered by parties who had rented his brother John's sugar camp, of which he was manager at the time. John Sherrard was with Col. Crawford's expedition against the Indians at Upper Sandusky, during which he had many narrow escapes. Robert Andrew Sherrard was born May 4, 1789, and married Mary Kitcart, by whom he had five children: Mary Ann, Joseph K., David A. C., Elizabeth and Robert. For his second wife Robert A. Sherrard married Miss Jane Hindman, by whom he had seven children: Nancy, who for the past twenty-one years has been principal of the Female Seminary of Washington, Penn.; J. H., a Presbyterian minister at Rockville, Ind.; June; Susan; Sarah, deceased; William, deceased; and Thomas J., who is also a Presbyterian minister, now preaching in Chambersburg, Penn. During the winter of 1894-95 three of the sons of Robert A. Sherrard paid a visit to Europe, visiting, among other places, England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, France and Italy, in which latter country they trod the streets of old

Rome; thence they journeyed to Egypt and Palestine; near Limavady, Ireland, they found some of their cousins living. Robert Andrew Sherrard was the author of a genealogy of the Sherrard family of Steubenville, which was edited by his son, Thomas Johnston Sherrard, in 1890.

David A. C. Sherrard, our subject, grew to manhood on his father's farm, two miles southwest of Steubenville, Ohio. On June 1, 1844, he came to Sandusky county on horseback, and immediately began to improve the forest land which he had bought of his father. For about three weeks he made his home in a hewed-log house which he had rented of his uncle Thomas, and which was said to be the first hewed-log house erected in Ballville township, having been put up in 1823. He then returned to Jefferson county, and, on the 4th of September following, set out from there with his wife and seven-weeks-old child, in a covered two-horse wagon, arriving at Lower Sandusky September 12. He finished clearing up nine acres, fenced it, plowed it and sowed it to wheat, and then commenced the struggle of clearing up a home in the Black Swamp. His timber was chopped into cordwood, and sold in Lower Sandusky. In October, 1851, Mr. Sherrard took the job of clearing off the timber on Sections 24, 25, 26 and half of 27, for the T., N. & C. railroad (now the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern), and graded half a mile of the road-bed east and west of Little Mud creek. In May and June, 1852, he furnished and delivered timber for bridges over the Muskalounge and over Little Mud creek, and hauled and delivered timber for Big Mud creek and Nine-Mile creek bridges. On September 20, 1852, he left home with men, teams and tools for Hardin county, Ohio, where he had a contract on the Pittsburgh & Fort Wayne railroad, spending thirteen months at grading Sections 43 and 45 of that road. In August, 1853, he contracted to clear and grade Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the

Fremont & Indiana railroad (now the Lake Erie & Western); he also sent part of his men and teams to work upon the Pittsburg & Fort Wayne railroad, grading the road-bed. In the summer of 1854 the finances of the Lake Erie & Western Company failed, and the work stopped. In March and April, 1854, he bought wild land in various places, at second hand, giving as part pay some horses and oxen which he had been using on public works; he bought forty acres in Barry county, Mich., 320 acres in Ottawa county, Ohio, and eighty acres in Sandusky county, Ohio. These lands he kept from ten to twenty years, and sold them at a profit. In January, 1858, he bought of his father, R. A. Sherrard, the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 5, Ballville township, which is now half of his home farm. He dealt in real estate in Kansas, and in Putnam and Fulton counties, Ohio, and he and his son, J. F. Sherrard, bought a farm in the oil and gas region west of Fremont, which they have leased to the Carbon Company of Fremont for a term of years. Mr. Sherrard was the first man to ship lime in barrels from Fremont, Ohio, to the glass works at Wheeling, W. Va., in 1864, and he continued this for eighteen years, also shipping largely to other points for the manufacture of glass and paper, and for plastering purposes. During the Civil war Mr. Sherrard bought horses for the Ohio cavalry. Since 1875 he has rented his farms and bought up live stock, cows and sheep for Eastern men, who sold them principally in New Jersey. He has now 125 acres under cultivation on each of his two farms. In 1891 he bought a farm of 190 acres in Alabama, ten miles north of Huntsville, on which his two daughters, with their husbands and families, reside. This land is very productive, yielding large crops of clover, corn, wheat, oats and garden vegetables. In politics Mr. Sherrard has acted with the Whig and Republican parties.

On July 4, 1843, our subject married

Catharine M. Welday, by whom he had three children—Laura A., Keziah W. and Elizabeth C. The mother of these died September 29, 1847, and on February 24, 1848, he wedded Narcissa T. Grant, by whom he had children, as follows: Harriet B., Robert W., John F., Emma V., Mary J., Rose T., and Ida M. Of this large family, Laura A. married Benjamin Mooney, and their children are Lottie S., Emma, Mary A. and Nettie. Keziah W. married Homer Overmyer, and their daughter, Dora, is the wife of Clifton Hunn. Elizabeth C. married J. S. Brust, and they have a daughter—Ida. Harriet B. married Charles E. Tindall, and died September 16, 1873; they had a daughter, Hattie, who married William, son of A. J. Wolfe, a farmer west of Fremont, Ohio. Robert W. is fully mentioned farther on. John F. married Jennie E. Bowlus, by whom he had five children—Harry, Ida, Robert, Zelpha and Don. Emma V. married Josiah Smith, and to them were born the following named children: Milan, Robert, Jesse, Howard, Orié, Lulu and Granville. Mary J. married David W. Cookson, and they have a son—Clarence. Rose T. married John R. Tindall, and they have had three children—Mabel, Louis and Etta. Ida M. is the wife of J. U. Bodenman, a druggist, of St. Louis.

ROBERT W. SHERRARD, of the firm of Plagman & Sherrard, dealers in groceries, provisions and queensware, East State street, Fremont, Sandusky county, was born December 21, 1849, in Ballville township, Sandusky county, Ohio, a son of D. A. C. Sherrard.

Our subject grew to manhood on a farm in the vicinity of Fremont, and attended the country and city schools. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age, and while yet in his "teens" began to alternate each year

between teaching country school in the winter season and farming the rest of the time. In the spring of 1872 he attended the State Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, and in the fall of the same year and the spring of the next he attended the Seneca County Academy at Republic, Ohio, then in charge of Prof. J. Fraise Richards. He then taught four more terms of winter school, alternating with farming. In 1885 he bought out the interest of John Ulsh, in the firm of Plagman & Ulsh, grocers, and has since continued in the same place with his brother-in-law, C. H. Plagman. By enterprise, fair dealing and good management this firm have built up a prosperous trade. Our subject is a Republican in politics, and has held various local offices. He and Mrs. Sherrard are members of the Presbyterian Church, and socially he belongs to McPherson Lodge, I. O. O. F., to the Order of the Red Cross and the Equitable Aid Union.

Robert W. Sherrard married, on May 18, 1875, Miss Clara A. Karshner, who was born November 23, 1855, daughter of Daniel and Lydia (Robinson) Karshner, of Riley township, Sandusky Co., Ohio. Daniel Karshner, born September 9, 1822, was a son of John and Christena (Drum) Karshner, both of whom died at an advanced age in Riley township. The children of Daniel Karshner were: Frank, who married Louisa Niester; Charles, who died in childhood; Alfred L., unmarried; Clara A., wife of Robert W. Sherrard; Ella L., who died when aged seven; Sarah L., wife of H. C. Plagman; Anna N., wife of John N. Smith; Edwin U., who married Mary Bardus; and Willis C., who died at the age of fifteen.

Mrs. Clara A. (Karshner) Sherrard grew to womanhood in Riley township, attended the country schools and the Fremont High School, and taught three terms of school in the vicinity of her home in Riley and Sandusky townships. She now presides over a

neat family residence on East State street, honored by its historic connection with Gen. Bell, one of the earliest pioneers of Lower Sandusky. The children of Robert W. and Clara A. Sherrard are Blanche Mae, born March 10, 1876, and Zella Gertrude, born January 18, 1884; the former is a graduate of the Fremont High School, and the latter is a student of the same.

SALES A. JUNE was born in Tompkins county, N. Y., August 2, 1829, son of Peter June. In 1833 he came with his father's family to Ohio, locating in Sandusky city, where he remained until 1849, when, at the age of twenty years, he went to Cleveland to learn the trade of machinist.

During the period from 1849 to 1856 Mr. June alternated between sailing on the lakes as an engineer in the summer time, and working in the Cuyahoga shops in the winter time. About the year 1857 he went to Brantford, Canada, where he became connected with sawmilling, and took a contract for furnishing lumber for a branch of the Grand Trunk railroad. He had a partner in the business, and the enterprise was successful, they furnishing lumber for the western end of the Buffalo & Lake Erie, then known as the Buffalo & Lake Huron Branch, Grand Trunk railroad. Mr. June next took a contract to build a plank road into the oil regions of Canada, at Enniskillen, which he completed just before the Civil war broke out in the United States. He then returned to Cleveland, Ohio. In 1862 he went to Buffalo and assisted in building and finishing out the United States steamer "Commodore Perry," and became engaged as an engineer on the vessel, in the employ of the United States Government, continuing thus until the latter part of 1865. After this he superintended the building of a propellor for the Fremont Steam Navigation Com-

pany, and ran her on the lakes until about 1867, at which time he started a boiler works in Fremont, Ohio. After operating these works about eight years he sold out to D. June & Co., remaining in the employ of said company, and being a partner in the same until 1890. In the year 1891 he received an appointment from the United States Lighthouse Board at Washington, D. C., to go to Cleveland, Ohio, and superintend the building of engines and boilers of two lighthouse boats, the "Columbia" and the "Lilac;" the latter boat is now on the coast of Maine, and the former on the coast of Oregon. In the fall of 1892 Mr. June returned to Fremont and engaged in the manufacture of the boiler-scale solvent, which has been introduced into all the leading boiler shops of Ohio, and is presumed to be a great success.

Sales A. June was married to Miss Jane J. Campbell, who was born in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, December 29, 1827, daughter of John N. and Jane (Quiggin) Campbell, and three children were born to them, of whom (1) Adelaide J., born May 10, 1857, was married in 1880 to William Waugh, a Scotchman, who is a wholesale fur dealer at Montreal, P. Q.; their children are Florence, Oliver S., Marion and William.

(2) Peter J. June, born September 6, 1858, grew to manhood and received his education in Fremont, where he learned the trade of mechanical engineer in the shops of D. June & Co., subsequently going to Cleveland, where he worked in the Cuyahoga shops and for the Globe Shipbuilding Co. several years. After this he followed steamboating, as engineer, on the lakes from 1878 until 1892, during the summer seasons, for several lines, running the "Conestoga," "Gordon Campbell," and "Lehigh," of the Anchor Line; the "Wocoken," "Egyptian" and "Cormorant," of the Winslow Fleet; the "Northern Light," of the Northern Steamship Co., and the "City of Toledo," of the

Toledo & Island Steam Navigation Co. In the season of 1890 he had charge of the McKinnon Iron Works at Ashtabula, Ohio. He is now a partner in the Fremont Boiler-Scale Solvent Co., Fremont, Ohio. Mr. June was married at Tyler, Texas, to Miss Jennie, daughter of J. C. and Agnes (Boyd) Jones, who were from Beaver county, Penn., and of Welsh descent. They have one child, Robert F., born October 24, 1887.

(3) Elmer Ellsworth, youngest in the family of Sales A. June, was born in 1861, and died when nine months old.

In politics Sales A. June and his son are Republicans. They are members of the Masonic Fraternity, the former having attained the seventh and the latter the third degree.

GEORGE JUNE, retired farmer and horse dealer, Fremont, Sandusky county, was born in the town of Dryden, Tompkins Co., N. Y., December 26, 1822, son of Peter June. He came with his father's family, in 1833, to Sandusky city, where he attended school a few terms, as he could be spared from work.

At the age of fifteen George June left home to work on his own account, going with his brother Daniel to serve as teamster, in the construction of mason work in Maumee (Lucas county) and vicinity, and helped build the first poor house in Lucas county. In 1838 he went south to Springfield, Cincinnati and other cities in quest of work. He drove a stage for the Ohio Stage Company, on the National road, about eleven years, and also drove stage for some time at Bellefontaine, his wages being usually about \$14 per month and board. After this he went to Cincinnati, and engaged first as a common hand to assist a stock company in shipping live stock down the Mississippi river; but his natural tact and his long experience in handling horses soon caused him to be put

in charge of large consignments of horses on vessels, as foreman. For about ten years he went south in the fall, and returned in the spring. Having accumulated some money, he invested it in a large farm in Sandusky county, whereon he afterward settled. During the Civil war Mr. June furnished cavalry horses for the Ohio troops, at the rate of nearly 2,000 per year. He shipped the first carload of horses that ever was shipped from Fremont to Boston, and has shipped many a carload since. By his long and active out-door life, and his temperate habits, he has retained robust health in a green old age.

JOHN GEIGER, farmer, of Fremont, Sandusky county, was born in Baden, Germany, March 12, 1819, a son of John and Josephine (Cramer) Geiger. His father was born in the same place, and was by occupation a glass-cutter and window-grainer. He died at the age of forty-eight years. His widow came to America, and died at the advanced age of ninety years, in Reed township, Huron Co., Ohio. Their children were: Lawrence, who died at the age of forty-eight years in Shannon township (he was a farmer and wagon-maker by trade); Rosa, who married a Mr. Nesser, and died in Huron county; Mary Ann, a widow, living in Huron county; Frances, who died young in Germany; John, the subject of this sketch, and Rudolph, who lives in Sherman township, Huron county.

Our subject worked by the month and by the year until he came to America, and continued thus for some time after coming here. On March 14, 1840, he landed in New York City after a voyage of forty-eight days, and shortly after came to Huron county, Ohio, where he settled. He borrowed \$8.00 in Buffalo from an old schoolmate with which to come to Ohio, where he worked for \$8 per month at harvesting. After working

for a while on a farm he commenced wagon-making, but in about two weeks he was taken sick with a fever which did not leave him until cold weather—in fact, it was the ague. He left Huron county to get rid of it, coming to Fremont in the fall of 1840, and remaining in the region of the Black Swamp about three months, after which he went to where Toledo now is, but failing to get any business he returned to Bellevue. When he left Huron county he owed a doctor bill, to pay which he had to sell his clothes. He had had the ague every other day, and the rest of the time was employed driving a team, but he only received two dollars of his wages in money, the rest in trade to the amount of six dollars. In the latter part of February he had a falling out with his employer, and would not stay with him over night. He concluded to go away ten or twelve miles, to Greenfield township, and on the way he went through a wilderness and found himself on a prairie. Here he fell into a ditch where the water was up to his waist, but he managed to get out, and proceeding on his way fell into another ditch in trying to jump it, this time losing his bundle of goods. He now was soaking wet, but he had saved his money. He went on until he saw a light, which he followed. The light went out, but he found a house, and when the door opened he dodged in without invitation among a Yankee family, with whom he could not talk a word of English. He was not slow, however, in making his wants known by gestures, at which the Germans are so apt, and was at once provided for; but he shook with the ague, which was worse than the wet. He got to Greenfield township and then started for Huron. On the way he took a chill, and lay down till it was over. On reaching Huron he got on a boat, but he was too sick to sit up, so he lay down in a bunk and waited till the boat should get ready to go, saying to himself, "Let the boat go where it will,"

and fell asleep. The boat started, and on the voyage he got seasick, but the ague left him, and the next morning he was in Cleveland, where he found work. When he was getting off the boat they stopped him to get his passage money. He said, "No monish." He got a kind Dutchman to help him out, whom he paid later. Subsequently going to Buffalo, he was employed there as a hostler, earning \$25. He then took passage to Canada, where wages were good, and worked there two years for a Dutchman at twelve dollars per month. His employer was a kind man, and paid him \$200 in good money. After working for others and earning some more money Mr. Geiger returned to Huron county, Ohio, and bought forty acres of land in Sherman township. Here at Milan he started a brick-yard, and continued to run it about six years. He hauled lumber sixteen miles with one horse to build his house, paying out every dollar he had for it, and gave a chattel mortgage for a barrel of flour. He sold these forty-two acres and bought seventy-two acres between Norwalk and Milan, which he fitted up for a home, and afterward traded it off for one hundred acres in Sherman township, upon which he moved and went to farming during the Civil war. He was drafted on the first draft, and hired a substitute, but he was loyal to the Government. From Sherman township he moved to Peru township, where he was again drafted, and here he put in a substitute for three years, or during the war. When he was to be drafted a third time he was exempted by this last substitute. In Peru he cleared up a farm of 160 acres. Mr. Geiger is a Republican and a Catholic.

On June 11, 1847, John Geiger married Miss Catharine Grabner, who was born January 30, 1823, in Bavaria, and the children born to this union were: John J.; Laura, who married Louis Bours and had children as follows—Fannie, Metz, Alpha, Arthur and two others;

Mary, who married Albert Smith and had children—Rosa, Alta, Charles and Frank; Frank, who married Mary Hipple, and had six children, and Mathias, who married Ann Bitzer, and whose children were Herod, Alice, Theresa, and Ada May. Mr. Geiger moved to his present residence May 8, 1891. Mrs. Geiger was a daughter of Lawrence and Katharine (Ohl) Grabner, who landed in America after a passage of eight weeks on the ocean, and settled in Huron county, Ohio, in 1839. Mr. Grabner died at fifty-three years of age. His children were: Mary, who married John Suter; Margaret, who married Casper Kirgner; Catharine, now Mrs. Geiger; John, who married Rebecca Bigler (now deceased), and Peter, who is also deceased.

JOHAN B. LOVELAND, of Fremont, Sandusky county, was born February 20, 1827, in New Haven township, Huron Co., Ohio, of English descent, his great ancestor having settled in the Connecticut Valley in the year 1635.

At the age of nineteen Mr. Loveland left his father's home and farm for Oberlin College, which was then a manual labor institution, and here for four years he paid his way with manual labor during term time, and by teaching district schools during the winter vacations. In 1854 he took a position as teacher in the Fremont Union Schools, which he held for ten years with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He next served as superintendent of schools at Bellevue, Green Spring and Woodville, adjoining towns in the same county, and during his connection with these schools he was a member of the Sandusky County Board of school examiners, faithfully discharging the duties of his office for the term of fourteen years. He was also an officer of the Sandusky County Teachers' Institute some twenty-five years. Having found leisure time for the study of law, Mr.

Loveland was admitted to the bar March 20, 1876, by the district court at Fremont, but he does not make the practice of law a specialty, preferring the retirement of his farm just outside the city limits. He is the author of "The Loveland Genealogy," in three large octavo volumes, published in 1892-95. Mr. Loveland is a staunch Republican, and believes that the mission of the Republican party is not yet ended. He cast his first vote in 1848 for the nominee of the Free-Soil party, in 1852 voted for John P. Hale, candidate of the new party, in 1856 for John C. Fremont, and in 1860 for Abraham Lincoln. From first to last he was opposed to slavery. He is a decided advocate of temperance and prohibition, uses no tobacco, and despises the use of alcohol in all its forms as a beverage. He believes the use of the one is the stepping-stone to the use of the other.

John B. Loveland was married at New Haven, Huron Co., Ohio, August 22, 1850, to Miss Martha Jane, daughter of Nicholas and Delilah (Hunsicker) Watts. She was born in Owasco, N. Y., March 3, 1831, and died at Fremont, February 27, 1883, the mother of children as follows: Martha Amelia, born July 31, 1851, died August 22, 1851; Nicholas Eugene, born November 20, 1852; and John Elmer, born December 22, 1862. On April 22, 1884, John B. Loveland, for his second wife, married, at Fremont, Mrs. Harriet Newell Paxson, *née* Loveland, who was born at Waterville, Penn., February 17, 1838. At the age of sixteen our subject united with the Free-Will Baptist Church in New Haven, and he and Mrs. Loveland are now members of the M. E. Church at Fremont.

N. E. LOVELAND, farmer, of Green Spring, Ohio, was born in Greenfield township, Huron county, November 20, 1852, and spent his early life on his father's farm at Fremont. In 1872 he graduated from the Fremont High School, after which he served as superintendent of the

Port Clinton and Woodville schools. He studied law with the firm of Everett & Fowler, Fremont, and was admitted to the bar by the district court, March 20, 1876, subsequently practicing his profession at Columbus Grove and at Fremont, but he has now retired to his farm. He is a strong advocate of temperance, and in politics is a Republican. On November 16, 1876, he married Miss Annie Parker, of Green Spring, who was born there July 24, 1857. They are both members of the Seventh-Day Advent Church. The names and dates of birth of their children are Bertha Eugenie, December 15, 1877; Grace Eola, April 25, 1883; Roy Dana, April 2, 1886; Daisy Melita, June 3, 1889; and Ernest Eugene, October 20, 1892.

J. ELMER LOVELAND, an employe in the Carbon Works, was born at Fremont, December 22, 1862, and received his education in the Fremont city schools. His present residence is on a lot of land adjoining that of his father. On October 29, 1882, he was married, at Clyde, Ohio, to Miss Anna Murphy, who was born in New York city September 1, 1864, daughter of Michael and Nora (Dillon) Murphy, and their children are: Martha Hazel, born April 22, 1884; Herman, born September 26, 1887; and John Talcott, born July 22, 1892.

JOHAN F. GOTTRON, proprietor of stone quarry, and dealer in building stone, lime, etc., at Fremont, Sandusky county, is a native of same, having been born there July 21, 1855, a son of Philip and Clara (Fertig) Gottron.

Philip Gottron was born September 12, 1812, in Mumbach, Germany, where he grew to manhood, and was engaged in the lime and the roofing-tile business until he emigrated to America. He was mayor of Mumbach, and at different times held other public offices, serving as a member of the city council. In 1854 he came to America, locating in Fremont,

Ohio, where he conducted a hotel for some years and a brick-yard. About the year 1862-63 he did the first extensive business in lime in Fremont. He bought a part of the extensive quarries now owned by his sons, and carried on a profitable trade, retiring from business in 1878; he died in 1881. He was a Democrat in politics, and a Roman Catholic in religious faith. His wife was also born in Mumbach, Germany, where they were married, and she came with him to America, dying April 26, 1871. They had eleven children (two of whom were born in America), as follows: Margaret, wife of George Engler, of the firm of Engler, Baker & Co., stock and grain buyers, Fremont, Ohio; Clara, widow of Philip Setzler; Herman, who died at the age of thirty-four; Frank, who is foreman of the kilns in connection with his brothers' business at Fremont, Ohio; Anna, widow of Andrew Hodes; Anthony N., keeper of a restaurant at Fremont, Ohio; Rosa, wife of S. Geier, of Cleveland, Ohio; Barbara, wife of W. G. Andrews; of Cleveland, Ohio; Adam, who is a partner with his brother John F. in the stone quarry, of Fremont, Ohio; John F.; and Philip, who married Miss Ellen Hilder, and lives at Fremont, Ohio.

John F. Gottron was reared in Fremont, where he attended both parochial and public schools, and assisted his father in business. At the age of thirteen he was taken out of school to do work in lime-kilns, continuing thus until he was twenty, when he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and worked a year and a half on Broadway and Central avenue, for a brother-in-law, after which, in 1877, he returned to Fremont, where he has been engaged in the lime business ever since. When the Gottron Brothers started in this business, our subject had only \$20 and his brother \$100. In 1890 they bought out all competitors, and now have full control of the business. They furnish foundation stones for buildings and bridges,

employing twenty-five men in the summer season in the quarries, and ship lime to various parts of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania and New York.

On October 3, 1882, John F. Gottron married Miss Bertha Andrews, who was born June 13, 1859; she received a part of her education in a convent in Germany. Her parents were Christopher and Mary (Fertig) Andrews, the father born in North Germany January 8, 1828, and the mother June 11, 1824, in Bensheim. They both came to America in childhood. He died March 27, 1878; she is living with her daughter at Fremont, Ohio. Their children were: William G., who married Barbara Gottron, and is in the milling business at Cleveland, Ohio, being vice-president and one of the principal stockholders in the Broadway Mills Co., of which he was one of the organizers; T. M., living at Cleveland; Catharine, wife of A. N. Gottron, of Fremont, Ohio; and Bertha, wife of our subject.

After marriage Mr. Gottron moved to his home in the Fourth ward of Fremont, and during the second year thereafter was elected to the city council, of which he was president from 1885 to 1889, and served as clerk for four years following. In 1894 Mr. Gottron completed one of the most beautiful homes in the city at the corner of Birchard avenue and Monroe street, where he now resides. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, the Catholic Knights of Ohio, the Order of Elks and of the German Aid Society. Mr. and Mrs. Gottron have two children: Mabelle and John F., Jr.

MERLIN BABCOCK, one of the substantial and popular farmers of York township, Sandusky county, comes of pioneer stock. He was born in Ontario county, New York, June 27, 1819, son of Elisha and Prudence (Hinkley) Babcock, both natives



Merlin B. Cook

of Stevens township, Rensselaer Co., New York.

Elisha Babcock was born in 1783, of remote Holland ancestry, but he himself always used to insist that he was a Yankee. He was a Whig in politics. In 1823 he migrated by team with his family from New York to Green Creek township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where he purchased government land, and was among the earliest settlers, the family living for a few weeks in an old sugar shanty while a cabin was being erected. The parents went to their long rest many years later, after they had converted the wilderness into a fruitful farm. To Elisha and Prudence Babcock were born five children, as follows: Laura, who first married P. C. Chapel, and for her second husband wedded J. C. Coleman, a grocer of Fremont, where she died; Esther, who married George Waldorf, of Allegany county, N. Y., and died there; Clark, who married Ann Lee, and was a farmer of Porter county, Ind.; Hiram, who married Mary Ann Lay, and after her decease wedded Josephine Woodruff, and who died in Green Creek township, in 1886, leaving seven children; Merlin, the youngest child, is the only survivor of the family.

Merlin Babcock was but four years of age when he migrated with his parents to Sandusky county. He remained on the old homestead in Green Creek township until he was twenty-seven years old, in his youth attending school in winter about three months, and in summer two months. For his first wife he married Almira Dirham, a native of Massachusetts. She died in 1846, leaving three children: Sarah, wife of John J. Craig, of Coffey county, Kans.; Callie B., who married G. M. Kinney, by whom she had one child, Merlin, and who now keeps house for her father; and Frank, a resident of Gibsonburg, who has five children—Burton, Edith, Amy, Chauncey and Jesse. After the death of his first wife Mr. Babcock

left his father's homestead and moved to his present farm in York township. Here he married Agnes E. Donaldson, by whom he had one child, John C., now a resident of Nevada. He engaged in general farming for a time, then removed to Wadsworth, Nevada, and there engaged in the hotel business. After his wife died in the western home he returned to Sandusky county, and has since resided on his farm in York township. In politics Mr. Babcock has been a Henry Clay Whig. He cast his first vote for W. H. H. Harrison, and also voted for his grandson, Benjamin Harrison, for President. Mr. Babcock remembers hearing Gen. Harrison make a speech at Old Fort Meigs in 1840. He remembers, too, with vividness, the remarkable change that has come upon the face of the country during the past fifty years, and among other things the three old mills on Coon creek, near Clyde, that ran several months each year, that stream then being filled from bank to bank, in striking contrast to the present attenuated flow of water. He served York township for nineteen years as assessor, and has filled various other local offices. Mr. Babcock is an upright citizen, and is without an enemy. At his old home in York township he enjoys the serenity and comfort which should crown a life so well spent as his has been, and he commands the highest respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

A J. HALE, station agent of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad, Fremont, was born in Steuben county, N. Y., May 25, 1828, son of Samuel and Sarah Hale.

Samuel Hale was born in Massachusetts, and his wife in Connecticut, whence she early removed to western New York, and there grew to womanhood. They were married at Albany. He was first a lumber dealer in various sections of the State of New York, and later a general merchant,

doing business at Tyrone, Steuben county. He died in 1842, at the age of fifty-seven years, and she died at Lake Geneva, in 1857, at the age of sixty-three, a member of the Baptist Church. Ten children were born to them, nine of whom grew to maturity.

A. J. Hale was reared in Steuben county, N. Y., and attended the public schools until thirteen years of age. He then served as clerk in a store, in New York State, for two years when, in 1842, he came to Bellevue, Ohio, and was there actively engaged in business until 1852, when he removed to Fremont, becoming agent for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad, in 1857, which position he filled until 1861. At the outbreak of the Civil war, in 1861, he helped to raise the first company of three-year men in Fremont, and entered the service as second lieutenant of Company E, Twenty-fifth O. V. I. After serving with the company a short time at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio, he was appointed and commissioned quartermaster of the Twenty-fifth O. V. I., under Gov. Tod, at the suggestion of Gen. R. B. Hayes. Mr. Hale had not sought the position, but was chosen on account of his fitness for the place. His regiment was assigned to duty with the army of Western Virginia and he became senior regimental and post quartermaster, in October, 1863, resigning his post and returning to Fremont, where he resumed his old place as ticket and freight agent for the combined offices of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern and the Lake Erie & Western railroads. He continued thus until 1880, when the increasing business of the roads demanded that the business departments be separated, and he became freight and station agent for the Lake Shore alone, and is now acting in that capacity. His long period of service before the public and his excellent qualities as a citizen have made him one of the best known and most highly respected citizens in the

community. In fraternal affiliation he is a member of the Knights of Honor and of the Royal Arcanum. Mr. Hale was married, in Bellevue, Ohio, in 1850, to Miss Elizabeth A. Simkins.

ALBERT VOGT BAUMANN is a native "Buckeye," having been born in Fremont, in 1859, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Vogt) Baumann, natives of Switzerland, who came from their native country to Fremont in 1854.

Jacob Baumann, his father, has been identified with the business interests of Fremont since 1856, and by his perseverance and strict attention to business has acquired a competency which places him in the front rank as one of the solid, substantial business men of Fremont. He is and always has been an active Democrat in politics, but never seeking office. His wife died January 7, 1892, aged fifty-six years. Their children were: Jacob Baumann, Jr., of Fremont; Emma Baumann, who died recently; Elizabeth Baumann, at home; and Albert Vogt, our subject; they also had an adopted daughter, named Hattie.

Our subject grew to manhood in Fremont, attended the city schools, and then took a thorough business course at Eastman College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He has been identified with the progress and development of his native city since his boyhood days, and has taken an active interest in everything designed for the good of the county. He has recently become prominent among the oil and gas men of Sandusky and adjoining counties. In 1884 and 1885 he was principal owner and manager of the *Democratic Messenger*, the organ of the Sandusky County Democracy at Fremont. He was elected city clerk in 1882, and served in that capacity for six years, having been twice unanimously re-elected. In 1884 he received the nomination of the Democratic party

for auditor of Sandusky county, and was defeated by William L. Baker. In 1887 he was again nominated by the Democratic party for county auditor, and was elected over Mr. Baker, who defeated him three years previous. In 1891 he was re-nominated and re-elected county auditor, receiving the largest majority of any on the county ticket. His whole time and attention is now devoted to his business interests, which have become extensive, mainly through his persevering nature and untiring efforts. He is largely interested in The Fremont Gas Company and The Fremont Electric Light Company, being a director in each and secretary and treasurer of both companies. In January, 1889, Mr. Baumann was married at Fremont to Miss Anna Rose Greene, daughter of Judge John L. Greene, of Fremont. To their union were born two children: Albert Vogt, Jr., and Elsie Elizabeth. To his wife and children he is devotedly attached.

CAPTAIN O. L. SHANNON was born in Sandusky township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, March 30, 1848, grew up there and attended the district schools. Being a weakly child, the physicians ordered that he should take a voyage, hence he started on one on the lakes when he was a boy ten years old. He succeeded in sustaining himself from the outset, and sailed on the lakes every summer. He finally went before the mast, remaining in that capacity until his marriage, in 1873, to Miss Della Morrow, who was born in Sandusky City, Ohio, in 1854, and died in 1876, leaving one child, Le Roy, who is now a drug clerk in Fremont, Ohio. Our subject's second wife, Martha F. (Flinck), was born in Erie county, in 1867, married in 1882, in Lorain, Ohio, and has two children: Wilson O., and Westford F.

After his first marriage Mr. Shannon located in Fremont, where he served in

various occupations until 1874, when he passed the examinations in Cleveland, Ohio, and received his certificate as master seaman and first-class pilot on the Great Lakes. He has sailed a boat nearly every summer since after his location in Fremont, also operated his farm in Sandusky township in connection with sailing; but five years since he located permanently in Fremont. He is still commanding a steamer. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the Disciples Church of Lorain, Ohio. His wife is also a member of that Church. Capt. Shannon is well known on the lakes and around Fremont.

John Shannon, father of our subject, was born March 2, 1813, in the "Block House" at Scioto, which was erected as a fortress during the war of 1812. The name Shannon is of Low-Dutch origin, descending from our subject's great-grandfather, George Shannon. He came to America in the seventeenth century, located at Schenectady, N. Y., and was well-to-do financially. He died about the year 1828, at an advanced age. He had two children: John and George, the latter of whom, our subject's grandfather, came west to Ohio in 1809. Soon afterward he was married, in Sandusky county, to Mary Whittaker, who was born in that county in 1799, and died in 1827. She was the daughter of James and Elizabeth (Fulks) Whittaker, who were both stolen by a party of Indians from the Mohawk Valley, New York State. The great-grandfather of our subject was about two years old and his great-grandmother about four years old when they were taken to Lower Sandusky (now Fremont), which was then the headquarters of the Indians in this section. They were reared by Indians, and by some means were made head of the Indian tribes. They were married by Indian ceremonies. In due course of time they established a trading post on the Whittaker Reserve, which was given them by

the Indians. They also had a trading post at Upper Sandusky. Mr. Whittaker kept that post, and Mrs. Whittaker the one on the Whittaker Reserve. The Indians traded, from many miles around, at Lower Sandusky, and recognized the Whittakers as their rulers and chiefs. Mr. Whittaker had a partner at Lower Sandusky, and was poisoned by him so that he died; he was buried on the Whittaker Reserve. Our subject's grandmother died in the spring of 1832. They had children as follows: Isaac, Nancy, Mary (subject's grandmother), James, Rachel, Charlotte and George. Our subject's father saw and knew all of them except Nancy, who was married early in life to a Mr. Wilson, and moved to Canada. In 1832-33 two of her daughters visited here, and afterward a young man came and staid a short time; he was here at the time of grandmother's death, but was never seen afterward. The rest of that branch of the family died in Canada, or, at all events, all trace of them has been lost. Isaac died in Indiana; James died in White Pigeon, Mich., where he had been a merchant (our subject's father was there at that time); Rachel married James A. Scranton, of Lower Sandusky, and was a prominent figure here for years; Charlotte died single; George, the youngest, died in Indiana.

Our subject's paternal grandfather never knew what became of his uncle John. Grandfather married a second time, but nothing positive is known of their history. He was a farmer and a great hunter. He made hunting his chief occupation, and employed others to operate his farm. He died at the age of forty-two, and his wife at thirty-six. They had eight children, six of which grew to maturity: Elizabeth, married to Samuel Hubble, a ship carpenter at Fort Miami; James, who died near Oregon; John, subject's father; William, a farmer, who died at Genoa, Ohio; Rachel, who died young; Samuel, who died at Plaster Bed, Ottawa

Co., Ohio, and Jacob, who died in Fulton, Ohio. Our subject's father, John Shannon, is the only one of these now living.

Capt. Shannon's paternal grandparents went away for safety from the war in the fall of 1812, and subject's father was born in the block house built at Scioto, to protect the whites against the Indians. While a party of whites were digging potatoes and tending other crops they were attacked by Indians, and the paternal grandfather of our subject was so badly wounded that he had to crawl two days and nights to reach a friendly Indian's cabin, and was assisted back to Scioto. He was severely wounded in the back, from which he suffered two years, during which time the doctor took thirty-one pieces of bone from his back. He was a strong man and a great hunter. Our subject's father grew up among the Indians, was a great hunter in the early days, and is still a noted duck shooter. On October 1, 1840, he was married to Miss Eveline Patterson, who was born in Onondaga county, N. Y., in 1824. She died October 9, 1893. They had ten children: Sarah, Emma Jane, Julia (who married Andrew Franks, and lives in Michigan), Capt. O. L. (our subject), John W. (who lives in Sandusky township), and Fannie (wife of Frank Scheffler, of Fremont, Ohio); the rest of the children died young. After the death of our subject's mother, his father, John Shannon, married Mrs. Sophia Peter, who was a widow at that time.

BYRON R. DUDROW, a resident of Fremont, Sandusky county, is a native of Ohio, born March 1, 1855, in Adams township, near Green Spring, Seneca county, and is a son of David W. and Mary J. (Rule) Dudrow, the former of whom was born October 25, 1825, in Frederick county, Md., a son of David and Elizabeth

(Hines) Dudrow, also natives of Maryland, born of German ancestry.

David W. Dudrow settled in Seneca county, Ohio, in 1845, becoming the owner of a large farm there, which he conducted up to the time of his decease, prospering himself and assisting others to prosper, his life presenting a striking example of industry, integrity and unselfishness. On January 8, 1853, he was married to Miss Mary J. Rule, who was born in Seneca county, Ohio, daughter of Daniel and Jane (Grosscost) Rule, to which union were born eight children, four of whom died in infancy, and three sons and one daughter are yet living, to wit: Byron R., in Fremont, Ohio; William and Fred, in Adams township, Seneca county, engaged in farming and stock-raising; and Jennie, with her mother on the old homestead. On May 16, 1888, the father, David W. Dudrow, met with a fatal accident, being instantly killed by the kick of a horse.

Daniel Rule, grandfather of Byron R. Dudrow, was born October 28, 1801, on the banks of the Susquehanna river, in Perry county, Penn., was of Teutonic descent, and spoke the German language fluently, while his wife, Jane (Grosscost), was of Scotch-Irish lineage. In the fall of 1824 he moved to Seneca county, Ohio, at which time the Seneca Indians lived on the Seneca Reservation, and he became well acquainted with many of them, some of whom were Redmen of note in their day, including the famous warrior chief Small Cloud Spicer, who at that time was a resident of the Sandusky Valley. Samuel Rule, brother of Daniel, owned and improved a large farm in Menard county, Ill., dying there November 7, 1884, while George, a half-brother of Daniel, was one of the pioneers of Sandusky county, Ohio. Daniel Rule's grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, serving under Gen. Washington, and participated in the siege of Yorktown; after the surrender of Corn-

wallis he returned to his home in southern Pennsylvania, and there succumbed to an abscess which had formed in his side.

Byron R. Dudrow, the subject proper of these lines, received his elementary education at the district schools of the neighborhood of his place of birth, which was supplemented with a course of study at the Union schools of Tiffin and Clyde, Ohio. This for a few years occupied his winter days, his summers being passed for the most part in assisting on his father's farm in Adams township. In the autumn of 1872 he entered the Preparatory Department of Baldwin University, Berea, Ohio, remaining there continuously until June, 1877, returning home only for his vacations. By close application and hard study he gained one year upon his class, and did not require to attend college during the session of 1877-78; but in the latter year he returned to Berea, and on June 6th graduated from Baldwin in the classical course, receiving the degree of B. A. On June 9, 1881, the degree of M. A. was conferred upon him.

On June 18, 1877, Mr. Dudrow commenced the study of law in the office of Basil Meek, at Clyde, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar by the District Court, April 26, 1879. He did not, however, at once enter into active practice, but served as deputy clerk of courts of Sandusky county from the time of his admission to the bar until April 26, 1880, at which time he commenced the practice of the law. He has been engaged in the trial of some prominent cases, and with success. One of the most important trials in which he has engaged was the defense of Mrs. Lizzie Aldridge, who was charged with the murder of her husband, John Aldridge, the trial taking place at Hastings, Neb., in June, 1889. Mrs. Aldridge was acquitted, and of Mr. Dudrow's efforts in this case the Hastings (Neb.) *Republican* said: "Mr. Dudrow,

of Fremont, Ohio, was an earnest and pleasing talker; every word and action had power and weight that exerted an influence upon the jurors." The Adams county (Neb.) *Democrat*, also speaking of his able argument at the same trial, said: "Of Mr. Dudrow, of Fremont, Ohio, it may be said that during the trial he won the good opinion and admiration of our people by his manly, eloquent and logical argument to the jury, and by the able manner in which he conducted the part of the case assigned to him." From 1883 till 1888 Mr. Dudrow practiced law in partnership with H. R. Finefrock, and since 1891 he has been associated with his father-in-law, Basil Meek, and John W. Worst.

On November 21, 1878, Mr. Dudrow was united in marriage at Clyde, Ohio, with Miss Mary E. Meek, daughter of Basil Meek, and who for several years had been a teacher in the Clyde public schools. In his political predilections our subject is a Democrat, and has three times been elected to the office of city solicitor of Fremont, his services in that capacity covering a period of six years. Besides his residence on Birchard avenue, Fremont, he owns a 300-acre farm in Townsend township, and he is considered one of Sandusky county's most useful, progressive citizens.

HA. VAN EPPS. Thirty years have passed since the "cruel war" waged between the North and South was ended, and even the youngest of the men who served their country in those dark days are growing old. But they never tire of the stories of camp life, of forced marches through the burning heat and deadly swamps of the South, of hair-breadth escapes and desperate encounters, or of the dreary days in Libby Prison, or the lingering horrors of Andersonville and Belle Isle. A few more years, and these stories will be

handed down by their descendants, for the old soldiers will have answered to their last roll call, and will have passed beyond, happy in the thought that they leave behind them a government united and at peace. While they live, however, it is our privilege to honor them for their noble deeds, and to show our gratitude for the bravery and zeal with which they defended the homes and institutions so dear to us.

It is, therefore, with pleasure that we are enabled to give the record of the veteran whose name opens this sketch, and whose recollections of the war are always listened to with delight, especially at the camp-fires and reunions of the "boys in blue." Mr. Van Epps is a ready writer, and portrays most vividly the scenes which were enacted under his personal observation, especially the story of Grierson's raid, in which he was an active participant. The limits of a biographical sketch will not permit an extended account of Mr. Van Epps' life during the war, but the following brief story of his career will prove of interest to his many friends and acquaintances.

H. A. Van Epps was born in Middlebury, Wyoming Co., N. Y., March 8, 1842, and came of good old Knickerbocker stock. His father, Charles Van Epps, was born on the Mohawk river, N. Y., and removed to Middlebury, Wyoming Co., N. Y., in 1806. He was a carpenter by trade, and subsequently engaged in farming; in politics he was a Democrat. He died in Middlebury in 1854. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Betsy Wilson, was born in Middlebury in 1812, and died in 1893 at the good old age of eighty-one years. She was the mother of children as follows: Elizabeth, who married H. M. Choat, and lives in Darien, Genesee Co., N. Y.; Jane, who died when ten years old; Charles, who lives on the old homestead in Middlebury, and is fifty-five years old; H. A., our subject; Fayette, deceased

when quite young; Delphene, who lives in Darien, N. Y., and is unmarried; George, who died when fourteen years old. Mrs. Van Epps' father was a native of Vermont, of sturdy Yankee ancestors, and held the rank of colonel in the war of 1812.

The subject of our sketch grew to manhood on the home farm in Middlebury, assisting his father in agricultural pursuits and obtaining his schooling in the district schools and Wyoming Academy. In March, 1861, he went to Carroll county, Ill., where he was engaged in farming. When the call to arms sounded throughout the land the patriot blood in his veins responded, and laying aside all personal considerations he enlisted September 5, 1861, in Company B, Seventh Illinois Cavalry, for the three-years' service. When the three years had expired the Rebellion was still unsubdued, and on February 10, 1864, he re-enlisted in the same company and regiment, and remained until the close of the war, being honorably discharged November 12, 1865, after a continuous service of four years and two months. During this time he received several well-earned promotions. In 1863 he was made a corporal, in 1864 a sergeant, and April 20, 1865, he was appointed second lieutenant.

During these four years Mr. Van Epps followed his regiment through a considerable portion of Missouri, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. He was in sixty-three engagements, great and small, among which were the following: The siege of Corinth, in the spring of 1862; battle of Corinth, in October, 1862; Iuka; Coffeeville; Colliersville; Lynnville; West Point; Okalona; Summersville; siege of Port Hudson; fight at Clinton, La.; Campbellsville, Tenn.; Shoal Creek, Franklin and Nashville, when Hatch's brigade, of which he was a member, captured three forts or redoubts. He was also with his regiment when following Hood on his retreat from

Nashville to the Tennessee river, a distance of 125 miles. This was a terrible experience, the marches being made through rain, sleet and snow, and when the weary soldiers reached Gravel Springs no food was to be obtained, and for two weeks they lived on parched corn.

Mr. Van Epps also took an active part in the famous "Grierson Raid," from La Grange, Tenn., to Baton Rouge, La. He, with his company, was detached from the balance of the command and remained alone for five days in the very heart of the Rebels' country, during which time, it is estimated, they traveled four hundred miles, being in the saddle night and day and enduring untold hardships. While on picket duty at Coldwater, Tenn., guarding a bridge eight miles from camp, the enemy charged upon his company, capturing all but five of them—himself among the number—who made their escape by running across the fields. They finally reached camp at Colliersville, giving the alarm in time to save the entire command from being captured, as the enemy shortly made their appearance, expecting to take the Union soldiers by surprise. They met with a warm reception instead, and were badly defeated. While acting as sergeant Mr. Van Epps commanded his company for five months, and at the second day's battle before Nashville, while engaged with the enemy in the woods, his captain, who at the time was acting-major, fell mortally wounded; under Mr. Van Epps' leadership his little band held the Rebel line in check while the dying officer was removed from the field. Mr. Van Epps served under Gens. Rosecrans, Denver, Hatch, Grierson, Wilson, Thomas, Banks and McPherson, in different divisions and army corps. While escaping almost miraculously any serious accident during his long term of service, he was not without some mishaps. While on drill in the summer of 1864, he was thrown from his horse and received a severe injury from which he has never

fully recovered. He was taken with the measles while at Bird's Point, Mo., and was removed to the hospital at Mound City, Ill., and also spent about five weeks in the hospital at Town Creek, Ala., suffering from fever.

After the war was over Mr. Van Epps returned to his home in New York, where in 1867 he was married to Miss Ellen Bailey, who died July 16, 1872. To this union three children were born: Gertrude E.; Leona M., and Elmer A. Mr. Van-Epps was married, the second time, to Miss Isadora Cornell, who was born at Lindon, Genesee Co., N. Y., in 1847. Two children have been born of this marriage—Ethel A. and Ernest C. Our subject followed farming with success in New York until he sold out and came west. Locating in Fremont, in 1881, he purchased the Starr flouring-mills. These he remodeled to the roller process, adding the latest improvements, and also erecting fine elevators. He carried on these mills, doing a large merchant and domestic business, until the close of the year 1893, when he disposed of this property, and the following April purchased the flouring-mills and warehouse at New London, Ohio, and is at present operating the same. During his residence in Fremont he made many friends and was considered one of the substantial business men of the town. He served four years in the city council, and he is past commander of the G. A. R.

WILLIAM DRIFTMEYER, a substantial and prosperous farmer of Madison township, Sandusky county, was born November 26, 1816, in Hanover, Germany. His parents, Louis and Isabelle (Tichen) Driftmeyer, rope makers by vocation, lived in Germany and died there, the mother in 1822, the father in 1843.

In early life William Driftmeyer received a good German education. He worked out by the day till the age of

twenty-one years, and in 1842 he came to America, immediately after landing coming to Ohio and renting forty acres of land in Madison township, Sandusky county, on which he lived one year. Then he bought forty acres of timber land, twelve of which he sold, and cleared the remainder, later buying forty acres, then twenty, then another forty, all timber land, which he cleared.

On January 31, 1843, William Driftmeyer was united in marriage with Mary Cook, a daughter of Henry Cook, and they have had eight children, of whom William, born July 16, 1844, died at the age of seventeen; Henry, born October 21, 1845, lives in Washington township, Sandusky county; Mary, born November 26, 1847, married John Michael, a farmer of Michigan, and they have had two children; Eliza, born August 6, 1850, married Fred Demschroeder, of Woodville township, Sandusky county, by whom she has had four children; Sarah, born November 11, 1852, married William Helambrecht, a farmer, and they have had six children; Frederick, born May 5, 1855, married Mary Wendler, by whom he has had two children, and lives in Washington township; Sophia, born December 30, 1857, married Henry Kilgus, and they have had two children, of whom one is deceased; and Louis, born February 2, 1862, married Minnie Friar, whose parents, Henry and Rebecca (Samsell) Friar, live in Madison township. Mrs. William Driftmeyer's parents lived and died in Germany.

Mr. Driftmeyer laid out the road which separates Washington township from Madison and Woodville townships. The first oil well in Madison township was drilled on his land, and on the land upon which he makes his home in that township he has six good oil wells that yield six hundred barrels monthly; and on a thirty-seven-acre tract in Washington township he has two wells that will average two hundred barrels each month. Mr.



Mr. Driftmeyer
Age 79. years

Driftmeyer is a Republican in politics, and has been repeatedly honored with public office, having been trustee for two years, and road supervisor and school director for many terms. In religious affiliation he is a member of the German M. E. Church of Elmore.

J H. CLAUSS, president and manager of the Clauss Shear Company, Fremont, Sandusky county, was born in New York City June 4, 1855. His parents were Henry and Jennette (Flersch) Clauss, natives of Germany, who emigrated to America, sojourned for a time in New York City, finally locating in Cleveland, Ohio, where they now reside.

J. H. Clauss was reared in Cleveland, where he received somewhat limited school privileges. His business experience from the time he was fourteen years old was that of apprentice in a German printing office, porter in a wholesale millinery house, and bookkeeper for a brass manufactory. He did not like to work for others, so after attaining his majority he began business on his own account as manufacturer of cigar boxes, in Cleveland. This he carried on some four years, after which he sold out, and seeing a chance at Elyria, Ohio, went there and invested what means he had in the Shear Company in that city. Seeing that the concern was not on a safe footing, he manipulated affairs so that he became secretary and treasurer, and finally full manager. The business thrived under his control, and he remained there until August, 1887, when he sold out the boiler, engine, and a part of the fixtures of the plant, and removed the rest to Fremont, Ohio, here meeting with unprecedented success in the history of shear manufacturing; but a check was put upon his prosperity for a brief period by his entire factory being burned to the ground on January 17, 1889. With his characteristic enterprise Mr.

Clauss at once resolved to rebuild, this time with brick, the former having been a frame structure. The dimensions were: Main building, 165x40 feet; two wings, each 96x40, all three stories high, with a basement and engine room 60x40. The building of this was accomplished from January 17 till March 4, in the short space of forty-six days, and is said by authority to have been the most expeditious work of like magnitude ever accomplished. The building is located on East State street, on the right bank of the Sandusky river, and is one of the hand-somest plants of any kind to be found in Ohio. The magnitude of the Clauss Shear Company is not appreciated until we realize that it is by far the largest concern of the kind in the world. They give employment to 250 men in the shops, have twenty traveling salesmen in the United States, two in Canada and seven in Europe. They have a branch office at Kansas City (Mo.), in New York City, in Toronto (Ontario), and in London (England). The building-up of this vast industry is due entirely to the business sagacity and enterprise of J. H. Clauss. He has pushed the trade into all parts of the world. By the erection of this vast manufactory in Fremont, Mr. Clauss has contributed largely to the city's growth and prosperity. Aside from this he also manifests a leading spirit in all social and local affairs. He has just completed an elegant new residence on Birchard avenue, which is considered not only the finest in Fremont, but one of the finest in northern Ohio. Mr. Clauss is a staunch Republican, and a Scottish Rite Mason of the Thirty-second Degree.

WENDEL SPRANG and wife are among the wealthiest and most prosperous residents of Green Creek, Sandusky county. Their success in life is due to frugal habits, unflinching industry and sagacious judg-

ment in farming. For the latter quality Mr. Sprang is indebted to his wife, for when he came to Sandusky county he was wholly ignorant of farming life, and from his efficient helpmeet he received his first instructions in rural pursuits. That the teachings were sound may be judged from the signal success that has attended the lives of this devoted couple.

Mr. Sprang was born in Grafenhausen, Baden, Germany, September 19, 1833, son of Thomas and Euphemia (Meyer) Sprang, who in 1852 emigrated to America, locating near Sandusky, where he bought a small piece of land and worked as a laborer. He died in 1877, aged sixty-nine years, and his wife, who was born September 15, 1810, died October 3, 1880. They were members of the Roman Catholic Church, and had seven children, four of whom lived to maturity, as follows: Philip, who was killed by a falling tree at Wolf Creek; William, fatally crushed by the cars at Mansfield; Wendel; and Mary E., wife of Godfrey Young, of Green Creek township. The paternal grandfather of Wendel Sprang was killed at his home in Germany, in 1813, by Napoleon's French soldiers, during their retreat from the disastrous Russian campaign; the soldiers had demanded food which he was unable to supply.

In 1858 Wendel Sprang was married, in Brownhelm township, Lorain Co., Ohio, to Anna Margaret Mary Jaeger, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, July 31, 1835, daughter of Adam John and Anna Dorothea (Schellhouse) Jaeger. Her paternal grandfather was by birth a Frenchman. Mrs. Sprang was only three years old when she came to America with her parents, who settled in Brownhelm township, Lorain Co., Ohio, where her only brother, John Henry Jaeger, now lives. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Sprang settled in Sandusky City, and began house-keeping with a capital of \$150. Mrs. Sprang sewed for two shillings a day, and Mr. Sprang worked in a stove factory for

75 cents a day, one-half of which amount was payable in store goods, and Mr. Sprang says he would have preferred to work for 50 cents per day in cash. Thus they lived for two years, at the expiration of which time they had \$250, which they deemed a sufficient sum to begin farming with. Coming to Green Creek township, Sandusky county, they bought twenty-five acres of land at \$19.00 per acre, reserving \$50, with which to build a house and "start on." It seems remarkable that with this small start the couple could make much progress in life; but to-day they own 250 acres of fertile and well-improved land. During the first season Mrs. Sprang cradled all the wheat, while Mr. Sprang bound it. Mr. Sprang had done no farm work up to that time, and his wife with good humor tells many amusing stories of how she had to teach him. When the Lake Shore road was under construction he chopped and hewed ties in the woods, and she loaded them on the wagon and hauled them to the roadbed. Mrs. Sprang also assisted him in sawing with a cross-cut saw. She laughingly remarks that if it were necessary she could do the same work now, so excellent is her health and robust her strength. It is no wonder that with a helpmeet like Mrs. Sprang his success has been so great. Mr. and Mrs. Sprang have one son, John H., and two grandsons, Henry W. and William Harrison. In politics Mr. Sprang is a Democrat. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic Church, and his wife is a devoted Lutheran; but they have never permitted their differences of belief to mar their domestic harmony nor cast a shadow upon their common interests.

PHILIP BRADY, who is numbered among the leading and influential farmers of Clyde, Green Creek township, Sandusky county, is a native of County Wexford, Ireland, born

in 1824. His parents, Terrance and Mary (Clear) Brady, were both born in County Wexford and were of old Celtic stock. The father died on the Emerald Isle, after which the mother came to America, where her death occurred at the age of seventy years. They were farming people of Ireland, where the grandfather, Patrick Brady, also carried on agricultural pursuits, and for generations the family occupied the same homestead.

Our subject is one of a family of eight children, comprising six sons and two daughters, and the eldest sister still occupies the ancestral home. In order of birth they are as follows: Ellen, still a resident of Ireland; Thomas, who died in Clyde, Ohio; Patrick, who makes his home in Wisconsin; Mary, who was the wife of Matthew Nolan, and died in this country; Michael, a resident of Clyde; and Martin Philip and James. Philip, the subject of this memoir, grew to manhood in his native land, with such meagre school and other advantages as were available to him. Like so many of his countrymen who love the greatness of American liberty, he resolved to cast his fortunes under the flag of the young republic, and make it his adopted land. Accordingly at the age of sixteen he embarked for the Western World. He took passage on board a ship leaving Ross, Ireland, and in due time reached Quebec, Canada. He found his first employment in the New World with farmers in Lower Canada, but subsequently came to the United States, where he worked on the railroads, or at any employment which he could find.

Desiring to become a permanent resident, Mr. Brady purchased five acres of land near Clyde, Ohio, and by frugality and thrift soon became the owner of a good home. This he subsequently sold, and then bought a tract of uncleared and unimproved land north of Clyde. Here he found in the densely wooded

land ample field to exert all his energy and industry; but stubborn nature yielded, and Mr. Brady is now the proud proprietor of an excellent and well-tilled farm. It has now all been cleared, and there is no better land to be found anywhere in the county. His old log house, which he erected many years ago, is still standing as a relic of the times that were, and a memento of the hardships of pioneer life. At Elyria, he wedded Miss Mary Keating, a native of County Carlow, Ireland, and to them have been born eight children, as follows: Mary is the wife of John Furlow, of Buckley, Wash., and they have two children—John and Eustatia; Ella is the next in the family; Joseph is a resident of Buckley, Wash.; Maggie is the wife of Grant Andrews, a merchant of Millersville, Sandusky county, and they have two children—Mabel and May; John, Philip, Jr., Kittie and Martin complete the family.

On his arrival in the New World, Mr. Brady had only a few shillings left; but by enterprise, industry and economy he is now one of the well-to-do citizens of Sandusky county. He is a man whose honesty and integrity are above question; is of a happy, genial disposition, and thoroughly enjoys a good joke. In his political views he strongly adheres to the principles of the Democratic party, and he and his family are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

GRANT FORGERSON, a substantial farmer and public-spirited citizen of Rice township, Sandusky county, was born in that county, February 22, 1829. He is a son of Thomas and Mary Hull Forgerson, who were born March 30, 1795, and February 1, 1810, respectively, the father in Orange county, New York.

Thomas Forgerson worked for his father, Sidney Forgerson, in New York State, and in 1819 came with him to Fre-

mont, Sandusky Co., Ohio, the father buying a home here which he occupied till his death in 1830. On July 5, 1827, in Sandusky county, Thomas Forgeron was united in marriage with Mary Hull, and five children were born to them, as follows: Grant, the subject of this sketch; Dorcas A. and Wilford N., born August 2, 1832; Christina, born December 10, 1835; and Thomas, born February 17, 1841. In 1830 Thomas Forgeron moved to Rice township, and in 1833 bought 124 acres of land, where he lived up to the time of his decease. He was township clerk and trustee, and for four years was school director.

In 1844, at the age of seventeen years, Grant Forgeron entered the Mexican war as a drummer boy in Company C, Fourth O. V. I., in company with his uncle, Isaac Swanck, who was quite up in military tactics. He and his comrades started from home in wagons, being conveyed to Maumee City, thence journeying via canal to Cincinnati, and from there to New Orleans. Reshipping, they crossed the gulf to Brazos Island, and went up the Rio Grande river as far as Matamoras, where they remained six weeks, then proceeding to Vera Cruz and on to Pueblo, Mexico, where they were stationed until the close of the war, Mr. Forgeron being in the service for about a year. There are few men who, like himself, have engaged in actual warfare before reaching the age of eighteen years, and he can relate many interesting experiences which he underwent during his service. After the war he came back to Rice township, and then going west remained two years, again returning to Rice township. On January 1, 1854, he was united in marriage with Nancy Park, who was born in Ohio April 29, 1835, and they had four children, namely: (1) Mary E., born October 8, 1854, married Joseph Young, and they live in Rice township; (2) James G., born Oct. 29, 1856, married Clara House, and seven children were

born to them, as follows—Mabel, January 26, 1883, Hattie, June 6, 1884, Jessie, December 22, 1887, Addie, January 26, 1889, Clara, July 9, 1890, Laura, February 19, 1892, and Scott, November 15, 1894; (3) Addie, born Feb. 24, 1861, married Frank Foster, and they live in Fremont, Sandusky county (they have three children, namely: Louis, born June 19, 1884; Achiel Grant, born December 28, 1886, and Ida, born March 28, 1893); (4) Ida N., born February 1, 1861, died November 17, 1861, and was buried in Rice township.

Grant Forgeron is engaged in general farming, having 166 acres of land worth one hundred dollars an acre. He was clerk of Rice township for two years, and school director and supervisor for twelve years. In politics he is a good Republican, and in religious affiliation belongs to the Presbyterian Church, as does his entire family. In 1861 Mr. Forgeron became a member of the I. O. O. F. at Fremont, joining Croghan Lodge No. 77, and he has passed all the Chairs; he is also a member of the Knights of Honor, Lodge No. 95. He is a gentleman of mild manners, is widely known as an entertainer, and, it is almost needless to add, his friends are numerous.

EMANUEL WENGERD is a well-known farmer and minister residing in Washington township, Sandusky county, and has the respect of all who know him. Having a wide acquaintance in this locality, we feel assured that the record of his life will prove of interest to many of our readers, and gladly give it a place in this volume.

Mr. Wengerd is numbered among the native sons of Ohio, his birth having occurred on the old family homestead in this State February 1, 1849. He is a son of Joseph W. and Marden Julie (Walter) Wengerd, who at an early day migrated westward from Pennsylvania and

took up their residence upon the farm which was the birthplace of their son Emanuel. The father was at that time about thirty years of age, and there remained until he passed from earth, at the age of seventy-two. His wife passed away when seventy-six years old. Mr. Wengerd was one of nature's noblemen, his life filled with good deeds and kind actions. He was generous and benevolent, a good supporter of the Church and of all interests that were calculated to benefit humanity. When he was taken away the community lost one of its best citizens, but he left to his family the priceless heritage of a good name.

The gentleman whose name begins this record profited by the good teachings and example of his parents, and the lessons which he learned in his youth have borne splendid fruit. He was trained not only to habits of industry, but also learned and developed those traits which in any place command the respect of all. He now devotes his time and energies to farming and to work for his fellow men, and has a good property in Washington township, Sandusky county, its neat and thrifty appearance well indicating his careful supervision.

On December 31, 1869, Mr. Wengerd was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Nichols, daughter of Peter Nichols, a well-known resident of Sandusky county. Two children—George F. and Arthur W.—came to bless and gladden their home, which was a bright and happy spot until the hand of death was laid upon the wife and mother. Mr. Wengerd remained single for a year, and then was united in marriage with Miss Catherina A. Snyder, whose parents, William and Sarah (Heller) Snyder, are residents of Seneca county, Ohio; Mr. Snyder is a miller by occupation. This marriage was blessed with three children: John M., Charles S. and Howard E., of whom Charles S. is the only one now living; John M. died at the age of eight years,

and Howard E. in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Wengerd have many warm friends in this community, and their own home is noted for its hospitality.

ABRAMHAM BLANK, one of the most popular and highly-esteemed citizens of Sandusky county, carries on agricultural pursuits in Woodville township, and is also engaged in speculating in oil. Although an Eastern man by birth, he possesses the typical Western spirit of progress and enterprise. A native of Columbia county, Penn.; he was born September 9, 1827, son of William Blank, and a brother of Amos Blank, the latter a well-known resident of Sandusky county.

In 1836, when a child of nine summers, our subject accompanied his parents and the other members of the family to Ohio, locating in Madison township, Sandusky county, where he worked on his father's farm. They were the earliest settlers of that portion of the county, and went through all the experiences and hardships of pioneer life. Abraham received but limited educational privileges, for schools were few and far between, and the advantages afforded therein were not always of a superior quality. In the practical school of experience, however, he has learned many valuable lessons, and through reading, experience and observation has become a well-informed man. He continued working on the farm of his father from early boyhood until 1873, when he started out in life for himself, purchasing 120 acres of land, all of which was covered with timber. With characteristic energy he began to clear the place; the trees fell one by one before his sturdy strokes, and acre after acre was placed under the plow and made to yield a golden tribute in return for the care and cultivation he bestowed upon it. He erected a dwelling house; also built barns and outbuildings, put up fences which di-

vided the place into fields of convenient size, planted an orchard and made other general improvements which add to the value and attractive appearance of the place. He also engaged in the oil business, and in two years made in speculation upward of \$31,000.

Mr. Blank has traveled extensively through both the Southern and Western States, going on business trips to Kentucky, Indiana, Chicago, Michigan and Wisconsin, where he owns large tracts of land. He is a man of broad and liberal views, and is well liked and very popular with all classes of people, being highly respected throughout the county in which he makes his home, where his acquaintance is a wide one. For several years he has held the office of trustee of Woodville township, and during his administration a number of roads and bridges were constructed, as well as ditches and other improvements. He is a stanch Democrat, warmly advocating the principles of the party. An entertaining conversationalist, he can relate many interesting instances of pioneer life in this locality. He is still engaged in the oil business in connection with his nephew, and has practically retired from farming, having acquired a handsome competence which supplies him with all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

WILLIAM W. POORMAN is numbered among the leading agriculturists of Sandusky county, having for many years been identified with its growth and upbuilding. He was born in Townsend township, Sandusky county, January 15, 1828, a son of John and Phœbe (Wetsel) Poorman, the former of whom was born in 1773; the latter was born about 1793, and died in Detroit, Mich., at the advanced age of eighty-three. Their family numbered four children. The Poormans are of German descent.

At an early age our subject accompanied his parents to Sandusky City, Ohio, where his father was engaged in the grocery business until his death, which occurred at the age of sixty years. When William was a youth of fifteen, he accompanied his mother and the other members of the family to Fremont, where he worked in an ashery for two years, at the end of which time his mother removed to Ballville township, Sandusky county, purchasing forty acres of wild land. This our subject and his brother cleared, making there a comfortable home. The wild land was transformed into rich and fertile fields, and a good farm resulted from their earnest and persistent labors. While residing on that farm Mr. Poorman was married, January 6, 1850, to Miss Jemima Ann Hutson, of Ballville township, a native of Franklin county, Ohio, born December 4, 1829. Her father, James Hutson, was born February 13, 1807, and died June 18, 1893; her mother, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Stultz, was born August 28, 1828; they were the parents of the following children: Mrs. Poorman, John, Peter, Vincent, William M., Nathaniel W. and James S. The mother of this family passed away August 4, 1877. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Poorman was John Hutson, who married a Miss Needles. The former was born in Maryland about 1784, and served in the war of 1812; the latter was born about 1787, and lived to be 104 years of age. The maternal grandparents were Peter and Elizabeth (Cliner) Stultz, the former born in 1776, the latter in 1780. Mr. and Mrs. Poorman have one child, Emma A., born October 2, 1850, and educated in Fremont. On November 1, 1867, she became the wife of Robert A. Forgrave, of Scott township, Sandusky county, and to them have been born four children, one of whom, a son, is now living.

For a year after his marriage, Mr. Poorman lived on the farm which his

mother had purchased, and then removed to the village of Ballville, where he resided some six years. Purchasing 107 acres of land in Section 15, Scott township, Sandusky county, that farm has since been his home. The greater part of this farm was in its primitive condition; but by patient toil he has made it one of the best places in the neighborhood, the forest trees giving way to fields of golden grain, and the log cabin to the spacious frame dwelling. There are also good outbuildings, and all modern improvements. In 1890 he leased the entire farm to the Sun Oil Company for an annual rental of \$1,100 and one-eighth of the oil produced on the farm. Four wells are now in operation, yielding about fifty barrels per day, and Mr. Poorman therefore secures a good income. He has served as township treasurer, and for several terms has been township trustee, discharging his duties in a most creditable and acceptable manner. His political support is given to the Democracy, and he is a progressive and public-spirited citizen, giving his aid to and co-operation with everything pertaining to the welfare of the community.

ROBERT A. FORGRAVE was born November 27, 1842, in Perry county, Ohio, and is one of the five children born to Robert W. and Mary (Kuhn) Forgrave. The father was born in Philadelphia in 1807, and was a pioneer of Perry county; the mother was born in 1818; her father, Adam Kuhn, was also a native of the Keystone State, and lived to the advanced age of ninety-two years. Mr. Forgrave was educated in the common and select schools of the neighborhood, and for some years engaged in teaching in Sandusky county, at one time being principal of the high school at Oak Harbor, while his wife was teacher of the primary department. In 1861 he joined the Union army, and for four years aided in the defense of the old flag and the cause it represented, participating in some of the most hotly con-

tested engagements of the war, including the battles of Cold Harbor, Petersburg and Spottsylvania, and was at Appomattox when Lee surrendered to Grant. At the close of the war he returned to Scott township, and for some years successfully carried on agricultural pursuits. He then leased his land to the oil company, and as the flow of oil is a good one he derives an excellent income therefrom. He is a man of good business ability, and his management of his business affairs has made him a substantial citizen.

A B. KEMMERLING. The hardy pioneers of the Northwest, who developed the land out of which some of the proudest States of our Union were constructed, were men not only of muscle but of brains; men who combined great endurance and industry with intelligence and religious principle, and with their wives, as brave and courageous as themselves, reared up their children in such habits of thrift and morality that the country has reason to be proud of them.

Of such worthy parentage was born the subject of our sketch, a well-known and prosperous dry-goods merchant of Gibsonburg, Sandusky county, who is among the youngest of the men in that place to carry on an independent business, and who may be styled a self-made man. He was born in Madison township, Sandusky county, October 12, 1863. A brief sketch of his parents, Peter and Catherine (Unger) Kemmerling, will be read with interest by their friends: His father was born in Union (now Snyder) county, Penn., near Louistown, September 27, 1813. Here he spent his boyhood days, and in 1835, when twenty-two years of age, came to Ohio, locating in Wooster, where he lived two years, removing in 1837 to Madison township. In that early day this part of Ohio was a wilderness, just as it left the hand of nature,

and dense forests covered the face of the country, in which wild animals abounded. Deer were plentiful, and wolves made night hideous with their howls. Settlers were few and far between, but their hospitality was freely given, and they greatly enjoyed visiting each other. Mr. Kemmerling on coming here entered government land, which he cleared, and began farming. This occupation he followed until 1873, when, yielding to the infirmities of old age, he retired from active work and took up his residence in Gibsonburg. Early in life he became identified with the Evangelical Church, and for many years was a local preacher, at the same time working on his farm. He traveled all over that section of the country on horseback, as was the custom in those days, holding meetings at different points, sometimes being for weeks on the road. The life was one of hardship, but no one can tell the amount of good accomplished by these pioneer preachers, the advance guard of the great army of Christian people who now fill the churches of our land. Mr. Kemmerling was faithful in his self-imposed task until he grew old and his voice gave out, and he was obliged to cease preaching. He died October 11, 1893, regretted by all who knew him. He was an old-time Whig, and later, when the Republican party was formed, joined its ranks.

The mother of our subject, who was the second wife of Mr. Kemmerling, was born March 23, 1835, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Snyder) Unger, and is still living. She became the mother of five children, as follows: Salome, who married Charles Fairbanks, and lives in Madison township; Samantha, wife of Alpheus Fraunfelter, living in Gibsonburg; A. B., our subject; Franklin, living in Cleveland, Ohio; and Lillie, wife of James Bowerson, who lives in Cleveland. By his first marriage our subject's father had thirteen children, five of whom are deceased; the others are: Catherine,

wife of David Garn, living in Indiana; James, John and Edward, all of whom live in Michigan, and who were all soldiers in the Union army during the Civil war; Mary, married to Mr. Mowry, and living in Illinois; Maggie, married to H. Overmyer, and living in Indiana; Julia, wife of James Garn, of Indiana, and Ellen, who married H. C. Brost, and resides in Michigan.

The subject of this sketch grew to manhood in Madison township, attending the schools at Gibsonburg and gaining a common-school education. At twenty-two years of age he began taking contracts for timber from a railroad company, which business he carried on until nearly two years ago, in the meantime clerking at times. On November 16, 1893, he bought out the dry-goods firm of J. W. Miller, of which he is the sole proprietor. He is doing a flourishing business, and ranks among the best and most progressive citizens of Gibsonburg. Mr. Kemmerling was married February 26, 1891, to Mrs. Emma Downing, who was born in Cornwall, England, in 1859, and they have one child, Bliss. Socially Mr. Kemmerling is affiliated with the I. O. O. F., K. of P., K. O. T. M., P. O. S. of A. and F. & A. M.; in politics he is a Republican.

DANIEL KERNS is one of the most widely-known and highly-respected citizens of Sandusky county—a man whose well-spent life has gained for him the esteem of all with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact. He was born June 23, 1817, in Columbiana (now Mahoning) county, Ohio, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Misheye) Kerns, who were natives of Pennsylvania, where the paternal grandfather, George Kerns, was also born.

The parents of our subject removed to Ohio during its pioneer days, and settled



Daniel Kerns
Age 78 Past



July Ann Kerns
Age 70 Past

upon an 800-acre tract of land that formed a part of Washington township, Sandusky county. The place being then heavily covered with timber, Mr. Kerns at once began to clear and improve it, and at the time of his death all but a few acres had been placed under the plow. He was an industrious and energetic man, and those traits of industry and economy which had so much to do with his success were early instilled into the minds of his children. The family was a large one, numbering eleven children, namely: Mary, who was killed by accident during her early girlhood; John, of Wayne county, Ohio; Anna, who became the wife of Michael Powell, and died leaving four children—Albert, Richard, Susan and Lydia; Sarah, who became the wife of Samuel Powell, and died when well advanced in years, leaving a large family; Jacob, a retired farmer of Alliance, Ohio; Daniel, subject of this sketch; Solomon; Lydia; Lavina; Josiah, an M. E. minister of Kansas; and Isaiah, of Newton, Iowa, land agent, notary public and abstractor of titles.

Thus amid the wild scenes of the frontier Daniel Kerns was reared, and with the family shared in the usual experiences of pioneer life. He remained at home with his father until his twenty-first birthday, attending the district school in the winter, and aiding in the labors of the farm through the summer months. On attaining his majority he began studying for the ministry, and after a thorough course returned to his home and became a circuit preacher, traveling through Washington township. After remaining here for a year, he went to Illinois, being the first minister to establish an Evangelical society in the city of Chicago, where he spent one year, and then again returning to Sandusky county was placed on the Marion circuit. The succeeding seven years of his life were devoted to ministerial work, and then, on account of ill health, he was compelled to retire.

During this time he had saved what little he earned, and he now invested his capital in eighty acres of farm land, which owing to his care and cultivation has become valuable property. In the years that followed he devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits until 1886, when he retired from active business life and took up his residence in Lindsey. He still retains possession of his farm, which comprises 285 acres and yields him a good income.

On March 30, 1843, Daniel Kerns was united in marriage with Miss Julia, daughter of Rev. Michael and Polly (Wolt) Walter, whose family numbered four children—John, Julia, Susan and Katie. The marriage of our subject and his wife has been blessed with thirteen children: Caroline Mary, born March 5, 1845, and became the wife of William Collar; Almira, born October 28, 1846, died at the age of four weeks; Rebecca P., born November 5, 1847, became the wife of W. W. Smith, a farmer of Sandusky county, and they have two children; Lidda Anna, born January 17, 1850, is the wife of Theodore Kerns, a coal dealer of Cleveland, Ohio, by whom she had one child, now deceased; Isaiah M., born August 9, 1851, died at the age of nine years; Benjamin F., born September 22, 1853, is deceased; Josiah, born January 19, 1856, and John C., born April 22, 1857, are both deceased; Obadiah, born July 3, 1859, is a farmer; Emma, born August 21, 1861, is the wife of John Slates, a miller by trade, residing near Fremont, and they have two children; Allen, born November 5, 1863, is a farmer; Ida, born May 9, 1866, died at the age of eighteen years; Dora V., born October 9, 1868, is the wife of Charles Schaebner, a razor grinder, and they have one child.

Mr. Kerns was formerly a member of the Grangers. He votes with the Prohibition party, and is a warm advocate of the cause of temperance, giving his support to all reforms and measures calculated to uplift humanity in general. His

noble Christian life is one well worthy of emulation, and all who know Daniel Kerns have for him the highest regard.

JOHN MALCOLM, one of the substantial and influential citizens of Clyde, exemplified in his younger days the nobility of labor in a manner so thorough as few of his compeers have done. He is a native of Scotland, and brought with him to Ohio a rugged constitution, an invincible spirit, a latent gift of energy which was expended upon the primeval forests of Ashland county with telling effect. It has been said that the Malcolm family cleared up more land than any other in Ashland county. In one year it cleared off forty-two acres, fenced it, and put the virgin soil in wheat. In that elder day the recital of this feat meant more than it does now, for the present generation can not so well grasp the tremendous amount of labor involved in the primitive clearing of land as could their forefathers who did the work. Labor was then the cardinal virtue, the chief avenue to success.

Mr. Malcolm was born at Aberdeen, Scotland, October 15, 1821, son of Alexander and Barbara (Richie) Malcolm. Alexander Malcolm was a gardener, and his father, William Malcolm, was a milkman, among whose customers was the Aberdeen Lunatic Asylum. Two sons of William Malcolm, Arthur and James, participated in the battle of Waterloo, one of the most fateful in the world's history. They were stationed in the famous wheat field, where the regiment, or rather the remains of it, had "formed square," and for some time were confronted on three sides by Napoleon's heavy cavalry, who charged them again and again without breaking the square. Both were wounded, and both drew subsequent pensions for their injuries. A son of Arthur Malcolm, Arthur by name, and also a daughter, now reside at Akron, Ohio. Alexander Mal-

colm in 1835 emigrated with his large family to America. Landing at New York he came directly to Ohio, and after spending several months in Westfield township, Medina county, and Savannah, Ashland county, he purchased one hundred acres of forest land in Ruggles township, in the latter county. There were then no roads, game abounded, and bands of wandering Indians still strolled through the premises. Here Alexander fashioned for himself his permanent home, clearing the land and farming industriously until his death, which occurred when he was aged sixty-seven years. His faithful wife, ten years his senior, preceded him to the grave by about eighteen months. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith, and an unwavering Whig and Republican in politics. His family of ten children was as follows: Alexander, who died in mature life; Archibald, a resident of Northwest township, Williams county; William, who reared a family, and passed away many years ago (his eldest son David died in the Civil war); John, subject of this sketch; Jane, wife of Conrad Brandeberry, of Montpelier, Williams county; James (retired), of New London; Charles, who died unmarried; Thomas, who reared a family in Williams county, and died there; Robert, who reared a family in Ruggles township, and is now deceased; David, who died at the age of two years.

John Malcolm was in his fifteenth year when he came with his father's family to Ohio. He assisted his father on the farm, but after the latter's start there was an abundance of labor in the family, and John became a clerk for King & Gunn, of Medina, afterward King & King. After a clerkship of several years he returned to the farm, where he remained until his marriage, in 1844, to Miss Harriet S. Munger, who was born in Livingston county, N. Y., April 5, 1826, and the daughter of Jehiel and Belinda (Janes) Munger, both natives of New York. In 1831 they migrated to

Ohio and settled in Townsend township, Sandusky county, where the father died in 1845, and the mother some years later. Here, too, died the father of Jehiel, also named Jehiel Munger, an Englishman by birth. The children born to Jehiel and Belinda Munger were as follows: Chapin Richard, who reared a family and died in Oregon; Clarissa, who died in childhood; William R., who died, unmarried, in Townsend; Hiram A., of Clyde; Harriet S., wife of John Malcolm; Daniel N., who died in California, unmarried; Tempe Jane, deceased in childhood; Tyler E., also deceased in childhood; Axie L., who married Edward Wheeler, and died in Rochester township, Lorain Co., Ohio; Jehiel, a bachelor, residing in California; Theresa M., whose child by her first marriage, Rufey Jordan, was the first woman admitted to the bar in the United States (she practiced at Seattle, Wash., and died at Chicago during the World's Columbian Exposition. Theresa M. married, for her second husband, Simeon Ketchel, of Coldwater, Mich.).

After marriage John and Harriet Malcolm began housekeeping on a farm in Ruggles township, Ashland county. He helped to clear up the old farm, then bought 136 acres and helped clear it also. Since marriage he, with his own hands, cleared 100 acres or more, and he still owns 106 acres of fine land in Ruggles township. He was engaged in grain and stock-farming until 1866, when he removed with his family to Clyde, and he has since been a resident of that city. Mr. Malcolm has two children, Barbara B. and Marvin J., the former of whom is the wife of B. F. Rogers, and lives on Piety Hill, at Clyde; her children are Malcolm, Lillie and Archie. Marvin J. is married to Adelaide Rober, and lives at Clyde. Mr. Malcolm has been marshal of Clyde for nearly five years. He has served as cemetery trustee three years, and for twenty-seven years has been a prominent member of the I. O. O. F. In

politics he is a Republican. In June, 1888, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm took a protracted trip to California, visiting friends at Yuba City, Sutter county, and traveling extensively on the Pacific coast. He now lives a retired life in the full enjoyment of the comforts which have come to him after a busy and well-spent career.

A B. FRENCH. There are lives which rise so high above the level of the masses as to give to the disinterested spectator the impression of picturesque Alpine scenery, in contrast to the monotony of the prairie. Spirits are born to dwell in a human incasement of a fiber more delicate, of a strength more tenacious and of a mental force more subtle and elusive than falls to the usual lot of mortal man. The career of A. B. French, a prominent citizen of Clyde, is a most remarkable one, remarkable for the strange powers he has possessed and exercised among men; remarkable for its literary excellence; remarkable for the various channels in which his efforts have been successfully exerted. As lecturer, Spiritualist, orator, nurseryman, author and lawyer, in whatever he has undertaken, he has excelled.

Mr. French was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, September 13, 1838, son of Samuel and Amelia (Belden) French, the former of whom still survives; the latter died in 1870. Samuel French was born in Oswego county, N. Y., October 2, 1815, son of Byron French, a New Englander of Puritan stock. Amelia Belden was born near Hartford, Conn., in 1812, daughter of Asel Belden. Byron French and Asel Belden were both early pioneers in the wilderness of northeastern Ohio, and here their son and daughter married. Samuel French is a representative type of the sturdy Jacksonian-Democrat. In his school days A. B. French, the subject of this sketch, was a precocious youth. He acquired his lessons

without apparent effort, and easily led his class in mental attainments. It was during these days that perhaps the greatest crisis of his life occurred. Spiritual rappings began to be heard in his native town. The mother and sister of Mr. French were among the first to be influenced. They were both highly mediumistic. A. B. was at the age of sixteen a student at Western Reserve Seminary, at Farmington, with an enviable record, high ambition and the brightest prospects. During vacation he was at work on his father's farm one day, when, weary and athirst, he sought the house. Entering, he found mother and sister both entranced. To him it was a strange manifestation, and filled his mind with dread. He attempted to leave, but invisible beings commanded him to stay. Powerless, he sat down. A strange spell, such as he had never before experienced, came over him. He seemed both asleep and awake. Mortified and humiliated, he strove to shake off the influence, but it held him fast. He began to talk and he kept on talking. His destiny had come. His school days were over. The inspiration of the spirit world moved him. He found no rest save when obeying its behest. At schoolhouse and hall in neighboring towns he lectured. He constantly rebelled, for the public silently condemned, and the sensitive boy, then without prophetic eye, keenly felt the ostracism to which he was subjected. Repeatedly he avowed that he would never speak again, but the influences held him fast. Before he was twenty years of age he had more calls than he could fill. His fame had widely extended. His charm of utterance and the new strange thoughts he voiced held spellbound the crowds that nightly greeted him. Wherever he went a revival of pentecostal times was in his midst. The operation of the psychic force is thus described. When Mr. French with closed eyes first began to speak he was almost unconscious. His

condition slowly changed till it blended with the normal state. Thoughts surged irresistibly for utterance at times, and the audience was carried along by the flood of thought. Mr. French's powers have been exercised mostly in speaking, but to some extent in writing, and there appear equally successful.

In the summer of 1859 Mr. French removed to Clyde. In 1863 he started a nursery, with an outlook not especially encouraging for the enterprise, as his means were limited, but by untiring energy and liberal dealing he has built up a commanding business, which ranks among the largest in this line in the State, and now requires the services of fifty laborers and salesmen. In 1870 he began reading law, in 1871-72 attended the Law Department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and was admitted to the bar at Tiffin in 1872. Mr. French began practicing law at Clyde in partnership with Judge John M. Lemmon. Their clientele grew rapidly, and our subject was retained in many important cases; but his health failed, and in 1875, after three years' practice, he was compelled to retire. He has never, however, withdrawn from the platform. His services have been actively sought in many capacities. While devoting his attention to his nursery chiefly, he has lectured on Sundays, delivered various public addresses, including many funeral discourses, and has perhaps officiated at more funerals than any other speaker of his age. His happy manner of presenting the glorious truths of immortality, and glimpses of a new and beautiful existence beyond the fleeting shadows of this life, has made calls upon his services very numerous. In 1876 Mr. French was unanimously nominated on the Republican ticket for representative, and made a noteworthy run, pulling the Democratic majority of 800 down to about 200, receiving in his own township the largest vote ever given any one candidate. In 1878, when absent from home, he was

again unanimously nominated, but refused the honor. From 1881 to 1888 he was engaged almost exclusively in lecturing, and from 1888 to 1890 was a member of the Lyceum Bureau of Chicago, and while lecturing before Spiritualistic audiences on Sunday, addressed many literary and church societies from Omaha to Boston with marked success. He has every natural endowment of the popular orator, and has won an enviable reputation under difficulties known only to his most intimate friends. During the past few years he has devoted most of his time to his extensive nursery business, and the building up and improvement of the village of Clyde, in which he takes especial interest and pride.

In 1892 there was published a volume of lectures entitled "Gleanings from the Platform, by A. B. French." The lectures included "William Denton," "Legends of Buddha," "Mohammed, or the Faith and Wars of Islam," "Joseph Smith and the Book of Mormon," "Conflicts of Life," "The Power and Permanency of Ideas," "The Unknown," "Probability of Future Life," "Anniversary Address," "The Egotism of Our Age," "What is Truth," and "Decoration Address." These lectures, which are artistic gems of literature, fairly illustrate the author's lucid literary style, and his originality of thought and expression. The volume has had an extensive circulation, and is a valuable addition to American literature. The voluminous contributions of Mr. French to the *Spiritual Journal* have been widely disseminated. In his busy life have been blended the expression of a rare psychic faculty and the exercise of business abilities of a high order. He has associated in the incorporation of Clyde, has served in the city council, and has ever been identified with its best interests.

In 1859 Mr. French was married to Miss S. A. Dewey, and to them were born two children: William B., who died at

the age of twenty-nine years, leaving one child, and Miss L. L., who married A. Byers, and has two children. In December, 1891, Mr. French was married to Mrs. Mary E. Thomas, of Cardington, Ohio.

FREDERICK FABING, gas and steam-fitter and plumber, Fremont, Sandusky county, is one of the oldest established business men in the city. He is a native of France, born in Lorraine June 14, 1832, a son of John and Mary Ann (Greiner) Fabing, who were also natives of Lorraine.

John Fabing in early life learned the trade of gunsmith and jeweler, which he followed until he came to America. In 1834 he emigrated, locating in Fayetteville, Onondaga Co., N. Y., and there pursuing his trade until 1844, when with the sweeping tide of emigration westward he came to the village of Lower Sandusky, now Fremont, Sandusky Co., Ohio, and established a home. His death occurred July 2, 1845, his wife surviving until 1882, when she died, at Fremont, at the age of seventy-nine years. Their children were: Catharine, wife of John Young, of Pilot Hill, Cal.; John, a farmer of Jackson township, Sandusky county, who died at the age of fifty-two years; Lena, who married in 1845, and died in 1847, leaving two children; one that died in infancy; Frederick, subject of this sketch; and Barbara, wife of M. Hazeltine, of Baker City, Oregon. Mr. Fabing was a Democrat and a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Frederick Fabing attended the common schools in Fayetteville, N. Y., until twelve years of age, when he came with his father's family to Sandusky county, Ohio. He remembers distinctly the open winter of 1844, the voyage on shipboard from Buffalo to Sandusky City, the subsequent trip to Lower Sandusky, all the way by boat, and the landing at that

place on the 24th of December, 1844. The famous "Black Swamp" was then a wilderness, and only ten or twelve families had settled between here and Toledo. He used to engage in the sports of the time, hunting deer and other wild game in the deep forests. In 1850 Mr. Fabing joined a caravan to cross the Western Plains to California. This caravan was in charge of a Mr. McClure, who was familiar with the Indians and believed in treating them kindly, adopting military rule for the government of his men in order to prevent any mistreatment of the Indians. On one occasion a man of his party shot at a buck and squaw sitting on a log some distance away, but did not hit them; McClure at once had the offender arrested and tried by court-martial—by which the man was condemned to be tied across a wagon wheel during a half-day's travel over the sandy plain, so that his head and feet were alternately up and down. Most of the party remonstrated, but McClure was firm in carrying out the verdict, claiming that if the Indians had been shot or even slightly wounded the whole caravan might have been massacred. On being released the man was more dead than alive, but he soon recovered, and it is needless to say that he did not shoot at the Redmen again during the journey. Another precaution of McClure for the safety of his party was that of not allowing any Indians into his camp. He posted his pickets outside, and when Indians came to beg food they were given coffee, sugar, salt, etc., which was divided up amongst them, and they went away peaceably. In this manner the caravan passed through the most powerful tribes of the West unmolested. The party fared well until near the end of their journey, when rations became short. From the time they reached the valley of the Humboldt river until they entered California each man got only one cup of soup (made from a cow so poor that there was nothing left upon her) and a handful

of crackers per day. Upon nearing points where supplies could be had a couple of men were sent ahead on the best horses they had, and they purchased flour, for which they were obliged to pay two dollars per pound, and eighteen dollars worth of it was cooked into cakes for the crowd for one dinner. The first appearance of white men after crossing the Missouri river was at Fort Laramie on the Upper Platte, where one company of United States troops was located. Mr. Fabing walked all the way across the plains, except one day in each week, when he was obliged to drive a team.

On reaching California, in August, 1850, he engaged in gold digging, at Cold Springs, near Placerville, remaining there until fall, when he went to Shasto, on Clear creek, where he continued digging with good success in 1854. He returned home by way of the Panama route and New York City, remaining a short time to visit with friends, returned to the gold field by the Tehuantepec route, located on the upper branch of the American river for a time, and then returned to Shasto. Here he had fair success and secured enough gold to pay him for all his time. Mr. Fabing in 1857 returned to Fremont, and in 1862 became connected with the Fremont Gas Company, with which he continued about twenty-eight years, most of the time in the capacity of superintendent. He became interested and skilled in the gas-fitting and plumbing business, which he followed in connection with his other duties, so that on retiring from the office of president he found himself controlling the chief trade in that line in Fremont. In 1865 Mr. Fabing and Mr. Heim jointly built the block which bears their names, Fabing & Heim, and the former still holds his interest in it. He is also one of the heaviest stockholders in the Opera House Company. In politics he is a Republican. In 1865 he joined the Masons,

being a member of Fort Stephenson Lodge, No. 225, of Fremont, and advanced in Masonry to Knight Templar, becoming a member of De Molay Commandery, No. 9, K. T., Tiffin, Ohio. In 1858 Mr. Fabing married Miss Mary J. Webber, who was born in Alsace, Germany, in 1833.

EDWARD H. RUSSELL, a real-estate and insurance agent, and manager of the Opera House, Fremont, Sandusky county, was born at Fremont June 14, 1855, son of Henry S. and Margaret Hawkins Russell.

Henry Shubel Russell was born in Morgan county, Ohio, in 1817, and came to Lower Sandusky, now Fremont, with his father, in pioneer days. He was a master builder and contractor. He served as sheriff of Sandusky county from 1865 to 1869; he married in Lower Sandusky, in 1843, a daughter of Thomas L. Hawkins, a local preacher of the M. E. Church, from Franklin county, Ohio. Mr. Hawkins and his wife were natives of Kentucky, and came in 1817 to Lower Sandusky, of which town he was one of the incorporators, and he was a man of remarkable pluck and energy. He was a cabinet maker, and to get water-power built the mill-race which is still in existence at Fremont, and erected thereon a sawmill. In politics he was an Old-line Whig. In March, 1856, he moved to Vinton, Iowa, where he and his wife died at an advanced age. To Henry and Margaret (Hawkins) Russell were born four children: Frank W., who enlisted August 7, 1862, at Fremont, Ohio, in Company K, One Hundredth Regiment, O. V. I., went into active service, was captured at Limestone Station, Tenn., September 8, 1863, and died in a Rebel prison at Richmond, Va., July 24, 1864; Henry, who died at the age of fifteen years, Ella, wife of C. A. Freeman, a grocer of Fremont, Ohio; and Edward H., whose name intro-

duces this sketch. The father's death occurred May 18, 1876. In politics, he was a Democrat.

Edward H. Russell was reared in the city of Fremont, and educated in the public schools. On leaving school he traveled as business manager of a theatrical company for a period of eight years, and then returned to Fremont to engage in the insurance business. In 1890 he took stock in the Fremont Opera House Company, and became its business manager. Socially, Mr. Russell is one of the charter members of Fremont Lodge No. 204, Knights of Pythias; a charter member and Past Exalted Ruler of Fremont Lodge No. 169, B. P. O. E.; a charter member and first financial secretary of Sherman Lodge No. 111, A. O. U. W.; a member of Edna Council No. 64, National Union; and a charter member and first presiding officer of Onoko Tribe No. 140, Improved Order of Red Men. On January 9, 1883, Mr. Russell married Miss Laura L. Snyder, daughter of Maj. S. A. J. Snyder, of the Seventy-second Regiment, O. V. I., ex-postmaster of Fremont, who died in 1889, and whose widow, Clementine (Creager), resides in Fremont, Ohio. The children of E. H. and Laura L. Russell are: Arthur McKnight, Major Henry, Harry Allen and Paul Edward Russell. Mrs. Russell is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

STARR & TUNNINGTON, proprietors of the Fremont Steam Laundry, are well-known business men of Fremont, Sandusky county, and have been engaged in their present enterprise since 1890. Their excellent work, especially in the line of shirts, collars and cuffs, has gained for them an extended reputation, and been the means of establishing a trade which comes to them from all over Northern Ohio, and also from Michigan and Indiana, within a radius of 150 miles. They have the

finest plant and the best equipments for a laundry that the most advanced ideas in machinery and methods have been able to perfect. Besides these almost perfect appliances and skilled operators, Fremont affords them a quality of water not to be found elsewhere. With these advantages and the well-known business ability and integrity of its managers, the success of the enterprise is assured. Of the proprietors themselves, the following sketches will be of interest.

H. J. STARR was born in Elyria, Ohio, in 1857, and is the son of Horace Starr, of Starr Brothers, who were for years among the leading merchants of northern Ohio, and were very prominent in Elyria. He was educated in the public schools of his native place, and on arriving at manhood took charge of a Boston mining company. Later he filled the position of commissary for a railroad construction company in Virginia. When this work was completed he decided to take up some business more permanent in its nature, and with Mr. Tunnington purchased the laundry which they are now operating. Mr. Starr is a man of excellent business abilities, very accommodating, and of a quiet, pleasant disposition which makes him friends wherever he goes. He is very popular with the people of Fremont, and is a good citizen.

F. M. TUNNINGTON, the other partner in this firm, is a native of this State, having been born in Cleveland, December 19, 1858. He grew to manhood in Elyria, and learned the trade of a printer in the office of the *Republican* in that place, working at this about seven years in Elyria and Cleveland. He subsequently embarked in the laundry business in Cleveland for a short time, and then went to Friendship, N. Y., where he perfected himself in the details of the business, carrying on a laundry there for two years. He then sold out and went on the road for a year, selling laundry fixtures and machinery. Returning to Elyria he purchased a

laundry, but subsequently disposed of it, and with his present partner, Mr. Starr, came to Fremont, where they have established the fine plant which has already been spoken of. Mr. Tunnington is an expert in his line, and it is mainly due to his advanced methods of doing work that the Fremont Steam Laundry has acquired its enviable reputation.

MARK THRAVES, farmer and dealer in live stock, Ballville township, Sandusky county, was born in Nottinghamshire, England, December 7, 1832, a son of William and Marilla (Graves) Thraves, whose history appears elsewhere.

Our subject came with his parents to America when he was eleven years of age, and grew up on a farm in Washington township, Sandusky Co., Ohio. In the latter part of 1859 he went to Fremont to learn the trade of blacksmith, serving an apprenticeship under Solomon Lansing, who afterward removed to Michigan, and after whom it is probable the city of Lansing was named. In December, 1851, Mr. Thraves started for California by way of the Panama route, taking passage on a steamer at New York bound for the town of Chagres, at the mouth of Chagres river, on the Isthmus of Panama. The trip was a most hazardous one, the steamer losing one of her side-wheels and being nearly wrecked, making it necessary to put in for repairs on the way. Upon reaching the Isthmus of Panama, the passengers were rowed and poled up the river Chagres, in small boats, by the natives, and were sometimes obliged to land and walk while the boats were carried around the rapids. After leaving this river the passengers had to make an overland trip of twenty-five miles before reaching the Pacific coast. The men walked, while the women rode mules furnished by the citizens. To the consternation of Mr. Thraves and



Mark Thraves

his fellow travelers, upon reaching the port on the Pacific, they learned that the regular steamer was already so loaded with passengers that they could not get aboard, and that nothing remained for them but to take a sailing vessel for the voyage to San Francisco. The Vanderbilt Line, with whom they had shipped from New York, had no steam line on the Pacific, and so they took passage on the brig "Margaret." They put out to sea with a fair wind, but when within one degree of the equator struck a dead calm, in which they were obliged to lie helpless for two weeks, during which time twelve of the passengers took sick and died. They finally succeeded in pulling into the harbor of San Blas, Mexico, where the brig lay for a week, to the no small solicitude of the 250 passengers. The remainder of their voyage was tedious in the extreme. Perhaps apprehending further trouble, the captain of the brig put it in charge of the mate, and himself remained behind. Provisions ran short, and for the last three weeks each person had to live upon three spoonsful of cooked rice and a pint of coffee per day; and upon reaching San Francisco there was not a half bushel of rice left on board the brig, and no other article of food whatever. They had been thirteen weeks upon the sailing vessel, whereas only fourteen days were requisite to make the trip by steamer.

Unlike most other men who went to California at that period, Mr. Thraves turned his attention at once to farming, the raising of wheat and other grains in Sacramento county, as on account of the high price of flour (\$50 per sack) it was more profitable than gold mining to one who knew more about farming than about mining. In the month of June, 1856, Mr. Thraves returned home to Ohio, and remained among his friends until the following April, when, with his brother William, he started back for California. On crossing the Isthmus of Panama they

met with a sad accident. The tram upon which they were riding was wrecked, and William Thraves, with sixty others, was crushed to death; more than 360 were injured. All those who were killed were buried on the Isthmus. Controlling his grief as best he could, our subject completed his journey to California, where he followed gold mining in Yuba county, on the American river. In 1858 he made a trip into British Columbia and Vancouver Island. In December, 1860, he returned to Ohio, where he has since that time been engaged in his favorite pursuit of farming and stock raising, in which he has been remarkably successful.

In politics our subject is a Democrat, and though not an office seeker has held various offices in his township, where he is justly recognized as one of the leading and most enterprising citizens. He has for many years been a member of the I. O. O. F., at Green Spring, Ohio.

On April 3, 1862, Mark Thraves was married to Miss Sarah Hufford, who was born April 17, 1834, daughter of Cornelius and Mary Jane (Zook) Hufford, with whom she came to Sandusky county, Ohio, when two years old, and has since lived here. Her education was obtained in the district schools of Ballville township, and, with the exception of two years previous to her marriage, she resided with her parents. Her father was born in 1806 in Kentucky, became an early pioneer of Ohio, and died in Ballville township, Sandusky county, March 14, 1884, being buried in Washington Chapel Cemetery, Washington township, Sandusky county; he was a blacksmith by trade, and a model farmer. His wife was born in 1809 in Pennsylvania, died in 1882, and was also laid to rest in the above-named cemetery. Their children were, Sarah (Mrs. Thraves), Simon, Elizabeth (Mrs. N. Rathbun), Catharine (Mrs. J. Emerson), and Martha (Mrs. Ferrenberg), all of whom are living. Mrs. Thraves' paternal grandfather, Jacob Hufford, was

born in Kentucky in 1770, and died in Ohio in 1850; his wife, Catharine Crea-ger, was born in Ohio about the same date. Her maternal grandfather, Abram Zook, was born in Pennsylvania in 1765. The children of Mark and Sarah Thraves were Delphin, born February 28, 1863; William, born May 15, 1865, and married to Ida, daughter of Walter F. and Emma (Young) Huber; Mattie M., born October 30, 1869, and Ida F., born August 15, 1867.

THE THRAVES FAMILY. Samuel Thraves, the great ancestor from whom are descended the Thraves families in Sandusky county, Ohio, lived and died in Nottinghamshire, England. He married Miss Ann Moulton, and their children were: John, Elizabeth, William, Thomas, Grace, George, Faith, Robert and Mark. About the year 1830 Thomas came to New York city, where he died, leaving one son. George came to America in 1833, and settled in Virginia, where he died in 1882, leaving several sons, one of whom, Joseph, went to California.

WILLIAM THRAVES, son of Samuel, was born December 27, 1799, in the town of Tythby, Nottinghamshire, England, of Anglo-Saxon descent. He was five feet ten inches in height, with blue eyes and flaxen hair, and when in the vigor of manhood weighed about 180 pounds. He was a member of the Church of England, and his occupation was that of butcher. In 1827 he married Miss Marilla Graves, who was born December 29, 1799, in the village of Austin, Nottinghamshire. She was also a member of the Church of England. The names and dates of birth of the children born to them in England were: George, July 19, 1828; Ann, July 19, 1828; Robert, May 14, 1830; Mark, December 7, 1832; Faith Elizabeth, March 20, 1835; William, July 15, 1837; Thomas, September 6, 1839. In 1844 the entire family emigrated to America, and settled in Washington township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where they followed farming and

stock-raising, and here the youngest son, Levi, was born March 2, 1847. In 1854 they settled upon a farm of eighty acres, in Ballville township, which they had bought. This was their family home for many years, and here William Thraves and his sons followed farming and dealing in live stock with good success. In 1882 he retired from active life to a quiet home which he had bought, adjoining the farm of his son, Mark. William and Marilla Thraves celebrated their golden wedding in 1877. She died April 2, 1883, after which Mr. Thraves lived here and there among his children at his own pleasure until August 21, 1889, when he passed away at the home of his son, Mark. Both were buried in McGormley cemetery, Ballville township. Of their children, Ann M. Thraves married John Crowell, and subsequently moved to California, where they both died—she in 1867, he in 1882—leaving three children. Robert Thraves is in Camptonville, Yuba Co., Cal. Faith E. Thraves married Henry Bowman, and died in 1867. William Thraves (son of William, Sr.) was killed in a railroad accident on the Isthmus of Panama in 1856, and buried there. George, Mark and Thomas are all farmers of Ballville township, Sandusky county.

GEOERGE THRAVES, farmer and dealer in live stock, son of William Thraves, was born in England, July 19, 1828. He attended school a few terms in Nottinghamshire, and at the age of sixteen came with his father's family to America, into the region of the Black Swamp, about four miles west of Lower Sandusky (now Fremont), Ohio. Here he endured some of the toils and privations incident to pioneer life, and attended a few terms of school in the country. After working on a farm for several years he served an apprenticeship at the blacksmith trade in Lower Sandusky with Mr. Lansing, afterward fol-

lowing his trade about two years in the shop of Samuel Moore, in Fremont, Ohio. On April 14, 1853, he was married to Miss Mary Jane Crowell, who was born in Sandusky township, in 1829, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Link) Crowell. She had received a very liberal education, and had taught several terms of school in the country districts.

In 1855 Mr. Thraves and his wife went to California by the Panama route, and located in Yuba county where he bought a mining claim and worked at gold mining about four months. He then sold his claim and bought a blacksmith shop in which he worked about one year, doing a thriving business. The society of the miners not being congenial to his wife, he returned with her to Ohio in 1858, and purchased a farm of eighty acres in Ballville township, Sandusky county. Here he followed mixed farming and stock raising for about thirty-five years with good success. Mr. Thraves has been an active friend of education in his neighborhood, having held the office of local director for twelve years, and taken a deep interest in the literary exercises of the young people. He also held the office of township trustee, and other positions of honor and trust in the community. He has been a member of Croghan Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Fremont, Ohio, since 1852, and held, at intervals, all the offices of the subordinate lodge. In politics he was a Whig until the Know-nothing agitation in 1856, ever since when he has been a Democrat. Mrs. Thraves became a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, near her old home, three miles west of Fremont. She proved a faithful and acceptable worker in Sunday-school and society work, and maintained a high standard of Christian character. She died at her home August 5, 1885, and was buried in McGornley Cemetery. Mr. Thraves has continued to reside on the farm with his youngest daughter, Lillie. The children of George and Mary Jane Thraves were: (1) Samuel, who died

in infancy. (2) Ann Marilla, born in Sandusky county, Ohio, July 2, 1855, married to Charles Young, September 25, 1878, and their children are: Justin Irving, born July 13, 1879, and Elsie Lois, born December 21, 1883. (3) Mark Eugene, born April 18, 1859, now residing in the vicinity of Los Angeles, Cal. (4) Ida Hortense, born July 4, 1861, married to George Sommer, of Green Creek township, October 18, 1882, and their children are Wilbur, born in September, 1883; Fred, born in October, 1885; Barbara, born in September, 1887; Robert, born in November 1891, and Corinne, in August, 1893. (5) Meade George, attorney at law, Fremont, Ohio, born February 15, 1863, who was married April 9, 1890, to Miss Mary M., daughter of Everett A. and Maria L. C. Bristol; she was born at Fremont, Ohio, November 2, 1868. (6) Lillie May, born September 13, 1865, who was married April 9, 1895, to Merritt Cornell Huber, of near Green Spring, Ohio.

LEWIS K. WRIGHT, the subject proper of this sketch, has seen the development of Scott township, Sandusky county, from the time it was a wilderness down to 1895. He was born July 13, 1812, and is the son of William and Polly (Squire) Wright, who were born in Vermont in 1784, and Canada in 1788, respectively.

At the age of twenty-four years our subject came to Scott township, Sandusky county, at a time when no roads were made in the township, and when it took two days to go to Fremont and back, a distance of ten miles. He cleared a fine farm, and made a comfortable home for himself and family, which he is now enjoying in his old age. On May 7, 1835, he was married to Miss Fimette Lockwood, of Madrid, N. Y., and their union was blessed with three children: (1) Ellen C., born September 4, 1836, now resid-

ing with her father and mother at Tinney, Ohio; (2) Levi L., born September 12, 1838, married to Julia Green, of Fremont, and now residing in Lincoln county, Tenn., and (3) William L., born in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, September 26, 1847, and married to Almeda Tinney, daughter of Darwin Scott and Sarah (Wiggins) Tinney, pioneers of Scott township (to them were born three children—Clara F., born September 3, 1874, was graduated in music from the Musical School of Indianapolis, Ind., June, 1895; Ralph R., born September 29, 1880, is also a musician and member of the Tinney Cornet Band, and Stella E., born September 9, 1882, who is also developing her musical talent on the piano; the children inherited their musical talents from their father, who is a violinist and also a cornetist; he in turn inherits his ability in this line from his mother and her ancestry); William L. is a merchant, having a general store at Tinney, Ohio, and is also engaged with his father in farming. Politically the Wright family are Democrats. Mrs. William Wright was born March 5, 1852, at Tinney, Ohio, where she has always resided.

The father and mother of our subject were pioneers of Sandusky county, Ohio, and the father died in 1856. They reared a family of four children, of whom our subject is the only one living; the other children were: Martin, born in 1810; Harriet, born in 1814, and Solomon, born in 1816. Our subject's paternal grandmother was born about 1756, and died in 1820; she was born in Vermont, and moved to New York, where she married Solomon Squire. The maternal grandfather of our subject was born in Lower Canada in 1756, and was the father of three children.

Levi Lockwood, the father of our subject's wife, was born April 24, 1781, in Vermont, and died January 13, 1854; he went to New York, and thence to Ohio, locating near Cleveland, where he died.

His wife was born March 20, 1788, in Connecticut; they were married March 30, 1803, and were the parents of ten children; she died October 10, 1850, in Brighton, Ohio. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Wright, Nathaniel Lockwood, was born in 1750, in Connecticut; he moved to Vermont, thence to New York, and died in 1830. His wife, Annie (Bostwick), was born about 1754 in Vermont, and moved to New York. Mrs. Wright's maternal grandfather, Reuben Stone, was born about 1756, and his wife, Deborah (Comstock), was born about the same time, and died in 1855.

FRANK M. METCALF, as a produce merchant of Clyde, has a wider acquaintanceship than most citizens of that city can claim. In the parlance of trade he is a "hustler," and the splendid business which he does is the fruit of his own unremitting efforts. Ever since he came from the service of his country as a veteran he has followed his present vocation, save three years which he spent in the mining regions of Arizona.

Mr. Metcalf was born in Monroe county, Mich., May 11, 1843, son of Joseph and Sarah (White) Metcalf. Joseph Metcalf, who was born in Vermont in 1810, migrated when a boy with his father, Samuel Metcalf, from the Green Mountain State to New York State, and subsequently to Toledo, Ohio, whence, after engaging there for some years in the lumber trade, he removed to Monroe county, Mich., and there followed the same business. In 1843 he returned to Ohio, locating in Wyandot county, where his father, Samuel Metcalf, died aged eighty-six years. In 1857 Joseph came to Clyde, where he died two years later. Joseph Metcalf was a public-spirited and enterprising citizen. In New York State he had been appointed captain of militia, and he also served there as justice of the

peace. For several terms he was justice of the peace in Michigan, and in Wyandot county he was elected to the same judicial office. He was a man of ripe judgment, possessing that rare common sense upon which all law decisions rest, and few of the decisions he made were ever reversed. He was well-read in law, and acquaintances frequently consulted him in business and legal matters. Sarah, his devoted wife, who was born in St. Lawrence county, N. Y., in 1820, is at this writing still living at Clyde, an active lady for her many years. She was one of the organizers of the Woman's Relief Corps in Clyde, and has since been an active member of the same. Both her sons fought upon Southern battlefields for national union. Her parents died at Berlin Heights, Erie county, aged eighty-six and eighty-seven years, respectively. The three children of Joseph and Sarah (White) Metcalf were Judge L., Louisa and Frank M.

Judge L. Metcalf was born in Monroe county, Mich., in 1839. He enlisted in Company K, One Hundredth O. V. I., and was taken prisoner at the battle of Limestone Station, Tenn., in 1863. He was imprisoned on Belle Isle and at Richmond, Va., about a year. He never recovered from the effects of prison life, and died in 1874, as a result of the indescribable hardships, the starvation and exposure to which he was subjected. Louisa was born March 2, 1841, and married Henry Miller, of Clyde. She died in 1862.

Frank M. Metcalf was fourteen when his parents came to Clyde, and here for several years he attended the village schools. In July, 1861, when eighteen years of age, he was one of a company of young men from Clyde, Green Spring and Tiffin, formed to join a regiment of sharpshooters in New York City, but that regiment not being fully recruited they enlisted in the First United States Chasseurs, and were afterward assigned as the Sixty-fifth N. Y. V. I. This regiment

saw hard service from the start. In a letter to the editor of the *National Tribune*, Washington, D. C., and published in the issue of June 21, 1894, F. M. Metcalf thus recounted a few of his army experiences as follows:

Editor National Tribune: Well do I remember the skirmishes during the fall of '61 in Virginia above the Chain Bridge; also, McClellan's move toward Centerville, and our return; also, the trip on the Peninsula; Yorktown; the hot fight at Williamsburg, and the fight around Richmond; how Gen. Casey's troops were forced back from their breastworks by the Confederate troops.

The First U. S. Chasseurs were sent across the railroad to reinforce the Thirty-first Penn. and Brady's battery. After Casey and Couch had been driven back we were north and rear of the Confederates, picking up prisoners. At this time a man rode over to us from the enemy's lines and told us we would all be captured. The boys were inclined to give him the laugh. He said he was only doing his duty; also, that the woods to our right and front were full of Southern troops, which we soon found to be a fact. This man again rode back to the enemy's lines. The question has always been in my mind, who was he? He at least showed us where his sympathies lay. We then, on a double-quick, fell back through a strip of woods; Brady's battery, near the railroad, with the Thirty-first Penn. and Chasseurs behind an old rail fence and woods in front. The enemy massed, and, amid a deadly fire of shell and canister and musketry, charged, and would have captured our battery but for the timely arrival of a portion of Sumner's Corps, which turned the tide of battle here. After the Chasseurs saw the First Minn. forming behind them they felt safe, as these two regiments had seen service together before. Our infantry reserved their fire until the enemy were within a few rods of our line of battle. The rebel loss was terrible; the ground was covered with their dead and wounded. They made a noble fight. This was their first repulse and defeat that day. The next day our troops retook the ground lost the day before, but the loss on both sides was heavy.

My memory will ever follow the marches and battles of the army of the Potomac—Malvern Hill, Manassas, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, under Burnside and Hooker. The Chasseurs were the second regiment to cross the river below Fredericksburg, and its skirmishers the last to recross after the fight under Burnside. After the Pennsylvania Reserves had made their fatal charge the writer was with the troops who relieved this command. The moans of the dying and the appeals of the wounded in front of us was enough to touch the hardest heart. During Hooker's Chancellorsville fight the Sixth Corps was below Fred-

ericksburg. At night, about 10 or 11 o'clock, the Chasseurs were deployed as skirmishers, and advanced to drive the Confederates out of the city. We met with such resistance we concluded to wait for daylight. The writer and fifteen or twenty men were with the Chasseur colors on the Richmond turnpike. We ran against their reserve pickets, who were behind a barricade across the road. They had us at a disadvantage, and we had to either be shot down or run to the rear or front. We gave them a volley, fixed bayonets, and with a genuine Yankee yell charged them from their position. They then withdrew their forces from the city back into their intrenchments on the heights, probably thinking the balance of our troops were at our heels. We kept hid in the city until morning, between the two lines, not daring to show ourselves to either side, and expecting to be captured by the Johnnies, but came nearer being shot the next morning by our own troops before we could make them believe we belonged to the Chasseurs.

History tells how Marye's Heights were captured at the point of the bayonet by the troops under our old Col. Shaler. The general's memory will ever be fresh in the minds of the soldiers in that charge by the daring and courage he displayed riding along the line, and with his presence encouraged the boys charging the enemy's works. The next morning found the Sixth Corps silently recrossing the Rappahannock, where we all breathed freer, as we could tell by the distant "boom, boom" to our right and rear that Gen. Hooker had run against a snag at Chancellorsville. The writer was with the Sixth Corps at Gettysburg, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, against Early's raid on Washington, and Cedar Creek; but space will not permit making mention of incidents during these hard-fought battles. Where are the Chasseurs now?

After the war Mr. Metcalf returned to Clyde and engaged in the produce-shiping business. During the three years—1882-85—he was located in the Santa Rita mountains, Arizona, looking after the interests of the Salero Mining and Milling Co., of New York City, and also operating silver mines of his own there. Mr. Metcalf is a man of energetic, pushing habits, and he has thereby built up a large trade. He is a prominent member of the U. V. U. command at Clyde. Mr. Metcalf was married in February, 1886, to Miss Emma J. Miller, daughter of Lyman Miller. Her three brothers were in the war of the Rebellion, and the oldest was shot and killed in that war.

GEORGE J. BLOOM. Among the thousands of emigrants, of various nationalities, who, during the last half of the nineteenth century, have come to our shores from the overcrowded hives of population in the Old World, none have contributed more to our national prosperity and the stability of our American institutions, than those who came from the German Fatherland. Wherever they have settled, whether in the busy marts of our rapidly growing cities, the stirring lumber and mining regions of the mountains, or the broad fertile prairies of the West, they have, as a class, established an enviable reputation for industry, frugality and thrift, and are to-day among our most trustworthy and law-abiding citizens. As a gentleman possessing these characteristics, in a modest way, we present the subject of this sketch.

George J. Bloom, retired farmer, Fremont, Ohio, was born in Baden, Germany, November 25, 1836. His parents were Jacob Bloom and Barbara (Florien), the former of whom was also born in Baden, where he followed the trade of shoemaker, and after his marriage in the year 1854, emigrated with his family to America. They took passage in a sailing vessel, encountered severe storms and adverse winds, and were fifty-four days on the ocean. Proceeding westward, they came to Sandusky county, Ohio, and settled on a forty-acre farm in Ballville township, on which they made their home. After a useful and exemplary life, and living to see his children in good circumstances, Jacob Bloom died, July 2, 1883. His wife, Barbara, was born in Alsace, France (now Germany), and passed away at the age of forty-five, after faithfully performing her duties as a helpmeet to her husband and mother to her children. Her father, Joseph Florien, a pioneer of Sandusky county, died here at the advanced age of one hundred and nine years. His children were: Joseph, Barbara, Mag-

dalene, Catharine, George and Julia. The children of Jacob and Barbara Bloom were: Jacob, a physician, who lived in Indiana and died in Ballville township, Sandusky county (he was unmarried); William, who is engaged in the manufacture of potash, at Fostoria, Ohio; George J., our subject; Barbara, who married Lewis Mutchler, and lives on a farm near Green Spring; and Mary, wife of George Bloom, a laborer, at Fremont, Ohio.

Our subject went to school in his native city of Baden about eight years, also attending the services of the Lutheran Church, and learned the trade of barber. At the age of eighteen years he came with his father's family to Sandusky county, Ohio, where he assisted his parents in the purchase and clearing up of a farm, besides working several years as a farm hand among the neighbors, learning the methods of well-to-do farmers. On February 18, 1863, he married Miss Annie Coleman, who was born February 2, 1841, in Hanover, Germany, of which place her parents, Frederick and Marie (Stratman) Coleman, were also natives; they emigrated to America in 1845, and settled near Woodville, Ohio, where the father died in 1887, aged eighty-one years, and the mother at the age of thirty years. Their children were: Annie, wife of our subject; William, a farmer, living in Ottawa county, Ohio; Henry, a farmer of Sandusky county; John, a soldier of the Civil war, now an employe of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad, living at Fremont, Ohio, and Frederick, living at Woodville, Ohio.

After his marriage Mr. Bloom settled on a farm near Green Spring, Ohio, where he lived about nine years. He then sold his farm and bought another near Genoa, in Ottawa county, on which he remained four and a half years, when he again sold, next buying a farm of eighty-five acres in Ballville township, about three miles southeast of Fremont, which he greatly improved and made his home thereon for

seventeen years. He was quite successful in the raising of grain and the rearing of live stock. In the year 1892 he bought property in and removed to Fremont, to give his children the advantages of the city schools. This property he traded, a year later, for a farm of seventy-three acres (formerly the Thraves' homestead), adjoining his other farm in Ballville township.

Mr. Bloom has been a Democrat in politics, but is not a partisan. He and his wife were reared in the doctrines of the Lutheran Church, but during the last twenty years have been worthy members of the Evangelical Association. Their children were: Caroline, wife of Charles Martin, a farmer, who has four children—Ralph, Blanche, Vinnie and Mabel; Amelia, who married Oscar Lemon, and has two children—George Edward and Hazel; and Mary, Barbara, Anna, George, Ida and Charles, all of whom are unmarried and living with their parents.

FREDERICK SMITH, a resident of Sandusky township, Sandusky county, was born in Baden, Germany, June 2, 1829, a son of John and Catharine (Ernst) Smith. The parents were also born in Baden, the father August 24, 1783, the mother November 5, 1787; both died in Rice township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where they had settled in the then forest. John Smith served in the Napoleonic wars, being with the staff of officers. He was on the famous march to Russia, where so many thousand soldiers were frozen, and was one of the few who escaped imprisonment.

Frederick Smith grew to manhood in Sandusky county, and attended the common schools a short time. He remained with his parents on the farm, and by diligence and hard labor cleared off the heavy timber and drained a large tract, now some of the finest farming lands in

the county. In 1852 he married Miss Elizabeth Kaiser, born in France, February 22, 1830, who is still living. He and his wife remained with his parents until their death, in 1870, soon after which time he removed to his present home in Sandusky township, but a short distance from Fremont. His brick residence is one of the finest in the township. Mr. Smith and his family are members of the Lutheran Church; in politics he is a Democrat, and has held public offices for twenty-two years. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born children as follows: Christina, deceased; Frederick, Jr., who is married to Caroline Loganbach; Caroline, wife of Lewis Nicholas; J. William, married to Maud Kinman; Elizabeth, Clara, Amelia, all at home, and Edward F., now at Toledo, Ohio.

GEORGE W. KENAN. Among the hardy sons of toil who have subdued the towering forests, drained the malarious swamps and developed the vast agricultural resources of the region of northern Ohio known as the Black Swamp, the subject of this sketch deserves honorable mention. Beginning at the very foot of the ladder, at the age of ten, he patiently worked his way up the rounds, step by step, until he reached the height of competence.

George W. Kenan was born July 31, 1824, a native of Perry county, Ohio. His paternal grandfather, James Kenan, was born about 1778, in Ireland, and died, in 1858, in Jackson township, Sandusky Co., Ohio. The grandmother was born in 1780. They reared a family of eleven children, three of whom are yet living. The father of our subject, Silas Kenan, was born February 3, 1807, near Wheeling, W. Va., and migrated thence to Perry county, Ohio, where he remained until 1835, the year of his removal to Jackson township, Sandusky county,

where he resided till his death in 1875. He married Barbara, daughter of Jacob and Mary Overmyer, of Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., Penn., the father born in Pennsylvania about 1784, the mother about the same time. They reared a family of nine children, only one of whom survives, Peter, now aged eighty-five years, and a brief record of them is as follows: Barbara, Mrs. Kenan, was born February 20, 1802. Hugh, a farmer in Jackson township, married Miss Nellie Yost, and has eight children—Henry, Harrison, Mary, John I., Frank Mitchell, France, Martha and Hiram—three of whom are living; he is a Democrat, and a member of the Baptist Church. Margaret married Hugh Mitchell, a farmer, and has four children; Mr. Mitchell is a Democrat and a Baptist. Lewis, a farmer of Jackson township, like his brothers, is a Democrat and a Baptist, is married and has five children—Susan, Ellen, Ben, Catharine and Hugh. Eva married Rev. Mr. Dahouf. Catharine married Emanuel Roberts, and had two children, both now deceased. Polly, who married Benjamin Hammit, a farmer of Iowa, has eight children; he is a Democrat and a Baptist. Peter, also a farmer in Iowa, married Elizabeth Hill, and had five children; he is also a Democrat and Baptist. The name of the ninth child is Betsy.

The children of Silas and Barbara Kenan, parents of our subject, were: Hugh, who died in childhood; George W.; Thomas J., born in 1826, who married Jemima Housman, and was killed in a runaway at Fremont, Ohio, December 31, 1864, being preceded to the grave by his wife, who died August 23, 1864; Peter, born November 22, 1829, who was married March 4, 1856, to Sarah A. Hodgson and has had one child; William Manville, who, in 1878, married Miss Sylvia A. Powell (he has a fine collection of Indian relics); Minerva, born December 6, 1830, who married William Jackson, of Fre-



Elizabeth Kenan.



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mont, Ohio, and has two children—Thomas G. and Charles B. (Mr. Jackson is a Republican); Mahala, born April 24, 1832, who married Thomas J. Eldridge, a farmer of Indiana, who was a soldier in the Civil war he is a Republican and a member of the U. B. Church; Francis, a blacksmith of Green Spring, Ohio, who married Eliza Strouse, and has four children—Ellen, Minerva, William O. and Birchard (he served in the Civil war in Company I, Seventy-second O. V. I.; Mary Ann, who married Charles Robinson, a farmer of Michigan, and has six children—Francis, Milo, Charles, Clifford, Howard and Minnie (Mr. Robinson is a Republican and a member of the M. E. Church; he was a soldier in the Civil war); Oscar, who is a farmer near Galesburg, Ill., married Margaret Ickes, and has five children (he is a Republican and a member of the M. E. Church); and Caroline, born July 10, 1847, who married Daniel Condon, a carpenter and school teacher, and died July 25, 1871 (they had a child that died in infancy; Mr. Condon is a Republican).

Our subject started out to work on a farm by the month when he was only ten years of age, saved his money and made prudent investments, and is now enjoying the fruits of his early economy and industry. At the age of twenty-seven, October 13, 1851, he married Miss Elizabeth Posey, who was born August 30, 1832, and they had seven children, of whom, Orin married Angeline King, and has two children—Frank and Lulu (he is a Democrat and a member of the U. B. Church); Charles, who is a farmer, married Mary Cookson he is a Democrat and a member of the Evangelical Association; Lodemie married Michael Mowery, and has three children—Charles, Lewis and Webb, Marshall, a farmer, married Miss Carrie Smith (he is a Democrat); Lorema married Elijah Voorhies, a farmer of Seneca county (he is a Republican and a member of the U. B. Church); Frank, a farmer, of

Jackson township, married Miss Clara Havens (he is a Democrat); the name of the seventh child is Barbara A. Mrs. Kenan is the daughter of Isaac and Sabra (Preston) Posey, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in 1804 near Philadelphia, the latter in 1810 in Mercer county. They had a family of children as follows: Sarah, Elizabeth (Mrs. Kenan), Sabra, Luther, Rachel and Hannah (twins), Harriet, Bell, Susanna, Martha, Mary, John, David, Esther and William, ten of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Posey migrated to the Black Swamp, Ohio, when Mrs. Kenan was but two years of age, and the father died in 1858, the mother September 20, 1888. Grandmother Elizabeth Preston was born in England, about 1777, and had six children, four of whom are living. Mrs. Kenan's paternal grandfather, Micaga Posey, was a major in the Revolutionary war.

The first land Mr. Kenan bought was 180 acres in Jackson township; he next purchased 122 in Scott township, then about 200 of his neighbor's land, making in all 327 acres. He has retired from farming, his son, G. F. Kenan, operating the farm; but during his active life he cleared many acres of heavily-timbered land which he now owns. He has leased his land in Scott township to the Standard Oil Co., receiving a snug income from this source. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, and in religious faith a member of the Baptist Church, to which he contributes liberally.

ZACHARY TAYLOR. In the two worlds of Clyde, Sandusky county, its business and its social circles, the names of Zachary Taylor and his accomplished wife rank as leaders, and in the joyous and prosperous lives of these two people the two spheres are most happily blended. Mrs. Taylor, while possessing all the womanly graces

of her sex, has a keen business sense, a rare taste and judgment, exercised in the selection of stock which attracts to her husband's dry-goods store the best trade from a wide region of country. The mercantile career of Mr. Taylor has not been one succession of successes. Sunlight has followed shadow, but through it all runs the gleam of mercantile ability. As a child of six years Zachary Taylor sold apples on the train and peddled molasses candy. At the age of thirteen years he went behind the counter for W. B. Clock, and for ten years he clerked for various firms before entering business for himself. He has become a prominent merchant of northern Ohio, and is distinctively a self-made man—one who realizes the talismanic powers of industry and business push.

Mr. Taylor was born at Clyde September 16, 1849, son of George W. and Abigail C. (Whitcher) Taylor. George W. Taylor was born in Rensselaer county, N. Y., in 1825, and comes from old Vermont stock of Scotch and Irish ancestry. He learned the saddler's trade in New York and followed it at Troy and at New York City. Coming west, he worked at his trade for a short time at Milan and Sandusky, and about 1845 came to Clyde. Here he conducted a dry-goods and grocery store for a time, but later returned to the saddlery business. He was a Republican in politics, and his blameless life was dominated by a spirit of practical Christianity. He died of paralysis in 1881. Abigail (Whitcher), wife of George W. Taylor, was born at Gasport, N. Y., February 3, 1828, and migrated with her brothers and her widowed mother to Milan, where she met her future husband. The Whitchers are of English extraction. Generations ago three unmarried brothers of the name came to America, two of whom returned to England, where they acquired wealth and died childless. The third married in America, and from him the present Whitchers in this country

have descended. An absence of legal records prevents the representatives from obtaining the English inheritance. The Whitchers are hardy, frugal, honest people, of great industry, and it is from his mother that Zachary Taylor has inherited his push and executive business ability. To George W. and Abigail Taylor four children were born: Erastus, accidentally killed at the age of fifteen years, while hunting; Zachary; Emma A., wife of L. C. Carlin, a real-estate dealer of Findlay, and Ida L.

At the age of twenty-three Zachary Taylor, in partnership with G. S. Richards, established at Clyde a dry-goods business, which they conducted seven years. In the latter years they did not prosper, and were compelled to make an assignment; investigation revealed that a confidential clerk had been a large embezzler. Left penniless at thirty by this betrayal of trust, Zachary Taylor went on the road; first traveling through Ohio and Indiana for E. M. McGillen & Co., of Cleveland, for three years, then for Mills & Gibb, a New York house. In 1888 Mr. Taylor was again on his feet financially. He re-established a business at Clyde in dry goods, carpets, furnishing goods, etc., which has grown rapidly. He now employs from six to seven clerks, and occupies two floors, 25 x 100 feet, centrally located. When he opened his business in 1888 most of the best trade of Clyde was going elsewhere, but he put in a line of goods that could not be excelled, and as a result Clyde not only holds her own in trade, but draws upon that of other neighboring cities.

Mr. Taylor was married, October 2, 1877, to Miss Julia R. Klink, who was born December 24, 1861, daughter of Rev. Charles M. and Julia (Black) Klink. Rev. Klink was an English Lutheran minister. He was born at Newville, Cumberland Co., Penn., in 1824, son of John George and Elizabeth (Humes) Klink. John G. Klink was born in Eng-

land of English and German parentage. He was a man of force and character, but without titled name. Elizabeth Humes, the girl he loved and married, was the daughter of an English lord, and for her plebeian marriage she was disinherited. The young couple emigrated to America, settling at Newville, Penn., and here Mr. Klink acquired wealth. He was a man of temperate habits, and was highly honored for his integrity and many other virtues. Charles M. Klink attended a theological seminary at Cincinnati, Ohio, expecting to become a Presbyterian minister, but at the earnest solicitation of his father he was ordained a minister of the English Lutheran Church. At Cincinnati he met his future wife, Miss Julia Black. She was born at College Hill, a suburb of Cincinnati, and was a cousin of Henry Ward Beecher. Mr. Klink was introduced to her by that afterward distinguished divine, who was a fellow student at the seminary. Many years of his pastoral work were spent by Rev. Klink at Middletown, Md. He was there during the Civil war, and had just completed a new church when the battle occurred in that vicinity. His new church was converted into a hospital, and the wounded and disabled soldiers were the first beneficiaries of the new upholstered seats. His health failing, Rev. Klink came to Ohio. He purchased the Uriah Lemon farm, south of Sandusky, and sitting in a chair he preached on the last Sunday of his life; he died in 1862. To Rev. and Mrs. Klink six children were born: Mary Elizabeth, wife of Arthur G. Ellsworth, a farmer of Sandusky county; George A., in the oil business at Cleveland, Ohio; John W., a farmer of Eaton Rapids, Mich.; Jennie E., wife of W. E. Bunker, of Eaton Rapids, Mich.; Julia R.; and William E., an insurance agent of Richmond, Va. To Zachary and Julia Taylor one child, Z. Arthur, was born March 11, 1881.

Mrs. Taylor is a member of the M. E.

Church and a leader in Church work. She has been a member of the choir, and as a Sunday-school teacher her class grew in a short time from eighteen to fifty-six members. Both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are members of the Chosen Friends, and he is now Regent of the Royal Arcanum. In politics he is a radical Republican. In business Mrs. Taylor is of great assistance to her husband. It would be difficult to find anywhere a woman of superior or even equal business abilities. In business and social relations they work as one individual. Mr. Taylor is a great "home man," and perhaps carries more insurance than any other resident of Clyde. The city is indebted to this couple perhaps as to no other for the charms and refinements of its better life.

DANIEL BEMIS, widely known as a liberal and well-to-do farmer of York township, Sandusky county, was born in Ontario county, N. Y., July 3, 1825, son of James and Anna (Morely) Bemis, both natives of Connecticut.

James Bemis, when a young man, emigrated from his native State to New York, and about 1832 came to Ohio. He located in Groton township, Erie county, erected a shop on his farm, and for many years engaged jointly in clearing and tilling the soil, and in following his trade of blacksmithing. He was an Old-line Whig, and died before the war. Both he and his wife were buried at Bellevue. Their family of nine children were as follows: James, who died in Clyde, aged seventy-two years; Harriet Nichols, who died at her home in Clyde October 1, 1894; Chauncey, of Strawberry Point, Iowa; Shepherd, of Bowling Green; Daniel, subject of this sketch; Harvey, who died at his home in Illinois, in September, 1895; Sally Ann, wife of James Tuck, of Lansing, Mich.; Emeline, wife of John Gardner, of York township; and

Leonard, who died at the age of fourteen years.

Daniel Bemis grew to manhood on his father's farm in Erie county, and received his education in the district schools. He was married, March 2, 1854, to Cordelia Laughlin, who was born July 8, 1835, in Erie county, daughter of John and Harriet (Call) Laughlin. John Laughlin was born in Beaver county, Penn., March 3, 1796. His father was a native of Ireland. John Laughlin was a soldier in the war of 1812, and when a young man he came to Berlin township, Erie county, where he married Harriet Call. She was born in New York State, November 26, 1807, daughter of Rev. Call, who was a Baptist missionary among the Indians. He had married a Miss Cross, and settled in Berlin township, Erie county. After marriage John and Harriet Laughlin lived in Berlin township until 1842, and then moved to Beaver county, Penn. Nine years later they returned to Erie county, where the father died soon after, on September 3, 1851; the mother survived until November 19, 1857. The children of John and Harriet Laughlin were as follows: Melissa, born April 7, 1833, married Reuben Metcalf, and lives in Muscatine county, Iowa; Cordelia, wife of Mr. Bemis; Levi, born September 17, 1837, lives in Wood county, Ohio; Cyrus, born December 24, 1839, enlisted in the autumn of 1861 in Company F, Forty-ninth O. V. I., and died at Louisville, Ky., in August, 1864, from a wound received in service; Hudson, born May 9, 1842, died July 11, 1857; Clara, born August 1, 1846, married Zeno Bush, and died August 23, 1875; Dana Franklin, born September 23, 1850, died March 12, 1852.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bemis began housekeeping on a farm in Erie county, and remained there until 1856, when they removed to Sandusky county, where they have since resided. To them have been born children, as follows: Emeline, born April 11, 1855, died June

19, 1856; Daniel H., born July 11, 1858, died April 18, 1865; George Laughlin, born May 12, 1861, married and has one child—Edna—born March 12, 1888 (they live in Sandusky county); Effie, born July 25, 1863, died April 5, 1864; Fred H., born February 16, 1865, married Nellie Pickering, and they are the parents of three children—Elsie, Zeno and Herbert; Zeno, born June 14, 1870, resident of Iowa; Clara B., born March 1, 1875, at home; and Burton W., born July 1, 1877, at home. Mr. Bemis takes an active interest in politics, and is a staunch member of the Republican party.

GEORGE B. SMITH, dental surgeon, one of the leading professional men of Fremont, Sandusky county, is a fair example of the success which may be attained, even early in life, by concentration of purpose and thoroughness of preparation in any chosen calling.

Dr. Smith, who was born May 5, 1864, in Ballville township, Sandusky county, was the son of a farmer, but decided to forsake the pursuit of agriculture which so many of his ancestors had followed, and to prepare himself for a professional career. His early education was acquired in the district school, that *alma mater* to which so many of the brilliant minds, not only of Ohio, but of numerous other States, owe allegiance, this being followed by a course in the high school at Fremont. He began the study of dentistry under Dr. Cregar, of the same city, and afterward attended the Dental College at Philadelphia, Penn., from which he was graduated in 1887. He returned to Fremont and at once entered upon his profession, in which he has been eminently successful, having built up a large and constantly increasing practice.

Dr. Smith is so admirably equipped for his work, both from natural ability and thorough acquaintance with its details,

that the public place the utmost confidence in his professional skill. Added to this, his well-known integrity and many delightful social qualities render him a very agreeable companion, and it follows as a matter of course that he occupies a prominent place in the community. He is president of the Epworth League of Fremont, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F. He is non-partisan in politics, but rather leans to the Republican party, with which he generally casts his vote. On May 1, 1893, he was married to Miss Iva M. Fitch, who was born in Angola, Ind., and is a daughter of Dr. John and Emma Fitch. Dr. Fitch died from the effect of wounds received in the army; his widow still resides in Fremont. The pleasant home of Dr. and Mrs. Smith is the resort of a large circle of friends.

It may not be amiss to add here a short sketch of the immediate family of our subject. His father, John C. Smith, who is a farmer of Ballville township, was born in Warren county, N. J., July 9, 1828. He was a son of William and Sarah (Trimmer) Smith, of Dutch descent. William Smith's father was Peter Smith, who was born in Holland, emigrated to the United States, served during the Revolutionary war, and died in New Jersey. William Smith grew to manhood in New Jersey, where he followed farming and teaming. He removed to Perry county, Ohio, in 1839, and to Ballville township, Sandusky county, in 1847, where he cultivated a farm; he died, in 1865, at the age of seventy-five years. In politics he was a Democrat. His wife died July 3, 1858, aged sixty-four years. Their children were: Henry, who is a grocer at Newark, Ohio; Sarah, married to Jacob R. Cole, a farmer of Ballville township; William, a farmer, who married Sarah Sibbrel, and was for eighteen years treasurer of Ballville township; George, a farmer, married to Elizabeth Petty; John C., who was married November 1, 1850, to Ellenora Bowland, and

Hannah Maria, who died when eleven years of age. The children of John C. and Ellenora Smith were as follows: Susan, born October 4, 1851, married Judge Kelley, of Port Clinton, Ohio, their children being Amy, Bessie and Donnell; Frank P., born July 27, 1855, is a farmer (he married Laura Spade, and has two children, Homer and Cleve), and George B., the subject of this sketch.

AARON SMART. This well-known farmer and lumber-mill owner has been identified with the growing interests of Townsend township, Sandusky county, for a period of thirty years. Much of the prosperity of this township, as well as of the village of Vickery, is due to his progressiveness and indomitable industry, and, knowing and appreciating this fact, his fellow-citizens hold him in high esteem and regard.

Mr. Smart was born in Erie county, Ohio, December 18, 1842, and is a son of Pettis and Sophia (Kraemer) Smart, who had a family of eight children, of whom the following named five survive: Camellia, wife of Franklin Plantz, residing in Kansas; Aaron, the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, wife of John Leary, residing in Wood county; Martha, wife of Frederick Wallie, living in Elnore; and Lafayette, residing near Fremont. When four years of age Aaron Smart came with his parents to Madison township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, his boyhood days being spent here upon his father's farm, and he received his education in the district schools. Here he resided until 1861, in which year he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Eleventh O. V. I., and served his country faithfully for three years during the war of the Rebellion, taking part in no less than thirty-one engagements. He was mustered out and finally discharged at Cleveland in the spring of 1865, and went to Fremont, Sandusky county, whither his parents

had removed during his absence. He there again engaged in agricultural pursuits for about a year, removing to Townsend in 1866, since which date he has been a continuous resident of that township, closely identified with its varied interests.

In Riley township, Sandusky county, January 1, 1867, Aaron Smart was united in marriage with Abigail Lutes, who was born in Stark county, Ohio, March 30, 1846, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Faber) Lutes, and they had ten children, eight of whom are now living, their names and dates of births being as follows: John W., August 6, 1870; Samuel M., March 11, 1872; Clara B., June 10, 1875 (she is now the wife of Ernest Werman); Wesley P., November 3, 1877; Aaron L., December 27, 1879; Zella E., January 9, 1882; Roscoe C., May 8, 1884; and Glennie G., March 3, 1886. Politically, Mr. Smart is a good, active Democrat. He has served his township efficiently as trustee for six years, and has also held other township offices. Both he and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church.

HENRY SCHROEDER was born in Hanover, Germany, October 19, 1829, and is a son of Charles and Julia (Glaisecik) Schroeder. Charles Schroeder, a shoemaker in Germany, came with his family to America in 1842, and located in Woodville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio. Here he bought eighty acres of timberland, cleared it, and made it his home until his death, which occurred in February, 1882. His widow died in 1893.

Henry Schroeder was reared on his father's farm, and obtained a good English and German school education. In his eighteenth year he went to Toledo, Ohio, where he worked three years at the shoemaker's trade. He then returned to Woodville, Sandusky county, and became associated in business with Nicholas

Smith, continuing for only three months, when he built a shop, and went into business for himself. In 1852 Henry Schroeder was united in marriage with Sophia Dickmeyer, by whom he has had eight children, as follows: Lucy, who married Fred Sandwisch, of Woodville township; Richie, who married Henry Snyder, and lives in Michigan; Carrie, who married Gus Shepherds, and is living in Michigan; Minnie is deceased; Charles married Amy Kinker, of Toledo, Ohio; William lives in Michigan; Harry died in infancy; Sophia is deceased. Mrs. Henry Schroeder died December 18, 1874, and in October, 1876, Mr. Schroeder again married, taking to wife Angeline Shepherds, daughter of Harmony Shepherds, a farmer of Indiana.

Mr. Schroeder still has forty acres of valuable land in Woodville township, Sandusky county, which he rents out. He is a Democrat in politics, has been superintendent of roads, is trustee, and is a member of the Lutheran Church.

HG. GIBBONS is a leading real-estate dealer of Clyde, Sandusky county, and is a native of New York State, born July 27, 1842, at Lisbon, St. Lawrence county.

On his father's side he is descended from old English stock, while on his mother's he claims Scotch descent. His paternal grandparents in an early day emigrated from their native land, England, to Upper Canada (now Province of Ontario), where, in the then village of Renfrew, they passed the rest of their lives. Their children were: James, William, George, Joseph, Thomas and Mary, of whom James was a ship captain on the lakes many years; William and George were extensive lumber and timber merchants; Thomas was the father of our subject, and will be more fully spoken of presently; Mary married Philip Thompson, all of whom made their home in the vicinity of Renfrew, Canada.

Thomas Gibbons was born at Renfrew, Canada, in 1810, whence he moved to New York State, making a permanent settlement there. For many years he was clerk of the court at Canton, St. Lawrence county, and enjoyed a wide popularity. He owned a large farm, and at one period of his life was a steamboat clerk on the river St. Lawrence, at another time conducting a mercantile business. He was married at Canton, N. Y., to Isabella Thompson, who was born in Scotland in 1810, and when an eight-year-old girl came to America with her parents, who settled in St. Lawrence county, N. Y., where they followed agricultural pursuits. To Thomas Gibbons and his wife were born eleven children, a brief record of whom is as follows: (1) William was a veteran in the war of the Rebellion, and was made prisoner at the battle of Spottsylvania Court House, where he was wounded; he died recently in St. Lawrence county, N. Y. (2) James was a clerk in Ogdensburg, N. Y., for about fifteen years, and subsequently followed the trade of jeweler. (3) Jonathan was a wholesale merchant at Flackville, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y. (4) Isaac ran a mail stage for many years at Ogden, N. Y., and is now a wholesale merchant at Hermon, N. Y. (5) Mary Jane married Eli Vandelinder, and they live at DeKalb Junction, N. Y. (6) Agnes married Samuel Baxter, a farmer and dairyman of DeKalb, N. Y. (7) H. G. is the subject proper of this sketch. (8) Marcella married Joseph Lawrence, and they are residents of New York State. (9) Susannah married Thomas McConkey, and they moved to Toronto, Canada, where they died. (10) George is a wholesale and retail merchant at DeKalb Junction, N. Y., where he is a leading politician. (11) Helen married Albert Lawrence, a furniture dealer of DeKalb Junction, N. Y. The parents of this numerous family died, the father in 1860, the mother in 1874.

H. G. Gibbons received a liberal edu-

cation at the public schools of the vicinity of his place of birth, subsequently attending college at Canton, N. Y., after which he went to Canada and there taught school some seven years. Returning to New York State, he did not long tarry there, having concluded to try his fortune in the then Far West. After a brief residence in Chicago, however, he "drifted" from there to New Orleans, whence after a stay of some three months he returned north, and in 1863 took up his temporary abode in Cleveland, Ohio. From there he once more proceeded to New York State, thence a second time to Canada, where he again took up the profession of school-teacher. At the end of about a year he returned to the United States, and in Riley township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, made a more permanent settlement. Here for twenty years he taught school, becoming a representative "dominie," a veritable reproduction of the school-master Oliver Goldsmith had in his mind's eye when he penned the lines:

A man severe he was, and stern to view;
I knew him well, as every truant knew;
Well had the boding tremblers learned to
trace
The day's disasters in his morning face.

After this extensive and honorable professional career Mr. Gibbons retired from the field of pedagogy to engage in other pursuits, among which may be mentioned the selling of farm machinery among the agricultural classes, more recently taking up the real-estate business, in which latter occupation he is at present extensively engaged in the city of Clyde.

Mr. Gibbons has been twice married first time in 1869 to Miss Sarah Van Buskirk, who was born in Riley township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, and who passed away two years after marriage, leaving one child, Justin R., born February 11, 1868, died April 16, 1888. For his second wife Mr. Gibbons was married in 1871 to Miss Sarah Hawk, who was born in Green Creek township, Sandusky Co.,

Ohio, November 1, 1848, and the record of the children born to this union is as follows: (1) Maude M., born March 14, 1874, is one of the most estimable young ladies of Clyde, and is at present assisting her father in his real-estate business; (2) Mabel L., born December 28, 1882; (3) Harry G., born October 21, 1886; (4) Clyde, born April 13, 1890, died December 8, 1890. Mr. Gibbons is a man of impulsive yet sympathetic temperament, scourging all that is wrong with unrelenting lash, and cleaving to what is right with fierce tenacity. To his enemies he is generous, though antagonistic; to his friends he is faithful and sincere. In his political preferences he is an ardent Democrat, and he enjoys the esteem and respect of a wide circle of friends.

GEORGE A. ZIMMERMAN, one of the well-to-do farmers of Green Creek township, Sandusky county, and a citizen of high type, who is interested in all affairs of public moment, is by birth a Marylander. He was born in Frederick county, that State, October 29, 1830, and is the son of George and Rosanna (Barrack) Zimmerman.

His father was of the old Pennsylvania-German stock, and was born in the "Keystone" State. He was by trade a shoemaker, and also engaged extensively in farming. He was a man of thrifty habits, and by industry accumulated a competence. He died in Frederick county at the age of sixty-four years. In religious belief he was a Lutheran; while his wife was a member of the German Reformed Church. The family of George and Rosanna Zimmerman consisted of eight children, as follows: William; Mary, now Mrs. Shank; Wesley (deceased); Minerva, wife of Oliver Lease; Barbara, wife of C. Myer; Theodore Jacob (deceased), all of the State of Maryland, and George A., subject of this sketch.

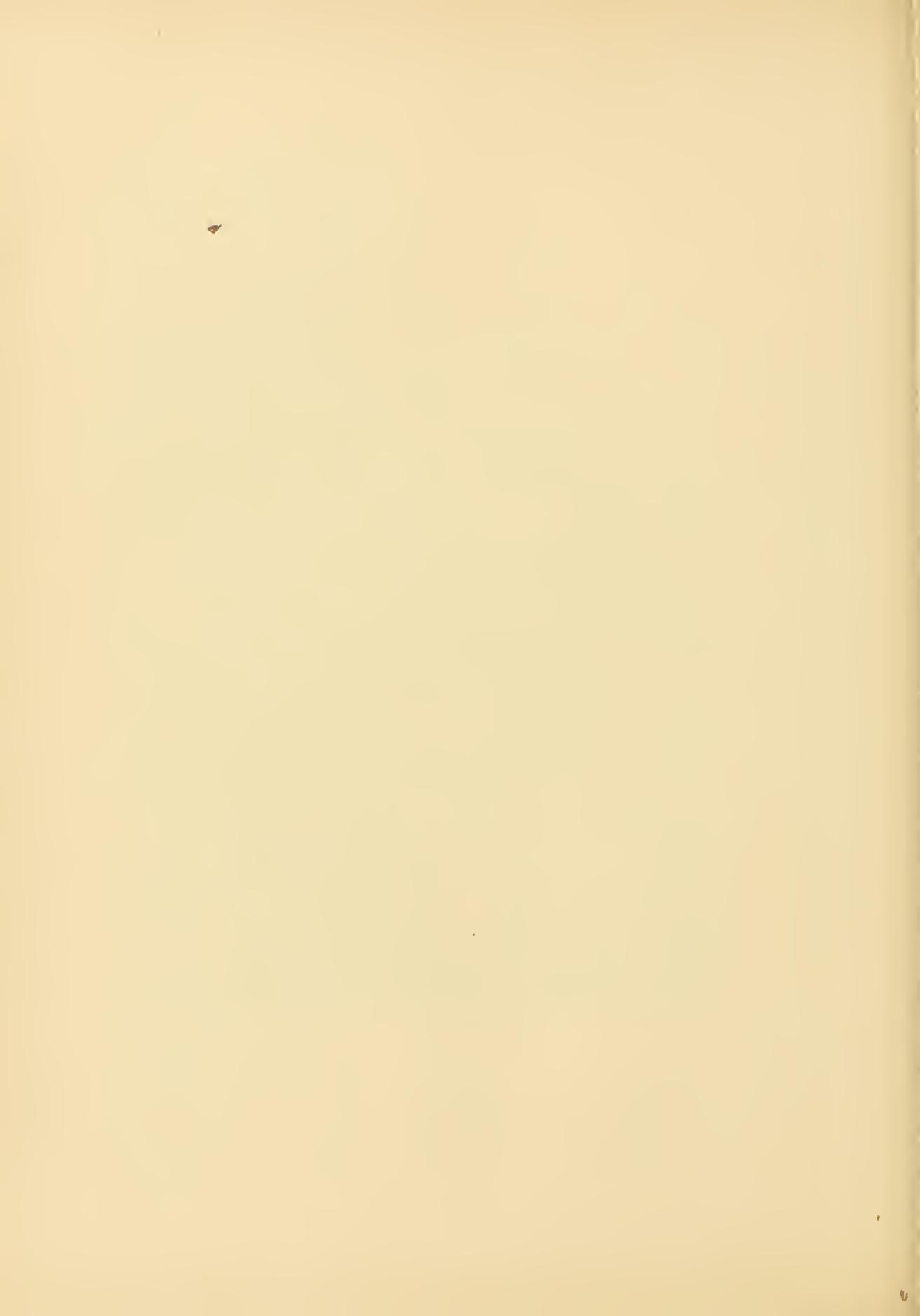
George A. Zimmerman was reared in Maryland, attending the district schools and assisting on his father's farm. In the spring of 1857, at the age of twenty-seven years, he came to Tiffin, Ohio, and in the autumn of the same year he moved to Sandusky county. On the 13th of September, 1860, he was married to Miss Mary Ira, a native of Germany. The union of George and Mary Zimmerman has been blessed by the birth of four children, as follows: Francis (deceased) and Franklin (twins), born December 5, 1861; Rosanna, born January 2, 1864 (died March 2, 1893), and George Wesley, born June 14, 1875. The son Franklin is a prominent minister of the Ohio Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, receiving his collegiate and theological education at Delaware, Ohio, and Boston Theological Seminary. Rev. Zimmerman began his ministry in 1889, and was married to Miss Mary Grove, of Findlay, Ohio. Four children have been born to them, namely: Ruth, Paul, Helen and Kenneth. The younger son, George, is now engaged in tilling his father's farm, and promises to soon be one of the successful agriculturists of Sandusky county.

Mr. Zimmerman is a prominent and consistent member of the Green Spring M. E. Church, being a liberal contributor to all the Christian charities, and practicing in his daily walk all he professes. Mrs. Zimmerman is no less known for her many virtues, being a life member of of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, and a cheerful laborer in all Church work.

AMBROSE KERNAHAN, deceased. If character counts for aught, the subject of this sketch was a wealthy man. His neighbors learned by experience, if they did not acquire the knowledge by intuition, that the word of Mr. Kernahan was worth its face value any time, that he never made a



AMBROSE KERNAHAN.



promise without fulfilling it, unless circumstances, impossible to control, arose to prevent. This regard for his word, however, was not a hobby with Mr. Kernahan, nor was it the absorbing quality of his mind; it was only an index to the moral and mental soundness of the man.

He came of Scotch-Irish stock, and was born in Livingston county, N. Y., July 19, 1836, son of Alexander and Hannah (Clapp) Kernahan. Alexander Kernahan was born in Ireland about 1800, and when a young man emigrated to America, settling first in Onondaga county, N. Y., where he worked for eight dollars per month, and subsequently moving to Livingston county, N. Y., whence, in 1854, he came to Sandusky county, Ohio, where he bought land and spent the remainder of his years, dying in 1876. In politics he was a Republican, and in religious belief a Presbyterian. Strict in his habits, he was universally esteemed. Hannah (Clapp) was a native of England, and died in Sandusky county. The children of Alexander and Hannah Kernahan were five in number, three of whom—Ambrose, James and Eliza—grew to maturity.

Ambrose Kernahan was reared to farming on his father's land in Green Creek township. He was a strong Union man during the Civil war, and was a member of the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth O. V. I., which in 1864 was called out in the one-hundred-days' service, and did guard duty at Fort Ethan Allen and Washington when Gen. Jubal A. Early was making a demonstration against the capital city of the nation. After the war he settled on the farm, and in 1870 he married Miss Elizabeth McKinney, who was born in New York, July 29, 1840. Mr. and Mrs. Kernahan had no children. Mr. Kernahan was a prominent member of Eaton Post No. 55, G. A. R., of Clyde. He was engaged in general farming, and was progressive and thorough in his methods, being recognized as one of the best farmers in Green Creek

township. He was a keen observer, noting with intelligent care the magnitude of the changes which occurred in doing business since his boyhood days, a half century ago. He was popular in the community wherein he had so long had his home, and when he was called from earth, on January 15, 1895, his fellow citizens mourned the departure of a much beloved and deservedly esteemed man.

HOMER BRUBAKER, a successful farmer and a prominent and popular citizen of Madison township, Sandusky county, was born February 9, 1838, and is a son of John and Esther Brubaker.

John Brubaker was born in Bedford county, Penn., in the year 1801, and married Esther Miller, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1811. Her father's name was John Miller. Mr. Brubaker came to Ohio in 1830, and located on an eighty-acre tract of timber land, where he afterward lived. He died there in 1848, and his wife, surviving him, died in 1889. They had ten children, namely: Jacob, married Susan Mills, a farmer in Indiana, and they have had nine children; Elida died at the age of twenty-one; Elizabeth married John Kelly, a farmer in Illinois; Susan married William Scott, they had nine children, and both parents are now dead; Mary was twice married, first time to Lee Mills, and they had four children; after the death of Mr. Mills she married Daniel Smith, and they live in Waterloo, Ind.; Michael married Susan Miller, and they had six children; he died in 1864. Henry was twice married; first time to Elizabeth Kline, by whom he had two children, both of whom died young; his second wife was Mary Sturtevant, and they had three children, one of whom died young; Henry died in 1870, and the widow and her two children went west,

where she married again. Mahelia died young. John, now a farmer, married Delia Garn; they have had seven children, and they now live in Jackson township, Sandusky county; and Homer is the subject of this sketch.

During his earlier years Homer Brubaker lived at home, and worked out at times until he married. On October 23, 1858, he was united in marriage with Margaret Ickes, who was born February 9, 1840, and they have had the following named children: Alfred, now an oil speculator and farmer, born March 1, 1862; Ida, born February 22, 1864, married Albert Klotz, and they have had two children, and live in Washington township, Sandusky county; Cary, born March 11, 1869, died December 25, 1879; Laura, born July 20, 1875, married John Allison, of Oil City, Penn.; Stella was born September 24, 1877; Lester and Lesta (twins) were born January 4, 1881, and Lesta died February 16, 1881.

Mrs. Brubaker's father, George Ickes, was born August 7, 1800, and died in 1890. Her mother, whose maiden name was Margaret Croyle, was born February 20, 1803, and died April 18, 1867. They had thirteen children, two of whom died young. The others are: Henry married Susan Stainer, and they had eight children. Adam married Mary Campbell, and they live in Indiana. Catherine married Ed Burkett, of Washington township, and they have had twelve children. Thomas married Margaret Long, and they have had four children; they live in Scott township, Sandusky county. Barbara married John Valentine, and they have had two children; they live in Madison township. Susan died young. Sarah married David Miller, a farmer in Washington township, and they have had six children. Michael married Ellen Russell, and they have had two children; they live in Nebraska. Margaret is Mrs. Homer Brubaker. Sophia married John Rosenburg, who died, and she afterward

married Jacob Clapper, and they have had four children; they live in Madison township. George married Mary Garn, and they have had one child; they live in Grand Rapids, Mich. George Ickes (Sr.) came to Ohio in the fall of 1832 and entered eighty acres of land in Madison township, on which he built a log cabin, wherein he lived. He was one of fifteen who attended the first election in Madison township, which was held in an old blacksmith shop owned by Jacob Garn. He did a great deal in making roads and settling up Madison township, and was well known far and near. At that time the nearest gristmill was at Fremont, Sandusky county, and it took them several days to make the trip.

About the time of his marriage Homer Brubaker rented 120 acres of land, on which he lived one year, then bought thirty-seven acres where Gibsonburg now stands, which cost him six hundred dollars. He lived on this land seven years, then sold it and bought ninety-five acres, and later twenty-five, after which he moved upon this property and has lived here ever since. He also has 120 acres in Madison township, Sandusky county, known as the George Ickes property. He deals in horses and cattle. His land is situated in the oil belt, and has been leased to the Standard Oil Company. Mr. Brubaker, as is also his wife, is a member of the Evangelical Church at Gibsonburg. He is a Democrat, has several times held different offices such as those of school director and supervisor, and is well liked in the community.

JOHAN SNYDER, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Sandusky county, his home being in Washington township, is numbered among the native sons of that county, where he was born May 25, 1846. His parents were James and Elizabeth (Fought) Snyder.

His father was born in Berkeley county, Virginia, December 15, 1800. He was in his early life one of the hardy and exemplary young men who sought early a home in the wilds of the Western country, which was then principally inhabited by wild animals, savage beasts and venomous reptiles. His father was a millwright; also the owner of a large grist-mill, and his vigorous and reliable son James was the miller. This was his principal occupation until he arrived at the age of twenty-three years. Having never attended school, except about two months, in all his life, he had at that time a very limited knowledge of books, and nearly everything else save what his father as a millwright had taught him. The thrilling stories of Western hunters and adventurers, which he had frequently heard, had inspired within him a desire to emigrate westward, and to obtain for himself a satisfactory knowledge as to the truth of these statements. The necessary arrangements were soon made, and in the spring of 1825 he bade adieu to the home of his childhood with all its endearments, and came, in company with his brother-in-law, Andrew Miller, in a two-horse wagon to the central part of Ohio, where he spent about two years in different parts of the State working at times for a shilling a day. He then concluded to return home and visit his father's family and friends. With but a few dollars jingling in his pockets, and with no friend to accompany him save his rifle, he set out on foot for his father's home in Virginia. There was a long and dreary road stretched out before him; but his determination, supported by his physical strength, was more than equal to the task. He accomplished his journey in safety, subsisting principally upon what game he killed along the way.

He remained at home a few months, and again set out on foot, and came to Perry county, Ohio, where he soon after married Elizabeth, a daughter of Michael

Fought, with whom he lived peaceably and happily from that time until his death, which occurred July 20, 1876. He came to this county in 1830, and in Washington township entered eighty acres of government land, upon which he built what he called a snug little log cabin. He was now surrounded on all sides by large forests, extending for many miles in every direction. The tall and stately trees prevented even the sun from shining down upon the little log cabin which he had built. The hungry wolves and other wild animals would come at night and howl and bark around his door, as though they craved him for their prey. It was not long, however, until he had cleared away a spot of ground upon which to raise some corn, which was the only grain that he could raise for a number of years. Thus he obtained for himself and family a scant living, for a few years subsisting chiefly upon cornbread and wild game. His neighbors were few and far away, and, being as poor as he, could therefore give him but little or no assistance. He would frequently carry a bushel of corn to mill all the way to Lower Sandusky (now Fremont), eight miles through the mud and water, and return the same day, and then take mush and milk for his supper. He was firm and determined in everything he undertook. Patience, perseverance and hard labor procured for him and his companion a comfortable and pleasant home which has been their enjoyment for a number of years. His companion died September 17, 1881, aged seventy-two years, six months, and sixteen days, a grand and heroic woman, no work being too laborious for her to do for the comfort of her family. There were eleven children in the family: Eliza Ann, wife of Philip Kluts, a Jackson township farmer; she was the eldest of the family of children, was born in Perry county, and died in Sandusky county May 12, 1890, aged sixty years, three months, five days; she was a faithful member of the

United Brethren Church; her hope was very bright, and she requested her friends to meet her in heaven. Sarah, wife of Joel Dershem, a farmer, was born January 5, 1832, and died January 25, 1895; she was a faithful member of the Methodist Church, and her prayer was turned to praise before her spirit took its flight. Jacob Snyder, the oldest of the boys, a highly respected citizen, in religious belief belongs to the Reformed Church. William Snyder died when about a year old. James Snyder died in January, 1862. Levi Snyder, a farmer in Sandusky county, is in Church belief a Methodist. Samuel Snyder is living in Fremont, a respected citizen. Noah Snyder, by occupation a restaurant man, lives in Fremont. John Snyder, the seventh son, is the subject proper of these lines, and will be more fully referred to presently. Elizabeth became the wife of Jackson King, a Sandusky county farmer, who died, and afterward she was the wife of Samuel Lay, living in Fremont. Emma, the youngest, is the wife of James Seagraves, a farmer living in Michigan. The children are worthy representatives of that class which constitutes America's best citizens, and they owe it all to the training they received under the parental roof.

John Snyder can distinctly remember when he could sit in his father's half-bushel measure, twelve inches in diameter, very comfortably, and as soon as he was able to carry a hoe he went into the corn-field, and has ever since been accustomed to hard work. On October 2, 1873, he was joined in wedlock with Miss Mahala Cookson, a daughter of one of the leading farmers of Sandusky county, and they have one child, Mabel, born September 25, 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder are widely known throughout the community, and have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who esteem them highly for their sterling worth. Mr. Snyder is a warm advocate of temperance principles, while in religious belief he is a Methodist.

THEODORE BROWN, one of the progressive and highly-respected citizens of Clyde, Sandusky county, is a native of Ohio, born near Republic, Seneca county, December 8, 1844, a son of Elijah and Catherine (Sherrick) Brown.

The birth of the father occurred near Frederick City, Md., May 31, 1806, and his father, who was a native of England, and in this country kept a hotel, died when his son was quite young. In 1828 the latter emigrated to Perry county, Ohio, where he married Miss Sherrick, and to them were born seven children: Henry, born in 1837, was a telegraph operator of Baton Rouge, La., where he died of yellow fever in 1856; William, born in 1838, is a telegraph operator of Brainerd, Minn.; Eliza Jane, born in 1840, married Edward Crockett, and lives near Green Springs, Seneca Co., Ohio; Mary, born in 1842, died at the age of two years; Theodore is the next in order of birth; Ann, born in 1848, married Wesley Miller, and resides on the old homestead in Seneca county; and Samuel, born in 1851, is married and lives at Ottawa, Kans. In 1841 the father located in Scipio township, Seneca Co., Ohio, three miles northwest of Republic, where he entered a tract of land from the government, which he cleared and developed, and on that place made his home until his death January 9, 1885. He identified himself with the cause of Christ in early life, uniting with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically, he first supported the Whig party, but later became a Democrat. His wife, who was born in Perry county, Ohio, in 1811, is still living, making her home with her children, and she also is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On the old farm near Republic, Theodore Brown was reared to manhood, attending the district schools, and assisted in the management of the home place until reaching the age of twenty-four

years, with the exception of one year, which was spent as fireman on a railroad. He now began operating his father's farm on his own account, and there remained until 1885, when he located on a farm at Lakeside, Ottawa Co., Ohio, which he carried on for three years, when he again removed to Republic, thence to Lakeside where he lived nine months, thence to Green Creek township, Sandusky county, arriving here in 1886. Here he purchased 118 acres of fine land.

On September 2, 1868, Mr. Brown and Miss Nellie Hogg were married, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Edward Jewett, of Sandusky, Ohio, one of the oldest ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has also baptized the two children of Mr. and Mrs. Brown—Robert H., who was born August 5, 1872, and Thomas W., who was born May 22, 1874, and on February 14, 1894, was married to Ida Smith; they now make their home with our subject. Mrs. Brown was born in Paterson, N. J., October 25, 1837; but her childhood was passed in Sandusky county, where she received an excellent education in the public and high schools, and at the age of fifteen years she began teaching, which occupation she followed in this locality and at Put-in-Bay Island until she was married.

Mrs. Brown is a daughter of Thomas and Jeannette (Lachlison) Hogg. Her mother was born in Preston, England, November 11, 1811, and in her maidenhood came to America. In 1836, at Paterson, N. J., she wedded Mr. Hogg, and by her marriage became the mother of three children—Nellie, now Mrs. Brown; Robert, an engineer on the Lakeside & Marblehead Short Line railroad, and Isabel, living near Lakeside, Ottawa Co., Ohio. The mother died at Sandusky, Ohio, in 1844. The father was also a native of Preston, England, born March 16, 1808. He learned the trade of a machinist, and, after coming to America, worked for a number of years in the Rogers

Locomotive Works at Paterson, N. J. When the Mad River & Lake Erie railroad was built, Mr. Hogg was sent west in charge of a locomotive for that company, the first one purchased by it, and the pioneer railroad locomotive west of the Alleghany mountains. This was in 1837, and he made the trip over the Hudson river, Erie canal and Lake Erie, landing at Sandusky, Ohio. After getting this engine, "Sandusky" by name, up and in operation, he was induced to remain as its engineer; and later he was made master mechanic on that road. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Hogg wedded Mary Driver, a native of Montreal, Canada, and by this union four children were born—Stella, Alice and Nettie (twins), and Thomas. The mother is still living and resides near Lakeside, Ohio. For many years Mr. Hogg followed railroad-ing, but in 1867 he retired to his farm in Danbury, Ottawa Co., Ohio, where his death occurred April 21, 1881. He was a man of unusual physical and mental vigor; of strong will and honest purpose, and made his mark wherever he went.

Theodore Brown, the subject proper of this sketch, attended the lectures given by Miss Frances E. Willard at Lakeside, Ohio, and by her was converted, becoming a strong Prohibitionist. He voted that ticket when only two others were cast in Green Creek township, Sandusky county. He and his wife are earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They enjoy the friendship of a large circle of acquaintances, and are numbered among the prominent and influential citizens of Sandusky county.

O RSON HIGLEY, a successful farmer and one of the oldest residents of Townsend township, Sandusky county, is a son of Hezekiah and Jerusha (Clock) Higley, and was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., June 24, 1827.

Hezekiah Higley was born of English-Scotch ancestry in New York State in 1794. He enlisted in the American army, served during the war of 1812, and was honorably discharged. In 1824 he was united in marriage with Jerusha Heath, who was born in New York State in 1797, and they had the following children: Anson, who died at Hudson, Mich.; Orson, the subject of this sketch; William, of Seneca county; George, who was a member of the Seventy-second O. V. I., and died in hospital; Laura, Mrs. Cyrus Daniels, who died in Riley township, September, 1894; Sophia, Mrs. David Fuller (deceased); and Sophronis, who died at home in June, 1861. In 1829 Mr. Higley moved to Erie county, Ohio, and five years later to the then unbroken wilderness of Riley township, in this county. The only means for finding one's way was to follow trails or "blazed" trees, as no roads had been marked out in the entire township. Mr. Higley bought and cleared forty acres which a few years after he traded for eighty acres of land in Townsend township, where he made his home during the remainder of his life. Shortly before his death the government began to substantially reward him for his services in the war of 1812, by granting him a pension. He died January 19, 1886; Mrs. Higley preceding him, having passed away in 1880.

When Orson Higley was but two years old his parents came to Ohio, where the meager education which was granted him was obtained. He remained at home helping his father until 1851, and on June 15, of that year, was united in marriage with Miss Permelia A. Twiss, who was born December 21, 1831, in Wayne county, N. Y., and they had one child, a daughter, Lydia L., born June 24, 1860. Mrs. Higley's parents, Clark and Polly (Tyler) Twiss, came to Huron county, Ohio, in 1844. After a few years they went to Riley township, from there coming to Townsend township, where Mrs.

Twiss died. Mr. Twiss died in Michigan while visiting his daughter Lovina, wife of Sullivan Davenport; she died March 16, 1883. Shortly after his marriage Mr. Higley bought forty acres of land from his father, and, when his brother went to the army, purchased the remainder of the farm. He cared for his father nineteen years prior to his death. Mr. Higley has had the privilege of seeing the virgin forest give way to well-tilled fields and pretty meadows, which are monuments to the industry and energy of the pioneers. In politics Mr. Higley has been a Republican since the organization of the party.

Lydia L. Higley, who was an only child, was married December 25, 1878, to Jerome Bixby, of Castalia, Erie Co., Ohio, and they have had one child, Pearl J., born March 25, 1885. Mr. Bixby was formerly a general merchant at Castalia, but is now an insurance agent. For nine years Mr. Higley was interested with Mr. Bixby in the store; but city life was not congenial to a man of Mr. Higley's temperament, and he returned to the farm.

SAMUEL F. JONES, a prosperous and influential farmer of Green Creek township, Sandusky county, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, October 9, 1825, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Pierce) Jones.

Nicholas Jones was a native of West Liberty, Penn., and his father, Samuel Jones, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. Nicholas was reared in Pennsylvania, and when a young man migrated to Wayne county, Ohio, where he married Elizabeth Pierce (a first cousin to President Pierce), and lived for some years. About 1835 he moved to Thompson township, Seneca county, and had his home there for many years. He died near South Bend, Ind., about 1868, at the age of seventy-five years, and was buried there; his wife lived to the age of eighty-two years.

Nicholas Jones was a man of about medium weight—135 pounds. In religious belief he was a Universalist, and in politics a Whig and a Republican. His ten children were as follows: Emeline, who married Joseph Highland, and died in Indiana, aged fifty years; Uriah, who died near South Bend, Ind., aged seventy-one years; John, who now lives near South Bend, Ind.; Elizabeth, who died aged thirty-two years, wife of David Clay; Samuel F., subject of this sketch; Lucretia, widow of Sylvanus Wright, of Fremont; Johanna, wife of C. Rector, of Norwalk; Mary, wife of James Shoup, of Clyde; Margaret, wife of Daniel Whiteman, living in Indiana; Silas, a resident of Illinois.

At about the age of sixteen years Samuel F. Jones left the home farm in Seneca county and came to Sandusky, where for ten years he engaged in farming. He then began railroading at Sandusky City, and for ten years ran an express train engine on the Baltimore & Ohio road (then the old Sandusky, Mansfield & Newark railroad). From the locomotive Mr. Jones stepped down to the farm in Green Creek township, which he has ever since operated. On October 30, 1854, he was married to Miss Ellen M. Almond, who was born in New Jersey August 3, 1832, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Lachlison) Almond. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones four children have come, as follows: Alice, born in May, 1860, wife of W. B. Lay; Lawrence, senior member of the Cutlery Works Co., who married Miss Jessie Russell, a cousin of Gen. McPherson, and has three children—Lamar, Margaret and Maurine; Nellie, at home; and Robert, engaged in the cutlery business at Clyde, who on October 18, 1894, wedded Miss Ione Smith, and has one child—Dorothy. Mr. Jones has ninety-eight and one-half acres of fertile, well-improved and very productive land, well tilled and laid out in fine fruits, and is engaged in general farming and fruit-

growing, raising wheat, oats, potatoes, etc.; and all the buildings and improvements that now are upon the place were put there by his own hands. In politics Mr. Jones is a Republican, and while not a church member he inclines toward the Universalist belief; Mrs. Jones is a member of the Episcopal Church. He has by his good judgment and business ability, aided by natural industry, accumulated a comfortable competence, and is one of the most prosperous citizens of his township.

SAMUEL SPROUT is numbered among the native sons of Sandusky county, and has not only witnessed the growth and development of this region, but has also borne an active part in the work of progress and upbuilding, and well deserves mention among the honored pioneers.

Mr. Sprout was born in Scott township, October 1, 1840, on the farm which he now owns, and which has always been his place of residence. His parents, Samuel and Nancy (Long) Sprout, cast in their lot among the early settlers of Sandusky county when it was largely an unbroken wilderness. The father was born in Pennsylvania, June 15, 1807, removed to Guernsey county, Ohio, in 1825, and ten years later came to Sandusky county, where from the government he entered a claim that has never passed from the possession of the family. His wife was born April 27, 1812, and died January 10, 1887, her husband surviving until April 21, 1890. Ten children graced their union: Mrs. Margaret Doll, John, Sarah Elizabeth, Samuel, Michael born September 27, 1842, Marion, Casaline, James (deceased), Mrs. Mary Jane Hayes, and Mrs. Nancy Hipple. The paternal grandfather of our subject was born in Ireland about 1766, and died in Seneca county, Ohio, about 1856, surviving his wife several years.

In her maidenhood she was Mary Hilterbrand, and was a native of Germany. The maternal grandfather, Daniel Long, was born in Sweden, and married Miss Brill, a native of Germany. In the war of 1812 he served as a soldier, and he was numbered among the pioneers of Ohio.

In a manner not unlike that of other farmer boys, our subject spent his youth and bore his part in the development of the old home farm, working hard through summer months, while the winter afforded him an opportunity for education in the district schools, which he eagerly utilized. Thus he was employed until August, 1862, when, at the age of twenty-two years, he joined his country's troops in defense of the Union, and was a member of Company K, One Hundred and First O. V. I. until the close of the war. He participated in a number of hotly-contested engagements, and at the battle of Stone River his clothing was pierced by no less than nine bullets, and his canteen completely shattered. He also participated in the battles of Perryville, Liberty Gap and those of the Atlanta campaign, and followed Hood from Columbus to Franklin. He was also in the two-days' battle at Nashville, which resulted in victory for the Union soldiers, and altogether was a very faithful, loyal citizen, one who gallantly followed the old flag until it was planted in the capital of the Southern Confederacy. At the close of the war Mr. Sprout returned to the farm where he now lives, and began operating 120 acres, which he purchased in 1883. His landed possessions now aggregate 170 acres, and all that he has has been acquired entirely through his own efforts. He certainly deserves great credit for his success in life, and his example should serve as a source of encouragement to others.

On February 13, 1889, Mr. Sprout married Miriam Kuhn, of Fremont, Ohio, who was born in Allen county, Ohio, March 11, 1854. Her parents, John and

Mary (Miller) Kuhn, were pioneers of Sandusky county, as was also her grandfather, Adam Kuhn, who was born about 1800, and died at the advanced age of eighty-two. Of his family of nine children, six are yet living. The maternal grandmother, Maria Myers, was born about 1796, and departed this life in 1866, having for many years survived her husband. The parents of Mrs. Sprout were both born in 1823, and are still living. Their family circle numbered ten children: Maria, wife of John Myers, of Wood county, Ohio; Harriet, who became the wife of George Gephart, and died about 1882; Charlotte, at home; Mrs. Sprout; Paul Luther and Isaac N., who are residents of Wood county; Philip M.; John W.; Charles M.; and Theodore Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Sprout are highly-esteemed people of Scott township, and their pleasant home is noted for its hospitality and good cheer. The farm is well developed, the fields being under a high state of cultivation, and the improvements in keeping with the accessories of a model farm of the nineteenth century.

N B. MASON, who has been actively identified with both the business and agricultural interests of Sandusky county, is a native of New York State, born in Canandaigua April 9, 1839.

Our subject's parents, John B. and Laura (Shaw) Mason, were natives of Massachusetts and Canandaigua, N. Y., respectively. In 1856 they came to Sandusky county, Ohio, but after a residence of two years here migrated still farther west, to Wisconsin, where they made a permanent home. The father died there in July, 1888; the mother, while on a visit to her son in Clyde, in 1885, was suddenly taken ill and died. This worthy couple lived to celebrate their golden wedding. Their family were as follows; Van-



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Rensselaer, who was lost when only eighteen years of age while on a whaling voyage to the South Pacific Ocean; Joseph, who died in 1885 from disease contracted while in the service of his country (he was in the Thirtieth Wisconsin Infantry); Eliza, wife of Martin Booth, of Plainfield, Wis. (he served in the Sixteenth Wisconsin Infantry); N. B., our subject; John Colby, who resides at Fremont, Ohio (he was in the Eighth O. V. I.); Mary, who wedded Bemis Culbertson, who was a soldier in the Thirty-second Wisconsin Infantry, and who died shortly after the war from disease contracted while in the service, and Brooks H. Mason (they now reside at Lake Mills, Wis.); and Fred E., who died at Ashland, Wis., when a young man. The father of this family was a soldier in the Mexican war. He was first a Methodist clergyman, later becoming a minister of the Baptist Church.

The school privileges enjoyed by N. B. Mason were those of the common schools, and he also attended Madison Academy for one and a half years. At the age of fourteen he engaged to carry the mails and passengers on the old stage coach between Ontario and Rochester, sometimes driving four horses, and sometimes three abreast, conveying mail, express and passengers. In 1856, at the age of seventeen years, he came west with his parents to Sandusky county, locating near Clyde. On February 22, 1859, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth L. Carlton, daughter of Rev. Thomas J. Carlton, and to this union came children as follows: Nellie, wife of R. G. Tyler, of Greene, Iowa, who has one son and one daughter—Carl and Vira; Elizabeth, who died when six years of age; Nate H., a postal clerk between Cleveland and Chicago on the Lake Shore railroad (he wedded Allie White, and they have two sons—Howard and James); George A., who wedded Annie White, and has one daughter—Nellie; Maude, wife of O. C.

Perrin, of Greene, Iowa; and May, at home.

On October 12, 1861, Mr Mason enlisted in Company A, Seventy-second O. V. I., and served until July 21, 1865, participating in all engagements in which his command took part until the time of his capture by the enemy, June 11, 1864; he was taken near Davis Mills, Miss., and conveyed to Andersonville, where he was kept until the following September, when he was transferred to Florence, S. C., and paroled at Wilmington, N. C., March 1, 1865. During his service he was captured three times, escaping twice, and he was in every southern State but Texas. After the war he returned to Clyde. Since residing here he has followed various pursuits, having been engaged in merchandising, publishing and farming. Mr. Mason is a member of the U. V. U. and G. A. R., was first post commander of McPherson Post, G. A. R., in 1867, and was first captain of McPherson Guards, organized August 15, 1878. On March 17, 1873, he organized the first hook and ladder company, of which he was made foreman. Socially he has been an active Odd Fellow for twenty-seven years, passing all the Chairs in the Subordinate Lodge and all save one in the Encampment. In politics, he is a radical Republican; he is now serving as justice of the peace, and also as trustee of his township.

While a prisoner of war at Florence, S. C., Mr. Mason was chosen by his comrades chief of the Federal Police, a force of 270 men organized among the prisoners to keep good order in the prison, the appointment being confirmed by Col. Iverson, the prison commandant. He declares the sufferings of the prisoners there were even greater than at Andersonville. Most of them had been prisoners for many months, and were very destitute of clothing, many being almost naked and barefooted. About fourteen thousand persons were taken to Florence; about three thousand were paroled in October

and November; the balance (except those who died) remained until the first of March, 1865. Their only shelter was holes dug in the ground, some of them roofed over with limbs and pine boughs covered with earth. Their food was one pint of corn-meal per day, and for ninety-three days no other was issued except two rations of salt, a table-spoonful to five men; two rations of sorghum molasses, one barrel to 11,000 men; two rations of rice, one pint to five men. Many ate their corn-meal raw, and what was cooked was mostly mush cooked in tin cups and tin cans. Mr. Mason says the most of his regiment (the Seventy-second Ohio Infantry) were from Sandusky county. Of the 1,400 on the muster rolls about 380 are yet living. His regiment lost heavily at Shiloh and at Vicksburg, and at Gun Town, or Brice's Cross Roads, the regiment lost eleven officers and 238 men. About 170 landed in Andersonville; seventy-eight (or over 45 per cent) died while prisoners of war; six were shot after being captured, and nine perished on the steamer "Sultana," above Memphis, on April 27, 1865.

Mr. Mason asks: "Do the people of this country appreciate the sacrifice made by the Union prisoners of war? Do they realize that 34,000 men died in the prisons of the South, as men were never called upon to die before?" Men have died for home and country, and for principle upon the scaffold, the wheel and the rack, in the dungeon and upon the battlefield; but never before did thousands of men refuse liberty with a dishonored name, and suffer on from hunger and exposure until they died gibbering idiots. And now even before one generation has passed these same men are almost forgotten! They are remembered only in the homes made sad and desolate by their tragic death! Millions upon millions of money have been paid for "Piles of Granite" and "Heaps of Bronze" to commemorate the heroism of a few, while

the graves of these martyrs are marked by gray marble tablets that cost two dollars and forty cents each; and more—thousands of these same markers are inscribed "Unknown."

HENRY MOOK, farmer of York township, Sandusky county, was born in Union county, Penn., January 10, 1814, son of John and Rosina (Sorrel) Mook, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. His grandfather was from Germany.

John Mook, the father of our subject, died in the State of New York, whither he had removed from Pennsylvania, and he subsequently took up his home in Ohio. After living some years with his children in that State, he was taken back to New York State at the request of his son Samuel, a minister of the Evangelical Association, so that in his old age he might be cared for in his former home, and he died there in the eighty-fifth year of his age. He was the father of twenty-three children, and our subject is the youngest by the first wife, and the fourteenth child. The children of John Mook by his first wife were: Jacob, three that died in infancy, Samuel, Polly, Betsey, Anthony, Conrad, John, Catharine, Susan, Daniel and Henry. Of this family, Henry Mook is at this writing (1894) the only surviving member. After the death of his first wife, John Mook married Polly Polkie, by whom he had nine children: Mary, Benjamin, Ambrose, Elias, Effie, Solomon, Sampson, Barbara, and one that died in childhood.

The subject of our sketch went with his parents to the State of New York when he was about eleven years old, and lived with them at various places until the age of twenty-three. He then came to Ohio, spent one winter in Thompson township, Seneca county, and the next spring located in York township, Sandusky county, on land where he has since

resided. Here he erected a log house and kept bachelor's hall for several years while engaged in clearing up a farm. In addition to agricultural pursuits Mr. Mook spent the fall of eight seasons threshing grain for his neighbors with an old-fashioned eight-horse-power, open-cylinder machine, without separator, going as far south as Lodi, in Seneca county. He threshed in this way as many as 400 bushels per day. He has been an active, energetic, hardworking, economical farmer, and has accumulated a handsome property for his children; a substantial brick house and a convenient bank barn adorn his farm. In religious connection he and his family are members of the Evangelical Association. He contributed liberally for the erection of a church building not far from his residence. He has reached the age of four score years with a vigor of body and mind which enables him to see and appreciate the wonderful changes going on in the world about him, and especially the great improvements in the method of farming.

In 1837 Henry Mook married Miss Catharine Boyer, who was born in Pennsylvania, June 26, 1814, and died in York township, August 17, 1890. Their children were: Sarah, born October 4, 1841; Christina, born August 7, 1844, died June 23, 1866; James Milton, born July 20, 1847, and Lovina, born April 30, 1852. Christina Mook married Michael Filsinger December 22, 1864, and they have one son, John, who is married and has two children—Pearl and Morris; after the death of his first wife, Christina, Mr. Filsinger married her sister Sarah, by whom he had four children—Emma, Vernie, Martin and Charles. Emma married Daniel Swartz, and they have one child—Lulu. James M. Mook married, in 1870, Miss Mary Gahn, who was born in the Black Swamp, west of Fremont, Ohio, a daughter of Rev. Conrad Gahn, and was educated in the Cincinnati schools; their children are—Charles, Granville, Myrtle

and Lovina; James M. Mook is at present manager of his father's farm, and is taking care of his father in his declining years. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Evangelical Association, and of the Farmers' Alliance. Lovina Mook, daughter of Henry Mook, married Martin Richards, and they live on one of Mr. Mook's farms, east of the homestead; they had one child that died; she is a member of the Evangelical Association.

L EONHARD SCHNEIDER was born August 31, 1842, in Austria, Europe. His father, Martin Schneider, was born November 11, 1806, in Austria, and married Anna Maria Platz. They came to America in 1859, landing in New York, where they remained for a short time, after which they continued their journey to Ohio, locating in Jackson township, Sandusky county. The mother died shortly after their arrival. In that family were seven children: Frank, who was born in 1831, and died September 1, 1887; John G., born in 1836, and married Mary Reineck; Regina, born in 1834, and became the wife of Casper Haltmeier; Martin, born in 1844, and now living in California; Johanna became the wife of Ferdinand Fischer, by whom she has one son, named Frank, born in 1874; Mary became the wife of Peter Spiedenner, and they have two children: Fredolina, now the wife of John Reineck, and a son named Adolph.

Leonhard Schneider, our subject, spent the days of his boyhood and youth in the land of his birth, was reared in his parents' home and obtained his education in the public schools of the neighborhood. When the family sailed for America he bade adieu to friends and native land, and came with them on the long voyage across the Atlantic, which took them thirty days. He has since been a resident of Ohio, and to-day is numbered among the leading and influential farmers of Rice township, San-

dusky county. Having arrived at years of maturity he chose, as a companion and helpmate on life's journey, Miss Rosa Binsack, and their home has been blessed by the presence of five children: Anna, the eldest, is now the wife of Albert Darr, a resident farmer of Rice township, Sandusky county, and they have three children; the other members of the family—Ida, Rudolph, Edward and Arnold—are still under the parental roof.

In 1861 the father of our subject purchased seventy-three acres of land in Rice township—the place upon which Leonhard now resides—paying for the same at the rate of seven dollars per acre. Eight years later, in 1879, he sold the place to his second youngest son, Leonhard, for \$2,000. It is a good property, highly cultivated and improved, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place indicates the careful supervision of the owner. In 1887 he built a new barn, and in 1892 he erected the new house, at a cost of \$3,000. In connection with general farming he successfully engaged in stock dealing, raising cattle, horses and hogs. He successfully manages his business interests, and his energy and industry have brought to him a comfortable competence, which numbers him among the representative farmers of the neighborhood. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious belief he is a Catholic.

GEORGE W. KING, a well-to-do farmer of Ballville township, Sandusky county, was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, March 20, 1849.

His father, John King, was born March 2, 1819, in Fairfield county, Ohio, and married Miss Mary Mowry. Their children were: (1) Catharine, wife of Valentine Moshier; she died at the age of twenty-one years, leaving one son, John, living in Allen county, Ohio. (2) Mary is the wife of Valentine Moshier, a farm-

er, residing in Allen county, Ohio. (3) Elizabeth is the wife of David Roberts, of Scott township; she died at the age of forty-four years, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery. (4) Lydia is the wife of William Reichelderfer, by whom she had four children—Hattie, George, Frank and Lettie—and after his death she married, in 1890, William Slates, a farmer of Tipton county, Ind. (5) George W. is our subject. (6) Sarah, born in 1851, in Pickaway county, is the wife of Jacob Mowery, a farmer of Michigan. (7) John, born 1854, married Miss Carrie Hunlock, and has one son, John Clarence. (8) Jacob, born November 20, 1856, is a farmer in Ballville township, married to Miss Fredie Crites, and has two children—Omer and De Witt. (9) Elmira, born in 1859, is the wife of John Searfoss, a farmer of Scott township, and has two children—Bessie and Stella. (10) Perry, a farmer of Scott township, born in 1861, married Sadie Hunlock, and has four children—Pearl, Iva, Hazel and Carrie.

Our subject started out in life for himself at the age of twenty-two with the health, pluck and perseverance which ensures success. He worked three years in the oil fields of Warren county, Penn., then returned and worked at his trade as a carpenter until December 9, 1875, when he married Miss Mary J. Ludwig, daughter of Jacob and Louisa (DeLong) Ludwig, farmers of Allen county, Ohio. He next farmed in Jackson township one year, then five years in Allen county, and on his return to Sandusky county, bought eighty acres of Jacob Ludwig for \$4,500. On January 30, 1882, he moved upon the farm where he now lives, remained nine years, then located near Fremont, where he remained three years, finally moving back on the farm of 133 acres, which cost him \$10,000. Here he follows mixed farming, raising grain, grass, fruit and live stock, with good success. He is a man of enterprise and public spirit, and has held various

public offices. The children of George W. and Mary King are: M. Louisa, born April 7, 1880; Ada M., September 19, 1883; Charles L., July 9, 1885; and Evan M., September 11, 1889. The brothers and sisters of Mrs. King are Isaac, John, Charles, Obed and Jacob.

MJ. REINBOLT, a farmer and stockman of Jackson township, Sandusky county, was born October 15, 1828, in Seneca county, Ohio. His father, Michael Reinbolt, was born in Germany, whence he emigrated to America, where he married Miss Louisa Kechner, whom he first met on the steamer which brought them to the New World.

He worked about two years as a common day laborer, then five years for an Indian chief near Tiffin, Ohio, by the name of Spicer. During these years he saved enough to buy forty acres of government land at \$1.25 per acre, in Seneca county, Ohio. One year later he bought eighty acres more at the same rate. After a life of toil and self denial, he and his wife passed away, among the early pioneers, and are buried in the cemetery at Tiffin, Ohio. Their children were: Joseph, born 1838, died June 4, 1862; George, who married Amelia Haldrom, and had a family of seven children; Catharine, who died at the age of thirty years; Charles, who married and has eight children, and lives on the old homestead; Daniel, who married Catharine Kiser, and has seven children; and Mary, wife of Nicholas Workman (both are deceased and are buried at Tiffin, Ohio).

On leaving home our subject worked about four years among farmers as a day laborer, then rented a farm and remained on it twenty-three years. He then bought tracts at different times, amounting in all to 336 acres, valued at \$100 per acre. He is a model farmer, and keeps pure Jersey cattle and fine-bred horses. Mr. Rein-

bolt is a Republican, and he has held various offices of trust in his township. He is a consistent member of the Roman Catholic Church. On October 16, 1862, he married Miss Annie Fanning, born in New York City, and they have three children: James F., born July 30, 1864, and married to Libbie Charlot, their children being: Michael J., Julia, and Irene; James A., who married Rosine Bower, and their children are: Carl M., Annie and Pauline; and Mary E., born September 11, 1872, was the wife of Peter Nape.

JOHN GABEL, a successful farmer and substantial citizen of Rice township, Sandusky county, was born May 28, 1853, and is a son of John M. and Mary (Wyce) Gabel, who were born in Germany in 1812 and in 1822, respectively.

John M. Gabel, father of the subject of this sketch, before his marriage worked for his father, Jacob Gabel, on the farm in Germany, and at the age of eighteen came with him to this country, settling in Buffalo, N. Y. He lived there about four years, then moved to Jackson township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where he bought forty acres of land; later purchased 190 acres more, and there lived until about 1873. He then moved to Fremont, Sandusky county, and resided there with his daughter until his death. He worked hard for all his money. When he first came to this country he was a good Democrat and a Catholic. John M. Gabel died in 1874, his wife preceding him to the grave in 1870. They were the parents of seven children, six of whom were as follows: (1) Jacob died at the age of six; (2) Katie at the age of five, and (3) Laney at the age of one year, (4) Magdalena married Henry Hodes, who died in 1887 they lived in Fremont, and had three children—Celia, Henry and Joseph; (5) John M. married Mary Richards, who

died in 1880, after which he married Anna Miller, and they live in Fremont; (6) Elizabeth married Mr. Dolnick, by whom she had ten children—Michael, born April 28, 1870; Mary, born in 1871; Rosie; Elizabeth, who died at the age of three years; Allie, Celia, Edith, Urbin, Clara and Teresa; (7) John Gabel was united in marriage on June 29, 1873, in Jackson township, Sandusky county, with Celia Dorr (who was born January 6, 1855), and lived there until 1880, when he sold out and moved to Rice township, in the same county, and bought fifty-three acres, paying one hundred dollars an acre for it. Their children were as follows: Edward, born August 10, 1876, and died January 9, 1879; Ida M. was born November 13, 1877; Allie C., March 4, 1879; Sylvester P., June 5, 1880; Horbert M., June 19, 1881; Charles D., October 9, 1883; Julie L., May 20, 1884; Urbin, March 31, 1887; Corneila C., born June 22, 1890, and died September 28, 1893; and Corlette G., born November 6, 1894. In 1874, when John Gabel's father died, he left him eighty acres of land in Jackson township, Sandusky county. Mr. Gabel is engaged in general farming. He is much respected, is well and favorably known in the community in which he lives, has been constable of Rice township for five years, school director four years and supervisor seven years.

JACOB G. METZGER, one of the intelligent, liberal-minded farmers of Green Creek township, Sandusky county, enjoys the possession of a competency, and he believes the statement made by Gen. Washington, that agriculture is the noblest vocation of man. He lives in ease and comfort upon his well-tilled and well-cared-for farm of 127 acres, made profitable by his good business ability and his inherited aptitude for a farming life.

Mr. Metzger was born in Adams township, Seneca county, November 2, 1842, son of Samuel and Rebecca (Heltzel) Metzger. The great-great-grandfather of Mr. Metzger, who was a Revolutionary soldier under Gen. Washington, was the son of Archibald Metzger, twin brother of Gen. Theodore Metzger, an able officer in the German army. The Revolutionary soldier was lost in the woods of Pennsylvania and probably starved to death. His remains were afterward found and identified by means of gun and clothing. He had emigrated from Germany to America in Colonial times, and his son, the great-grandfather of Jacob, was the only child aboard the ship that escaped the fatal ravages of smallpox. The son of this fortunate child, Jacob Metzger by name, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Pennsylvania and acquired the trade of a shoemaker. He was a member of the United Brethren Church, and in the autumn of 1813 migrated with his family from Union county, Penn., to Pickaway county, Ohio, settling on a farm near Circleville.

Samuel Metzger, his son, was born in Union county, Penn., in April, 1813, and was but six months old when he came to Pickaway county, Ohio. He grew up on the farm, and before he was of age he came to Adams township, Seneca county, where he entered a farm in the wilderness. Returning to Pickaway county, he married, in April, 1834, on his twenty-first birthday, Rebecca Heltzel, who was born in Shenandoah county, Va., in 1812, the daughter of Henry Heltzel, an old-time schoolteacher, of German ancestry, and an early pioneer of Pickaway county, Ohio, who afterward removed to Noble county, Ind., where he was elected county recorder and served as such for many years. After marriage Samuel and Rebecca Metzger moved to the new pioneer home in Adams township, Seneca county, where he proved in subsequent years to be one of its best farmers, and where he

lived until 1881. He then moved to Green Creek township, Sandusky county, and lived near his son Jacob, until his wife's death, in 1890. He died April 11, 1893, at the home of his son. Samuel Metzger at the time of his death owned 205 acres of choice land, and owed not a dollar. He was careful in his business transactions and scrupulously honest. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious faith a prominent member of the United Brethren Church. He was an ordained exhorter in the Church, possessed a remarkable memory, and had almost the whole Bible at his tongue's end. He was devotedly attached to the work of his Church, and was perhaps its chief supporter in Adams township.

Five children were born to Samuel and Rebecca Metzger, as follows: (1) H. H., born in 1836, a farmer of Adams township, Seneca county, who married Rebecca Drinkwater and had five children—Alton (who died aged two and a half years); Ida J.; James; Hulda F., and Olive. (2) John C., of Adams township, Seneca county, who first married Sarah A. Miller, by whom he had three children, now living—Alwilda E., Gertrude and Samuel H.; after his first wife's death he wedded Mrs. L. Berry, by whom he has one child—Julia C. (3) Sarah A., married to C. W. King, of Noble county, Ind., and died leaving two children—Maud M. and Mildred G., who now make their home with Jacob Metzger, our subject. (4) Jacob is the subject of this sketch. (5) Lavina married Alfred Frontz, and has three children—Rebecca, Roy and Dora P.; she lives on the old home farm in Adams township, Seneca county.

Jacob Metzger grew to manhood on his father's farm in Seneca county, and in 1864, as a member of Company B, he served in the Washington campaign of the One Hundred and Sixty-fourth O. V. I. When mustered out in the fall of 1864 he joined a construction corps, which operated through Kentucky, Tennessee, Ala-

bama, Georgia and West Virginia. Six months later he returned home and was married, April 27, 1865, to Sarah Jane Shellhammer, who was born in Adams township, Seneca county, January 30, 1845. Mr. and Mrs. Metzger have one child, Alva E., a well-educated and successful veterinary surgeon at Clyde. In politics Jacob Metzger is a Democrat. In manners he is genial and affable. He is remarkably well versed in public matters, and, while engaged in general farming, he takes a deep interest in all the affairs and conditions of mankind. No man stands higher in the esteem of his fellow men.

WILLIAM WOODFORD, a successful farmer, and one of the prominent citizens of Riley township, Sandusky county, was born May 28, 1831. He is a son of Sylvester and Sarah (Lowrie) Woodford, both born in America, the former on January 1, 1786, the latter on January 17, 1788.

They had a family of nine children, as follows: Zerah, born April 6, 1812, married Sarah Karshner; they were engaged in farming in Riley township, and had a family of five children; Zerah died June 27, 1872; Aurilla, born December 28, 1814, married Elijah Higbee, a farmer in Riley township, and they had one child; the wife and mother died January 30, 1886; Lois, born April 24, 1817, became the wife of William Laird, and they had three children; the wife and mother died January 30, 1846; Sylvester, born June 16, 1819, died October 28, 1836, at Shippensburg, Penn.; Martin, born August 24, 1821, married Mary Homer, who lives in Kansas, and he died February 5, 1884; Lorinda, born September 23, 1823, died in 1839; Luther, born December 27, 1825, lives in Kansas, William is the subject of this sketch, and Sidney, born July 20, 1833, died January 21, 1839. Sylvester Woodford (Sr.) came to Ohio,

settled in Trumbull county, and bought eighty acres of land, on which he lived until 1834, when he moved to Riley township and here bought 160 acres of land, upon which he lived until his death, which occurred September 2, 1834, about three months after they had settled at their new home, and his wife, Sarah, passed away four days before him, viz.: August 29, 1834. He voted the Old-time Whig ticket, and was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

After the death of his parents, William Woodford, being only a little more than three years old, was taken to Vienna township, Trumbull Co., Ohio, and was placed in the family of a relative, where he was reared and educated, working a part of each year on a farm to the age of eighteen, when he commenced teaching school. He followed this vocation one year in Ohio, taught one year more in Mercer county, Penn., then went to Kentucky, where he continued teaching school for eleven years. He is now engaged in general farming. In 1861 he came to Riley township, where he married Rachel Gibbs, who was born October 15, 1832, and they have a family of five children, namely: William C., born April 28, 1862, and died August 27, 1862; Clara J., born September 13, 1863; Alva, born September 9, 1866; Ada, born May 16, 1869; and Louis, born March 8, 1854, and married to Dora Lindsay, who died February 12, 1888.

Isaac Woodford, grandfather of William Woodford, married Sarah Fuller, of Burlington, and they had ten children—seven sons and three daughters, namely: Isaac, married Statira Cowles, by whom he had twelve children, ten of whom—four sons and six daughters—lived to marry, and two died in childhood; Darius married Bethiah Bass, and they had six children; Asaph married Alma Potter, and they had fourteen children; Sylvester, father of our subject, comes next; Romanty married Betsy Hart, and they

had twelve children; Sidney married Betsy Wheeler (no children); Zerah married Minerva Potter, and they had six children; Huldah married Nathaniel Clarke, and they had eight children; Cynthia married Theodore Humphreys, and was left a widow with five or six children (she afterward married Ely Alderman); Sarah married Chauncey Wheeler, and they had six children—two sons and four daughters. Of this large family of children, all, save one, were professing Christians.

Our subject votes the Democrat ticket, and has been honored with public office, having been justice of the peace for twelve years, township clerk for six years, and school director and supervisor.

RICHARD E. BETTS, a substantial farmer of Green Creek township, Sandusky county, is more than a tiller of the soil or the owner of a productive and finely located farm; he is a student of the world's history, and by means of the leading newspapers from various cities he is thoroughly informed upon the varying phases of current national affairs. He is distinctively a man of ideas. He wants first the facts of history: His clear and well-trained intellect can then make proper deduction from these facts, and the opinions thus formed are modern, considerably in advance of those held by the average citizen. His deep convictions are inherited, and have received an additional impetus from associations. His ancestors, of Quaker faith, came from England in Cromwell's time. His father-in-law, "Uncle" George Donaldson, was one of the most noted Abolitionists in northwestern Ohio, at a time when Abolition sentiment was a reproach and stigma, often a menace to personal safety.

Mr. Betts was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., December 30, 1829, son of Zachariah and Mariah (Mitchell) Betts. Zach-



Richard E. Betts



Lavinia D. Betts

ariah Betts was born in Bucks county, Penn., December 24, 1793. In Cromwell's time three brothers named Betts came to America, settling near Philadelphia. The eldest, who had an entailed inheritance in England, at one time placed in jeopardy, returned to that country when political turmoil subsided. The younger two remained in America and founded a numerous family of their name, Zachariah being one of the descendants. His wife, Mariah Mitchell, was born March 4, 1798. After marriage Zachariah Betts moved to Aurora, Cayuga Co., N. Y., where he farmed for many years, and in 1834 he moved to Honey Creek, Seneca Co., Ohio, where he purchased a large farm. Many years later he removed to La Grange county, Ind., where he died February 3, 1868, his wife surviving until July 23, 1874. In politics he was a Whig. In early life he held allegiance to the Quaker faith, but later became a member of the Protestant Methodist Church. In physique he was a man of powerful frame. The nine children of Zachariah and Mariah Betts were as follows: Edward L., born December 18, 1821, served in an Indiana regiment in the army of the Potomac during the Civil war, and died in La Grange county, Ind., March 2, 1894; Howard M., born August 25, 1823, for thirty years a druggist at La Grange, Ind.; Louis C., born October 1, 1825, moved to Iowa in 1856, and died at Mt. Pleasant, that State, November 19, 1867; Albert F., born August 27, 1827, a tanner and currier at Republic; Richard E., subject of this sketch; Elizabeth A., wife of Van Norris Taylor, of Wolcottville, Ind.; Thomas C., born August 20, 1833, an ex-soldier of the Civil war, ex-sheriff of La Grange county, Ind., now living at La Grange; Martha M., born April 30, 1836, lives, unmarried, at La Grange, Ind.; Emiline, born January 14, 1838, wife of Nelson Selby, of La Grange, Indiana.

Richard E. Betts was five years old when he migrated with his parents from

New York to Seneca county, Ohio. He was reared on his father's farm, and October 28, 1852, he married Miss Lavinia Donaldson, who was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, in 1825, daughter of "Uncle" George and Ann (Patterson) Donaldson, the former of whom was born in Center county, Penn., July 7, 1793, the latter on January 15, 1796. He learned the blacksmith's trade, and lived for a time in Lycoming county, Penn.; then migrated with his family in a one-horse wagon to Pickaway county, Ohio, arriving with a capital of five dollars. Seven years later he moved to Tiffin, and in 1833 to Green Creek township, Sandusky county, where he followed his trade and farmed. Himself and wife were Methodists, and in political convictions he was a radical Abolitionist. He was connected with the "underground railroad," and once sent his team with five runaway negroes, concealed beneath straw and carpets, to Sandusky City, whence they escaped to Canada. "Uncle" George Donaldson was the most noted character of his time in this part of the country. On account of his Abolitionism an attempt was made to expel him from the M. E. Church. He gave James G. Birney, Abolition candidate for President in 1840, the only vote cast for him in Green Creek township, and for its numerical insignificance the judges, who were in sentiment strong anti-Abolitionists, refused to count it. Mr. Donaldson died September 14, 1873, his wife November 30, 1863. Their nine children were as follows: James, born February 13, 1820, died November 15, 1843; William, born February 25, 1821, died April 21, 1846; Robert, born November 21, 1822, died December 30, 1846; Lavinia, wife of Mr. Betts; Susannah, born August 11, 1827, wife of W. Dixon, of Rome City, Ind.; Saul, born December 20, 1829, residing in La Grange county, Ind.; David, born April 10, 1831, died December 13, 1881; Elizabeth, born August 14, 1834, died October 11, 1858;

Nancy Ann, born June 29, 1839, died January 7, 1850.

After his marriage Mr. Betts lived for several years in Seneca county. He then came to Sandusky county, bought a farm, and for two years lived with his father-in-law. In 1856 he purchased his present farm, and has occupied it ever since. He owns 114 well-cultivated acres, and engages in general farming. Mr. Betts cast his first Presidential vote for J. P. Hale, anti-slavery candidate for 1852, and in 1876 voted for Peter Cooper on the Green-back ticket. He has been a prominent member of Monticello Lodge No. 244, F. & A. M., for many years. He is a firm believer in Spiritualism, as was also his wife, who passed from earth in February, 1895. She was a lady of high mental and moral attainments. In political affairs Mr. Betts thinks the election of millionaires to Congress and the various State Legislatures is highly detrimental to the best interests of the people.

Mr. Betts has a number of relatives on his mother's side residing near Rochester, N. Y., among them an aunt, Sarah Cox (sister to his mother), who is now at the advanced age of ninety years, with her faculties unimpaired. Mr. Betts' weight at the present time is 260 pounds.

GEOERGE A. BURMAN, of Woodville, Sandusky county, was born January 17, 1844, son of Ernest H. and Elizabeth (Maenert) Burman, the former of whom was born December 4, 1811, in the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany.

Ernest H. Burman was married in his native country, came to America in 1843, settling in Woodville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where he bought eighty acres of land on which he made improvements. He died September 9, 1891, a member of the Lutheran Church. Our subject's mother was born in 1815, and died in 1875. Their children were Carrie, who died in

Germany; Carrie, who married G. Otten; George A.; Henry, who died when seven years old; Louis, a blacksmith, now living in Toledo; Harman, who works in the car shops at Toledo; Fred, who died in infancy; and Elizabeth, who married K. Kuhlman, of Ottawa county, Ohio.

Mrs. George A. Burman is a daughter of H. H. and Clara (Fochthous) Kuhlman, the former of whom was born in Hanover, in 1812, and died September 4, 1887; the mother was born in 1817, and is still living. They had six children: Henry Kuhlman, living at Woodville; Carrie, who married Fred Taulker; Eliza, who died when three years old; one that died in infancy; William, who is living on the old homestead; and the wife of our subject. George A. Burman and his wife were both born in the same house in Woodville township, she on July 21, 1851. Her parents came to America the year before his, and when his parents came they moved into the same house, and our subject was born while they were living there. They were both reared in Woodville township, and attended the primitive district schools. They were married November 16, 1871, and the children born to them were Carrie, born March 10, 1873, who died when one year old; George, born May 27, 1875, who is now a grocer of Tiffin, Ohio; Henry, born September 4, 1878, now studying for the ministry of the Lutheran Church, in Capitol University, Columbus, Ohio; Clara, born July 1, 1880, died August 19, 1882; and August, born October 18, 1883.

Our subject as he grew to manhood found himself possessed of strong mechanical powers and of natural skill as a workman, and so without serving an apprenticeship he became a good carpenter and an all-around wood workman; he also became an engineer, and ran a stationary engine in the mills at Woodville for seventeen years, and he has worked in the Lake Shore yard in Toledo. He has never devoted his time to farming, but some years

since purchased the old homestead in Woodville township, which he now owns, and which contains eight good oil wells at present. Mr. Burman was one of the first men in this section to invest in the developing oil business here, and as the result of his investment he recently sold out his interest in his lease wells for \$15,000. As a result of his ample means from this source he is now in good financial circumstances, but he still does some work himself to pass the time away. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and in politics is a Democrat.

SAMUEL J. YETTER, junior member of the livery firm of Harvey & Yetter, and one of the popular and reliable business men of Clyde, was born in Townsend township, Sandusky county, February 6, 1866, a son of Charles and Mary (Speaker) Yetter, both of German descent.

His father was born near Harrisburg, Penn., in 1840, and at the age of fifteen years came with his parents to Ohio, first locating at Chicago Junction, Huron county. Later he came to Sandusky county where he engaged in farming in Townsend township, and there the mother of our subject died at the age of thirty-two years. They were married near Castalia, Ohio, and by their union five children were born: (1) George, drowned in Lake Erie, off Kelly's Island, at the age of twenty-one years. He was captain of a fishing smack, could swim well, but was struck with a boom while turning the boat. (2) Henry is a farmer of Riley township, Sandusky county. (3) Samuel J. is next in order of birth. (4) Ella is the wife of G. W. Reddock, of Riley township. (5) Nettie is the wife of Ward Strohl, a hay dealer and presser, of Clyde. After the death of his first wife Mr. Yetter wedded Miss Lois Baker, and they have three children—Bert, John-

nie and Mabel. In political sentiment the father is a Republican.

In the schools of Townsend township, Sandusky county, the early education of Samuel J. Yetter was received, after which he entered the public schools of Clyde, and for one term was a student at the Normal in Ada, Ohio. On the completion of his education he taught for one term, but at the end of that time returned home, where for a year he worked on the farm. He then entered a grocery store in Clyde, where he clerked some three years, and for the same length of time resided in Michigan. He then returned to Clyde, where for one year he served as hotel clerk, and in 1892 became interested in his present business, which he has since conducted with excellent success. The firm have the only first-class livery in the city, and they receive a liberal patronage.

Though young in years Mr. Yetter is one of the most energetic and enterprising business men of Clyde, and is highly esteemed and respected by all who know him. He has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, among whom he is familiarly known by the name of "Sammie." Socially, he is identified with the Royal Arcanum, while his political affiliations are with the Republican party.

PETER J. BEIER, one of the worthy citizens that the Fatherland has furnished to Ohio, was born in Laembach, Kurferstanthum Hessian, Germany, a son of Joseph and Catherine (Geable) Beier, natives of the same country. They had a family of eight children, as follows: (1) Fronie, the eldest, was born in Germany, in 1831, and is the wife of Michael Siferd, a farmer now living in Minnesota, by whom she has ten children. (2) Agnes is the wife of Miran Hoffman, and they have five children—Joseph, Annie, Frank, Clara, and Willie. (3) Maggie, born in 1833,

died and was buried in Germany in 1871. (4) John Joseph married Catherine Kirchgarr, and they have eight children. (5) Annie is the wife of Conrad Busolt, a resident of Fremont, Ohio, and their family numbers eight children. (6) Peter J. is the next younger. (7) Budenz married Nicholas Goodbellat, and resides in Germany; they have three children. (8) Westena is the wife of Albert Konney, and they have one child, Nellie, born in 1883.

In the land of his birth our subject was reared to manhood, and the days of his boyhood and youth were quietly passed. He came to the United States and to Sandusky county, Ohio, in 1866, has been a resident of Rice township since 1874, when he purchased forty acres of land, which was still in its primitive condition, being covered with a thick growth of trees. He cleared all this himself, plowed and planted it, and in course of time the once wild tract was transformed into rich and fertile fields. As his financial resources increased he extended the boundaries of his farm until it now comprises eighty acres. In 1890 he built a house at a cost of \$1,550, and, in 1892, a barn at a cost of \$1,000, and is now engaged in general farming and stock raising. He has a well-improved place, and is meeting with good success in his undertakings. His possessions have been acquired entirely through his own efforts, and he may well be termed a self-made man, for he started out in life for himself empty-handed, and his success is the reward of labor and perseverance.

On June 14, 1870, Mr. Beier was united in marriage with Catherine Beansack, a native of Fremont, Ohio, and twelve children were born to them, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Clara, May 28, 1871; Mary L., May 9, 1873; Lewis H., June 1, 1875; Frank J., March 12, 1877; Matilda C., February 26, 1879; Charles M., December 21, 1881; William A., February 15,

1883; Leo J., March 13, 1885; Rudolph C., July 25, 1887; Rosa K., September 19, 1890; John A., June 8, 1892; Roman P., May 16, 1895. Of these, Clara became the wife of George Widman, and they have one son, Joseph, who was born in Sandusky township; Roman P. died May 21, 1895, and the rest are still under the parental roof. In his political views Mr. Beier is a Democrat; in religious belief he is a Catholic.

AMOS BLANK, a prosperous and representative farmer of Woodville township, Sandusky county, was born April 20, 1841, and is a son of William and Anna (Hess) Blank.

William Blank was born in north Cumberland county, Penn., in 1790, came west and settled near Rollersville, Sandusky Co., Ohio, in the spring of 1836. He married Anna Hess, and they became the parents of eleven children, namely: George, David, Abraham, Peter, Amos, Mary, Elizabeth, Matilda, Melinda, William and Emeline, all now living but three. When Mr. Blank came to Ohio he rented a piece of land of J. M. King for two years, then moved to Madison township, Sandusky county, where he bought eighty acres of timber land, commenced clearing, and put up a cabin with a stone chimney. The country was very wild, and bears and wolves were plentiful and troublesome. The nearest mill was at Fremont, and it took several days to make the trip. Mr. Blank helped lay out and make most of the roads in the vicinity, and cleared up over 100 acres of land. He held several township offices, and always voted the Democratic ticket. At the time of his death he left 440 acres of valuable land. He died June 8, 1871, at the age of eighty-one years, five months and thirteen days; his wife died in 1844, and was laid to rest in Sugar Creek cemetery.

On August 30, 1868, Amos Blank was united in marriage with Emma J. Clifford,

who was born at Wellington, Lorain Co., Ohio, August 20, 1848, and they have had eight children, namely: Florence A., born January 15, 1870, died July 11, 1871; Amos B., born October 24, 1871, unmarried and living at home, and has been in the oil business since 1889, having several hundred acres of oil land leased, also owner of 960 acres of land in Henry county, Ohio; Myrtie M., born May 17, 1873, married S. F. Osborne, a telegraph operator, July 1, 1893; John P., born January 12, 1875; Iva B., born April 28, 1877, married Charles F. Haggerty, and they have one child—Charles Amos, born September 4, 1894; Willie H., born December 5, 1880; Bertha L., born March 15, 1882, and Effie J., born March 12, 1886.

After his marriage Amos Blank operated a sawmill in Woodville township from 1866 to 1872, then sold out to Tille Brothers, and bought 120 acres of partly-cleared land. Recently he purchased a farm of 180 acres near Napoleon, Henry Co., Ohio, and removed on said farm, but still owns the 120-acre farm in Sandusky county. He raises bees very extensively, also cattle and horses, and carries on general farming. Mr. Blank donates liberally to the cause of religion and prohibition of the liquor traffic. In politics he was always a Democrat until 1886, when he joined the Prohibitionists, and has since worked hard for that party. Socially he is a Mason, is very popular, and much esteemed for his many good qualities. His grandparents were Hollanders, and his grandfather served in the war of 1812.

CHARLES CLINK, a practical and progressive agriculturist of Woodville township, Sandusky county, was born December 23, 1843, in the township which is still his home, and is the second son of Caleb Clink. The family is well-known throughout this locality and his brothers—Jacob, Reuben

and A. J.—are prominent farmers and stock dealers. In the district schools he acquired a fair education, while his father's farm afforded him physical training, and he was there employed from an early age until he had reached his twenty-fifth year. He then entered a dry-goods store at Woodville, where he spent three years in the capacity of clerk, after which he was for several years a salesman in a similar house in Elmore. He was employed in the same capacity for four years in Pemberville, and during all that period gave general satisfaction, winning for himself the good will of his employers, and the confidence of his customers.

On leaving Pemberville, Mr. Clink returned to Woodville township, locating on an eighty-acre tract of timber land, on which he built a small frame house and installed his family therein. His next task was to remove the trees and stumps upon the place, and transform it into fields of rich fertility. Some of the timber was sold for manufacturing purposes, and tree after tree fell beneath his sturdy strokes until sixty acres had been cleared and highly cultivated, while a fine orchard of five acres yields to him its fruits in season. Good fences divide the place into fields of convenient size, the latest improved machinery is there seen, and the accessories and conveniences of a model farm may there be found. Mr. Clink has worked early and late to accomplish this desired result, and now has the satisfaction of being the owner of one of the finest farms in his section. The small frame house into which he first moved his family has been replaced by a large, substantial and ornamental dwelling which was erected at a cost of \$1,800. The surrounding grounds present a picturesque appearance, and the neatness and taste there displayed indicate the progressive spirit of the owner.

Mr. Clink was married February 28, 1869, in Pemberville, Ohio, to Miss Caroline Pember, daughter of Hiram Pember,

in whose honor the town of Pemberville was named. He was born in New York, and there learned the trade of blacksmithing and iron working. In the Empire State he married Matilda Heath, and in 1832 removed to Ohio with his family, locating in Wood county, where, with others, he founded the town of Pemberville. Eight children were born of that marriage, three of whom are living: Adeline, the first white child born in that section of Wood county, and now the wife of Charles Stabler, a farmer of Pemberville; Stillwell, a retired farmer of Kansas; and Caroline, wife of our subject. The father died in 1878, the mother on September 2, 1874. Three children bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Clink, viz.: Maud, born in Pemberville, Wood county, May 12, 1874, educated in Woodville township, Sandusky county, and married October 16, 1890, to B. I. Ross, a resident of Mansfield, Ohio, employed as a railroad engineer (he has been employed by the Pennsylvania Company twelve years); Claude, born September 5, 1876, in Woodville township, attended the district schools and the Normal of Ada, Ohio, and is now engaged in operating in the oil fields; the third child died in infancy. In 1884 Mr. and Mrs. Clink adopted a nine-weeks-old baby boy by the name of Frank C. Foster, who has since been one of the family.

For six terms, Mr. Clink has been elected and served as supervisor, and has also been school director four years, discharging his duties with a fidelity worthy of all commendation. He is a member of the Foresters Association, and of the Masonic Lodge of Pemberville, while the family attend the Peoples Church of Woodville. Mrs. Clink is a member of the Lady Maccabees, Harmon Hive No. 36, and the son Claude, is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, DeMolay Tent No. 211. In their pleasant home Mr. and Mrs. Clink are enjoying the fruits of their former toil, and throughout

the community are held in the highest regard by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

CHARLES B. HUTCHINSON, one of the leading and most progressive farmers of Green Creek township, Sandusky county, is a native of same, born in Green Creek township March 21, 1848. In all matters of public interest Mr. Hutchinson is wide-awake, and by his progressive ideas is doing much for the people of his native and neighboring townships.

Nathaniel Hutchinson, great-grandfather of our subject, was a native and resident of Cambridge, whose three sons—John, Thomas and Joseph—in 1818 migrated to Clark county, Ohio. John after a short period, removed to Wabash, Ind., where he and his family fell victims to an epidemic of fever. Thomas remained in Ohio some twenty years, and then removed to La Grange county, Ind., where he died. Joseph, grandfather of Charles B., was born April 21, 1782, and was married in his native State, in October, 1805, to Mary A. Hodgman, who was born in Cambridge, Mass., October 10, 1783. After coming to Ohio they resided in Clark county until April, 1827, when they moved to Green Creek township, Sandusky county. Joseph Hutchinson was a mechanic, and followed his trade through life. After locating on a farm in Green Creek township he went to Monroeville, Ohio, and there worked for about six years, then returning to his farm and remaining until his death, in January, 1855; his wife died in 1851. This couple had eight children, as follows: Mary A., born September 9, 1807, married Ashel Franklin in Clark county, June 14, 1829, and died in May, 1848; Joseph H., born April 17, 1809, died November 24, 1823; Charlotte, born February 7, 1811, married S. S. Kellogg, of Huron county, February 10, 1831, died in Feb-

ruary, 1854; Louisa, born September 12, 1814, who married Elisha Lake, and, after his death, Charles Petty, died in Woodbury county, Iowa; Josiah B., born November 30, 1817, died May 28, 1836; Alfred, father of Charles B., born September 17, 1820; Phœbe M., born May 29, 1825, married Noble Perin, who died in Andersonville prison during the war (she lives in Green Creek township); Joseph, born May 29, 1830, fatally crushed by a loaded wagon, from which he fell.

Alfred Hutchinson was seven years old when his parents settled in Green Creek township. The schools at that period were very primitive; but he received the best education the locality afforded. At the age of eighteen years he began an apprenticeship to the brick-layer's and plasterer's trade, which he followed for about thirty years. He was married April 6, 1843, to Mary M. Dirlam, born in Massachusetts August 18, 1823, daughter of Orrin and Annis (Gibbs) Dirlam, both born in Blandford, Mass., the former on February 22, 1792, the latter on August 18, 1797. Annis Dirlam died in Massachusetts November 6, 1830, and three years later Orrin Dirlam migrated with his seven children to Green Creek township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where he entered a large tract of land. These seven children were as follows: Sarah, born September 28, 1818, married Samuel Chapin, and died in Clyde September 10, 1873; Orrin M., born February 7, 1820, died in 1889 in Sullivan, Ashland county; Dolly Almira, born October 27, 1821, married Merlin Babcock, and died March 26, 1848; Mary M.; Franklin, born December 12, 1824, resident of Townsend township, Sandusky county; James M., born February 21, 1826, a resident of Wood county; and Spencer, who died in infancy. For his second wife Orrin Dirlam married Elvira Smith, who was born in Massachusetts April 18, 1807. By this marriage he had nine children: Henry S.,

born February 9, 1843, who enlisted in the army at Cleveland, and while acting captain of his company was seriously wounded at the battle of Chickamauga, dying from the effects of the wound December 18, 1865; Zadoc, born September 16, 1836, resident of Clyde; Verrazano, born July 25, 1839, served in the army and died August 3, 1882; Theodore, born January 22, 1842, participated in the one-hundred-days' service, now living in Lorain county; Sidney, born September 8, 1844, a resident of New London; Minerva, born January 2, 1847, died November 8, 1879; Walter S., born January 28, 1853, a resident of Lorain county; and two children who died young. Orrin Dirlam was the father of sixteen children, fourteen of whom grew to maturity. He died at Huntington, Lorain county, May 20, 1882.

The children born to Alfred and Mary M. (Dirlam) Hutchinson were as follows: Zemira, born December 2, 1844, enlisted in Company A, Seventy-second O. V. I., and died in prison at Florence, S. C., October 30, 1864; Charles B., subject of this sketch; Fred, born January 28, 1861, married Mabel Lay, daughter of William E. Lay, and has five sons—Clare, Ernest, Karl, Frank and Ralph; Fred lives on a farm in Green Creek township. Alfred Hutchinson died on the old homestead in Green Creek township in 1889, and his widow at this writing still resides there. Neither had been identified with any Church organization, but both believed in and followed practical Christianity. Their lives have been illustrations of their belief that to do good is the highest function of man. Alfred Hutchinson during his lifetime was recognized as one of the leading citizens of his community, and he was elected to many of the township offices.

Charles B. Hutchinson, his son, is likewise one of the most prominent men of the township to-day. He possesses business ability of an advanced order, and his capacity is demonstrated by his visible works. He was thoroughly educated in

the common branches, and in addition attended the Clyde High School. On November 16, 1864, when only sixteen years old, he enlisted in Company B, Second U. S. A. Regulars, and was in service four months when his parents, on account of his youth, succeeded in getting him back on the farm. When a few days under twenty years of age, March 17, 1868, he married Miss Emma Strickland, who was born in Clyde in April, 1850. They started young in life, but during the happy and successful career that followed they have never had cause to regret their early marriage. Seven children have been born to them, five of whom survive, as follows: Dr. A. F., who is a graduate of Clyde High School and of the class of 1893 in the Medical Department of the University of Michigan (he married Miss Mildred Ward, and is now practicing medicine at Banfield, Barry Co., Mich.); Chella, a Clyde High School graduate of 1892, at home; Lotta, Lou and Delmer. Claude died at the age of eight years and Floyd at the age of four years. Since his marriage Mr. Hutchinson has been engaged in farming. He owns 115 acres of choice land, and in his methods no farmer of the township is more progressive or successful. In politics he is a Republican. He is taking pains to carefully educate his children, and in all things he is public-spirited and enterprising.

HENRY MILLER was born in Toledo, Lucas Co., Ohio, September 23, 1835, son of Fred and Sophia (Mintkink) Miller, natives of Hanover, Germany, who came to America in 1835, and settled in Toledo, Ohio.

Fred Miller secured a position in a sawmill in Toledo, and worked there about two months; then removed to Woodville, Sandusky county, where he bought

twenty-five acres of timberland as an investment. This he sold a short time afterward, and then bought eighty acres, later eighty more, and lived on this land till 1865, when he moved to the village of Woodville, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying in 1873; his widow passed away in 1890. Seven children were born to Fred and Sophia Miller, as follows: Frederick, who lives in the village of Woodville; Henry, the subject of this sketch; Sophia, who married John Horseman; William, who lives in the village of Woodville; Detrick, Mary and Harmon.

At the tender age of three years Henry Miller was taken sick with an affection known as the rickets, and from that time until his sixteenth year he was confined to his bed. After that he improved somewhat, and endeavored to secure an education, of which he felt the need, all the more as the disease had left him unfit for manual labor. In 1859 he went to work for Jacob Nagle, as an apprentice to learn the harness-maker's trade. Afterward he entered into the service of Daniel Coe, in the harness business in Elmore, Harris township, Ottawa county, and remained there four years. In 1864 Mr. Miller bought out his employer. Shortly afterward his place of business was burned, and he then came back to Woodville, Sandusky county, and entered into the harness business. Here he has conducted business ever since. He is a Republican in politics, and in religious connection is a member of the German Methodist Church.

HUFFORD FAMILY. The great ancestor from whom have descended the Huffords now living in Sandusky county, Ohio, was Jacob Hufford. He was born in Maryland in 1772, where he learned the trade of blacksmith. It was in his native State



W. P. Hufford



James Hafford

that he met and married Miss Catharine Creager, and shortly after their marriage they came to Kentucky, where for a few years Mr. Hufford worked at his trade. About 1811 they emigrated to Greene county, Ohio, where they lived until 1836, during which time Mr. Hufford continued at his trade, and it was here that his children—Cornelius, Jacob, Elizabeth, James, Levi, William, Isaac and Catharine—were born and brought up. In 1836 this ancestor came to Sandusky township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where he purchased, in Section 31, 200 acres of land, which was held in the family until about 1881. After his death, in 1851, the land was owned by his sons, Jacob and William. None of the children of this old pioneer are now living, the last one, James, having died in the spring of 1895. The descendants of the children of Jacob, the pioneer, are now, many of them, living in Sandusky county, and it is of one of them, William T. Hufford, and of his father, James, whose portraits are here given, that we now write.

JAMES HUFFORD, the third son of Jacob Hufford, was born November 23, 1812, in Greene county, Ohio, and came with his parents to Sandusky county, in 1836. Here he started in life for himself, his only endowments being good health and a determination to accomplish something in the world. In June, 1837, he was married to Miss Susan Arnold, of Greene county, and to them were born three children: George W., born in 1838, and died at Memphis, Tenn., during the Rebellion, a member of the Seventy-second Regiment, O. V. I.; Harriet A., who married William Slates; and Joseph M., born in 1845, and died in 1868. Mrs. Hufford was called from earth June 23, 1846, and was buried in Muskalonge Cemetery. On December 24, 1847, Mr. Hufford was married to Elizabeth Fisher, of Sandusky county. She was born in Perry county, Ohio, January 9, 1829, and came with her parents to Sandusky county when

eight years of age, where she has since lived. Mrs. Hufford is a daughter of William and Jane (Anderson) Fisher, the former of whom was born and married in Virginia, and to them were born five children, three of whom are now living: Mrs. Hufford, George Fisher and Mrs. Margaret Hummell; the father died in 1872, the mother in 1831. To Mr. Hufford by his second wife was born one child, William T. Hufford, whose sketch follows.

James Hufford was a highly esteemed citizen, and an affectionate husband and father. He was a very intimate friend of Dr. Wilson, president of the First National Bank, of Fremont, Ohio. By hard work and strict integrity he accumulated a handsome property, west of Fremont. At his death, which occurred March 31, 1895, he owned 277 acres of as fine land as can be found in Sandusky county. Mr. Hufford had all of his business settled, his will executed and his son, William, appointed executor of his estate. The property is to remain intact during the life of Mrs. Hufford, then descend to the children—William T., and his half sister.

WILLIAM T. HUFFORD was born September 26, 1851, in Sandusky township. He was educated in the high school at Fremont, Ohio, and was for seven years a teacher in the Sandusky county public schools. On December 25, 1873, Mr. Hufford was married to Miss Sarah J. Rideout, of Sandusky county. Since their marriage they have resided on the old homestead, on which, in 1894, Mr. Hufford erected one of the finest dwellings to be found in Sandusky county, either in the city or country, the plan of the house being designed by Mr. Hufford, himself. It is finished inside in oak, which Mr. Hufford took from his own timber lot. The style of the house, both inside and outside, is modern in every way; the sitting-room and parlor are provided with handsome grates and mantels. The house is heated from cellar to garret by a furnace, thus freeing the rooms from all dust and

litter attending the use of stoves. On entering the sitting-room from the porch one is brought in front of a fine piano, which instrument is played by Mrs. Hufford herself, while at either end of the piano stands a base viol, and on top of the piano lies a violin, which instruments are played by the two boys at home. The musical development of those who inhabit the house serves to make the modern architecture of the building more highly appreciated. Mr. Hufford, like his father, is a thorough business man, and highly respected by all who know him. His ability to give facts and dates connected with the lives of his ancestry is remarkable, thus showing that any subject that in any way engrosses his attention is thoroughly mastered.

To William T. Hufford and his wife have come three children: (1) Eugene L., born September 26, 1874, whose education was completed in Adrian College, Michigan; he was married April 3, 1894, to Estella Smith, of Sandusky county. (2) James F., born April 13, 1877, and (3) Ray V., born May 4, 1884. Mrs. Hufford, the estimable wife of our subject, was born December 25, 1853, in Sandusky county, where she received her education in the country schools. She has paid considerable attention to music, and it is from their mother that the children inherit their musical taste. Mrs. Hufford is the daughter of William and Mary Ann (Huggins) Rideout, the former of whom was born February 10, 1819, a carpenter by trade, though he followed farming as his principal occupation; he died April 6, 1892. His wife was born March 4, 1822. To them were born six children, Mrs. Hufford being next to the youngest, and the only daughter in the family; her brother, Lafayette, died at Fort Ethan Allen, Va., July 3, 1864 (he belonged to the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment, O. V. I.); another brother, Frank, lives in Ottawa, Ill., and two other brothers, Arthur and John, live in Tuscola, Illinois.

HIRAM P. DEYO, one of the prosperous and influential farmers of York township, Sandusky county, was born in Erie county, Ohio, December 31, 1845, son of John P. and Sarah A. (Foster) Deyo.

John P. Deyo, better known as "Dr. Deyo," for in his younger years he was an active practitioner of medicine, still survives at the ripe old age of ninety years, and is now a member of his son Hiram's household. He was born December 14, 1804, in Ulster county, N. Y., and when about nineteen years of age migrated to Ontario county in the same State. At Geneva he studied medicine under a preceptor, and began to practice. In the spring of 1833 he migrated to Ohio, making the journey on horseback. His parents, William and Elizabeth (Ketcham) Deyo, both of whom were born in New York, east of the Hudson river, also migrated to Ohio. William Deyo, the son of Henry Deyo, of Holland birth, was a carpenter and joiner by trade, and died in his pioneer home in Erie county, Ohio, at the age of sixty-five years. He had served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812. His wife, Elizabeth Ketcham, was of New England parentage. She lived to the age of eighty-six years. Dr. John P. Deyo settled in Huron county, four and one-half miles north of Bellevue, and was the pioneer physician in that locality, making his visits on horseback and carrying his medicines about with him in saddlebags. After his father's death he quit the active practice of his profession and settled on the old homestead in Erie county, which was part of the "Firelands," and which had been purchased before he moved to Ohio. He was married, April 4, 1836, to Sarah Foster, who was born in Erie county, N. Y., March 24, 1819. To Dr. and Mrs. Deyo were born the following children: Maria L., born in Erie county November 9, 1840, married to Henry Miller and living in Clyde; Allen H.,

born June 1, 1843, now a farmer near Sedalia, Mo.; Hiram P., subject of this sketch; Frank F., born December 2, 1847, living at Pekin, Ill.; B. W., born November 11, 1850, a resident of Clio, Mich.; Delavan J., born November 18, 1852, implement dealer at Sandusky city; William J., born April 29, 1855, died March 5, 1858; Fred W., born September 10, 1858, a salesman at Sandusky city; and two children, who died in infancy.

Hiram P. Deyo grew to manhood on the home farm in Erie county, attending the district schools and also taking a term or two at Milan. He was married, January 6, 1870, to Francis P. Thompson, who was born in Thompson township, Seneca Co., Ohio, November 5, 1845, daughter of William and Hannah (Holman) Thompson. William Thompson when a boy came from Pennsylvania with his parents, who settled in Thompson township, Seneca county. He died at the age of seventy-five years, in Erie county. Children as follows were born to William and Hannah Thompson: Sarah Ann, who married Theophilus Gardner, and is now deceased; Delia, wife of Charles Russell, of York township; Josiah, who lives on the old homestead; William H., of Thompson township, Seneca county, and Celesta M. wife of S. E. Bardwell, of Erie county.

Mr. Deyo has been a lifelong farmer, except for about eight months, when he was on the road as a Baltimore & Ohio express messenger. He came from Erie county to York township, Sandusky county, purchasing the excellent farm of eighty-seven acres which he now cultivates. Mr. Deyo affiliates with the People's party, and himself and wife are consistent members of the M. E. Church. They have one child, Miss Stella Deyo, a handsome and highly-accomplished young lady. She taught her first school at the age of fourteen years, and has since taken a thorough course of instruction in the

Musical Conservatory at Oberlin. She is now a teacher of vocal and instrumental music, and is one of the most popular belles in the social life of Sandusky county.

CHARLES HURLBUT. This young and enterprising agriculturist and oil speculator of Madison township, Sandusky county, was born February 28, 1867, son of E. A. and Christina (Blank) Hurlbut. He is a representative of prominent families of the community, being a nephew of Amos and Abraham Blank, leading farmers of Sandusky county.

When Charles was quite a young man his father went west, and he then lived with his uncle, Abraham Blank, who cared for him and his mother. His elementary education was obtained in the schools of Woodville township, Sandusky county, and for a short period he pursued his studies in Gibsonburg, afterward working on his uncle's farm until he had arrived at years of maturity. Having a desire to see the Western States, he started in 1888 for California, traveling through Colorado, Arizona, Texas and New Mexico, and at last reaching the Golden State. He visited many portions of California, spending some time in Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco and other points of interest, and upon the return trip he visited Kansas, remaining some months in that State.

On reaching Ohio again, he took up his residence upon his uncle's farm, which has been his home continuously since. Three years ago he entered into partnership with his uncles and other enterprising business men of the township in the formation of a company for oil speculation, of which he was made secretary and treasurer. This concern, which is a purely local one, is meeting with good success. Besides aiding in the operation of the large farm belonging to his uncle, Mr.

Hurlbut himself owns 140 acres of rich and arable land in another part of the township, which is now highly cultivated and on which he is making some extensive improvements.

On September 25, 1890, Mr. Hurlbut led to the marriage altar Miss Elsie R. Krotzer, a daughter of Ira W. Krotzer, a farmer of Madison township, Sandusky county. Two children bless this happy marriage—Ira W., born August 2, 1891, and Walter H., born July 15, 1893. Mr. Hurlbut is a very intelligent and enterprising young man, and, possessing good business tact and ability, has met with success in his undertakings. Within the past year he has erected a beautiful home, the finest in the neighborhood, which stands as a monument to his industry. He possesses a genial, affable disposition, is widely and favorably known throughout the county, and is popular with all. His business integrity is above question, and commands universal confidence and respect. Socially he is connected with Gibsonburg Lodge No. 687, I. O. O. F., and in politics he supports principles rather than party, and is a stalwart silverman.

GEORGE BOWE, son of George Bowe, Sr., and Catherine (Wegstein) Bowe, was born August 1, 1835, on the old homestead in Section 7, Scott township, Sandusky county, and where his brothers first saw the light.

In May, 1861, Mr. Bowe was united in marriage with Miss Mary Bordner, of Freeport, Ohio, and shortly after their marriage they settled in Section 18, Scott township, where they remained three years; about 1863 he built a house on his own farm and removed there. Sixty acres of his farm were heavily timbered at that time, which he has cleared and made of it one of the model farms of the township; later Mr. Bowe added to his first piece of land until he now has 210 acres.

In addition to his arduous work as a farmer he followed threshing for twenty-eight years, wearing out several machines and making money at the business. Like his brothers, Mr. Bowe entered into the oil business, and like them made several leases of his farm before one was made that resulted in any practical benefit. Finally, February 17, 1895, he leased his farm to the Sun Oil Company, for one-sixth of the oil produced. Four wells are now being operated, and a well is to be put in each sixty days until twelve wells are down. The wells now in operation produce about twelve barrels of oil per day, or six barrels each. The oil is pumped to Toledo through an oil pipe. While a well was being put down on his neighbor's land Mr. Bowe's barn accidentally took fire and was completely destroyed.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bowe have come children as follows: W. M., born February 25, 1862, resides on the old farm; he was married October 1, 1885, to Rosette Day, of Rising Sun, Ohio, and they have one child, Shurley, born October 20, 1889. Ellen Catherine, born June 19, 1864, is the wife of Wilbert Phillips. Charles Henry, born October 30, 1866, married Ellen Roush, of Rising Sun, Ohio. Fanny is Mrs. W. Day, of Rising Sun. Mary Elizabeth, born July 8, 1861, was a teacher in Sandusky county a few years before her marriage; she married J. H. Burnette, of Rising Sun. R. G., born May 1, 1873, was also a teacher for two years. Roscoe F. was born December 19, 1877. Verna L. was born February 11, 1880. Mrs. Bowe was born October 11, 1838, a daughter of Michael and Leah (Buchtel) Bordner. When she was only a young girl her mother died, and she was obliged to assist in the household duties for her father.

Michael Bordner was born February 28, 1812, in Pennsylvania, where he lived until he was fifteen years old. He then came to Stark county, Ohio, where, on

December 11, 1834, he married Miss Leah Buchtel, of that county. For eight years he worked at shoemaking, but during the latter part of his active life he followed agricultural pursuits. He is now living in Bradner, Wood county, at the age of eighty-three years, a pleasant and genial old gentleman. His wife died in 1859, and was buried in the Bradner Cemetery. To them were born children, the names and dates of birth being as follows: Henry, September 9, 1836, died in the Civil war; Mary, Mrs. Bowe; Lucy, January 25, 1841, died September 24, 1894; Calvin, April 30, 1843, who died July 28, 1862, in the army; Rachel, August 9, 1846; Ellen, September 14, 1848; Alfred, January 28, 1851; and Sarah, March 24, 1855. After the death of his first wife Mr. Bordner married Miss Polly Yohe, who is also deceased.

Peter Bordner, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Bowe, was born about the year 1766 in Pennsylvania, and died in 1816; his wife, Catherine (Cotheman), was born in 1770 and died in 1866. Mrs. Bowe's maternal grandfather, Henry Buchtel, was born about 1790 and died in 1875; his wife, Elizabeth Ayers, was born about 1791, and died in 1850. They had fifteen children—two sons and thirteen daughters.

George Bowe, Sr., father of the subject of this sketch, was born in France in 1802, came to America in 1832, settling in New York State, near Buffalo, where he remained three years, thence moving to Ohio, where in Scott township he entered 210 acres of land, one-half for his sister, and the balance for himself. In the winter of 1834-35 he married Catherine Wegstein, a daughter of Michael Wegstein, and born in Baden, Germany, 1813. To them were born ten children, three of whom died in infancy, the others being: George (our subject), Jacob, Frederick, Henry, Michael, Jr., David and Mary C.; Frederick and Mary C., died some time ago; the others are yet living. Mr. Bowe's

father was an old pioneer of Scott township. He owned at one time 600 acres of land, which he divided among his children, thus giving each a start in life, from which they have progressed and become well-to-do, highly esteemed by all who know them. His wife, the mother of our subject, died July 9, 1891, and was buried in the Bradner Cemetery.

Our subject's maternal grandfather, Michael Wegstein, was born about the year 1779 in Baden, Germany, where he was married. In 1832 he started for America, and during the voyage his wife died and was buried in mid-ocean. In his family there were six children, of whom only two are living; one son, Capt. Michael Wegstein, of Company H, Seventy-second Ohio Regiment, was killed at the battle of Shiloh.

J M. YEAGLE is of that type of citizenship most valuable to any community. That people is perhaps best governed that is least governed; but the withholding of governmental restraint is only possible when the people are in themselves sufficiently self-restrained. Mr. Yeagle has learned the value of attending strictly to his own business, and also of attending to it well. Denied the advantage of a higher education himself, he has made it a duty to give to his children that which he lacked.

Our subject was born in Sandusky county February 26, 1846, son of Michael and Sarah (Kreilick) Yeagle, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania in 1810, and died in December, 1893, a respected farmer of Sandusky county. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious faith a Lutheran. His wife, also a native of Pennsylvania, was born in 1813, and died at the age of sixty-five years. They had seven children, as follows: Mary, wife of John Faden, of Ottawa county; Jeremiah; Henry; Catherine, who married John Henrick; J. M., sub-

ject of this sketch; Sarah, who married Joseph Leiser, and Lavina, who married Israel Burkett. J. M. Yeagle grew up in the county of his birth, attending the schools of Rice township. In 1871 he married Miss Mary Flatz, who was born in Germany, May 30, 1848, and after his marriage he purchased and settled on a farm in Salem township, Ottawa county, where he remained about ten years. He then farmed for two years near Fremont, and in 1890 purchased his present farm of seventy acres in Green Creek township. Mr. and Mrs. Yeagle have six children: Cyrus, born October 15, 1871, who was married May 1, 1894, to Pheama Tuttle, and lives at Toledo; John, born December 28, 1872, a graduate of Green Spring Academy, and a student at Adelbert College, Cleveland; Irene, born April 7, 1875, a student at the Fremont schools; Charles, born April 20, 1876, also a student of Green Spring Academy; Michael, born July 1, 1878, attending the Clyde High School, and William, born January 26, 1881. Mr. Yeagle is a fruit and grain farmer. He has highly improved his productive acres, and last year he erected one of the best frame residences in Green Creek township. He is progressive in his views and well-to-do. His easy financial situation is due to his own industry and to the care and management which he has bestowed upon his property.

SAMUEL BOOR has pushed his way through the ranks of the many, and stands among the successful few, being numbered among the prosperous agriculturists of Scott township, Sandusky county. He is also one of the honored veterans of the Civil war, and a valued and progressive citizen.

Mr. Boor was born in Bedford county, Penn., August 27, 1835, and when a child came with his parents to Sandusky county, the father purchasing 160 acres

of land in Jackson township for \$500. This he cleared, making for himself and family a comfortable home in which he spent his remaining days. He, too, was a native of Bedford county, born in 1799, and was descended from Holland ancestry, while his wife, who was born in 1804, was of French-Irish lineage. They had a family of ten children, namely: Josiah, May E., Margaret, Jane C., W. C., Samuel, Annie, James, S. E., and F. M., eight of whom are now living. James entered the naval service during the Civil war, and died while defending his country. The maternal grandmother of our subject was born about 1766, and made the journey from the Keystone State to Ohio in a carriage, returning by the same conveyance.

Mr. Boor, whose name opens this review, remained on the home farm until twenty-two years of age, when he made a trip to Kansas, at the time of the great slavery agitation there; but there was too much danger and excitement connected with life in that State, and he removed elsewhere, spending a year in the West. He then returned to his old home in Sandusky county, and after the opening of hostilities joined the boys in blue of Company I, Seventy-second O. V. I. When his three-years' term expired he re-enlisted, continuing at the front until the close of the war. He was actively engaged in many battles, including Shiloh, Corinth, Jackson, Vicksburg, Nashville and Mobile, and at the first named received a bullet wound in the right leg, though he fought the remainder of the day. The succeeding day, however, he was unable to walk. He was a loyal, faithful soldier, in whom the Union cause found an able defender.

On the close of hostilities Mr. Boor returned to his home. On September 11, 1869, he married Miss Ellen Snyder, who was born in 1847, daughter of George N. and Mary (Harmon) Snyder, of Scott township, Sandusky county.

Her father is still living in Scott township, at the advanced age of eighty-seven. He was born March 6, 1808, in Pennsylvania, son of Philip and Elizabeth (Newman) Snyder, the former of whom was born in 1770. In an early day George N. Snyder came to Sandusky county, and he voted at the first election held in Scott township, more than fifty years ago, ranking among the honored pioneers. On April 14, 1834, he wedded Mary Harmon, and they had six children—one who died in infancy; Elizabeth; M. L.; Harvey; Mary Ellen, and Sarah. The mother of this family died, and on June 20, 1872, Mr. Snyder married Mrs. Alexander Houston, who was born December 14, 1825.

Upon their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Boor located upon the farm which has since been their home—originally a part of the farm owned by John Scott, in honor of whom the township was named. Our subject has seen the forest give way before the woodman's axe, the log cabin supplanted by the commodious dwelling and the ox-sled replaced by modern vehicles. He has aided in the general work of improvement and development, having his own farm under a high state of cultivation, good fences enclosing well-tilled fields, ample barns and out-buildings providing shelter for grain and stock, while a substantial residence, built in modern style of architecture and roofed with slate, is the pleasant home of the family. In addition to his extensive farming interests, Mr. Boor is largely engaged in buying and selling stock, frequently purchasing cattle in Chicago, which he fattens and ships to Buffalo. He has found this a profitable branch of his business. His career is that of a self-made man who has worked his way upward from a humble position to one of affluence, and he deserves great credit for his success in life.

Mr. and Mrs. Boor had five children, two of whom died in infancy: Mary

was born July 28, 1873; Jessie, born October 6, 1876, is successfully engaged in teaching in Sandusky county; J. C., born January 12, 1880, is at home. The family occupies an enviable position in social circles, and the Boor household is noted for its hospitality. Mr. Boor has served for several years as trustee of his township, and for two years was county commissioner of Sandusky county, discharging his duties with the same fidelity and conscientiousness which characterized his military career.

JACOB CRAMER, a farmer of Jackson township, Sandusky county, was born April 1, 1857, in the township where he now resides. His father, Conrad Cramer, was born November 10, 1811, and in 1841 married Catharine Miller, who was born April 1, 1818, daughter of Isaac Miller, of Alsace, Germany, a market gardener by occupation, whose other children were Barbara and Margaret. Our subject's grandparents lived and died in Hessen Cassel, Germany. His grandfather was a brewer by trade, and also owned and operated 100 acres of land in Germany.

Jacob Cramer was one of a family of five children: Conrad, born in 1844, who is a wholesale grocer of Toledo, Ohio, married Miss Hulda Swigart, and has two children—Frances and Roy; politically he is a Republican. Anna, born in 1846, married Henry Lance, a farmer of Riley township, and has two children—Frank and Myrtie; he is a member of the U. B. Church. Catharine, born in 1848, became the wife of John Hollinger, a dealer in agricultural implements, and a member of the firm of Hollinger & Palmer, of Fremont, Ohio; in politics he is a Democrat. Jacob is our subject. William, born in 1865, a farmer by occupation, married Miss Amanda Smith, of Jackson township, and their children are Walter,

Frank and Esther; he affiliates with the Democratic party, and is a member of the U. B. Church.

Jacob Cramer remained at home with his parents until his twenty-first year, working on the farm, and saving enough money to buy fifty-two acres of land in the spring of 1882. This he sold three years later and bought the forty-acre lot where he now resides for \$3,200; he has since that time bought forty acres more in Seneca county. His home farm is situated eleven miles west of Fremont, and two miles north of Kansas, Ohio. Mr. Cramer is a strong Prohibitionist, and in religious connection is a member of the U. B. Church, of which he is a liberal supporter. On December 1, 1881, he married Mary J. Humphrey, who was born December 24, 1860, a daughter of Isaac and Rebecca Humphrey (deceased). They have two children—Cora May, born August 21, 1883, and Clarence J., born November 14, 1886.

NELSON R. TUCKER, a prosperous farmer and extensive land-owner of Sandusky township, Sandusky county, was born April 16, 1823, in Jefferson county, N. Y. The great ancestor of this TUCKER family came from England to America before the Revolutionary war, and settled in Massachusetts. He was a farmer. One of his sons, Caleb Tucker, married Miss Kate Billins, at Shrewsbury, Mass, where he afterward carried on farming. Here, according to the custom of the times, he bought a colored man-servant to assist him in farming, and a colored female-servant to help his wife about the house-work. They treated these slaves kindly, finally giving them their liberty. Caleb Tucker afterward bought a farm near Johnstown, N. Y., where he reared a family of eleven children, namely: Nathaniel B., Melinda, Hiram, Caleb, Katie,

Parmelia, Henry, Harriet, Thomas, Jane and Ezekiel.

Nathaniel B. Tucker was born October 29, 1797, and on June 16, 1821, married Miss Mary Ann Ballard, daughter of Rufus and Martha (Swartwout) Ballard. Rufus Ballard was a son of Thomas Ballard, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, who lived in the Mohawk Valley, Montgomery county, N. Y., and was the owner of several slaves, who worked as farm hands. The children of Nathaniel B. and Mary Ann Tucker were: Nelson R., Mary, Henry and Phœba. In 1825 the family moved from Jefferson county, N. Y., to St. Lawrence county, N. Y., which was then a wilderness, and they at first had only one neighbor within a radius of eight miles. About the year 1835 they moved to Jefferson county, and in 1836 again located in St. Lawrence county. About the year 1838 Nathaniel Tucker took a prospective trip west, and traded his fifty acres in New York for eighty acres in Sandusky county, Ohio, whither the family moved in June, 1839, proceeding to Sackett's Harbor, where they took boat for Buffalo, thence to Cleveland, thence to Portland (now Sandusky City), and thence across the country to their destination near the mouth of Muskalonge creek, about five miles north of Lower Sandusky, now Fremont. They made the trip of 600 miles in seven days. Their money had dwindled down to \$27 in specie, which Mr. Tucker now paid out for a cow and a barrel of flour. He found work among some neighbors at fifty cents per day, and he once took an eight-days' job of "grubbing" for Mr. Thomas Holcomb for a pig that weighed sixty pounds. Being a shoemaker by trade, he soon found work among neighbors at cobbling, or "whipping the cat," as it was called. After working for Jeremiah Everett on a farm during the hot weather of July, Mr. Tucker and his son Nelson were taken ill with bilious fever, and the rest of the family also took sick, one after the other, with



W. R. Tucker



MRS. MIRANDA TUCKER.

the same malady, until there was not one left well enough to hand the rest a drink of water. Kind neighbors, however, came to look after them until those who were first sick began to recover. Their first family doctors were L. Q. Rawson and P. Beaugrand. By patient endurance of privations, self-denying sacrifices, untiring industry, and prudent management this pioneer family gradually improved their condition and rose to competence.

Nathaniel Tucker was a lithe, active man, of medium height, with blue eyes and a light complexion. He was of a social disposition, and in his younger days was an expert dancer. He and his wife became members of the M. E. Church in New York State, and after settling in Sandusky county united with the Church of the United Brethren in Christ at a revival meeting held by Rev. M. Long, in their neighborhood, in 1840. Religious services were held for many years in the Tucker schoolhouse, which was built on the Tucker farm. Mr. Tucker died at the home of his son, Nelson R. Tucker, July 15, 1884, at the age of eighty-seven years, eight months, seventeen days, and was buried in Brier Hill Cemetery, near his old farm. His venerable wife survives him to cheer their grandchildren by her acts of kindness and her stories of pioneer experiences. She was a member of the Pioneer and Historical Society of Sandusky County, and at the last picnic previous to her death took the annual "bouquet" given to the oldest lady pioneer present. She passed away September 19, 1892, at the age of ninety-one years, three months, nineteen days. She was buried beside her husband.

Nelson R. Tucker came to Sandusky county at the age of sixteen, and remained in his father's family until after he was married. Among his recollections of childhood days is a trip he once made, at the age of eight, to mill on horseback, five miles, with a sack of wheat, returning with the flour. On leaving home he

bought eighty acres of land in Washington township, but finding it too stony he sold it and bought in Sandusky township the site of his present home, where he now owns 240 acres of fertile land, which has been extensively tilled. He follows general farming and takes pride in raising the best crops of grain and grass, and the most profitable breeds of live stock. During the war of the Rebellion Mr. Tucker was a decided Union man. In his earlier years he was a Democrat until the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, when he joined the Republican party; subsequently he became a Greenbacker, and more recently has cast his influence with the Peoples party. He was the first organizer of the Farmers Alliance in Sandusky county, where he organized thirteen lodges, and he served as their lecturer. He is now one of the leading members of the Patrons of Industry of Sandusky county, and in all things that pertain to the advancement and progress of his neighborhood Mr. Tucker has ever been in the front rank. He has been in advance of his time, but on account of his enterprise and push he has succeeded in bringing the community to his standard. Through his efforts was brought about the construction of the Oak Harbor and Fremont pike, which was opposed at first and is now admired.

On March 16, 1843, Nelson R. Tucker married Miranda Burgoon, daughter of Peter Burgoon, one of the pioneers of Sandusky county. Their children were: Adelia M., born July 9, 1844, and died in infancy; Barrette, born October 26, 1845, and died when eleven months old; Martha Ann, born January 17, 1848, is unmarried, and lives on the old farm; Mary E., born November 26, 1851, married John C. Parish, now deceased, and had four children—Perry, Foster C., Boswell E., and Gouldie L.; Rachel T., born November 20, 1853, who married Peter Klinhaunce, and had children as follows—Nelson, Sadie, Rod-

ney and Bessie; Hattie, born January 14, 1855, who married Charles Baker, and has one child—Glenn; Nellie Ida, born November 24, 1857, who married R. R. Strubble, and has one child—Carl; Julia, born December 24, 1859, who married D. B. Hartmann, and their children are—Ralph, Rollo, Roswell, Roscoe and Mabel; Charles G., born March 7, 1861, who married Minnie E. Nowlan, December 6, 1883, and has had four children—Harry Lee, Elmer R., Mae E., and Ada; Lillie V., born January 14, 1865, who was married April 18, 1889, to G. W. Strang, and has two children—Ray and Paul; John P., born January 16, 1867, who married Fannie Hartman, and lives on the farm. Mr. Tucker was educated in the district school; he is a man of fine appearance and large physique, and an ardent member of the Peoples party. The mother of this large family passed to the home beyond February 3, 1895. Both Mr. and Mrs. Tucker were noted for their generosity, kindness and charity. They took great pleasure in lending a helping hand to everybody, and especially to people in times of need. They succeeded in instilling good principles in their children. And as they pass from this life the community where they have lived realizes that they have been benefited by their having lived in it.

SAMUEL FOSTER, one of the progressive and prosperous agriculturists of Washington township, Sandusky county, is a native of same, born in the village of Hessville, February 16, 1838, a son of John and Susan (Runkle) Foster.

The parents of our subject, well-to-do farming people, were both born in Perry county, Ohio, to which State the paternal ancestry came from Pennsylvania, and the maternal from the State of Virginia. In Washington township, Sandusky county, John Foster, father of Samuel, pur-

chased of the government 160 acres of timber land, and removed thither in 1832. This property he set to work to clear and improve, in course of time developing a fine farm. Here our subject's mother died in January, 1855, the father subsequently marrying Mrs. Catherine (Overmeyer) Foster, widow of his brother. John Foster was called from earth January 30, 1889, at the advanced age of eighty-one years, a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Lutheran Church. He was one of seven children, all of whom are now deceased. His second wife died September 30, 1888.

Samuel Foster, whose name introduces this sketch, is one of six children: Christian, a farmer of Wood county, Ohio; Samuel; Noah, a farmer of Washington township, Sandusky county; Emanuel, now a resident of East Toledo, Ohio; Lucinda (Mrs. Charles Dodd), deceased; and Sophia (deceased). Our subject remained at home up to the age of twenty-one years, being the mainstay of his father, and as a consequence his education was somewhat limited. On leaving home he first found employment for eight months on the farm of J. B. Mugg, in Townsend township, Sandusky county, then returning to the parental roof remained there during the winter months. In the following spring he moved to Van Wert county, this State, where he was employed some ten months, after which he again returned to Sandusky county and worked for his wife's parents (for he had in the meantime married) on their farm. For two years he farmed 320 acres of land on shares, and then bought eighty acres in Freedom township, Wood county, on which he resided some six months, at the end of that time purchasing the eighty-four acres in Washington township whereon he now has his home, having built a comfortable residence, besides commodious barns and outhouses.

On August 8, 1861, Mr. Foster was married to Miss Mary Humberger, daugh-

ter of Benjamin and Mary (Zartman) Humberger, and nine children were the result of this union, a brief record of them being as follows: Franklin A., born July 5, 1862, is now a farmer of Jackson township, Sandusky county; William H., born December 2, 1863, is a farmer near Four-Mile house, Sandusky county; Calista, born January 28, 1866, married Edward Snavley, of Jackson township, Sandusky county; Orpha A., born February 8, 1868, married H. D. Jennings, a farmer in Michigan; Elmer, born March 20, 1870, is a farmer in Scott township, Sandusky county; Wilmer, born March 20, 1870, is now in the oil business in Madison township, Sandusky county; Adelbert, born November 16, 1874, is in Madison township, in the oil business; Grace, born March 1, 1877, died July 27, 1887; Allen J., born December 5, 1881, lives at home. Mr. Foster in politics is a Democrat, is a member of the school board, and also serves as road superintendent; he is identified with the Reformed Church, and is a good, substantial, well-known and honored citizen of the township in which he lives.

HENRY HUGHES. Among the young men of Fremont who have worked their own way in the world, and by manliness, honesty and pluck achieved success, our subject takes an honorable place. He was born in Scott township, Sandusky county, December 16, 1866, son of Michael and Catharine (Conolly) Hughes.

Michael Hughes was a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, and came to America when eighteen years of age. He stopped in Philadelphia one summer, and then coming west located on a farm in Scott township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, in which township he still resides; he is now fifty years of age. His wife died April 2, 1892. They had ten children, two of whom died in childhood; the living are: Henry (our

subject), Mary, Ellen, Sarah, Lillie May, Michael, William and George. Mr. Hughes is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and in politics he is a Democrat.

Henry Hughes grew to manhood on a farm in Scott township, in the region of the Black Swamp, where he attended country schools until such time as he succeeded in perfecting himself so as to be able to secure a certificate for teaching. This he obtained in 1883, and at the age of seventeen taught the summer term of the Millersville school, and for six consecutive winter terms thereafter he was engaged for the same school. In the spring of 1888, at the age of twenty-one, he was elected assessor of Scott township, and was re-elected the following spring. In the fall of 1888 he began the study of a special course of surveying and civil engineering, at the Ohio Normal University, Ada, Ohio, graduating with honor. He located in Fremont in 1890, and has since remained here, engaging in surveying and civil engineering in Sandusky and adjoining counties.

On January 2, 1894, Mr. Hughes was married to Miss Mamie Quilter, an estimable and accomplished lady, who was born in Fremont, Ohio, daughter of Timothy M. and Mary (Reardon) Quilter, natives of Ireland. Her father is a retired grocer of Fremont, Ohio. A son, Henry Melvin Hughes, has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, born January 25, 1895. Mr. Hughes was elected surveyor of Sandusky county in the fall of 1894, and in the spring of 1895 was chosen city civil engineer of the city of Fremont.

SOLOMON HUMBERGER has spent his entire life in the locality which is still his home, Washington township, Sandusky county, having been born there October 19, 1840.

He is a son of Benjamin and Mary (Zartman) Humberger, who were reared

in Perry county, Ohio. The paternal grandparents were residents of Lancaster county, Penn., and the maternal grandparents also lived in the Keystone State. The respective families came to Ohio when the Indians were more numerous than the white settlers, and were honored pioneers, actively identified with the up-building and development of the community in which they located. The father of our subject was born April 22, 1809, son of Peter and Mary (Snyder) Humberger, and the mother was born February 19, 1813, daughter of Jonathan and Barbara (Anspaugh) Zartman. Their marriage was celebrated in Perry county, Ohio, and in 1834 they took up their residence in Washington township, Sandusky county, where the father entered 160 acres of wild government land, the deed for which, signed by Andrew Jackson, then President of the United States, is still in the possession of our subject. This is the old homestead which is still owned by Solomon Humberger, and which the father made his place of residence until his death, February 25, 1864. His wife survived him a little over one year, passing away July 26, 1865. The family of this worthy couple numbered ten children, as follows: Melinda, widow of David Hendricks, resides in Missouri, and has ten children; Margaret died at the age of fourteen years; Levina is the wife of Barnhart Faust, of Michigan, and has ten children; Mary is the wife of Samuel Foster, a resident farmer of Washington township (Mrs. Foster having part of the old homestead), and has nine children; Lucinda became the wife of E. F. Whitney, and died leaving four children: Samuel, Isabella, Elizabeth and Barbara, all of whom died in childhood; Solomon is the subject proper of these lines.

Solomon Humberger has passed all his life on the homestead, with the exception of about eight weeks, when away on a visit. He early became familiar with farm work in its various departments,

and is now a thorough-going agriculturist, successfully managing his business interests and having thereby secured a comfortable competence. Upon his father's death he bought out the interests of the other heirs in the old home place, and is now sole owner; in 1890 he erected his present commodious and substantial residence. In the same year he leased his land to the Standard Oil Company, and they have sunk six wells, each of which produces at present twelve barrels of oil daily.

On March 22, 1866, Mr. Humberger wedded Miss Hetty A. Burkett, daughter of Leonard and Fannie (Cotzmeyer) Burkett. Nine children blessed this union: David, born January 6, 1867, who resides in Lindsey; Cora Ellen, born February 8, 1868, wife of Samuel Kretzer, who is in the oil business in Washington township, Sandusky county; Ira, born June 14, 1870; Orva Allen, born October 17, 1873; William F., born October 26, 1874; Rosa, born July 31, 1876, wife of Charles Waggoner; Benjamin L., born July 18, 1879; George W., born September 13, 1880, and Cornelia L., born July 26, 1884. Since attaining his majority Mr. Humberger has been identified with the Democratic party, and has been honored with several local offices, having served as school director and road supervisor, and for nine years filled the position of trustee, his long-continued service well indicating his fidelity to duty and the confidence reposed in him—a confidence that has never been betrayed.

DOMINICK SMITH is a worthy representative agriculturist of Sandusky county, and at the same time a representative of its early pioneers. He was born in Wittenberg, Germany, July 10, 1830, son of Bernhard and Theresa (Krimm) Smith, and there received a liberal education in the German language.

In 1854 Mr. Smith came to America, and wending his way to what is now Fremont, Sandusky Co., Ohio, arrived there about the time of the construction of the Lake Erie & Western railroad. It was in the construction of this railway that Mr. Smith did his first day's work in Ohio, arranging with the contractor for permanent employment. At the end of the first month of Mr. Smith's hard labor in this capacity the contractor had left the county, and our subject, as well as the other laborers, received no remuneration. Penniless and in debt for his board, Mr. Smith made his way to the neighborhood in which he now resides, and engaged to work for a Mr. John Rearick during the winter for his board. In the spring work opened on the old jail at Fremont and also in the stone quarry, and here our subject found employment and learned the trade of stone-cutting, which he followed for about ten years.

During this time Mr. Smith had become a warm friend of the Rearick family, especially the daughter, Barbara, with whom he was united in marriage June 10, 1857. Mr. Smith and his estimable wife, by hard labor and economy, secured a fine home in Sandusky township, four miles west of Fremont, where Mrs. Smith departed this life on December 20, 1891, aged sixty-six years, five months and ten days. She was an affectionate wife, a kind and loving mother, and a lady highly esteemed in the community. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith came two sons, of whom Charles L., born November 22, 1859, was married December 25, 1888, to Miss Emma Hiatt, and is now on the old homestead, caring for his father in his declining years. He is a highly respected citizen and one of the progressive agriculturists of his time. He has one child, a son, Ralph W. John Smith, born April 3, 1861, received his early literary training in the Fremont High School under Prof. W. W. Ross, and completed his education at Kenyon College, of which

institution he is a graduate. Since finishing his college course Mr. Smith has been engaged in the teacher's profession, in which he is eminently successful. For nearly three years he was principal of the high school of Napoleon, Ohio, and for the past six or seven years has held a similar position at Findlay, Ohio. Prof. Smith is also clerk of the board of examiners at Findlay, in which capacity he is making his natural adaptability to his profession felt in the furtherance of modern educational ideas. On September 2, 1886, he was married to Miss Addie Miller, and to their union has been born one son, Walter.

Bernhardt Smith, the father of our subject, was born in Germany in 1801, was a farmer by occupation and for four years an officer in the German army. He married Theresa Krimm, also a native of Germany, and to them were born the following named children: Dominick, Amos, John, Bernhardt, Philip, Francis, Sardis, Theresa, Amelia, and Edith. Dominick Smith is a Republican in politics, is an active member of the M. E. Church, as was also his wife, and the entire family are noted in the neighborhood in which they live for intellectuality and respectability. Mr. Smith came to America penniless, but by honest industry and strict integrity he has accumulated a nice property and gained the confidence of all who know him. His success is meritorious, and in language stronger than pen can express shows the true make-up of the man.

JOHAN DYMOND, who, as a soldier on the Union side in the war of the Rebellion, was one of the "boys of '61," is well and favorably known in Green Creek and other neighboring townships, as well as in York township, Sandusky county, which is at present his home. He is a son of William Dymond, and was born in Devonshire, England, December 25, 1842.

William Dymond was born in Devonshire, England, in 1807. He worked at his trade, which was that of a mason, both before and after coming to America. In 1851 he crossed the stormy Atlantic and cast his fortunes in this "land of the free," which his son John showed by his courageous deeds a few years later is the "home of the brave." He first located at Bellevue, Huron county, his family coming one year later. Being of a roving disposition, he went to Illinois in 1854, locating in Rockford, where he remained but one year, returning to Bellevue, preferring to live among the peaceful settlers of Ohio rather than in the crude Western society of nearly forty years ago.

In his boyhood John Dymond received a common-school education, and he was but little past nineteen when, on August 16, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, Fortyninth O. V. I. After serving for thirteen months, during which time he was in the battles of Mumfordsville, December 17, 1861, and Shiloh, April 7, 1862, at which latter place half of his knife was shot out of his pocket. He was discharged for disability, and on recovering his health he re-enlisted, August 17, 1863, in Company B, First Ohio Volunteer Heavy Artillery. He served until the close of the war, and was mustered out July 25, 1865. In the fall of 1867 John Dymond was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Cupp, who was born in York township January 31, 1849, and they had six children, four of whom are now living, namely: William E., an employe of the Nickel Plate road at Colby, Sandusky county; John V., who is at home; Ada M., wife of Frank Tea, of York township; and Essy M., at present living with her grandparents in Kansas. After his marriage Mr. Dymond farmed in York township for several years, and then in February, 1878, moved to Kansas, where the death of Mrs. Dymond occurred in September of that year. Later the bereaved family returned to Ohio.

On May 4, 1880, John Dymond was

again married, this time to Mrs. Sophia Douglas, and they have had four children, as follows: Edward C., born April 26, 1881; Louis H., August 30, 1882; Ezra E., June 27, 1884, and Mary E., February 23, 1888. Mrs. Dymond is a daughter of Daniel and Ruth Jones, and was born August 16, 1847, her maiden name being Sophia Jones. Mr. Jones is now eighty-two years old, and is living with his daughter, Mrs. Jones being dead. Sophia Jones was united in marriage with William Douglas on March 28, 1867, and their children were: Emma T., wife of William Lawrey, of Green Creek township; Lottie R., wife of William Spitler, of Tiffin, Seneca county; and Alvin and Celia at home. Mr. Douglas died January 2, 1877, and in 1880 his widow married Mr. Dymond.

Mr. Dymond cast his first vote for Lincoln, then he embraced Democratic principles, and for years cast his ballot for the candidates he preferred, and expounded Jeffersonian doctrines; but within the past few years he, like many others, has lost faith in the old parties, and joined the party of radical reform, the People's party. Mr. and Mrs. Dymond are both members of the conservative wing of the United Brethren Church.

SILAS M. TEACHOUT, a well-known resident of Benton township, Ottawa county, where since 1891 he has been engaged in the insurance business, was born in Lorain county, Ohio, June 23, 1831, son of James and Eliza (Haywood) Teachout.

The grandfather of our subject was a native of Scotland. His father, James Teachout, a minister of the Gospel, was born about 1780, and the mother in 1800, both in New York State. The father had, by long illness, become somewhat unbalanced mentally, and on hearing that his son was very sick he left the house and was afterward found on the beach of Lake

Erie; it is supposed the news of his son's severe illness so overcame him that probably he accidentally fell into the lake. The mother died in 1836. The father's health being poor at the time of the mother's death, it became necessary for him to break up housekeeping, and put the children out. Mr. Teachout, our subject, being next to the youngest child, was thus at the age of five years put out among strangers to find a home. His advantages for an education were very limited, it being necessary for him to work early in life. However, he was determined to secure a liberal education, to acquire which he worked by the month on farms during the summer to clothe himself, and in winter worked for his board in order that he might attend the district school. "Where there's a will there's a way."

At the age of eighteen he went into the "Weedle Hotel," in Cleveland, remaining there one year, and then for six months worked in the "Forest City House," also in Cleveland, going thence to Buffalo, where he was employed in a restaurant a few months. He then shipped on a steamer running between Chicago and Buffalo, on which he spent the season, and, later, was porter in the "Lake House," at Sandusky about a year. Thence removing to Columbus, he continued the same line of business some three years, or until 1856, in the "Neal House," when he again commenced farming. After working by the month for two summers, he rented a farm which he worked two years.

In 1863 Mr. Teachout enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Twenty-third O. V. I., and served until the end of the war, participating in the battles of Newmarket, Mount Crawford, Lynchburg and Cedar Creek, and in other engagements. He was also in hospital five months. On the retreat from the battle at Lynchburg, two hundred miles, he with the remainder of his company was without rations for

four days, the only nourishment being coffee; when the provision wagon came the soldiers did not stop to cook their meat, but eat it raw along with their hard-tack. After his honorable discharge, May 13, 1865, Mr. Teachout returned to Ohio, and in Sandusky opened a restaurant, which at the end of one year he sold out, moving to Oak Harbor, Ottawa county, where for some time he was employed in getting out axe-helve timber. In the spring of 1867 the whole family were taken sick with fever and ague, which made it impossible for them to do anything for nearly a year, and when able to renew work Mr. Teachout found employment in the sawmill of Doolittle & Co., with whom he remained until 1868, when he engaged in the manufacture of flat barrel hoops. This business he carried on some fifteen years, in 1883 building a shop of his own; but in 1891, the timber having become very scarce, he abandoned the business and commenced handling insurance (fire and tornado), in which line he has since continued with gratifying success.

On May 15, 1853, Mr. Teachout was married to Miss Julia McAul, of Sandusky, Ohio, and to their union came two children: Mary Ann, born March 18, 1854, died May 10, 1854, and Albert, born July 8, 1858. On May 14, 1860, the mother of these died, her malady being consumption of the bowels, and is buried in Sandusky city. After her death Mr. Teachout continued to work on farms for two years, and in the meantime, on June 22, 1861, he was wedded to Miss Sarah McNamara, of Cleveland, Ohio. By this marriage there were nine children, six of whom are living, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Cornelius Walter, October 18, 1862; Delia May, February 16, 1866; Silas William, June 4, 1868; Lillie Maud, May 3, 1873; Myron W., April 2, 1876, and Harvey S., February 14, 1878. On July 17, 1881, Mr. Teachout's second wife died, and Sep-

tember 30, same year, her eldest daughter passed away; they were buried in Benton township cemetery. On October 28, 1884, Mr. Teachout wedded, for his third spouse, Miss Elizabeth Gilbert, of England. This union has been blessed by one child. Mr. Teachout is therefore the father of twelve children, eight of whom are living. His eldest son, Albert, has, during the past ten years, been engaged in the barrel stave business in Lucas county, Ohio. Another son, Myron W., now nineteen years of age, is one of the promising teachers of Ottawa county. He is full of perseverance and determination to make a success of anything he undertakes. He has the pleasant faculty of winning friends wherever he goes, and has the good-will and love of all his pupils, without which no teacher can expect success.

On February 25, 1877, Silas M. Teachout became a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Graytown, Ottawa Co., Ohio; on September 11, 1877, he was chosen and ordained ruling elder of that Church, since which time he has been a consistent Christian, and a large share of the time he has been a faithful worker for Christ in the Sabbath-school and other Christian work.

J MARION HAWK. Most soldiers of the great Civil war look back upon their army experiences with fond memories. There were thrilling adventures, imminent dangers, deeds of heroism, hair-breadth escapes, that rise in their recollections like living pictures, and too often, to look on the other side, scenes of sadness and distressing death. It is doubtful if there is in Sandusky county a surviving soldier of the war whose career during the momentous struggle was more thrilling than that of J. Marion Hawk, now a leading farmer and citizen of Green Creek, his native township.

He was born March 31, 1845, and is

the son of Joseph and Sarah (Tillotson) Hawk, the former of whom was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, in 1814. His father, Conrad Hawk, a native of Pennsylvania, was an early pioneer of Pickaway county, later, about 1824, settling with his family in Green Creek township, Sandusky county. Joseph was about ten years old when he came to Green Creek township, and he was a lifelong citizen there, dying in 1889. He was twice married, first time to Sarah Jane Tillotson, by whom he had four children: William, who died in Michigan; Maria, who married Joseph King, and died in Green Creek township; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Baker, of Green Creek township; and J. Marion, subject of this sketch. The second wife of Joseph Hawk was Martha Harris, by whom he had the following eight children: Sarah, wife of H. G. Gibbons, of Clyde; Alva; Mary, wife of B. Snyder, of Fremont; Charles and Ida (twins), the former a resident of Oregon, the latter the wife of S. Sherwood, of Fremont; Byron; Anna, wife of Cyrus Harnden, of Clyde; and Etta, wife of Cyrus Kessler, of Cleveland. The mother of this family is still living.

J. Marion Hawk, usually known as Marion, was reared on the farm, and during his boyhood attended the district schools. He was barely sixteen when Fort Sumter was fired upon, and between impetuous patriotism for his country's flag, and the love of excitement, he was eager to enlist, but his father frowned upon his wishes. Yielding to his impulses, in the fall of 1861, Marion ran away from home and enlisted in Company D, of the gallant Third Cavalry Volunteers. He remained with the regiment for three years and nine months, during which long period the history of the regiment was his history. It was in constant and perilous service throughout Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia. While on his way home in the fall of 1864 he and a number of comrades were taken prisoners at Columbia, Tenn.



J. M. Hawk

They were escorted to a prison at Cahaba, Ala., and thence were transferred to the stockade at Macon, Ga., where they remained two months. While here he, with a few companions, attempted an escape. They had tunneled over 100 feet, and were almost ready to escape, when a Confederate officer noticed the string attached to a small pan used in drawing out the dirt, and pulled. The prisoner in the tunnel, thinking it was a companion, cried out: "No, wait; it is not full yet." "You had better come out," drawled the officer, and the countenance of the grimy tunneler fell when he emerged and beheld the grey coat. All the work had been in vain.

When removed from the Macon stockade to a train, Mr. Hawk and several others felt that the dreaded Andersonville was their destination, so eight of them resolved to escape. They were in a stock car, near the front end of the train, and surrounded by three guards, but knocking down the guards they jumped from the swiftly moving train. A Rebel guard on a following car aimed his musket at Mr. Hawk, but, noticing the gray jacket which he wore, and which he had traded for as a protection in a possible emergency like this, the guard refrained from shooting. The train passed by and the eight prisoners made the best of their newly-found liberty. They tramped through tangled swamp and mire until nearly sunset, when the ominous blast of a horn told them that the Southerners were in pursuit. They separated, five starting one way, three another. Mr. Hawk and his two companions reached the edge of a swamp. Beyond, the water was deep, and the baying of the bloodhounds grew louder. Recapture was certain, and to climb trees was the only means of safety against the dogs. The two companions climbed trees upon the dry land, but Mr. Hawk, to give the "Johnnies" all the trouble possible, waded a long distance into the swamp, till it was waist deep, then climbed a tree

himself. This was February 2, 1865, and the weather was raw and chilly. He heard the "Rebs" arrive, and take away the two companions. After dark he descended, waded ashore and tramped on alone quite a distance, when a light appeared. Approaching, for he was hungry and tired, and ready to meet any human being, he found on investigation that the light was in a negro shanty. Gaining admission, he was asked if he was one of the escaped Yankees whom the Confederates were pursuing with bloodhounds, and he admitted that he was. The colored man fed him, and assured him that if he would take dirt from a grave and rub it on his feet and clothes the scent of the bloodhounds would be destroyed. They urged him to take the precaution, and two darkeys procured some of the magic mold. Though skeptical, he tried the charm, and somewhat refreshed continued on his weary journey northward all that night, and until three o'clock the next day, when the baying of hounds and the blast of horns informed him that relentless pursuers were on his track. He was then in an open, rolling country, and knew that further flight was useless. Selecting a scrub oak, large enough to bear his weight and keep him beyond the fangs of the hounds, he climbed the tree and awaited the inevitable. Soon the bloodhounds were leaping, and howling, and gnawing at the base of the tree. Their howls were hideous and deafening. Three elderly men appeared on horseback and requested him to descend. He complied, whereupon the dogs became uncontrollable and Mr. Hawk quickly regained his lofty perch. The old gentlemen finally silenced the hounds, and the escaped prisoner frankly admitted his identity. Upon the return journey he was permitted to ride each of two horses alternately, but not the third, which was a superior animal, and Mr. Hawk thus lost an opportunity to make another break for liberty,

for he had resolved to risk the shotguns of the old men if once mounted on the fast horse. But though each of the three old gentlemen walked alternately they kept the best horse to themselves. Stopping at night at a farmhouse, Mr. Hawk was left without a guard; but the bloodhounds, let loose outside, deterred him from attempting to escape.

Mr. Hawk was forthwith sent to Andersonville, and there met his seven late companions, all of whom had preceded him. He saw the notorious Capt. Wirz, and was imprisoned there about two months. Luckily Mr. Hawk did not fare so badly as many of his compatriots. He and four other prisoners had a tent and kept a peanut stand; also bought corn meal from the Rebel guards and sold it to the prisoners. At the end of two months he had \$6 in greenbacks and about \$600 in Confederate money. Prisoners were being exchanged every few days, and the Rebel officials were compelling the prisoners to pay for the privilege of being placed on the exchange list. By giving up all their money and other effects Mr. Hawk and his companions finally got out. They were placed on a cattle car and sent to Vicksburg, where they were exchanged. Here, with about twenty-two hundred other passengers, mostly Union soldiers, but including a few Confederates and a few women, he boarded the ill-fated "Sultana." The history of that steamer is well known. It blew up about eight miles above Memphis, April 27, 1865, and over seventeen hundred passengers were lost. Mr. Hawk was on top of the boat near the pilot house when the explosion occurred. Putting on his clothes he rolled up his blankets, and looking around for some means of escape he saw a stateroom door lying loose, and took possession. The scene was horrible beyond description. There were mangled dead and dying lying about, and hundreds were wailing, who must choose between a death by fire or water. Watching his oppor-

tunity Mr. Hawk shoved off with his door. He swam bravely for a while, but was seized with cramps in his legs, and got badly tangled in the vines and debris of the river drift. Finally reaching shore he made his way northward, and was honorably discharged from service May 15, 1865.

He returned to his father's farm, and was married, in 1870, to Miss Mary A. Bower, who was born in Sandusky City March 21, 1850. Her parents were natives of Baden, Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Hawk have three children: Franklin M., born August 6, 1873; Irma G., born August 10, 1876; and Ruth E., born June 7, 1885. Mr. Hawk owns 104 acres of good land, and is decidedly one of the best farmers in his township. He is tall of stature, well informed, and socially, a leader. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a prominent member and now chancellor commander of the K. of P., and is also past colonel of the U. V. U.

A J. CASTLE, one of the substantial farmers of York township, Sandusky county, has won admiration by his sure and steady rise to comfort, possesses unquestioned integrity, and has acquired a modest competency by his own unaided efforts. He was born in Erie county December 26, 1841, a son of John and Rhoda (McGill) Castle.

John Castle, the father, was born in Lycoming county, Penn., in 1800, son of David Castle, of Scotch-Irish extraction. When a young man John Castle migrated to Groton township, Erie county. Here he married Rhoda McGill, who was born in Groton township in 1813, of New England parentage. John Castle in 1852 removed to Thompson township, Seneca county, and four years later he came to York township, Sandusky county, where he lived until his death in 1867. He was a man of tall stature and hardy constitu-

tion, and had been sick less than two days when he died. He threshed the day he became ill and died during the following night. In politics John Castle was a Republican. In early life he was a member of the M. E. Church, but later he became connected with the U. B. Society near his home. His wife survived until 1881.

A. J. Castle, the subject of this sketch, remained with his father, attending the common schools, until he was eighteen. He then began farm work by the month until August 22, 1862, when he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-third O. V. I. The regiment was assigned to the Eighth Corps in West Virginia, and served three years. Mr. Castle participated in the battles of Winchester (Va.), Newmarket, Piedmont, Lynchburg, Snicker's Ford, Berryville, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, High Bridge and others. He saw Gen. Sheridan on his famous ride to Winchester, Va.; was mustered out in June, 1865, returned home and resumed farming, working also in a sawmill. Including his military service, Mr. Castle worked for sixteen years for monthly wages.

In 1880 he was married to Miss Alice Moyer, who was born in Sandusky county October 14, 1856, daughter of Samuel and Eve (Kline) Moyer, both natives of Union county, Penn. The father, who was of German ancestry, was born in 1804, the mother in 1810. They married in Pennsylvania, and about 1853 migrated to York township, Sandusky county. Later Samuel Moyer removed to Michigan, where he died in 1876; his wife after lived in Kansas, whence she returned in May, 1895; a few weeks later she was stricken with paralysis, and died at the home of Albert Streeter August 2, 1895. To Mr. and Mrs. Castle four children have been born: Mabel, Carmi, John and Rhoda. After his marriage Mr. Castle rented a farm and continued to till the land of others until three years ago, when

he purchased a fertile farm of forty-three acres. He is engaged in general farming and in raising vegetables, especially cabbages. In politics he is a Republican. His wife is a member of the U. B. Church. Mr. Castle was in 1894 elected trustee of the township. He has many friends, and bears the reputation of being an unusually successful farmer.

GEORGE WALTERS, a prominent and substantial farmer of Woodville township, Sandusky county, is a native of that county, born February 3, 1855, and is a son of Louis and Anne (Hinnes) Walters.

Louis Walters was born in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1809, received his education in his native town, and engaged in farming. When but a young man he came to the United States, locating first in Virginia, where he drove teams for a livelihood. In Wheeling, Va., on February 12, 1834, Louis Walters married Anne Hinnes, who was born in Hanover, Germany, and they had the following children: Rosina, born in February, 1836, wife of Edward Switzkeble, a farmer of Michigan; John, born in 1838, and died in Libby prison during the Civil war; Louis, born in 1840, now a farmer in Michigan; Peter, born in 1842, who also resides in Michigan; Rebecca, born in 1844, wife of Henry Clockems, of Michigan; Wesley, born February 14, 1853, and burned to death in the fire on the homestead, in 1894; David, a farmer; George, the subject of this sketch; and Mary, born August 11, 1858, now the wife of Albert Windler, a farmer of Ohio.

Louis Walters remained in Virginia three years, and after his marriage came to Sandusky county, Ohio, where he bought eighty acres of land, all in timber, and inhabited by wolves, deer, and other denizens of the forest. Having

built a log cabin for himself and family, when there were only two other settlers in the neighborhood, he went to work with a stout and willing heart to make a farm from the wilderness. The trees soon gave way before the axe in the hands of the hardy woodman, and the stumps and gnarled and interlacing roots of the forest monarchs were supplanted in a short time by stalks of corn and waving fields of wheat. While the summer sun was still high in the heavens he garnered the golden grain, and when the leaves took on the brilliant hues of the declining year he threshed out, with swinging flail, the myriads of kernels, the bounty of the harvest. And this he bore for many miles, on bended back, with toiling feet, to the mill that ground for those who brought, and then returned, while autumn winds sighed through the woodland, sometimes when wintry blasts blew keen and chill. And thus bread was provided for himself and family. Many were the hardships he endured while laboring to make a farm and home for his family. There were no roads or ditches, and he often had to wade through the water that stood in places on his land. But from year to year the good work was continued, with ever-increasing facilities, until the eighty acres were cleared, and most of the superfluous water drained off with suitable ditching. He erected a good dwelling house, built a barn and outhouses, planted a fine orchard and made various other improvements, eventually finding himself the possessor of one of the finest and best cultivated farms in the township of Woodville. Mr. Walters was a staunch Republican, and always took a deep interest in the political affairs and school matters of the township. He died on the homestead in July, 1893, at the ripe age of eighty-four years, lamented by a large circle of friends, and by his sorrowing wife and family. His widow, who is still living, resides

with her son David, who is caring for her in her old age.

George Walters attended school in Woodville township, worked with his brothers on his father's farm, helped to clear the homestead, ditch the land, plant the orchard, and in the general routine of daily toil. His father divided the farm between him and one of his brothers, and he attended to its cultivation and built a very fine dwelling house. In 1894 this was destroyed by a fire, in which he lost all his household effects, and, saddest of all, his brother was burned to death. The property lost was valued at over \$3,000, but there was an insurance of \$2,000. Mr. Walters is now constructing a fine dwelling house on the ruins of his old home, at a cost of \$2,400, and when completed it will be one of the finest in the township.

On December 29, 1882, George Walters was united in marriage with Helen Nuhfer, daughter of Anthony Nuhfer, and they have had two children: Frank, born September 29, 1883; and Carroll, born February 27, 1891. Mr. Walters has two oil wells on his farm, which is one of the best cultivated in the neighborhood. He is an industrious, hard-working man, an enterprising citizen, is much respected, and has many friends.

JOSEPH JORDAN is highly respected as one of the most industrious and prosperous citizens of York township, Sandusky county. It is the theory of Mr. Jordan that if each member of society will carefully attend to his own affairs, the great body politic will fare well. He thinks that human character in the main is sound and honest, and therefore does not need officious inspection. Acting on this opinion and belief he has assiduously applied himself to the work that lay before him, and the results have been gratifying to himself and

a source of commendation for his many friends.

Mr. Jordan was born in Thompson township, Seneca county, in September, 1835, son of Adam and Sophia Jordan. Adam Jordan was born in Union county, Penn., in 1807, and his father, who was of French ancestry, was a native of the same county. The grandfather lived to the age of only forty, but the grandmother attained the ripe old age of ninety-seven years. About 1836 Adam Jordan migrated with his family from Pennsylvania to Thompson township, Seneca county, and later he came to York township, Sandusky county; he was a member of the Lutheran Church, and died in 1862. His wife, who was born in 1817, lived until 1869. Their children were as follows: Sarah, wife of U. Weaver, of Lucas county; Martin, also of Lucas county; Lucy (now the widow of John McCauley), of Bellevue; Joseph, subject of this sketch; Mary Ann, unmarried, living on the old homestead; George W., who also lives on the old homestead; Hannah, a maiden lady; James, of Bellevue; and John, who died aged twenty-six years.

Joseph Jordan grew up in York township, and in his youth worked on the home farm. He also thoroughly learned the trade of brick burning, and followed that occupation some eighteen or twenty years in Sandusky county, part of the time at Fremont. Mr. Jordan is in a great measure self-educated. In 1858 he was married at the age of twenty-three years to Miss Hannah Gamby, who was born in Huron county in 1836, and six children have been born to them: Adam, Samuel, Alice, Clara, Minerva and Irvin. Of these, Adam married Susan Spriggs, and lives on an adjoining farm (he has one child—Carmi); Samuel died at the age of twenty-seven years; Alice is also deceased; Clara is the wife of George Parker; Minerva is at home; Irvin is married to Miss Gertrude Diment. Mr. Jordan after his

marriage lived for a time in Green Creek township, then purchased his present farm of 104 acres in York township, and has lived there twenty-one years. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and in local politics he votes rather for the man than for the party.

ANDREW PFEIFER, a prominent farmer of Green Creek township, Sandusky county, was born in Hesse, Germany, December 11, 1856, a grandson of Andrew Pfeifer, and son of Conrad Pfeifer and Elizabeth (Simon) Pfeifer. Conrad Pfeifer was born in Hesse, and was by occupation a railroad man. He was killed by accident, at his employment, at about the age of fifty. Mrs. Elizabeth (Simon) Pfeifer was born in the same locality, and died in Germany at the age of sixty. She was the mother of six children: Adam, who now lives in Germany, and is a railroad man; Henry, a farmer in Fulton county, Ohio; Catharine, who married Fred Schaffer, and now resides in Huron county, near Norwalk; Andrew, the subject proper of this sketch; and Elizabeth and Conrad (twins), the latter of whom was drowned when thirteen years of age.

Andrew Pfeifer came to America at about fifteen years of age, landing at New York City, whence he proceeded directly to Sandusky City, Ohio, where he found employment as a laborer on a farm, at which he continued six years. Having judiciously saved his earnings, he rented a farm, purchased the necessary equipments, and commenced doing business for himself. He farmed in Erie county about nine years. In 1881 he married Miss Katie Strack, who was born in Germany January 6, 1853, a daughter of Philip Jacob and Marguerite (Gross) Strack, the former of whom was a laborer in Germany, and died at the age of sixty-eight; the latter, now eighty years of

age, resides at Sandusky City. Six of their children grew to maturity: Philip, who lives at Sandusky City; a daughter who married William Gross, of Bellevue; William, living in Sandusky City; Christian, of the same place; Margaret, who married a Mr. Wise, and lives in Bellevue; and Katie, wife of our subject.

The names and dates of birth of the children born to Andrew and Katie Pfeifer are as follows: Katie M., October 21, 1883; Henry E., May 9, 1885; Frederick A., April 6, 1887; George A., December 15, 1888; Charles A., April 14, 1891; and William J., March 29, 1894. The two eldest were born in Oxford township, Erie Co., Ohio, the others in Green Creek township, Sandusky county.

In 1887 Mr. Pfeifer purchased 160 acres of land in Green Creek township, near Green Spring, which he has worked to good advantage up to the present time. With a farm of more than the average in size and fertility, rendered still more productive by careful cultivation, Mr. Pfeifer bids fair to become one of the most substantial men in his community. Mr. and Mrs. Pfeifer are members of the Lutheran Church, and for people of their years, having the greatest portion of life still before them, they have been unusually successful.

EDWARD JESCHKE was born in Pomerania, Germany, May 25, 1858, and is a son of August and Augusta (Runje) Jeschke, both of whom were born in Germany, and came to America in August, 1874.

August Jeschke, although quite old, still follows his trade of blacksmith, and does an amount of work every day that many a younger man might emulate. Charles, born January 24, 1846, and Edward, the subject of this sketch, are the only ones remaining of the five children

of Mr. and Mrs. August Jeschke, who are at present living with their son Charles.

Edward Jeschke received a common-school education in his native land, which he left for the United States in the spring of 1873. Coming at once to Townsend township, Sandusky county, which is still his home, he worked at the blacksmith's trade for several years. He then opened a store and saloon in Vickery, Townsend township, which he continued until "local option" was carried in the township, prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors. In November, 1879, he was united in marriage with Miss Bena Mapus, who was born March 28, 1861. Of their nine children, seven are still living, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Mary, July 6, 1881; Hannah, October 23, 1883; Fred, April 17, 1885; Pearl, June 1, 1887; August, December 14, 1888; Charles, November 12, 1890; and John, January 30, 1894, all living at home. Mr. Jeschke now represents the Stang Brewing Co., of Sandusky county, at Gibsonburg. In politics he is an ardent believer in and defender of the Democratic doctrine.

DANIEL I. GARN, a citizen of Fremont, Sandusky county, was born in Union township, Bedford Co., Penn., March 31, 1844. His father, Christian Garn, was born February 13, 1799, in the same locality, and, in the fall of 1826, married Catherine, daughter of Henry Ickes, a native of the Keystone State.

Our subject was one of a family of ten children: (1) Catherine, born April 6, 1828, who married Solomon Mauk, and their children were—George, Louisa, Christian, Joseph, Hannah, Jane, William, Frank and Annie; politically the sons were Democrats, and in religious affiliation the family were members of the Reformed Church. (2) Susan, born in October, 1829, married to Edward Conrad, a mason by trade, who was a member of

the Reformed Church, and in politics a Democrat; they had children as follows—Elizabeth, John, George, Joseph, Daniel, Abner, Edward, Mary and Levi. (3) Margaret, born October 1, 1831, married Adam Briggles, a farmer, member of the Reformed Church; the result of their union was children as follows—Hannah and Daniel. (4) John I. was born October 27, 1833, probate judge of Sandusky county, Ohio, in politics a Republican, and a member of the Evangelical Association; the names of his children are: Jane, Hannah, Delilah, Mary, Catherine, Minnie and John C. (5) Jacob died in childhood. (6) George, born 1838, a farmer in Jackson township, married Elizabeth Walters, and they had two children—William and Emma; he was a member of the Evangelical Association, and in politics was a Democrat. (7) Hannah, born February 27, 1841, married John Kisaberts, a farmer of Seneca county, Ohio; he was a member of the Evangelical Association, politically a Republican. (8) Daniel I., subject of this sketch; and two that died in infancy.

Daniel I. Garn grew to manhood in the State of Pennsylvania, and at the age of twenty years was drafted into the military service of the United States, in the war of the Rebellion, serving in Company G, Ninety-first Pennsylvania Infantry, Army of the Potomac. He went to Chambersburg, then on to Richmond, Va. He was in the Weldon Railroad raid, and helped destroy the track, so as to cut off connection with Nashville, Tenn. Being taken sick there with fever, he was sent to City Point Hospital, and later to Washington, D. C., where he lay from February 28 until May 10, when he returned home. He was in Washington City at the time President Lincoln was shot, April 14, 1865. After his return from the war, Mr. Garn worked at the cooper trade twelve years, carried on farming for his father seven years, then came to Ohio and settled in Scott township, where he

remained five years, thence moving to Jackson township, where he resided five years. He is now a resident of Fremont, Ohio. He is a Republican in politics, and is identified with the Reformed Church. In 1892 he was elected justice of the peace, and has held other offices in his township.

On July 29, 1866, Mr. Garn married Miss Virginia Griffith, who was born April 23, 1842, a daughter of William and Sarah Griffith, natives of Pennsylvania, and their children are: (1) Lilian Grace, born May 9, 1867, married Henry Ickes, a blacksmith in Cambria county, Penn.; he is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the Lutheran Church; they have three children—Charles, Bruce and Ralph. (2) Charles H., born August 27, 1869, living at home; in politics he is a Republican. (3) Harry E., born March 9, is a law student, and affiliates with the Republican party. (4) Lizzie, born November 20, 1874, is a graduate of Heidelberg Academy, at Tiffin, Ohio, and a teacher in Jackson township. (5) Susan, born March 27, 1877, is a student at the Fremont High School. (6) William Arthur, born September 13, 1879.

JASON GIBBS, one of the most substantial and well-to-do citizen of Riley township, Sandusky county, was born August 31, 1825, and is a son of Jonas and Rachel (Daniel) Gibbs.

Jonas Gibbs was born in 1762; he was married, in Vermont, to Rachel Daniels, who was born in 1794, and in 1808 they located at the mouth of Pipe creek, in Huron county, Ohio, bought 300 acres of land, and lived there twelve years. They then removed to Riley township, Sandusky county, here purchasing a thousand acres of land, and two years later five hundred acres more. Here they passed the remainder of their lives, Mr. Gibbs dying in 1834, Mrs. Gibbs in 1848. They had seven children, a brief record of

whom is as follows: Isaac died at the early age of eighteen, unmarried. Cynthia married Joseph H. Curtis, by whom she had three children, and they lived in Riley township; subsequently she married William Pierson, by whom she had eight children. Boa married Mr. Dean, and they had eight children; they live in Riley township. Jonas married Rosina Linsey, and they had two children; he died in 1852, she in 1876. Jeremiah married Jane Conrad, and they live in Riley township. Jason is the subject of these lines. Luther married Emma Buskirk, and they had four children; they live in Riley township. Rachel married Lewis Barkheimer, and to their union has come one child; they are also residents of Riley township.

After his father's death, Jason Gibbs remained with his mother on the farm until his twenty-first year. On March 28, 1846, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Conrad, who was born in Sandusky county, where she has always lived, daughter of John and Sarah (Tuttle) Conrad, who were the parents of eleven children. John Conrad was born in Ohio in 1795, and died in Sandusky county, February 3, 1869; his wife died June 11, 1883, aged eighty-four years, nine months, sixteen days. Mrs. Gibbs' paternal grandmother was born in 1784; her maternal grandfather, Van Rensselaer Tuttle, was born in 1772. After this marriage Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs moved to Riley township, where he bought a thousand acres of land. They became the parents of four children, as follows: Albert married Amelia Wright, and they have two children—Charles and Burton P.—one of whom, Charles, died young. Luther married Almira Beebe, and they have had ten children; they live in Riley township. Burton married Jane Beebe, and they also live in Riley township; they have had two children—Charles A. and William J. John married Laura Botsford, and they have had six children; they make their home in Riley township.

Mr. Gibbs has been very successful in his dealings, and is well liked. He cleared 300 acres of his land himself, which took him nearly five years, and has been engaged in general farming, the raising of fine hogs, and for several years has also operated two sawmills. Besides his property here he has 847 acres of valuable land in Tennessee, on which his oldest son resides. In 1893 Mr. Gibbs retired. He attends the Lutheran Church, is a Republican in politics, and has been honored with public office, having been supervisor for twenty years. One of Mr. Gibbs' uncles, Luther, was killed at Huron, Ohio, by the falling of a block from a ship's mast; another, Jerry, was killed by Indians at Sandusky (the night before his murder he dreamed that the Indians came to his home and killed him).

HINTZ FAMILY. Instances of families who rise to affluence and influence under the most untoward circumstances are sufficiently rare to excite comment, and lead the uninitiated to inquire what the faculty, or combination of faculties, might be that would produce a result so fortunate to the people most closely interested. It can be said of the Hintz family that they came of good stock, but it so happened that misfortune swept away father and provider and left mother and two helpless young sons absolutely penniless in a strange land. They did not remain in that condition, thanks to the irrepressible qualities that lay dormant in their young natures. But the ascent was for a time painfully slow. The story of their rise is most interesting, and the lesson of their lives instructive.

John J. Hintz, the grandfather of Christian and William Hintz, was a prosperous stock raiser of Mecklenburg, Germany. No one in the neighboring districts bore a more excellent reputation than he. In worldly affairs he was prosperous, in character above reproach, in



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religion a sturdy defender of the Lutheran faith, and in influence powerful. He died at the age of sixty-four years. He had married a Miss Hintz, and to them were born seven children. But by the inequalities of the feudal system which then held undisputed sway in Germany the goodly heritage fell solely to the eldest son, John, while the younger children were left to scramble for their bread as best they could. John, thus left independent, subsequently emigrated to America and settled in Wisconsin. The other children were as follows: Christopher, who remained a farmer in Germany; Joseph J., who died in Germany; Fred, who remained a laborer in Germany; Christian, the father of Christian and William Hintz, subjects of this sketch; William, who worked in a distillery in Germany, and died in that country; and Mary, who died young.

Christian, the only son except John who emigrated to America, was born in Mecklenburg in 1812. He was educated in the parochial schools of the Lutheran Church, and confirmed in the Church. Thus started aright, he had to look out for himself. He herded cattle and worked on a farm for about \$20 a year until his twenty-sixth year, when he married. He afterward entered the royal service as a sawyer, having charge of an upright saw, and followed that vocation until 1848, when he went to the "free cities" and became a laborer on the public works at better wages. Four years later, at the age of forty years, he determined to emigrate to America. He had been twice married in Germany. By his first wife he had one child, Dora. His second wife was Dora Harbra, by whom he had four children living when he came to America—Christian, William, John and Sophia. Leaving his native land March 31, 1852, he crossed the ocean with his family in a little two-masted sailing vessel, landing at Sandusky City May 10. Locating here, he first worked in a brickyard, and soon after went on the railroad

then under construction between Sandusky and Cleveland, and was so engaged when he fell a victim to cholera, then raging. He died at Sandusky City August 7, 1852, before he had been there three months. Two of his children, John and Sophia, were carried away by the same plague. William was seized with the same dread disease, but withstood the attack. The father had owed for a portion of the passage money, and the payment of that debt had consumed all his earnings when he died. The mother and her two children, Christian and William, and her step-daughter, Dora, were left utterly destitute. The two boys, aged twelve and ten years, were put out among strangers to work for their board and clothes. Christian, ten months later, began to earn \$3 per month for a year, then \$4 per month. William worked two years for only his board and clothes, but in several years the scant earnings of the boys, together with the savings of the mother, enabled her to buy a horse. She rented a few acres of land, and began the struggle of life at gardening near Sandusky City. Soon by magical thrift she was able to buy another horse and rent a few more acres. Then the home-wrecked family was reunited, and the mother had her sons once more under the same roof with herself. Among the enlarging circle of their acquaintances the Hintzes were noted for their industry, honesty and intelligence, though the two young representatives of the family were yet in their "teens," with characters that should have been considered unformed. Gradually renting more of the rich land around Sandusky City they began to accumulate money and to think of owning a home of their own. Dora, the step-daughter, had married Godfrey Gockstetter, and now lives near Huron, Erie county; her husband died December 25, 1894, leaving a large family, consisting of Simeon, George, Henry, William, John, Frederick, Louie, Adam, Mary, Anna, Louisa,

Emma and Lena; one child died young. The family is one of remarkably robust strength, the members averaging about 200 pounds.

In 1864 Mrs. Hintz and her two sons, Christian and William, came to Sandusky county and purchased 114 acres of land for \$4,500. They had saved \$1,500, which was their cash payment, and went into debt for the remaining \$3,000. Only fourteen acres of the land were broken, and wisecracks said they could never pay for it; but they reckoned without their host. They knew not the stern stuff, the unflagging zeal, the intelligence, and the thrift which entered into the composition of this rising family. The boys had a good team, a couple of colts and a few hogs, and manfully they faced the problem before them. Their opportunities were now broader, their actions freer, and they never doubted or questioned their ability to win. There was but one thing to do—clear off the indebtedness, and clear it they did, despite the nods and winks of the wisecracks. In a few years prosperity was assured, and the mother and her sons, to the astonishment of their neighbors, were already buying more land. The \$3,000 indebtedness on the old farm was completely lifted in two years, and it was not long before the brothers ranked in wealth and position among the foremost men of Green Creek township.

CHRISTIAN HINTZ is now one of the leading breeders of Short-horn cattle and Chester-white swine in Sandusky county. He was born November 23, 1839. His marriage to Anna Powells, a native of Mecklenburg, Germany, born April 19, 1844, was the signal for a division of the property. The brothers were attached to each other, and the partition was made in peace and brotherly love. The mother was generously provided for, and each brother began farming for himself. Christian for a time engaged in mixed or general farming, but for fifteen years he has been raising thoroughbred stock—cattle, hogs and

sheep—selling chiefly for breeding purposes. He has exhibited at the fairs at Fremont, Sandusky, Bellevue, Norwalk, Clyde, Fostoria, Toledo, Attica and Findlay, besides many other localities too numerous to mention, and in 1895 he had a large show. Each year he has taken many premiums, and at Fremont he has taken more than any other man in the county; one season his premiums aggregated about \$600. He sells blooded stock all over the United States. He had one cow in the dairy department of the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, in 1893, which made 135 pounds and some ounces of butter in ninety days. Both he and his brother paid two long visits to the World's Fair. Mr. Hintz now owns 246 acres of land. To Christian and Anna Hintz have been born eight children, as follows: Christian, Jr., William, Anna, Dora, Henry, August, Jacob and Martin. In politics he is somewhat independent, but usually votes the Democratic ticket. He has been for many years a prominent member of the Lutheran Church, and for fourteen years he was elder of the old St. John's Church, at Fremont. In no sense is he an office-seeker, but in the interest of education he has served as a school director of his district.

WILLIAM HINTZ was born September 18, 1841. He was married in 1871, to Miss Anna K. Bauer, who was born in Green Creek township, September 27, 1854. Prior to his marriage his mother kept house for him, and through the provision made for her by the two grateful sons the noble mother enjoyed a competence, and lived in an establishment of her own in the parlor of William's home, remaining there as long as she lived; she passed away in January, 1876. The children of William and Anna Hintz were as follows: John (who was accidentally drowned in a well at the age of three and a half years), Joseph W., Sophia L., Louisa D., Peter W., Esther A., Hannah

H., Sarah R. (who died at the age of one year, eleven months and twenty-eight days), and Mary M. In the division of the property William surrendered all the thorough-bred stock to Christian, but he raises and ships cattle, hogs and sheep for meat. William Hintz believes that money is more easily handled than land. Much of his property now consists of investments, and he is placing all his spare means on interest. He still owns 155 acres of land. He is a leading member of the Lutheran Church, was for ten years deacon of St. John's Church at Fremont, and is an elder in Grace Lutheran Church at Fremont; he has also acted as a delegate to the Lutheran Church Synod. For four years he has served as a member of the board of directors of the Sandusky County Agricultural Society.—“Thanks be to God for His merciful blessings.”

JOSEPH NOGGLE, one of the most reliable and industrious farmers of Green Creek township, Sandusky county, is a man of unassuming manners, without ostentation, or craving for place and preferment. He is content to fill his mission in life as a worthy representative of the first and most important vocation—that of farming—leaving to others the strife and turmoil and the uncertainties of a more problematic career. It is to such types as he, hard-working and thrifty, yet restful and contented, that the nation must look for its great reserve force to act as a balance-wheel against the encroachments and vagaries of the flightier element in society.

Mr. Noggle was born in Franklin county, Penn., June 4, 1811, son of William and Katie (Hurtman) Noggle, both natives of Pennsylvania, who reared a large family of children, and passed peacefully away on the home farm at a good old age. Only two of the children—Jacob and Joseph—now survive. Jacob

lives on a farm in Fulton county, Penn., at the age of eighty-one years. Joseph was reared in the Keystone State, and there married Elizabeth Marshall, who was born in Huntingdon county, Penn., February 11, 1811, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Simmons) Marshall; they were the parents of seven children, named as follows: James, Nancy, Lydia, Jane, Sarah, Rachel and Elizabeth. The father died on his farm in Pennsylvania when Elizabeth was a child; the mother survived until 1855. Soon after his marriage Mr. Noggle migrated to Sandusky county, locating in Jackson township, and there engaged in pioneer farming. Twenty-two years later he moved to Green Creek township, and has lived here some thirty-seven years. He now owns a well-cultivated farm of eighty-four acres. Mr. Noggle cast his first vote for Andrew Jackson in 1832; in religious faith he is a member of the Universalist Church. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Noggle are as follows: Sarah, born November 4, 1841, married December 10, 1875, to Charles Clapp, and is the mother of two children—Jessie (deceased) and Della; William, born October 19, 1843, died November 24, 1874; Madison, born August 5, 1846, died September 6, 1872; Joseph, born November 10, 1857, died June 28, 1858. William H. Noggle, a nephew of Joseph Noggle, now lives with him. He was born in Pennsylvania March 21, 1850, and is the son of Jacob Noggle; he was married in November, 1893, to Hattie E. Mummert, who was born in Franklin county, Penn., January 26, 1860.

WILLIAM A. MUGG, the leading landowner and farmer of York township, Sandusky county, and vice-president of the First National Bank of Clyde, is of the third generation from the earliest settlement and development of northwestern Ohio. And as he stands to-day, a leader of the men

about him, so, too, in the two preceding generations, were his father and grandfather men of renown and note in their respective spheres, though perhaps in a somewhat different way. William A. Mugg has inherited the pioneer strength of character. His mind is keen and he appreciates a witticism. His good-natured retort is sharp, and stranger or friend is welcomed at his home and treated with that old-time jovial hospitality that is becoming rare in these so-called degenerate days.

Mr. Mugg was born in Milo, Yates Co., N. Y., December 13, 1827, son of John B. and Susan (Wheeler) Mugg, and grandson of Elder John Mugg. But years before his birth his father and his grandfather had already become identified with the interests of York township, Sandusky Co., Ohio. It was in 1822 that Elder John Mugg, a native of Maryland, came with his family from New York State to the vast solitudes of northwestern Ohio. His parents had died when he was a child, and he was bound out and reared among strangers. However, he obtained the rudiments of an education, and became a preacher of the Baptist Church. When he came to Ohio he purchased 400 acres of government land; but as soon as the cabins for himself and family were built, and the rude houses made comfortable, he began his labors as a pioneer preacher, a task then quite different from the ministerial duties of to-day. Elder Mugg was a man of small stature, and his weight was less than one hundred pounds, but he was filled with nervous force, and with a love for his fellow men. He was an enthusiastic churchman. On horseback, with saddlebags supplied with medicines, he wended his way along Indian trails through the forested swamps from settlement to settlement, bringing to the lonely pioneer the refreshing and cheering words of the Gospel. His value to the mental, moral and physical welfare of the early settler, immersed in solitude, can scarcely be appreciated at the present day. He

brought words of cheer and comfort wherever he went, and the pleasant memories of his visits lingered long after he had departed. He carried the current news of the day from cabin to cabin, and to the sufferers from the malignant fevers that were then so common he brought both medicinal and spiritual good. Once to a neighbor who had stolen corn from him he remarked: "I feel sorry for you, neighbor. I don't care for the corn. If you had asked me for it, the corn would have been yours." His gentle, forgiving, Christian spirit made Elder Mugg a man who was widely beloved. He organized the Freewill Baptist Church, the pioneer religious organization of York township, and lived to the good old age of ninety-six years, amidst the people to whom he had ministered for many years. His remains were interred in Wales Corners Cemetery, in York township, where many of his fellow pioneers also rest. He was the father of seven children, as follows: Thomas, who moved to Indiana; John B., father of William A.; Marcus, who became a minister and moved to Michigan, where he died; Jesse, who died in Indiana; William, who died in early manhood; Mary (afterward Mrs. Bennett), of Indiana; and Harriet (Mrs. Colvin), who died in York township.

John B. Mugg was born in 1801. He came with his father to York township in 1822, and here, in 1823, he married for his second wife, Susan Wheeler, having been previously married to Susan Wheeler, of Penn Yan, Yates Co., N. Y. A year later, after the birth of his eldest child, Charles, he returned with his family to Yates county, N. Y., and remained there twelve years. In 1836 he again came west, and lived in York township until his death, which occurred December 31, 1880, when he was aged seventy-nine years, four months and twenty-seven days. His wife, who was born in 1807, died March 3, 1880. Nine children were born to John B. and Susan Mugg: Charles, who died

in Missouri; Wheeler, who died in York township; William A., subject of this sketch; John, who died in New York; a child who died in infancy; Elizabeth, who died in young womanhood; Marietta, who died in girlhood; George, a resident of Dundee, Mich.; Alice, who died in childhood.

William A. Mugg was a child when his father returned from New York to the pioneer Ohio home. He remembers well the trip on the lakes, and the journey overland to the old farmstead near Wales Corners, which still forms a part of the extensive estate of Mr. Mugg. In those days the driftwood had not yet been cleared from the swamps. The pools were full of water and fish were abundant on every hand. Mr. Mugg remembers that many times in his boyhood he has skated in winter all the way from the old homestead to Sandusky Bay. The young men of fifty years ago propelled skiffs over lands that are now some of the most fertile fields in Ohio. Indians were numerous in those days, and game abounded. But educational facilities were few. While Mr. Mugg did not receive a finished literary education, he learned what was better still—the value of thrift and economy. After he was of age he worked five years for his father, at \$200 per year. Then in 1854 he married Miss Phebe S. Russell, who was born April 2, 1833. Her father, Norton Russell, was born in Hopewell, Ontario Co., N. Y., June 15, 1801, of parents who had shortly before moved to the New York wilderness from Massachusetts. Young Russell was bound out, and was diligently engaged during his youth in clearing the pioneer land of western New York. In October, 1821, he came to Ohio with three other young men, William McPherson, James Birdseye and Lyman Babcock, all of whom became prominent pioneers of Sandusky county. They walked almost the entire distance from New York—400 miles. Mr. Russell was the eldest of five children, and his

sisters and brother were as follows: Rowena, who married George Swarhout, and settled near Penn Yan, N. Y.; Cynthia, who married William McPherson, and became the mother of the martyred Gen. James B. McPherson; William, who married Elizabeth Beach; and Lydia, wife of Lester Beach. Norton Russell entered the S. E. Quarter of Section 7, York township, and was married April 13, 1825, to Sibyl S. McMillen, daughter of Samuel and Polly McMillen, who migrated from their old home near the White Mountains, N. H., to Ohio, and became early pioneers of Green Creek township, Sandusky county. Samuel and Polly McMillen had the following seven children: Sibyl (Mrs. Russell); Samuel; Henry; Rachel, who married Isaac May; Sally, who married Joseph George; Nancy, who married Isaac May, and Luther. Norton and Sibyl Russell were the parents of seven children, as follows: John N. and William M., of Clyde; Charles P., of York; Phebe S.; Sarah R. (Mrs. Bell), of Clyde; Mary M. (Mrs. J. W. Taylor), of Sabine Parish, La., and Belle R. (Mrs. Collver), of Cleveland. Norton Russell is still, at this writing, living with his daughter, Mrs. Mugg, the oldest living pioneer of this section. His wife, who shared with him the toil and privation of a long and eventful life, died December 18, 1887, aged eighty years.

Nine children have blessed the marriage of William A. and Phebe S. Mugg, a brief record of whom is as follows: Nina, born December 31, 1857, is the wife of James Ungerman; they reside in New Richland, Minn., and have four children—Carl, Nellie B., Hazel and Vera. Clarence M., born January 14, 1859, married Laura Carr, and is the father of two children—Ethel and Wayne. N. Russell, born March 31, 1861, married Maggie Matthews, and they have two children—Madeline and Maurice. Mabel, born April 26, 1863, died in 1883. Alice, born September 10, 1865, is the wife of

A. R. Pickett, of Clyde, and has two children—Harold and Gladdon. Moina, born March 12, 1868, is the wife of N. Greenslade, of Bellevue, and they have one child—Russell M. Amy B., born February 19, 1870, is one of the popular young ladies of this section, devoted to her parents and the home. James G., born October 14, 1872, was married January 1, 1895, to Anna Needham, of York township. Florence, born May 25, 1877, is attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Mugg started in life with only about such means as the average young couple of that day possessed, but their success has been marked. If the accumulation of a large estate and the rearing of a numerous and honorable family is aught of satisfaction, while still in the meridian of life, then Mr. and Mrs. Mugg should be among the happiest of mortals. The landed property of William A. Mugg exceeds in quantity that of any other individual in Sandusky county. The finger of Time has touched them lightly. If Mrs. Mugg is as young as she looks she is yet in the high noonday of life. She is an active member of the Grange, and deservedly prominent in the social affairs of the township. Mr. Mugg possesses a hardy constitution, which he has never abused, but which, through proper physical exercise, he has maintained in its maximum degree of health. In politics he is a pronounced and uncompromising Republican. In the commercial and financial spheres he takes high rank. He is a master of the science of finance, and was one of the organizers and is now vice-president of the First National Bank of Clyde.

JOHAN VICKERY. From absolute poverty the subject of this sketch has risen to a position of affluence and honor. The condition of a penniless English farm laborer he has exchanged for the proprietorship of large

landed interests in York township, Sandusky county. And in this happy transformation of his material situation he gives due credit to the opportunities of the American citizen. Mr. Vickery often goes over the past in retrospect, and compares the possibilities of the poor man in England with his opportunities in America. From his own experiences and observation he concludes that American citizenship is a priceless boon.

Mr. Vickery was born in Devonshire, England, in May, 1829, son of Robert and Rachel (Randall) Vickery. His father, who was a laborer, died before his recollection, leaving six children: Elizabeth, whose husband, Mr. Lowrey, was killed by a railroad accident at Clyde; William, who died in York township; Robert, of Fremont; John, subject of this sketch; Richard, of York township; and Ann, who died in England. At an early age John was bound out, receiving, until he attained his majority, only his board and clothes for his services, and, Mr. Vickery says, they were poor clothes at that. After he became of age he worked for a farmer for four years at wages amounting to only 11 cents a day and his board; and this, too, was the highest wages paid for that class of labor in the locality where he lived. At the age of twenty-five years he resolved to seek his fortunes in the New World; so in 1854 he bade good-bye to his friends and to his sweetheart and crossed the ocean. He came via Quebec, and was \$17 in debt for his passage when he reached Sandusky City. He began work for a farmer near Bellevue, and remained in his employment fifteen months. But his purpose now was to get himself established in life. Renting a place, he began farming on his own account, and at Bellevue he soon after married Miss Jane Parker, whom he had wooed and won in England. The household prospered, but the mother was called away after she had given him three sons: Thomas, now a

prosperous farmer of York township, married; John, who assists him on the farm, and James P., a schoolteacher and farmer of York township. In 1866 Mr. Vickery purchased the farm of 120 acres which he now owns, and continued to farm it until in 1889, when he bought twenty acres near Colby, and retired on ample means. In 1881 he had purchased another tract of 120 acres in York township, and gave it to his sons in 1887, after having paid \$8,000 on the same. The twenty-acre tract at Colby he has given to his second and present wife, who was Miss Mary Bichler. Mr. Vickery has served his township three years as trustee, and is now road supervisor of his district. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and in religious faith a member of the United Brethren Church. He is a man of sterling integrity and principles, and one of the most highly respected citizens of the community in which he lives.

MR. STIEFF. In three distinct fields of industry the subject of this sketch takes high rank. He is a farmer of acknowledged ability; he is a mechanic whose superior it would be difficult to find anywhere; he is a salesman whose value has been appreciated by more than one large manufacturer. Mr. Stieff has with rare felicity bunched all these available attributes into one occupation, that of a salesman for agricultural machines. He is at home among the farmers, and thoroughly understands their needs. His mechanical skill has enabled him to meet any difficulties in setting up the complicated farm machines of to-day. His persuasive arguments cap the climax of the two, and enable him to make satisfactory sales. By trade Mr. Stieff is a blacksmith.

He was born in Lancaster county, Penn., May 19, 1855, son of Michael and Sarah (Rinehold) Stieff. Michael Stieff was also a blacksmith. He was a native

of Berks county, his wife of Lancaster county. Both died at their home in the latter county within a year, at the ages of fifty-six and fifty-two years respectively. Their children were as follows: Eli, of Lancaster county; Sarah, wife of Moses Goshert, also of Lancaster county; Annie, wife of Abraham Krall, of Lebanon county, Penn.; George, who died at the age of twenty-two years in Lancaster county; M. R., subject of this sketch; and Martha and Lizzy, who both died in Lancaster county, in infancy.

Our subject was early in life thrown upon his own resources. He entered the car shops in Reading, Penn., but labor troubles soon after disorganized the force, and he was obliged to seek employment elsewhere. With 200 others he was discharged in 1873 at the time of the great failure of Jay Cooke & Co. He came to Ohio, and found work on a farm in Seneca county. Subsequently he secured employment in a carriage shop at West Lodi, then at Fireside, and later still at Bellevue. While at Fireside, he began selling reapers, mowers, etc., for the Excelsior Co., and he was with that company four years. Then, in 1889, he accepted a position with the Champion people to travel for them. His territory embraced Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, and South Dakota. From March to September he was on the road; then during the winter months each year he worked in the shops, in all capacities proving a most valuable employe. His skill in setting up machines was unsurpassed, and as a salesman he was highly gifted. In 1894 he voluntarily quit their employ on account of a slight deafness, though solicited to remain, preferring to return to his farm and family, and handle machinery in a local way.

Mr. Stieff married Miss Kate Miller, and to them seven children have been born: Cloyd, George, Edna, Elva (deceased), Delrie (deceased), Orlin (deceased), and Ray. Mr. Stieff is distinctively the archi-

tect of his own fortune. He owns a good farm property, and is one of the most skillful mechanics in the State.

JACOB BOWE is one of the five Bowe brothers now living in Scott township, Sandusky county, where he was born June 6, 1837, and where he has spent the greater part of his life.

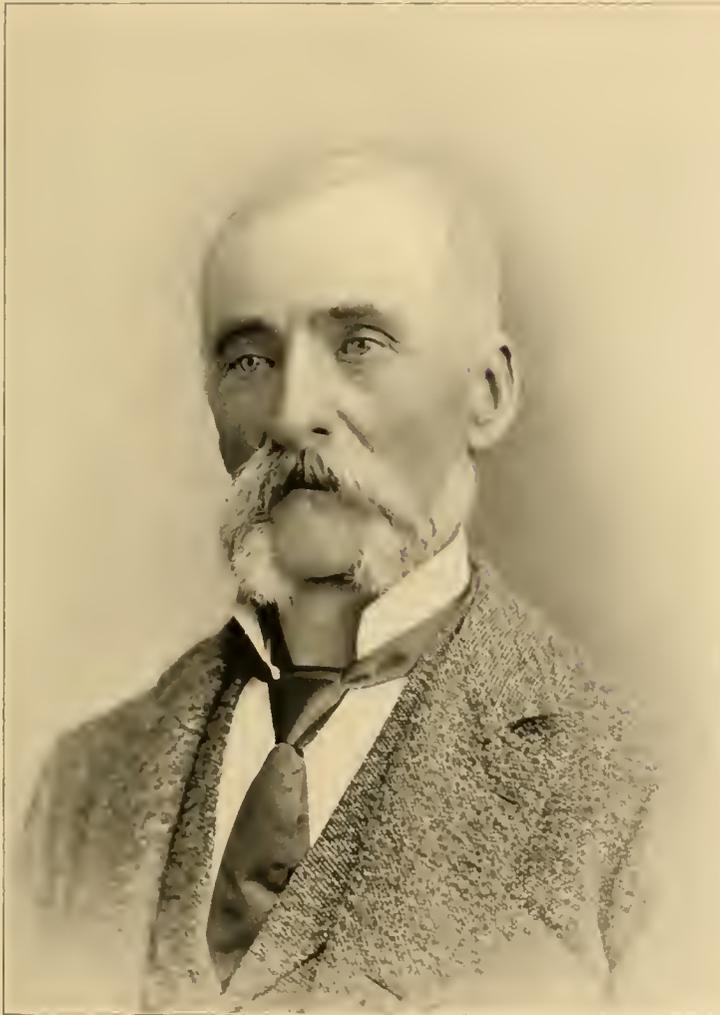
At the age of twenty-four years, our subject commenced life for himself, his father giving him as a start, ninety-two and one-half acres of land situated in Section 7. Mr. Bowe is by trade a blacksmith, and for fifteen years of his early life he spent much of his time in his shop; but he finally sold and purchased eighty acres of land in Section 16, which, with 160 acres previously bought, made an excellent farm of 240 acres. Later he sold eighty acres, the remainder being the 160 acres where he now lives. He then purchased 160 acres in Section 17, one-half of which he sold to J. C. Fisher, the other half to J. C. Foriter. In 1890 Mr. Bowe purchased lots in Gibsonburg, on which he built a pleasant home, living there for three years and then returning to his farm.

On December 23, 1861, Mr. Bowe was married to Miss Mary A. Bowers, who was born September 8, 1836, in Scott township, daughter of Hartman and Annie Bowers; she obtained her education in her native township, where she lived most of the time until her marriage. To this union have been born seven children, as follows: Emma C., September 23, 1862; Mary C., January 4, 1864; Anna C., April 23, 1865; Henry H., January 15, 1867; Amelia E., April 25, 1869; Wallace W., June 7, 1872; and Jacob F., December 7, 1873; of whom, Emma died June 6, 1878; Henry H. died January 12, 1870, and Anna died March 8, 1891. Mary is now Mrs. George Richard, of Madison township; Wallace and Jacob are working the home farm, though at

present (fall of 1895) Wallace is suffering from the effects of a bicycle accident, having broken his collar-bone in two places; strange to say he rode his wheel over two miles after receiving the injury. Wallace and Jacob attended the Gibsonburg High School for a time, after which Wallace was a student at the Normal at Ada. While at Gibsonburg Jacob made a thorough study of telegraphy. Politically Mr. Bowe and his sons are Democrats; they are also members of the Lutheran Church.

In February, 1890, Mr. Bowe made a new departure in his business by leasing several acres of land to the Sun Oil Company of Pittsburg, the lease providing that at the end of the year the company was to have four wells down, which was practically accomplished. On March 20, 1890, he also leased the other eighty acres, and he now has on the 160 acres of land thirteen wells. He received \$3,000 bonus when the ground was leased, and now has one-eighth of all oil produced, his share of the oil netting him \$10 per day, without one cent of expense. The oil produced on this farm is pumped through pipes to the city of Toledo, some thirty miles away.

George Bowe, Sr., the father of our subject, was born in 1802 in Alsace, France, and came to America in 1832, settling in New York State, near Buffalo, where he remained three years. Thence he came to Ohio, where, in Scott township, Sandusky county, he entered 210 acres of land, one-half for his sister and the balance for himself. In the winter of 1834-35 he married Catherine Wegstein, who was born in Baden, Germany, in 1813, daughter of Michael Wegstein, and to them were born ten children, three of whom died in infancy. The others are: George, Jacob (our subject), Frederick, Henry, Michael J., David and Mary C., of whom Frederick and Mary C. have been dead some years; the others are still living. Mr. Bowe was an old pioneer of



Jacob Bowe

Scott township. He owned at one time 600 acres of land, which he divided among his children, thus giving each a start in life which they have appreciated and made the most of, becoming well-to-do men, highly esteemed by all who know them. His wife died July 9, 1891, and was buried in the Bradner cemetery. Her father, Michael Wegstein, was born about 1779 in Baden, Germany, where he was married. In 1832 he started with his family for America, but while on the sea his wife took sick and died, and was buried in mid-ocean. In his family were six children, only two of whom are living. One son, Michael, was killed at the battle of Shiloh; he was captain of Company H, Seventy-second O. V. I.

Mr. Bowe's paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bowe, set out for America at the same time as his parents; the grandmother, like the maternal grandmother, died on the sea and was buried in mid-ocean. The grandfather settled near Buffalo, where he died. In their family were four children—Margaret, George (father of our subject), Magdalena and Jacob, all now deceased. Margaret and Jacob remained near Buffalo, the others coming to Ohio. Magdalena was married near Buffalo to Jacob Zimmerman, who died in Scott township about 1885.

JOHN HENRY KUHLMAN, one of the pioneer and prosperous farmers of Woodville township, Sandusky county, was born October 27, 1838, in Hanover, Germany. His parents, Harmon and Clara (Foughthouse) Kuhlman, followed the vocation of milling in their native land, and in 1842, when John Henry was but four years old, sold their business and came to America. Remaining a single day in New York, they set out for Woodville township, Sandusky county, Ohio, and bought and settled upon a forty-acre tract of wild land.

The father, Harmon Kuhlman, was a

man of rugged frame, well fitted by nature to bear the hardships and privations of pioneer life, and never until shortly before his death did he experience any illness. Partially losing his eyesight, he went to Ann Arbor, Mich., for treatment, and died while there. His widow still lives in Woodville township, at a ripe old age. Five children were born to Harmon and Clara Kuhlman: John Henry; Carrie, wife of Fred Tauiker, a farmer in Madison township; Amelia, wife of Charles Burman, a retired farmer of Woodville; Annie, who died young, and William, who lives on the old homestead. Our subject owns 236 acres of land, situated in the oil belt, and leased for drilling purposes.

Until in quite recent years John Henry Kuhlman, subject of this sketch, remained at the home of his parents. He was educated in the public school at Woodville; but in the days of his youth the town school was inferior to the district school of to-day. He was married February 22, 1862, to Mary Klein, daughter of John J. Klein, a farmer of Woodville township. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kuhlman, as follows: Carrie, born March 23, 1864; John, a minister; Henry, deceased; George, Minnie, Charles, William, Eliza and Edward. In 1893 Mr. Kuhlman moved to Woodville village, and there erected a magnificent home, sparing neither cost nor pains in its construction. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been honored by election to various township offices. He is one of the founders of the German Lutheran Church.

FRANK WELKER, the genial and popular proprietor of the "Empire House," Clyde, Sandusky county, one of the most excellent country hotels in the State, was born in Hancock county, Ohio, July 20, 1849, and is a son of George W. and Rebecca (Burger) Welker.

The father of our subject was a na-

tive of Pennsylvania, born in 1808, and in his earlier years he learned the stonemason's trade. On coming to Ohio he settled in Stark county, and after his marriage took up his residence in Hancock county. In 1864 he moved to Clyde, where his death occurred the following year. His wife, who was born in 1812, still survives him, and is now living with her son Frank. In the family of this worthy couple were seven children who grew to mature years, to wit: (1) N. B., who joined the army soon after the breaking out of the Civil war, becoming a member of Company A, Twenty-first O. V. I., in which he did service under Gen. Sherman; at the battle of Atlanta, in 1864, he was wounded, and died a few days later, his remains being interred in the National Cemetery at Chattanooga, Tenn. (2) G. W., a plasterer by trade, resides in Findlay, Ohio. (3) W. W. died at Mount Clemens, Mich., and his remains were brought back to Clyde for interment. (4) E. E. is engaged in cigar-making in San Diego, Cal. (5) Maria J. is the wife of John Mungen, a resident of Fort Wayne, Ind. (6) Frank, our subject, comes next in order of birth. (7) R. R. makes his home in Columbia county, Ind., where he is engaged in the restaurant business.

Frank Welker has spent his entire life in the State of his nativity, and since the age of fifteen has made his home in Clyde. After pursuing his studies in the public schools of this place for two years, he became connected with railroading. He first went upon the road as a news agent, and then became a brakeman on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad. His next undertaking was as proprietor of the "Empire House," at Clyde. In 1886 he purchased the hotel, which for ten years previous had been vacant, entirely remodeled it and built a new addition. Soon it was ready for occupancy, and to-day it is one of the most popular hotels in the smaller cities of

Ohio. In his work here Mr. Welker is ably assisted by his wife, who bore the maiden name of Julia Gosslin. The hotel is neat and well kept, has the reputation for setting the best table of any country hotel in the State, and the earnest efforts of the proprietor and his wife to please their patrons has made it very popular with the public.

Mr. Welker is one of the ten stockholders who own the Clyde Driving Park, and has two fine trotting horses, "Katie C." and "Silver Leaf," superb specimens of the noble steed. In his political views he is a stalwart Republican, and he is a popular, genial gentleman, one who wins friends wherever he goes, and well merits the high regard in which he is held.

NORMAN E. ELLSWORTH, commonly known as "Col." Ellsworth, one of the most popular citizens of Sandusky county, now makes his home in Clyde. He was born in Mishawaka, St. Joseph Co., Ind., on March 20, 1845, and is a son of James and Jemima (Wortley) Ellsworth.

In 1821 James Ellsworth, father of our subject, was born in Penn Yan, N. Y., one of a family of three children, the others being Aaron and Phoebe, both of whom are now deceased. The former on coming west located at Castalia, Ohio, but his death occurred at South Bend, Ind., where he was serving as county auditor of St. Joseph county; he was one of the prominent Republicans of that community. From New York the father of our subject first emigrated to Ohio, but later became a resident of Mishawaka, St. Joseph Co., Ind., and at the time of his death, in 1853, was serving as swamp land commissioner for that State. He was a stalwart Democrat. His wife, who was born near Bellevue, Ohio, in 1819, died in 1860. They were the parents of five children, namely: George, deceased in infancy; Florence, who died in child-

hood; Norman E., our subject; Fred D., a merchant of South Bend, Ind.; and James, who died in boyhood in Mishawaka, Indiana.

Until reaching the age of sixteen, Norman E. Ellsworth remained in Indiana, a part of his time being passed at Mishawaka, the remainder at South Bend, at which time he entered the Union army. On August 17, 1861, he became a member of Company I, Ninth Ind. V. I., and was assigned to a division in West Virginia under Gen. Rosecrans, but later was sent to Nashville, Tenn., where he became a member of the army of the Cumberland under Buell. He participated in the battles of Greenbrier, Buffalo Mountain and Pittsburg Landing, where he was taken ill and sent to St. Louis, Mo. At that place he was discharged on account of disability, after which he came to Clyde, where for ten months he lived with his maternal grandmother, Abigail Stone. Mr. Ellsworth then enlisted in Company F, Tenth Ohio Cavalry, and was detailed as hospital steward of Kilpatrick's division of cavalry, which was a part of Sherman's army. He went with the command on the march to the sea, and was all through the Carolina campaigns. With the cavalry he remained until he was mustered out in August, 1865.

Mr. Ellsworth was married in January, 1866, to Miss Jemima Baker, who was born in Sandusky county, in 1844, and by her marriage has become the mother of eight children: Elizabeth, Florence, Nellie M., Fred, Norman, Jr., George M., Seth P. and James B., all but one of whom are still at home. Since the close of the war Mr. Ellsworth has been engaged in farming and fruit growing, and for four years was connected with the lumber business. His farm is located on one of the rich sand ridges near Clyde, where it may be truthfully said there can be more vegetation grown to the acre, and at the same time a

greater variety of cereals and fruits, than in any other part of the United States. Mr. Ellsworth is a man of good business ability, intelligent and enterprising, and is widely known for his genial disposition and greatness of heart. As before mentioned, he usually goes by the name of "Colonel," and is popular with all classes of people. He has ever been actively interested in the growth and prosperity of the community in which he resides, and does all in his power for its advancement. Politically, he gives his support to the Republican party, while, socially, he holds membership with Eaton Post No. 55, G. A. R., and Harnden Command No. 37, U. V. U.

PHILIP DORR was born March 17, 1811, in Leinsweiler, in that part of Bavaria, Germany, known as the Rhine Palatinate, and died June 18, 1886, at Fremont, Sandusky Co., Ohio.

He received a good education in the schools of his native place, and learned the trade of shoemaker. In 1837 he took passage for America on a sailing vessel at Havre de Grace. The voyage was a long and most perilous one; fierce storms drove the vessel from its course; some of the passengers and crew were washed overboard, the salt water ruined most of the ship's provisions, and it was eighty days after starting that the nearly famished crew and passengers landed in New York. From that city Mr. Dorr proceeded at once to Erie, Penn., and after a short sojourn there moved to Sandusky City, Ohio, where he lived two or three years. In August, 1841, he came to Lower Sandusky (now Fremont), opening a shoeshop on State street, east of the river, afterward removing to the Deal corner, northeast corner of Front and Garrison streets, where his property was destroyed by fire. He next removed to a room nearly opposite, on Front street, and, later

increasing his business, he and Edward Leppelman purchased land adjoining the present building of the First National Bank, and built frame stores. These were burned down, and in 1856 they erected the brick block which now occupies the ground. Here Philip Dorr carried on a successful trade in boots and shoes for many years, and after his death was succeeded by his sons under the firm name of Dorr Bros., they still continuing the business.

In June, 1843, Philip Dorr was married to Miss Anna Meyer, who was born in Unter Endingen, Canton Argau, Switzerland, March 18, 1815, the youngest daughter of Jacob and Fanny Meyer. She came with her parents and family to America in 1829, stopping a short time at Philadelphia, and thence removing to Franklin, Penn., where the parents died. She afterward came to Sandusky City, Ohio, living there until her marriage, when she removed to Lower Sandusky (now Fremont). Mr. Dorr died May 28, 1873. Three sons survive their parents: Fred H., J. Louis and Henry S.

DR. D. P. CAMPBELL. Green Spring is the most celebrated place in Sandusky county. Here a great volume of green-hued water strongly saturated with valuable medicinal qualities gushes forth from the rock-bed below the surface. From prehistoric times the spot has been noted for its healing virtues, and here was the favorite haunt of the Seneca tribes; here its chiefs met in councils of war or peace, and here the sportive Red men gamboled amidst the gorgeous coloring of the lavish and unceasing waters. The springs have benefited many thousands of invalids, and to no one man perhaps is the public more deeply indebted for the privilege of enjoying this medicinal boon than to Dr. D. P. Campbell, a leading physician and

surgeon at Green Spring, and one of the proprietors of Oak Ridge Sanitarium.

Dr. Campbell is a native of New Hampshire. His early literary education was obtained at Pittsfield Academy, near his native home. At its completion he received special instruction in the classics and in mathematics, under Profs. Foster and Goss, the latter being his cousin, who were among the ablest instructors in the New England States. Dr. Campbell became a teacher, and for three years was superintendent of the public schools in Bedford, N. H. He then became interested in the sanitarium work, and was successively associated with sanitariums at Dansville, Livingston Co., N. Y.; then with Dr. Dio Lewis in his select school at East Lexington, Mass.; with Dr. Hero, at Westboro, Mass.; with Dr. W. T. Vail, at Hill, N. H.; with Dr. Martin, at Waverly Place, N. Y., with Dr. R. T. Trall, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Campbell then went west, and with a partner opened a sanitarium at Dubuque, Iowa. Later he sold out, and, returning to New York City for a year attended lectures at the Medical Department of the University of New York, then went to Cincinnati and graduated in medicine with the class of 1877. He practiced medicine at Bedford, N. H., where he soon gained a large and lucrative practice. Dr. Campbell then came to Green Spring, where he located permanently, and soon commanded a larger practice than any physician in this part of the State. His phenomenal success induced the proprietors of the Oak Ridge Sanitarium at Green Spring to solicit his professional services in that institution. In a few months he increased the attendance from two to 137, and when he severed his connection the attendance fell off in a short time to one. The Doctor has again become interested in the sanitarium, as a proprietor, and by his skill and indefatigable labors is again building up the institution to its former glory. The

hotel building is an imposing four-story structure, elegantly furnished and finished throughout. It contains seventy large airy sleeping rooms, admirably ventilated, lighted by electricity and heated by steam. It has recently been completely renovated and refitted. For beauty and diversity of scenery the place is unexcelled. The "medicine water" for curative properties is one of the most noted and valuable in the United States. Dr. David C. Bryan, of New York, in writing a work on "What Shall We Drink, or the Mineral Waters of America," requested a specimen of the water, and in a subsequent letter thus expressed the result of a most careful analysis: "It is one of the richest waters (medicinally) that I have ever examined. It is exceptionally bright and clear, and there are no foul smells or gases held in solution. It is remarkable in being at once a sulphur, salt, carbonate, alkaline and slightly ferruginous water. The digestive and urinary organs are benefited by alkaline water, the liver and alimentary canal by saline waters, the mucous, respiratory membranes and skin by sulphur waters, and iron waters have a special action on the blood." The color of the water is a beautiful emerald, and it is almost as transparent as air. Elegant bath rooms are provided, and hosts of visitors testify to permanent benefits received.

On June 22, 1878, Dr. Campbell married Miss Alice E. Waterous, and has one daughter—Grace T.

BENEDICT EMCH, now retired, Woodville, Sandusky county, was born in the canton of Solothurn, Switzerland, June 8, 1829. It is probable that the Emch family had lived there for ages—this much, at least, is known, that his grandfather lived and died in the house in which Mr. Benedict Emch was born.

Our subject is the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Kuntz) Emch, the former of

whom was also born in Switzerland, came to America in 1834, and settled in Wood county, Ohio, when that region was a pioneer wilderness. He died on June 1, 1859; Elizabeth Kuntz, his wife, was born in 1797, and died in 1862, both being faithful members of the German Reformed Church. They were the parents of four children: Jacob, who died in Berne, Switzerland, at the age of sixty-seven years; Benedict, subject proper of this sketch; John, who joined the Union army in Wood county, Ohio, and died in a hospital during the Civil war; Mary, who came to America and lived here about nine years, married one Benedict Emch, who by the way was not related to her family; he died, and she returned to Switzerland, where she now resides. By his second marriage, Jacob Emch had the following children: Stephen, Samuel, Elizabeth, Ann, Margaret, Rosa, Susan, Sophia, besides two that died in infancy.

Benedict Emch came to America in 1845. He remained in Wood county a year with his father, and then went to Perrysburg, Ohio, to learn the trade of harness-maker. This completed, he was prepared to face the world and battle for himself. He worked at his trade until 1852, when the great excitement in California attracted his attention, and he determined to cast his fate among those hardy adventurers who pushed their way across the great American desert, in caravans, in search of the yellow metal of the Pacific Slope. It took him and his party six months, lacking five days, to make their overland trip from Maumee City, Ohio, to Hankstown (now Placerville), the county seat of El Dorado county, Cal. Mr. Emch proceeded at once to prospecting, and a short time after his arrival found him located on a claim, and digging for gold in El Dorado county. For the first year or so he made something over a living, but made quite a success of gold digging afterward. He remained in the gold fields until 1856, when he re-

turned home by the Nicaragua route. In Ohio he remained for a few months to visit, and, in July of 1856, returned to his native Switzerland. He made the voyage on a sailing vessel, and after landing, traveled through England, studying its interesting features, the great cities of Liverpool and London, thence by way of Rotterdam, Holland, up the River Rhine to Manheim, and to his home in Switzerland. In May, 1857, he returned to America, bringing with him his mother and about twenty other friends. On his return to Woodville he engaged in business, keeping a grocery store until the spring of 1859, and then, during the Pike's Peak gold excitement, started for that land of promise across the Plains again, and remained there during the summer, digging for gold with good success. Having considerable gold on hand in the fall, he purchased a team and accoutrements, and started back for the States. When he reached the vicinity of St. Joseph City, Mo., he left his team for keeping, with a farmer, and found more convenient transportation to Ohio. He soon afterward proceeded on his way to New Orleans, that city having the most convenient United States mint, and there he had the gold dust coined. Returning from New Orleans about the commencement of the year, he remained in Ohio, with his mother, until spring. In the spring of 1860 he induced some friends to join him, and they went to St. Joseph, Mo., and rigged out his team, left there the fall before, and again put forth across the western sands to rob the rocks of the valuables hidden in their dusky caverns. They prospected in mining that summer in the vicinity of Denver City. The following fall Mr. Emch again returned to St. Joseph, Mo., and on his trip across the Plains he met the famous "Pony Express," that made the fastest time ever made over the Plains by a team. They were carrying to the Territories the news of President Lincoln's election. Mr. Emch pro-

ceeded from St. Joseph, Mo., to New Orleans again, to get more gold coined. The impending war was at this time growing to a fever heat. He had difficulty in getting a place to deposit his gold in New Orleans, but finally succeeded. From there he went to Galveston, Texas, with the intention of spending the winter, but the Civil war was about to break forth, and the excitement was too intense to be pleasant. He immediately took his departure for New Orleans, drew his coined gold from the place of deposit, and started for Ohio. Remaining there until spring, and the war having broken out, he went to Pennsylvania to inspect the oil fields, soon returning to Ohio, however, and immediately left for the West, locating in the mountains around Denver City. The following spring he sold his claim there, and started for Oregon, locating on Powder river, where he built a cabin and stayed until December. It was at this period that gold was discovered in Idaho, and he and his companions started for Idaho City with a team of oxen. There was from three to four feet of snow on the ground when they reached that place. The first thing they did was to butcher the ox-team in order to secure meat enough to live on during the winter. Mr. Emch states that the oxen were not over fat, but that their team, being old, was not the worst beef people had to eat there. A crowd of their companions butchered their ox-team and borrowed Mr. Emch's frying kettle to render the tallow. They placed the ingredients in the kettle, mixed with water, and, after having fried and cooked it and permitted it to cool, there was not a sign of tallow on the surface of the water. Mr. Emch says there was just enough on his own to grease one pair of boots. Besides the beef, Mr. Emch and his companions had with them a keg of molasses and a small amount of flour. They remained in camp during winter, doing but little prospecting, and when the pack trains came in

the spring, Mr. Emch paid \$80 for 100 pounds of flour. During the following summer they all made some money, and remained until the fall of 1868. Mr. Emch paid \$100 in gold for a stage ticket to Sacramento City, going thence to San Francisco, where he took a series of baths for rheumatism, which he had contracted in the mines. He remained about four weeks in the city of the Golden Gate, when he bid a final adieu to the West, and returned to Ohio by the Panama route. He had been here, however, only about two months, when his roving spirit again got the better of him, and he determined to see more of his Fatherland than he had ever seen before. He started for Europe, going from New York City to Hamburg, and traveled all through northern Germany, studying its features and the habits of the people. On the trip he visited relatives of many of his old friends at Woodville, and was thoroughly gratified with the general information that he thus acquired. It was a pleasant recompense for the dreadful sea voyage, during which they had been almost wrecked, and which consumed twenty-eight days. On his return trip he remained in Switzerland from July until the following December, and then came back to his home in America. Before going to Europe he had purchased the farm he now lives on in Woodville township; but farming was not to his taste, so on his return he located in Woodville, buying out Charles Powers' general store, which he conducted until 1874, and then sold out. He had also carried on an ashery for some time; but having accumulated wealth he did not enter heavily into business; he attributes his success in life greatly to the promptness with which he has always met his obligations. With the aid of his industrious wife he has cleared up the land that he purchased, and their excellent brick mansion, erected a few years since, is one of the finest in Sandusky county. At the present time, Mr. Emch is living retired, surrounded by an

intelligent family, with all the conveniences of life at hand, and ample means to sustain him. After the varied career of his early days, he is a well contented man.

In 1870 Mr. Emch married Miss Louisa Sandwisch, who was born in Woodville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, March 17, 1844, and five children have blessed their union: Edward, born December 11, 1873, who is now working on his father's farm; William, born May 29, 1875, now a student at Capitol University, Columbus, Ohio, studying for the ministry of the Lutheran Church; Carrie, born December 2, 1876, at home with her parents, and George and Gusta (twins), born December 25, 1879, now attending school at Woodville. Mrs. Emch is the daughter of Harmon and Catherine (Mergal) Sandwisch, both of whom were born in Hanover, Germany, the father in 1811, the mother in 1809. Harmon Sandwisch died in Woodville township August 6, 1854, of cholera; he was a blacksmith by trade. Mrs. Sandwisch is still living, in Toledo. Their family consists of five children: Mary, widow of Jacob Bischoff, of Toledo, who has five children; Louisa, Mrs. Emch; William R., living in Fremont, who married Clorinda Swartzman, and has three children; John, of Wood county, Ohio, who married Almira Gallop, and has four children living, and Emma, Mrs. Charles Bradt, of Atlanta, Ga., who has one child.

WILLIAM PRIOR, a prominent agriculturist of Rice township, Sandusky county, and superintendent of the De Mars Club House, on Mud creek, was born in Ballville township, Sandusky county, July 17, 1834, and is a son of John and Mary (Arh) Prior. The father was a native of Kentucky, and in his early life fought in the battle of Fremont under Col. Crogan; the mother was a native of Pennsylvania.

In 1813, the parents of our subject came to Ohio, taking up their residence in Sandusky county, where they spent their remaining days, the father dying in 1856, at the age of seventy-six years, the mother departing this life in 1881, when seventy years of age.

In the usual manner of farm lads of the locality, William Prior spent the days of his boyhood and youth, obtaining his education in the district schools of his native town, and assisting in the labors of the home farm. He has carried on agricultural pursuits since attaining his majority, and to-day is recognized as one of the practical and progressive farmers of Sandusky county. He manages his business affairs with care, and is straightforward and honorable in all his dealings, so that he has won the confidence and good will of everyone with whom he has been brought in contact. On June 19, 1859, in the county of his birth, he was married to Miss Ellen Tegar, a native of Pickaway county, Ohio, and three children came to bless their union, namely: Hattie, born June 13, 1860, died in 1865; Lottie, born January 13, 1862, died December 16, 1879; and Elisha A., born May 16, 1864. Of these, Lottie was married February 26, 1879, to Oscar Patterson, and one child, Charlotte, was born to them December 14, 1879, who is now living with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Prior at De Mars Club House; she attends the Fremont public school, and is a very bright scholar. E. A. Prior is one of Fremont's bright, upright young men; for the past seven years he has been a member of the Fremont Fire Department, and he holds a position in the Christain Knife Works.

In his political views, Mr. Prior is a Democrat, and has cast his vote in support of the men and measures of the Democracy since attaining his majority, but has never sought or desired office. His entire life has been passed in this county, and the fact that those who have

known him from boyhood are numbered among his staunchest friends indicates an honorable and upright career, worthy the esteem in which he is held.

HENRY JERVIS POTTER (deceased), who nobly gave his life for his country's cause in the war of the Rebellion, was born near the city of Oswego, Oswego Co., N. Y., October 27, 1836. His parents, Merritt D. and Maria Potter, lived on a farm near Oswego until Henry was about eighteen years of age and had received a common-school education.

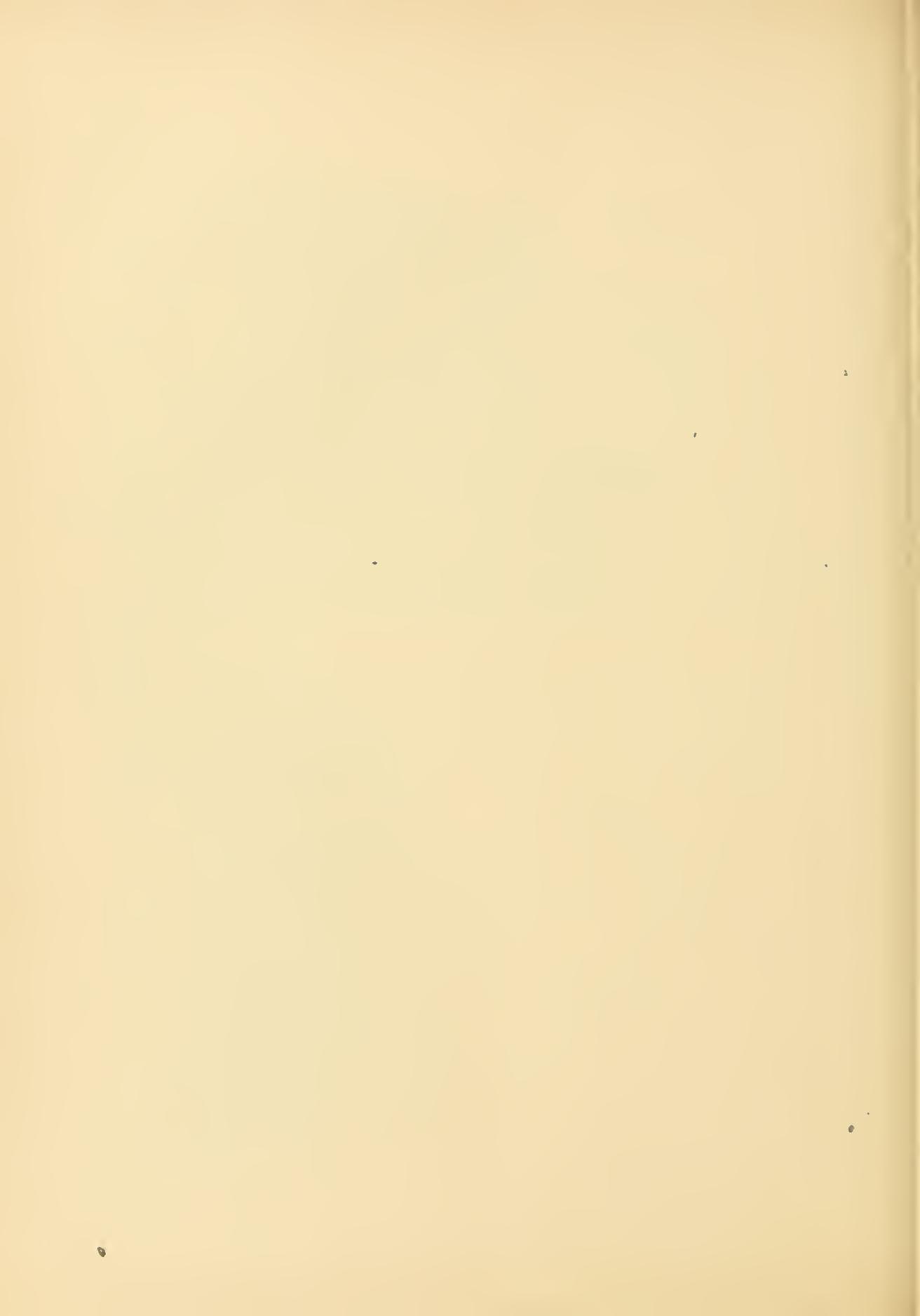
In the spring of 1854 the whole family started in large moving wagons for Steuben county, Ind., and got as far as the house of Mr. Daniel Dawley, in Green Creek township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, when Mrs. Potter was taken sick. Mr. Dawley offered them the use of an unoccupied house, into which they moved, and they raised such summer crops as they could until fall when they completed their journey. Mr. Potter bought a farm in Steuben county, Ind., and for several years his son Henry assisted him in farm work during the summer months, and taught country schools in the winter time. In 1857 Mrs. Potter died, and our subject soon after returned to Ohio to work as a farm hand for Daniel Dawley, whose daughter, Zeruah Ann, he married September 15, 1857. Not long after his marriage Mr. Potter bought a farm of eight acres of heavily-timbered land adjoining that of Mr. Dawley on the west, and began making improvements on it. During the winter seasons he taught school at the Powers schoolhouse, about two miles west. Wishing to secure the ready services of a farm hand, he gave permission to Daniel McNutt to build a log cabin at the rear end of his farm. This cabin was destroyed by fire in the absence of the family; but out of its ashes Mr. Potter picked up some lumps of clay which had



HENRY J. POTTER.



MRS. ZERUIAH A. POTTER.



been burned to a bright red color, and gave him the first hint that the subsoil was excellent material for the brick and tile making.

In the summer of 1863 a volunteer company of Home Guards for the military defence of the State of Ohio during the Civil war was organized in Ballville township, in which Mr. Potter took an active part. This organization was known as Company K, under command of Capt. Jeremiah C. Mudge, later becoming a part of the Fiftieth Regiment O. V. I., which was organized at Fremont, Ohio, under Col. Nathaniel E. Haynes, and in September of that year attended a grand military review at Toledo, Ohio, in presence of Gov. Brough and some military officers who feared an invasion of Ohio from Canada. A few weeks later Mr. Potter went with his company to aid in guarding Johnson's Island, in Sandusky Bay, where some Rebel officers were confined as prisoners of war.

The "scare" was soon over and the company was recalled, but Mr. Potter had become so aroused in regard to his duty to his country in its hour of peril that he decided to enlist in the Seventy-second Regiment, O. V. I., for three years or during the war. All the men of that regiment who had agreed to re-enlist for three years were granted a veteran furlough, and were then on their way home from Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Potter and his friend, Henry Innis, were assured that if they enlisted they would get the benefits of this furlough, and thus have plenty of time to settle their home matters before going to the front. They enlisted at Fremont, Ohio, February 27, 1864, in Company F, Capt. Le Roy Moore, Seventy-second Regiment, under Col. R. P. Buckland, whose headquarters were at Memphis, Tenn., and on March 1 following went to Sandusky City, there to be mustered in and receive their township bounty money. They next proceeded to Columbus, Ohio,

to get their State bounty, supposing they could return to go with the veterans. In this they were disappointed. They were sent to Tod Barracks, refused leave of absence to visit their friends, and were hurried on to the front in company with thirteen other raw recruits. Their squad proceeded down through Cincinnati, Louisville, Nashville, and Chattanooga to Stevenson, Ala., then back to Cairo, Ill., and thence down the Mississippi, to Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Potter wrote many letters to his wife descriptive of the scenes he passed through. At Memphis he did guard duty at the Navy Yard; saw wounded men from Fort Pillow; refused a roll of greenbacks as a bribe from a Rebel spy, and kept a full diary of every day's happenings. He went out on several raids into the enemy's country, taking part in the Sturgis raid, but did not like the business. The last letter his wife ever received from him, he wrote when he was near Ripley, Miss., in which he told her not to be uneasy about him. In the unfortunate battle at Guntown, Mr. Potter and Mr. Innis were captured by Rebel cavalry in a thicket of scrub oaks while trying to make their escape. Mr. Innis advised Mr. Potter, who was fleet of foot, to make his escape, and he tried to do so, but soon returned saying: "Hank, I hate to leave you in this way!" They were taken to Andersonville prison, which they entered June 17, 1864, and were there stripped of all their valuables as well as some of their clothing. It rained, almost constantly during the first two weeks, and they had neither shelter from the alternate drenching down-pour and hot sun, nor comfortable covering during the chilly nights, and Mr. Potter had only pants, blouse and cap to wear. There were then 38,000 men in the enclosure, which had recently been enlarged. Rations of food were very scant, and most of what there was had to be eaten raw. After a month's confinement Mr. Potter was taken sick with scurvy and

diarrhoea, and had no medical treatment except what his comrades could give him. On the 21st of August gangrene set in, and, at his request, his faithful comrades, J. P. Elderkin and Henry Innis, carried him outside the stockade where he hoped for better air and treatment; but he died two days later, in charge of an Illinois comrade, to whom he entrusted the pictures of his wife and children, with a request that they be forwarded to the dear ones at home, with his own hand directing the package. On the day of his death 108 Union soldiers were carried out and buried in one long trench, he among the rest. Their graves were marked with slabs giving their name, company and regiment. When the news of Mr. Potter's death reached his home, a funeral service was held in his memory at the Dawley schoolhouse, November 1st, by Rev. James Long, who seven years previous had solemnized the deceased's marriage.

Mr. Potter's high sense of honor, his pure, home life, his attachment to his family, his true friendship in time of trial, and his unflinching patriotism, led his former comrades, in forming a Grand Army Post at Green Spring, Ohio, July 9, 1881, to name their Post after him. He was a man of good natural and acquired abilities, and had a mind well stored with general information on many practical subjects. He had been a careful reader of the *New York Tribune*, the *Fremont Journal* and the *Religious Telescope*. He had been a close observer of the events and causes which led to the Rebellion, as viewed from a Northern standpoint, and was intensely loyal to the flag of his country, and opposed to secession. In religious matters he was conscientious, but quiet and unassuming. He was an active member of the United Brethren Church, and one of the trustees of Mt. Lebanon Chapel. Reared a strict Methodist, he adhered to that denomination until coming into the Dawley neigh-

borhood. To the last he maintained his Christian character, and conscientiously sacrificed home comforts, and even life, on the altar of his country.

DANIEL M. POTTER, brick and tile manufacturer, located in Ballville township, Sandusky county, was born near his present residence, April 19, 1860. His parents were Henry Jervis and Zeruah Ann (Dawley) Potter, who formerly owned and resided on a farm adjoining the one he now occupies and forming a part of it. Here Daniel spent his childhood and youth, and attended a common school on the southeast corner of their farm, and also at Green Spring, Fremont and Clyde. His father having perished at Andersonville prison in 1864, Daniel early learned those lessons of industry, economy and thrift from his widowed mother, in the management and care of the farm, and in the raising of live stock, which were of great service to him in after life.

On December 25, 1881, he married Miss Ettie O., daughter of Chaplain R. and Ellen (Morrison) Huss, of Green Creek township, and entered upon life for himself on the farm he now occupies. After farming two years he decided to embark in the brick and tile business. He began in a small way, and, as the demands for his tile increased, enlarged his facilities from year to year, until in 1893 he gave constant employment to nineteen hands, several teams, and turned off about five hundred thousand tile, of all sorts and sizes, adapted to the needs of the farmers in his vicinity. He also did some shipping of tile abroad. He was led to engage in the brick and tile business from having heard in his childhood a remark made by his father to the effect that if he ever built a new house on that farm it should be of brick burned by himself, as he had noticed that the clay mortar used in the construction of a log cabin

on a corner of his farm by a renter had turned to a bright red color when the cabin was burned to the ground by accident. Mr. Potter is a member of Green Spring Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Green Spring, Ohio, and in politics is a Republican. The children of Daniel and Ettie Potter are: Mabel Ellen, born August 30, 1884; Henry J., born May 30, 1886; and James C., born August 31, 1891.

Mrs. Potter, the mother of our subject, was born September 8, 1838, in Sandusky county, in which county she was for some time a teacher in the public schools. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Potter were born three children: Jervis, born in 1858, and died in infancy; Daniel, our subject, and Clara M. (Mrs. C. M. Wolf), born August 2, 1861.

Mrs. Daniel Potter, the wife of our subject, was born July 24, 1860, in Green Creek township, Sandusky Co., Ohio. She was educated in high school at Green Spring, and was a teacher in Sandusky county for nine terms. Her father was born February 11, 1838, in Sandusky county; his wife was born March 18, 1838, in Sandusky county; they were of Scotch and Irish descent. To them were born three children, as follows: Mrs. Potter; Eva Huss (Mrs. Chas. Ruth), born April 21, 1863; and Burton W. Huss, born April 23, 1869. The mother died September 19, 1894. Mrs. Potter's paternal grandparents, Christian and Catharine (Rathburn) Huss, were born February 21, 1815, and March 3, 1818, respectively; he died August 3, 1864; she died August 20, 1893. Her maternal grandparents were born in Ireland, and came to America in 1830.

GEORGE HIETT, a well-to-do farmer and manufacturer of Jackson township, Sandusky county, was born March 7, 1834, in Seneca county, Ohio, and has resided in Sandusky county from the age of ten years.

Our subject is a son of George Hiett, Sr., who was born October 12, 1792, in Jefferson county, Va., and moving thence to Seneca county, Ohio, lived there twenty years. Pleasant township, Seneca county, was named by him. Returning to Virginia, he remained three years, and then came to Ballville township, Sandusky county, where he bought 300 acres of land on the west bend of the Sandusky river, at \$25 per acre. George Hiett, Sr., was in religious connection a member of the M. E. Church, in politics a Republican, and held the office of justice of the peace one term in Seneca county. He died March 1, 1875, in his eighty-third year. He wedded Miss Lydia Mulnix, who was born October 19, 1798, and died in February, 1891, and their children were Mary, born April 3, 1819, who was married to Thomas Johnson in Sandusky county, where they resided some time, moving thence to Kansas, where he died in 1884, leaving two children—George and Lydia J.; William, born December 28, 1820, who married Celia Chineoweth, by whom he had ten children; Elizabeth, born December 22, 1822, who married Martin Edwards, a farmer, and had three children—William, John and Mary; John W., born November 11, 1824, who married Mary Beecham, by whom he had four children—Irving, Ella, Oliver and Russell (John W. Hiett was a graduate of Oberlin College, and was a teacher and superintendent in the Fremont schools in 1853-54-55, and in the Maumee schools in 1859-60-61-62; during recent years he lived in Toledo, Ohio, where he dealt in real estate. He was among the organizers of the Anti-slavery Society in Virginia. He was a zealous member of the M. E. Church. He died August 16, 1894); Catharine, born March 4, 1827, married to Henry Kenyon, and had four children—Edward, Lillie, Emma and John; Henry, born August 13, 1829, married Jane Hall, and moved to Riverside, Cal., where they have

a large fruit farm (their children are—Robert, Phœbe and Mary); Rebecca, born October 24, 1831; James, born March 7, 1834, a farmer, who married Martha Louisa Bowlus, and has three children—Edward, Effie and Martha; George, twin brother of James; Jacob, born in 1836; and Asa S., born in 1839.

At the age of ten years our subject, George Hiatt, came with his father to Ballville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, and assisted in farming on the banks of Sandusky river. At the age of twenty-one he left his father's home, and commencing life for himself followed farming for some time. Being a natural mechanic he erected a sawmill on the farm where he now lives, at Bruner Station, five miles southwest of Fremont, on the line of the L. E. & W. railroad, where he and his sons, under the firm name of George Hiatt & Sons, manufacture lumber, sorghum, ground feed, and a combination fence. The mill is valued at \$3,000. Mr. Hiatt is also a patentee of a cane stripper and binder, which is a great labor-saver, and has a capacity of sixty bundles per hour; the patent is estimated to be worth \$70,000. Mr. Hiatt's farm is in the oil district, and is very valuable property.

On December 21, 1856, George Hiatt married Miss Elizabeth Mosier, who was born March 6, 1834, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Mosier, natives of Pennsylvania, who had a family of ten children. To this union were born children as follows: Emma Alice, born September 27, 1857, married December 25, 1888, to Lewis C. Smith, a farmer, and has one child—Ralph, born September 4, 1891; Lydia Jeannette, born March 15, 1859, married October 19, 1892, to George Barnt, a farmer and carpenter; Charles Elliott, born March 22, 1861, who, in May, 1888, married Hattie Binkley, and has four children—Hazel (born February 17, 1889), Howard (who died in childhood), Eva E. (born June 17, 1890, died June 20, 1890), and Paul

C. (born July 31, 1893); George A., born July 24, 1863, who married Nettie Beck, October 25, 1893; Orven L., born December 19, 1865, a farmer; King Henry, born January 15, 1867, a farmer, who was married March 14, 1894, to Minnie Baumgardner, of Ballville township; Lillie Vilota, born May 6, 1870, married February 20, 1894, to Albert C. Ward, a prosperous business man of Toledo, Ohio; Dora Elizabeth, was born February 3, 1873, married December 25, 1894, to Charles L. Flora, a natural mechanic and the patentee of several new and useful inventions.

HENRY BRINKMAN. Among the worthy citizens of German birth who have found homes in Sandusky county, and rank among her leading agriculturists, is the gentleman whose name opens this sketch. He was born in Germany October 6, 1820, and is the eldest son of John Henry and Mary (Ornick) Brinkman, both of whom were also natives of Germany. They were farming people, and resided in that country throughout their lives.

Our subject was reared and educated in the land of his birth, and in 1858 sailed for America, for he hoped to better his financial condition in this country, of whose privileges and advantages he had heard much. He landed at Castle Garden, New York, without money, but with a plentiful supply of energy and resolution. He came at once to Sandusky county, Ohio, and, in order to earn a living, began work as a day laborer, being thus employed for three years. He worked early and late, and lived frugally, and at the expiration of that period had saved enough money with which to purchase forty acres of timber land. With characteristic energy he began to improve it, and acre by acre was cleared and placed under the plow, until to-day he

has a well-developed tract and a pleasant home, all the result of his own labor.

Mr. Brinkman was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Alt, a daughter of John Alt, of Germany, where their wedding was celebrated in 1845. They became the parents of three children, all sons, to wit: Henry, now deceased; Frank, a farmer residing in Washington township, who married Allie Lenz, and has one child; and JOHN, who was born November 14, 1866, in Sandusky county. His educational privileges were very meager, but he has made the most of his opportunities, and in the school of experience has gained a good, practical business knowledge. He is now at home with his father, and carries on the farm. He is a progressive, enterprising young agriculturist, and in the management of the home place displays good business ability. The father and son are both supporters of the Democracy, and members of the Lutheran Church, and in the community where they reside are highly respected people.

JOHN FANGBONER, auditor of Sandusky county, Ohio, was born in Union county, Penn., June 3, 1845, son of James and Catharine (Ilick) Fangboner.

James Fangboner was born in 1812 in New Jersey, from which State he removed, when a young man, to Union county, Penn., where he married, and followed the trade of wagon-maker, in connection with farming. His death occurred in 1892. Mrs. Fangboner was born in Easton, Penn., in 1811, and is now residing at Lewisburg, that State. They were the parents of six children, who became heads of families. John Fangboner was reared in Union county, Penn., and at the age of sixteen enlisted in the Union army, but was rejected on account of his youth. He afterward enlisted, February 24, 1864, in Company

K, Fifty-first P. V. I., was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and saw active service, participating in several important battles, and being wounded in the second battle of the Wilderness. He was honorably discharged at Trenton, N. J., July 25, 1865. After the war he located at Lewisburg, Penn., and within a short time came to Lindsey, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where he engaged in the business of buying, preparing for market, and shipping live-stock. In 1887 he removed to Fremont in order to prosecute his business on a larger scale, and recently he has devoted most of his time to the buying, feeding and shipping of sheep, in which he excels, both in the magnitude and management of his undertakings. His sheep barns are models of convenience and comfort for the handling of sheep. One of them is 120x68 in dimensions, two are 20x100 feet; there is another 100x28 feet, and one shed 100x36 feet. He has granaries and sheds in close proximity to each other, and he fed more than 6,000 sheep within the year 1894. He makes his purchases in Chicago and elsewhere. Mr. Fangboner also does an extensive business in the buying, packing and shipping of hay and straw, having a number of presses of his own in almost constant operation. He ships annually not less than 800 car-loads of farm products, for which he pays the farmers many hundreds of thousands of dollars. Mr. Fangboner is a Republican in politics, and takes a laudable interest in public affairs. He has held many offices of honor and trust, having served on the school board at Lindsey for six years, and was a member of the village council two years. On his removal to Fremont he was elected a member of the city council. In November, 1893, he was elected auditor of Sandusky county, on the Republican ticket, and is the present incumbent, assisted by his son, Irvin T., as deputy. He is well and favorably known in society circles. Socially, he is a member of the K. of H.,

the Royal Arcanum and the National Union.

In 1871 John Fangboner married Miss Hensel, daughter of Adam and Mary (Benner) Hensel. She died at Lindsey, Ohio, in 1874, the mother of two children, Irvin T. and Myrtella. Mr. Fangboner married, for his second wife, Miss Emma, daughter of Jacob Faller, of Fremont, Ohio, and they have one child, Raymond. Irvin T. Fangboner, the well-known, competent, and highly esteemed deputy auditor of Sandusky county, was for five years assistant teller in the First National Bank of Fremont, Ohio. He is a member of several social clubs and societies in the city, belongs to the B. P. O. Elks, the Masonic Fraternity, the National Union and the Sons of Veterans. In religious connection he is a member of the Reformed Church of Fremont, in which he has served in various official positions.

GEORGE RICHARDS. This well-known citizen of Gibsonburg, Sandusky county, is a veterinary surgeon, and has been practicing his profession since early in life. He was born in the County of Kent, England, February 15, 1819.

The parents of our subject were Thomas and Mary (Court) Richards, the former of whom died in the county of Kent, England, when seventy-eight years old. He was a farmer by occupation, and was a strong, rugged man. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The mother was also born in the County of Kent, England, and lived to be one hundred and one years old. She was never sick until the time of her death. Her father was Clement Court, a farmer by occupation, and her mother, who was born in Worcester, England, was the daughter of a veterinary surgeon.

George Richards gained a fair education in the schools of East Kent, and

assisted his father upon the farm until fourteen years of age, when he was apprenticed to his uncle until he was twenty-one, learning the profession of a veterinary surgeon. He then went to London and studied at Greenwich Hospital for a year, when he took his diploma and began practice with his uncle in Kent. There he remained two years, and was then appointed as veterinary and bailiff under Lord Sands. This position he filled for over five years, and then took the management of a tavern in West Kent called the "Bull Inn," which he conducted for two and a half years, when he sold out and became the proprietor of the "Drum Inn," East Kent, remaining there some three years. This property he disposed of in 1859, and then emigrated to America.

Mr. Richards at first located in Richfield, Ohio, and engaged in the butchering business until 1861, when, the Civil war breaking out, he enlisted in the Second Battalion, Ohio Cavalry, serving two and a half years. He was sent from Camp Dennison to St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo., and was in the expedition in search of Quantrell's band of bushwhackers. They had an exciting chase, in which they captured six of Quantrell's men. About this time Mr. Richards' wife was taken sick, and died, so he returned home. He then located in Lorain county, Ohio, on Butternut Ridge, where he lived until 1864, in which year he went to Wood county and bought land. This he traded for land beyond Summit. He made a business of buying and selling land, in the meantime practicing his profession as a veterinary surgeon, having as much as he could do in that line. He is now the owner of a good property, and although he has practically retired from business, he still does some work in his profession. Mr. Richards was married in 1850, in England, to Mary Bramble, who died during the Civil war, in 1863, in Lake township, Wood Co., Ohio. Of this union there were born the following chil-

dren: Margery; George, who married Clara Hedricks, and has three children—Esther, Harry and Daisy; Mary, the wife of David Ively, has four children—Harry, Charley, George and Fred; Margaret died when twenty-three years old; Sarah married W. Fought, and has one child—Arthur; Margaret died when one year old. For his second wife Mr. Richards married Miss Sarah Weaver, who was born in Franklin, Penn., in 1849. The children of this marriage are: Lottie, the wife of John Mull (they have three children—Melvin, Ira and Ethel); Fred, married to Miss Mame Foster; Clara, deceased; William, Effie, Emma, Henry, Jemima, Eddie and Bessie.

Mr. Richards is a Republican in politics. In religion he is a member of the United Brethren Church, and has been very active in all good works, helping to build three or four churches. He is a man of intelligence and a good conversationalist.

HENRY A. WINTER. This gentleman, who is one of the most prominent farmers and stock raisers of Townsend township, Sandusky county, has, by his sterling integrity, honest and straightforward dealing, earned for himself an enviable reputation and a good name. He is a son of Daniel and Mary (Dale) Winter, and was born January 8, 1838, upon the homestead farm, on which he still resides.

Daniel Winter, who was of German ancestry, was born in Hagerstown, Md., March 30, 1797, and was a son of Christian and Palmer Winter, who removed to Canada about 1800, locating near Fort Erie, where they resided until 1812. On the breaking out of the war of 1812 Christian Winter entered the ranks of the American army; but, as he had previously taken the oath of allegiance to the British Crown, the Canadian authorities endeavored to enroll him into their

army, and during the war he had many narrow escapes from capture by the British. After the close of the struggle he settled in Erie county, Ohio, where he resided until his death. He was an upright, honored citizen, and his memory will long be cherished. Daniel Winter was three years old when he was taken by his parents to Canada, and he was there reared to manhood. He also was drafted into the British army, but escaped and settled in Erie county, Ohio, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1821, when he removed to what was then called the Prairies (now Townsend township), where he spent the remainder of his days. In Erie county, Ohio, April 6, 1831, he was united in marriage with Mary Dale, a lady of German ancestry, born in Danville, Penn., February 11, 1800, and they had four children, as follows: J. Nelson, born April 26, 1834, and residing in Clyde, Sandusky county; Henry A., the subject of this sketch; Ralph J., born November 20, 1842, died April 18, 1885; and Mary E., born September 11, 1845, died at Madison, Ga., March 27, 1889. On June 24, 1869, Daniel Winter was called from earth, beloved of all who knew him.

Henry A. Winter has passed his whole life in Townsend township, was educated in the district school, and since early youth has been engaged in farming and stock raising. In Erie county, Ohio, May 28, 1874, Mr. Winter was united in marriage with Bella Neill, who was born in Delaware, Delaware Co., Ohio, April 17, 1857, and they have had children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Ralph, February 27, 1875; Allan, July 4, 1876; Louis, February 18, 1878; Daniel, July 7, 1879; Charles, June 21, 1880; Edith, August 4, 1882; and Neil, February 27, 1884. The parents of Mrs. Winter, Louis and Jeannette S. (Gaw) Neill, were both born in Sandusky City, Erie county, and both are still living. Mr. Winter is a Republican in politics, and the family attend the United Brethren

Church. Mrs. Winter is a school director for Sandusky county, being the first lady director ever elected in the county.

N B. ERVIN, M. D., one of the most successful medical practitioners of Sandusky county, as well as one of the most enterprising and deserving business men, is a resident of Gibsonburg. He was born near Mansfield, Ohio, January 15, 1853, son of Ezekiel and Sarah (Kerr) Ervin.

Ezekial Ervin was born in October, 1799, in Westmoreland county, Penn., and about 1830 migrated to Richland county, Ohio, where, with his brother-in-law, Jesse Swann, he opened up a wilderness farm. The rails of this pioneer farm were made from walnut lumber, which in after years became almost priceless in value. Sarah (Kerr), the mother of our subject, was also a native of Westmoreland county. They remained lifelong citizens of Richland county, the mother dying in 1865, the father surviving till 1880. He had only one brother—who remained in Pennsylvania and left two sons—but several sisters, one of whom had married Jesse Swann. The children of Ezekiel and Sarah Ervin, were as follows: James, a soldier of the Civil war, who, in the spring of 1865, when on his way home on parole from a Rebel prison, was killed in the steamer "Sultana" horror near Vicksburg; William, who died in childhood; John M., a harness-maker of Mansfield; Mary, who died in childhood; Dr. N. B., subject of this sketch; Ruth, wife of James McCulley, of Toledo; Ira, who died at Clyde, aged twenty-six years; and Sadie, deceased wife of Howard Rummel.

Our subject grew up on his father's farm, and in addition to his common-school education, took an academic course at Perrysville, Ohio. He then attended medical lectures at the Cleveland Medical School, the Medical Department of

Wooster University, graduating with the class of 1881. The young physician at once opened an office at Gibsonburg, and he has remained here ever since. He quickly won the confidence of the community by his professional skill, and has from the first enjoyed a large practice. In 1893 Dr. Ervin opened a drug store, which he still owns; but he devotes his time chiefly to his practice. He is also interested in various enterprises which are materially helping the village and county: He is a charter member, a stockholder and a director of the Gibsonburg Banking Company; he was president of the first gas company ever organized at Gibsonburg, the Gibsonburg National Gas and Oil Company, and now has interests in that and in the Ervin Oil Company, who control considerable land and own about thirty wells, being largely engaged in the oil industry. He is also financially interested with Williams Bros. in the oil fields, and is a member of the Buckeye Torpedo Co., who are engaged in the manufacture of nitro-glycerine for shooting oil wells. In politics the Doctor is a Republican. Socially, he is a prominent member of the I.O.O.F., the K. of P., the Knights of the Maccabees, and the Masonic Fraternity. Professionally he is a member of the State Medical Society, and also of the Sandusky County Medical Society. The town of Gibsonburg is indebted for its prosperity to men of the courage and conviction of Dr. Ervin. He is a leader in financial operations, and has displayed a rare good judgment in the undertakings with which he has been associated.

On September 9, 1880, Dr. Ervin was married, near Mansfield, to Miss Josephine Smith, a native of Wayne county, and they have a family of four children: Mabel, born January 2, 1882; James Sidney, born January 20, 1886; Norman, born September 9, 1889; and Dale, born November 12, 1893. Mrs. Ervin was born July 23, 1859, daughter



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of John and Rebecca (Gillam) Smith, and received her education in Richland and Wayne counties, Ohio. Her father was born July 24, 1820, her mother June 3, 1821, and they were the parents of seven children, of whom four are now living, as follows: Josephine (Mrs. Ervin); Mrs. Mary Robinson, of Lucas, Ohio; Mrs. Ellen Irvin, of Mansfield, Ohio; and Mrs. Lizzie Wallace, of Lucas, Ohio. Mr. Smith came to his death, May 25, 1890, by the explosion of a quantity of dynamite; his wife survived him until 1893. Mrs. Ervin's paternal grandfather, Daniel Smith, was born about 1798, and married Anna Hartford, who died at an early age, leaving a family of five children. Her maternal grandfather, William Gillam, wedded Mary Kennedy, who was born about 1800, and died in 1874; to this union were born seven children, of whom one is living.

LOUIS LINKE, one of the substantial farmers of northern Ohio, was born May 12, 1837, in Hanover, Germany, and is a son of Herman H. and Anna (Thorman) Linke, who were born in Hanover, Germany, in November, 1795, and in September, 1798, respectively.

Herman H. Linke and his wife Anna were the parents of four children, namely: Anna M., born in 1820, who married Clarence Ulgerslinger, a tailor, and they live in Germany; Annie Mary, born in 1825, married Christopher Rolfus, a maker of wooden shoes, and they live in Germany; Aberhart, born in 1825, now a farmer in Woodville township, Sandusky county, married to Sophia Hilker, and they have six children—Annie, Sophia, Herman, and three who died young; and Ludwig Henry, or Louis, the subject of this sketch.

Louis Linke came to America with his parents in the fall of 1852. In eighteen weeks from the time they left the Father-

land they located in Ohio, visiting first at his uncle's, in Troy township, Wood county. He then went to his brother, who owned a farm, and stayed there for a time, working out at different places until his marriage. On March 7, 1860, Louis Linke married Maria Hurdelbrink, who was born October 8, 1839, in Hanover, Germany, and nine children have been born to them, as follows: Herman Henry, March 18, 1861, now a farmer in Woodville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, married to Ganna Sandwisch, and has two children—Ida and Lizzie; Elizabeth, born April 6, 1862, died young; Eberhart Henry, born August 28, 1863, now a farmer in Clay township, Ottawa county, who married Louisa Obermeyer, and they have had two children, Minnie and Ed; Annie Louisa, born August 11, 1866, married to Herman Sander, a farmer of Ottawa county, and they have three children—Louis, Carrie and Dora; Eberhard Henry, born June 24, 1868, died August 22, 1869, aged one year and twenty-eight days, and was buried at Woodville; Sophia Eliza, born May 11, 1871, married Fred Shulte, a farmer of Sandusky county, and has one child—Louis; Anna Maria Carrie, born August 26, 1874, unmarried and living at home; John Ludwig, born March 30, 1879, living at home; and Maria Eliza, born December 18, 1883, deceased when young.

Mrs. Louis Linke's parents came to America in 1837, and only remained in the East a short time. They were very poor, and her father worked by the day among the farmers. Coming to Ohio, they lived for a short time with a friend named Hartman. Her father worked out, and saved his money, bought forty acres of land, put up a log cabin, and began clearing. This land he kept for several years, and then sold it. Later he bought eighty acres, all but two of which were in timber, and cleared about half of this. Before he died this farm was divided among the children. He was born in

1803, and died in 1877; his wife was born in 1800, and died in 1867. Mrs. Linke's brothers and sisters were as follows: Henry, born in 1834, married Angeline Starke, by whom he has had eight children (he has a farm of eighty acres in Woodville township which he rents, and lives retired with his children in Toledo, Ohio); William, a farmer of Woodville township, married Louisa Coleman, and they have seven children; and Eliza and Angeline, who died young.

In 1861 Mr. Linke bought 126 acres of timberland, all in the woods, put up a log cabin, and began clearing. In 1864 he sold twenty-five acres to his brother, since when he has owned, in all, 238 acres. He now has 149 acres, and carries on general farming. He is one of the oldest members of the Lutheran Church in Troy township, Wood Co., Ohio. In politics a Democrat, he was trustee for eleven years, and supervisor several years. He is an upright, honest man, does not show the marks of his years of hard work, and has not yet a gray hair in his head.

REV. NOAH HENRICKS, a retired farmer and minister, now residing in the village of Lindsey, Sandusky county, has witnessed, as few others have, the marvelous transformation of a tangled and almost impassable jungle into a pastoral region of surpassing fertility and beauty.

He was a lad of tender years, with mind keenly susceptible to impressions, when his father, a prominent pioneer and farmer, moved from the rugged hills and valleys of Perry county to the noted "Black Swamp" of northwestern Ohio. Gifted with a prescience of their future value, he bought extensively from the government the rich swamp-covered lands of Washington township, Sandusky county, trusting to the coming years to vindicate the soundness of his judgment in

thus investing in lands which most pioneers avoided. The scene was truly uninviting. Log-choked streams lazily flooded the entire region, and rank vegetable growth contended with the slimy waters for supremacy over the soil. Vine-clad monarchs of the forest with tops interlaced, and with trunks inclined at every conceivable angle, conspired to keep the rays of the sun from the oozy surface.

Hither in 1830 came Jacob and Elizabeth (Hufford) Henricks and their eight children, the ninth and youngest being a native of the new home. Jacob Henricks, who was born in Pennsylvania, moved with his parents, in 1807, to Perry county, Ohio, was there married to Elizabeth Hufford January 15, 1811, and there remained until his migration to Sandusky county in 1830. His children were as follows: Katie, born December 8, 1811, married George Hetrick, and died in 1894, leaving ten children; Sarah, born July 29, 1814, married John Overmyer, and is now deceased; John, born November 8, 1816; Noah, subject of this sketch, born November 13, 1818; Susan, born January 14, 1821, now living in Indiana, widow of Samuel Rerrick; Rebecca, born December 6, 1822, wife of Jacob Waggoner, of Indiana; Jonah, born December 9, 1824; Elizabeth, born May 20, 1827, now the wife of Jonas Engler, and residing near Flat Rock; Jacob, born August 16, 1831, a farmer of Wood county, Ohio.

After his removal to Sandusky county Noah Henricks, the subject of this sketch, attended the district schools until his seventeenth year, when he began a course of study, preparatory to entering the ministry in the German Baptist Church. When thus equipped, Rev. Henricks filled the pulpit for four years, preaching in Ohio and throughout Illinois. He filled the station of a bishop, which permitted him to preach without restriction, and not requiring him to follow the circuit and stay but one year in each place.

In January, 1831, his father purchased 160 acres of land in Washington township, and this, from 1850 to 1890, was the home of our subject. He married Miss Katie Reed, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Swinchart) Reed, who in an early day migrated from Pennsylvania, their native State, to Perry county, Ohio, and in 1833 came to Washington township, Sandusky county, where they died. In religious belief they were Lutherans. They had a family of eleven children, as follows: Elizabeth, Samuel, Katie, Polly, Peter, John, Jonathan, Rebecca, Eliza, Caroline, and an infant unnamed. To Rev. Noah and Katie Henricks have been born four children: John, who married Catharine Yagle, and had four children—Alice (married to William Engler), and Arda, Clara and Esta (all three single); Sarah, widow of Jess Hetrick; Elizabeth, wife of Charles Buck, a farmer in Sandusky county, who has three children—Ida, Noah and Jennie; and Emily, who married John Ansbach, a lumberman of Oak Harbor, and has two children—Willie and Rolly. In 1890 Rev. Mr. Henricks moved to the village of Lindsey, where he expects to pass his remaining days in comfort, and amidst the scenes which bring back many pleasant memories of the long ago.

J BAUMANN & SON. Among the enterprising business men of Fremont, perhaps no firm is more widely and favorably known throughout Sandusky county than the firm of J. Baumann & Son, proprietors of the "Central Meat Market," corner of Croghan and Arch streets, opposite the City Hall.

JACOB BAUMANN, SR., the senior proprietor, was born in Villigen, Switzerland, December 6, 1827, a son of Henry and Verena (Hartman) Baumann, who lived on a farm near the borders of Baden. He attended school in his native place until fifteen years of age, when he learned

the trade of butcher. On May 10, 1850, he married Miss Elizabeth Vogt, daughter of John Vogt, a farmer, who afterward emigrated to America and settled in Sandusky county, Ohio. In the fall of the year 1854 Mr. Baumann came to America with his family, crossing the Atlantic Ocean in the sailing vessel "Canvas Back" from Havre to New York City in forty-three days. Coming thence to Fremont, Ohio, he located on the east side of the Sandusky river, and worked at his trade as a butcher. The following year he kept a meat market at Clyde, Ohio. Returning to Fremont in 1856, he opened a grocery store and meat market on State street, in the Third ward, on the corner now occupied by Kline's block. In 1857 he sold out this business and removed to the West side, where he established an exclusively meat market. His "Central Market" was established by him in 1875. In the year 1877 his son, Jacob Baumann, Jr., became an equal partner with him, and they have continued together until the present time. Their patronage is such that for a number of years it has required the annual purchase of more than ten thousand dollars' worth of live stock, chiefly from the farmers of the surrounding country. They are quiet and unassuming in their manners, but possessed of a genial, friendly nature, and an obliging disposition. They are masters of their business, and their reputation for sound judgment and strict integrity is such that among farmers and city patrons their word is as good as their bond. In the year 1882 J. Baumann, Sr., built a fine brick mansion on Croghan street, opposite the Court House yard, which has since that time been occupied as a family residence, and is an ornament to the city. The children of Jacob Baumann, Sr., and his wife Elizabeth, *née* Vogt, were: Jacob Baumann, Jr.; Anna Baumann, who died at the age of forty-two years; Eliza Baumann, at home; Albert V., whose sketch appears elsewhere; and Hattie, at home.

JACOB BAUMANN, JR., junior member of the firm of J. Baumann & Son, was born in Switzerland July 23, 1850, and came with his parents to Fremont, where he received a limited school education, and learned to follow the occupation of his father. He married November 1, 1877, Miss Minna Richards, daughter of Prof. Frederick Richards. She died July 15, 1892, the mother of children as follows: Gertrude Leone, born August 9, 1879; Albert Otto, born October 24, 1880; Frederick Jacob, who died in infancy; and Frieda, born July 30, 1886. On October 30, 1894, Mr. Baumann married Miss Ida Stapf, who was born March 30, 1861, daughter of William Stapf, of Newport, Ky. Their residence is on Garrison street, Fremont, Ohio.

GEORGE RIMMELSPACHER, a retired farmer, Fremont, Sandusky county, is a native of Baden, Germany, born March 28, 1812. His parents were Joseph and Christena (Mowery) Rimmelspacher, farmers and natives of Baden, the former of whom died at the age of seventy-seven, and the latter at the age of seventy-four years. They had eight children, five of whom came to America: Chrisence, Mary, Elizabeth, Sebastian, and George (our subject). Of those who remained in the Fatherland, Bernhardt only is still living.

Our subject grew to manhood in Baden, where he received a limited education in German, and learned the trade of blacksmith. Hoping to better his condition, he emigrated to America, landing at New York City, May 27, 1836, and here worked at his trade one and a half years. He then went to St. Augustine, Florida, and drove stage coach two years, subsequently doing some blacksmithing for the United States Government, under direction of Gen. Zachary Taylor, who was in charge of soldiers there. He returned thence to

New York City, and in 1840 came to Ohio, locating on the Sandusky river, in Ballville township, Sandusky county, upon a farm of forty acres, to which more were added later, and where he lived about forty years. Here, by hard work and good management, for which Germans are noted, he accumulated a fortune which enabled him in his old age to retire from business. He has erected a fine brick residence on Garrison street, Fremont, which he makes his family home. He at one time owned 600 acres of valuable land in Sandusky county, which he disposed of by giving to each of his children a farm.

On September 14, 1840, George Rimmelspacher married Miss Elizabeth Gable, who was born April 4, 1818, in Alsace, Germany, and came to America in 1831. They had thirteen children, nine of whom are living: (1) Joseph A., who died at twelve years of age; (2) Jacob, a soldier of the Civil war, who married Anna Garber, and whose children are—Florence, Henry, Ida, Ferris and Pearl. (3) Magdalena, wife of Henry Ochs, of Buffalo, N. Y., who has six children—Albert (who married Miss Bertha Shoedler, and has one child, Harold); Rosa (who married Casper Hodes, and has three children—Rosa, Carl and Henry), Edward, Harry, Stany and Ralph. (4) Andrew, farmer, living in Ballville township, who married Miss Louisa Myers, and whose children are—Harry, Estella, Philber, Edward, Sylvester, Hedwig, Lovina, Sevilla, Lawrence, Marie, Clements and Regine. (5) Catharine, wife of Anthony Swint, whose children are—George, Frank, Lena, Lizzie, Seraphine, Robert, Charles, Laura, Peter, Jacob, and Gertrude. (6) Rosa, wife of L. Engleman; she died August 1, 1893, aged thirty-four, leaving two children—Amedius and Estella. (7) Mary, wife of Andrew Ochs, of Buffalo, N. Y.; they have one child—Frank. (8) George, a farmer of Sandusky county, who married Helen Koffler, and whose children are—Isabella, Eleanora and Henrietta.

(9) John, who married Theresa Kochman, and whose children are—Seraphine, Josephine, Carl and Wilbur. (10) William, who married Christena Engler, and whose children are—Isadore and Wilbur. (11) Amelia, living at home. Two children—Peter and Frank—died in childhood. Mrs. Rimmelspacher died June 7, 1892, at the age of seventy-four years. The Rimmelspacher family are all members of the Roman Catholic Church.

J C. SMITH. This gentleman, one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Gibsonburg, Sandusky county, is the surviving member of the firm of Smith & Dohn, who for some years have extensively engaged in the manufacture of lime. Mr. F. W. Dohn died about three years ago, and since that time Mr. Smith has had entire charge of the large interests of the business, and has conducted it very successfully, being assisted by Mr. Dohn's son. He is a man of strict integrity, and carries the principles of religion into his business relations, gaining thereby the confidence and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact. He is also enterprising and progressive, and always busy in promoting the welfare of others as well as his own.

Mr. Smith was born in Sandusky county, west of Fremont, August 15, 1854, son of Nelson and Mary (Cookson) Smith, both of whom are still living. The father was born in 1824 in Franklin county, Ohio, near Columbus, and now resides in Washington township, Sandusky county, where he carries on farming, and where he has lived ever since his marriage. By trade he was a carpenter, and followed that occupation for some years. In politics he is a Republican, and in religion a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His ancestors were prominent people in New England, and Israel Smith, of Fremont, this State, was his uncle. The mother of our subject was born in

Perry county, Ohio, in 1823, her family coming there from Pennsylvania. Our subject is one of a family of five children, of whom the following record is given: Josiah lives in Ballville township; Isabel died at the age of fifteen years; F. E. lives in Washington township; J. C. resides at Gibsonburg; and John lives on the old homestead in Washington township.

J. C. Smith grew to manhood in Washington township, and acquired an excellent education in Delaware and Oberlin Colleges, in the meantime interspersing his studies with teaching, thus putting to practical use the knowledge he obtained. He taught two terms at Ballville after leaving Delaware College, and before entering Oberlin, and after attending the spring and fall terms at the latter, again engaged in teaching for four terms at Bettsville, in Seneca county. He also taught three terms near his home in Sandusky county. In 1880 he was married to Miss Annie C. Bowlus, who was born in Sandusky township, Sandusky county, August 22, 1852, and to them have been born six children: Eula, May, Webb, Carl, Florence and Ina.

Mrs. Smith is the only daughter of Henry and Rebecca Williamson Bowlus. She was educated in Adrian (Mich.) College, where, in addition to her literary pursuits, she also made a study of music, which, for a time, she afterward taught. Mrs. Smith's father was born September 27, 1810, near Middletown, Md., and when fourteen years of age came with his parents to Sandusky county, Ohio, where he still lives. His wife was born in Middletown, Md., July 4, 1824, and died January 28, 1891, aged sixty-six years, six months and twenty-four days. She was married to Lewis L. Bowlus in her native town at the tender age of seventeen years and six months, and immediately afterward migrated with her husband to the West, settling in Sandusky county, Ohio, three miles west of where the

city of Fremont now stands. The county was new, and largely covered with dense forests and impenetrable swamps; but here the young couple settled on a tract of land in the woods, built a small cabin and commenced clearing away the forest timber. In the summer of 1848, however, the husband was smitten down with fever, and at the age of twenty-four she was left a widow with two children—Silas and Amos. Silas, the elder, died while in the army in 1864, and Amos three years later, while a student at Oberlin College. In September, 1849, she was married to Henry Bowlus, who survives her, and they lived happily together for over forty-one years. She was an active member of the Muskalonge Methodist Protestant Church some forty-seven years; she was in attendance at one of the meetings there, in which she had expressed her thankfulness to God, her Saviour, for the revival influence that was being enjoyed in the Church, when she was taken ill and at six o'clock in the evening death finished its work, and that faithful Christian, that pure and loving wife and mother, in every respect worthy of imitation, and her name that will ever be held in loving remembrance by all who knew her. She was buried in the little cemetery, just north of the church, together with kindred clay. To Mr. and Mrs. Bowlus were born four children, all of whom are living: Warren, Henry, Robert and Annie (Mrs. Smith). Mrs. Smith's paternal grandparents were from Germany, and her maternal grandmother from Scotland.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Smith engaged in the hardware business in Gibsonburg, with M. W. Hobart, whose interest he purchased two years later, carrying on the business alone until in November, 1890, when he sold out to the Buckeye Oil Well and Supply Company. During this time (in 1883) he formed a partnership with Sanders, Dohn & Co., for the manufacture of lime, and they built one lime kiln, and opened a quarry

at Gibsonburg, Ohio. This partnership continued until 1888, when Mr. Sanders sold his interest to the two men, who then established themselves under the firm name of Smith & Dohn. They purchased ten acres of quarry land near a railroad, and during the fall of that year built an additional kiln. In the following summer they added two more kilns, with an entire capacity of 450 barrels daily. The first year they shipped 80,000 barrels of lime; in 1890 and 1891 their output was 70,000 barrels; in 1892, 60,000 barrels, and in 1893, 54,000 barrels, the production for 1894 being about the same as in 1893. In 1892 they purchased a tract of land south of Gibsonburg, which furnished them part of their supply of gas for their business. They have one oil well and five gas wells, which supply them with fuel. The firm employ from twenty to thirty men throughout the year, and make all their own barrels.

Judging by the manner in which Mr. Smith has managed his own business, it is conclusive that he is a supremely active man, and one who looks ahead and anticipates. On account of the low prices of lime—the result of overproduction and close competition—Mr. Smith took action in the matter and was among the first to organize a company. In 1892 a consolidation of nearly all the white lime interests was effected, and the company was called "The Northwestern Ohio Lime Co.," our subject being one of the directors of same. It continued in existence but one year; but even that comparatively brief existence settled the point that where so much lime could be manufactured, some control must be had. In the early part of the year 1895, Mr. Smith and Mr. Sutliff undertook to organize a new company, with the assistance of a few other lime manufacturers; and after a couple of months or more hard labor they succeeded in organizing "The Ohio Lime Co.," upon such a basis, too, as to make

of it a comparatively permanent organization (for five years), taking in all the white-line interests in the State of Ohio. Mr. Smith is a director of this company, and its organization is so perfect, and it is working with such unqualified success that he justly feels proud of his energies so well directed. Good planning, judicious economy, and well-timed energy, properly applied, he claims, must lead to the success of any business.

Mr. Smith owns 160 acres, three and a half miles from Fremont, in Washington township, 105 acres of which is the estate of Rebecca C. Bowlus, and in addition to his other business, he is engaged in farming. In the fall of 1894, in connection with Peter A. Rust, he purchased fifteen acres from Fred Yeasting, and they were the means of having the school-house built on the west side of the railroad, having laid out the tract as an addition of the town. In 1883 Mr. Smith built the commodious home in which he lives, and here he enjoys life in the consciousness of duty well done, and energies well directed. In politics he is a Republican, but votes the Prohibition ticket, as he is fully convinced that that policy is for the best interests of the county. He is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has always been an earnest and active worker, being chorister and teacher in the Sabbath-school almost continuously. He is foremost in every work in Church and community, and is highly esteemed and respected.

CHRISTIAN KISER, a well-to-do farmer and land-owner of Sandusky township, Sandusky county, was born in Alsace, France (now Germany), March 1, 1842, a son of Christian and Salome (Young) Kiser.

The father of our subject was born in the same place in the year 1800, and was a carpenter and farmer in Alsace. He came to America in about 1851, and lo-

cated on a farm in Sandusky township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where he died in 1863. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. The mother was born in Alsace, and came to America, where she died at the age of eighty-three years. They had three children: William, Christian and Caroline, all of whom live in Sandusky township. Of these Caroline married John Bender. Christian Kiser, Sr., had three children by a former marriage, of whom are named Fred, who died in Fremont, Ohio; Charles; and Elizabeth, wife of Frederick Smith. The grandfather was about ten years old when he came to this country, and he attended school but a short time, as he was needed to help clear up the farm.

He worked at wood chopping and farming till he enlisted, October 17, 1861, in Company C, Seventy-second Regiment O. V. I., under Capt. Samuel J. Snyder. He served in the army of the Tennessee, and participated in the following battles, sieges, &c.: Crump's Landing, Tenn., April 4, 1862; Shiloh, Tenn., April 6-7, 1862; Corinth, Miss., siege of, April 30 to May 31, 1862; Russell House, Miss., May 17, 1862; Jackson, Miss., May 14, 1863; Vicksburg, Miss., siege of, May 18 to July 4, 1863; Vicksburg, Miss., assault of, May 19-20, 1863; Big Black River, Miss., July 6, 1863; Jackson, Miss., July 9-16, 1863; Branton, Miss., July 19, 1863; Hickahala Creek, Miss., February 10, 1864; Brice's Cross Roads (also known as Guntown), Miss., June 10, 1864; Harrisburg, Miss., July 13, 1864; Tupelo, Miss., July 14, 1864; Old Town Creek, Miss., July 15, 1864; Little Harpeth, Tenn., December 6, 1864. This ends Mr. Kiser's army service, and he was mustered out after the battle of Nashville, Tenn. (December 15-16, 1864), and arrived home on New Year's Day, 1865. He had been promoted to corporal. He was never seriously wounded, and at Guntown, or Brice's Cross Roads, he made good his escape when about half of his comrades

were taken prisoners, and was obliged to travel two nights and a day and a half without food or ammunition, and yet he says he was not at all sick of army life. After his return from the army he located in Washington township, where he engaged in farming about four years, afterward locating in Elkhart county, Ind. In 1872 he returned to Sandusky township, where he bought the eighty acres he now lives on, and later eighty acres more. He also purchased 123 acres in Jackson township. In 1884 he built his present brick residence.

On January 14, 1862, Mr. Kiser married Miss Rachel Rule, who was born October 4, 1842, in Washington township, Sandusky county, where she lived until her marriage. Her parents, George and Sarah (Fessler) Rule, were natives of Cumberland county, Penn., the father born in 1788, the mother in 1798. They both died in 1865, Mrs. Rule's death occurring just three days after that of her husband, and they were buried side by side in Elkhart county, Ind. Their family consisted of fourteen children, thirteen of whom married and reared families. The children of Christian and Rachel Kiser, born in Sandusky county, are: Charles W., born September 8, 1863, living in Jackson township, married to Miss Eliza Auxter, a native of Rice township, by whom he had one child—Floyd; William, born February 18, 1866, died October 11, 1868; Noah F., born July 28, 1869, living at home, married to Miss Clara Hetrick March 26, 1895; Salome, born February 8, 1871, widow of William Wagner, by whom she had two children—Grace and Martha; Joshua, born November 4, 1872, married to Miss Martha Hedrick, of Ballville township, and they have a daughter—Edna; Martha, born August 24, 1874, died December 10, 1880; Henry, born December 24, 1876, living at home; Christian, born January 12, 1879; John, born August 12, 1880; and George, born April 21, 1883.

Mr. Kiser is a Republican in politics, and a member of Eugène Rawson Post, G. A. R., and of the U. V. U. He was elected township trustee in the spring of 1893, and in the fall of 1894 was elected county commissioner of Sandusky county. He is one of the successful men of Sandusky township.

FREDERICK W. DOHN. The story of a good man's life can not be told too often. In this bustling age, when principle too often gives place to policy, and the greed of money-getting so easily obscures the sharp line which should be drawn between right and wrong, the example of a man, who, during his life, carried out the teachings of the religion in which he believed, is one worthy of preservation as an encouragement to both old and young.

The subject of this sketch was a native of Bavaria; his birth taking place August 31, 1839, and his death occurring at his home in Gibsonburg, Sandusky Co., Ohio, October 7, 1893. When a boy of fourteen he left his native country, in 1853, for the United States, having heard of this great Republic as the Eldorado in which wonderful fortunes were to be made almost for the asking. He was accompanied by his mother, brother and sister, the father having died about a year previous. They were very poor, having to borrow money for their trip across the ocean, and when they reached New York were without a dollar. Their first permanent location was at Waukesha, Wis., and here Mr. Dohn secured a clerkship, and undertook the support of the little family. It was a heavy responsibility for a youth; but he was stout of heart and firm of purpose. For eight years he held this position, and became invaluable to his employer, with whom he remained until the failure of the latter in business.

An incident is related of this period of his life which reveals the character of the



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boy, and was an index to his future success. He was called into the office of his employer one day and informed that, if he did not quit attending a revival meeting which was then in progress, he would be discharged. He debated the matter with his conscience, and decided that if he attended the meetings only after his duties at the store were finished, he would be doing nothing wrong. He was, however, reported by a fellow clerk, who, perhaps, thought in this way to curry favor with his employer, and was summarily discharged. It was not long, however, before his employer discovered that he had made a serious mistake in discharging an employe who would sacrifice his position to his sense of duty, and he accordingly sent for him, acknowledged his error, and asked Mr. Dohn to resume his former relations. This he did, and remained, as has been stated, until the failure of the business. At that time his employer said to him: "You have been a faithful clerk, and my mistake was in not taking you in as a partner, and discharging the man who reported you, and who has been instrumental in bringing about my misfortunes."

Mr. Dohn soon afterward went into business for himself, and remained in Waukesha two years longer, when he removed to Depere, in the same State, and there carried on a successful business some eight years. In 1873 he sold out his establishment in Depere, and removed to Gibsonburg, forming a partnership with Mr. Farmer, under the firm name of Farmer & Dohn. This partnership continued five years, when a third partner was admitted to the firm. This change proved disastrous to the business, and resulted in the withdrawal of Mr. Dohn, he then devoting his time to the duties of postmaster, which office he was holding at the time. In 1883 the firm of Sanders, Dohn & Co. was formed, for the purpose of manufacturing lime. This partnership continued until August 7, 1888, when Mr.

Sanders sold out to J. C. Smith, who was the company part of the concern. The firm now became known as Smith & Dohn. They carried on the manufacture of lime with great success for over five years, meanwhile engaging in various projects for the development of the city, and the good of the community, such as laying out additions to the city, and sinking gas and oil wells. They always employed a large number of men, who were promptly paid, and in this way encouraged industry and thrift.

Mr. Dohn was married, in 1875, to Mary E. Crouse, who was a native of Seneca county, Ohio, born August 14, 1845. Her parents were Jacob and Eliza (Eaton) Crouse, the former of whom was born in Lancaster, Penn., in 1821, and came west when a young man, locating first in Seneca county, and afterward living for a time at New Haven, Huron county. He finally returned to Seneca county, where he now resides with one of his sons. Mrs. Dohn's mother was born in Pennsylvania, in 1822, and died in Melmore, Seneca county, in 1893; she was a Presbyterian, as was also her husband. This worthy couple were the parents of five children: Carrie, who married Charles Benham, and now resides in Fort Scott, Kans.; Ella, who married Jacob Gannon, and lives at Tiffin, Ohio; Frances, wife of E. Z. Bartlett, residing at Toledo, Ohio; Clan, who lives in Melmore, Seneca county, and Mary E. (Mrs. Dohn).

To Mr. and Mrs. Dohn were born four children: Frederick, who is mentioned farther on; Carrie, Eva, and Blaine who died when four years old. Mrs. Dohn still retains her interest in the firm of Smith & Dohn, and is a woman of great intelligence and excellent business capacity. She is highly respected in the community.

In closing this sketch of the career of one of Gibsonburg's most esteemed citizens, reference must be again made to his

devotion to the religious faith which he first professed in 1857. From that time until his death he was one of the oldest and most faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the firm adherence to what he believed to be right, and which was so strongly manifested in his early days, was carried out in his life, both in business and every-day affairs, so that he commanded the respect and esteem of the entire community. His funeral was one of the largest ever seen in Gibsonburg, all the business houses being closed and draped in mourning as a token of sorrow at his decease.

To the foregoing memoir of this exemplary man should be added a few words regarding his son, Frederick Dohn. He graduated with honors from the high school at Gibsonburg, in 1892, and in the autumn of that year he entered the Northwestern College, at Naperville, Ill., with the intention of completing a college course. In this ambition of his young life, however, he was disappointed; his father's illness called him home, and before reaching the age of seventeen he was in full management of his father's extensive business, in which capacity he still continues. In business ability and in integrity of character he is following in the footsteps of his father, and he is an active member of the M. E. Church, and an earnest worker in the Sunday-school. His friends speak of him as a young man of thorough reliability, and marked business qualifications.

CHARLES F. JOSEPH, one of the successful and substantial farmers of Kingsway, Rice township, Sandusky county, was born in Germany, September 4, 1851, and is a son of George and Catherine (Brisoscher) Joseph, who were born February 9, 1812, and August 11, 1815, respectively.

George Joseph was born in Germany,

married Catherine Brisoscher, in the Fatherland, and came to this country in 1855 with his wife and three children. They settled in Sandusky township, Sandusky county, where he was for ten years engaged in farming; they then moved to Rice township, in the same county. They were the parents of seven children, three of whom are as follows: Catherine married Jacob Zorn, by whom she had five children, and, after his death, wedded Martin Hoffman, a butcher by trade, by whom she has had four children, and they live in Baltimore; Mary is the wife of David Lehrman, a farmer in Kansas, Seneca Co., Ohio, and they have seven children; Charles F. is the subject of this sketch. Mr. Joseph died in 1872, and was buried in Sandusky county. His widow still survives, and is living with her son Charles; she was born August 11, 1815.

On November 4, 1872, Charles F. Joseph was united in marriage with Carolina Engler, who was born in Rice township, Sandusky county, August 22, 1857. They settled where they now live, and have had nine children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Minnie C., August 1, 1873, lives at home; George H., April 21, 1875, is a farmer; Lora A., October 6, 1879; John F., March 3, 1881; Frank T., August 15, 1882; Carl W., February 10, 1884; Moses R., September 8, 1885; Edwin C., November 23, 1887; and Gertie C., January 8, 1889. Mr. Joseph was supervisor for two terms and trustee for two terms, both of which offices he now holds. He has been successful, worked hard for his money, saved it, and bought sixty acres of land, which is now worth one hundred dollars an acre. He raises more wheat than any other kind of grain, and also raises hogs, horses and Jersey cows. In early times the Indians camped on the land which is now his farm, and he has a large collection of Indian relics which he prizes highly. In politics he is a Demo-

crat, and attends the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which he is a deacon, and has been for the past eight years.

HERMAN H. GERWIN, one of the oldest pioneers, and a prominent agriculturist of Madison township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, was born in the town of Bohmte, Hanover, Germany, July 23, 1844, and is a son of Ludwig and Sophia (Hunte) Gerwin, whose family numbered seven children, of whom four are yet living.

The father was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1799, and was a contractor and builder by occupation, also, engaged in the manufacture of carriages, and in the undertaking business. He followed these pursuits in his native town, and at the same time owned and superintended a farm. In 1826 he was married, the lady of his choice being also a native of Hanover. A brief record of their seven children is as follows: Dora, born in Hanover, is the widow of Casper Ernsthansen. John Henry, a carpenter and joiner, of Toledo, Ohio, died June 8, 1892; his wife died June 8, 1895, leaving a family of three children. Sophia, wife of Henry Schomburg, died in Toledo leaving one son, Lewis, who is treasurer of the Merchants Savings Bank of Toledo. Frederick is engaged in repairing cars in the employ of the Ann Arbor Railroad Company at Toledo. William, who died October 9, 1895, was a farmer of Woodville township, Sandusky county. Christopher died in Germany. The father of this family emigrated to America in 1853, and located in Woodville township, Sandusky county, where he engaged in farming for seven years. His death occurred in 1861, at the age of sixty-one. His wife survived him some sixteen years, and departed this life in 1877. They were worthy people, highly esteemed by all who knew them.

Mr. Gerwin, the subject of this sketch, attended school in his native county for a

year and a half, and then removed with his parents, in 1853, from his old home to the New World. They came direct to Ohio, and located on a farm in Woodville township, Sandusky county. Our subject pursued his studies in the schools of Toledo for a period of eighteen months, after which he returned to his father's home, and assisted in the labors of the farm; also attended school in the neighborhood for two winters. He continued to aid in the cultivation of the fields on the old homestead until 1863, when he went to Toledo, and served an apprenticeship to the trade of carpenter and joiner, which he followed until 1872, removing then to Gibsonburg, where he embarked in contracting and building. He did a successful business there, employing a number of men, erecting many fine structures both in that place and in Madison township, Sandusky county. While thus engaged, through economy and thrift, he managed to save enough to purchase some real estate in the city of Toledo, which he afterward sold, and bought property in the town of Gibsonburg. In 1877 he abandoned his trade, and returned to agricultural pursuits, trading his real estate in Gibsonburg for a farm of forty acres in Madison township, a small portion of which was under cultivation. He soon cleared the remainder, erected thereon a substantial dwelling, good barns and other necessary outbuildings, set out a fine orchard, and made other general improvements, all within the short space of six years. He then sold and purchased sixty acres of land, forty of which was improved. It was not long until the remainder was under cultivation, and enclosed with fences. Three years later he again sold, and removed to Washington township, where he purchased fifty-six acres of improved land. He spent three years on that farm, remodeling the dwelling and barn, digging ditches, laying tiles, and continuing the work of improvement until he sold in 1889. In that year he be-

came owner of seventy-five acres of improved land, and on selling half of this bought seventy-two acres of an adjoining farm, making a total of 101 acres, which he is to-day cultivating. He is progressive in a high degree, and has carried forward the work of improvement along various lines until he is now the owner of one of the finest farms in Madison township. He also carries on stock raising.

On November 4, 1869, Mr. Gerwin was married in Pemberville, Wood Co., Ohio, to Miss Christina Berlekamp, and this happy union has been blessed with six children: John, was born February 16, 1871, and died December 25, 1872; Cora S., born June 29, 1874; Mary K., February 3, 1878; Carl W., February 12, 1881; Herman H., January 22, 1887; and Lewis William, August 13, 1889.

John Berlekamp, father of Mrs. Gerwin, was born in Germany, and in 1851 crossed the Atlantic, locating in Seneca county, Ohio, where he farmed for two years. He afterward removed to Wood county, and purchased 120 acres of land, continuing its cultivation up to the time of his death. He was married in Germany to Mary Beimdick, and their children were: Katarina, wife of Henry Kohrig, a farmer of Wood county, Ohio; Mary, wife of David Hummell, also a farmer, living on the old homstead in Wood county; Christina, who was born in Germany, December 18, 1847, and is the wife of our subject; Henry, who died in Germany; Louisa, wife of William Hagemizer, a farmer of Wood county, Ohio; Emma, who married Henry Bude-myre, of Wood county, and is deceased; and Frank, who died in that county in October, 1878. John Berlekamp passed away February 6, 1893; his wife died eighteen years previous, in 1875.

Mr. Gerwin is a self-made man. Through industry and strict attention to business he managed to acquire a start in life, and through his perseverance and energy he has won success, assisted by his

wife, who has indeed been to him a faithful companion and helpmeet, sharing with him in the joys and sorrows, the adversity and prosperity, which have checkered his pathway. He is a member of Gibsonburg Lodge, No. 687, I. O. O. F., and in religious belief is a Lutheran. On questions of national importance he votes with the Republican party; but at local elections supports the man whom he thinks best qualified for office, regardless of party affiliations.

WILLIAM H. HINELINE was born October 3, 1835, in eastern Pennsylvania, and is a son of Hugh and Rebecca (Latick) Hineline, who were born respectively, February 11, 1802, in Pennsylvania, and July 13, 1808, and were married in the Keystone State, October 22, 1825.

Hugh Hineline was a merchant, but sold out in 1855, came to the State of Ohio, and bought 160 acres of land. He was justice of the peace for seventeen years, and also trustee. He died March 3, 18—, and left fourteen children to the care of their mother, who passed from earth August 18, 1891. The names and dates of birth of their children are as follows: Anna M., July 24, 1827; Sycus, October 31, 1829; Jacob, March 11, 1831; Elizabeth M., November 19, 1832; Sarah A., March 23, 1834; William H., October 3, 1835; Alida, July 1, 1857; Abel T., September 16, 1839; Hugh E., October 15, 1841, died July 21, 1894; Simon P., November 2, 1843; Francis, October 22, 1845; Kahudeis, August 7, 1847; Rebecca, April 19, 1850, and John, April 7, 1855.

William H. Hineline conducted a hotel in Wood county from 1860 until 1862, when he enlisted as a soldier. He continued in the service three years, being in the South the greater part of the time, went with Sherman to Atlanta, Ga., and from there marched to Tennessee, where he took an active part in several battles.

He was taken prisoner in eastern Tennessee, spent two weeks in Libby Prison, and was then transferred to Belle Isle, and kept there seven months. He was released on May 17, 1864, came home on a furlough, and remained three months. Joining the One Hundredth Regiment, O. V. I., he again engaged in the service, was with Sherman at Atlanta, and took an active part in a great battle at Franklin. Afterward he returned to Sandusky county, Ohio. In February, 1888, our subject was united in marriage with Rosa C. Meoder, who was born January 1, 1867, and they have four children, namely: Cleta V., Leona A., Sarah A. and Bertha E. Mr. Hineline deals in cattle and horses, and is prosperous and well-to-do. He votes the Democratic ticket, has held several minor offices, and been trustee and school director. His parents lived with him until their death, and the old homestead of 160 acres was left to him.

JACOB REEF, a progressive business man of Sandusky county, is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Woodville township, and in the manufacture of lath and paling.

He was born in Bowville, Switzerland, February 28, 1854, and is a son of John Reef, who is also a native of that country, where he was employed as a day laborer. He wedded Mary Soldt, who was born in the same country and they became the parents of six children: John, who makes his home with our subject; Mary, wife of Andrew Widmer; Elizabeth, who died in childhood; Lucy who lives with her brother Jacob; Frederick, engaged in milling, and the subject of this review. In 1863 the father brought his family to America, taking up his residence near Fremont, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where he purchased twenty acres of land on which he constructed a log cabin. While cutting down a tree near his house he met with a very severe as well as painful accident, which

resulted in the loss of his life after only one year's residence in the New World. His widow afterward married again, her second union being with Conrad Myers, a farmer of Woodville township, Sandusky county, who died in 1879. Mrs. Myers is now living with her son Jacob, who like a dutiful son tenderly cares for her in her declining years. The children at the father's death were left to provide for their own support, for no inheritance came to them.

Our subject was only nine years of age at that time, and being forced to earn his livelihood he had little opportunity to pursue an education. For several years he worked only for his board and clothes. He then spent two years on the farm of his step-father and at the age of seventeen began learning the carpenter's and joiner's trade, working the first seven months for the small sum of \$7 and his board. He thought this rather unprofitable, so started out to secure day's labor at his trade, and soon found employment. When he could not follow carpentering he took up any pursuit that would yield him an honest living, and thus worked for ten years, and then operated his mother's farm for a year. He next removed to Wood county, Ohio, where he cultivated a rented farm of forty acres for three years, when, through industry and economy, he was enabled, in connection with his brother-in-law, to purchase one hundred acres of land. The tract is located in Woodville township, Sandusky county, the purchase price being \$5,500, and each brother paid \$1,000, going in debt for the remainder. After a year Jacob Reef bought out his brother-in-law, and continued the work of improving the land, erecting barns and other necessary outbuildings, planting orchards, and adding all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm. He placed fifty acres under cultivation, and then, having more than he could conveniently manage, he sold twenty acres, and to-day has one of the

most highly cultivated farms in Woodville township. In 1895 his barn and stable were destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$1,500; but with characteristic energy he rebuilt, and now has one of the finest barns in the township. There are also upon his place two good oil wells which have yielded to him a handsome profit, and which are now owned and operated by the Ohio Oil Company. There are also indications of oil on other parts of the farm. During the past year, Mr. Reef has engaged in the manufacturing business. He built a sawmill, and is now making laths and fencing, the new enterprise proving a profitable one. In this he is associated with his brother. He is a man of excellent business ability, whose foresight and keen discrimination have proved important factors in his prosperity.

On February 15, 1885, Mr. Reef was married in Sandusky county to Miss Annie Widmer, daughter of John Widmer, a farmer of Bradner, Wood Co., Ohio, and they have three children: Rosie L. M., born January 4, 1886; George W., born December 20, 1889; and Emma P., born January 13, 1894. Mr. Reef has held the office of supervisor for two terms, and has discharged the duties of the position in a most creditable and acceptable manner. In politics he is a stalwart Republican. His success is not the result of propitious circumstances, but has come to him through industry, energy and honorable dealing. He has not only paid off all his indebtedness, but now has a highly cultivated farm with improved stock and other valuable property. His life has indeed been a busy and useful one, and his career is above reproach.

JOSEPH HOOVER. Of the many genial, whole-souled men of Green Creek township, Sandusky county, perhaps no one is better or more favorably known than Mr. Hoover. A

Union soldier in the war of the Rebellion, and a man whose high personal qualities make lighter the burdens of life for others, he is deservedly given a place in this volume. He is a son of George and Marguerite Hoover, and was born August 14, 1840, in Fayette county, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Hoover, the paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Pennsylvania, and died there; his father came to America while a boy. By occupation Samuel Hoover was a carpenter. His son George was born in Fayette county, Penn., and grew up a farmer. In 1839 he married Marguerite Hilliard, and they had three children, namely: Joseph, whose name introduces this sketch; Eli, who died in Illinois, and Harvey, who was a member of the Second Virginia V. I., and was killed in the engagement at Cedar Mountain. George Hoover died in Pennsylvania in 1846; his widow is still making her home in Pennsylvania, and some of her relatives are living in Fayette county, Ohio.

Joseph Hoover was reared in Pennsylvania. He enlisted in Company A, Sixty-second Pennsylvania V. I., in 1863, according to the records; but the date given is erroneous. The true records were destroyed by fire, and those compiled to take their places were not made perfectly accurate. His company first went to Washington, and from there to the front, and were in Meade's army before Richmond for some time. He was in some of the most famous battles of the war, among them those of Gettysburg, Cedar Mountain, Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, May 12, 1864, where a minie ball completely shattered his right forearm, and made a gunshot wound through the wrist of his left arm. Amputation of the right arm was made necessary, while the left hand is almost useless. He was mustered out May 18, 1865. It is a remarkable sight to see Mr. Hoover write with two pencils at the same time;

he fastens one to his right arm by means of a rubber band, takes another in his left hand, and then writes very legibly with both. Mr. Hoover resided in Pennsylvania in 1867, and on March 16, of that year, he came to the Buckeye State, locating in Erie county. In the following year he went to Groton Center, in the same county, and remained for several years. On September 22, 1874, he was there united in marriage with Mrs. Rosanna Fleming, who was born March 22, 1842, and they have had one child—Eunice A., born July 21, 1876. She is an accomplished and brilliant performer on the piano, and renders selections on the violin and organ with intuitive skill. A gifted young lady, she adorns the home as only a beloved daughter can.

Mrs. Hoover's parents were Robert and Sarah (Price) Howey, and her maiden name was Rosanna Howey. Mr. Howey died on April 4, 1850, in Pennsylvania, his native State, and his widow makes her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hoover. On November 13, 1859, Miss Rosanna Howey was united in marriage with James H. Fleming. Three of their children—Marion, Frank and John—live in Groton township, Erie county; and Grant, the youngest son, was killed January 13, 1891, at Dana's crossing, while three companions were killed by a Lake Shore train. Mr. Fleming died in Groton township, March 17, 1872. Mrs. Hoover's brother, John Howey, was a private in Company G, One Hundred and First O. V. I., in the war of the Rebellion, and her brother-in-law, John Fleming, was captain of Company G, same regiment. They were both wounded in the engagement at Stony River, Tenn., December 13, 1862. A ball passed through private Howey's right arm, shattering four inches of the humerus, and then, striking the left arm of Capt. Fleming, passed through and found lodgment in the lining of his coat. Capt. Fleming was taken prisoner, and for three

months lay in Andersonville, at the end of which time he was exchanged and returned home. While his coat was being taken off the ball dropped from the sleeve, evidence that the coat had not been removed from the arm for a period of almost four months—a noteworthy fact. The wound had not been cared for from the time it was received until Capt. Fleming returned home. As before stated, Mr. Hoover's brother Harvey was killed at Cedar Mountain. So, all told, the number of casualties in this family has been considerable. A. B. Howey, a brother of John Howey, was a private in Company G, One Hundred and First O. V. I., having enlisted in August, 1862, and was discharged with the rest of the regiment at the close of the war.

Mr. Hoover has a small fruit and garden truck farm of thirteen and one-third acres; but a man's income is not always to be estimated by the number of acres he possesses. In casting his ballot he usually favors the candidates of the party that was instrumental in preserving the Union.

JOSEPH WHITEHEAD, a substantial farmer of Townsend township, Sandusky county, is a son of Joseph and Matilda (Albon) Whitehead, and was born in Huntingdonshire, England, January 24, 1836.

Joseph Whitehead, Sr., was born in 1810, at Great Gransden, Huntingdonshire, England. In 1833 he was united in marriage with Matilda Albon, who was born in 1814, a daughter of John Albon, who came to the United States in 1833, the year of his daughter's marriage, and located in Erie county, Ohio. Mr. Whitehead, his son-in-law, received such glowing accounts of the natural wealth and resources of this great land, that he decided to leave his bake-shop and Britannia's shores, and make a home on this side of the bil-

lowy Atlantic. So he set out with his family in 1851, landed at Quebec, and came on from there to Sandusky City, Erie Co., Ohio, part of the way by boat, from Niagara to Chippewa on horse-cars, reaching Sandusky City June 15, 1851. The same year Mr. Whitehead bought 120 acres of land in Sandusky county, on which his son Thomas C. now resides. Mrs. Whitehead departed this life in the fall of 1864, and Mr. Whitehead on February 10, 1891.

Joseph Whitehead (Jr.), the subject of this sketch, received only a limited education in his native land, and it was not augmented by schooling after reaching the United States. At the age of fifteen he accompanied his parents to America. He served as a "hundred-day-man" in the war from May 2, 1864, until September 5, when he was discharged. On June 12, 1865, Mr. Whitehead married Laura A. George, who was born August 5, 1843, and they have had four children, as follows: William H., born August 29, 1868, married Mary Howe, of Riley township, Sandusky county, November 26, 1891 (they had a daughter, Estella May, born December 27, 1894); John T., born January 11, 1871; Bessie R., born in 1875, married Oscar Longanbach on February 22, 1894 (they had a daughter, Cora Ella, born July 28, 1895); and Ross D., born September 28, 1878. The father of Mrs. Whitehead, Joseph George, formerly resided in Townsend township, but removed to Clyde, Green Creek township, Sandusky county, where both he and his wife were laid to rest. They had a family of fourteen children, and Mr. George endured a great number of hardships through life. He was an old pioneer, and served in the war 1812, receiving a discharge.

After his marriage our subject, Joseph Whitehead, resided in Riley township, Sandusky county, about twenty years, since when he has lived in Townsend township. He has a farm of three hundred and sixty acres, all under cultivation,

and makes a specialty of grain and stock. In the spring of 1893 he was thrown from a horse, and sustained injuries internally, which he is likely to feel the rest of his life. Politically, Mr. Whitehead's sympathies are with the Republican party.

ZACHARIAS HOUTZ. Among the enterprising agriculturists of Sandusky county who are rapidly pushing their way to the front, to a place among the substantial and leading citizens, is this gentleman.

He was born March 14, 1850, in Mahoning county, Ohio, where his father was a pioneer, and when a mere lad came with his parents to Scott township, Sandusky county. His father, John Houtz, who was born in Pennsylvania September 13, 1801, and located in this locality when it was an unbroken wilderness. He purchased the east half of Section 4, Scott township, a Mr. Roller purchasing the west half about the same time. He also bought one hundred acres on the Greensburg pike, which he afterward sold, becoming the owner of a like amount near Helena, a portion of which has been divided into village lots and sold. He continued to conduct his business affairs with marked ability, and at his death was in very comfortable circumstances, owning much valuable real estate, and a large amount of money in notes. Before his demise he divided the property among his heirs. He passed away January 20, 1881, and the community mourned the death of one of its respected and valued citizens. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Elizabeth Boyer, was born May 9, 1819, and died July 27, 1871. They were the parents of six children—Mary, Cornelius, Zacharias, Elizabeth, John and Sarah.

Aiding in the work of the farm, Zacharias Houtz developed a strong and vigorous constitution. His mental training was meager, as the schools of the neighborhood were poor; but through business



Mary J. Coutz.



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experience and observation he has become a well-informed man, and has provided his children with good educational advantages. With his axe upon his shoulder he would start out early in the morning with his father to assist in the work of clearing the farm, seventy-three acres of which he received of the homestead, which was almost unbroken forest. As the years passed, the forest was replaced by waving fields of grain and grassy meadows, and in 1874 Mr. Houtz erected his first frame house of the family, and in 1892 he built a substantial frame residence, which stands as a monument to his thrift and enterprise. He now gives his entire attention to farming, and to the oil business, in which he is extensively engaged. On September 1, 1882, Mr. Houtz purchased thirty acres. In 1889 he leased the 103-acre farm on which he resides for a consideration of one dollar per acre and one-eighth of the oil produced. He has since purchased eighty acres, which he has leased for one-sixth of the oil. The royalty from his wells constitutes a handsome income, and would enable him to retire at once from business were he so disposed; but indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature, and he continues his work, increasing the value of his property by keeping his farm in good condition.

On October 22, 1874, Mr. Houtz wedded Mary Jane Plantz, who was born October 26, 1858, and is a daughter of an honored pioneer of Scott township, Sandusky county, Benjamin Plantz, who was born in Lancaster county, Penn., March 18, 1810. His wife, Amelia (Romler), was born February 6, 1818, in Columbiana county, Ohio, and died June 16, 1892. His death occurred in January, 1895, and of their thirteen children seven are now living. Grandfather Jacob Plantz was born in 1790, his wife in 1792, and they passed away in 1876 and 1880 respectively. They had eight children, six of whom are living. The maternal grand-

father, Mr. Romler, died about 1863. Mr. and Mrs. Houtz are the parents of seven children: Mary Lodema, born June 7, 1875, was married March 3, 1895, to Burt Whiteman, who is engaged with the Manhattan Oil Company, in Scott township, Sandusky county; Verna Ellen, born September 16, 1877; John William, born October 16, 1879; Belvin C., born September 4, 1882; Edward Floyd, born June 3, 1885; Charles E., born May 18, 1887; and Minnie May, born May 1, 1892. The family circle yet remains unbroken, and the friends of parents and children are many.

Mr. Houtz is a supporter of the Peoples party, but has never sought or desired political preferment, giving his time and energies to his business interests, in which he has met with a high degree of prosperity, thanks to his capable management, his enterprise and honorable dealing.

DAVID B. JONES. Among those who successfully follow agricultural pursuits in Madison township, Sandusky county, is numbered this gentleman—one of the worthy citizens that the land of the Cymri has furnished to this locality.

He was born in Montgomeryshire, Wales, July 25, 1841, and is a son of John and Mary (Jones) Jones, who were also natives of the same county. The father was a farm laborer, and worked at any occupation that would yield him an honest living. In the family were eight children, six of whom are living and are married, namely: Sinah, widow of Thomas Jones, a farmer of Wales; John, a farmer of Madison township, Sandusky county; Thomas, an agriculturist of Iowa; David B., subject of this sketch; Mary, wife of Edward Griffis, who follows agricultural pursuits in Wales; and Humphrey, a farmer of Iowa; Ellis is deceased, and one other died in infancy. The parents spent their entire lives in their native land, where the

father died in 1858, while the mother's death occurred in 1885.

Our subject spent the first twenty-three years of his life in his native land, during which time he received no educational privileges, for the schools were not free institutions, and the parents were too poor to afford to pay for what they considered was not within their means, for education in those days was not looked upon as an absolute necessity. He learned to read in the Welsh language while attending Sunday-school. At the tender age of eleven years he began to work as a farm laborer, receiving the meagre compensation of two pounds per year and his board, his mother having to do his washing for him. He worked in this way for a period of twelve years, his wages increasing as the years passed by, and he was able to do more work. In this way he managed to contribute to the support of his widowed mother, who was left in very limited circumstances. In 1865, having determined to try his fortune in the New World, he sailed from the shore of his native land to seek broader fields and better opportunities in America. On landing here he came direct to Ohio, and found employment as a farm hand in Morrow county, where he was given \$14 per month and his board. This seemed good wages to one who was accustomed to the meagre equivalents sometimes paid in Europe. He continued in the employ of one man for six years, and during the last year received \$20 per month. While working in this way he spent two months of three winter seasons in school, and thereby gained enough knowledge to continue his education alone, which he has done, becoming a well-informed man through reading, study, experience and observation. Habits of industry, sobriety and economy enabled him to accumulate some money, and he then left Ohio for the territory beyond the Mississippi, purchasing eighty acres of land in Iowa. A year later he returned to the Buckeye State, and again

worked in Morrow county as a farm laborer, and was employed at the poor-house of the State for a year.

Mr. Jones then returned to Wales to visit his mother, and for twelve months remained in the land of his birth, when he again came to the United States. Taking up his residence in Madison township, Sandusky county, he purchased an interest in a shingle-mill, which he conducted in connection with a partner for nine months, when he sold and purchased eighty acres of land in the same township. He then returned to Morrow county, where he operated a farm, on shares, for Mrs. Jones, a widow lady, continuing that employment some four years, when he resumed work as a farm hand. In 1880 he made his second trip across the Atlantic, this time in quest of a wife, and again spent a year in the midst of the scenes of his childhood. In 1881 he sailed with his bride for America, landing at Boston on the 6th of October, whence he came direct to his farm in Sandusky county. In six weeks he had erected a frame dwelling, in which he and his wife were soon established, beginning life in earnest in their new home. He had previously purchased an additional ten acres, and now had ninety acres of wooded land to clear and make productive; but industry is one of his chief characteristics, and in course of time the forest was replaced by rich and fertile fields, where wheat and corn and other grains gave evidence of good harvests, while well-kept fences, good barns and other outbuildings indicated his enterprise and told of a busy life. He also added to and improved his dwelling, and his home and its surroundings bespeak the industry and enterprising spirit of the owner. He has availed himself of every opportunity offered in order to achieve success, and there has been little leisure in his life, for he is always at work improving his place in one way or another. Through thrift and economy he managed to save enough to purchase the

farm on which he worked during the first six years of his residence in this country—a tract of 200 acres, costing \$7,400. It is situated in Morrow county, and, being rented, yields to him a good income.

The wife of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Ellen Jones, was born in Montgomeryshire, Wales, February 13, 1848, one of the eight children of Ellis Jones, a farmer of Wales, who died October 7, 1894, at the age of eighty-one years; his wife passed away in 1890. David Jones and his wife have two children—Mary E., born July 26, 1882; and Ellis, born January 31, 1888. Mr. Jones has been school director for one term, also clerk of the board, and was elected supervisor for one year. He votes with the Republican party, but prefers business to politics. His success he owes to no man, earnest and honest toil bringing him what he possesses to-day. Industry and close application to business have been the rounds of the ladder on which he has mounted to prosperity, and are traits of character worthy of emulation.

LE ROY NICHOLS BROWN, one of the intelligent and progressive citizens of Clyde, Sandusky county, Ohio, November 22, 1850, and is a son of Franklin and Rispah A. (Nichols) Brown.

The father was born near Plymouth, Richland Co., Ohio, in 1825, and was a son of Peter Brown, who engaged in hotel-keeping in that locality until his son was about six years of age, when he removed to a tract of timber land in the western part of Norwich township, Huron county, where he built a gristmill, which was operated by horse power. This was the only mill in the locality, and people came for fifty miles around to get their grists. The father of our subject, during his boyhood, used to turn the bolt by hand, until the grandfather constructed a machine to do the work. For twenty-

five years the latter carried on the milling business, and then retired into private life, making his home with his son in Peru township, Huron county, where he died at the advanced age of eighty-one years. In his political views he was a Whig. His wife afterward removed to Clyde, where her death occurred when she had attained the ripe old age of ninety-three. The marriage of this worthy couple was celebrated in Norwich, Ohio; the husband was born in Norwich, Vt., the wife in Norwich, Connecticut.

Dr. Franklin Brown was one of a family of eleven children. During his youth he learned the blacksmith's trade, and followed that business in connection with farm work for some time. After his marriage, in 1847, he carried on blacksmithing exclusively for fifteen years, doing a good business. When he sold out he removed to Peru township, in 1860, and engaged in farming, keeping a smithy only for the purpose of doing his own work. In 1869 he disposed of his property in that place, and taking up his residence in Clyde established a meat market. Not long after his arrival he was elected marshal of Clyde; and it was then that "Brown's Hotel" became known. In his composition was a vein of humor which made itself manifest in having a sign painted "Brown's Hotel," and nailed up over the door of the jail. The name was at once adopted, and the old sign hung in its place until very recently when the city replaced it by a new one, and this house of correction still goes by the name of "Brown's Hotel." For about six years he acceptably filled the office of marshal, and was always recognized as a leading and influential citizen. He held membership with the Universalist Church. His death occurred May 27, 1886, and he was buried on Decoration day. His wife, who was born in Weathersfield, Vt., April 3, 1827, is still living. In the family there were two children. Valeda, the eldest, born March 10, 1849, was on No-

ember 12, 1873, married to H. B. Whitaker. They had three children—Leona N., Yule C. and Frank E.—and resided in Crawford county, Kans.; Mrs. Whitaker died November 11, 1893, and was buried at Girard, Kansas.

Mr. Brown, whose name introduces this sketch, has lived in Clyde since his early boyhood, and was educated in its public schools. In 1869 he became interested in the dry-goods business here, and for thirteen years was associated with that line of trade, when he embarked in gardening and fruit growing, raising peaches, pears, celery, tomatoes and cabbage. On December 7, 1872, he was united in marriage with Miss Clara M. Letson, daughter of Abram and Analiza Letson, natives, the father of New Jersey, the mother of Jefferson county, Ohio. Migrating westward, Abram Letson located on a farm in Hardin county, Ohio, and was married December 11, 1851. In Hardin county Mr. Letson remained until the spring of 1866, when he removed to Clyde with his family, where he still resides. To Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Brown have been born five children: Carroll C., Eugene E., Laverne L., Mildred M. and Ima I.

Mr. Brown is a member of the Order of United American Mechanics. He is now serving his third term of three years each as a member of the school board of Clyde; has for seven years been clerk of the board, and has taken an active part in educational matters, doing all in his power to secure good schools, and to raise their standard of excellence, for he believes that education is one of the important factors in producing good citizens.

JOSIAH ZIMMERMAN was born in Knox county, Ohio, October 5, 1842, and is a son of Adam and Maria (Mathias) Zimmerman. The family is of German origin. The grandparents,

David and Catharine (Shultz) Zimmerman, were natives of the Fatherland, the former born in 1776, the latter in 1778. His death occurred in 1862, and his wife passed away in 1864. This worthy couple were the parents of twelve children—John, Rosa, Jacob, George, Peter, Adam, Catharine, Susan, Margaret, Mary, and two daughters who died in infancy. The maternal grandparents of our subject were Abram and Mary (Shafer) Mathias, the former of whom was born near Pittsburg, Penn., in 1787, made farming his life work, and passed away in 1863; his wife, who was born in 1790, survived until 1874. Their eight children were: Elizabeth, Susan, Lydia, Nancy, Catherine, Maria, Philip and Daniel.

When our subject was a child of six years his parents came to Ohio, locating in Jackson township, Seneca county. His father was a farmer by occupation and was born in Stark county, this State, May 19, 1819. In 1841 he wedded Maria Mathias, and they became the parents of eleven children, of whom our subject is the eldest. The others are: Philip, who was in the one-hundred-day service during the Civil war; Lydia A.; Nancy Jane; Sarah; Eli A.; John Wesley; Abram A.; Simon A.; Nathaniel, and Mary. The father carried on agricultural pursuits throughout the greater part of his life, and died August 18, 1885.

Josiah Zimmerman was reared in Seneca county, acquired his education in its public schools, and there made his home until after the South had taken up arms against the Union, when, in August, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Fortyninth O. V. I., serving for four and a half years. At the battle of Shiloh he received a scalp wound, and at the battle of Chickamauga was wounded in the left hip, and had a ring shot from the little finger of his left hand. At the battle of Dallas, Ga., May 22, 1864, he received a wound which nearly caused his death, and forced him to remain in the hospital

for six months. An ounce ball struck him just in front of the left ear, passing directly through the head and coming out about an inch below the right ear. This was his last battle, for when he had recovered the war was over, and, receiving an honorable discharge, he returned to his home.

Mr. Zimmerman then removed to Scott township, Sandusky county, and on March 6, 1866, was united in marriage with Miss Elsie A. Brion, who was born May 26, 1850, in Scott township, where her father was a farmer. She was the daughter of John and Lucinda (Gerold) Brion, the former of whom, born October 8, 1813, died July 2, 1895, the latter passing away May 16, 1887. Of their six children all are yet living, namely: Norman, who served for three years in the Seventy-second O. V. I. during the Civil war; Mary Jane, wife of Samuel Martin, of Michigan; Ann, wife of Charles Woodruff; Elsie A., wife of our subject; Charles, and Theodore. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Zimmerman, Thomas Brion, also made farming his life occupation. He was born in Ohio in 1789, and married Betsy Walkup, who was a few years his junior, and who passed from earth a few years before him. Their four children were Betsy, John, Joseph, and one who died in infancy. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Zimmerman, Theodore and Elsie (Decker) Gerold, were natives of New York, born in 1770 and 1774 respectively. Their seven children—James, Lucinda, John, Thomas, George, Jackson, and Isaac—are all deceased. The first named served in the Mexican war, and John, Thomas and Jackson were soldiers of the Civil war.

For two years Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman resided in Scott township, Sandusky county; but on account of his health Mr. Zimmerman was obliged to abandon farming, and for two years carried on a grocery. The succeeding three years he spent in a sawmill as head sawyer, after

which he purchased the mill and has since continued its operation. In addition to his mill property he also owns eighty acres of land, well-fenced, and under a high state of cultivation, and he is now doing a successful business. He has accumulated his property entirely through his own efforts. To Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman have come four children—Charles F., born February 11, 1869, who was married December 3, 1891, to Rachel Shupe, and their children are Melvin and Cloal (he is connected with his father in the mill); Hattie M., born June 18, 1871, and Ervin A., born March 12, 1878, are still with their parents; and Flavilia, born August 28, 1887, died September 27, of the same year.

HENRY DORR, a prosperous farmer and honored citizen of Riley township, Sandusky county, was born October 11, 1850. His parents, John and Catherine (Yager) Dorr, were born in Germany, in 1816 and 1831, respectively.

After coming to the United States John Dorr settled in New York State, and there conducted a milk depot for several years. He then came to Ohio, settling in Riley township, Sandusky county, where he engaged in work by the day, saved his money, and bought forty acres of valuable land, which cost him \$3,200. Three children came to Mr. and Mrs. John Dorr, as follows: Mary, born in 1844, who married Jacob Hilt, and they have had two children—Edward and Laura; they live in Fremont, Sandusky county; Mr. Hilt is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Lutheran Church. Henry is the subject of these lines. John died young. Mr. Dorr is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Lutheran Church. His wife died June 13, 1892.

Henry Dorr was reared at home, was early taught valuable lessons of upright-

ness, persevering industry and economy, and worked for his father until his twenty-fifth year. Then, on December 5, 1876, he was united in marriage with Catherine Martin, and their union has been blessed with six children, as follows: Ella B., born April 15, 1881; William E., born July 4, 1882; Albert L., born August 19, 1883; Hattie M., born September 21, 1884; Anna C., born May 28, 1887; and Chester F., born May 26, 1890. Mr. Dorr bought land from his father, and now carries on general farming. He is a Democrat in political affiliation, and he attends the Grace Lutheran Church.

JONATHAN SPOHN is a well-known farmer of Green Creek township, Sandusky county, where no citizen enjoys greater esteem among his fellow citizens. He is a native of Perry county, Ohio, born January 10, 1822, son of Jacob and Barbara (Anspach) Spohn.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Spohn were born in Hagerstown, Md., and Lancaster county, Penn., respectively, and they were married in Reading township, Perry Co., Ohio, where their parents had located. There was a settlement of pioneer families from Pennsylvania at that place when Mrs. Spohn was about thirteen years old, and Jacob Spohn's people also settled there about that time, in the wilderness among the Indians. The paternal grandfather, Philip Spohn, was an American soldier all through the Revolutionary war, and was pensioned by the U. S. Government; he served as one of Gen. Washington's bodyguard during the war. In after years he often related how the English general, Lord Howe, had Washington's army surrounded in the bend of a river when night came on, and seemed sure of his capture the following morning, but that during the night Washington marshaled his little army out from under the bank of the river, and before

the next morning, while Lord Howe was preparing for his capture, he had made his escape, and was miles away surprising and defeating another body of English forces. Philip Spohn lived to be ninety-four years old, and his wife also lived to an advanced age. They were both of Holland-Dutch descent. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Adam Anspach, who died when Jonathan was eight years old. He was the father of eleven children, of whom we have mention of Benjamin, Adam, David, John, Mrs. Adam Binkley, Mrs. Philip Dupler, Mrs. Emanuel Binkley, Mrs. Ludwig Ridenaur, and Barbara (the mother of our subject). Barbara Anspach first married Jonathan Zartman, by whom she had four children, all now deceased, viz.: Kate, who married D. Binkley; Mollie, who married Benjamin Humberger, and lived in Perry county, Ohio; Barbara, who was married in Sandusky county to Christopher Spohn, who now lives in Perry county; and Elizabeth, who married John King, and lived in Fairfield county, Ohio. Jacob Spohn was one of eleven children: Henry, Daniel, John, Adam, Samuel, Jacob, Mrs. Jacob Anspach, Polly Stomp, Mrs. Lawrence, Christena (who married John Horner) and Mrs. Henry Ridenaur. Jacob and Barbara Spohn had seven children, of whom Margaret died when seventeen years old; Solomon died at the age of fifty-nine years; Jonathan is our subject; Anthony died at the age of twenty-one; Joel now resides on the old homestead; Leo is deceased; Isabella married George Swinehart.

Jonathan Spohn grew to manhood in Perry county, and when twenty-one years old came to Sandusky county, Ohio, where he ranks among the old pioneers. He was a blacksmith by trade, and worked first in Ballville township two years, after which he put up a shop for himself on the line of the Western Reserve and Maumee Pike, east of Lower Sandusky, across the

road from his present residence, and in this he worked for farmers and teamsters about twenty-two years. This was before the days of railroads, when the pike was the great highway of commerce in that section, and when the constant stream of settlers was moving westward. So impassable were the roads that he often saw people stop two and three days at one hotel, the trip being so slow on account of the mud that they would walk from their teams to the hotel. There was then an average of one hotel to each mile of the pike.

In 1844 Jonathan Spohn married Miss Elizabeth Brunthaver, who was born in 1825 in Fairfield county, Ohio, and they had four children: Francis, who died in the army, at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo., while serving as a member of the Seventy-second Regiment, O. V. I., and whose remains were brought home by our subject for burial; Adam F., who married Samantha Strohl, and has ten children—Lottie, Hadie, Franklin, Alvin, Mabel, Thurman, Waneta, Lizzie, Willis, and one who died in infancy; Allen, living at home, who married Miss Annie Ridenhour and has three children—Walter, Harry and Enid; and Mary, wife of O. Grover, of Wood county, Ohio, whose children are Howard, Ethel C., Nelson and George. Our subject is a Democrat in politics, and cast his first vote for Martin Van Buren. In religious connection he is a member of the Reformed Church at Fremont, as is also Mrs. Spohn. During the Mexican war he served as a soldier under Gen. Scott, and was also a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war. Socially he is a member of Croghan Lodge No. 77, F. & A. M., Fremont. Mr. Spohn has held various civic offices in Green Creek township; in the fall of 1879 he was elected to the office of infirmary director, serving two terms, six years in all, with credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned. Our subject owns seventy-six acres of valuable land,

and the prosperity he now enjoys is due entirely to his own good management, thrift and economy.

WILBERT PHILLIPS, son of John and Mariam (Baker) Phillips, was born in Montgomery township, Wood Co., Ohio, June 14, 1861. He lived at home until his marriage, October 23, 1884, to Ellen Bowe, daughter of George and Mary (Bordner) Bowe. To Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have come two children—Durbin, born April 25, 1886, and Floyd, born October 27, 1887. After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, they settled in Wood county, on a farm, where they lived two years. They moved to the David Phillips' farm, in Scott township, where they have lived for the past nine years, during which time Mr. Phillips has worked his grandfather's farm of 160 acres, and done teaming for the oil companies. On October 13, 1894, he purchased eighty acres of wild land in Scott township. This land is within the oil belt, and he expects to lease it to the oil company.

The father of our subject was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, March 18, 1834. When he was six years old his parents came to Scott township, and purchased eighty acres of land in Section 31, for which they gave a horse, and \$250 in money; later they purchased another eighty acres. On this farm the father of our subject grew to manhood. Wilbert Phillips, our subject, is the eldest of a family of eleven children, the others being: Wilby, Zerusha, Ettie, Delbert, John, Retta Jane, David, George, Charles, and Daisy. Mr. Phillips' mother was born in 1840, near Findlay, Ohio, died in 1878, and was buried in Trinity Cemetery, Scott township, Ohio.

Our subject's paternal grandfather, David Phillips, was born September 6, 1804, in the State of New York; his

wife, Mary Ann (Bates), was born April 15, 1811, in Pennsylvania. They were married December 27, 1827, in Stark county, Ohio, and reared a family of children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Mary Ann, October 26, 1828; Lucinda, April 22, 1830; Henry, December 23, 1831; David, December 3, 1833; Sylvester, May 17, 1836; John, March 18, 1838; Hiram, January 15, 1841; Eliza Jane, February 7, 1843; Mariar, November 19, 1844; and George, February 26, 1847. Grandfather and Grandmother Phillips are now living on the farm which is being worked by our subject.

The paternal great-grandfather of our subject, Vespasian Phillips, was born in Pennsylvania about 1756. When about seventy-five years of age he left home, and was never heard of afterward. The date of his wife's birth is not known; she died in 1813 the mother of ten children. Our subject's maternal great-grandfather, Andrew Bates, was born in Pennsylvania, in 1765; he was a cooper and farmer. His wife, Ann (Homan), was born about 1772. They had a family of ten children, six of whom are living.

JOHAN L. DONNELLS, a leading, progressive and influential citizen and present mayor of Gibsonburg, Sandusky county, is a native of Ohio, born in Scott township, Sandusky county, March 30 1852.

James Donnels, his grandfather, a native of Ireland, emigrated in an early day. For a time he lived in what is now West Virginia, later moving to Ohio and settling in Scott township, Sandusky county, as one of the pioneers, where he was engaged in farming up to the time of his death. He was married in Scotland, and his children were: John, who died in Scott township, Sandusky county; Gilbreth S., father of our subject; Margaret, wife of Nicholas Bowlus, of Madison township, Sandusky county; Becky Ann, wife of

Henry Fausey, also of Madison township; James, a resident of Helena, Sandusky county; Ellen (Mrs. Hess), who died in Virginia; and Amos, living in Scott township, Sandusky county.

Gilbreth S. Donnels, father of John L., was born in 1820, in what is now West Virginia, and was a boy when his parents removed to Scott township, Sandusky Co., Ohio. There he was reared to agricultural pursuits, which he followed in both Scott and Madison townships all his life, owning over 137 acres of land at the time of his death. In Madison township, Sandusky county, he married Nancy Wolcott, who was born in 1817, in Chautauqua county, N. Y., whence when a young woman she accompanied her parents to Ohio. To this union children as follows were born: The eldest died in infancy unnamed; Louisa died at the age of seven years; John L. is the subject of this sketch; William is a farmer of Madison township, Sandusky county; one died two weeks old, unnamed; Lindon is a merchant and farmer of Helena, Ohio; Franklin lives in Woodville township, Sandusky county; Stanley and James A. are both in Madison township, Sandusky county; Jessie died at the age of seventeen years. The father of these was called from earth in 1855. In politics he was originally a Whig, later a staunch Republican.

John L. Donnels, the subject proper of these lines, received a liberal education at the common schools of Madison township, and ever since the age of thirteen years has been engaged more or less in the sawmilling business in Sandusky county. In 1864 he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment, O. N. G., and served one hundred days at Fort Ethan Allen, after which he returned home and established a sawmill in Madison township, buying land in the county, the timber on which he lumbered himself. He thus continued till 1872, when he entered the employ, in a similar line, of Daniel Smith, for several years



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working for him and other parties. While in the employ of G. F. Aldridge, of Scott township, he had two of his fingers accidentally cut off by the saw, but nevertheless lost only five days' work, immediately recommencing with another employer, with whom he remained until, in 1885, he was elected on the Democratic ticket to the position of Justice of the Peace of Madison township. This office he filled with characteristic ability and fidelity nine years, or until his election to the mayoralty of Gibsonburg, in the spring of 1894. He is the owner of 120 acres of land in Madison township, on which there is a good oil field.

In 1871 John L. Donnels was married to Miss Catherine Bowser, who was born in Bedford county, Penn., July 8, 1858, and died September 30, 1884, the mother of five children, of whom the following is a brief record: Emma is the wife of John Vantine, of Gibsonburg, and has one child, Winnie; Minnie is the wife of David Blausey, also of Gibsonburg, and has one child, Willie; Louis, on his father's farm in Madison township, is married to Susie Lattimore, and has two children—Clarence and Alta; Alma is the wife of David Biddle; Mattie is married to Henry Blausey, and has two children. For his second wife Mr. Donnels wedded Mrs. Jennie (Henry) Ridley, who was born in Jackson township, Sandusky county, in 1848, and by her first husband had two children—Arthur and Carrie. Mr. Donnels is the only Democrat in the family; in fraternal membership he is an Odd Fellow, and in religious faith he is identified with the Disciples of Christ.

JACOB KLINK, a well-known and popular citizen of Woodville township, Sandusky county, was born December 9, 1839, and is a son of Caleb and Mary (Brunthaver) Klink, who were born, respectively, May 7, 1811, in

Wittenberg, Germany, and January 12, 1813, in Columbus, Ohio.

Caleb Klink came to America at the tender age of six years. His parents were very poor, and he was bound out until his eighteenth year to pay for their passage across the ocean. After this he went to his parents, at that time living at Mansfield, Ohio, remained there but a short time, then walked to New Orleans, and worked on a boat one season. He was there during the yellow fever epidemic in 1832 (when six thousand died in seventeen days), contracted the fever, and was sick for two months. After his recovery he went to Philadelphia, and attended a Centennial celebration in that city, and later worked on the Erie canal and helped to build the first railroad in the United States. The year of that Centennial he walked 3,300 miles, and was in every State in the Union. Mr. Klink cut the lumber to build a flouring-mill at Green Spring, Sandusky Co., Ohio, which they were six weeks in raising. Afterward he worked in a sawmill for seven years, and lost only two days during that time.

On September 27, 1836, Caleb Klink was united in marriage with Mary Brunthaver, and four sons and four daughters were born to them, as follows: Louisa, born August 11, 1837, at Green Spring, Sandusky county, now deceased, married Henry Peters, a farmer, by whom she had six children, and he resides in Woodville township, Sandusky county; Jacob is the subject of this sketch; Charles, born December 23, 1841, married Caroline Pember, by whom he has had three children, and they live in Woodville township; Leah, born March 1, 1844, married Elexix Nolan, by whom she had four children, and both she and her husband are now deceased; Ellen, born June 15, 1846, and died at the age of eighteen; Adam, born September 15, 1848, was united in marriage on May 28, 1878, with Sarah Caris, daughter of Adam and Julia Caris, of Wood county, Ohio, born January

3, 1860, and by her has one child—Lester, born December 13, 1880 (he lived at home the greater part of his life, and has worked for the pipe line company, there being fourteen oil wells on the Klink estate, all in good flow); Catherine, born February 12, 1853, married John Foster, by whom she had two children, and they live in Elnore, Ottawa Co., Ohio; and Reuben, born January 11, 1853, now a farmer in Woodville township, married Addie Tucker, by whom he has had four children.

Two years after his marriage Caleb Clink moved to Woodville township, Sandusky county, where at that time he had eighty acres, on which there was no clearing. He put up a house, moved in and began clearing the land. There was a great deal of fever and ague in those days, and all of his family were sick with it. Mr. Clink at one time owned over twelve hundred acres of valuable land, and when he died left six hundred acres in Woodville township, and forty acres in Michigan. He raised many valuable horses and cattle, giving considerable attention to stock-raising. Mr. Clink was a Democrat in politics. After a long busy and useful life, beloved by a large circle of friends and neighbors, he passed away at the old homestead November 26, 1894, at the age of eighty-three years, six months and nineteen days, and was buried in Woodville township, Sandusky county, November 28, 1894.

On October 12, 1866, Jacob Klink was united in marriage with Miss M. J. McCrary, who was born December 12, 1846, and three children have been born to them, as follows: Rosa, Frank and Henry. At the age of twenty-six Mr. Klink went to Woodville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, entered into partnership with Henry Rancamp, and they conducted a general store there for six months, then removed to Pemberville, Wood Co., Ohio, where they conducted a store for two years. In 1865 and

1866 Mr. Klink was the postmaster there. He bought out his partner and carried on the store alone for a short time; then sold it and moved back to Woodville township, Sandusky county, on the farm where he now lives. He has always bought and sold cattle and horses, and at times has very large herds.

Socially, Mr. Klink is a Free Mason, in politics a Democrat, was supervisor and school director for several years, and is highly spoken of. Mrs. Klink was one of eight children. Her father was born July 4, 1812, and now lives in Toledo, Ohio, with a daughter. Her mother died in 1850.

HENRY KLINE, one of the prominent representative citizens of Fremont, Sandusky county, was born in Union county, Penn., February 20, 1849, a son of Jacob and Catherine (Swartz) Kline, who were also natives of the Keystone State, of German descent. They were farming people. The Kline family migrated to Ohio, and finally settled in St. Joseph county, Mich., where Mr. Kline still lives at the age of eighty years, and where Mrs. Kline died at the age of sixty-six. They had fourteen children, all of whom became heads of families, namely: Barbara M., Jesse, Susan, Catharine, Leo, Lydia Ann, Jacob, Joseph, Henry and John (twins), Mary Ann, Libbie, George, and Frank E. (who died at the age of twenty-eight).

Henry Kline was reared on a farm about six miles north of Bellevue, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where his educational advantages were very limited. At the age of seventeen he went to Michigan and remained there with his parents about four years, engaged in farm work, returning to Bellevue, Ohio. Here, after working on a farm one year, and clerking in a store two and a half years, he married Miss Kate Gearhart, and moved on

the N. P. Birdseye farm, living there for one summer. He next moved to Fremont, and located in the Baumann Block, on Croghan street, where he remained five years, keeping a saloon and restaurant. In 1880 he removed to East Fremont, where he bought property, and for twelve years carried on a thriving grocery business in a wooden building opposite the Clauss Shear Works. He then rebuilt his brick residence, removed his wooden building, and erected in its place a fine, three-story brick block, consisting of four flats, one large hall and three business rooms, with a cellar for each department. Mr. Kline has made all his money by his own efforts, being a wide-awake, energetic hustler. He formerly kept a grocery and feed store, was a contractor, a pork packer, dealt in real estate, and sold river sand. He now keeps a saloon and restaurant in his back room. To Mr. and Mrs. Kline were born two children: Hattie E. and Jesse Hermon.

MRS. JOSEPH CLEMONS, whose maiden name was Caroline Lewis, is a wide-awake and progressive resident of Townsend township, Sandusky county, having charge not only of a well-ordered household, but of a farm of one hundred and forty-five acres as well.

Joseph Clemons (deceased) was born in Pennsylvania, February 23, 1832. His father had served in the war of 1812, and Mr. Clemons would have enlisted in defense of the Union in the war of the Rebellion had he not been incapacitated by an accident which befell him in 1857. That year he severely cut his left leg, which caused a stiffness sufficient to exclude him from the list of able-bodied men. On April 1, 1855, Mr. Clemons was united in marriage with Caroline Lewis, who was born March 24, 1837, in Seneca county, Ohio, and they lived in

Adams township, Seneca county, for seven years. They had eleven children, as follows: Levi H., born February 16, 1856, a resident of Pullman, Ill.; Mary Jane, born November 19, 1857, and died in December, 1858; Harriet F., born February 16, 1859, now Mrs. Ira Metcalf, of Mansfield, Richland county, Ohio; Albert M., born May 18, 1860, and died in November, 1862; Mahala I., born August 3, 1861, now Mrs. Charles Combs, of Bloomingville, Erie Co., Ohio; Aldora M., born September 23, 1863, and married to A. J. Beaghtler, of Townsend township, November 24, 1881; Henry E., born June 28, 1865, now at home; Andrew S., born December 17, 1866, now of Erie county; infants who were born July 12, 1868, and March 1, 1872, and died on September 10, 1868, and March 14, 1872, respectively; and Ami J., born August 17, 1873, living at home.

In 1862 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clemons moved to Thompson township, Seneca county, whence, in 1871, they came to their present home, which Mr. Clemons purchased that year. In 1875 he bought one hundred acres of prairie land in Erie county, on which property his son Andrew now lives. Mr. Clemons was an infant of but four weeks old when his parents moved to Ohio, and he lived here the remainder of his life. He died May 1, 1889. He was a Republican in politics, and a member of the Lutheran Church. His widow is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Clemons in her girlhood received a common-school education. Her parents, Isaac and Susanna Lewis, were both born in Lancaster county, Penn. Mr. Lewis taught school in Pennsylvania before his marriage, and, being a scholar, accumulated quite a library. Among his books was a Bible, now highly prized by Mrs. Clemons; it is in German type, and the date of its publication is 1771. Mr. Lewis came with his family to Seneca county, Ohio, in 1832. They lived

there for many years. Then, retiring from active work, Mr. Lewis and his wife moved to Bellevue, Huron Co., Ohio, where both passed away.

AP. JOHNSON, one of the reliable, solid citizens of Madison township, Sandusky county, is a native of Ohio, born December 11, 1848, in Holmes county, son of Prelate and Phæbe (Cutler) Johnson.

Prelate Johnson was born in 1808 in Connecticut, where he was married, and whence in an early day he came to Ohio, settling in Holmes county, where he followed his trade, that of carpenter and joiner. He died in that county at the age of fifty-five years. Afterward his widow returned east with her children to live with her father, Jonathan Cutler, in Massachusetts, and there died at the age of fifty-four years. The father of our subject was a Baptist in religious faith, an old Henry Clay Whig in his political leanings, and in later life a strong supporter of Lincoln. The maternal grandfather Cutler, who was born in 1786, was a silversmith, following his trade up to his death, which occurred at Brimfield, Mass., when he was eighty-five years old.

A. P. Johnson, the subject proper of these lines, is one of a family of eight children—three sons and five daughters—as follows: Alonzo, who died in hospital at Gettysburg, Penn., at the age of twenty-four years; Charlotte, wife of John Wilson, of Holmes county, Ohio, who died at the age of twenty-nine years; Horatio, who died when twenty-two years old; Helen, when fifteen years old; A. P., our subject; Phæbe, deceased at the age of twelve years; Fidelia, who died when sixteen years old; and Martha J., the wife of J. B. Tice, residing in Eaton county, Michigan. Our subject was fifteen years old when he went to Massachusetts to live with his widowed mother, but after a residence there of eighteen

months he returned to Ohio, and for three months worked on a farm in Madison township, later taking up the saw-milling business, which he has since successfully followed; he is also superintendent of Zorn, Hornung & Co.'s stave and heading factory at Gibsonburg. He now owns twenty acres of arable land within the corporation limits of that village, and is well known and highly respected throughout the county for his sterling qualities as a citizen.

On April 17, 1870, Mr. Johnson was married in Madison township to Miss Elizabeth Tice, who was born in Pennsylvania April 24, 1853, and children as follows have blessed their union: Effie, born April 15, 1871, wife of James Williams, of Rising Sun, Wood Co., Ohio (they have one child, Lester); Horatio, born June 21, 1873, who is employed in the oil fields; Delbert, born October 21, 1876, who works in the stave factory of Zorn, Hornung & Co.; and Verna, born June 12, 1888. In his political preferences Mr. Johnson has always been a staunch Democrat, and in 1893 he was the regular nominee on the Democratic ticket for county commissioner, but was defeated with the rest of the party in the fall of that year. In 1887 he was elected a justice of the peace, which incumbency he held six consecutive years. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F. and K. of P.

Mrs. Johnson's father, A. H. Tice, was born in 1821 in Pennsylvania. In 1844 he was married to Catherine Noggle, who was born in 1822. They came to Ohio in 1853, settling in Sandusky county. Here he lived until 1884, when he removed to Michigan, and, his wife dying there in 1888, he returned to Gibsonburg, where he died in 1890, leaving nine children, twenty-three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He served eighteen years as a justice of the peace. Socially, he was a member of the I. O. O. F. fraternity.

CHARLES LIVINGSTINE, a successful farmer and prominent and public-spirited citizen of Riley township, Sandusky county, was born September 12, 1828, in Stark county, Ohio. He is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Weimer) Livingstine, who were born respectively in June, 1794, and on February 8, 1792, in Germany.

Jacob Livingstine was united in marriage with Elizabeth Weimer, in 1815; they then came to America, settling in Stark county, Ohio, where he entered 160 acres of land. He sold out in 1833, settled in Sandusky township, Sandusky county, and bought 120 acres, and, later, 105 in Riley township. He lived in Sandusky township until his death, which occurred October 9, 1866; his wife died January 7, 1856. They had seven children, as follows: Saloma, born in 1816, married George Hilt, by whom she had ten children, and they lived in Ballville township, Sandusky county, Mrs. Holt dying there in 1884, Mr. Holt in 1887; Barbara, born 1819, was married in 1840 to Henry Hoffman, who lives in Jackson township, Sandusky county, and died March 7, 1890, the mother of nine children: Maggie, born in August, 1822, married John Newman, in 1841, in Sandusky township, and they live in Fremont, Sandusky county, with their family of five children; Elizabeth, born in February, 1825, married George Hendricks in 1847, and they had two children (she died in 1874, Mr. Hendricks in 1878, and both were buried in Green Creek township, Sandusky county); Charles is the subject proper of this sketch; Annie died young, and one child died in infancy.

Charles Livingstine worked for his father until his twenty-fourth year, and then, on April 1, 1852, married Mary Shoch, settling in Riley township, where he bought 280 acres of land, which cost him \$10,600. They have had twelve children, viz.: Alvina, born in 1853, and Jacob, born in 1855, deceased when young;

Charles H., born November 9, 1857, who in 1878 married Miss Jennettie Halbeisen, and they had one child, the mother dying in 1887, after which, in 1891, he married Mary Ulch, and they live in Sandusky township; Edward, born in 1858, deceased in 1866; Mary C., born in 1860, who married William Vogt, and lives in Riley township; Lydia, born in 1862, deceased when young; Harriet, born in 1864, married to David Russell, and they have had five children; William L., born in 1866, deceased when young; John, born in 1870, and now a farmer in Sandusky township, married Carrie Johnson in 1892, and they have one child; Frank, born in April, 1866, and Levi, born in 1872, both deceased when young, and Robert, born in 1873.

Mr. Livingstine cleared the greater part of the farm on which he lives, and carries on general farming. He is much esteemed in the community, and has been repeatedly honored with election to public office, having been justice of the peace thirteen years, trustee nineteen years, school director six years, township treasurer nineteen years and infirmary director seven years, of the county. He votes the Democratic ticket, and attends the Lutheran Church, of which he has been an elder for ten years, and is trustee at the present time.

JOHAN BARTSON, farmer, Ballville township, Sandusky county, a native of Luxemburg, Germany, was born January 1, 1834, a son of John Bartson, Sr., who was born in 1779 at Frankfort-on-the-Maine, served as a soldier under the First Napoleon in the twenty-five-years' war, and came to America in 1842. After landing in New York he proceeded to Stark county, Ohio, where he remained a year; then, with a yoke of cattle, a horse and a cow, and a large covered wagon, he moved through the forests to Ballville township, Sandusky

county, where he settled upon forty acres of partly-improved land, for which he paid \$180. He built a log cabin, and cleared up land for farming purposes; but after four years of hard work he succumbed to a severe attack of bilious fever, the early scourge of the Black Swamp, died in 1847 at the age of sixty-eight, and was buried at Tiffin, Ohio. The children of John Bartson, Sr., were: John, Jr.; Catharine, born March 4, 1836, married to Anthony Fullmer, their children being: John, Catharine, George, Mary, and four that died in childhood. After the death of John Bartson, Sr., his widow married John May, a farmer of Ballville township.

Our subject, John Bartson, remained at home two years with his widowed mother, and after her marriage to Mr. May he lived with them three years, and then went to work on the U. S. mail steamer "Lady Pike," plying between Louisville and Cincinnati; he stayed there one season, came home, and the following season worked on the "War Eagle" up and down the Mississippi. Returning, he chopped in the woods during the winter, the next summer was on a farm in Illinois, and the following winter assisted in chopping and logging at Chippewa Falls, Wis. He made several trips on rafts down the Mississippi to New Orleans, and was on the steamer "City Belle" one season; later, he returned to Wisconsin, where, at Chippewa Falls, he was sick with bilious fever six months. After his recovery he returned to Ohio, married, rented eighty acres of land of Thomas Easterwood for two years, then bought eighty acres of timber land in Ballville township for \$800, gave forty acres of it to his father-in-law, built a cabin, and sold the balance at an advance. He then bought forty acres in Sandusky township for \$1,400, and lived there until 1864, when he was drafted into the army. He served in Company A, Sixty-fourth Regiment, O. V. I., Third Brigade, Second Division, Fourth Army Corps, and en-

dured all the trials and privations incident to his regiment in active service. He started at Johnson's Island, Ohio, was re-examined at Columbus, and mustered in with about 4,000 others, taken successively to Indianapolis, Louisville, Nashville, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Alpine, Pulaski, Columbus and Spring Hill. At the last place he stood on picket all night during a battle, being in the rear guard while forces went to Franklin. When they marched in front of Franklin he was in the skirmish line in front of Hood's army, where, after holding the Rebels at bay for a time, he retreated behind the second line of works; held that place till 12 o'clock at night, and then went along to Nashville and helped fortify the town. Many other instances of doing duty in times of danger might be mentioned. Our subject fought under Gen. Thomas, at Nashville, for forty-eight hours, when the regiment had about 400 men, and Company A only 25 men left out of 100 which were fit for duty. They marched back to Franklin, Spring Hill, Cumberland, Pulaski, Huntsville, Decatur, Athens, Silver Creek, fixed up a block-house, and fought Forrest's and Rowdey's cavalry for three weeks, until they were relieved by a Wisconsin regiment. They returned to Huntsville, and by train to Chattanooga, Selma, Knoxville, Strawberry Plains, Blue Spring, and Bull's Gap, when they heard that Gen. Robert E. Lee had surrendered. Then marched back to Knoxville, thence to Nashville, where, in Camp Harker, they were mustered out. Mr. Bartson was wounded at Nashville, and otherwise disabled. He returned to Fremont, Ohio, and resumed farming.

On April 13, 1857, John Bartson was married to Miss Mary Romer, born April 12, 1839, a daughter of Ignatius and Eleanora (Kries) Romer, natives of Baden, Germany, who came to America in 1854, and settled in Ballville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio. The mother died in 1870, the father in 1877, both at an advanced

age. Their children were: Mary, wife of our subject; Olive, wife of John Ginder; Agnes, deceased in childhood; Johanna, wife of Mr. Baumgardner, proprietor of a hotel in Fulton county, a Democrat, whose children are, Eddie and Nora; Paul, who died in childhood; Agnes, wife of James Hoyes, of Seneca county, Ohio, whose children are, Nora, Matthew, Kate, Maggie, Emma, Agnes, Anna, Irving, Joseph, Nellie and Bernard; Anna, wife of Fred Steiber, a moulder by trade, whose first child was George. The children of John and Mary Bartson are: (1) Ignatius, born March 10, 1858, who married Catharine Hughes, whose children are, Mary and Johanna; (2) Mary O., born December 8, 1860, wife of Charles Fish, of Chicago, Ill. (she died in Michigan); (3) Bernard, a farmer and contractor, born February 19, 1862, and now lives in Ballville township; (4) Julia M., born January 31, 1864, wife of Sidney Champion, a painter, of Toledo, whose children are, Estelle, George, Hermon and Mary; (5) Elizabeth, born June 9, 1866, wife of Hermon Hessel, whose child, Lizzie, died September 19, 1888; (6) Johanna, born September 1, 1868, wife of George Heffner, street-car conductor, Chicago, Ill., whose children are, Thomas, Alonzo and Louis; (7) Nora, born May 5, 1870, wife of James Castello, a merchant of Chicago; (8) John C., born March 17, 1872, contractor, Ballville township, who married M. House; (9) Ida, born April 8, 1874, wife of Louis Mierkie, a barber, of Fremont, Ohio; (10) Clara H., born March 18, 1876, unmarried; (11) Rosa, born September 10, 1878; (12) Mary F., born March 10, 1880; and (13) Joseph, born May 11, 1882.

HENRY KILGUS is one of the most prominent and progressive farmers of Washington township, Sandusky county, a true Western man, possessed of the enterprising spirit which has resulted in placing this West-

ern region on a par with the older States of the East.

Mr. Kilgus was born in the Empire State, July 16, 1854, and is a son of Fred and Magdalena (Kesler) Kilgus. The father was born in Wittenberg, Germany, and emigrated to the United States in 1843, taking up his residence in Seneca county, Ohio. He worked as a farm hand, until by industry and frugality he had saved a sum sufficient to purchase a farm. He then became owner of forty acres of choice land near Hessville, in Washington township, Sandusky county, and subsequently he purchased fifty acres, paying \$50 per acre for same. That farm was subsequently sold, and purchase made of another tract of 120 acres in Washington township, on which he resided until his death. He passed away on October 22, 1890, leaving a family of ten children, namely: Lewis, Albert, Frank, Charles, Noah, Mary, Minnie, Henry and two whose names are not given.

Our subject lived at home until he was twenty-seven years of age, and then began to earn his livelihood by working out by the day, in which way he got a start. He was industrious and energetic, desirous of pleasing his employers, and as a consequence it was not difficult for him to secure a situation. He continued his service as a farm hand until he had managed to save from his earnings enough to purchase a farm of sixty acres. This he still owns, but his lands have been doubled in extent, and to-day within the boundaries of his farm are comprised 120 acres of valuable land which yield to the owner a golden tribute. Upon the place he has several fine oil wells, and derives from that source a good income. His land is now valued at \$100 per acre, and it is one of the best improved places in the county. His residence and barns are the finest in this section of Washington township, and every corner of the place is neat and thrifty in appearance, indicating the careful supervision of a painstaking owner.

On September 22, 1882, Mr. Kilgus married Miss Sophia Driftmeyer, who was born December 30, 1857. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been honored with several local offices, the duties of which he has ever discharged with promptness and fidelity. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. A self-made man in the truest sense of that term, he has worked his way upward from a humble position to one of affluence, achieving prosperity through perseverance, industry, good management and well-directed efforts. His example is one well-worthy of emulation, and he is deserving of honored mention in the history of his adopted country.

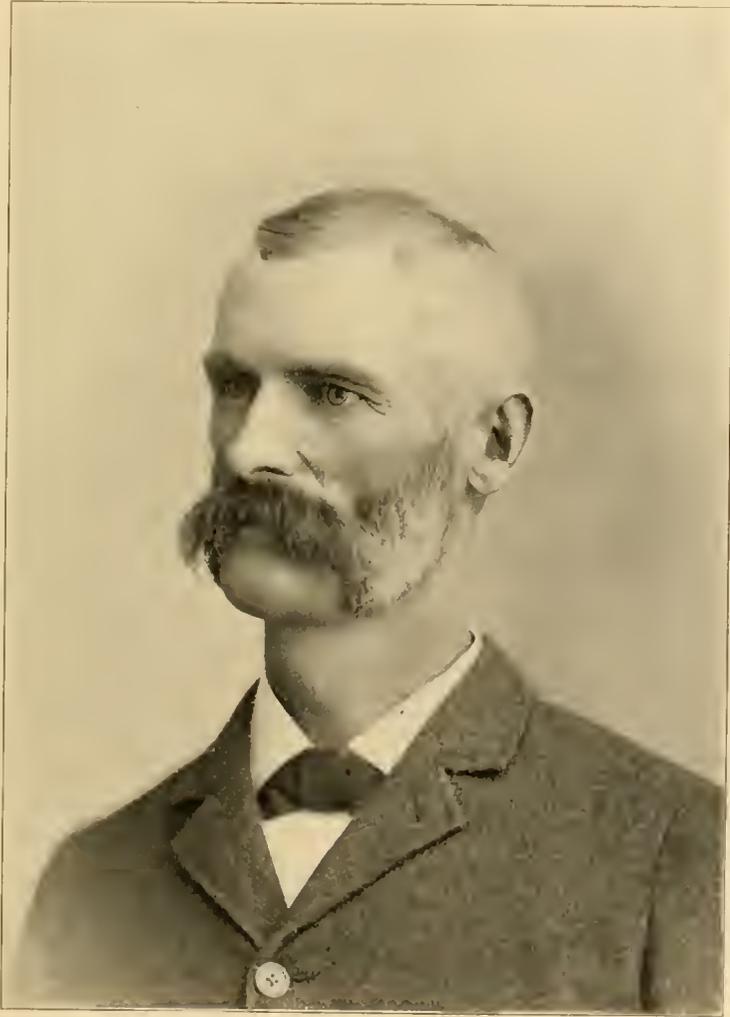
JOHAN C. FISHER, son of George W. and Clarissa (Black) Fisher, was born May 1, 1848, in Scott township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, of which locality he is now a prominent resident. When he was a mere child his parents moved to Washington township, in the same county, whence after a residence of two years they went to South Bend, Ind., living there one year. On their return to Ohio they lived in Washington township eight months, then came again to Scott township, residing there two years, and subsequently went to Jackson township, where they lived about eight years.

During this time our subject was attending school in different townships, and while the family were in Jackson township he went to college at Oberlin, Ohio, for one term. In 1869 Mr. Fisher went to Ballville and commenced business for himself, being engaged in teaming and farming. He continued in this work about four years, and then went to Newaygo county, Mich., there working in a feed store, where he remained until the latter part of June, 1873, at which time he went to Ft. Scott, Kans. Here, July 3, 1873, he was married to Miss Celia Moore, and they returned east, coming to Ballville.

For six months Mr. Fisher was engaged in a gristmill, after which he resumed his old occupation of teaming and farming, working his father-in-law's place near Ballville.

In 1877 Mr. Fisher purchased a farm of 130 acres of land in Ballville township; but as there were no buildings on this tract, he sold thirty acres, and purchased forty acres containing buildings. Here he lived one year, when he sold out and came to Scott township. In 1881 he purchased 160 acres in Section 8, and in 1890 eighty acres in Section 17, making in all a farm of 240 acres, nearly all of which is under cultivation. Since 1890 Mr. Fisher has been engaged in raising stock, including horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, and he has ready for market yearly about five horses, eighty hogs and from 300 to 500 sheep, which he ships directly to Buffalo and New York. In 1880 Mr. Fisher leased 160 acres to the Sun Oil Company, receiving \$1,121 bonus, and one-seventh of the production of oil from the wells; he also leased eighty acres to the Ohio Oil Co., receiving from them \$1,600 bonus, and one-eighth of the oil. This lease was cancelled, but he held the bonus, and in 1895 the whole farm was re-leased, Mr. Fisher receiving one-sixth of the oil. There are eight wells on the farm, each averaging eight barrels per day, which gives him an income of about \$6.00 per day.

Mrs. Celia (Moore) Fisher was born November 7, 1848, near Ballville, Sandusky Co., Ohio, and here received her early education, later in life attending the high school at Fremont, Ohio, and completing her literary education at Delaware, Ohio. She remained at home with her parents until her marriage to Mr. Fisher, July 3, 1873. They settled near Ballville, remaining in the township until 1880, in which year they sold out and came to Scott township, where they now have one of the most delightful homes in Sandusky county. To their union have come chil-



J. C. Fisher

dren, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Claud, April 11, 1874; Guy, October 12, 1875; Webb, July 27, 1877; Jim, February 1, 1879; Maud, December 23, 1881; Blanch, December 3, 1883; Clara, August 20, 1884; Bruce and Brice, November 22, 1886; Lester, February 5, 1888; and George, February 9, 1890, who died March 10, 1890. The rest of the children are at home with their parents, and have attended the home school.

Mrs. Fisher's father, James Moore, was born about 1805, and died December 5, 1873, being buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Sandusky county; his occupation was milling and farming. Her mother, Harriet (Patterson) was born May 17, 1810. This worthy couple reared a family of children, as follows: Orven, Juliette, Celliette, LeRoy, Manville, Charles, Celia and Oriette. Of these four are living: Juliette, now Mrs. William Rice, of Sandusky county; Charles, living in Sandusky county; Celia, now Mrs. Fisher; and Oriette, Mrs. John Speller, of Sandusky county. Mr. Fisher was a cousin of the wife of Wid Inman, son of James Inman. He was an adherent of the Republican party, and served as treasurer of Scott township.

FREDERICK G. BASKEY, a prosperous farmer of Green Creek township, Sandusky county, was born in Prussia, Germany, May 30, 1833, a son of Charles Baskey, by his first wife, whose children were: John, Charles, Jr., and August, all three dying in Germany; Frederick G., our subject; Augustina; and Minnie. For his second wife Charles Baskey married Miss Louisa Linstead, and their children were: Amelia, Caroline, Emma, and Robert. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a blacksmith by trade.

Our subject worked at blacksmithing in Germany nine years, and at the age of twenty-four came to America, landing at

New York City, whence he came to Sandusky City, Ohio, near which place he found work on a farm, and there remained three years. He married Miss Henrietta Marzke, who was born March 17, 1836, daughter of Charles and Christena (Mugahn) Marzke, farmers, the former of whom died in Germany at the age of sixty-four, the latter passing away in Sandusky, Ohio, at the same age. They had six children: Charles; Henry, who died; Hannah; Henrietta, Mrs. Baskey; Christena, who lives in Sandusky township; and Theodore, in Riley township. Our subject's wife was nineteen years of age when she came to America. Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Baskey have had children, as follows: William H., born February 14, 1863, married to Emma Louesa Zeigler, and is a farmer in Green Creek township; Albert F., born April 17, 1865, now at home, operating a threshing machine; Rosa, born September 30, 1868, died April 8, 1878; Bertha E., born September 15, 1870, died August 25, 1887; Charles F., born January 7, 1873, now at home, working on the farm; and Theresa M., born October 1, 1875, living at home.

Our subject and his wife first settled in Erie county, near Castalia, where they farmed one year, then came to Sandusky county, and here rented a farm four years. They then bought twenty acres of land, and lived on the same three years, when they sold it, and bought forty acres where they now reside, to which more was added, making 130 acres. They carry on mixed farming, and they have made valuable improvements on their property, having built a substantial brick house and a good-sized barn. They have given land to their sons. Mr. Baskey is a Democrat in politics, and in religious connection he attends the Lutheran Church at Fremont. He came to this country with nothing in the way of earthly possessions, but has secured a fair competence, by hard work and close economy. His wife formerly

worked in families, doing housework, at \$1 per week, in Sandusky City, and he worked on farms at the rate of \$10 per month.

WILLIAM BUMGARDNER, a prosperous agriculturist of Ballville township, Sandusky county, a native of Baden, Germany, was born August 5, 1845, a son of John and Rosa (Harter) Bumgardner, both of whom died in the Fatherland. Their children were as follows: (1) Mary, wife of Jacob Naus, a farmer of Sandusky county, whose children are William, who married a Miss Bowlus, and lives in Edwards county, Kans., and George, who married Miss Sarah Iams, and lives in Washington township, Sandusky Co., Ohio. (2) Louisa, wife of Jacob Frentzel, whose children are William, Fred, Louisa, Minnie, Hattie; Mr. Frentzel died in 1892, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery; and (3) William, our subject. John Bumgardner set out for America with his family in 1847, and after a voyage of forty days landed in New York, whence, after a brief sojourn, he came to Sandusky City, Ohio, where he visited friends. He then located at Fremont, where he worked at his trade of shoemaking about two years, and then moved to Washington township, where he bought a piece of land on which he remained a year, after which he went farther west.

Our subject, William Bumgardner, at the age of thirteen went out to work among farmers, and after working thirteen years he married, September 22, 1882, Miss Anna Ott, who was born September 29, 1850. He then rented a piece of ground from Emanuel Wingert, which he worked on shares some fifteen years. He next bought eighty acres of land from Hiram Pool, for \$6,000, where he has since resided. His mother lived with his family some years previous to her death,

which occurred February 3, 1883, when she was aged eighty years. Mr. Bumgardner's wife's brothers and sisters were: (1) William Ott, who was a soldier and was killed in the civil war; (2) Sarah, born August 22, 1844, wife of Elias Babione, a farmer; Charles Ott, born April 26, 1847, married to Sarah Jackman, and their children are—Clara, Frank, Eva and Virgie. The children of William and Ann Bumgardner are: Minnie, born September 12, 1872, married March 14, 1894, to King Hiett; Rosa, born April 26, 1874; William, born December 18, 1878; Wesley, born August 8, 1883, and Mabel, born November 16, 1888.

JOHAN W. MELLISH, a well-known resident of Fremont, Sandusky county, was born in Port Clinton, Ottawa Co., Ohio, October 8, 1861, a son of John and Martha (Granger) Mellish.

Our subject's father was born in Toronto, Canada, January 7, 1825, and came with his parents, in 1833, to Ottawa county, where they located on a farm in Bay township on which he spent the rest of his life. He was for many years a Republican, and a member of the M. E. Church. Our subject's paternal grandfather, a native of Lancashire, England, emigrated to Canada, and thence moved to Ohio. Our subject's mother was born in Columbiana county, Penn., September 1, 1833. After the death of her parents she came with friends to Ottawa county, where she was married February 10, 1853; her death occurred April 22, 1881; she was a member of the M. E. Church. The children of John and Martha Mellish were: James, born September 5, 1854, died December 3, 1857; Harriet, born September 22, 1857, died March 12, 1859; William A., born June 1, 1859, now a grocer at Port Clinton, Ohio; John W., our subject; Clare J., born January 26, 1864, wife of Peter Bradshaw, of Chicago, Ill.; Martha E., born August 11, 1871, died May 6,

1872; and Newton A., born February 4, 1874, now clerk in a store at Fremont, Ohio.

J. W. Mellish grew up in Port Clinton, Ohio, where he graduated from the high school. He then left home to become a sailor before the mast for about two years on the lakes, after which he went to railroading as brakeman on the L. S. & M. S. railroad for one year. He next worked as butcher at Port Clinton for some time, and then kept a restaurant. Having sold out his stand, he went to learn the molder's trade, and worked in the Wm. M. Whitley shops, Springfield, Ohio, one year. In 1889 he came to Fremont, and opened up a saloon and restaurant on Front street, which he still keeps, with a liberal patronage. He is an excellent specimen of physical manhood, being over six feet tall, and weighing 225 pounds. He inherits the true doggedness of character and stubborn persistence of the old Anglo-Saxon people.

In 1885, Mr. Mellish married Miss Lydia Hodge, who was born in Kenton, Hardin Co., Ohio, in 1865, a daughter of George and Rachel (Skelenger) Hodge. She died April 12, 1894, at Fremont, Ohio. Her father, who was a farmer, was born in Columbiana county, and her mother in Hardin county, Ohio, where she died at the age of forty-one years. They had a family of nine children, five of whom are now living.

GEORGE O. HARLAN, veterinary surgeon, Fremont, Sandusky county, is a native of Cumberland county, Penn., born November 11, 1836. His paternal ancestors came from England to North America in Colonial days. In 1687 two brothers, George and Michael Harlan, located in what is now Chester county, Penn. In later years that branch of the family to which our subject belongs removed to Baltimore, Md., where his grandfather,

Samuel Harlan, was born, and whose children were: Hannah, born February 27, 1794; Samuel, born December 7, 1795; Sallie, born October 3, 1797; Elizabeth, born August 1, 1800; George, born December 8, 1802; Mary, born December 22, 1804; and John, (subject's father), born July 14, 1808—all born in Baltimore, Maryland.

John Harlan early earned the trade of hatter, and going to Adams county, Penn., engaged in business as a commission merchant. He subsequently located in Cumberland county, Penn., and followed the commission business there for many years. This was in the early days when large merchants owned their own cars, and the railroad companies furnished engines to haul the cars. In later years he was not fortunate in business, and finally retired from it altogether. During the past nine years he has had his home with his son, George O., at Fremont, Ohio. Our subject's mother was a Miss Jane McElwee, born in Cumberland county, Penn., June 16, 1847, and died in 1876. Before her marriage to John Harlan she had been married to a Mr. Marshall, by whom she had two children: Francis, who lives in Chambersburg, Penn.; and James A., of Philadelphia. By her marriage to John Harlan, subject's father, there were three children: George O.; Henry Addison, born January 10, 1841, a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war; and Emma, born June 10, 1845, died June 23, 1884.

Dr. George O. Harlan grew to manhood in Cumberland county, Penn., where he learned the trade of copper-smith. Later on he took up the study of veterinary surgery, under a preceptor, attended a veterinary college at Philadelphia, Penn., graduating from same in 1860. He soon after took a trip westward and the breaking out of the Civil war found him at Rochester, Ind. In 1862 he joined the Fourth Cavalry, Seventy-seventh Regiment of Indiana Volun-

teers, and at Perryville, Ky., he was injured by the falling of his horse. As soon as he was again fit for service he was appointed veterinary surgeon by the United States Government, and served in the horse hospitals in Pennsylvania. At the close of the war he was appointed to assist in selling the useless supplies which the government had accumulated, consisting of horses, saddles, blankets, etc. One of his shipments brought him to Ohio. He remained in Toledo a short period, then came to Fremont, where he opened work in his profession, and decided to make his home. After locating at Fremont, Dr. Harlan traveled during the most part of the succeeding ten years and delivered lectures on the Comparative Anatomy of the Horse. He doubled Indiana and Michigan a couple of times, making nearly every town in each State, and also nearly all the towns and cities in Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky and the State of New York. Early in his work he wrote and published a book, entitled "Harlan's Illustrated Horseman's Guide," which was afterward re-written, and enlarged to a book of more than 200 pages. More than 50,000 of these books have been sold, and they are still in great demand, being considered among the best works on the horse ever published. Many years ago he opened a horse hospital in Fremont, and his efforts to build up an interest in horses have been quite successful: He has of late years been called repeatedly to nearly every great horse center in the country, on special missions, being a specialist in horse surgery.

On March 6, 1856, Dr. George O. Harlan was married to Miss Adline McGuire, of Cumberland county, Penn., who died January 7, 1865, leaving two children—Alice (now Mrs. O. E. Jones), and Serelda (now Mrs. H. Hale). On May 4, 1866, Dr. Harlan married Miss Harriet Hollis, of Monroeville, Ohio, and three children have been born to them, viz.: Hulda (now Mrs. J. H. Comstock, of New York

City), Nora (now Mrs. A. S. Close, of Toledo), and John M. (at home with his parents). Dr. Harlan is a member of the G. A. R., F. & A. M. and I. O. O. F.

JOHN WENDLER. Among the prominent and substantial citizens of Madison township, Sandusky county, is found the gentleman whose name here appears, and who was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, July 13, 1827.

His parents, John and Catherine (Snyder) Wendler, had two children—Barbara and John. John Wendler, Sr., who was a blacksmith by trade, died when his son was a boy, after which his widow married Casper Freman, in Switzerland, and they had two daughters. John Wendler, Jr., was two years of age when his mother married Mr. Freman. He then went to Switzerland to live, remaining there until 1854, when, at the age of twenty-seven, he set out for the United States. Coming to Ohio, he located in Ballville township, Sandusky county, and was employed in a woolen-factory from 1854 till 1857, after which he worked on a farm by the month for four years. In 1861 he bought forty acres in Woodville township, Sandusky county, and commenced clearing. In 1872 he traded this forty-acre tract for eighty acres in Madison township, and in the same year bought eighty acres more, northwest of Gibsonburg, on which he lived until 1890, when he purchased the twenty-five acres whereon he now lives.

On November 27, 1854, John Wendler was united in marriage with Mary Brooker, who was born March 26, 1832, in Switzerland, and they had six children, of whom Albert, born April 8, 1856, married Mary Walter, and has had five children; Mary, born July 29, 1858, married Fred Driftmeyer, and has had two children (they live in Washington township, Sandusky county); Amelia, born October 11, 1864, married John Callahan, and died July 18, 1890, at the age of twenty-five years; John W.,

born November 28, 1866, lives at home; Emma L., born October 8, 1869, died September 15, 1891; Caroline Sophia, born July 10, 1875, died November 25, 1878. Mrs. Wendler's parents, Henry and Susan (Meddler) Brooker, were born in Switzerland. Mr. Wendler is a Republican in politics, has several times been honored with public office, and at present is serving his second term as township trustee. He is a member of the German Methodist Episcopal Church, and is much respected.

PETER KENAN, a well-known farmer of Jackson township, Sandusky county, was born November 2, 1829, in Perry county, Ohio, a son of Silas and Barbara (Overmyer) Kenan.

Silas Kenan was born February 3, 1801, near Wheeling, W. Va. His father was a native of County Derry, Ireland, and came to America when a small boy, settling in Virginia. James married Catherine Yost, by whom he had children—sixteen in number—as follows: Silas, Margaret, Phoebe, Samuel, John, Peter, Robert, Nancy, Emeline, James, Rebecca, Juliann, Sarah Ann, Melissa, Henry and Catherine. After marriage James Kenan moved to Perry county, Ohio, and thence to Tymochtee township, Wyandot county, later removing to Illinois, finally, however, settling in Bettsville, Ohio, where he died in 1856. His wife died a year later at the home of a daughter in Missouri. The parents of Mrs. Silas Kenan were natives of Harrisburg, Penn., and their children were: Hugh, Margaret, Barbara, Polly, Eva, Lewis, Catherine, Elizabeth and Peter.

Peter Kenan in his youth came from Perry county to Sandusky county, Ohio, where he engaged in the arduous labors of pioneer farming, and where, in Jackson township, he owns 120 acres of land in a good state of cultivation. He is a

Republican in politics, and has held various civic offices. In the Civil war he was a volunteer in Company H, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment O. V. I., and was stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, Virginia, in the summer of 1864. On May 4, 1856, he was married to Miss Sarah Ann Hodgson, born in Herkimer county, N. Y., November 19, 1835, daughter of Rev. William Hodgson, who was a soldier in the war of 1812. To this union was born, March 11, 1857, one son—William Manville—who on October 1, 1878, married Miss Sylvia Ann, a daughter of Rev. John W. Powell, of Fostoria, Ohio, and they have a son, John Peter Kenan, born February 24, 1887.

CHARLES DELBERT KENAN, a son of George W. and Elizabeth (Posey) Kenan, was born in Jackson township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, January 15, 1858, and is of German and Irish lineage, his great-grandfather being a native of the Emerald Isle.

His father was born July 31, 1824, in Perry county, Ohio. His mother was born August 20, 1832, in Hartley township, Wayne Co., Penn., and came with her parents to Ohio during her early girlhood. His father and mother are now living a retired life. They became the parents of seven children, as follows: Barbara, who was born December 10, 1852, and died in infancy; Oran, who was born December 7, 1853, and lives in the city of Fremont, Ohio; Lodema, who was born November 1, 1856, and is the wife of Michael Maurer, a resident farmer of Jackson township, Sandusky county, by whom she has three children—Charles, Louis and Webb; Charles Delbert, subject of sketch; Marshall A., a farmer of Jackson township, born May 17, 1860; Lorina, born October 27, 1862, now the wife of Elijah Voorhees; George, born on the old homestead, July 10, 1864, and yet living there.

Charles Delbert Kenan was reared to manhood under the parental roof, spending the days of his boyhood in a manner not unlike that of other farmer lads of that locality. After arriving at years of maturity, he was married, in 1880, to Miss Mary M. Cookson, a teacher in the common schools, having taught seven terms, daughter of William and Rose (Metzger) Cookson, who were natives of Pennsylvania, and came to Ohio in its pioneer days. Mr. and Mrs. Kenan have no children of their own, but have an adopted daughter—Frances Fleeta Kenan—whom they are tenderly rearing.

Upon his marriage our subject removed with his bride to Scott township, Sandusky county, where he rented his father's farm, and remained for about two months. He then came to Washington township, and purchased sixty acres, carrying on agricultural pursuits there for nine years, when he sold his property, and purchased seventy-four acres of land, constituting his present farm. Upon this place are four good oil wells, with a fair flow, and these net him considerable profit, adding not a little to his income. His carefully managed business interests have brought him success, and his fair and honorable dealing have gained for him the confidence and good will of all with whom he has come in contact. In politics he is a Democrat, discharging all his duties of citizenship with promptness and fidelity.

ENOS J. GROVER, a well-known farmer of Sandusky county, was born in Green Creek township, that county, October 23, 1841, a son of Truman and Caroline (Swart) Grover.

Truman Grover was born in Genesee county, N. Y., March 13, 1810, a son of Silas and Sallie (Williams) Grover, the former of whom was born in 1782, in Cayuga county, N. Y., where he grew to

manhood. His father died in 1843, and his mother—who was of Welch descent, and who in her younger days lived on the banks of the Susquehanna river, in New York State—lived to be eighty-one years old. Silas Grover married at the age of twenty-five, built a log house, cleared up a farm, and reared a family of children. In 1826 he came by steamer with his family from Buffalo, N. Y., to Sandusky City, and thence overland through the woods to Sandusky county, where he settled on a farm of eighty acres, for which he had traded sixty acres in York State, and received \$100 to boot, which paid his moving expenses. Here he followed farming twelve years, and then moved to another farm farther from Hamer's Corners (now Clyde). He was a member of the Universalist Church, and in politics a Democrat. The children of Silas and Sallie Grover were as follows: Messa, who died at Fremont February 28, 1894, at the age of ninety-four; Truman, father of our subject; John, who lives in Branch county, Mich., aged eighty-two; Orson, living at Hillsdale, Mich., aged seventy-seven; Samuel, living at the same place, aged seventy-three; Harriet, who died leaving several children; and Lydia, wife of Clark Cleveland.

Truman Grover came to Sandusky county at the age of sixteen. His opportunities for getting even a common-school education were very meager. On March 12, 1835, he married Miss Caroline Swart, who was born in Herkimer county, N. Y., October 3, 1818, and to their union came eight children: Eunice, born December 10, 1835, who became the wife of W. T. Perrin, and their children are Perry, William, Frank, Fannie and Burt; of these, Perry married Minerva Youngs, and has four children—Leo, Lestia, LeRoy and another; William married, and has four children; Frank married, and has two children. Milo married Lucy Perrin, and has seven children—Addie, Ralph, Pearl (who is married and has two chil-

dren), Grace, Chrisence, Myrtle and another; Frank married Jane Duesler, and has two children, Minnie and Charlie; he lives in Chicago, Ill. Enos J. is the subject proper of these lines. Margaret is the wife of D. Clapp, of Fremont, Ohio, and has three children—Emmitt, Gertrude and Horace. Melvina is the wife of M. Hart, of Green Spring, Ohio, and has three children—Victory, Milo and another; Ella is the wife of James Raymond, and their children are Winfred and Jay. Ransom died when twenty years of age.

Enos J. Grover was reared on a farm, and during his youth attended the country and village schools. He lives in one of the garden spots of northern Ohio. He is a Democrat in politics, and socially is a member of the Royal Arcanum, at Clyde, Ohio. In 1860 he married Miss Angeline Adams, and five children have been born to them: Nora (wife of LeRoy Lee, whose children are Margaret and Davis), Ransom, Claude, Byron and Truman.

Truman Grover, father of our subject, was an enthusiastic member of the Sandusky County Pioneer and Historical Society, and on October 11, 1890, at its annual meeting, held in Fremont, gave an interesting account of his pioneer experiences, a report of which was published in the *Fremont Journal*, from which we here give a few items. Mr. Grover, among other things, said:

I moved from the State of New York with my father, in 1826, at the age of sixteen. Our farming at first went very slow. We cut most of our grain with sickles, as we thought the cradles wasted too much. We preferred to cut and lay it down by handfuls. The second year my father fixed a cradle to a grass scythe that worked pretty well. We threshed our grain by tramping it out with oxen, or beating it out with flails or cudgels; we kept it all winter and fed the straw to our live stock. We hauled the grain to town and exchanged it for goods, and the merchants sent the grain east by boat in exchange for goods. One of our first merchants was Mr. Olmstead, who carried on a large business with very little money, by his system of exchange. We could not get any money at that time. After a while things changed, and we got money, and threshing machines and railroads, so that we

did not need to wait for the lake to open up in the spring to market our grain. I feel pretty well to-day, for a man who is eighty years old, and has done an awful sight of hard work. We seemed to have more leisure time for hunting and fishing and sporting in the early days than we have now. We could shoot wild ducks, geese and turkeys, and wild hogs in abundance. We got \$3 per hundred for wild pork in Lower Sandusky. I was not much of a deer hunter. The deer had such sharp eyes that I could not see them before they saw me. When the Twelve-mile Reservation was sold by the Indians and they moved away, the white people came in and bought homes, and then we got money and all business brightened up. Those Indians are now in the Indian Territory on No Man's Land. Our people here are now away ahead of the early times. I don't suppose that there is a depot between Cleveland and Toledo that ships as much of different kinds of fruit as Clyde. The pioneer price of corn used to be 18 cents, rye 20 cents, wheat 50 cents. In 1833-34 we got \$2.10 for wheat.

ORION VAN DOREN, a progressive young farmer of York township, Sandusky county, is a son of Edwin and Zeruiah Van Doren, and was born in Green Creek township, Sandusky county, September 3, 1858. He is of Dutch extraction on his father's side, his ancestors having come from Holland more than one hundred and fifty years ago. His mother is of Scotch descent.

Abraham Van Doren, grandfather of the subject of these lines, was born about 1805, in a town in New Jersey, which then contained but few houses. Coming to Lower Sandusky (now Fremont), Sandusky Co., Ohio, he followed his vocation of shoemaker for many years, and then removed to a farm in Green Creek township, where he passed the remainder of his life. Edwin Van Doren, who was a son of Abraham Van Doren, was born in Fremont, August 14, 1829, and in 1854 was united in marriage with Zeruiah Gray, who was born in Oswego, N. Y., August 13, 1832. They have had seven children, as follows: Allen, who is on a farm in Green Creek township; Orion, the subject of this sketch; Ida, now Mrs.

John Hyatt, living west of Fremont; Sidney, in Green Creek township; Jennie, now Mrs. John Langton; Clara, now Mrs. William Pack, living at Centreville, Mich.; and Lucy, now Mrs. H. G. Huffman, living at Clyde, Green Creek township, Sandusky Co., Ohio. Mr. Van Doren has always been an active Republican since the founding of the party. He was in the hundred-day service in the war of the Rebellion, upon his discharge re-enlisting in the Fifty-fifth O. V. I., and was with Sherman on his famous march to the sea. He was mustered out at Camp Dennison, near Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Van Doren are now living at Clyde, Sandusky Co., Ohio.

Orion Van Doren attended the Fremont school one term after leaving the district school, then went to the high school at Clyde one year, and the following year took a short course at Ada; but his father had need of his services, so he left school and remained at home until his marriage. On April 14, 1884, he wedded Miss Emma White, who was born March 8, 1868, and they have had two children, namely: Zeruah, who was born March 25, 1886, and is at present attending the Clyde schools, and Mary Ruth, born December 16, 1893. Mrs. Van Doren's father, William White, a son of Lyton White, was born in New York State in 1827, and in 1855 married Mary Kettle, who was born in Townsend township in 1832. They had the following named children: Samuel; George, now deceased; Sarah, wife of Morris McGraw, of Albany, N. Y.; Lillian, wife of A. J. Smith, of Clyde; Marguerite, deceased; Mary, wife of Sidney Van Doren; Emma, now Mrs. Orion Van Doren; Lucinda, deceased; and Anna, wife of George Mason. In 1862 the family moved from Erie county, Ohio, where they had made their home for many years, to Townsend township, and from there to York township, where Mrs. White died August 26, 1872. Mr.

White continued to manage his farm of 600 acres until March 26, 1887, when he, too, passed away. Mr. Van Doren votes the Republican ticket. For the past five years he has made an annual hunting excursion to northern Michigan, and his home is nicely decorated with antlers and other trophies that attest to his skill as a marksman.

HON. GEORGE F. ALDRICH.

Foremost among Sandusky county's representative men of to-day stands Hon. George F. Aldrich, a truly self-made man. He is the son of Hiram H. and Ellen (Donnell) Aldrich, and was born on a farm in Scott township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, February 26, 1857. Like many a farmer's boy he was obliged to work in the summer time, while during the winter seasons he was permitted to attend the district school. Determined to obtain an education, he diligently persevered, and finally attended for some time the Normal School at Fostoria, Ohio, afterward attending a Normal in Mansfield, Ohio.

At an early age he was among the most successful teachers in Sandusky county, and has followed that profession for twenty years. The township of Scott, recognizing his ability, elected him justice of the peace, which position he held for nine years; he was also census enumerator of the township in 1880, and served on the board of county examiners* for four years. Having successfully filled every position to which he had been called, his fellow-citizens, being desirous of conferring still further honors upon him, in 1891 sent him as a representative of Sandusky county at the State Legislature on the Democratic ticket, his opponent being Mr. J. L. Hart. This incumbency he also filled with his well-known ability and customary success. On his return from the legislature he devoted



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the greater part of his time to teaching. During the summer months he conducted a normal school at Tinney, having some forty pupils, many of whom are teachers. In addition to his profession he also directed the work on the farm at Tinney. In the fall of 1893 Mr. Aldrich was again nominated for the Legislature on the Democratic ticket, his opponent being George F. Keefer, and by whom he was defeated in 1893. In the 1895 campaign Mr. Aldrich carried the county, defeating Mr. Keefer, his opponent of 1893, notwithstanding the fact that the political aspect of the county has materially changed since the 1891 election.

On March 7, 1878, Mr. Aldrich was married to Miss Eulalie Adelaide Tinney, of Tinney, Ohio, and to them have come three children: May Bordelle and Mabel, born December 10, 1878 (Mabel died in infancy); and Rufus Haven Scott, born December 22, 1886. Of these May received a teacher's certificate in Sandusky county when only fourteen years old, but poor health has prevented her from teaching; she has given the study of music considerable attention. Mrs. Aldrich, the estimable wife of our subject, was born at Tinney, Ohio, November 21, 1857, and received her education in the public schools of that place. Her mother died when she was young, which deprived her of the advantages that she otherwise might have obtained.

The father of our subject was born in Rhode Island, in 1836, and when he was six years old his parents came to Ohio, where, with the exception of six years spent in Kansas, he has since resided. On February 29, 1864, he enlisted in Company D, Third O. V. C., and was mustered out of the service at the close of the war. In his family were five children: John, Mary (now Mrs. J. W. Hudson, of Tinney), George F. (our subject), Charles A., and Jackson. Our subject's mother was a native of Scott township, Sandusky county, where she spent her entire life ex-

cept a few years in Kansas, in which State she died, October 9, 1887, at the age of fifty-seven. Mr. Aldrich's paternal grandfather, Nero Aldrich, was born in Rhode Island, and spent the greater part of his life in Scott township, where he died. He was twice married, the grandmother of our subject being his second wife. The maternal grandmother was born in Noble county, Ohio, and died in Kansas in 1895. She was three times married, her last husband being Nero Aldrich.

Among the pioneers of Scott township is the father of Mrs. Aldrich, Darwin Scott Tinney. He was born September 18, 1826, in New York State, where he lived until eight years of age, and then with his parents came to Lenawee county, Mich., thence to Ohio, where he afterward lived. He died at Tinney, Ohio, November 16, 1893. He was one of Sandusky county's most prosperous farmers, a vocation he gave his entire attention to during a greater part of his life. For three years he was county commissioner of Sandusky county. About 1850 he was married to Sarah Wiggins, of Scott township, who was born in Massachusetts in 1829, and to them were born three children: Almeda Ann; Frank J. Tinney, of Fostoria, principal of the public schools; and Eulalie Adelaide (now Mrs. Aldrich). He was the son of Stephen Tinney, who was born in December, 1799, in Massachusetts, and died February 10, 1848. When about sixteen years old he went to New York and there lived some fourteen years; thence moved to Michigan where he lived six years, and from there to Scott township, where he passed the rest of his days, dying on January 9, 1836. He was married to Julia Scott, of Niagara county, N. Y., born July 24, 1797, and died February 7, 1869. To them were born four children: Darwin S., Edwin C., Jackson and Julia Ann, Edwin C. being the only one now living. Stephen Tinney's mother, Sally Jonier, was born in Massachusetts, about the

year 1770, and her husband, Stephen Tinney, Sr., was born about the same time. To them were born three children.

DAVID SMITH is a substantial farmer of York township, Sandusky county. In his early years he lived the life of a stalwart pioneer, and he has succeeded in gaining a competency which will suffice him for the remainder of his days. He is a son of Fred and Dorothea Smith, and was born in Lehigh county, Penn., August 7, 1820.

Fred and Dorothea Smith were united in marriage in Germany in 1813, and in 1818 came to the United States, locating in Pennsylvania. Mr. Smith worked at the forge in that State, and also after coming to Ohio, whither he removed in 1837, settling first in Bellevue, Huron county, or rather Amsden's Corners, and the following year coming to York township, where he resided the remainder of his life. He bought a farm, which he managed in connection with his blacksmith shop. Of their children Marie (the eldest, who lived in Bellevue), Anna (of York township), and Fred (a farmer of York township, who was the oldest son), died in 1889, within six months of each other; David is the subject of this sketch; Catherine is living in Tennessee; Sallie died in California; John F. is a large land-owner of York township.

David Smith was the first of his parents' children born in America, his older brother and sister having been born before the family left Germany. Opportunities for obtaining a good education, which are now so numerous and easy of access, were open to but few during his childhood, and his father's children were not numbered with the few. He came with his parents to York township at the age of ten, and later he learned the trade of carpenter and millwright, working in Bellevue and Toledo before marriage, and

a short time after. On October 22, 1846, David Smith was united in marriage with Julia Ann Knauss, who was born in Union county, Penn., April 3, 1825, and they have had six children, a brief record of whom is as follows: George, born March 9, 1848, is now a carpenter, residing in Bellevue; he married Anna Derr, and has two children—Julia Maude and Frank Elliston. Charles, born August 1, 1854, is a carpenter and lives in Michigan; he married Hattie Ent, and they have one child—Earl. Samuel, born November 24, 1859, is at home. Sarah Maria, born July 16, 1864, married David Barnard, of Groton township, Erie county, and they have three children—George, Ralph, and Charles. Mary Elizabeth, the youngest, born November 15, 1866, is at home. Mrs. Smith is the daughter of Solomon and Sarah Knauss.

Although suffering from a stroke of paralysis, Mr. Smith still superintends the farm, and tribute may well be offered to his perseverance and courage. He is prudent in his undertakings and never attempts to make large gains by correspondingly large risks. When he engages in an enterprise little doubt as to its stability and character need be felt. Mr. Smith believes in the doctrines of protection and sound money.

GEORGE MARTIN, a farmer of Ballville township, Sandusky county, was born near Buffalo, N. Y., March 21, 1832, a son of Michael and Catherine (Flory) Martin. Michael Martin was born in Baden, Germany, and married there. On immigrating to America he settled seven miles from Buffalo, N. Y., where he died at the age of thirty years, leaving a son Michael, Jr., by his first wife, and the following children by his second wife, a Miss Stuller: Joseph, Jacob, Abraham, Mary, Kate, and George, the subject of this

sketch. The mother of George Martin was born in Alsace, Germany.

George Martin grew to manhood in this country, but his education was entirely neglected, as he never learned to read or write. He worked on his father's farm in Sandusky county, Ohio, until December, 1858, when he married Miss Mary M. Slaughter, who was born April 8, 1837, and settled on his present farm. A brief record of their children is as follows: Charles L., born October 18, 1859, is a farmer, living on an adjoining farm; he married Miss Caroline Bloom, and their children are Blanche, Vinnie, Ralph, Mabel and Iva. Frank S., born September 16, 1861, is living with his parents; Albert, born September 29, 1863, is living with his parents; Clara C., born September 27, 1865, married William Sachs, and their children are Fern, Carl and Lulu; Edwin, born July 5, 1868, is living with his parents; George T., born May 28, 1874, is living at home; Estella M. was born February 18, 1877. Mr. Martin is a Democrat in politics, and in religious connection is a member of the Lutheran Church. He is an enterprising and well-to-do farmer, and an obliging neighbor. His half-brother Michael finds a comfortable home with him. His wife Mary was born April 8, 1837.

GEORGE W. KING, farmer and merchant of Rice township, Sandusky county, and postmaster at Kingsway, Ohio, was born September 25, 1840, in Fairfield county, Ohio, son of Peter and Mary (Shoemaker) King.

Peter King and his father, George King, were both born in Perry county, Ohio, where the great-grandfather, John King, who was a native of Virginia, had located shortly after marriage, passing the remainder of his days there. George King moved to Pickaway county, Ohio, where he died. Peter King was reared

on a farm up to the age of nineteen, and also learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed about twenty years in Fairfield county. He was married in Pickaway county, removed thence to Fairfield county, and thence, in 1852, to Washington township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where he bought 240 acres of land. Here he accumulated wealth, and he built a handsome house and barn, the house having the finest staircase in the county. He was a Democrat, and a member of the German Reformed Church. He died August 2, 1880, and his widow, who was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, in 1819, is still living on the old homestead. They had nine children: Samuel, a farmer, George W.; Levi, a farmer, who is county commissioner of Henry county, Ohio; Henry, a farmer in Henry county; Peter, also a farmer in Henry county; J. M., living on the old homestead; Rebecca, born in 1843, who died in 1894, wife of I. J. Shoemaker, of Henry county; Melinda, who first married J. D. Overmyer, and after his death wedded Solomon Shoemaker (she is now living near Muncie, Ind.); and Mary Ann, wife of Noah Garrett, of Sandusky township.

George W. King came with his father's family to Washington township, Sandusky county, attended the common schools, and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in Fremont. In 1862 he married Miss Elizabeth L. Wagner, who was born in Sandusky county, October 6, 1842, and eleven children have blessed their union, viz.: Mary Marthella, wife of M. E. Boggs, of Elmore, Ohio, who has one child, George Nolan; Clara Ellen, widow of Daniel Packett (she has one child); Louisa Emily, wife of Fred Capus, of Hessville, Sandusky county (they have one child, Carl); Samuel, living at Mt. Vernon, Ind., who is married and has three children—George, Henry and John; Selestia Almeda, wife of Irvin Fetterman, of Rice township; Catherine Minerva, wife of H. F. Hetrick, of Washington

township (they have one child, Lester Willis), and John Jacob, Ida Isabelle, Pearl Annetta, Cara Stella, and Daisy Modelia, the last five living at home.

Mr. King purchased his present farm in 1864, following his trade until 1867, since when he has devoted himself to agricultural pursuits, now owning 155 acres in Rice township and twenty-seven in Washington township. The Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad runs through his farm, on which has been erected a depot and post office, named, after him, Kingsway. He is the second postmaster of the place, having received his commission from President Arthur, and has held the office twelve years. He is a Democrat in politics, and in religious affiliations a member of the German Reformed Church. The first office Mr. King held in the township was that of constable, in which he continued for two years, after which he was elected justice of the peace for three consecutive terms. Mr. King's residence and home are among the finest farm improvements in the county. He is a recognized business and social leader in his community, of gentlemanly disposition, and is essentially a self-made man.

JAMES D. HENSEL, an energetic agriculturist of Sandusky township, Sandusky county, was born February 19, 1849, on the farm now owned by his uncle, Daniel Hensel, and is the eldest son of Adam and Mary J. Hensel.

The maternal grandparents of Mr. Hensel were natives of Northumberland county, Penn., and of German descent. They moved to Perry county, Ohio, in 1819, where their eldest son, Adam, was born in 1825. Their attention was then attracted by the fertility of the Black Swamp, and in 1827 they located on the banks of Little Mud creek, four miles west of Fremont. At that time there were but three families living between

Muscalonge and Perrysburg, north of the Perrysburg road.

Adam Hensel was married to Mary J. Benner in 1847; to them were born six children: James D. Ellen M., wife of John Fangboner; she died at the age of twenty-four years, leaving two children—Irvin and Mertella, who live with their father in Fremont. Sarah E. and Harriet S. both reside in Chicago, Ill.; Harriet is married and has two children, Mary and Allen. Alice C. and husband, A. J. Walters, with their daughters, Jessie and Madge A., live in Montpelier, Ohio; and Emma C. married W. S. Diggs, and they with their two children, Ethel E. and Ione, reside in Winchester, Indiana.

Mr. Hensel grew to manhood on a farm, receiving his education in the common schools, and remained at home until his marriage to Miss Savilla Wolfe, February 6, 1873. She was born January 25, 1850, in Sandusky county. They have two daughters: Nora O., born December 4, 1873, was educated in Fremont school and Ohio Normal University, and is now a teacher in the schools of Sandusky county, and Mabel M., born December 9, 1877. Mr. Hensel settled on the old homestead, which he purchased after the death of his father in 1887. He belongs to the younger element of progressive farmers in Sandusky township, and owns seventy-seven acres of good land. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious connection he is a member of the Reformed Church. Fraternally, he affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

PHILIPP MIARER, a well-to-do farmer of Sandusky township, Sandusky county, was born in the southern part of Russia, August 15, 1828, a son of John and Barbara (Krather) Miarer.

John Miarer, a farmer by occupation, was also born in South Russia, and died

there at the age of forty-six years. Barbara Miarer, his widow, came to America with her family and settled in Sandusky, Ohio, where she died at the age of sixty-seven. Four children were born to them: John Miarer, a retired farmer, now living in Seneca county, Ohio, who was a soldier in the Civil war; Magdalena, who married Henry Henning, in Germany, where she still resides; Susan, who was married in Germany to Louis Bowers; and Philipp, subject of this sketch. Philipp attended school in Germany up to his thirteenth year, and then came to America in 1850, landing in New York City. Coming to Cleveland, Ohio, he remained there one year, after which he removed to Jackson township, Sandusky county, where he sought and found such employment as the times afforded. He was married, in 1860, to Miss Catharine Mahr, who was born in Jackson township August 29, 1839, and nine children were born to this union, six of whom are living: David, born September 5, 1861, who married Miss Lavina Lang; Sarah, born September 15, 1862, married to Augustus Buehler; John, born in 1868, who married Ellen Bender (he attended the common schools, and has taught five terms in Sandusky county); Mary, born March 28, 1870, living in Fremont; Henry, born March 28, 1874; and Amelia, born September 24, 1877. After his marriage Mr. Miarer bought forty acres of land in Jackson township, and lived there fourteen years, removing thence to Riley township, and in the spring of 1876 settling at his present home. Here he owns 157 acres of land, eighty acres in Seneca county. His brick residence, erected a few years ago, has few equals in his vicinity. During his early days he did much hard pioneer work; he cleared sixty acres of heavily-timbered land with his own hands, using oxen to do the logging; and it will readily be seen that there is a great contrast between his early surroundings in the county and that which he enjoys now. He is recognized

as one of the most substantial men in his township, of which he has served as trustee four years, and supervisor two years. Mr. Miarer and his wife are members of the Reformed Church. Politically he is a Democrat. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a farmer, and his maternal grandfather was a man of more than ordinary wealth.

WILLIAM L. RICHARDS, who for many years has ranked as one of the most energetic and respected citizens of York township, Sandusky county, was born August 17, 1828, on the farm he now occupies. He is the son of Lester and Mary (Baker) Richards, both natives of Connecticut, who in the fall of 1826 migrated from that State, and in York township purchased land, which had been entered in 1822 by Edmund Fuller, the original patent for the land being signed by Pres. James Monroe. The parents remained on the farm through life. Lester Richards died in 1845, aged forty-five years. His wife survived until 1872, when she passed away at the age of seventy-two years. In politics Lester Richards was a Whig. His grandfather was an emigrant from England.

William L. Richards is one of eight children, six of whom grew to maturity, as follows: William L.; Elizabeth, who died unmarried at the age of seventeen years; Celinda, who was born in 1832, married John B. Colvin, and died in 1894; Edward, born in 1835, now a resident of Ottawa county; Melissa, who died when a young woman; and Almarena, afterward Mrs. McClanahan, who died in Ohio. William L., the eldest child, grew to manhood on his father's farm and attended the neighboring schools. He was married January 1, 1861, to Miss Sarah Rife. She was born on an adjoining farm September 7, 1843, daughter of Michael and Mary (Longwell) Rife, the

former of whom was born in Frederick county, Md., February 14, 1814, and in 1832 migrated to York township with his parents, Daniel and Elizabeth (Zumbrin) Rife. Here, January 1, 1839, he married Mary Longwell, only daughter of Robert and Lucinda (Butler) Longwell, who were among the earliest settlers of the township, and who died here soon after. Mrs. Rife is still living at the old homestead.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richards have been born six children, as follows: Emily, born October 30, 1862, married April 7, 1886, to George Bemis, and is the mother of one child—Edna; Carrie, born October 25, 1865, died October 10, 1891; Bertha, born January 30, 1867, married September 19, 1894, to James A. Lewis; Charles R., born December 13, 1868, married Helen Gile, and has one child—Karl; Mary L., born December 14, 1870, is at home; William H., born September 18, 1872, was married September 24, 1895, to Miss Dora Guinall. Emily and Mary are graduates of the Clyde High School, and Bertha attended school at Clyde and Green Spring; Carrie attended school at Clyde and Green Spring, and also at Ada Normal School; Charles and William were students at Ada Normal School. There are few families in Sandusky county so thoroughly educated as that of Mr. Richards.

After his marriage our subject settled on the farm, and in addition to the farming operations he did business at Clyde as partner in a grocery store. He was a member of Company B, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth O. V. I., which was called out during the summer of 1864 to do military duty at Washington and Fort Ethan Allen. In 1865 Mr. Richards began the manufacture of brick and tile, and he has ever since been extensively engaged in that important industry. Last year he burned about 8,000 tile; but in former years it was not unusual for him to turn out from 60,000 to 75,000 tile, besides large quantities of brick. There was an

active market for all he could make. During this time he has also tilled his excellent farm of 110 acres. In politics Mr. Richards usually votes the Republican ticket, but he is non-partisan, especially in local matters. Socially he is a Mason, and also a member of the Grange. His son, William H., is a member of the Sons of Veterans. Mr. Richards is one of the peace-loving, industrious and capable farmers of York township, and his friends are as numerous as his acquaintances.

CHARLES H. WELCH, a painstaking and eminently successful agriculturist and fruit grower of York township, Sandusky county, is a son of Ebenezer and Mary Lovina (Hubbell) Welch, and was born in Lyme township, Huron Co., Ohio, November 16, 1839.

Ebenezer Welch, who was a blacksmith by trade, came to Ohio from New York State about 1830. In January, 1837, he was united in marriage with Mary Lovina Hubbell, who was born near Monroeville, Huron county, and they had four children, as follows: Edgar A., the eldest, served in the Twenty-fourth O. V. I., in the war of the Rebellion, was honorably discharged, and died, in 1891, at Fawn River, Mich., leaving a widow, but no children; Charles H. is the subject of this sketch; Alice R. is the wife of E. J. Squire, a dry-goods merchant of Monroeville, and they have had four children—Elbert W., John Clary, Roy and William; Mary C., the youngest, is married to Charles B. Scoville, a boot and shoe dealer of Middletown, Butler Co., Ohio. Mr. Welch died in Lyme township, and his widow moved to Monroeville, where she died a few years afterward.

Charles H. Welch received only a common-school education and remained at home until the outbreak of the war.

On September 18, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, Fifty-fifth O. V. I., at Camp McClellan, Norwalk, Huron Co., Ohio. Camp was broken on January 2, 1862, and the Fifty-fifth set out for the front via the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. They first halted at New Creek, Va. Mr. Welch was with the Fifty-fifth Regiment through all their hardships, and was discharged with his company July 20, 1865, at Cleveland.

On October 23, 1867, Charles H. Welch was united in marriage with Miss Lovina Hitt, who was born January 17, 1845, and they had four children, namely: Alice R., born August 26, 1868, is at home; Mary Mahala, born October 8, 1870, was married on January 18, 1891, to Joseph L. Royer, of Flat Rock, Seneca Co., Ohio, and they have had one child, Charles Lewis; Adelia was born November 21, 1872; and Charles Hubbell, Jr., born June 2, 1878, is in the third year class of the high school at Bellevue. Mrs. Welch is a daughter of Seneca and Mahala (Stafford) Hitt, the former of whom came to Ohio from Rutland county, Vt., in 1836, and his wife came from the same State a year later. In January Mr. Hitt built the house in which Mr. Welch at present lives, and Mrs. Hitt entered it a bride. Here for forty-seven years she conscientiously attended to her duties as wife and mother, making her home so attractive that no allurements won away her loved ones. In this house Mrs. Welch was born, as were also her brothers and sisters, who are as follows: Mary Elizabeth, wife of L. G. Ely, of Fulton county, Ohio, who has been representing his county in the Ohio Legislature for the past two years; Marion Adelia, who died in January, 1882, wife of George H. Mugg, of Dundee, Mich. (they had three children, Elmer E., Luella E. and Susan M., who are unmarried, and own a farm adjoining their father's), and a son, Seneca, Jr., who died in infancy. Mr. Hitt died in January, 1872.

His wife survived him twelve years, dying in June, 1884.

Mr. Welch has retired from farming, but still grows much fruit, which he personally superintends. In the spring of 1894 he set out over twenty acres of peach trees. He is prominent in G. A. R. circles, being a charter member of C. B. Gambee Post No. 33. In adhering to the Republican party, he believes he is furthering the interests of the country. For more than fifteen years he has held the office of township clerk. Mrs. Welch is a member of the Congregational Church at Bellevue.

CHRISTIAN SCHWARZ, a prosperous farmer of Washington township, Sandusky county, is the owner of a valuable tract of land, which is under a high state of cultivation, and improved with good buildings, well-kept fences and all the accessories of a model farm. He is engaged in raising those grains best adapted to this climate, and keeps on hand enough stock for his own use. Possessing good business ability, his able management has brought to him a comfortable competence, and to-day he is numbered among the substantial farmers of Washington township.

Mr. Schwarz was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, December 2, 1842, and is a son of Christian and Margaret (Voelm) Schwarz, farming people, who, in 1851, emigrated to America. On reaching the shores of the New World they came direct to Sandusky, Ohio, but soon removed to Washington township, Sandusky county. In 1853 the father purchased 134 acres of land, and later added other tracts to it, at one time forty acres, at another one hundred acres, and subsequently seventy-six acres. He prospered in his undertakings, and his success was the just reward of his own labors. His death occurred June 18, 1892, when he had attained the age of seventy-five years; his wife still survives him, and is now liv-

ing in Hessville, Ohio. The family of this worthy couple were as follows: Catherina, now the wife of John Balseiser (a farmer of Washington township, and the mother of twelve children; Carolina, who died in Germany; Leonard, a resident farmer of Sandusky county, and who has seven children; August, who died in infancy; Laura, wife of Daniel Auxter, a farmer of Washington township, Sandusky county, by whom she has twelve children; Reckie, wife of Charles Thayer proprietor of a hotel in Hessville, by whom she has nine children; Henry, also an agriculturist of Washington township; Louisa, wife of Jacob Ansted, a farmer of Ottawa county they had eight children, but one is now deceased).

Our subject spent the first nine years of his life in the Fatherland, and then came with his parents on their emigration to America. He completed his studies in German after his arrival in this country, but speaks English very fluently. He never left his parents, always giving his father the benefit of his services, and today he is the owner of the farm upon which they located forty-two years ago. On December 11, 1872, he was united in marriage with Miss Catherina P. Myers, daughter of John P. and Catherina M. (Deal) Myers, whose family numbered five children, namely: Philip, deceased; Mrs. Schwarz; Mena, Louisa and Mary. Eleven children have been born to our subject and his wife, their names and dates of birth being as follows: John H., December 2, 1873, died June 22, 1875; Louisa, July 17, 1875, now the wife of William Wing, a farmer of Washington township, Sandusky county; Henry, June 13, 1877, died May 12, 1882; Laura C., June 25, 1879; Harmon, March 28, 1882; Louis A., February 4, 1884; Emina M., May 29, 1886; Bertha R., July 10, 1888; Clarence C., January 14, 1890; Alice C., March 28, 1892; and Daniel I., February 11, 1894.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Schwarz are mem-

bers of the Lutheran Church, and are highly respected people who hold an enviable position in social circles in this locality. In his political views he is a stalwart Democrat, warmly advocating the principles of his party, and several times has been honored with public office, having served as school director and road supervisor, while for three years he was trustee.

OLIVER M. MALLERNEE, an active and highly-respected farmer and business man of Clyde, was born in Harrison county, Ohio March 14, 1836, son of William and Lydia (Burton) Mallernee.

William Mallernee was born in Maryland in 1807. His father, Emanuel, was a native of France, who, when he emigrated to America, first settled in Maryland, and afterward came to Harrison county, Ohio, where he died leaving eight children, as follows: William, father of Oliver M.; Levi, who died in Harrison county; Mathias, a stockdealer and farmer of Harrison, and once a hotel-keeper at Cadiz; Quillow, a "forty" miner, who died in Harrison county; Lewis, now of Harrison county; Emanuel, who left home young and has never been heard from since; Mary Ann, widow of William Richardson, of Harrison county; and Elizabeth. William Mallernee was a boy when his parents migrated from Maryland to Harrison county, Ohio. He there learned the cooper's trade, and married Lydia Burton, who was born in Nottingham township, Harrison county, daughter of Thomas Burton, a native of Scotland, and a man of unusual physical strength. He made his home in Harrison county. In his earlier life William Mallernee was a successful cooper, and did some trading as far south as New Orleans, La. In later life, or after 1840, he was a farmer. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious faith a Baptist. He died December 21, 1887; his wife in 1845. They had

eight children, as follows: Ezra, of New Philadelphia; Hannah, married and living in Harrison county; Thomas, of Oklahoma; Henry, of Harrison county; William, of Indian Territory; Rachel Ann, who died young; Lydia, who is married and lives in Nebraska; and Oliver M.

O. M. Mallernee, the subject proper of this sketch, worked on a farm in Harrison county, and attended the common schools until he was eighteen. He then learned the blacksmith trade with John Croskey, of Hopedale, Harrison Co., Ohio. Working at his trade for a time in Belmont county, he went to Mt. Pleasant, and to Burlington, Iowa; but finding no work at his trade on account of the hard times then prevailing, he sold a horse farrier's book for a time, then started homeward. At Oquawka, Ill., he found work during the summer. Visiting Rock Island and Chicago in vain, he reached Clyde in October, 1857, via Logansport, Ind. He expected to remain at Clyde only over night; but learning of its rich agricultural environment he sagaciously determined to locate here permanently. Not finding work at his trade he was variously engaged, and finally secured a place at Fremont, where he lived for a year and a half. He went to Fostoria and was working there at his trade when the Rebels fired upon Fort Sumter.

Returning to Fremont he enlisted in the Third O. V. C. August 10, 1861, and was mustered in the U. S. service September 10, same year, at Monroeville, Ohio. He was placed in charge of the blacksmith department of the regiment, and while in Monroeville was in charge of the horse hospital, Col. Lewis Zahm commanding. Our subject marched with his regiment to Camp Dennison, Ohio, and from there they marched to Cincinnati, where they took a boat for Jeffersonville, Ind. From there they marched to Nashville, Tenn., via Mammoth Cave and Bowling Green, Ky., and from Nashville they proceeded to Shiloh. Mr. Mal-

lernee was taken down with the measles the first day out of Nashville camp, and was left in the hospital at Savannah, Tenn., on the river, below Shiloh. In the following May he joined his regiment at Corinth, Miss., whence they marched to Tuscumbia, Ala., from there to Woodville, Ala., thence to Perryville, Ky., and were with Gen. Buell on his famous campaign with Gen. Bragg. From there they returned to Nashville and participated in the battle of Stone River. At Murfreesboro they remained until the following June, when they moved out on the Chickamauga campaign with Gen. Rosecrans. Mr. Mallernee was in the siege of Chattanooga, then went to Woodville, Ala., and returned to Chattanooga in time to witness the battle of Lookout Mountain and Mission Ridge. From there he went on the Atlanta campaign with Gen. Sherman as far as Jonesboro, Ga. His time of enlistment expiring, he returned to Columbia, Tenn., was discharged, and then came home for a short time. Returning to Nashville, he was in the Government employ at the time of the battle of Nashville, and was appointed first lieutenant in the First regiment O. M. forces, and was assigned to Company F, by command of Col. C. H. Irvin. Lieut. Mallernee was in command of Company F, at the battle of Nashville, Tenn., and remained in Nashville until June, 1865. He was with his regiment in the field continuously for three years, except about six weeks he was sick in the hospital, and he did not sleep in a bed only once in three years.

Returning to Ohio, Mr. Mallernee began blacksmithing for himself in Clyde, and later opened a shop at Milan, Erie county. Returning to Clyde, he purchased a farm in York township, which he still owns. From 1870 to 1882 he was engaged in the marble business at Clyde; then became interested in the coal industry, and bought coal lands in Ohio, which he subsequently sold at a profit.

He has since continued to reside at Clyde and operate his farm. At the present time (1895) he is proprietor of the Clyde Produce and Fruit Co., at Clyde.

On November 1, 1865, Mr. Mallernee was married to Mrs. Mary (West) Blake, who was born in 1834, and they have one son, William S., born February 4, 1868; he attended the Clyde school, and was in the office with his father until he was about eighteen years old, when he went to Cleveland, and was in the employ of the Street Railway Co. about two years. He then again turned his attention to school, and attended the school at Valparaiso, Ind., where he graduated with high honors in the commercial course. He then went to Ann Arbor, Mich., to complete his law studies, but his health failing him, he returned home. On October 6, 1894, he married Jessie Babcock, and he is now living at the old homestead in Clyde, Ohio. By her first marriage Mrs. Mallernee had two children—Frank and Emma. In politics Mr. Mallernee is a Republican. He is a prominent member of Eaton Post No. 55, G. A. R., and of the U. V. U., of which he is now quartermaster and has been commander.

WARREN J. BRADFORD, a wide-awake business man of Clyde, Sandusky county, is of the ninth generation in descent from Governor William Bradford, who came over in the "Mayflower" in 1620, and was the first governor of the Plymouth Colony. The line of descent from Governor Bradford is as follows: Major William Bradford, Thomas Bradford (of Norwich, Conn.), Lieutenant James Bradford (of Canterbury, Conn.), William Bradford (of Canterbury, Conn.), Josiah Bradford (of Connecticut), Joshua Bradford, Jr. (of Connecticut), Moses D. Bradford and Warren J. Bradford.

Joshua Bradford, Jr., became one of the earliest pioneers of Trumbull county,

Ohio, and there his son, Moses D., was born, April 3, 1810. Moses D. grew up in that county, and married Aurel Ovitt, who was born in 1812, of an old New England family. He operated a wagon manufactory and turning works at Braceville, Trumbull county, and in 1861 moved to Hancock county. Three years later he removed to Republic, Seneca county, and about 1869 he came to York township, Sandusky county, whence a few years later he removed to Clyde; he died there February 1, 1894; his wife passed away in 1871. Moses D. Bradford and wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics he was an ardent Whig and Republican. Moses D. and Aurel Bradford had five sons, a brief record of whom is as follows: (1) Ovitt enlisted in 1861, in Company A, Twenty-first O. V. I., in Hancock county, for three years, and died in Tennessee in December, 1862. (2) William H. enlisted in the same company and regiment, and was killed at the battle of Stone River. (3) R. S. lives near Green Spring. (4) Warren J. is the subject of this sketch. (5) Arthur M. is a resident of Paulding county, Ohio.

Warren J. Bradford was born July 7, 1847, and was fourteen years old when he left Trumbull county with his father's family. He attended Normal School at Republic, and in Lorain county learned the cheesemaker's trade. For some years he operated a cheese factory in that county, and when, in 1869, he came to Sandusky county, he became a gardener and raiser of small fruits on a twenty-acre tract. Since 1881 he has been in the seed and sweet-corn business. He began with one acre, and has since had as high as 300 acres on contract. He owns twenty acres of his own, and has been doing a profitable and satisfactory business from the start. He was first married in 1869 to Miss Sarah Pettys, who was born April 3, 1850, and died January 21, 1889; they had one child, Maud, born July 9, 1872,

and died September 12, 1874. The second and present wife of Mr. Bradford is Clara L. Pettys, a cousin of his first wife. They were wedded in December, 1889, and by that marriage there have been three children: Arthur, born December 27, 1891; Burt, born in June, 1893, deceased June 6, 1894, and George, born July 4, 1895. In politics Mr. Bradford is a Republican. He is a prominent member of and at present regent of Clyde Council No. 1503, Royal Arcanum. He is one of the most energetic, enterprising and successful men of Green Creek township.

JAMES INMAN was born August 11, 1839, in Fremont, Ohio, son of William and Calista (Barringer) Inman, who when he was five years old moved to Scott township, Sandusky county, settling in Section 27, where they remained one year. They then removed to Section 26, there purchasing 200 acres of wild land, where they lived for seven years, at the end of that time removing to Section 24, where they purchased 100 acres; this they soon sold, however, and returned to Section 26.

When twenty-one years of age James Inman began life for himself, farming, for a time working rented land in Scott township. On July 4, 1861, he was united in marriage with Miss Drusilla Gossard, of Scott township, and for the following three years the young couple lived at Mr. Gossard's, Mr. Inman working a year in all on his father-in-law's farm. Mr. Inman then purchased thirty acres near Mr. Gossard's farm, the latter adding forty acres adjoining, on which he erected buildings and settled in 1867. Mr. and Mrs. Inman have added to the small farm which they at first owned, and now have 236 acres, for the most part under cultivation. In 1875 Mr. Inman went to California, but did not engage in any business there and soon

returned to Ohio. In 1887 he, in company with others, put down the first gas well on Mr. H. Lendig's farm, and one year later, in company with others, he put down another. Since then he has sunk twenty-four oil wells, sixteen of which are in successful operation. These wells yielded at first from ten to seventy-five barrels each per day. It should be mentioned that only six of the above-mentioned wells are on Mr. Inman's farm; the rest were put down for others on land that the company leased. In addition to these six he has an interest in nine others, making fifteen wells in all in which he is directly interested.

To Mr. and Mrs. Inman were born three children: (1) William W., born March 1, 1863, was educated in Scott township, and was for a time a successful teacher in Sandusky county; in 1886 he was married to Olive M. Fisher, of Scott township, and to their union have been born two children—Florence, in 1887, and Clay, in 1890. (2) Zelora C., born November 23, 1865, was married November 30, 1882, to D. F. Long, of Seneca county, and they have three children—Almon W., Milan L. and Orlo Wayne. (3) Alvin G. was born June 2, 1869, and was married August 2, 1889, to Ardilla Miller, and February 14, 1891, there was born to them a daughter—Goldie Theodorie.

Mrs. Drusilla (Gossard) Inman, the estimable wife of our subject, was born November 5, 1837, in Scott township, daughter of A. P. and Mary (Cooley) Gossard. She received her education in her native township, and was at home the greater part of the time until her marriage, keeping house for her father for five years after her mother's death; also teaching school part of the time. A. P. Gossard was born June 6, 1808, in Ross county, Ohio. When a young man he came to Sandusky county, purchasing a farm in Scott township, adding thereto until 190 acres were secured; he was a great stock-grower and

dealt largely in cattle; in which line he was very successful. Peleg Cooley, father of Mary (Cooley) Gossard, was born in New York about 1765. Martha (Basset) Cooley, wife of Peleg Cooley, was born about 1770. They were married when quite young, and located in Canada, where they were residing during the war of 1812. At the close of that struggle they came to Sandusky county, and Mr. Cooley, who was a carpenter by trade, built the first frame house in Lower Sandusky (now Fremont). He split the siding with a froe, dressing it with a drawer knife, and this was undoubtedly the first frame house in the county. Philip Gossard, father of A. P. Gossard, was born about the year 1785, and Drusilla (Plummer), his wife, was born in Kentucky about 1788.

William Inman, father of our subject, was born February 14, 1816, in New Jersey, removing with his parents in boyhood to Sandusky county, Ohio, where they settled on a large farm of 400 acres, near Fremont. Here he went to school, receiving a fair education at the public schools of Fremont. At the age of twenty-two years he was married to Miss Calista Barringer, of Fremont, and shortly afterward, in 1844, they purchased a farm of forty acres in Scott township, which was added to until at one time they had a tract of 200 acres. Mr. Inman made two trips to California in the interest of gold mining, in which he was quite successful, realizing a snug sum from this source. He died in 1892, and was buried in the Metzger Cemetery.

Mr. Inman's grandfather, Brazil Inman, was born about 1785. The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Calista Barringer, was born October 15, 1816, nine miles from Columbus, Ohio, where she lived until fifteen years of age, there receiving her education. She then came to Sandusky county, where she has spent the greater part of her life. Her father William Barringer, was born about 1791, was a farmer by occupation, and

was killed by the fall of a tree when Calista was a child. His wife, Sarah (Campbell), was born about 1793. To them were born four children—two sons and two daughters. Andrew Barringer, father of William Barringer, was born about 1759. Jane Campbell, mother of Mrs. Sarah (Campbell) Barringer, was born about 1760.

JOHAN KOPP, a prosperous farmer and well known citizen of Woodville township, Sandusky county, he was born in Switzerland, December 16, 1824, and is a son of Andrew and Mary (Stoner) Kopp.

Andrew Kopp was born in Switzerland in 1792, and died in 1844. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Stoner, was born in 1790. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Jacob, married Elizabeth Omsler, and they have four children; they live in Woodville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio. Ullrich, a farmer, married Rosie Stahlter, and they lived at Lindsey, Sandusky Co., Ohio; he died in September, 1886. John is the subject of this sketch. Andrew (Jr.), a farmer of Woodville township, married Elizabeth Andrews, and they have one child. Frank is single and lives in Put-in-Bay. Mary married Jacob Grutter; they have seven children, and live in Switzerland. In 1854, several years after her husband's death, Mrs. Andrew Kopp (Sr.) came to America with some of her children.

In 1851 John Kopp came to America with his brother, landing, after a voyage of twenty days, in New York, where they remained two days, and then went to Buffalo. They were out of money, and worked by the day about one year, after which, journeying west to Ohio, they located in Bellevue, Huron county, where where they remained about eight years, working by the day and month. They settled in the "Black Swamp." On April

27, 1857, John Kopp was united in marriage with Anna M. Kiser, who was born in Switzerland October 24, 1837, and they have become the parents of eight children, as follows: John, born December 18, 1858, who is unmarried; Mary A., born March 15, 1861, who married Jacob Younker, a farmer of Woodville township, Sandusky county, by whom she has had two children—Albert, born November 10, 1884, and Lena, born November 17, 1886; Jacob J., born July 16, 1863, who married Lizzie Young, and they live in Paulding county, Ohio, and have one child—May, born in 1894; Albert F., born April 24, 1867, living at home; Frank, born August 26, 1869, died June 9, 1885; Adam H., born December 24, 1871, living at home; Linda L., born July 22, 1874, living at home, and Anna S., born September 14, 1879. The father of Mrs. John Kopp died in 1849, her mother in 1883, and they are buried at Bellevue, Huron Co., Ohio. A brief record of her brothers and sisters is as follows: Jacob Kiser, a farmer, married Ellen Fanc-maker, and they have four children; live in Bellevue, Ohio. Elizabeth married George Schuster, a harness-maker of Bellevue, and they have two children. Anna is single, and lives in Toledo. Frances Kiser married Frank Hunsinger, a railroad man; they live in Bellevue, and have two children.

Mr. Kopp at first bought forty acres, all timber, put up a log cabin, and began to clear the land. Later he bought forty acres, which cost him \$2,800. In 1894 he bought forty acres in Wood county, Ohio, for \$2,600, and now has a total of 120 acres of valuable land. In 1891 he leased his land to the Standard Oil Company, and they have since put down four wells, as good as any in the vicinity. When he settled in the "Black Swamp" there were no roads, and he helped to lay out and build several of them, besides which he has cleared over thirty acres of timber himself. He has always had the

best of health, and is very active for a man of his years. Mr. Kopp is engaged in general farming, and still does some work himself. He has always voted the Democratic ticket, and is a charter member of the Reformed Church at Elmore, Ottawa Co., Ohio.

THOMAS THRAVES. The breadth of thought and enlarged views of life obtained by several ocean voyages, and a residence for several years amid the stirring scenes of mining camps, lumber mills and fruit gardens in the Golden State, must be an excellent preparative. To a young man previous to his settling down to the usually dull routine of life on a farm, the recollection of these events and scenes will often beguile a weary hour, and their narration to others less favored will be a source of mutual pleasure and satisfaction. As a noteworthy example of one whose youth was spent in adventure, but who is now content to remain within the limits of his farm home, we present the subject of this sketch.

Thomas Thraves, a farmer of Ballville township, Sandusky county, was born in Nottinghamshire, England, September 6, 1839, a son of William and Marilla (Graves) Thraves. He came with his father's family to America in the summer of 1844, and was just five years old the day he landed in Sandusky county. He was reared with his parents, on a farm in Washington township, Sandusky county, and grew up to the usual pursuits and hardships of farm life in a new country. At the age of nineteen our subject left school and the endearments of home, and started for the gold regions of California to seek his fortune in the then adventurous West. He went by the Panama route from New York City, reached San Francisco in safety, and the following day started for Sacramento City on his way to

join his brother Mark. On meeting him they located claims in Yuba county, remaining there one season, from June until October, 1860, when his brother Mark returned to Ohio. Our subject was not yet satisfied with his success in mining, and proceeded on to Virginia City, Nevada, to buy stock in the famous Comstock mine; but they had gone up to a speculative point of from \$1,000 to \$1,500 per foot, and he concluded not to make any purchases, but went to work for others in the mines and continued about twenty-two months. He then returned to California, and worked in a mine at Downville, Durgan Flat, in Sierra county, three months. Leaving the Flat he went to Oregon Hill, Yuba county, where he bought a one-fourth interest in a surface mine, which he worked for three years with good success, making and saving a goodly sum of money. He then went to work in a fruit orchard two seasons, raising apples, peaches, pears, etc., and becoming familiar with the methods of fruit raising in that rich garden spot of the world. He next worked one year for a lumber company in Yuba and Plumas counties. In 1867 he returned to Ohio, and lived with his parents in Ballville township, Sandusky county, where he assisted in farming and dealing in live stock.

On October 17, 1871, Thomas Thraves married Miss Arnida Annette Dawley, who was born September 17, 1847, daughter of Elisha and Sarah (Brush) Dawley, of Green Creek township. Two children were the fruits of this marriage: Larkin Alonzo, born December 28, 1872, living with his parents, and a son, born September 16, 1874, who died in infancy. Mr. Thraves is a Democrat, and one of the leading men of enterprise in his township, where he does a general farming business. His land has been finely improved, and in 1880 he put up a substantial frame residence. It is a compliment to his chivalry and to the excellent house-keeping of his estimable wife that he did

not sleep outside of his own house a single night for the first fifteen years of his married life.

CLARK RATHBUN CLEVELAND, a prosperous and popular farmer of Green Creek township, Sandusky county, and member of one of the earliest pioneer families of that county, was born in that township, April 1, 1836.

Clark Cleveland, Sr., his grandfather, migrated with his wife, Jemima (Butler), and family early in the century from Mount Morris, Livingston Co., N. Y., to northern Ohio. He first settled in the forests of Huron county, and had made improvements when he learned that his title to the land was not good. He then packed up his few household effects and penetrated deeper into the western wilderness, entering eighty acres of government land in Green Creek township, and there building his second pioneer cabin some time prior to 1822. Here he remained until his death, which occurred in 1831, in his seventy-first year. The children of Clark and Jemima Cleveland were as follows: Abigail, who married Oliver Hayden; Cozia, who married William Hamer; Moses; Sally, whose first husband was Benjamin Curtis, her second husband being Alpheus McIntyre; Clark, Jr., who married Eliza Grover, and left six children; Polly, who married Timothy Babcock; Betsy, who married Samuel Baker; and James.

James Cleveland was born at Mount Morris, N. Y., March 14, 1806, and migrated with his father to the pioneer home in northern Ohio. He remained with his father until his marriage, March 3, 1831, to Jeannette Rathbun, who was born in Genesee county, N. Y., May 9, 1815, daughter of Chaplin and Lucinda (Sutliff) Rathbun, pioneers of Green Creek township. At the time of his marriage James Cleveland had saved enough

money to buy forty acres of land in Green Creek township, a part of the old Sawyer farm. For five years he was engaged in clearing and cultivating the land. Then during one winter with his father-in-law he rented a saw and grist mill on Green creek several miles from the farm. He supported the family, and accumulated enough lumber to build a barn on his farm, and in the spring he returned to his farming operations and purchased some additional land. In 1841 he took a contract to grade a half mile of the Maumee and Western Reserve turnpike. He moved his family near the scene of the operations, and upon its completion, five months later, returned to the farm, richer by \$600, paid in "State scrip." A part of this he traded for building hardware, and then erected a large frame dwelling in 1845. Meanwhile he kept adding more acres to his now quite extensive farm. He was a sagacious, tireless, thrifty pioneer, and at the time of his death, which occurred September 1, 1878, he owned nearly 400 acres of land, containing some of the best and most extensive improvements in the county. His wife, who survived until August 8, 1891, was a woman of unusual energy, and was in every sense worthy of his ambitions and plans for advancement. She ably seconded his efforts to secure a competence that might support them in their declining years. In physique somewhat below the medium size, scarcely weighing 120 pounds in her best days, she left nothing undone to advance the interests of her family. When her husband was clearing up the farm, she hauled the rails which he split and made the fences. Once when help was scarce she fastened her child to her back by a shawl, and thus burdened, she planted and hoed corn in the field. Her first calico dress she earned by picking ten quarts of wild strawberries and walking to Lower Sandusky, where she traded them, at a shilling a quart, for five yards of calico, worth two shillings a yard. Few pioneer

families in Sandusky county have left a worthier record than that of the Clevelands.

Ten children were born to James and Jeannette Cleveland, as follows: James, born December 3, 1831, who reared a family, and died in 1890, a farmer of Green Creek township; Eliza, born November 29, 1833, married A. J. Harris, of Clyde, and died in 1861, leaving two children; Clark R., of Green Creek township, born April 1, 1836; George Downing, of Green Creek township, born September 9, 1838; Lucinda, born May 29, 1841, married Horace Taylor; Chaplin S., born July 28, 1844, is a resident of Green Creek township; John H., born November 21, 1847, died October 28, 1879, leaving one daughter; Sarah, born September 22, 1851, married Charles Sackrider, and now living on the old homestead; Mary, born February 25, 1854, married George Crosby, of Clyde; and Charles, born December 30, 1857, died December 14, 1879.

Clark R. Cleveland grew up on his father's farm, attending the schools of the Baker district, and in his youth worked on the farm. Gifted with musical talent of a high order, he became a violinist of great repute in his neighborhood, and no musical programme, no local dance, was complete without the presence of Mr. Cleveland and his violin. In 1860 he was married to Sarah Herold, who was born in Green Creek township October 10, 1842, and died April 18, 1890. The eight children born to Clark R. and Sarah Cleveland are as follows: Clara J., born March 11, 1861, married Oliver E. Hawk, and lives in Green Creek township; Mary E., born September 28, 1862, is the wife of John Shipman, and mother of two children—Dawn and Carl; James R., born September 8, 1864, married, and has two children—Lee and Sidney; Willie, born December 25, 1866, died aged five days; Addie A., born August 10, 1868, is the wife of George Neikirk,

and has four children—Edna, Floyd, Irene and Ferol, the last named born September 16, 1895; Clarence L., born January 11, 1871, married Ernestine Huss; Irvin L., born March 2, 1874, married Merna Livengood, and has one child—Vera Mae; and Herbert R., born July 3, 1876. The second and present wife of Clark R. Cleveland is Alma Andrews, born in Sandusky county, December 27, 1858, widow of H. P. Livengood, and daughter of Jeremiah and Mary J. (Craig) Andrews. Jeremiah Andrews was born at Akron, Ohio, November 23, 1834, and died March 2, 1892; his wife was born April 6, 1839, and is still living. The four children of Jeremiah and Mary J. Andrews were as follows: Alma; Elva, wife of J. E. Rathbun; Ulysses G., of Millersville; and Myrtie M., wife of John Weaver, of Fremont. By her marriage to Mr. Livengood (who was born in Erie county, Ohio, February 25, 1854, and died January 8, 1885) Mrs. Cleveland had two children—Merna E., born March 25, 1878, and Ata H., born September 3, 1884.

Mr. Cleveland has been a practical and successful farmer through life; for thirty-five years he was also a professional musician, and for four years he was proprietor of a hall where the Terpsichorean art was frequently practiced to the notes of his soul-stirring violin. He owns a fine farm of 115 acres of land, and devotes his attention chiefly to fruit growing, especially blackberries, raspberries and strawberries; but he also raises grain and hogs. In politics he is a lifelong Democrat. Mrs. Cleveland is a member of the M. E. Church.

HON. ALMON DUNHAM, of Woodville, Sandusky county, was born May 6, 1824, in Erie (then Huron) county, Ohio, son of Davis and Anna (Weidner) Dunham.

Davis Dunham was born in Erie coun-

ty, Penn., January 11, 1798, and in 1811 came to Ohio with his parents, Phineas and Sarah Dunham, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania. Our subject's great-grandfather, who was of English-Irish stock, removed to Pennsylvania from Virginia. The paternal grandparents located in 1811 in Erie (then Huron) county, Ohio, where they died. Their children were: John, Eli, and Davis, all of whom died in Sandusky county; Levi, who went west; Nathan, who went to California; Jonathan, who went to the "Far West;" Nathaniel, who died in Sandusky county; Mary (or Polly), who married John Cowel, and lived on Sandusky Bay, in Erie county; Sarah, who married B. V. Havens, and lived near Elmore, Ottawa county; and Lucy, who moved to the South.

Davis Dunham, father of our subject, died in 1883, and his wife, who was born in Pennsylvania, died here at the age of seventy years. All their children but one were born in Erie county, whence in 1834 they removed to what is now Woodville township, Sandusky county, and here their last child was born. They lived in Woodville township during the latter part of their busy, useful and successful lives. They were members of the M. E. Church. Their children were: Anna, who died young; Rebecca, who married A. C. Ames, and now resides in Marshall county, Ind.; Sarah, who married Martin McGowan, and died in Ottawa county, Ohio; Almon, our subject; Margaret, who married William McGowan, now living in Indiana; Lucy, also in Indiana; Phineas, who died in childhood; and Samantha, who died in Michigan.

Almon Dunham came to Sandusky county when a boy, attended the subscription schools, and was reared on a farm. He remained here until his marriage, in 1849, to Mrs. Mary Allen, who was born in the State of New York, in 1818, and died in 1880. She was a noble woman, and highly respected. They had four



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children: (1) Orren and (2) Orsen (twins), born August 13, 1850, of whom Orsen died when one year and nine months old, and Orren is now a business men in Toledo, Ohio; he married Susan Alexander, and they have one child—Robert Alexander. (3) Mary E. and (4) Franklin P. (twins), born October 2, 1852, the former of whom is now the widow of William Yohn; Franklin P. died in childhood.

Almon Dunham grew to manhood under the pioneer influences of the surrounding country. He distinctly recalls many incidents of the early days that are now gone for ever, but he does not regret the changes that have been wrought. He has kept up with the progress of the times, and has contributed in no small degree thereto in his vicinity. He settled on his present farm after marriage, and has since continued to live there, carrying on general farming. He has been an active, public-spirited citizen, and served his township twenty-one consecutive years as justice of the peace and about fourteen years as township clerk. In 1877 he was made the regular nominee of the Democratic party for the State Legislature, and was elected, taking his seat in January, 1878. He was re-elected in 1879, and served two more terms. The Democrats were in power during the first term, the Republicans during the second, and he served on the Committee on Claims both terms, also introducing several local bills, all of which became laws.

In personal appearance Mr. Dunham is a thin, spare man, six feet and one inch in height, and, although seventy years old, stands straight as an arrow, and walks lighter on his feet than most men of forty-five. His father was six feet three inches in height, and a giant in frame and strength. He was noted for these qualities all over the neighborhood, and in the early days, when men were scarce, he would often be called upon to go from one end of a log to the other, in putting up

log houses. Our subject is a member of the M. E. Church, and in political affiliation he has been a life-long Democrat. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Dunham wedded Miss Mary E. Miller, a native of Sandusky county, who still survives.

JOHAN F. HILLE, of Woodville township, Sandusky county, was born in that township December 17, 1856, and is a son of H. H. and Catherine (Wickham) Hille. The grandparents of John F. Hille came to America when he was a boy, and bought land in Woodville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where they made their home.

H. H. Hille, who was one of four children, was born near Hanover, Germany, in 1821. In 1855, in Woodville township, he was united in marriage with Catharine Wickham, who was born in Germany, in 1832, and came to America in 1850. To them were born seven children, as follows: John F., the subject of this sketch; Eliza, who married Fred Hudlebrink, a farmer of Wood county, and has had one child; Julia, deceased at the age of twenty-one years; William, a farmer of Wood county, married Anna Osterstrauss; John, deceased when young; Henry, a farmer in Wood county, married Carrie Swan, and they have one child; and Frank, married to Clara Nickels, to which union one child has been born. The father always worked hard, and at his death, which occurred in 1873, he left 169 acres of valuable land in Sandusky and Wood counties. His widow died in 1882.

John F. Hille received a common-school education, and always lived at home. On November 9, 1882, he was united in marriage with Mathilda Leisher, who was born in Germany January 1, 1858, and they have had four children, namely: Wilhelmina Elise, born August 14, 1883; Johann Fred, born July 27,

1887; Eddie, who died in 1892; and Frank H., born October 26, 1893. In 1892 Mr. Hille's land was leased to an oil firm, and nine wells have been put down, seven of which are still in good flow. Mr. Hille is a strong Republican, and has held several township offices. He attends the German Lutheran Church.

AE. METZGER, M. D. C., of Clyde, Sandusky county, is a native of that county, born September 7, 1867. He is a son of Jacob and Sarah J. (Shellhammer) Metzger, both of whom were born in Seneca county, Ohio, the former in 1842, and the latter in 1845. They now reside in Sandusky county, only one and a half miles south of Clyde.

In the common schools A. E. Metzger received his primary education, and subsequently spent one term in the high schools of Clyde. He began the study of veterinary medicine about 1890, and the following year entered the Chicago Veterinary College, being a diligent student; he graduated among the first of the honor class of 1893. He then located in Clyde, where he entered upon the duties of his profession, and has since had a lucrative practice. He treats general diseases common to domestic animals, and has received the degree of Doctor of Comparative Medicine. All his life he has been familiar with horses, and as he has given his profession thorough study, he is having excellent success in its practice. That he is skillful is demonstrated in the various operations he has performed, and he thoroughly understands all that is to be known in the veterinary line, standing high in his profession, and receiving the patronage of the leading farmers and stock owners in his vicinity.

On March 2, 1890, Mr. Metzger was united in marriage with Miss Anna L. Welch, who was born in Sandusky coun-

ty, March 2, 1867. They are highly respected people of the community, where they have many warm friends.

THEOPHILUS FITTERER, of York township, Sandusky county, was born in Palmyra, Lebanon Co., Penn., December 9, 1852, the third of the four sons of Simon and Mary (Swanger) Fitterer, who are at present living in Palmyra, Pennsylvania.

Simon Fitterer, who is a shoemaker by trade, was born in 1816. His father served in the war of 1812. Simon Fitterer was united in marriage with Mary Swanger, and they have had four children, all sons, namely: Josiah, a tinsmith of Palmyra, Lebanon Co., Penn.; Rev. J. S., of Bucyrus, Crawford Co., Ohio, a son of whom is attending Heidelberg University, at Tiffin, Ohio; Theophilus, the subject of this sketch; and Amos, who died in Palmyra, Penn., in the spring of 1894. The eleven-year-old son of Amos, William Simon, was taken to be raised by his uncle Theophilus, and is attending school.

Our subject learned the trade of cabinet-maker in Pennsylvania, but, coming to York township, Sandusky county, Ohio, in March, 1873, he began farming, and has since followed that vocation. On October 18, 1874, he was united in marriage with Sarah M. Mook, daughter of the Rev. Conrad and Anna M. (Vogt) Mook. Mr. Mook was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, in 1807. He studied medicine somewhat, but never "hung out a sign." He came to Ohio in 1836, and on March 27, following year, was united in marriage with Miss Vogt, who was born in Philadelphia July 15, 1816, and a few years later migrated with her parents to Wyandot (then Crawford) county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Vogt came to York township in 1836, the same year in which Rev. Mr. Mook came to the State. Of their eight children six grew to maturity,

namely: John H., now living at Mt. Carmel, York township; Rosina E., wife of the Rev. J. S. Fitterer, of Bucyrus; Mary L., widow of the late J. K. Landis, of York township; Anna M., wife of Samuel Royer, of York township; Sarah M., wife of Theophilus Fitterer, of York township; and Katie S., wife of William Jones, of York township.

The Rev. Mr. Mook died September 10, 1883, and his widow is living with her daughter and son-in-law upon the same farm on which she has lived for fifty-seven years. Mr. Mook was a well-educated man, and had a library of over seven hundred books, among them a Bible printed in Germany in 1768, of large proportions and weighing over twenty-five pounds; also a copy of the Koran, which is of great value, as it is one of a very rare edition. This library was given to the children, and it was expressly stated in the will that no books were to be sold. In political preferences Mr. Fitterer is a Republican. The family are members of the Evangelical Church.

HENRY F. NAYLOR, a prominent and enterprising agriculturist of Madison township, Sandusky county, was born in Medina county, Ohio, July 9, 1842, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Uhler) Naylor.

Our subject attended the schools of the district where he was born, his education being necessarily limited, as he had to commence work early in life. Up to his twenty-second year he was employed as a farm laborer, with the exception of some twelve months he was engaged on a railroad, and he then, in May, 1864, enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Sixty-sixth O. V. I., Col. James G. Blake, of Medina county, commanding. His company was stationed at Fort Richardson, and was engaged in the construction of several forts, including Fort Allen, but was never called into active service, and

September 15, 1864, it returned to Cleveland, where Mr. Naylor received his discharge. Returning to Medina county, he remained there but a short time, and then came to Madison township, Sandusky county, settling on forty acres of wild, timber-covered land. Here he at once built himself a log cabin, in which his faithful, self-sacrificing wife was content to share with him all the cares and vicissitudes incident to a wild pioneer life, far away from friends and family. Mr. Naylor, with an earnest desire to accomplish the task which he had before him, set to work with a will to clear the forest, and hew out a space for cultivation, so that ere long he succeeded in transforming the wilderness into waving fields of grain and billowy clover meadows. By and by he added to this purchase another forty acres of timber land, which he also cleared, the old log cabin gave place to a substantial and ornamental dwelling, surrounded with barns, outhouses, orchard, etc., everything bearing the evidence of thrift and prosperity, neatness and good taste.

On March 24, 1867, in Scott township, Sandusky county, Henry F. Naylor and Miss Hattie Miller were united in marriage. She was born in Scott township April 30, 1846, daughter of Simon Miller, a shoemaker by trade, who came from the East to that township, where he worked at his trade in connection with farming. He married Miss Elizabeth Hutchinson, by whom he had eight children, as follows: William, a shoemaker, who died in Kansas; George, a farmer, who is married and resides in Michigan; Mary, wife of Henry Van Horn; Jacob F., who died in Wood county; John, a farmer of Sandusky county; Louisa, widow of John Barr; Hattie, wife of Mr. Naylor; and Sarah, wife of John Teeters, of Nebraska. The father of these died October 22, 1854, the mother on April 6, 1861. To Mr. and Mrs. Naylor were born eleven children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Clara, January

19, 1868 (deceased September 23, 1875); Flora M., November 22, 1870; Frank N., August 19, 1872 (deceased September 3, 1876, of diphtheria); Fleetie E., July 28, 1875; Ernest L., June 29, 1877; Reason E., January 11, 1879; May L., January 27, 1882; Ludie M., November 21, 1880; Irvin D., March 14, 1885; Jay F., November 27, 1886; and Roudie E., May 29, 1889.

Mrs. Naylor is a member of the Daughters of Rebekah, Lodge No. 295, Gibsonburg, president of the Aid Society of the Disciple Church, which, under her guidance became a pronounced success, within a short period of time accumulating the sum of \$336 in collections and sales of fancy work made by her and other members of the society. In his political views Mr. Naylor is a staunch Republican, but has never been an office seeker, his business demanding and receiving all his time and attention. He has served as school director, always entertaining a deep interest for educational affairs, as well as for whatever else tends to the benefit of his fellow men. Socially, he is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 687, and of the K. of P. Lodge, No. 435, both or Gibsonburg. He and his wife are highly respected throughout their part of the county as honorable, loyal and God-fearing people, whose success in life has been attained by industry, assiduous toil and judicious economy.

WARREN A. BOWLUS, a leading agriculturist, was born on his present farm in Sandusky township, Sandusky county, August 25, 1850, a son of Henry and Rebecca (Williamson) Bowlus.

Henry Bowlus, father of Warren A., was a native of Maryland, born in 1810, in Frederick county, of Pennsylvania Dutch stock. When a boy he came to Ohio with his father, Henry Bowlus, who took up land from the general govern-

ment. When advanced in life he was killed by a horse. Our subject's father was twice married, first time to Miss Catharine Keller, by whom he had six children, as follows: (1) Hanson lives in Fremont, Ohio; (2) Mahala married Solomon Wolf, and lives at Tiffin, Ohio; (3) Martha, wife of Edward Deemer, resides in Sandusky township; (4) Orie died young; (5) Caroline died when three years old; (6) Catharine married Mat. Hobert, and lives in Pemberville, Wood Co., Ohio. For his second wife Mr. Bowlus married Rebecca Catharine Williamson, and children as follows were born to them: (1) Warren A., subject of sketch; (2) Anna, who married Cyrus Smith, and is now living at Gibsonburg, Ohio; (3) Henry, in Pemberville; and (4) Robert, a farmer, at Helena, Ohio. The mother, of these, who was born in Frederick county, Md., died at the age of sixty-six.

Warren A. Bolus attended the district schools, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. At the age of twenty-four, in 1874, he was married to Miss Carrie Engelman, daughter of Samuel Engelman, and they have seven children, named respectively: Clarence L., Richard, Lloyd, Earl, Ross, Edna and Rebecca. After marriage our subject settled on the old homestead, and is now the owner of 160 acres of land. His occupation is that of general farming and stock raising, in which he has been successful. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious faith a member of the M. P. Church.

GEORGE JACKSON, a successful farmer of York township, Sandusky county, was born in Lincolnshire, England, November 1, 1848, and is a son of Robert E. and Mary (Cragg) Jackson.

Robert E. Jackson was born September 9, 1812, and is a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Elmer) Jackson. In Lincolnshire, on August 27, 1839, he was united

in marriage with Mary Cragg, who was born June 3, 1815, daughter of John and Mary Cragg, and they became the parents of six children, namely: William, Frances Ann (Mrs. John Rife), George (the subject of this sketch), Rhoda (Mrs. William Johnson), Clarisee (deceased), and Hermon. Robert E. came to this country in 1851, landing at Portland, Maine, whence he proceeded to Orleans county, N. Y. After sojourning there one year, he continued westward to Ohio, arriving in York township, Sandusky county, in 1852. Here he bought a farm of ninety-eight acres, on which he still resides. In politics he was formerly a Democrat, but now votes with the Populists.

George Jackson was brought to America at the age of three years, and received a common-school education in Townsend and York townships, Sandusky Co., Ohio. On March 18, 1874, he was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Gust, of York township, Sandusky county, who was born in Erie county, Ohio, September 27, 1854. They have had one child, Frank, born December 1, 1874. Peter and Elizabeth (Hoffman) Gust, the parents of Mrs. George Jackson, were born in Markable, Germany, near the river Rhine. They were married in 1848, and came to this country in 1852, landing in New York, whence they journeyed to Ohio, settling in Sandusky county, where they resided till 1874. They then purchased a farm in Michigan, and moved there, which is now their home. In November, 1861, Mr. Gust enlisted in the Seventy-second O. V. I., in which he served till June, 1864, when he was taken prisoner, and held eleven months, till the close of the war. He and his wife had four children, namely: Catherine, Mrs. Jackson; Maggie, wife of Jerome Hall, of Erie county; Will and Henry. Mr. Jackson has been interested in agricultural pursuits from his youth, and now has a productive farm of eighty acres, which he conducts with the assistance of his son Frank. They

do general farming. Until within a few years Mr. Jackson affiliated with the Democratic party, but he now casts his vote for the most worthy candidate, irrespective of party.

JOHAN G. BRUGGER, a successful farmer of York township, Sandusky county, is descended from the sturdy stock of the Teutonic race, and exemplifies their characteristic traits. He was born in Northumberland county, Penn., October 30, 1831, a son of John G. Brugger, Sr., who was born in 1804.

Rudolph and Catherine Brugger, paternal grandparents of the subject of this sketch, owned a small farm in Germany, where their son, John G. Brugger, Sr., was born. In 1816 the farm was sold, the family came to America settling in Pennsylvania, and Mr. Brugger once more turned his attention to tilling the soil. John G. Brugger remained at home helping his father until 1827. In that year he was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Arnold, who was born in Pennsylvania, and they had twelve children. Of these (1) Sallie, is at present living with her brother, John G. Brugger; she was married in 1847 to Nathan Forrey, a farmer of Snyder county, Penn., and they had four children—Caroline, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and Benjamin Franklin; the father of these died in 1860, and in 1874 Mrs. Forrey was married to David Goy, also a farmer of Snyder county, Penn.; he died in 1878, after which Mrs. Goy came to Ohio, where she now lives. (2) Rudolph, who resides in Riley township, Sandusky county, where he has a large farm, married Sophia Moyer, and their children are: William, an insurance agent at Clyde, Green Creek township, Sandusky county; John and Robert, farmers of Riley township, in the same county; George of Clyde; and Hardy, who teaches school. (3) Samuel, the third child, is a civil engineer in Penn-

sylvania. (4) John G. is the subject of this sketch. (5) Benjamin is a farmer in Tennessee. (6) Mary was the wife of Mr. Vogt, the blacksmith at Wales Corners. (7) George died several years ago in Pennsylvania. (8) Jonathan is a carpenter in that State. (9) William died in Pennsylvania. (10) Lizzie is the wife of Silas Melick, a Nebraska farmer. John G. Brugger, Sr., died in 1856, and his widow in 1870.

John G. Brugger, whose name introduces this sketch, has but little "book learning," as his early years were spent in overcoming the obstacles which so thickly beset the path of the early settler in his struggle for daily bread. His father permitted him to leave the farm, and learn the trade of blacksmith when he was twenty years old. For a few years he followed the trade in Pennsylvania, and then, in 1854, came to Ohio, first locating at Flat Rock, Seneca county, where he remained one year, then coming to York township, Sandusky county, where he started a shop and worked at his trade until 1872, when he bought 160 acres of land, constituting the farm which he now owns and tills. In February, 1864, Mr. Brugger enlisted in the Signal Corps, U. S. A., and served under Sherman and McPherson. In the Atlanta campaign, and on the "march to the sea" the Signal Corps did good and valiant service; Mr. Brugger was with Sherman as he came up through South and North Carolina, and was discharged at Louisville, Ky., in August, 1865. He is sociable and public-spirited, and his life affords an excellent example to the younger generation. In politics he is an active Republican.

CARL WEICKERT, a successful farmer and stock-raiser of Kingsway, Rice township, Sandusky county, was born in Germany, May 4, 1859, and is a son of Philip and

Catherine (Biebesheimer) Weickert, who were born in Hessen, Germany, on December 25, 1821, and May 9, 1829, respectively.

Philip Weickert came to this country with his wife and six children in 1862, and settled in Rice township, Sandusky county, Ohio, where he bought thirty-eight acres of land, paying fourteen hundred dollars for same. They have had eight children, as follows: (1) Maggie, who was born in Hessen, Germany, May 24, 1848, and married John Loesch; they live in Wood county, Ohio, and are the parents of two bright children—Frank and Lewis. (2) John, born in Hessen, Germany, February 10, 1850, married Bertha Kyle; they live in Kansas, and have three children—Louise, George and Laura, all now living at home. (3) Philip, born in Hessen, Germany, November 19, 1853, died and was buried in Rice township, Sandusky county, Ohio, in 1872. (4) Catherine, born in Hessen, Germany, October 1, 1856, married Charles Gray, by whom she had two children—Willie and Katie; she died in Rice township, December 16, 1885, and was buried there. (5) Carl is the subject of this sketch. (6) Willie was born in Hessen, Germany, September 7, 1861, is single, and lives in Kansas. (7) Lewis, also single, was born in Rice township, Sandusky county, August 23, 1863, and still lives in his native township. (8) Minnie, born in Rice township, Sandusky county, September 12, 1868, married Charles Berner, and they have had one child, Frank, born in Reno county, Kans., October 25, 1888. The grandparents of the subject of this sketch were Philip and Mary (Helm) Weickert; they were born in Hessen, Germany, where they both also died.

Carl Weickert worked for his father until he was of age, then went to Kansas, worked on a farm for about a year, saved his money, and came back to Rice township, Sandusky county, and bought

thirty-four acres of land adjoining his father's property. He is not married, so lives at his father's home. He raises fine horses, and also a mixed stock. In politics he is a good Democrat, and in religious affiliation belongs to the Evangelische Lutheran Church.

G F. BUCHMAN. Success in any occupation in life requires a genius adapted to a special vocation. This is true, in a marked degree, of mercantile business, as there is a greater per cent of failures in this than in any other pursuit, a vast majority of those engaged therein not being possessed of either the qualities or qualifications essential to success. A merchant must understand not only the technical details of his business—what to purchase and what not to purchase, and the amount required at various seasons of the year—but must have a broad and liberal knowledge of the financial standing and the integrity of the people in his community as well; and, above all, his own honesty of purpose, integrity and honor must ever be above question.

As a gentleman whose characteristics harmonize with what is suggested above, we introduce a brief biographical sketch of Godfrey F. Buchman, grocer and provision merchant, Fremont, Sandusky county, who was born in Seneca county, Ohio, October 20, 1837, and has been established in Fremont since 1867. His ancestry hail from the gallant republic of Switzerland. His paternal grandfather was a weaver by trade, and worked at that business in winter, living in the village of Dettingen, and also operated a small farm. The parents of Godfrey F. Buchman were John and Mary Magdalen (Kissenberger) Buchman. John Buchman was born in the Canton of Argau, Switzerland, January 24, 1800; Magdalen (Kissenberger), his wife, was born in the village of Dettingen, Switzerland, July

22, 1801. They were married in Switzerland in 1826, and three of their children were born there. John Buchman emigrated with his family to America in 1837, and located on a small farm near Republic, Seneca Co., Ohio, where he remained until 1852, in which year he removed to another farm in the same county, close to Tiffin. He and his wife lived on this farm the rest of their lives, and reared their children to economy and industry. They were devout members of the Roman Catholic Church. In his political affiliations John Buchman was a Jacksonian Democrat. They were prosperous and successful in business, and in due course of time gave a small farm to each of their children. John Buchman died November 9, 1885; Magdalen Buchman died October 4, 1868. Their children were: (1) John, born in Switzerland April 10, 1827; he came to America with his parents, grew to manhood in Seneca county, where, April 10, 1858, he married Miss Elizabeth Steigmeyer; he is now a farmer in Seneca county. (2) Joseph, born in Switzerland November 25, 1831; he also came with his parents to America; he is now a member of the Oblate Fathers, an order of the Christian Brothers, and has been in British America since 1859, where a branch of the order is located, engaged in educating and caring for Indian children. (3) Benedict, born in Switzerland March 7, 1835; he was married, in 1868, to Miss Catharine Oberhouser, and is a farmer in Seneca county. (4) Godfrey F. is the subject of this sketch. (5) Peter, born in Seneca county, Ohio, June, 1841; in 1869 he married Miss Catharine Senn, and is now a farmer in Seneca county. Besides these five children who grew up, two of the family died in infancy.

Godfrey F. Buchman, the subject proper of this memoir, grew up in Seneca county, where he received a good elementary education in the public schools, after which he engaged in teaching for a

few terms. His next employment was that of clerk in a store at Tiffin, where he remained about three years, and by strict attention and constant application gained a thorough knowledge of the business. At the close of his services as a clerk he, on August 20, 1867, married Miss Magdalena Bork, who was born in Seneca county, Ohio, September 14, 1845. This union has been blessed with seven children: (1) Theresa M., born October 17, 1869, now the wife of Charles Babione, Fremont, Ohio. (2) Marguerite M., born July 11, 1868, died September 22, 1868. (3) John M., born July 6, 1871, died August 23, 1872. (4) Joseph M., born October 3, 1873, at Fremont, Ohio, where he spent his childhood and youth, attended the schools of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, under the supervision of Dr. S. Bauer; assisted his father in a store, took a course of study in a business college, and later served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade with Christian Vollmer, with whom he worked until March, 1892; since that time he has worked for other parties; he assisted in the building of the Hochenedel Block, on Croghan street, Fremont; the Lutheran Church at Gibsonburg, and other fine structures; he is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and of several of its societies—the Young Men's Society of the B. V. M., the Catholic Knights of Ohio, Branch No. 8, and Uniformed Commandery No. 2, C. K. O. (5) Mary E., born October 13, 1875, now attending Convent school at Chicago, Ill. (6) Stanislaus F., born April 23, 1878; now at home. (7) Aloysius S., born April 4, 1883.

Immediately after marriage, Mr. Buchman settled in Fremont, and opened his present mercantile business. As a grocer merchant he is now perhaps the oldest established of any in Fremont. After twenty-seven years of a business career, his hold upon the community is unrelaxed, and he is recognized with no small degree

of honor as a leading and successful merchant, and a respected citizen. After his long and active business career he still attends to business with the precision and vigor of his younger days. He has attained a competency in his chosen pursuit, and besides attending to his usual business he is president of the Lehr Agricultural Company, a leading manufacturing concern in Fremont. Mr. Buchman and his wife are practical Roman Catholics, and have reared and educated their children in that faith.

Mrs. Buchman is a daughter of Frederick and Margaret (Yung) Bork, natives of Alsace, Germany, who emigrated to America, and settled in Seneca county, Ohio. Frederick Bork was born June 14, 1808, near the city of Worms, and came to America when a young man. On August 27, 1838, he married Margaret Yung, in Seneca county, where he settled. She was born in France, of German parents, August 7, 1822, and after coming to America in childhood grew to maturity at Tiffin, Ohio. She died June 13, 1891; Frederick Bork, now a retired farmer, is living at Tiffin, Ohio. Their children were as follows: (1) Mary A., born October 17, 1839, died November 21, 1839. (2) Philip Henry, born January 18, 1841, married Miss Mary Fisher; they are farmers in Seneca county, Ohio. (3) Eve Catharine, born May 8, 1842; she is Mother Superior at Tiffin, Ohio, in a convent, under the title of "Sister Clara." (4) Frank Joseph, born December 25, 1843, married Miss Elizabeth Smith, of Seneca county. (5) Mary Magdalene, born September 14, 1845. (6) Mary Ann, born April 21, 1847, died August 29, 1884; she was a sister in a nunnery at Tiffin, Ohio, known as "Innocencia." (7) Louis Philip, born January 24, 1849; married Miss Margaret Kunce, and lives in Indiana. (8) John Peter, born October 14, 1850, is a farmer in Seneca county; he married Miss Emma Gas. (9) Louisa, born October 11, 1853, died January 7,

1856. (10) M. J., born October 3, 1855, is a farmer of Seneca county; he married Miss Anna Reinhardt. (11) Philomena, born November 13, 1859, now keeping house for her father in Tiffin. (12) Elizabeth, born October 1, 1861, living at home.

NICHOLAS EMCH was born in Switzerland December 27, 1823, and is a son of Urs and Isabel (Baumgartner) Emch, whose children were as follows: Benjamin, Jacob, John, Nicholas, Samuel, Urs, Frederick and Annie. Urs Emch was a native of Switzerland, never came to America, and died at the age of forty-five, of colic.

At the early age of thirteen Nicholas Emch left home, and had to work out for several years. He learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for a number of years. In 1845 he came with his mother and brothers to America, and they first went to his brother at Perrysburg, Wood Co., Ohio, who had been settled there about four years, but did not remain long. He and his brothers bought 128 acres, all timber land, cleared a portion and put up a log cabin. Mr. Emch worked at his trade, when he could get anything in that line to do; also helped on the farm, and followed agricultural pursuits, until 1891.

In 1849 he was united in marriage with Barbara Flickinger, who was born in Switzerland January 5, 1823, and they were the parents of children as follows: (1) Mary, born November 24, 1850, married Nelson Klink September 15, 1872, by whom she had three children—Bruce, Roy and Loyd, the last named dying in September, 1893, aged twelve years. (2) Gottfried, born December 10, 1851, is still single. (3) Solomon, born January 19, 1854, married Caroline Shriner March 18, 1880, and they have three children—Bertha, Edward and Charley.

(4) Caroline, born May 10, 1855, married John Klink June 28, 1874, and they have four children—Orma, Lilly, Julia and Bessie. The mother of this family, Barbara (Flickinger) Emch, died June 18, 1856, aged thirty-three years, six months,

On November 1, 1858, Nicholas Emch was married to Rosanna Flickinger, who was born in Switzerland June 18, 1836, and children as follows were the result of their union: William, now a farmer of Woodville township, Sandusky county, born December 13, 1859, and married Josephine Snyder on November 27, 1881, by whom he had two children—August and Carrie; Sophia, born September 7, 1861, married Frank Miller, and they have four children—Bertha, Elmer, Clarence and Grace (they reside in Woodville, Sandusky county); Nicholas, Jr., born November 26, 1865, is single and lives at home; Joseph, born March 16, 1868; Ettie, born May 16, 1870, married John Kopp on May 3, 1894, and they live in Woodville, Sandusky county; Louisa, born May 17, 1876, and George, born December 4, 1877. Rosanna Flickinger, now Mrs. Nicholas Emch, came to America with her parents in 1847. They located in Ohio, rented land for several years, then bought forty acres and built themselves a home, where they passed their remaining days. Mr. Flickinger died October 17, 1854, at the age of sixty-five; and his wife April 16, 1863, at the age of seventy-one. In 1890, Mr. Emch leased his land to the Standard Oil Company, and they have since put down wells. He retired from farming in 1891, and his sons now operate the place.

COLONEL WILLIAM C. LEFEVER is justly regarded as one of the leading citizens of Sandusky county, and in the vicinity of Clyde, where he owns one of the finest country residences in northwestern Ohio, a model of every comfort and lavish ele-

gance, he socially and politically ranks pre-eminent.

He was born in Sandusky county May 14, 1836, son of John and Rachel (Swope) LeFever, the former of whom was born in Lancaster, Penn., December 4, 1813, son of John LeFever, Sr., who was of French extraction, migrating with his family to Fayette county, Ohio, early in the century. In 1832 John LeFever, Jr., moved to Fremont, Sandusky county, and two years later he entered government land in Green Creek township, cleared it and followed farming until 1865, when he moved to Clyde, and died there December 27, 1890. He was in politics a Republican, and in religious belief a Methodist. His wife died in the prime of life. She was of Pennsylvania birth and family. The children of John and Rachel LeFever were as follows: Louisa, who married J. S. Lee, of Chickasaw county, Iowa; Rebecca, who married Henry Perin, and now lives, a widow, at Kalamazoo, Mich.; John S., of Green Spring; William C., subject of this sketch; J. D., a resident of Sandusky county; Oscar T., of Marshall county, Iowa; Jane, wife of Monroe Lee, of Seneca county; May, who died in infancy; and Mary M., who died young.

The boyhood of William C. LeFever was spent in Green Creek township. He attended the common schools, and completed his education at Republic, and by a two-years' course at Oberlin College. In 1857 he went to St. Joseph, Mo., where he taught school until the Civil war broke out. He was among the first in that distracted country to espouse the Union cause, enlisting as a private in Company A, Fourth Missouri Cavalry, and doing valiant service throughout the war. In the earlier years he was fighting Gen. Price's forces. He was engaged at Wilson's Creek, Mo., August 10, 1861, the second skirmish at Pea Ridge, Ark., in March, 1862, and Independence, Mo., later in that month. When Price was

driven from the country the Missouri Cavalry troops were chiefly engaged in frontier guard duties. Promotion came rapidly, and the impetuous young Ohioan was first sergeant, first lieutenant, captain, major, and lieutenant-colonel, successively. After serving a year on the plains, watching Indians, he was mustered out at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1866, after service in the Fourth, Sixth and Thirteenth Missouri Cavalry, successively. He once held two commissions at one time, first lieutenant and adjutant.

After the war Col. LeFever returned home and has since resided in Green Creek township. In 1866 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Mackey, a native of Chillicothe, Ross county, and has two adopted children, Mabel and Arthur. The present handsome brick residence of Col. LeFever, located two and a half miles south of Clyde, was built in 1880. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of Eaton Post No. 55, G. A. R., and in religious faith is a Methodist. Col. LeFever is a man of high intellectual attainments, and possesses unusually fine business and executive abilities. He commands the esteem and confidence of a wide acquaintanceship.

HENRY W. MILLER, now an honored citizen of Clyde, is a descendant of perhaps the first family that settled permanently in Green Creek township, Sandusky county.

Lyman F. Miller, his father, was born in Geneva, N. Y., November 22, 1813. When an infant his widowed mother migrated with her brother, William Smith, to Huron, Ohio, and here she remained several years, and married her second husband, Samuel Pogue. She had occupied a log cabin with her husband, distant about six miles from Huron. While here alone, hostilities still existing, Indians approached the cabin, so, hastily fastening the cabin door with a big wooden bar, she

crept out the back window and fled to the blockhouse at Huron, six miles away. In 1816, after her second marriage, she came with her child and husband to the site of Clyde. Mr. Pogue had been quartermaster in Gen. Harrison's army, and while making a trip from Huron to Fort Seneca he had noticed the hard maple timber where Indians had made sugar, and also the fine springs, and resolved to settle there. He entered the land, and died there August 26, 1827. By her second marriage there was one child, Jane, who afterward married G. R. Brown, a Universalist minister, and the farm entered by Mr. Pogue descended to her and to Lyman F. Miller, the child by Mrs. Pogue's first marriage. Amos Fenn and Silas Dewey had each married a sister of Mrs. Pogue, and came with her husband and settled in the vicinity of Clyde.

Lyman F. Miller grew to manhood on the site of Clyde, and had few educational advantages. In 1836 he married Melissa E. Harkness in a double log cabin which stood on the present cemetery grounds. She was born in 1819, of Scotch-Irish extraction, and had come with her parents to Clyde in 1834. After his marriage he began housekeeping on the old homestead. He laid out that part of the town lying between Main street and George street, commencing at Maple and running south to Cherry street. Mr. Miller engaged in general farming, and was also a noted horticulturist and breeder of fine stock. He lived in what is now the Col. Rhodes residence until 1859, when he built on the pike where his widow now lives. He was a Whig, a Know-Nothing and a Republican in politics, a Mason socially, and a member of the Universalist Church. He died in February, 1878. To Lyman F. and Melissa Miller nine children were born, as follows: William G., born March 1, 1837, just commencing a law practice in 1861, when he enlisted in Company A, Seventy-second O.

V. V. I., was a corporal, and was killed at Ripley, Miss., June 11, 1864, on the disastrous Guntown expedition retreat; Henry W., subject of this sketch, born June 2, 1838; Mary E., born April 1, 1840, wife of Chester Persing, of Clyde; George N., born December 2, 1843, killed at the age of four by falling accidentally into a kettle of hot water; Oscar J., born June 15, 1845, a resident of Clyde; Isabel E., born May 22, 1848, wife of W. Bell, of Copley, Ohio; Fannie O., born July 15, 1853, a school-teacher for fifteen years, and now living with her mother; Emma J., born July 26, 1855, wife of F. J. Metcalf, of Clyde; Louisa J., born May 21, 1862, wife of Fremont Mears, of Clyde.

Henry W. Miller attended district school and helped to clear the farm. On Christmas Eve, 1860, he was married to Miss Louisa Metcalf, who died childless, April 2, 1862, aged twenty-one years and five days. Mr. Miller was for two years captain of a company of State militia, having in his command 130 men, most of whom subsequently enlisted in the army. The Captain enlisted in Company A, Seventy-second O. V. V. I., as a recruit, joining the regiment at Germantown, Tenn., January 5, 1864. He was with his ill-fated brother, William G., at Ripley, Miss., on June 11, until, while firing at the advancing Rebels, he was run over and stunned by a Union cavalryman on the retreat, soon after leaving Ripley. After being disabled thus, he fell in with five other Union soldiers and continued in the road until 4 P. M., having had several skirmishes with the enemy's advance during the day. His ammunition being exhausted he left the road, trying to escape through the woods, but was captured the next day at 6 P. M., stripped of everything but pants and shirt, and taken to Andersonville prison. When he arrived at the prison, in an address Capt. Wirz said: "Go in there, you Yankee s— b—'s, and I will prove we can kill

more men in prison than at the front." This was verified by the death of 13,082 prisoners while Mr. Miller was confined at Andersonville. Of the mess of five to which Mr. Miller belonged he was one of two who went out alive. He had not a cup, nor even a cloth to bathe the fevered brow of a sick comrade. In December he was paroled at Savannah, and reached home just before Christmas, 1864.

After the war Mr. Miller taught music for several years, then settled on the farm, and engaged in farming and fruit-growing, his fruit having taken nearly a thousand premiums at the Sandusky, Erie and Huron county fairs. He has traveled somewhat as a vocal musician, and has sung in the various churches of Clyde for thirty-five years. Of his property seven acres are within the corporation of Clyde, and ninety-seven are situated north of the corporation.

Mr. Miller's second wife was Maria L. De Yo, to whom he was married September 22, 1868. By this marriage he has three children: Jessie L., a graduate of the Clyde High School, and now one of its teachers; Esma M., also a graduate of the Clyde school; and Harkness J., at present a student. Mr. Miller is a member of the G. A. R. Post at Clyde, was its commander last year, and is now quartermaster. He has been a Mason since 1865, and in politics he is a Republican.

CONRAD WOLFE, the ancestor from whom are descended the Wolfe families now (1894) residing in Sandusky county, Ohio, and their descendants elsewhere emigrated to this country from Switzerland, and in the spring of 1804 came to Lancaster county, Penn. His children were: Peter, Jacob, George, Henry, Andrew and Mary; Peter being a child by a former marriage. Conrad Wolfe died shortly after his arrival in America.

Andrew Wolfe, son of Conrad Wolfe, was born January 9, 1796, in York county, Penn. At an early age he was bound out to work, by his widowed mother, to a farmer, and he served a part of the time with his guardian, Mr. Krouster, his unexpired time being bought by a Mr. Weaver, with whom he worked three years. His work was hard, but he was kindly treated, and he remained with Mr. Weaver until he was twenty-one years of age. He then went to learn the trade of a carpenter with the Gerber Brothers, who built houses and bank barns in Lancaster and adjoining counties, and he usually made his home with them during the winter seasons when work was dull. Here he became acquainted with Miss Salome Gerber, to whom he was married in 1819. She was born in Switzerland, March 12, 1797, and became a member of the Lutheran Church. Her parents were Christian Gerber, of Saxon descent, born in 1750, and Elizabeth (Medary) Gerber, born in 1753. Her mother's maiden name was Biddle. Their children were: Anna, John, Christian, Jacob, Matthew, Mary, Elizabeth, Salome. When Salome was but a child her father moved with his family from his farm into a large stone house in the village of Basle, where in the basement he carried on cabinet-making. After he had learned the trade of a carpenter he traveled and worked at his trade away from home, as was the custom, before he was allowed to set up in business for himself. His wife, Elizabeth, was a seamstress, at which occupation she wrought constantly as soon as her daughter Anna had learned to manage the housework. Salome attended school in the village of Basle, regularly, and learned to read and write, sew and knit. She also learned to sing, which was a source of great pleasure to herself and friends in later life. She never studied arithmetic, as it was deemed unnecessary for girls. Her brothers attended school irregularly, and in addition to school studies

were set to learn various handicrafts, chiefly weaving, in a large manufacturing establishment. Her brother John lived with his uncle until he arrived at manhood. The children were all brought up to habits of industry and thrift. During their residence in Basle, Napoleon Bonaparte's troops passed through their village to secure conscripts, and the male citizens secreted themselves to avoid being pressed into the army. Mrs. Gerber entertained some of the soldiers in her house, and was kindly treated by them. They stacked their arms behind her door, ate the meals prepared by her and departed in peace. Some men who had hid themselves under piles of hay were thrust through with bayonets. Salome's brothers, in order to avoid further danger of being forced into the military service, prevailed upon their parents to emigrate to America. Some Swiss emigration agents, who had just returned from America and given them a glowing account of the fine climate, fertile soil and cheap land, to be found here, easily induced them to sell their possessions in Basle and engage a passage to America. Accordingly, in the month of May, 1804, the Gerber family took passage in a boat, and sailed down the Rhine river toward Amsterdam. Salome had just passed her seventh birthday, and was delighted to view the grand scenery and the ruins of old castles and fortresses along those classic banks. She often spoke in later years of the famous "Mouse Tower," of Bishop Hatto, where an avaricious man was said to have been devoured by an army of rats in retribution for his having caused the destruction of a multitude of hungry people who at his apparently kind invitation had crowded into his well-filled grain store-house. On reaching Amsterdam the Gerber family and others who accompanied them learned to their sorrow that there was no ship in readiness to take them, and that they were at the mercy of unscrupulous agents who charged them exorbitant prices for

extra services. While waiting many days at the dock, weary of the long delay, the emigrants composed and sang in derision a sarcastic song, in German, about the kindness of the agents and the "glorious land of liberty in North America." This was sung so often on their six-weeks' passage on the Atlantic ocean that it became indelibly impressed on Salome's memory, and she often sung it in later years to her grandchildren. Owing to the long voyage, and the resulting extra charges of the agents, many emigrants were unable to pay their passage money in full, and were obliged to bind themselves to a term of service, to someone who could furnish money, or be cast into prison. After the Gerber family had landed in Philadelphia they lived for a time in the suburbs of that city, and then settled in Lancaster county, Penn., where the father and three sons found work as carpenters. They were known as "Zimmerman," the German name for carpenter. Here Anna Gerber married Jacob Mandewiler, and then moved to Knox county, Ohio; John Gerber came to America in 1806, and settled in York county, Penn.; Christian Gerber, Jr., and Jacob Gerber also settled in that locality; Mary, the second daughter of Jacob Gerber, married Daniel March, after whom the second son of Salome was afterward named; Elizabeth Gerber died in Switzerland. Christian Gerber, Sr., died in 1815. His elder children having gone from home, Salome stayed with her widowed mother three years, until her death in 1818, after which she lived with a brother about two years. She was married October 18, 1819, to Andrew S. P. Wolfe, in York county, Penn., and they soon after located in Adams county, Penn., where he worked as a carpenter and later as a farmer. In 1831, they took up their abode in Knox county, Ohio, where he followed farming. In 1844 they moved to Richland county, Ohio, where they farmed about nine years, after which

they moved to Sandusky county, Ohio. They were members of the Methodist Protestant Church in Knox county, but on coming into Richland they united with the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, of which they remained faithful members during life. In politics Mr. Wolfe was first an Old-line Whig, then a Republican; all his sons are Republicans. The children of Andrew and Salome Wolfe were: Mary, who married John Jones, and died March 26, 1860; Jacob, a carpenter, who married in Richland county, Ohio, and then located in Bear county, Mich.; Elizabeth, who married Judge Barnett, and lives in Iowa; Caroline, who married William Galbraith, and lives in Seneca county, Ohio; Daniel M., sketch of whom follows; Sarah, who married Laird Ritchie, and lives in Iowa; Rosa A., who married Fred Gibson, lived in Adams county, Iowa, and died there October 24, 1882; Jeremiah, who lives with his family in San Jose, Cal. Andrew Wolfe died at the home of his son, Daniel, in Ballville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, April 21, 1873, aged seventy-seven. Mrs. Salome Wolfe died at the same place, November 3, 1884, aged eighty-seven years, and both were buried in Mt. Lebanon U. B. Cemetery.

DANIEL M. WOLFE, son of Andrew Wolfe, was born January 22, 1831, in Knox county, Ohio. His childhood and youth were spent on a farm, and in attending district school, and at the age of thirteen he moved with his father's family to Richland county, where he attended town and country schools, studying English grammar, algebra, natural philosophy and chemistry, in addition to common-school studies, and during summer months learning the trade of a carpenter with his brother Jacob. About the year 1853 he came to Ballville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where he and his father bought a farm on the line of the old plank road leading from Tiffin to Sandusky City. Here he farmed, and also worked at his

trade in company with his brother Jeremiah in Green Spring and vicinity, building the celebrated Water Cure establishment at that place. In 1879 he abandoned carpentry and devoted himself exclusively to his farm of 123 acres, which he underdrained and otherwise improved, and on which he erected a large family mansion in 1878.

On December 24, 1855, Daniel M. Wolfe was married at Mansfield, Ohio, to Miss Eunice Jane Black, daughter of William and Hannah (Cook) Black. William Black was born May 10, 1810, son of James, and Mrs. Hannah Black was born September 23, 1814, both in Washington county, Penn. They both came when young to Richland county, Ohio, where, on April 5, 1832, they were married, and several years afterward moved to Jefferson county, Iowa, where Mr. Black died in April, 1882. Mrs. Black died March 1, 1879. Their children were: Eunice Jane, who married D. M. Wolfe; Martha, who married a Mr. Ramsey, of Iowa; Orlando, who lives in Kansas; Elbridge Gerry, who served as a soldier in the Civil war, being color bearer of Company I, Fiftieth Regiment, O. V. I., and Francis Julius Le Moyne, named after his uncle, the noted cremationist, of Washington county, Penn. The maternal grandmother of this family, Eunice (Corwin), was born in the year 1796, and married William Cook, who was a soldier of the war of 1812. She afterward made a trip to Pennsylvania—two hundred miles—on horseback to visit her friends. She died in 1870, three years after her husband, who passed away in 1867. The paternal grandmother, Margaret (Fitzwilliams), was born in 1789 in Ireland, and in 1807 married James Black, who was born about 1784.

In the spring of 1863 D. M. Wolfe enlisted in Company K, Fiftieth Regiment, O. V. I., in which he served as second lieutenant, doing guard duty at Johnson's Island, where Confederate officers were

confined, in the fall of that year. In politics he has always been a Republican. He and his wife were for a number of years members of the United Brethren Church, but now attend the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Eunice J. (Black) Wolfe was born January 6, 1833, in Richland county, Ohio, and was educated at Lexington and Westerville, Ohio, afterward teaching for a number of years, part of the time in the high school at Lexington. To Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe have come five children, as follows: (1) Charles M., born November 1, 1857, is a carpenter and contractor of Fremont; he was married May 23, 1883, to Miss Clara Potter, daughter of Henry J. and Zeruah A. (Dawley) Potter, and the names and dates of birth of their children are: Irene, September 5, 1884; Libbie, December 7, 1885; Ella, July 14, 1888; Blanche, April 18, 1891; and Stanley, born August 22, 1893. (2) Sally Irene, born December 21, 1862, lives with her parents. (3) Elbridge B., born August 30, 1866, is a farmer; on November 23, 1889, he married Miss Ida McIntyre, and their children are Lucile, born October 13, 1890, and Gladys, born February 19, 1891. (4) Mary Inez, born July 28, 1869, lives with her parents. (5) Daniel M., Jr., a carpenter, lives with his parents, and works at his trade with his brothers.

HON. HOMER EVERETT. Perhaps no one of the early pioneers of Sandusky county contributed more to make its local history, and took more pains to put on record the stirring events which occurred when the wilderness of the Black Swamp began to be cleared up, and the little Indian trading-post called Lower Sandusky (now Fremont) first sprang into prominence as a thriving village of enterprising white people, than the subject of this sketch. His literary tastes, his official positions,

his wide acquaintance, his social nature, his habit of writing down the incidents and events which he gathered from frequent visits and conversations with the early settlers, and his powers of oratory, by which he presented, in the form of historical lectures, the well-digested results of his investigations, all rendered him very useful to the community, and entitled him to the lasting gratitude of his fellow citizens, and the honor of being the first pioneer historian of Sandusky county.

Hon. Homer Everett, son of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Emery) Everett, was born in Huron county, Ohio, January 30, 1813. When two years old he came with his parents to Lower Sandusky. His school education was such as could be picked up in the wilderness at that early day, his teachers being Justus and Ezra Williams, Edson Goit and Samuel Crowell. He grew up amid the toils, cares and privations of the early settlers, sharing the hardships of the common people; but he was always cheerful and hopeful. At the age of seventeen he left the farm upon which he had spent his early boyhood, and entered the store of Jesse S. Olmsted, in which he rendered faithful service about six years. In 1837 he was appointed postmaster at Lower Sandusky, by Martin Van Buren, and while serving in this office he was also deputy clerk of courts, under James A. Scranton. In 1839 he was elected sheriff of the county, resigning the office of postmaster, and was re-elected sheriff. He commenced reading law in 1834, improving his leisure time in so doing until 1841, when he was admitted to the bar. He now resigned his office as sheriff, and began the practice of law with Nathaniel B. Eddy, of Lower Sandusky; was subsequently a partner of L. B. Otis, who afterward removed to Chicago. On various occasions he was member of the city council, for several years township clerk, one of the first members of the City Board of Education,

in which body he served fifteen years, and was mayor of Fremont two terms.

In 1847 he retired from the practice of law for the purpose of leading a more quiet life on a farm, but was soon recalled by the votes of the people. In 1848 he found himself in the chair of the county auditor, which office he held two terms. At the close of his second term he resumed the practice of law, entering into partnership with Gen. R. P. Buckland. In 1862, Mr. Buckland retired from the practice to enter the army. During the Civil war Mr. Everett made many eloquent speeches in favor of the enlistment of Union soldiers. In 1866 he formed a partnership with James H. Fowler, an ex-soldier, who had been his law student. In 1867 Mr. Everett was elected to the Ohio Senate, and in 1869 was re-elected to the same position. He fostered the Akron school law, and was on the select committee which constructed the first municipal code for the State of Ohio. On his return home he again resumed the practice of law. In 1881-82 he furnished valuable records for the History of Sandusky county, to H. Z. Williams & Bro., publishers, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Everett was married, in 1837, to Miss Hannah Bates, of Sandusky county. She died in 1840, leaving an infant daughter, Hannah Bates Everett, who, in 1856, became the wife of Henry Hatfield, and had two sons—one living in Kansas and one in Colorado. Mr. Everett, for his second wife, married in December, 1842, Mrs. Albina Brush, widow of John T. Brush, and by her had two sons and two daughters: (1) George, who was telegraph operator for Gen. Thomas at Nashville, Tenn., during the Civil war, and died at home in 1874. (2) Charles Egbert, who was a soldier in the naval service during the Civil war (he married Miss Hattie Tindall, of Ballville township, and their children are—Eddie and Nellie, living at the old homestead; he

learned and follows the trade of cabinet making). (3) Albina Elizabeth, a teacher, who was married at Osborne City, Kans., to Frederick Yoxall, a native of England, and they have two daughters. (4) Lillie, a very fine musician, who married James A. Wilson, a hardware merchant, of Osborne, Kans.; they have one daughter. The second wife of Homer Everett died in 1855, and in 1873 he married Miss Minerva E. Justice, daughter of James Justice. The death of Homer Everett occurred on June 22, 1887, at the home of his daughter, in Kansas, and his remains were brought to Fremont, Ohio, for interment in Oakwood Cemetery. The Fremont Bar Association and Brainard Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he was a member, each passed fitting resolutions of respect to his honored memory.

A HORNUNG. A striking illustration of that time-worn proverb familiar to every school boy, "tall oaks from little acorns grow," is seen in the business career of the gentleman whose name opens this sketch, and who is a member of the well-known firm of Zorn, Hornung & Co., leading citizens and pioneer merchants of the town of Gibsonburg, Sandusky county. The simple story of his life shows that there is always a chance for the boy or man who takes hold of fortune with strong hands and steady will, and compels her to bestow those gifts which the timid supplicant can never win.

Mr. Hornung was born March 7, 1842, in Washington township, Sandusky county, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Sickendahler) Hornung. This worthy couple were natives of Germany, where they were married, and whence, in 1833, they emigrated to America, settling in Pennsylvania near Allentown, where they lived for about six years. They then came to Ohio, settling in Washington township,



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Sandusky county, on a farm, where they remained during the rest of their lives. The father, whose birth took place in 1796, died in 1871, the mother, who was born in 1807, surviving him until 1892. Mr. Hornung was a Democrat, and both he and his wife were consistent members of the Lutheran Church. Their family consisted of six children: Charlotte, who married Aaron Krotzer, of Gibsonburg; Caroline, who married Adam Ansted, and lives in Washington township; Mary; Tilman, residing in Washington township; our subject comes next; and Jacob, who lives in Gibsonburg; two children died when infants.

The subject of this sketch spent his early days upon his father's farm, performing the many tasks which fall to the lot of a farmer's boy, with scanty sources of amusement or pleasure, and but small opportunity to acquire an education. At the age of fifteen, tiring of the monotonous life in the country, determined to strike out for himself, he commenced and served an apprenticeship in the shoemaking trade under Mr. Zorn, his present partner, who was then located at Hessville, Sandusky county. Here he remained some six years, making his home with Mr. Zorn, with whom he boarded nine years. At the end of six years he bought the shoe business from Mr. Zorn, carried it on for three years, and then formed a partnership with his old employer.

The new firm continued in business at Hessville until 1871, when, seeing that the present location of Gibsonburg bade fair to become a leading point in the county, they decided to open a branch of their business there, Mr. Hornung taking charge of the same. The first building put up in the present town was his store. It was erected on the corner now occupied by the large and commodious structure in which their present extensive mercantile business is now carried on, and it is around this pioneer establishment that

the present flourishing village of Gibsonburg has crystallized. The entire business of the firm was soon centered at this point, and it has been steadily growing in size and importance. Not content with this, these energetic men have constantly had in view the progress and enlargement of their chosen community, and have been prominent factors in its growth and prosperity. At the present time they are carrying on, in addition to their flourishing mercantile business, the manufacture of lime; have erected an elevator, and stove heading factory; established a creamery, and, besides, are pioneers in the gas and oil producing business, now owning and operating a gas plant and extensive oil fields with many oil wells. It is generally an unwise thing to have so many "irons in the fire," but the undoubted ability and well-known energy, perseverance and excellent judgment always evinced by Mr. Hornung and his partner in the management of their large ventures, are a guarantee of their success in whatever direction they turn their attention. They are valuable citizens of Gibsonburg, and as such command the respect and esteem of all who know them.

On April 8, 1867, Mr. Hornung was married in Washington township, to Miss Catherine Stotz, who was born in Germany May 28, 1842. Four children have been born to them: Elizabeth, George, Charles and Julia; of these, George is a member of the firm, Charles being in its employ as bookkeeper; the daughters are at home. In politics Mr. Hornung is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church.

MICHAEL OBERST, JR., a farmer of Sandusky township, Sandusky county, was born in that township December 8, 1848, a son of Michael, Sr., and Anna (Mohler) Oberst.

The father of our subject was born in

October, 1811, in Prussia, Germany, grew up there, and came to America about the year 1844. He settled in Sandusky township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, and worked as a farmer in Sandusky and Ottawa counties. At the outbreak of the Mexican war he volunteered in the U. S. military service, and served under Gen. Scott, afterward returning to Sandusky county. After his marriage he settled where he now resides. In the war of the Rebellion he joined the Union army, serving during the last year. He is one of the few Mexican war pensioners living in Sandusky county. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious faith he is a member of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Oberst was born in Switzerland October 27, 1829, and is still living. Their children were: Michael, our subject; John, who died when six years old; Daniel, living in Millersville, Sandusky county, who married Miss Burgoon, by whom he has two children—Ralph and Merven; Mary Ann, unmarried, who is living at home with her parents; and George, who died when ten years of age.

Our subject was reared in Sandusky county, and was educated in the public schools. In 1873 he married Miss Sarah Lobdill, who was born in Sandusky county, July 18, 1854, and their children are: Olive, Charles, Lucy, Frank, Anna, Earl and Clair. Mr. Oberst now owns a portion of the old homestead on which he was reared. He is recognized as one of the leading, progressive men among the younger agriculturists in the township, is a competent business man, and adopts the most advanced ideas and business methods. He was formerly a Republican; but awakening to a strong realization of the many evils consequent to the liquor traffic he identified himself some years ago with the Prohibition party. He is one of the leaders in the temperance cause in his community, has served as State delegate to Prohibition conventions, and is working for the interest of the party.

GEORGE H. WAGGONER, owner of a valuable farm in Sandusky township, Sandusky county, is a native of the county, born November 10, 1851, in Washington township, where he spent his boyhood days, and received his early education, later attending one term at Oberlin College.

Mr. Waggoner remained on the home farm until twenty-three years of age. On December 10, 1874, he was married to Miss Mary E. Engler, of Sandusky township, Sandusky county, in the same house in which they have since lived. Shortly after their marriage his father purchased the farm—142 acres—for which he paid \$15,000, and later deeded the entire tract to his son George in consideration of \$3,000. Here the latter has resided since his marriage, during which time he has much improved the place, in the way of under-drainings, erecting new buildings, etc., in general making it one of the best farms in Sandusky county. While Mr. Waggoner has been engaged in general farming, he has also paid much attention to the raising of good stock, including horses, cattle and sheep, and he is a prosperous, thorough-going agriculturist. To Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner have come four children: Orie Odell, born September 2, 1878, has attended the district school and paid special attention to music, having been organist for the past three years at Mount Calvary U. B. Church; Chester C., born July 20, 1881, has attended the home school (he is interested in the Sunday-school); Vernie May was born October 11, 1886 (she is taking music lessons); and Elmer E., born November 30, 1889.

Samuel Waggoner, father of George H. Waggoner, was born December 12, 1827, in Perry county, Ohio. About 1830 he came with his parents to Washington township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where he made his home until within the past three years, since when he has lived in Fremont. His wife, Sarah (Miller), was born August 28, 1831, in Ohio, and

they were married in February, 1851. To their union were born nine children, of whom George H. is the oldest; Caroline died in infancy; Clara is the wife of H. A. Bolan, and has one child; Eugene married Hattie Boyer, and died in 1892; Henry married Emma Carr, and has two children; Malvina, Mrs. Charles Keefer, of Sandusky township, has four children; Charles E. married Ellen King; Hattie is Mrs. Chester Wolf; Miland D. died at the age of fifteen. Mr. Waggoner's paternal grandfather, George Waggoner, was born November 10, 1795, and died at the age of ninety-six years; the grandmother, Margaret (Klingler), was born May 10, 1802, and had nine children, three of whom are living. At the time of his death the great-grandfather owned and lived on the farm our subject now owns. Great-grandfather John Waggoner was a member of George Washington's body-guard during the Revolution. Mr. Waggoner's maternal grandfather, Isaac Miller, was born July 19, 1805, and was killed during the construction of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad, in 1847; his wife, Elizabeth (Stierwalt), was born July 5, 1800, and they had three children, all of whom are living. They were all early pioneers of Sandusky county.

Mrs. Mary E. Waggoner was born December 4, 1854, in Washington township, Sandusky county, and when a child moved with her parents to Sandusky township, where she has since lived. She was educated in the district schools of Sandusky township, and for five terms was one of the leading teachers of the county. Her father, Nehemiah Engler, was born February 17, 1832, in Ohio, where he is still living. He was one of the leaders of the Democratic party in Sandusky county, served as county infirmary director six years, and is now on his farm in Washington township. His wife, Sarah A. (Shively), was born July 10, 1835, in Ohio. They were married June 4, 1854, and their union was blessed

with six children: Mary (Mrs. Waggoner), William W. (married Alice Henricks, and they have one child), Minerva Jane (Mrs. N. Hetrick, who has three children and lives in Kansas), Hattie Odell (Mrs. F. Karbler, of Fremont, who has one child), Perry Sherman (of Findlay, who married Sophia Elky, and they have one child), and Joseph Rollin (who died at the age of twenty-two). Mrs. Waggoner's paternal grandfather, David Engler, was born March 27, 1797, and his wife, Edith (Burgoon), was born June 8, 1803. He died about 1856, but she survived to the advanced age of nearly eighty-eight years. To them were born nine children, of whom seven are now living. The maternal grandfather, Joseph Shively, was born March 30, 1812, and his wife, Susan (Overmyer), was born April 16, 1809. To them came nine children, all yet living. The grandparents on both sides were early pioneers of Sandusky county.

Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner have been prominent members of the United Brethren Church since 1874, and have been active in all lines of Church and Sunday-school work since their marriage. For twenty years Mr. Waggoner has been superintendent of the Sunday-school of Mt. Calvary U. B. Church, of which his estimable wife has been Church chorister for nearly a score of years. He has been a trustee of the Church and parsonage for fifteen years, and the life of the Church and Sunday-school is due in a large measure to the untiring efforts of himself and wife. Mr. Waggoner is also deeply interested in educational matters, and has been school director for six years. His visit to the World's Fair was as much a matter of intellectual development as of recreation.

F W. SANDWISCH, a retired farmer of Woodville township, Sandusky county, and an ex-county official, who in past years has been among the most prominent and pro-

gressive public characters of the county, is a native of Germany.

He was born in Hanover May 7, 1819, the youngest son of Rudolph and Jane (Daterman) Sandwisch. The mother died at the age of fifty-eight years, and the father attained the age of eighty-two years. They had five children, as follows: (1) Rudolph, who was born in February, 1805, and married Catherine Sandwisch; he had two children—Henry and Maggie—both married, the former to Christina Meyers, the latter to Fred Puck. (2) Herman, who married Catherine Margee; their five children are William, who married Clarinda Swartzman, and has three children (she lives at Fremont; Mary, widow of Jacob Bishop and mother of five children, living at Toledo; Louisa who married Benedict Emch and has five children, a resident of Woodville; John, a wagon-maker at Bowling Green, married to Almira Gallup, and has four children; Emma, wife of Charles Brett, and mother of one son, lives at Atlanta, Ga. (3) Jane, who married Herman Gismort, and died in Germany in 1879, aged seventy years, leaving one child. (4) Christian, born in 1817, married to a Miss Reader, by whom he had five children. (5) F. W., subject of this sketch.

In 1836 F. W. Sandwisch, then seventeen years of age, ventured alone into a strange and distant land to seek his fortune. Taking passage in a sailing vessel, he seven weeks later landed at New York. His supply of money quickly became exhausted, and he secured a position on a steamboat, plying on Lake Erie between Buffalo and Detroit. He remained on the boat all of one season. In 1839 he married Louisa Clousing, who was born in 1815. Three children blessed this union, as follows: (1) John, a farmer of Woodville township, born November 5, 1841, and married to Eliza Meyer; they have eight children—Dora, George, Gust, Maggie, Martha, Martin, Carrie and William. (2) Herman, retired farmer of

Woodville township, born April 28, 1844, married Amelia Winegart; they are the parents of five children—Ella, William, Aaron, Nora and Paul. (3) Frederick, born July 17, 1850; he married Lucy Schroeder, and has six children—Carl, Sophia, Frederick, Joseph, Fred and Eugene; he is a carpenter, and erected the first building at Woodville, where he now lives.

After his marriage our subject worked for a time at the carpenter's trade. Living for a year in Perrysburg, he then came to the "Black Swamp." He worked for a year on the pike road in Troy township, Wood county, then purchased forty acres of wild land for \$200. He built a log cabin and made other improvements, then sold the property and bought seventy acres. This, too, he disposed of advantageously soon after, and bought the 160 acres where he now lives. The ravages of the cholera were severe when he first settled in the swamp, and his brothers perished from the epidemic while he was on his way for a doctor. Mr. Sandwisch owned the first ox-team in Woodville township. He had to go eighteen miles to mill, and the trip consumed several days. He was an extensive dealer in horses and cattle, and in 1860 lost twenty-four head of fine cattle.

Mrs. Louisa Sandwisch died October 24, 1855, of consumption, and for his second wife our subject was married to Angeline Bossan, who was born in Germany November 8, 1833, daughter of Henry and Gertie Bossan. Her father died in Germany in 1871, aged sixty-nine years, her mother in 1875, aged seventy-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Bossan were the parents of five children: Clement, Henrietta, Henry, Frederick and Angeline. The second marriage of Mr. Sandwisch was blessed with ten children, as follows: (1) Edward, a farmer of Woodville township, born December 26, 1856; he was married in April, 1880, to Annie Stein, by whom he has five children—

Edith, Edward, Dora, Mary and Lizzie. (2) Henry, born July 18, 1858, lives, unmarried, in Woodville. (3) Carrie, born March 9, 1860, married John Hurrelbrink, and is the mother of three children—Augusta, William and Edward. (4) Jennie, born August 9, 1862, married Herman Linke, a farmer of Woodville township; they have two children, Edith and Lizzie. (5) William, born April 18, 1865, is at home. (6) Charles, born January 26, 1868, is at home. (7) Manuel, born December 29, 1869, is also at home. (8) Louisa, born December 1, 1871. (9) Frank, born March 22, 1874. (10) Sophia, born June 8, 1876. In 1884 Mr. Sandwisch retired from active farming, and his sons now operate the farm. In 1873 he was elected county commissioner, and re-elected for a second term, but on account of ill health he declined the honor. Mr. Sandwisch has also held various other local offices. The family attend the Lutheran Church, and is among the most popular and enterprising of the county.—[Since the above was written we have been notified of the death of Mr. F. W. Sandwisch, which occurred October 24, 1895. He died of old age, at the age of seventy-six years, had been ailing ever since January, 1895, and was confined to his bed for three months prior to his decease.—Editor.

RICHARD WILLEY, a retired farmer of Rice township, Sandusky county, deserves honorable mention as one of the early pioneers of the county. He was born in Tompkins county, N. Y., February 15, 1817, a son of Eleazar and Mary (Lane) Willey.

Eleazar Willey was a well-to-do farmer in the Empire State, who came with his family to Huron county, Ohio, in 1829, where he bought a large farm, and remained on it about six years. Having in the meantime lost nearly all his property by going surety for a neighbor, he sold

out, removed to the Black Swamp, west of Lower Sandusky, and bought 400 acres of partly-improved land. The title to this land not being satisfactory, he abandoned it, and bought 300 acres in the south part of Rice township, on the west bank of the Sandusky river. Here he cleared up a home, and followed farming after the custom of the early pioneers. The children of Eleazar and Mary Willey were: Abraham, Isaac, Rhoda, Eleazar, Richard (our subject), Sarah Ann, Jane, and Naomi, all of whom are dead except Richard and Jane. The father died August 17, 1852, aged seventy years, and the mother on January 1, 1866, aged eighty-two. All of those who died, except Sarah, are buried in Brier Hill Cemetery, located on the Willey farm; Sarah died in Kansas.

Richard Willey spent his childhood in New York State, his youth in the Fire Lands of Huron county, and grew to manhood on his father's farm in Rice township, Sandusky Co., Ohio. He entered with a zest into both the toils and the pastimes of pioneer life, was an expert marksman, and kept the family well supplied with wild game. He delighted to hunt deer and wild turkeys in the deep woods, and to shoot wild geese and ducks on the river and in the marshes. He often went to mill for his neighbors who had no teams, wending his way through the woods and across streams of water, to Cold Creek (now Castalia), in Erie county. His book learning was limited to only a few weeks of irregular attendance at a country school. On March 4, 1847, he married Miss Harriet Walker, who was born July 1, 1825, a daughter of David and Elizabeth Walker, at that time neighbors of the Willeys. About the year 1850 Mr. Willey removed to Rollersville, Ohio, and there burned lime one year; then returned to the Willey farm, which has been his home ever since.

The children of Richard and Harriet Willey were: (1) Eliza, who April 26,

1893, married Alfred Berlincourt, who was a minister of the Christian Church about ten years in Paulding county, Ohio, then joined the M. E. Church, at Findlay, Ohio, and the Central Ohio Conference at Fremont, June 13, 1894; his death occurred near Findlay, September 9, 1894. (2) George W., who married Lydia Willey, and lives at Bronson Station, Branch Co., Mich. (3) Mary E., born September 16, 1853, who March 27, 1879, married Wallace, son of James and Mary (Fry) Scrimger, formerly of Allegan county, Mich. Richard Willey and his wife have lived to a venerable old age. Their land is now farmed by their son-in-law, Wallace Scrimger. They are members of the M. E. Church.

The following is a brief account of Mrs. Willey's parents' family. The children of David and Elizabeth Walker were: (1) Mary Ann, wife of Richard Parham, of Burr Oak, Mich.; she died leaving three sons—Aaron, Ann and Lorin, all of whom are now heads of families. (2) William, who married Hattie Gifford; both have died, leaving several children in Michigan and California. (3) Fannie, wife of Abraham Willey, brother of Richard; they had four children, two of whom, Alfred and Lydia, are heads of families. (4) Welcome, who married Abigail Mitchell, of Iowa; they have three children—Everett, Ira and Ella, all married and heads of families. (Miss Nellie Walker, daughter of Everett, at the age of seventeen manifested remarkable aptness and genius in the line of sculpture, having executed a marble bust of Abraham Lincoln, with rude tools picked up in her father's marble shop, without any previous instruction in the art of sculpture, and guided in her design with nothing but a picture of Mr. Lincoln, which she had torn out of a book and tacked on a board. She finished the task in less than a month, besides helping her mother meanwhile in domestic work. The bust in question was exhibited at the Colum-

bian Fair in Chicago, and was pronounced by an old neighbor of Mr. Lincoln as the most natural he had ever seen. Miss Walker has since that time executed very satisfactory busts for other parties. She resides at Moulton, Iowa). (5) Eunice, wife of John Myers, a farmer, living in Seneca county, Ohio, who has six children, married. (6) Eliza, wife of Washington Alexander, now living in Michigan. (7) Harriet, wife of our subject. (8) W. G. Walker, an artist, residing at Ottumwa, Iowa. (9) Mrs. Maria Fowler, of Fremont, Ohio.

H G. HOUSE, farmer, Green Creek township, Sandusky county, was born in Switzerland, March 16, 1833, a son of Jacob and Mary (Hooser) House, also natives of Switzerland, who emigrated to America in 1847, landing at New York City. From there they at once proceeded to Lower Sandusky (now Fremont), Ohio, where the father worked at his trade as a stone mason, and soon after bought a farm of forty acres in Riley township, which they made their home.

Jacob House was born June 3, 1800, and died in September, 1874. He was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Mary Hooser, mother of our subject, was born in 1798, and died in April, 1874. Five of their children grew to maturity, of whom H. G. House is the oldest; John is a marble cutter in California; Casper died at the age of forty-nine years; Matthew is a stone mason in Fremont, Ohio; Mary married Joseph Huttinger, and is living east of Fremont. After coming to America H. G. House learned the trade of a stonemason, at which he worked at intervals for about twenty years, at the same time operating his farm in Riley township, Sandusky county. In 1857 he took a trip to California, by the Panama route, and spent several years on the Pa-

cific coast. He worked on a farm and in the mines; spent six months in British Columbia, assisted in building a pack-horse road for the Hudson Bay Company, and in 1861 he returned to Fremont, Ohio.

On November 5, 1861, our subject married Miss Catharine Bisang, born at Buffalo, N. Y., in March, 1841, and they have thirteen children, all of whom are living: Mary M., born May 21, 1863, married Philip Wamus, who lives in Sandusky county (they have three children—Rosa, Clarence, William); Amelia, married to Barney Halbeisen, a farmer of Ballville township (they have six children—Laura, Louisa, Louis, Clarence, Leona, Urban), Charles married Katie Young, and they have two children—Louisa, Carl; Joseph is a carpenter of Portland, Ore.; Laura married John Weiss, an employe at the Carbon Works, Fremont, Ohio (they have one child—Leona); and William H., Catharine, Rosa M., Martha L., Aloisius H., Francis, Helen, and Antonio. Mrs. House is a daughter of Joseph and Margaret Geiger Bisang. Her father was born in Alsace, France, married there to his first wife, and came with her to America; she died in Buffalo, N. Y. They had children as follows: Theresa, Mary, Joseph, and Peter. For his second wife Mr. Bisang married Margaret Geiger, and by her had six children: (1) Margaret, who married Samuel Babione, and died in Ballville township, Sandusky county; (2) Elizabeth, born October 14, 1844, who married John P. Baker, a merchant tailor, of French descent, who worked at his trade in Fremont, and died in 1877; (3) Magdalena, who married George Fend, and is now living at Port Angeles, Wash.; (4) Mary, who married John Schaff, now of Helena, Mont., and (5) Caroline, who married George Dunning, an undertaker at Portland, Ore. Mrs. House lived in Buffalo, N. Y., until twelve years of age, and then came to Sandusky county. Her father was born

in 1793, and died in Fremont, Ohio, in 1874; her mother was born in Baden, Germany, November 24, 1804, and died March 14, 1894, at the home of her daughter, near Fremont.

WILLIAM HUMMEL, a well-known resident of York township, Sandusky county, is the eldest son of William and Clara (Walter) Hummel, and was born in Snyder county, Penn., April 24, 1843. He grew up to habits of thrift, frugality, and strict morality, which he at present possesses to a marked degree.

For more than 150 years the Hummel family have resided in Pennsylvania. They are noted for physical stamen and indefatigable industry. William Hummel, Sr., inherited these qualities, and during his life was rarely, if ever, deterred from important undertakings by difficulties, and was noted for his hardiness and firmness of character. He was born in 1813 in Union county, and in 1842 was united in marriage with Clara Walter, born in 1818, daughter of Conrad Walter, a Lutheran preacher. Mr. Hummel died in 1861; his wife passed away in the spring of 1894. William, the subject of this sketch, was the eldest in the family of William Hummel, Sr., and Clara, his wife. Moses, the second son, died in 1872, leaving a widow and two children; his widow has married John Boyer, of Seneca county, and Emma Jane, his daughter, married Mr. Acker, also of Huron county. Aaron, the third child, married Amanda Stinger, and lives on the old homestead in Pennsylvania. Benjamin also lives in Snyder county. Catherine, the only daughter, died in 1880. John, the youngest of the family, is a farmer of Union county; he married a Miss Weaver.

On Christmas Day, 1862, William Hummel was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Aigler, daughter of Amos and Armina (Bobb) Aigler. She was born in

Juniata county, Penn., November 9, 1842, and was raised in Snyder county. Irvine W., who lives at Mt. Pleasant, York township, is the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Hummel, and was born February 3, 1864. In 1885 he was united in marriage with Anna Gemberling, of Snyder county, Penn., and they have two children—William Aigler and Sophara Pickert. Mr. and Mrs. William Hummel's other child, still living, Lillie Marguerite, born April 23, 1876, is the wife of John Kern, a farmer of York township, and they have one child—Laurel Celestine. Four children of our subject and wife have died, as follows: Charles P., born February 4, 1867, died April 6, 1867; Calvin E., born May 15, 1870, died August 31, 1870; Carrie E., born November 5, 1871, died August 31, 1872; and Mabel S., born May 7, 1882, died June 11, 1882. Mr. Hummel has ever been an ardent champion of the principles of Republicanism, and he puts his preaching to practical use by voting for the candidates of that party. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hummel are members of the Evangelical Church.

J F. GERWIN, a substantial farmer of Woodville township, Sandusky county, was born in Hanover, Germany, May 1, 1842, son of Christian and Julia (Linnerbrink) Gerwin, who were born August 14, 1811, and September 17, 1816, respectively.

Christian Gerwin came to America in 1835, and after a short sojourn returned to Germany. In 1842 he again came to this country, and same year located in Ohio. He married Julia Linnerbrink, and they had seven children, as follows: J. F. is the subject of this sketch. William married Mary Kleily, and they have had two children; they live in Woodville township. Angeline married Frank Hursall, a tailor by trade; she died in 1881, the mother of six children. Caroline married Peter Knaup, a farmer in Michigan, and they

have had three children. Louis married Carrie Bronckseker. Eliza died young. Mary died at the age of twenty-one years. The father, Christian Gerwin, has traveled a great deal, and is known far and near; the mother died June 16, 1892, at the age of seventy-six years and two months.

J. F. Gerwin was united in marriage March 28, 1878, with Eliza Blausey, who was born in Woodville township, Sandusky county, March 31, 1857, and they have had four children, namely: Ella, born March 9, 1881; Lillie and Millie (twins), born November 7, 1885; and Julia, born November 7, 1889. Mrs. Gerwin is one of the six children of Henry and Mary (Yeastings) Blausey. Mr. Gerwin leased his land to the Standard Oil Company in 1891, and has seven oil wells on his farm. He has held several township offices, is a member of the German Methodist Episcopal Church in Woodville township, and is well and favorably known.

HENRY L. WOTT. Among the successful farmers of Sandusky county none sustains a better reputation for carefully attending to his own affairs, for industry and thrift, than does Henry L. Wott, whose traits, thus outlined, are distinctively those of his nationality, for Mr. Wott is of German birth. He was born in the Kingdom of Prussia May 25, 1839, son of Charles and Charlotte (Wott) Wott.

Charles Wott was a farmer of some note, and a squire or magistrate, an office corresponding to our justice of the peace. His wife's father, also a magistrate, was superintendent of a large estate. In 1866 Charles Wott emigrated with his family to America. He lived for a year in Venice, Erie Co., Ohio, then came to Green Creek township, Sandusky county, and purchased eighty acres of land, where he lived and followed agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in the fall of 1868, when

he was aged sixty-three years. In religious faith he was a member of the Lutheran Church. His wife survived until April 5, 1894, when she passed away at the age of eighty years. They had a family of twelve children, as follows: Carolina, Albertina, Henry L., Charles A., William (of Oak Harbor), Wilhelmina, Kate, August, John, and three who died in Germany.

Henry L. Wott was twenty-seven years of age when he came with his parents to America. He remained with his father in Venice, Erie county, and came with him to Green Creek township. Upon his father's death, which occurred about six months after he had bought his farm in Green Creek township, Henry L. and his brother Charles purchased the interest of the other heirs, and began to farm the newly-acquired home place. They also purchased eighty acres additional, and later divided the property between them, Henry L. retaining the home farm, and now owning ninety acres of excellent land, eighty of which are under a high state of cultivation. In 1883 he erected, at a cost of \$3,000, a fine brick residence, carefully designed and constructed.

Mr. Wott was married April 20, 1869, to Mary Schiska, and to them five children have been born: William, Charles, John (deceased), Minnie and Henry. In politics our subject is a Democrat, and in religious faith he is an active member of the Lutheran Church.

ADOLPH PETERS is an intelligent and highly-respected citizen, now numbered among the leading farmers and stock raisers of Woodville township, Sandusky county. He was born in Wadenschwyl, Canton Zurich, Switzerland, December 24, 1849, and is a son of Rudolph Peters, who was a native of the same locality.

The father was there employed as a

dyer in a cotton factory until the spring of 1854, when he crossed the Atlantic to America, locating in Ballville, Ohio. He left his family in the land of his nativity until he should succeed in obtaining employment here, when he wrote for them to join him in his new home. Western life attracting him, he left Ballville for Michigan, securing employment on the railroad. As he had not then secured a definite location in Michigan, he wrote to his family to postpone their coming for a short time, but before the arrival of the second letter they had boarded a sailing vessel, on which were two hundred other passengers. After they had been some days on the ocean cholera broke out on board, causing the death of forty passengers. Mrs Peters was stricken with the disease, but finally recovered. They landed at Belgium, but after a short rest again started for America, and after a long and tedious voyage reached the shores of the New World. They soon arrived at Ballville, Ohio, but finding the husband and father had left that place, Mrs. Peters and her son secured employment as weavers in a factory, she having learned the weaving business in her native land. As soon as the father learned of the arrival of his family in this country he joined them and found employment in Ballville among the farming population, while the other members of the family secured work as they could, all helping to earn a living. After a three-years' residence at that place they removed to Madison township, Sandusky county, renting a farm which they operated for three years. Purchasing a tract of eighty acres in Woodville township, they next removed to their new home, and began clearing away the timber, a dense growth of which covered the land. Father and sons soon made this a tract of rich fertility, and the farm became one of the most highly cultivated in the neighborhood.

To Mr. and Mrs. Peters were born the following children: (1) Henry, who

was born in Switzerland January 20, 1841, and there acquired his education; was employed in a factory in Ballville, Ohio, on first coming to America; he now follows the occupation of farming in Woodville township; he was married December 12, 1863, to Louisa Clink, a daughter of Caleb Clink, and a sister of Jacob, Reuben and A. J. Clink, all well-known residents of Sandusky county; she was born August 11, 1837, and now has six children—Mary, born September 30, 1864, and is the wife of Henry Hurleman, a farmer of Wood county, Ohio; William H., born January 26, 1866, follows farming and operates oil fields (he married Tilley, daughter of Conrad Oberst); the other children of Henry Peters are George A., born May 4, 1869, died October 7, 1870; Charles W., January 1, 1871, working in the oil fields; Frank C., born May 12, 1874, died April 24, 1875; and Lillie D., born March 3, 1879; the mother of this family died July 28, 1883, after which Henry Peters married Annie Blausey, a daughter of Henry Blausey, a farmer of Madison township, Sandusky county; they have four children—Raymond, born January 22, 1887; Grace M. and Mabel M., born August 6, 1890; and Annette, born February 14, 1895. (2) John Peters, the second of the family, was born in Switzerland May 24, 1844, and was a farmer and lumber manufacturer; he died April 1, 1883. (3) Adolph, subject of this sketch, is the next younger. Two other children died in infancy. The father of this family is still living at the ripe old age of eighty-six years, and makes his home with his son Adolph, who tenderly cares for him in his declining years. He is well known throughout the community, and is highly respected.

The gentleman whose name opens this record was educated in the schools of Ballville, and after school hours worked in the mills. When his parents removed to Madison township, Sandusky county, he labored upon the farm, giving his

father the benefit of his services, and took an important part in clearing the old homestead and placing it under a high state of cultivation. He resided thereon until 1876, when in partnership with his brother John he engaged in the manufacture of lumber, devoting his time and energies to that business some eight years, during which time he furnished employment to a number of men in cutting timber, logs, etc. On the expiration of that period he sold his interest in the lumber business, together with one hundred acres of land, and in 1884 returned to the old home place. He then purchased sixty-two acres of land, which he succeeded in clearing, fencing and tilling, making it a tract of rich fertility. He now cultivates more than 140 acres of improved land, and to-day has one of the finest farms in Sandusky county, complete in all its appointments from the substantial dwelling to the outbuildings for the stock. An air of neatness and thrift pervades the place, and waving fields of grain indicate good harvests.

Mr. Peters was married July 27, 1874, in Seneca county, Ohio, to Lucy Parker, who was born February 14, 1855. They are the parents of six children: Edward A., born June 25, 1875, now working in the oil fields; Ephraim R., born January 29, 1878; John R., born November 6, 1880; Sarah E., born December 20, 1876; Jessie, born October 21, 1882; and Elmer E., born September 27, 1888. Mr. Peters is a member of Freedman Lodge, No. 723, I. O. O. F., of Wood county, and in politics is independent, supporting the man and not the party. He has always taken a deep interest in educational matters, has held the office of school director for more than fifteen years, has been clerk of the school board, and is now its president. In all possible ways he aids in the advancement of interests calculated to prove of public benefit, and is well-known and highly respected throughout the county as a man of industry, in-

tegrity and enterprising and progressive ideas. His genial and kindly disposition has won for him the good will of all with whom he has been brought in contact, either in business or social life, and he is indeed a highly esteemed citizen.

GEORGE J. LEHRMAN, who for many years has been identified with the agricultural interests of Sandusky county, is a Western man by birth and training, and possessed of a true Western spirit of enterprise and progress. He was born September 20, 1849, and is a son of Mathias and Mary (Bowers) Lehrman, both of whom were natives of Hanover, Germany. In 1834 they bade adieu to that country, and crossed the Atlantic to the New World, taking up their residence in Canton, Ohio; but after a short time they removed to Fort Wayne, Ind., where for twenty years they made their home. On the expiration of that period, they came to Washington township, Sandusky county, and purchased ninety-six acres of good farm land. The father carried on agricultural pursuits throughout his life, and both he and his wife spent their remaining days on their home in Sandusky county.

This worthy couple were the parents of a family of ten children, namely: David, who is now engaged in farming in Scott township, Sandusky county; Josephine, who died in infancy; John, who was killed while aiding his country in the Civil war; Caroline, wife of Philip Kirsch, a farmer residing in Coldwater, Ohio; Ellen, wife of Joseph Maers, an agriculturist, living in Scott township, Sandusky county; Lizzie, who became the wife of Fred Bevie, and died in 1893; George J., subject of this sketch; Mary, wife of Joseph Weaver, a farmer, residing in Madison township, Sandusky county; Sarah, wife of Joseph Ottney, who also carries on agricultural pursuits in Madi-

son township; and Audulph, who died in infancy. Mr. Lehrman, of whom we write, spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Fort Wayne, Ind., and came with the family to Sandusky county, Ohio. To his father he gave the benefit of his services throughout his minority, and even after his marriage he remained at home with his parents, carrying on the work of the farm. Upon his mother's death he purchased the old homestead, and since coming to the county has always lived upon this place, which is a valuable tract of land, under a high state of cultivation, and well improved with the accessories of a model farm.

In 1873 Mr. Lehrman was united in marriage with Catherina Noss, and they began their domestic life upon the old homestead. Their union has been blessed with a family of five children (three of whom are living), namely: George, born March 23, 1874; Ellen, born in 1877, who died when three years old; Lena, born October 15, 1879; Sylvester, born September 11, 1893; and John, born July 11, 1875, died in infancy. Mr. Lehrman is a supporter of the Democracy, and for two years served as school director, but has never sought or desired political preferment, for his time and attention have been wholly taken up with his business interests. He and his wife are members of the Catholic Church.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON ICKES, a prosperous farmer of Madison township, Sandusky county, was born in Bedford county, Penn., August 27, 1840. His parents, Charles and Elizabeth (Burket) Ickes, were natives of the same county, and his mother's ancestors were also born in Pennsylvania. Charles Ickes was born September 14, 1817, and was married in Bedford county, Penn., in 1839. He carried on farming, and is still living in that State. In his early days he was a Whig,

but on the formation of the Republican party he joined its ranks. His wife died February 9, 1885, when a little over sixty-seven years old.

Our subject is the eldest of seven children, the others being: Jacob, Julia A., Thomas, Simon, Mary and John, all of whom live in Bedford county, Penn. William H. H. Ickes spent his youth upon the home farm, alternating his tasks in ploughing, sowing and caring for stock with attendance at the district school, and acquiring such an education as can be obtained under these circumstances. When twenty-one years of age he worked out one summer on a farm, and the following year, 1862, he left home and came to Ohio, locating first in Fremont, where he remained, however, only one month. Thence he went to Helena, this State, where he was employed some four years on the farm of Joseph Garns. Returning to Fremont, he was married October 7, 1866, to Sarah Kemmerling, daughter of Peter Kemmerling, a farmer in Sandusky county, but their married life was brief, the young wife dying two years thereafter, on January 3, 1869; their only child died in infancy.

After his wife's death Mr. Ickes remained with his father-in-law for nine months. He was married, the second time, on February 10, 1870, his bride being Miss Sophia Sampsel, whose family history is given in the sketch of Joshua Sampsel. Shortly after he removed to the town of Gibsonburg, where he worked by the day for two years, and then invested in forty acres of land in Madison township, to which he has since added thirty acres. At the time of purchase this land was covered with a dense growth of timber, of which Mr. Ickes cleared forty-five acres, and put under cultivation. When the discovery of oil was made in the township this land became very valuable; eleven oil wells were sunk, and he leased fifty acres to the Hazelwood Oil Company, the remaining twenty to Lieber

& Youth, of Pennsylvania. From these he derives an income of \$100 a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Ickes have had two children, one of whom, Franklin Harrison, born February 10, 1871, died July 21, 1871. Erma May was born June 27, 1882. Mr. Ickes is a Republican, and is always ready to work for the good of his party, and for the welfare of the community in which he lives. He holds the office of road supervisor, and is faithful in the discharge of his duties. Both himself and wife are members of the Evangelical Church, and are highly esteemed by all who know them.

JOHAN HENRY NIESET is the owner of an eighty-acre farm, pleasantly located but a short distance from the town of Gibsonburg, Sandusky county. This he purchased from his father about four years ago, and much of it he has placed under cultivation. In this portion of Washington township the land is seemingly unfit for farming purposes, being largely covered with rocks; but Mr. Nieset has cleared fifty acres of his place which he has transformed into rich and fertile fields that now yield to the owner a golden tribute in return for the care and cultivation which he bestows upon them. The patience and labor, required to clear the place, indicate two of his strongest characteristics—perseverance and energy.

Mr. Nieset is a native of Washington township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, born June 22, 1863, and is of German lineage. His father, Andrew Nieset, was a native of Prussia, Germany, and on crossing the Atlantic made his way to Ohio, locating in Sandusky county. He married Bridget Kayler, who was born in Ohio. Our subject remained with them upon the home farm until his marriage, and during his boyhood and youth aided in the labors of the fields and in the other work of the farm through the summer, while in the winter season he attended the district

schools, there acquiring a fair English education, which has been supplemented by business experience and contact with the world, making him a well-informed man. In the county of his nativity, he was married to Miss Minnie A. Kilgus, whose people are well known in the locality. She was born January 30, 1867, and is one of a family of ten children, four of whom are yet living in Washington township, Sandusky county. Five children grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. Nieset—two sons and three daughters—as follows: Louis, born February 22, 1886; Clara, March 7, 1888; Mary J., March 10, 1890; Emma M., August 24, 1891; and John Andrew, September 8, 1893.

In his political connections, Mr. Nieset is a Democrat, having supported the men and measures of that party since attaining his majority. In religious faith he is a Catholic, and he is one of the enterprising young farmers of the community, to whom success will come as the reward of earnest and diligent effort. Idleness is utterly foreign to his nature, and he manages his business affairs with ability which has already made him one of the substantial citizens of the community.

VALENTINE SHALE, a well-to-do farmer of Jackson township, Sandusky county, is a native of that section, born January 8, 1839, a short distance east of his present residence.

John Shale, the father of our subject, was born February 3, 1808, in Baltimore, Md., where he spent his childhood. In early manhood he went to York, Penn., where he learned the carpenter's trade, working for a Mr. Disler. He next went, in 1826, to Wayne county, Ohio, where he took jobs and worked at his trade on his own account, finally, in 1836, coming to Jackson township, Sandusky county. Here he bought eighty-acres of improved land for \$1,000, then eighty more for \$400, and other tracts, later, until he

owned 400 acres. In 1838 he married Miss Catharine Crites, a native of Stark county, Ohio, and ten children were born to them: Valentine, the subject proper of this sketch; Abraham, deceased; Isaac, who married Barbara Myers, by whom he had three children, one of whom is now deceased, and after her death wedded Lovina Clapper, by whom he also had three children: Jacob, who married Jane Eisenhood, by whom he had four children, two of whom are deceased; Elizabeth, unmarried; Mary C., who died in childhood; Lydia, who married David Daub, and had six children; Mary, who married Levi Stahl, a farmer of Jackson township; William, who married Clarissa Leffler, and has two children—Amanda and Samuel; and John, who married Mary Gametsfelder, and has five children.

Valentine Shale lived with his parents on their farm until his twenty-sixth year, working by turns at the carpenter's trade, at farming during the summer seasons, and at shoemaking or cobbling during the inclement weather. In this way he accumulated property, and by successive purchases he has become the owner of a farm of 197 acres of choice land, on which he has erected substantial buildings. He was a soldier in the Civil war, and in the summer of 1864 served as second sergeant of Company H, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment, O. V. I., four months at Fort Ethan Allen, Virginia.

On January 14, 1864, Mr. Shale married Miss Rebecca Mowry, who was born September 18, 1836, and five children came to their union: Alice, born January 14, 1866, who married George E. Wise, a farmer, and has one child, Stanley; Clara E., born May 14, 1868, who became the wife of W. A. Gossard, a school-teacher in Jackson township, and has one child, Mildred R.; Emma R., born April 19, 1870, who became the wife of E. S. Flora, a farmer of Jackson township, and died September 24, 1894; William I., born April 29, 1873, who attends

select school at Burgoon, Ohio; and Edith L., born September 19, 1879, at school. Mr. Shale is a Republican in politics, and he has held several offices in his township, where he is highly respected. In religious connection he is a member of the Evangelical Association.

HARMON HENRY TAULKER, one of the oldest and most esteemed citizens of Madison township, Sandusky county, was born in Hanover, Germany, November 26, 1838, and is a son of Harmon and Angeline (Nieman) Taulker.

Harmon Taulker was a tailor in the old country, and in the year 1841 sailed with his family for America. They came direct to Sandusky, Ohio, Mr. Taulker buying thirty acres of timberland, in Woodville township, Sandusky county, where his death afterward occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Taulker had four children, namely: Eliza, who married Henry Borcharding, a farmer, of Woodville township; Frederick, a farmer in Madison township; Harmon Henry, subject of this sketch; and Louisa, who came to America, but the family have not heard from her since her arrival, and it is not known by them what became of her. Mr. Taulker's widow married Frederick Cook, and they have had three children, all living, as follows: Angeline, married to Fred Brocksieker, and they live in Toledo, Ohio; Caroline, widow of John Bruggmeyer, lives in Toledo, Ohio, and John is a farmer in Woodville township.

When his parents arrived in this country Harmon H. Taulker was but an infant. When old enough to attend school he received such educational advantages as the country schools near his home afforded. After his father's death he went to the home of John Cline, a farmer in the same township, and worked for him by the day until he was fourteen years of age, when he went to live again with his

mother (who had in the meantime remarried), remaining there until he became of age. On March 27, 1862, Harmon H. Taulker was united in marriage with Louisa Kuhlman, and they have had three children, namely: Sophia, born October 30, 1863, wife of John Mauntler, a farmer of Woodville township; Henry, born January 12, 1873, lives at home, attending school at Gibsonburg; and August, born January 30, 1875, also lives at home. Mrs. Taulker's parents, William and Margaret (Turenhagen) Kuhlman, lived and died in Hanover, Germany.

Mr. Taulker owns 160 acres of choice land, on which are seven oil wells. From these he derives an income of fifty dollars a month, getting every eighth barrel. His home is in the heart of the oil district, and but one mile from the center of Gibsonburg, and he has a fine residence, with commodious and well-built barns and outbuildings. Mr. Taulker is a Democrat in politics, has held the office of trustee for six years, was township assessor for two years, and was also school director and road supervisor. He and his family are members of the Lutheran Church.

GEORGE L. REARICK, a farmer of Sandusky township, Sandusky county, was born in Union county, Penn., November 2, 1834, a son of William and Mary (Hassenplug) Rearick.

The father of our subject was born in the State of New Jersey, from which he removed to Pennsylvania, later, in 1835, to Ohio, where he settled on a farm of fifty-nine acres in Sandusky township, on the line of the Western Reserve and Maumee turnpike. Here he worked at his trade as a chair-maker, cleared up his land, and for a time boarded the hands engaged in the construction of the pike. He died at his home at the age of seventy years. Our subject's mother was born in Union county, Penn., and became one of the

honored pioneers of Sandusky county, Ohio, where, after a life devoted to her family, she died at the age of eighty-four years. Children: (1) Henry, a blacksmith, who died at Woodville, Ohio. (2) Susannah, who married Peter Reed, had two children, and died in this county. (3) Mary Ellen, who married Aaron Foster, and had one child, Tena; this husband died, and she afterward married David Younkman; now living at Toledo, Ohio. (4) George L., our subject. (5) Julia Ann, who died in childhood. (6) Joseph W. and William Franklin, twins; Joseph W. married Martha Eversole, Sandusky township; William Franklin, unmarried, was a Union soldier in the Third O. V. C., during the Civil war; he was taken prisoner, and, after suffering confinement in three Rebel prisons, was sent to Richmond, Va., to be paroled or exchanged, after which all trace of him was lost.

George L. Rearick, our subject, grew to manhood in Sandusky county, and at the age of eighteen began to learn the blacksmith trade with his brother Henry, for whom he worked two years, and then became his partner in a shop at the Four-Mile House, west of Fremont. In 1877 he married Sarah, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Geeseman) Skinner, who were pioneers of Sandusky county. After marriage, Mr. Rearick and his wife settled in Henry county, Ohio, and remained there about two years. They then returned to Sandusky county, which has been their permanent residence since that time. Mr. Rearick joined the One Hundred days' men during the Civil war, and served in Company K, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment, O. V. I., at Fort Ethan Allen, Va.; he receives a pension for disability. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious faith he and his wife are members of the Reformed Church. Their children are: (1) Cynthia E., born August 28, 1858, who, after teaching school in Ohio and Michigan, married

Augustus Ritzman, March 6, 1879; they have children—Clarence, Claude, Sadie, Lester, Willie, Burton, Anna and Lilly. (2) Theresa Ellen, born January 8, 1862, married to Charles Engler, December 6, 1889; they had four children—Grace, Vergie, George and Clifton. (3) Alberta A., born September 23, 1863, married to Charles Gillier, December 17, 1882; they had two children, one of whom died in childhood, the name of the living one being May. (4) Ida M., born September 19, 1868, married to Lucas Overmyer; they have one child, Ada Alberta; the mother died in 1891; (5) William S., born October 2, 1870, who, after attending the Ada Normal, and the Toledo and Sandusky City Business Colleges, is engaged in teaching in the public schools. (6) Delbert Hayes, born November 30, 1880, is living at home.

LEWIS DEGROFT is a worthy representative of the agricultural interests of Madison township, Sandusky county, and also of an honored pioneer family. He was born July 23, 1858, to the union of Joseph and Mary (Chambers) Degroft, prominent people in their locality.

The district schools of the neighborhood afforded our subject his educational privileges, and from early youth he worked on his father's farm, aiding his brother in clearing the land and placing it under cultivation. Wishing, however, to follow some other pursuit than that to which he was reared, he at the age of eighteen began learning the carpenter's and joiner's trade, which he followed for some time. He then returned to the old homestead, to look after the interests of the farm, which he operated for his father until the latter's death. He still continues its cultivation, and gives to his mother one-third of the products for her support. He is a successful agriculturist, and the neat and thrifty appearance of

the place indicates his careful supervision. In connection with farming he also operates in the oil fields, connecting pipes, etc., and doing carpenter work for the company. Industrious and energetic, we predict that his future career will be one of success.

On November 21, 1880, at Bradner, Ohio, Mr. Degroft was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Morgan, a daughter of Thomas Morgan, a farmer of Wood county, Ohio. He was born in Wales, England, April 27, 1832, and there followed the occupation of coal mining. In 1868 he crossed the water to the New World, and embarked in farming in Ohio. He was married in his native land to Miss Mary Davis, and they became parents of eight children, seven of whom are now living: Mrs. Jennie Degroft, Cassie, Annie, Emma (wife of Henry Jones, a farmer), Rosa, Lizzie and Alta. The parents still live in Wood county, where Mr. Morgan is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr. and Mrs. Degroft have an interesting family of seven children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Myrtle, February 10, 1882; Jessie L., July 10, 1883; Clayton L., December 17, 1887; Glenn M., May 7, 1890; Rachel J., June 1, 1891; Clarence J., November 4, 1893; and Stella B., March 24, 1895. In his political views, Mr. Degroft is a Democrat, but has never sought or desired official honors, preferring to devote his energies to his business interests. The family attend the Baptist Church, and are well-known and highly-esteemed people, holding an enviable position in social circles.

PHILIP H. ZORN, member of the widely-known firm of Zorn, Hornung & Company, of Gibsonburg, Sandusky county, is prominently identified with the growth and prosperity of that city, and, with his partner, has done more, perhaps, to encourage and

foster home industries than any other man in this section of the country. He is another example of that German thrift and industry which is bound to succeed in whatever direction it trends.

Mr. Zorn was born in Nassau, Germany, August 21, 1831, son of John Philip and Margaret (Berbricker) Zorn. The parents came with their children to America, locating in Sandusky county, Ohio, and they both died in Erie county, at the age of seventy-six years. Their family consisted of eight children, of whom the following record is given: John P. died when about twenty-six years old; Philip H. is our subject; Charles, who was a merchant in Iowa, died when about twenty-eight years of age; Louis is a farmer, and lives in Monroe, Mich.; Frederick is a farmer in Montezuma, Iowa; William is a farmer in Erie county, this State; Henry, who was a carpenter, died in Sandusky county; Jacob, also a carpenter, lived in Fremont, where he died.

Philip H. Zorn came to America when a lad of eighteen, finding his way from New York to Fremont, this State, which was then known as Lower Sandusky. Here he found employment at his trade of shoemaker, and remained some five years. In 1856 he married Miss Julia Margaret Stotz, who, like her husband, was a native of Nassau, Germany, the date of her birth being June 2, 1834. To this union nine children were born, of whom the following named survive: (1) Philip H., Jr., born November 25, 1856, received a good common-school education and obtained a thorough practical knowledge of his father's business; he is now manager of the large mercantile firm of Zorn, Hornung & Co., of which he is a member, and was one of the organizers and president of the Gibsonburg Banking Co.; he married Miss Christina Richter, of Fremont, and they have a family of seven children—Harold, Julia, Zella, Carl, Corine, Edna and Florence. (2) Catherine was born February 25, 1860, and resides with her



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parents. (3) F. W., born March 15, 1868, is bookkeeper in his father's company, and a member of the firm; he was married, May 15, 1890, to Miss Nora Ferrenburg, who was born in Pennsylvania, January 5, 1868, and they have two children—Freda and Ray. (4) F. A., born August 25, 1874, is now employed with the firm. The mother of this family passed from earth April 22, 1881.

In the spring of 1856 Mr. Zorn located at Three Rivers, Mich., where he worked at his trade for a few months, and then went into business for himself. After one year he sold out his interest there and removed to Hessville, Sandusky Co., Ohio, carrying on the shoe business until 1863, when he sold out to A. Hornung, and established a general store at Hessville. This business he conducted alone up to 1866, when he took Mr. Hornung into partnership, the firm style being Zorn & Hornung, and they continued the business at Hessville until 1874, when they sold out, in the meantime, in 1872, opening a branch store at Gibsonburg. The branch store opened at Gibsonburg in 1872 was the nucleus around which their present extensive business has materialized, and this has since been the center of their operations. In 1877 Henry Zorn was admitted to partnership, and the business has since been carried on under the title of Zorn, Hornung & Co., of which firm F. W. Zorn and G. W. Hornung have been members since 1887. Succeeding in their first enterprise, the company have enlarged and added to their general merchandise business until now they stand at the head of a series of industries which have proved of immense value to the community, and of profit to themselves. Besides owning one of the largest general stores in northern Ohio, they built the first creamery in Sandusky county, and are owners of a stave factory, a grain elevator, and five lime kilns. Besides all this Mr. Zorn was instrumental in the

drilling of the first successful oil well in the vicinity of Gibsonburg, and the firm are, perhaps, the largest oil producers in this part of Ohio, having an interest in 5,000 to 6,000 acres of oil and gas leases and 150 drilled wells. In operating these various industries they have constantly employed a large number of men at good wages, and in this way have contributed in no small degree to the prosperity of the city. Mr. Zorn is a Democrat, and a member of the Lutheran Church, and he is always ready to help in any cause which has for its object the welfare of his fellowmen.

REUBEN CLINK is a prominent agriculturist and stock raiser of Woodville township, Sandusky county, where he was born January 11, 1852. He is a son of Caleb Clink, an honored pioneer, and well-known farmer of Woodville township, who passed away in November, 1894. He also has three brothers living in Sandusky county, well-known and influential citizens.

In the district schools near his home Reuben Clink acquired his primary education, and in early boyhood began to work upon his father's farm. He was early inured to the labors of farm life, and to his father continued to give the benefit of his services until he had arrived at man's estate. He was then married, and operated his father-in-law's farm five years. When that period had passed he removed to the place which is still his home, comprising 138 acres of rich land, eighty acres of which are under cultivation. The improvements upon the place have all been secured through his efforts, the work of clearing has nearly all been done by him, and to-day he is in possession of one of the finest and best equipped farms of the neighborhood. Well-kept fences divide it into fields of convenient size, and a fine orchard and vineyard add materially to

his income by their heavy yields, for of late years he has engaged quite extensively in fruit growing. In 1886 he put up a large and substantial barn as well as other outbuildings, and recently he has erected a substantial and tasteful dwelling, one of the finest in the township, supplied with all modern improvements. The building alone cost \$2,000, and is one of the beautiful country homes of Sandusky county, the grounds and fences being kept in first-class condition, while the lawn is ornamented with beautiful shrubs and trees which add to the attractive appearance of the place.

On November 21, 1875, Reuben Clink was united in marriage with Adie Tucker, daughter of Thomas Tucker, who was born in New York, where he followed the occupation of a lumber manufacturer. He was there married, and of the union were born eight children—Marvin D., Matthew E., Charles W., Francis, Elvina, Jane, Emma and Laura. The mother of this family died in New York, after which he removed to Ohio, locating in Rollersville, Sandusky county, where he married Ester Mohler, and by her he had four children—Adie, born October 8, 1858; Nelson, born August 18, 1857, a farmer residing in Woodville township, Sandusky county; and one who died in childhood. Mr. Tucker died in Rollersville, and Mrs. Tucker remained a widow four years, when she married John Frobish, who died January 28, 1892, since when she has lived on her farm in Woodville township. Four children grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. Clink: Tillie, born September 22, 1878; Gertrude, born September 17, 1881; Bertie, born July 7, 1885; and Oran W., born June 17, 1889.

Mr. Clink has held the office of school director in Woodville township, has been clerk of the school board, and takes a deep and abiding interest in the cause of education, and other matters that tend to advance the general welfare of the township. In his political views he is inde-

pendent, supporting the man whom he considers best qualified for office regardless of party affiliations. He and his family are connected with the United Brethren Church, and are highly esteemed people of the community, holding an enviable position in social circles.

JOHAN B. MOHN, one of the public-spirited and successful farmers of York township, Sandusky county, is a native of Berks county, Penn., as were also his parents, who came of German ancestry.

He is the son of Joseph and Catherine Burgert Mohn, and was born July 20, 1839. His father, born in 1812, was a mason by trade, and he started from Berks county, Penn., for a home in Ohio in the fall of 1852, on the day when Franklin Pierce was elected President of the United States. He made the long journey in a wagon, and located first in Ashland county, where, however, he remained only a year. In the fall of 1853 he continued westward to Flat Rock, Seneca county, where he purchased a home and remained during the rest of his life. He worked at his trade, and lived to the age of eighty years. Joseph Mohn was a member of the Evangelical Church; in politics he was a Whig, and afterward a Republican. It is indeed notable that all the blood relations of Mr. Mohn have also been Republicans. The widow of Mr. Mohn, who was born in 1814, still lives at Flat Rock. The ten children of Joseph and Catherine Mohn were as follows: Levina, who died at the age of sixteen years; Eliza, who died young; an infant, deceased, unnamed; Harrison, now a carpenter, in California; John B., subject of this sketch; Sarah, who married John Terwilliger, and lives at Flat Rock; Sebastian, a farmer and carpenter, of Clyde; Fannie, wife of John McLaughlin; Martin, a minister of the M. E. Church,

now stationed in Coshocton county; Tillie, wife of Jacob Trot, of Seneca county.

John B. Mohn was a boy of fourteen when he came with his parents to Flat Rock. He worked on the farm, and attended the district schools. For a year he worked at masonry, his father's trade, but did not like it, and returned to farming at monthly wages until his marriage, in the fall of 1861, to Miss Sarah Hassen-ger, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1843. He rented a farm and began housekeeping in York township. Mr. and Mrs. Mohn have two children, Flora and Minnie, the former married to W. A. Roach, and has one child, Chester Leroy. In 1864 Mr. Mohn enlisted in Company A, Fifty-fifth O. V. I., and served in the army of the West. He was with Sher-
man in the Atlanta campaign, also in the memorable march to the sea, and he participated in the grand review at Wash-
ington. Returning to his home he resumed farming. Mr. Mohn purchased his present excellent farm of 104 acres in the spring of 1881, and is engaged in grain and stock raising. In politics he is a pro-
nounced Republican, and he takes an active interest in county political affairs. He has served as trustee of York township four years. Socially he is a member of the Masonic Lodge and Chapter, and he is also prominent in G. A. R. and U. V. U. circles. Mr. Mohn is a staunch believer in American institutions and American lib-
erty, and opposed to the introduction of monarchical or hierarchical methods in state affairs.

DANIEL HOCK, the leading baker and grocer of Fremont, Sandusky county, is a native of Webenheim Rhein Phalz, Bavaria, Germany, born April 10, 1832, and is a son of Chris-
tian and Caroline (Schunck) Hock.

Christian Hock was a hotel-keeper and farmer by occupation. When fifty years of age he started for America to

meet one of his sons at Yonkers, N. Y., but was never heard from after he got on shipboard, and it is supposed he died on the way across the Atlantic Ocean and was buried at sea. The paternal grand-
father of our subject, Nicholas Hock, was a native of Switzerland, and a large farmer. He had two brothers who came to America in 1793, and landed at Phila-
delphia, Penn., and from them many of the Hock families of America have de-
scended. The mother of our subject was born in Germany in 1799, and died in 1843. The children of Christian and Caroline Hock, in the order of their ages, were: Carrie, John, Christian, Frederick, Mary, Jacob, Daniel, Catharine, Louis, Otto. Of these, John, Fred and Mary died in Germany, Jacob and Otto in Clyde, Ohio, and Christian at Fremont, Ohio. Carrie was married in Germany, came to America in 1836, and she and her husband died at Albany, N. Y.; Louis is a dealer in boots and shoes, at Clyde, Ohio; Cath-
arine is the wife of Andrew Markstahler, of Tiffin, Ohio. Otto Hock was a sol-
dier in the Civil war, having served as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment O. V. I.

Daniel Hock learned the baker's trade in Germany, and followed it there for eight years. He then emigrated to Amer-
ica, at the age of twenty-one, to avoid being drafted into the German army, land-
ing at New Orleans, La., where he found work at his trade. The yellow fever was epidemic there, and his employer fell a vic-
tim to it; so on learning the facts in regard to that terrible plague, Mr. Hock con-
cluded to go farther north, and promptly took a steamer for Cincinnati, Ohio. From there he went to Sandusky City, Ohio, where, on the shore of Sandusky Bay, his brother Christian was foreman in a large stone quarry, called "Plaster Bed." Here he found ready employment, and remained two years. In the spring of 1856 he first came to Fremont, but did not stay long. He went on down to

Cincinnati, where he worked at his trade, in 1858 returning to Fremont and establishing his own grocery and bakery, at the corner of State and Main streets, where he is still located and doing a prosperous business.

Daniel Hock was married, in 1859, to Miss Elizabeth Fuchs, a native of Homburg, Bavaria, who was born in 1836 and died in 1881. Their children were: William, who died when ten years of age; Carrie, who is living at home and assisting her father in business; Daniel and Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Clara, Edward, Libbie and Haidee, all four at home.

ARON MYERS was born April 5, 1847, in Madison township, Sandusky county, where he still makes his home, and is a son of Samuel Myers, a native of West Virginia.

The father was a son of Jacob Myers, a farmer of West Virginia, who removed to Perry county, Ohio, where he carried on agricultural pursuits up to the time of his death. His son Samuel received but limited educational privileges, for there were no free schools in those days. His first employment was in a distillery, and he also worked upon his father's farm until his marriage, at the age of twenty-four years. In 1835 he came to Madison township, Sandusky county, where he purchased 160 acres of timber land, receiving the deed for the same from Gen. Jackson, who was then serving as President, and for whom Samuel Myers cast his first vote. He erected a log cabin with his own hands, cutting away the trees in order to make room for the dwelling, and then returned to Perry county for his girl wife, whom he brought to his cabin home. She rode on horseback, while Mr. Myers drove a team, hauling the household effects.

The young couple lived in a rude house without windows or doors—quilts serving as a substitute—and were forced to keep

fires burning all night outside of their cabin to ward off the howling wolves and other wild animals which then infested that part of the country. There Mr. Myers lived alone with his wife and little family, far away from neighbors, and with no roads or even a pathway. He frequently had to go to Fremont on horseback with a bushel or two of wheat, which he took to the mill and had ground in order to make bread for the family. The road was at times impassable, and it was necessary to follow the Indian trails, the journey thus consuming two days. He was aided and encouraged by his young wife, and thus sustained began clearing away the dense growth of timber, which soon fell before the axe of the young pioneer, and was replaced by the green corn and golden-headed wheat. In time he became the owner of a well-cultivated and valuable farm, and, though many were the trials and hardships in early days, he continued his labors until they were crowned with success, an example well worthy to be followed. He succeeded in fencing the land, and the rude cabin home gave way to a more commodious and ornamental structure, the log barn being replaced by good frame outbuildings, and instead of the wolves and deer which were seen in the neighborhood there were fine grades of cattle and horses. He also planted a fine orchard, and the place is now one of the model farms of the nineteenth century—a monument to the honest toil, laudable ambition and enterprising spirit of the owner. He also aided in laying out the roads through the township, gave one and a half acres of land on which to erect a school house, and has done all in his power for the promotion of education, of which he is a staunch friend.

In 1835 Samuel Myers was married, in Perry county, Ohio, to Susanna Winters, who shared his pioneer life in the woods, and was indeed a faithful companion and helpmeet to him. Their family numbered eleven children. Those living

are: Isaac, born in 1838, a farmer, operating his brother's land; Mary J., born in 1844, the wife of Herman Seen, a farmer of Petersburg, Mich.; Aaron Myers is the sixth child; Henry, born in 1851, farms in Madison township, Sandusky county; Frank, born in 1856, is also an agriculturist; those deceased are: John; Sarah, wife of Christopher Foster; Elias; Phœbe, wife of Elia Rife; Levina and George. The mother died in 1880, mourned by a loving husband and father, to whom she devoted her life with an unselfishness seldom equaled. Mr. Myers was elected trustee of the township for many years, and discharged the duties of the office with credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned. He took a deep interest in the cause of education, and was a leading member of the school board for more than a quarter of a century. He quietly passed away April 20, 1895, respected and beloved by all who knew him, for his life was above reproach. Although eighty-four years of age at the time of his death, he was still quite active. Eight years before his decease he had prepared for himself a coffin, placed therein \$50 for funeral expenses, made all arrangements for the funeral, chose those whom he wished to act as pall bearers, and selected a tomb stone. His wishes were carried out by those who were left behind to mourn the loss of one whose life was ever a source of inspiration and encouragement. Thus one of Sandusky county's most honored pioneers passed away, but his memory remains green in the hearts of all who knew him.

Aaron Myers acquired a limited education in the district schools of his native township, pursuing his studies through the winter season, while during the summer months, in connection with his brothers, he aided in the labors of the farm. At the age of twenty-one he removed to Woodville township, Sandusky county, where he rented land, continuing its cultivation for three years, when he returned

to Madison township, and purchased fifty acres of land from his brother Elias. This he operated for some years, and then disposed of it to his brother, while he owns and operates the old homestead, comprising 140 acres of well-cultivated land.

Mr. Myers was married at Woodville, Ohio, March 24, 1870, to Betsy Truman, who was born January 1, 1848, in Woodville township. Three children constitute the family: (1) Ora C., born October 12, 1870, in Woodville township; was educated in the public schools of Madison township, and now follows farming; on May 5, 1892, he wedded Miss Mellacena Kiser, daughter of Daniel Kiser, a farmer of Madison township, and they have one child—Orvil, born January 16, 1894. (2) Orrison Ray, born in Woodville township, June 5, 1875; was educated in Madison township, and is at home with his parents. (3) Ralph B., born September 24, 1883, is attending school. Mrs. Myers is a member of the Baptist Church, and of the Ladies' Aid Society of Madison township. Our subject is a staunch Democrat, but has never sought or desired official preferment. He is an honest, industrious man, enterprising and progressive, and acted the part of a dutiful son toward his father, who found with him and Mrs. Myers a pleasant home after the death of the mother. They cared for him with loving consideration, and such acts of kindness are characteristic of the worthy couple who are well deserving of mention among the best citizens of the community.

ALVA J. HAWK, farmer, Ballville township, Sandusky county, was born in Green Creek township, same county, November 17, 1851, a son of Joseph and Martha (Harris) Hawk. Joseph Hawk was born in Pennsylvania, came to Ohio early in life, and settled in Green Creek township,

where he followed farming. He was fond of hunting, and kept a deer park near his house. His first wife was a Miss Ridenour, by whom he had four children: William, a farmer, who died in Michigan, 1893; Marie, wife of Joseph King, died 1879; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Baker, a farmer of Green Creek township; and Marian, farmer and ex-soldier. The second wife of Joseph Hawk was Martha (Harris), born in Schuylkill county, Penn., who came to Ohio at the age of fourteen. She is still living, at Cleveland, Ohio, aged sixty-six. Their children were: Sarah, wife of Henry G. Gibbons, a real-estate agent at Clyde, Ohio; Alva J., our subject; Mary, wife of Albert Snyder, of Wood county, Ohio; Charles, living in Baker City, Oreg.; Byron M., a farmer, of near Clyde, Ohio; Ida, wife of William Sherwood, of Fremont; Anna, wife of Dr. Harnden, of Clyde, Ohio; and Etta, wife of Mr. Kessler. The parents of our subject were both of Pennsylvania-Dutch descent. Joseph Hawk died in 1889, at the age of seventy-five years.

A. J. Hawk grew to manhood on his father's farm, and attended the common schools. In 1881 he married Miss Amanda Wise, who was born October 19, 1857, in Pennsylvania, and settled in Clyde, Ohio, where he worked at the painting trade several years. He then moved upon a farm in Green Creek township, and later, in 1891, bought his present farm in the northeastern part of Ballville township, where he has made marked improvements, and where, in addition to general farming, he gives attention to poultry raising and small-fruit culture. Their children are: Laurel, Vernon, Roilen, Romie, Cleveland, and Ethel May.

D H. McGRADY, farmer, Sandusky township, Sandusky county, was born in County Down, Ireland, October 22, 1852, a son of Patrick and Mary (Agness) McGrady.

Patrick McGrady was born in the same locality. He came to America in 1861, his family following him two years afterward. They located on a farm near Castalia, Ohio, on which they remained two years, and then removed to Townsend township. In 1893 they came to Sandusky township, near Fremont, to live with the family of our subject. Here Patrick McGrady died January 24, 1894; his wife, who was born in 1813, is still living. They had nine children, six of whom died young. The living are: Elizabeth, wife of Michael Gallagher; Mary, wife of Benjamin Robinson; and D. H., our subject.

D. H. McGrady grew up in Townsend township, and received a common-school education. He was married in 1878 to Elizabeth Lietzke, who was born in Germany, September 12, 1858, and they have seven children: John, Charles P., Mary A., Luella C., Joseph H., Francis E., and Otto T. Mr. McGrady purchased his present excellent farm in 1893, located in close proximity to Fremont, and by economy, thrift and industry has accumulated means, and is looked upon as one of the most enterprising of the younger element of men in the vicinity. He is the "bred-in-the-bone" of his Gallic ancestry. He is an ardent Roman Catholic, and a patriotic American citizen. His paternal grandfather, George McGrady, died in Ireland.

F RANK R. HAVENS, farmer and dealer in live stock, Jackson township, Sandusky county, was born near his present place of residence January 11, 1860, a son of William J. Havens.

Our subject was reared on his father's farm, where he received valuable lessons in the most approved modern methods of farming in vogue in the Black Swamp, a region formerly noted for its deep mud, and fever and ague, but which has had its soil

fertilized and its air purified by scientific ditching and subsoil drainage, making it the garden spot of northern Ohio. He obtained his education in the common schools, and at the home fireside. He remained with his parents until his eighteenth year when he married, and then entered upon farming on his own account. He first rented one hundred acres of land of J. B. Winters, for one year; then moved upon eighty acres of his father's land which he farmed on shares. He next bought eighty acres of his father, and, three years later, seventy-six acres of the Thomas Brown estate; then three years still later eighty acres of his father, then forty acres of William Lease, and twenty acres of Solomon King, and 153 acres of the old Otho Lease farm, making a total of 449 acres. He carries on general farming, and makes a specialty of raising, buying and shipping fat hogs to East Buffalo, once or twice a year. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and has held various local offices; in religious connection he is a member of the U. B. Church. He has been very successful in his business ventures, and is highly esteemed for his upright character.

On January 23, 1879, F. R. Havens was married to Miss Avilda J. Winter, and the names and dates of birth of their children are as follows: Flavel S., August 23, 1882; Robert G., August 17, 1884; Essie G., February 2, 1890; Ross Ray, January 28, 1892; and Willis B., December 11, 1894.

DAVID J. WINCHELL, a prosperous farmer of Scott township, Sandusky county, was born in Wheaton, Du Page Co., Ill., September 3, 1845, and is one of the eleven children of Luther and Phebe (Waterman) Winchell.

The father of our subject was born in Connecticut, in 1800, and when a lad of but twelve years entered the war of 1812,

as a substitute for his uncle who had been drafted, and with whom he was living at the time. He engaged in several battles, including that of Sackett's Harbor, which was fought in 1813, and resulted in an American victory. The gun which he carried is now in possession of our subject, who values it most highly. After the war, Luther Winchell learned blacksmithing, and followed the trade for a few years in his native city; but having a desire to see the West, he emigrated to Ohio, and purchased land in Ohio and Illinois, at one time owning altogether 700 acres, 160 of which were on the site of the present city of Chicago. By the time of his death he had become quite wealthy, and left a large property to his family. His wife, a native of Massachusetts, was born in 1805, and died July 19, 1895. Their children were Stephen R., Luther, David J., Sabra A. (who has extensive real-estate interests in Chicago), Harriet M., Phœbe R., Lucy, Cynthia, and three who died in childhood.

David Winchell coming to Ohio at an early day has witnessed its development from an almost unbroken wilderness into fine homes and farms. When only six years of age he accompanied his parents to Lake county, where he grew to manhood, acquiring his education in the public schools and in the Madison Normal. Subsequently he came to Scott township, Sandusky county, and rented his father's farm of 340 acres for twenty years. During this time he purchased portions of it at intervals until he now owns 104 acres, which are located in the oil regions. A gas well has also been sunk upon the place, which supplies the home with gas, both for lighting and fuel. In addition to farming, Mr. Winchell has been engaged in general stock raising, buying and shipping stock direct to Buffalo and New York. In this branch of his business he has been very successful. When he purchased his land it was partly

covered with a dense grove of native forest trees; but by earnest and persistent toil he has transformed the place into highly-cultivated fields, and it is now a well-tilled, well-fenced property, improved with good buildings and all the accessories of a model farm.

Mr. Winchell has found in his wife a faithful companion and helpmeet. He was married September 18, 1869, to Harriet Rineholt, who was born in Jackson township, Sandusky county, September 16, 1852, a daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth (Selsor) Rineholt, who were pioneers of Jackson township, where they still reside. Mrs. Winchell attended the public schools in the locality, and remained with her parents until her marriage, when she went to the farm which has since been her home. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Winchell—Myra—was born October 26, 1870, and was married November 13, 1890, to J. F. Wagner, who carries on general farming in Scott township. He was educated at Findlay, Ohio, and in Delaware College, from which he was graduated, while his wife has been a special student of vocal and instrumental music. Two bright children—Estella Ivonia and Hazel Gertrude—grace the home of their parents, bringing much life and enjoyment thereto.

PETER NICKLES is one of the old and honored residents of Sandusky county, where he has lived for more than half a century, engaged in farming. He is a native of France, born February 26, 1815. His father, Henry Nickles, was a farmer of that country, and Peter spent the days of his boyhood and youth upon the old home place, where, aiding in the labors of the field, he became familiar with all the duties of agricultural life.

In 1836, having attained years of maturity, Mr. Nickles determined to try his fortune in America, believing that he

might better his financial condition thereby, and accordingly crossed the Atlantic to New York City. He did not remain long in the Eastern metropolis, however, but came direct to Sandusky county, Ohio, and after living at various places for a few years, located upon a seventy-seven-acre tract of timber land in Jackson township, the nucleus of his present landed possessions. This he at once began to clear and improve, and there made his home for thirteen years, when he came to Washington township. His entire life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits, and has therefore been a quiet one; but he has faithfully performed every duty that has come to him, and has won the respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

On May 8, 1845, Mr. Nickles was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Joseph, who was born October 22, 1825, and was one of a large family; her father was a German farmer, living in Sandusky county. Eleven children were born of this union, as follows: Sophia, in 1846; Mary Ann, in 1848; Christina, November 5, 1849; Margaret, October 13, 1851, died October 1, 1874; Sarah, October 28, 1853; John G., October 13, 1855; Anna, August 10, 1858; Catharine Jane, March 9, 1861; Lydia, August 30, 1863; George H., March 28, 1866, and Minnie, April 9, 1871. Mr. and Mrs. Nickles are still living on the old home farm that has been their place of residence for so many years. The father was industrious and enterprising, and as his financial resources increased he bought other property, and now owns ninety acres on which his son George lives, and ninety acres which is the home of his son John G. In politics he is a Republican, and formerly took quite an active interest in political affairs, but he has now largely withdrawn from public life. Both he and his wife are members of the Evangelical Church, and are worthy people, well meriting the esteem of their many friends.



Sarah Pickles



Peter Nikles

JOHN G. NICKLES, the six child in the above mentioned family, has spent his entire life in Sandusky county. He was born on the old home farm in Washington township October 13, 1855, and passed the days of his boyhood and youth in the usual manner of farmer lads, remaining with his parents until his marriage. On March 20, 1881, he wedded Miss Emily L. Culbert, daughter of a farmer of Sandusky county, and the young couple began their domestic life upon a ninety-acre tract of land belonging to Mr. Nickles' father, to the cultivation and improvement of which he has since devoted his time and energies. The fields are now well tilled, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place indicates his careful supervision.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Nickles has been blessed with a family of six children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Lottie Maud, November 24, 1882; Lucy, October 26, 1884; Helen, October 30, 1886; Addie, March 25, 1888; Walter, December 1, 1889; and Ruth, who died in early childhood. John G. Nickles exercises his right of franchise in support of the Republican party, and has been called upon to fill the offices of road supervisor and school director, discharging the duties of both in a prompt and able manner. He is a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of the county, and as a citizen is public-spirited and progressive, interested in whatever tends to promote the general welfare.

L KOLB was born in Schwetzingen, Baden, Germany, July 2, 1826, and is a son of Michael and Magdalena (Weir) Kolb. His father was a weaver in the old country, and followed that trade up to the time of his death. Both he and his wife spent their entire lives in their native land, the father passing away at the ripe old age of sev-

enty-six years, while the mother died at the age of fifty-one. They left a family of six children, all of whom remained in Germany with the exception of our subject, to wit: Elizabeth (who became the wife of Frederick Boop, but both are now deceased), subject, Adam, Margaret (wife of George Kolpe), Elizabeth and Philip.

As soon as he was old enough our subject began working with his father, and to the weaver's trade devoted his time and energies until 1853, when he left home for the New World, hoping to benefit his financial condition by a residence in America. Before leaving the Fatherland, however, he was united in marriage with Miss Susanna Kulpe, daughter of Louis and Barbara Kulpe, farming people who spent their entire lives in Germany. The daughter was the second in order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being Jacob, Effie, Abraham, Maria, Michael and Catherina. Mr. Kolb had no capital with which to begin life in the New World, but being a man of resolute spirit, and not afraid of work, he soon secured a start. His first position was as a section hand on the railroad, and he worked in that capacity some ten years, five of which were spent in Port Clinton, Ottawa Co., Ohio. After that he went to Norwalk, Ohio, where he was employed by the day as a farm hand for a period of five years. In the meantime he saved his earnings, and with the capital acquired removed to Washington township, Sandusky county, where he invested his earnings in eighty acres of farm land. This was in 1855, and for thirty-five years he lived upon that place, continuing its cultivation, until the once wild prairie was transformed into rich and fertile fields that yielded to the owner a golden tribute in return for his care and labor. In 1889 he purchased his present farm, to which he later removed, and here he is practically living retired, his son-in-law operating the farm, while he is resting in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kolb were born three children—one son and two daughters—the eldest of whom, Philip, born August 15, 1851, is now deceased; Lena, born November 4, 1853, is the wife of George Stotz, who is a farmer of Washington township (they have six children); Barbara, born June 26, 1869, is the wife of Jacob Beeker, who operates the old Kolb homestead to their union has been born one child.

Mr. Kolb is a supporter of the Democracy, and is a member of the German Lutheran Church. He came to this country empty-handed, but has steadily worked his way upward, and the success he has achieved is the just reward of his own labors, and shows what can be accomplished by perseverance and energy in a country where merit is unhampered by the closely drawn lines of caste or class.

JACOB MONROE KING is the owner of one of the fine farms of Sandusky county, and a progressive and enterprising man whom the community may well number among its valued citizens. He was born on the farm which is still his home, and is a representative of one of the honored early families of the county. The date of his birth is December 21, 1860, and he is a son of Peter and Mary (Shoemaker) King, who came from Pennsylvania to Ohio in 1850, locating on the place where our subject now resides. Here the father carried on farming until his death, which occurred on August 2, 1880, when he had attained the age of sixty-two years. He left 240 acres of land to be divided equally among his nine children.

The record of this family is as follows: Samuel, who follows farming in Henry county; George W., an agriculturist of Rice township; Rebecca, who became the wife of I. J. Shoemaker, and died in Henry, Ohio, September 25, 1894, leaving a family of three children—George,

Peter and Jacob; Levi, county commissioner of Henry county; Henry, who is engaged in farming in that county; Melinda, now the wife of S. Shoemaker, of Indiana, by whom she had two children—Maurievi (now deceased) and Jacob; Mary, wife of Noah Garrett, a farmer of Sandusky county, by whom she has one living child; Peter, an agriculturist of Henry county; and Jacob Monroe.

Although the youngest of the family, Jacob Monroe King, upon his father's death, determined to purchase the homestead that it might not be divided, and by hard labor, industry and economy he succeeded in acquiring enough capital to purchase the interest of one brother and sister, and now lives upon the place which has been his home throughout his entire life. On December 22, 1880, Mr. King was united in marriage with Isabel Maurer, the esteemed daughter of Manuel Maurer, a well-known farmer of Washington township. With them resides the mother of Mr. King, who though now well-advanced in life bears her seventy-eight years lightly. The household is also blessed with the presence of seven children, constituting an interesting family, in order of birth their names and dates of birth being as follows: Clarence, October 28, 1881; Rosanna, April 13, 1882; Alvin, March 3, 1883; Levi, December 27, 1885; Alta, November 27, 1887; George L., October 16, 1890; and John, June 28, 1893.

The home of this family is a fine frame residence which sets somewhat back from the road, and on the lawn in front stand many beautiful evergreen trees, which throw their grateful shade over the home in summer, protecting it from Sol's hot rays. The farm is highly improved and cultivated, and waving fields of grain indicate the thrift and enterprise of the owner. In addition he also has one of the finest apple orchards in this section of the county, comprising nine acres on which are raised the following well-known varie-

ties: Baldwins, northern spies, rainbows, greenings, spitzenbergers, seek-no-farthers, and three different kinds of russets. In connection with general farming and fruit growing, Mr. King gives some attention to the raising of fine-bred hogs, and takes a deep interest in the breeding of good horses. His energetic nature carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes and he is a progressive business man, whose straightforward dealing and well-spent life have gained him the high regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact. In politics he is a Democrat.

JONATHAN FALER, a contractor in Woodville township, Sandusky county, was born in Pennsylvania, January 10, 1821, son of George and Eva (Houtz) Faler, who came to Ohio from Pennsylvania and located in Perry county, where they bought a small tract of timber land. The mother of the subject of this sketch died in Perry county when he was an infant only one year old, leaving him and six other children. His father married again, by which union he had five children, sold the tract of land in Perry county in 1833, rented a farm where he spent the remainder of his days, and died September 24, 1834.

Jonathan Faler lived at home until his father's death, then went to Pickaway county, Ohio, secured a position as a farm hand, and worked one year. He then worked at various occupations for four years, and in 1842 came with a family to Woodville township, Sandusky county, where he was engaged in making potash for one year, then worked at clearing land for six years. On December 24, 1843, he was united in marriage with Catherine Swartzman, and thirteen children were born to them, as follows: Mary A., born October 27, 1844, married Eli Good, a farmer of Hancock county, Ohio, by whom she had six children; Margaret,

born February 8, 1846, died young; Lovica A., born July 30, 1849, married John Angus, a farmer of Scott township, Sandusky county, Ohio; George A., born August 7, 1851, died May 16, 1872; John H., born November, 1853, living in Fostoria, Ohio; Lavina A., born January 23, 1856, married Jacob W. Good, of Fostoria, Ohio; Isaac, born June 15, 1858; Charles W., born May 15, 1861, died May 29, 1865; Emma I., born February 22, 1864, married Charles G. Meyers, of Rising Sun, Montgomery township, Wood Co., Ohio; Nelson, born December 13, 1866; Jonathan D., born March 13, 1868; Delias, born October 3, 1871, now deceased; and one deceased in infancy. The parents of Mrs. Jonathan Faler, Paul and Mary (Moore) Swartzman, were farmers in Sandusky county, where both died, the father at the age of forty-six, the mother at the age of fifty-seven.

Mr. Faler began working at the carpenter's trade in 1849, and followed it until 1864, when he enlisted in the One Hundred and Seventy-seventh O. V. I., under the command of Col. Wilcox and Capt. Thomas. They were mustered in at Cleveland, Ohio, and sent to Murfreesboro, Tenn. Mr. Faler took an active part in several battles. On January 24, 1865, he was honorably discharged, and came home to his wife and family. Mr. Faler has more work as a contractor than he can take care of, and has a paying oil well on his place. He is an upright man, a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

BIRCHARD HAVENS, farmer, of Jackson township, Sandusky county, was born near the place of his present residence, August 16, 1847, a son of Henry and Sarah (Iams) Havens.

Henry Havens, the father of our subject, was one of the early pioneers of the Black Swamp, born at Columbus, Ohio,

and came to Sandusky county in the year 1837, entered 160 acres of land in Section 10, Jackson township, to which more was added later, making 400 acres, about half of which he cleared himself of heavy timber, always worked very hard, and from exposure contracted consumption, of which he died. Birchard Havens, our subject, was the fourth in order of birth in the family of eight children, was reared upon his father's farm, and received the customary country-school education. He started out in life on his own account at the age of eighteen years, working on a farm for his brother William one year, and for John King one year. At the age of twenty he rented some land from his brother for one year, and subsequently bought eighty acres from Joseph Hammer for \$5,000. After clearing off ten acres of the timber he sold it two years later to his brother, and in 1870 bought the 152 acres where he now lives. He has 130 acres under good cultivation, of which he cleared a large part himself. He has always worked diligently, enjoyed good health, and been a good provider for his family. He is highly respected in his community, and has held various civil offices.

Birchard Havens was married January 17, 1867, to Miss Elizabeth C. Overmyer, who was born February 19, 1844, daughter of Lewis and Mary Stoffer Overmyer. The father of Mrs. Havens was born December 10, 1810, and died October 1, 1886; her mother was born January 20, 1811, and died May 31, 1862. Their children were: Hugh, who married Dinah Kelley, by whom he had six children; Susan, who married John Kelley, and had two children; Mary Ellen, who married Henry Sheffner, who died, and for her second husband she married John Reed, who died, and she then wedded William Brown, who lives in Fremont, Ohio; Ben, who married Ellen Burkhart, and has two children—Charles and Coraetta; Elizabeth C., wife of our subject.

The children of Birchard and Elizabeth Havens were as follows: Clara, born May 30, 1868, married to Frank Kenan, and has two children—Armina Catharine, born March 7, 1890, and Edna Rose, born July 24, 1891; Hattie, born November 13, 1871, who has taught eight terms of school in Jackson township, and resides with her parents; Myrtie, born September 7, 1874, who died in childhood; Della, born May 10, 1876; and one that died in infancy. Mr. Havens and his wife are members of the United Brethren Church, toward which they are liberal contributors.

WILLIAM VOGT, a prosperous farmer of Riley township, Sandusky county, was born October 29, 1857, and is a son of Henry and Madeline Vogt, the former of whom was born in Switzerland January 31, 1811. Henry Vogt came to America in 1837, and ran a large truck line. On June 20, 1848, in Philadelphia, Penn., he was united in marriage with Madeline Mangold, who was born in France June 20, 1828, and they became the parents of six children, as follows: Henry, born August 4, 1850, married Mary Bauman, and lives in Fremont, Sandusky county; Albert, born January 13, 1853, married Tillie Hudson, and they have had one child (they live in Ballville township, Sandusky county); Elizabeth, born June 3, 1855, married Frank Bartis, and they had three children (she died February 21, 1892, and was buried in Ballville township, Sandusky county); William is the subject of this sketch; Frank, born December 1, 1860, lives in Fremont, and George was born February 9, 1864. In 1860, after running the truck line for about twenty-three years, Henry Vogt sold out, came west, and settled in Ohio. He was in business two years in Fremont, and in 1862 moved to Riley township, where he bought a farm of one hundred

acres, which cost him two thousand dollars. In 1887 he sold this farm, bought a property of ninety-seven acres, and lived there until his death, which occurred January 1, 1882. He was school director for several years, was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the German Reformed Church.

William Vogt was united in marriage May 4, 1880, in Riley township, with Mary Livingston, who was born June 3, 1859, and they have had two children, namely: William A., born January 22, 1881, and Charles M., born July 22, 1888. Mr. Vogt had the benefit of a common-school education. He has fifty-eight acres of valuable land about two miles north-east of Fremont, and follows general farming. He is a Democrat in politics, and attends St. John's Church. His grandfather Henry, who was born in Switzerland, married Barbara Hirt, and they had two children, Henry and John.

DARLIN L. AMES, one of the native sons of Sandusky county, is a telegraph operator at Clyde. His birth occurred in that county, on the 24th of June, 1858, and from the business college of Clyde he was graduated in the class of 1876. He was reared to farming, but, not wishing to follow agricultural pursuits, he began the study of telegraphy in the office of the W. & L. E. Railway Company, in Clyde, after completing which he became operator for that company, and also for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company. He was next connected with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, being stationed at Monticello, Iowa, and also served as operator in Virginia for the Norfolk & Western railroad. He now makes his home in Clyde, being again in the employ of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company, at that place.

Mr. Ames was united in marriage with Miss Libbie Campbell, and their union

has been blessed with one son, Floyd. Our subject is public-spirited and progressive, and there are few men more popular among the people of this community than he, who has spent nearly his entire life in their midst. He holds membership with the Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 494, of Air Line Junction, Lucas Co., Ohio, and in social circles both he and his wife hold an enviable position.

The father of our subject, Joel Loomis Ames, was born in New London county, Conn., July 30, 1822, and is a son of Martin and Eliza Loomis Ames, the former also a native of New London county, where he was born January 24, 1795, and the latter's birth occurred in East Lyme, Conn., May 27, 1802. The boyhood days of the grandfather were spent in his native State, where he was married, and he became the father of four children before coming west, in 1827, when he located at Auburn, Mich. There he made his home until 1836, when he came to Ohio, securing a farm in Section 6, York township, Sandusky county, and there made his home until his death, which occurred February 6, 1856. His wife survived him for seven years, being called to her final rest October 8, 1863. All his life had been devoted to agricultural pursuits, and with the assistance of his sons, he here cleared 200 acres of good farming land. He formerly belonged to the Baptist Church, but at the time of his death he was a Swedenborgian. His wife, after his death, made her home alternately with J. L. Ames, and J. Ames, a son, who resides in Wood county, Ohio, and there she passed away. In their family were eight children, namely: E. G., who was born September 5, 1820, was a store-keeper of Clyde, where he died July 12, 1849; Joel L. is the second of the family; Daniel, born May 30, 1824, is a resident of Bowling Green, Wood Co., Ohio; Jonathan, born March 20, 1826, lives in Carthage, Jasper Co., Mo.; George, born October 14, 1830, died July

3, 1849; John, born July 16, 1836, died October 2, 1874; Eliza Ann, wife of William Russell, born February 28, 1840, died September 13, 1858; James, born September 10, 1843, died June 6, 1844.

The paternal grandfather, Elder Jonathan Ames, was of English ancestry, and spent his entire life in New London county, Conn., where he was a devoted member of the Baptist Church. His death occurred May 22, 1830, when he was sixty-two years old. His father died October 27, 1814, at the age of eighty-seven, while his mother, who died December 17, 1819, had reached the extreme old age of ninety-eight years. The maternal great-grandfather of our subject, Hon. Joel Loomis, was born May 5, 1773, and was one of the leading and prominent men of New London county, Conn. He held a number of important offices within the gift of the people, including that of justice of the peace, and judge of the county court, and he served as a member of the State Legislature. He was of English descent. Though he visited his grandchildren in Sandusky county, he continued to make his home in New London county, Conn., where he died in 1867. His brother was the father of Professor Loomis of Yale College, the author of the series of Loomis school and text books.

We now return to the personal history of Joel Loomis Ames, who went to Michigan with his parents in 1827, and lived there until the spring of 1836, when the family moved to Ohio. Then he went back to Connecticut, and lived with an uncle until the fall of 1838, and attended school during the winter months, when he came to Ohio, and has lived here ever since. He has been twice married, his first union being celebrated August 6, 1857, when Jane E. Vincent became his wife. To them were born three children: Darlin L., whose name introduces this sketch; Jennie, who was born July 30, 1860, and died October 23, 1862; and Angie C., who was born May 23, 1864,

and is the wife of H. H. Woodman, principal of the telegraph college, at Oberlin, Ohio. The mother of this family departed this life June 30, 1877. On August 27, 1879, Mr. Ames was again married, this time to Miss May Bement, a native of Michigan, born in Jackson, in April, 1843, and by his marriage there is one daughter—Edith. The father is one of the wealthy and influential citizens of the community, and the family now make their home in their beautiful residence in Clyde, where they are surrounded by many warm friends. Mr. Ames takes an active interest in everything that will benefit the community. His uprightness, integrity, and public-spiritedness, have won him the confidence and esteem of his neighbors, and he is classed among the respected representative citizens of Sandusky county.

GEOERGE FREY. Among the substantial farmers of Riley township, Sandusky county, whose energy and industry contribute to the prosperity and growth of that thriving community, is George Frey.

He was born May 12, 1866, and is a son of George and Mary (Martin) Frey, who were born, respectively, March 30, 1821, and July 14, 1825, in Germany. George Frey, Sr., who was a jeweler by trade, sold out his business in the old country, and emigrated to America in 1853. Coming to Ohio, he settled in Riley township, and here bought twenty acres of land. Selling this property after a short time, he bought forty acres more, and this has been the homestead. He has had a family of eight children, namely: Sophia, born in 1846; Caroline, Frederick, Mary, Katie, Christina, Rosina, and George, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Frey is a graduate of several colleges in Germany, and holds the office of school director. He was drafted during the Civil war, and served nine months, and

after peace was declared returned to his family in Riley township.

George Frey, the subject of this sketch, was reared to habits of diligence, frugality and virtue, and received a common-school education. He worked on the farm for his father until his twenty-first year, and then worked by the day. In 1893 he bought forty acres of land for two thousand dollars, and carried on general farming. Mr. Frey is a Democrat in politics, and in religious affiliation is a member of the Lutheran Church. He is much respected in the community and has many friends.

CYRUS HARVEY McCARTNEY, farmer and fruit grower of Green Creek township, Sandusky county, was born in Erie county, Ohio, June 12, 1835, of old pioneer stock.

His parents were William and Eliza (Cooper) McCartney, the former of whom was born in Kentucky in 1789, when a young man coming to Sandusky City, Ohio, some time prior to the war of 1812, when there was only one cabin on the site of that now flourishing city. He was the first settler of the place. He removed to Venice, Erie county, and there for six or seven years owned and operated the first saw and grist mill of the place. Selling it to Mr. Heywood, he bought a farm a half mile west of Venice, where he died in 1877, aged eighty-eight years. In politics he was originally an Old-time Whig, afterward a Republican. At Mt. Vernon, Ohio, he had married Eliza Cooper, who was born in Trenton, N. J., of old Highland stock. The six children of William and Eliza McCartney were as follows: Katie, now Mrs. Dwelle, of Fremont; Charles, who died aged thirty years; Jessup, who died at the age of twenty-five years; Gertrude, wife of J. F. Chapman, of Erie county; Henry, of Erie county; and Cyrus Harvey.

The youngest child, Cyrus Harvey

McCartney, grew up on the farm and attended the district schools. On December 25, 1859, he was married, at Castalia, Erie county, to Miss Margaret L. Criffen, who was born December 23, 1836, in Groton township, Erie county, daughter of Charles B. and Lovina (Vandercook) Criffen. Charles Criffen was an extensive landowner near Bellevue. His wife Lovina Vandercook was born in Troy, N. Y., February 15, 1807, came to Ohio when about nineteen years old, and died in Groton township, Erie county, aged sixty-two years.

After his marriage Mr. McCartney settled on the old McCartney farm near Venice, Erie county. He engaged in stock-raising and farming until 1877, when he purchased and moved to a farm of sixty-eight and a half acres in Green Creek township, Sandusky county. He has lived here ever since, except two years spent in "Egypt," Ill. Mr. and Mrs. McCartney have had seven children, as follows: Gertrude C., born November 8, 1860, now the wife of Thomas Bubler; Bell, born February 26, 1862, married to Dr. L. U. Howard; George D., born December 19, 1866; Eliza L., born February 16, 1873, died February 5, 1874; Florence May, born August 6, 1875; Maude C., born June 12, 1877; Harvey Jessup, born August 17, 1879. In politics Mr. McCartney is a pronounced Republican.

WILLIAM H. WHITEHEAD, a young, well-educated, enterprising and successful farmer of Riley township, Sandusky county, was born on the 29th day of August, 1868, and is a son of Joseph and Laura (George) Whitehead.

Joseph Whitehead, Sr., was born in England in 1811. In 1833 he was united in marriage with Matilda Albon, who was born in 1814, a daughter of John Albon, who came to the United States in 1833, the year of his daughter's marriage, and

located in Erie county, Ohio. Mr. Whitehead, his son-in-law, a baker by trade, received such glowing accounts of the natural wealth and resources of this great land that he decided to leave Britannia's shores and make a home on this side of the billowy Atlantic. So he set out with his family in 1851, landed at Quebec, and came on from there to Sandusky, Sandusky Co., Ohio, part of the way by boat, but from Niagara to Chippewa on horseback, reaching Sandusky June 15, 1851. The same year Mr. Whitehead bought 120 acres of land, on which his son, Thomas C., now resides. Mrs. Whitehead departed this life in the fall of 1864, and Mr. Whitehead on February 10, 1892.

Joseph Whitehead, Jr., the father of our subject, received only a limited education in his native land, and it was not augmented by schooling after reaching the United States. At the age of fifteen he accompanied his parents to America, and he has been a resident of Townsend township ever since. He served as a "hundred-day man" in the Civil war from May 2, 1864, until September 5, when he was discharged. On June 12, 1865, Mr. Whitehead married Laura George, who was born August 5, 1843, and they have had four children, as follows: William H., born August 29, 1868, married Mary Howe, of Norwalk, Huron county, November 26, 1891; John T., born January 11, 1871; Bessie R., born in 1875, married Oscar Longanbach, on February 22, 1894; and Ross D., born September 28, 1878. The father of Mrs. Whitehead, Joseph George, formerly resided in Townsend township, but removed to Clyde, Green Creek township, Sandusky county, where both he and his wife were laid to rest.

William H. Whitehead was carefully reared by his kind and devoted parents, received fair advantages for an education, which he diligently improved, worked on his father's farm and taught school during the winter of 1890, for a term of five

months. He then went to Cleveland, Ohio, and remained a year, employed as a street-car conductor, and thence to Norwalk, Huron county, Ohio, where he was united in marriage with Mary Howe, on November 26, 1891. There is one child by their marriage, Estella May, born December 27, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead are members of the Methodist Church, and he is a Republican in politics. He is a man of sterling qualities, a kind husband, a dutiful son devoted to his aged parents, and well-liked and highly respected in the community.

JOSEPH R. CLARK (deceased). Among the pioneers of Sandusky county, who by force of character made themselves felt in the community in which they lived, was Joseph R. Clark, of Riley township.

Mr. Clark was born in Fayette county, Penn., January 27, 1806. On March 24, 1833, he was married to Miss Emilie Welsh, of Washington county, Penn., and he and his wife migrated to Knox county, Ohio, in September, 1836. In 1848 they removed to Sandusky county, and here remained until 1863, when they took up their residence in Clay county, Ill. After living there three years they returned to Riley township, Sandusky county, where Mr. Clark departed this life, February 6, 1892, his wife preceding him November 26, 1885. Mr. Clark was of Irish descent, his father having been born February 14, 1762, in the Emerald Isle; he died September 12, 1831. His wife, Elizabeth (Ross), was born January 18, 1769, and died January 6, 1840. They were the parents of nine children, all now deceased.

Mr. Clark was a man of more than ordinary ability, and he made his influence for good felt throughout the community. He possessed a wonderful memory, great discretion and shrewd judgment, and on account of these prominent



Joseph R. Clark

traits of character was very frequently found on the jury when important cases were to be tried. His clear mind and impartial verdict were so highly appreciated by all who knew him that when he was chosen as a juror neither attorney objected to his sitting. He was for many years justice of the peace in Riley township. A sentence sometimes speaks volumes. One of Mr. Clark's contemporaries says of him: "You need not fear that you will over-estimate the man in writing his sketch." To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Clark came twelve children, ten of whom are mentioned as follows: William W., Mrs. Cleaver, John and Rebecca (both deceased in infancy), Leander, Joseph (who died at the age of nine years), Lucretia (deceased in infancy), Sarah Ann, James and Clara. Of those yet living, Leander, who was born June 5, 1839, is unmarried (he served four years during the war of the Rebellion as a member of Company F, Seventy-second O. V. I.); William W., born March 13, 1834, married Sarah M. Bell, February 22, 1862, and to them five children were born, four of whom are now living—Mrs. Jesse Stevens (of Fostoria), Mrs. Jennie Hyter (of Bradner), William E. (who resides in Indiana), and May (who resides in Fostoria). William W. Clark is now extensively engaged in the oil business; he makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Stevens, of Fostoria, his wife having died some years ago.

Mrs. Joseph R. Clark was the daughter of William and Rebecca (Budd) Welsh, the former of whom was born about 1771 and died in 1833; the latter was born about 1778. To them were born eleven children, three of whom are now living.

WH. K. GOSSARD, one of Sandusky county's representative self-made men, is the son of Alvin P. and Mary (Cooley) Gossard, and was born September 8, 1839,

in Scott township, Sandusky county. His education was acquired at the Ohio Wesleyan University, and, although the ordinary advantages for literary pursuits at that time were meager, Mr. Gossard obtained a liberal training, and for several years was one of the foremost teachers in Sandusky county.

On March 31, 1864, our subject was united in marriage with Lucinda Holo-peter, of Seneca county, and soon afterward settled upon eighty acres of wild land in Scott township, on which were no buildings. Here began the struggle with the forest from which he determined to secure a home; success has crowned the efforts of himself and wife, and to-day Mr. Gossard has the original purchase under high cultivation, with excellent buildings and orchards, and to this property he has added another farm the same size. To him and his first wife were born three children: Mary O., born January 10, 1865, who married C. P. Aubert, at that time of Columbus, Ohio, now of Washington State, and she is the mother of three children—Claudius, Thalia and Mabel (Mr. Aubert is superintendent of Port Townsend (Wash.) public schools; for five years prior to her marriage she was teacher in the public schools of Sandusky and Wood counties); William Arthur, born January 30, 1866, who married Miss Clara Shale (he was also a teacher); and Myrtle R., born October 29, 1871, who like her father, brother and older sister, is a teacher, having been engaged in the profession for the past six years. The mother of these children was born August 23, 1843, and was for a number of years a teacher; she died June 2, 1873, and was buried in the Metzger cemetery, and on April 23, 1879, Mr. Gossard was married to Miss Helen M. Canfield, of Wood county, who was born September 26, 1850. She completed her education in Saginaw, Mich., where she was graduated in 1871, and was also a teacher for twelve years, holding some very fine positions,

among others teaching in the Woodville, Genoa and Bowling Green high schools. To Mr. and Mrs. Gossard have been born three children: Florence A., December 14, 1882; Harry C., March 13, 1884; and Hellen Gladys, October 12, 1890. Silas Sprague Canfield, father of Mrs. Gossard, was born March 13, 1824, in Hamburg, N. Y. The history of the Canfield family, through the researches of Prof. Averill B. Canfield, has been traced back to 1350, when James De Philo, a French Huguenot of Normandy, France, emigrated to England and became a loyal subject of the Crown. In course of time the name was shortened and Anglicized into Cam. Philo, then Campfield, Camfield, and Canfield. From this line came Amon Canfield, who was the great-grandfather of S. S. Canfield. Silas S. Canfield's mother was Phoebe Dart. Mrs. Gossard's mother, Matilda Adaline Wetherell, was born at South Barre, Orleans Co., N. Y., and died February 10, 1885.

Mr. Gossard's father, Alvin P. Gossard, was born June 6, 1808, in Ross county, Ohio, and when a young man came to Scott township, Sandusky county, where he purchased a farm. Philip Gossard, his father, was born in America about 1777, of German parentage, and married a Kentucky lady, a Miss Plummer, who was born about 1779. In 1835 Alvin P. Gossard was married to Miss Mary Cooley, of Sandusky county, and they settled on the farm which A. R. Gossard has purchased, and began a life which was prosperous in every way. Mr. Gossard was a great stockman, a shrewd dealer, and in that business made a great deal of money. For a long time he turned off one hundred head or more of cattle each year, which he had fattened, besides the large number purchased and shipped directly. By careful attention to his business he added to the small farm he had originally purchased until he at one time owned 800 acres, which he paid for mainly from his stock business. He was the father of eight

children, six of whom are now living: W. H. K.; P. J.; A. R.; Mary, now Mrs. McEwen, of Wood county; Ann, now Mrs. Sidel, of Fulton county; and Mrs. Inman. The two deceased are Charles and Edmund. Mr. Gossard died May 6, 1887, and was buried in Metzger cemetery; his wife was born March 1, 1810, in Canada, daughter of Peleg Cooley, who built the first frame house in Fremont, Ohio. Peleg Cooley's grandmother was stolen from Wales when a little child and brought to New York, where she was sold for enough to pay her passage, \$18; she was so young she did not remember her father's last name, but simply knew that they called him "John." When in the hands of her captors, on the boat, she heard her father's voice on board the vessel, but dared not speak.

JOSEPH M. BUCHMAN, carpenter, of Fremont, Sandusky county, son of Godfrey F. and Magdalena Buchman, was born at Fremont, Ohio, October 3, 1873. He spent his youth in his native city, assisting his father in a store, and attending the parochial school of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, under the preceptorship of Rev. S. Bauer, D. D.; he graduated from St. Joseph's High School in 1890, and afterward took a course in a business college.

With a view to preparing himself for the occupation of contractor and builder, he next served an apprenticeship at the carpenter trade, under the instruction of Christian Vollmer, until March, 1894, since which time he has worked with various other parties. He assisted in the building of the celebrated Hochedel Block, on Croghan street, Fremont, the Lutheran Church at Gibsonburg, and other buildings of note elsewhere. He is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, of the Young Men's Society of the B. V. M., and of the Catholic Knights of Ohio, Branch No. 8, and Uniformed Comman-

dery No. 2. By his habits of industry and thrift, strict attention to business, and fair dealing with his fellow men, Mr. Buchman has laid the foundation of a successful business career.

ANTHONY C. NUHFER was born January 16, 1835, and is a son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Creek) Nuhfer, born, the father on June 2, 1814, in Baiern, Germany, and the mother on March 28, 1810.

Nicholas Nuhfer and Elizabeth Creek were united in marriage in 1834, and became the parents of seven children. They came to America in the year of their marriage, and located in Buffalo, N. Y., where they remained a short time. They then removed to Ohio, where he worked on the Maumee and Western Reserve pike for two years; later bought twenty-five acres of land, which he kept a short time and then traded it for forty acres of timber land, put up a two-story house, and cleared the larger part of the land. In 1845 Mr. Nuhfer commenced to preach, and this work he followed until his death; he preached three years in Cleveland, Ohio, and three years in Detroit, Mich., and was elder for eight years. He died January 31, 1888, at the age of seventy-four years and some months, and his widow January 18, 1891, at the age of eighty-one years; they were both buried in Woodville township, Sandusky county.

Anthony C. Nuhfer left home at the age of eleven years, went to work for his uncle a couple of years, and then went to school one year. Afterward he learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for twenty years. He worked at Delaware, Ohio, and at Carrington, Ohio, until his twenty-third year, when, on November 22, 1858, he was united in marriage with Sophia Whipping, who was born August 28, 1837, in Toledo, Ohio. They have become the parents of two children, as follows: Helen E., born May

3, 1861, married George Walter, by whom she had two children—Frank and Carl, and they live in Woodville township; and George A., now a farmer in Woodville township, born June 29, 1864, and united in marriage May 8, 1891, in Fremont, Ohio, with Emma Meford, born January 16, 1866, by whom he has had one child, Clarence, born February 19, 1892.

After his marriage Anthony C. Nuhfer settled in Woodville township, Sandusky county, lived there for some time, then traded his property with his father for the farm upon which he now lives. He leased his farm to an oil company, and they put down three wells, all of which have a good flow. He carries on general farming. Mr. Nuhfer has been a member of the German Methodist Episcopal Church since 1854. He has always voted the Republican ticket, is widely and favorably known, and is well liked in the community.

JOHAN HOUTZ, a prominent and well-to-do agriculturist of Washington township, Sandusky county, whose farm is situated within one mile of the town of Helena, is a native of the county, born October 7, 1855, in the town of Rollersville, third in the order of birth of five children born to John and Elizabeth (Boyer) Houtz.

John Houtz, Sr., father of our subject, was one of the oldest settlers of Sandusky county; was a Pennsylvanian by birth, born in 1801 and in 1808 moved to Ohio, settling in Sandusky county, the Indians at the time being friendly neighbors. He was twice married, the first time to Katharina Houtz, who died leaving one child, Mary Ellen Phiester, at present living in Wood county, Ohio. His second wife, Elizabeth (Boyer), became the mother of five children, namely: Cornelius, a farmer, living near Rollersville, Sandusky Co.; Zacharias, farmer, near his brother Cornelius, both owning a goodly number of acres of prime

land; John, subject of sketch; Elizabeth, who died in 1893 (she was the wife of Mr. George Tyson, who is now living in Wood county, Ohio); and Sarah, wife of Levi Tyson, a farmer near Rollersville, Ohio (they have two children). The father of this family died in February, 1880, at the age of seventy-nine years; the mother passed away when the subject of this sketch was but a young lad, and he does not remember much regarding her.

John Houtz, of whom this sketch more particularly relates, received a liberal education at the winter schools of his native place, from early boyhood assisting his father on the farm, until the time of his marriage. In 1880 he purchased the ninety-two acres of land whereon he now lives, and has by industry, thrift and sound judgment made a success, living and toiling on with the bright prospect before him of adding to his possessions.

Mr. Houtz was married February 11, 1875, to Miss Mary Anna Baird, daughter of John S. Baird, a farmer of Sandusky county, Ohio, and five children have blessed this union, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Elsie, March 27, 1877; Gary, July 4, 1882; Stella, September 22, 1884; Mabel, August 10, 1887, and Grace, July 13, 1889. In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Houtz are members of the United Brethren Church. He has on his farm twelve good oil wells, and the property being one of the best oil stands in Sandusky county, he hopes before the close of the year to discover as many more wells. Wide-awake, progressive and genial, Mr. Houtz has insured for himself a personal popularity that in itself is a fair capital for any man traveling the earlier portion of life's highway.

GEORGE W. WIRES, a retired fruit-grower, and the oldest living settler of North Bass Island, if not of Ottawa county, was born in Orangeville, Genesee Co., N. Y.,

October 5, 1809, son of Solomon and Susanna (Beals) Wires, who were both born in Northampton, Mass., and were of Welsh ancestry. They came to Ohio about 1819, locating in Leroy township, which is now in Lake county, and after a residence there of about a year removed to the adjoining township of Painesville.

When about ten years old George W. Wires came with his parents to Leroy township, and afterward accompanied them to Painesville, where he received such limited educational advantages as were afforded the youth of those days in the old primitive log schoolhouse. In early life he was bound out to learn the carpenter's trade; but not taking a fancy to the man to whom he was apprenticed he ran away, and hired out as a farm hand with a man named Charles C. Payne, with whom he remained eight years. At the expiration of that time he followed a sea-faring life for about five years, and afterward engaged in various occupations until 1838, when he removed to Kelley's Island, Erie county, where he resided four years. He was next engaged in steamboating on the Mississippi river for about two years, after which he returned to Kelley's Island, and after residing there about four years lived one winter on Point Pelee Island, Canada, in 1849 removing to North Bass Island, which has been the home of the family for forty-five years.

On May 16, 1843, George W. Wires was united in marriage, on Kelley's Island, with Susan Fox, who was born in Essex county, Canada, March 12, 1820, and they have had ten children, as follows: Charles C., born June 11, 1845, a farmer residing on Pelee Island; Mary Jane, born October 6, 1846, died August 7, 1863; Adeline A., born September 8, 1848, widow of James Cummings, residing on Pelee Island; Lavina Ellen, born September 30, 1850, the wife of George Hallock, residing on North Bass Island; William Tell, born November 30, 1852,

residing on Pelee Island; Simon Peter, born September 12, 1854, is superintendent of a fish hatchery at Duluth, Minn.; George Washington, Jr., born December 9, 1856, residing on North Bass Island; Olive Lenora, born April 22, 1859; Andrew Jackson, born March 16, 1861; and Elsa Rosella, born April 17, 1863. The parents of Mrs. George W. Wires were John and Rachel (Stewart) Fox. Mr. Wires attained his majority during the first administration of President Jackson, and in his political preferences was formerly a Whig, but has been a staunch Republican for many years.

CHARLES E. BAKER, M. D., a prominent and popular physician of Genoa, Ottawa county, is numbered among Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred in Fairfield county May 27, 1857. His parents, Richard H. and Lucinda (Baker) Baker, were also natives of that county, the former born in April, 1832, the latter on January 2, 1831. They still reside there, honored and respected, the father being numbered among the esteemed and leading agriculturists of the community. For many years he has efficiently filled the office of township trustee, and other local positions within the gift of the people, and in all has discharged his duties with a commendable promptness and fidelity. The family numbers but two children: Charles E., subject of this sketch; and Eva M., widow of George Turner, of Fairfield county, Ohio. The great-grandfather, Peter Baker, a native of Maryland, became one of the honored pioneers of Fairfield county, where he located about the year 1799.

Dr. Baker acquired his rudimentary education in the district schools of his native township, and then attended the Fairfield Union Academy, from which he was graduated in June, 1877. For about three years thereafter he successfully en-

gaged in teaching school in Fairfield county, after which he took up the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. H. C. Baker, of New Salem, Ohio. He further fitted himself for his chosen calling by prosecuting his studies in the Columbus Medical College, from which he was graduated with honor in March, 1881. A few months afterward he removed to Toledo, where he was connected with the Hospital for the Insane for a period of two and a half years. This added practical experience to his thorough knowledge of the science of medicine, and made him a skilled physician. In 1884 he came to Genoa, where for a period of more than eleven years he has continuously practiced, being the second oldest physician in the place. By his skill and ability he has succeeded in building up a large and rapidly increasing business, to which merit well entitles him.

The Doctor was married in Genoa, May 17, 1894, to Mary M. Humlong, and their union has been blessed with one child, George Lee, born August 17, 1895. Mrs. Baker was born January 9, 1864, in Marshall county, Iowa, received her early education in Genoa, graduating from the high school in 1880, and subsequently attended Berea College, here completing her literary training, after which she was for several years a teacher in the public schools of Genoa. Her parents, William and Emma Humlong, prominent citizens and early settlers of Clay township, Ottawa county, were natives, respectively, of Kentucky and Preble county, Ohio, both born in 1836, the father on May 15, the mother on September 6. William Humlong took a two-years' course in Oberlin College, and was for some years a teacher in Sandusky county. About 1856 he wedded Miss Emma Swann, and they became the parents of four children—John, Ernest, Eugene C. (deceased) and Mary M. (Mrs. Baker). Mr. and Mrs. Humlong settled

in Genoa, Ottawa county, about the year 1860. He served three years in the war of the Rebellion, and was first lieutenant of Company E, Twelfth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. John Humlong (grandfather of Mrs. Baker) was born in 1802 in Kentucky, but was obliged to leave his native State on account of his politics, he being an Abolitionist. He married Mary A. Hollis, who was born December 21, 1812, in Kentucky, and they became the parents of nine children. Robert and Margaret (Crume) Swann, maternal grandparents of Mrs. Baker, were born in 1796 and 1800, respectively, and were married in 1816. Seven children were born to them. After Mr. Swann's death Mrs. Swann for her second husband married Judge Gregg, of Indiana.

The Doctor and his wife attend the Presbyterian Church, and occupy a prominent position in social circles. His political views are in accord with the principles of the Democratic party. He is one of the most popular gentlemen in Genoa, and his name is a household word in the homes throughout his section of the county. His genial manner and kindness have won for him hosts of friends among all classes of people. He is indefatigable in his attention to those that are placed under his professional care, and has won golden opinions from friends and patrons, ranking deservedly high among his professional brethren.

HUBBARD M. CLEMONS is a representative of one of the early families of Ottawa county, and was born in Danbury township, March 22, 1848.

A pretty complete history of the Clemons family was written by Alexander Clemons (deceased), of Marblehead, February, 20, 1874, and embodies the facts which were related to him by his father. "While on their way to school on the

Island of Guernsey, two little boys, Isaac and Jacob Clemons, were stolen and placed on board a British man-of-war and brought to this country, being landed at Salem, Mass., probably early in the eighteenth century. Isaac afterward located in the State of Maine, and Jacob in Canada. The former had two sons, Edward and John, and Edward became the father of four sons, who were named Jock, Samuel, Jabez and Frank. These four brothers removed to Madison, Madison Co., N. Y., in 1795. Jock had born to him three sons and three daughters: Samuel, one son and two daughters; Jabez, two sons and three daughters; and Frank, three daughters. Samuel removed to Fredonia, N. Y. David, a son of Jabez, is, I believe, the father of Samuel L. Clemens, better known by the *nom de plume* of "Mark Twain." John, the brother of Edward, had born to him three sons and three daughters, named respectively, John, Jonathan, Eli, Ruth, Hannah and Eunice. John married Mary McLellan, of Gorham, Maine, and there were born to this union ten children, named: Carry, Andrew, Alexander, John, Eunice, Ai, Elijah, Nancy, Samuel and William. Ruth, a sister of John, married Col. Charles Wadsworth, a son of Gen. Peleg Wadsworth, of Revolutionary war fame, and uncle of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Hannah married William Cotton. Of Eunice I remember nothing. Alexander, son of John, was married to Angeline Hollister, February 11, 1824, and to their union were born fourteen children, as follows: Winslow, Milo, William Alexander, Phineas Harrison, Sarah, Frances, Myron Elijah, Albert Alonzo, Lucian Monroe, Lester Newton, Lucia Louisa, Hubbard Mortimer, Ai J., and a babe unnamed. The mother of John and grandmother of Alexander was Abigail Wetherbee, who lived to be one hundred and four years old, and left one hundred and sixty-four descendants. The following is the record of births

and deaths in Alexander Clemons' family: Alexander Clemons was born in Hiram, Maine, February 11, 1794, and died March 12, 1886, in Marblehead, Danbury township, Ottawa county. He wedded Almira Angeline Hollister, who was born in Glastonbury, Conn., April 5, 1806, and died at Marblehead, March 24, 1861. Their marriage was celebrated near Sandusky, Ohio, February 11, 1824, and they became the parents of the following children: Winslow, who was born in Sandusky, December 29, 1824; Milo, who was born April 26, 1827, and died March 6, 1888; William Alexander, born December 16, 1829; Phineas Harrison, born February 16, 1832; Sarah, born March 4, 1834; Frances, born April 6, 1836; Myron Elijah, born February 25, 1838; Albert Alonzo, born April 9, 1840; Lucian Monroe, born November 28, 1841; Lester Newton, who was born in 1843, and died March 5, 1846; Lucia Louisa, who was born in December, 1844, and died November 20, 1849; Hubbard Mortimer, born March 22, 1848; Ai J., born June 17, 1850; and there was also one child that died in infancy."

The gentleman whose name commences this review was reared to manhood on the old homestead, and acquired his education in the district schools and in the high school of Sandusky City. He afterward engaged in stone quarrying, and subsequently became a member of the firm of Clemons Sons, operating a quarry until 1891. In January of that year he began dealing in coal, wood and ice in Marblehead, and is now doing a good business, having a large and constantly increasing trade. He has always resided in this locality, and is numbered among the representative business men.

Mr. Clemons was married in Sandusky City, January 23, 1873, to Miss Almira L., who was born near Troy, N. Y., January 9, 1843, daughter of George J. and Margaret (Hogal) Le Vake, the former a native of Vermont, the latter of New

York. To this union have been born six children: Flora B., November 15, 1873; Lucy A., July 11, 1875; Clara Pearl, December 22, 1877; Ralph M., May 17, 1879; Eunice N., July 17, 1882, and Jessie Mabel, August 10, 1885.

Mr. Clemons is a very prominent and influential citizen of his native county, and is now efficiently serving as mayor of Marblehead. He has also served as justice of the peace, and for seventeen years has been a member of the board of education. His political support is given the Republican party, and socially he is connected with Peninsula Lodge, No. 607, K. of P., of Lakeside, Ohio. The family attend the Methodist and Congregational Churches, Mr. Clemons holding membership with the former. He is one of the successful business men of the county, and the chief element of his prosperity has been close application to business, coupled with executive ability and foresight. He furnishes a striking example of what may be accomplished by honorable dealing, careful and wise management, and by a business policy that commands the respect of all. He has thus succeeded in attaining an enviable position in the regard of the public, and his prominence is well deserved. A pleasant and genial gentleman, unassuming in manner, he commands the highest esteem of all with whom he has been brought in contact. He is a close observer of men and affairs, and is well-informed on all public questions.

HARLEY HOLLISTER ELWELL. The subject of this brief biographical sketch stands prominent among the most successful and influential fruit-growers of Ottawa county.

He is a native of the Empire State, born at Meridian, Cayuga county, November 14, 1818. Spending his childhood among the picturesque hills and valleys,

lakes and streams of that beautiful country, where, at that time, the "Red Man" was not an infrequent visitor at the rural homes as he wandered from his tribe, as though reluctant to yield this paradise to the white usurper. Mr. Elwell's father was a New Englander, born in Vermont, where his early years were passed. His mother, Mary (Acker) Elwell, was reared in the Mohawk Valley, as were her parents, who were of Holland ancestry. Mrs. Elwell's rare gifts of character were supplemented by the practical qualifications of that sturdy people, and admirably fitted her for the trials and duties of pioneer life. From this excellent mother, whose early death was an irreparable loss to her family and to society, Mr. Elwell inherited much of the integrity, firmness and decision, which has characterized his course through life.

In 1835 he accompanied his father to Lapeer, Mich., where he remained until 1838 when he came to Ohio, locating at Plasterbed, Ottawa county, where he was engaged for a short time. He then bought and occupied a farm in Sandusky county, and at length settled in Sandusky City, where he lived over thirty years, serving as engineer and conductor for different railroad companies. In 1864 he was injured in a railroad collision, and unfitted for the business. In the following year he located in Danbury, Ottawa county, where he now resides. In 1840 Mr. Elwell was united in marriage with Miss Alice Lachlison, who was born in England, April 30, 1820, and died August 9, 1849. The surviving children of this union are Annjemetta Louise, widow of the late Fletcher Hartshorn, and Abner H. Elwell. The year 1853 was again the nuptial year with Mr. Elwell, when, in the land of his nativity, at the home of E. H. Burnham, Esq., he was married to Miss J. A. Burnham. Of this parentage there are two surviving children: Alice Jennie, now Mrs. T. W. Payne, and Burton H. Elwell.

Politically, Mr. Elwell has always been a Republican, unswerving in his support of the cause which that party has espoused. He is one of those men to whom the term "selfmade" is appropriately applied. Though lacking the advantages of college education, he has obtained much of that most valuable information which comes from observation, experience, and general reading of books and current events, and has made for himself a character and reputation that places him in the highest regard of those who know him best. He is a man of influence, whose good citizenship has never been questioned, and his name deserves an honored place in the history of his adopted country.

GEORGE W. GRANT is a representative agriculturist of Washington township, Sandusky county, of which he is a native, his birth having occurred on the old home farm on September 21, 1832.

David and Rebecca (Rabe) Grant, his parents, were among the earliest settlers in this section of Ohio, coming here when much of the land was still in its primitive condition, and when the work of progress and civilization seemed scarcely begun. They located upon a 160-acre tract of land just two miles east of where our subject now resides, and the first election held in Washington township was held by David Grant, John Berie and James Rose, they being the only voters present in the township, as the record, which is to be found in the town of Lindsey, Sandusky county, shows. David Grant gave the township its name, calling it after Washington county, Penn., his old home. Mrs. Grant died when our subject was quite young, David Grant passing away not many years afterward, and all record of the ancestry of the family was lost.

Our subject remained under the pa-



George Grant

rental roof until he had attained his majority, giving his father the benefit of his services. He then started out in life for himself, and whatever success he has achieved is due entirely to his own efforts. He was employed in the neighborhood, scorning no work that would yield him an honest dollar, and thus through industry and prudence he accumulated enough to purchase a farm. He invested his capital in 104 acres of choice land, the place upon which he now resides, and beginning its cultivation at once he has to-day a farm improved with all modern accessories and conveniences, and the richly developed fields indicate the supervision of a progressive and painstaking owner. He also owns property in Gibsonburg, Sandusky county. In 1889 he leased his farm to the Ohio Oil Company, and four wells were put down, yielding about fifty barrels per day, Mr. Grant receiving one-eighth royalty and a bonus of one dollar per acre. He has also been quite extensively engaged in the stock business.

In 1860 Mr. Grant was united in marriage with Miss Mahala Moses, who was born in 1844, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Hess) Moses, and to them have been born nine children, as follows: (1) Silvanus W., who for twelve years was superintendent of the Lindsey and Woodville public schools, and now resides at Tiffin, Ohio, where he is engaged in the mercantile business; he married Dora Cummings, by whom he has one child. (2) Minnie Mowry, who was a teacher, is deceased. (3) Frank follows farming in the State of Michigan. (4) Jacob is employed by the Ohio Oil Company. (5) Estella, who for several years was successfully engaged in teaching, is married to Charles Doty, a contractor and driller of oil wells, of Oil City, Penn. (6) Myrtia is an oil operator. (7) Maud (a teacher) and (8) Elgie are still under the parental roof. (9) Herald is deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant hold membership with the United Brethren Church, and

their honorable, upright life is well worthy of emulation. By his ballot Mr. Grant supports the men and measures of the Republican party, is a staunch advocate of its principles, and on that ticket he has been elected to several township offices, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. He has always lived in the county of his nativity, and those who have known him from boyhood are numbered among his staunchest friends, a fact which indicates a well-spent life.

JOHAN H. MILLER (deceased), who was recognized as one of the representative and leading citizens of Ottawa county, was the eldest son of Claus and Catherine (Buck) Miller, and was born in New York City, on the 11th of March, 1851.

During his early childhood he was brought by his parents to the West, the family locating in Danbury township, Ottawa county, where he acquired his education, his privileges being those afforded by the common schools. Farm labor was familiar to him from his early youth. He aided in the cultivation of the home farm during his boyhood, and when he began life for himself it was as an agriculturist. Afterward he turned his attention to fruit growing in connection with his other work, and became one of the leading farmers and horticulturists of his adopted county. He managed his business affairs on systematic principles, and as the result of his well-directed efforts acquired a handsome competence.

Mr. Miller was married on the 20th of December, 1877, the lady of his choice being Miss Anna M. S. Brauer, a daughter of John H. and Louisa (Lenkring) Brauer, both of whom were natives of Germany, and on coming to America cast their lot with the early settlers of Danbury township, Ottawa county. The father is still living in that locality, but the mother died on the 14th of Novembe

1875. Mrs. Miller was born in Danbury township, October 14, 1854, and by her marriage became the mother of two children—Henry E., born October 25, 1878; and Reuben B., born June 27, 1887.

At the time of his death, Mr. Miller was filling the office of postmaster at Piccolo. He was regarded as a public-spirited and progressive citizen, and took an active interest in all that pertained to the welfare of the community, and its upbuilding. He passed away on the 20th of April, 1894, and his death was mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, as well as by his immediate family. He had ever lived so as to merit the highest respect and confidence of those with whom he came in contact, and he left to his family the priceless heritage of a good name.

CLAUS BUCK (deceased) was one of the most prominent and highly-respected residents of Danbury township, a wide-awake, progressive citizen, taking an active part in all matters tending to advance the interests of the county generally.

He was born in Basdahl, Amt Bremervorde, Germany, April 6, 1809, and was educated in his native land. When a young man of twenty-seven years he left his native village for America, and, after a tempestuous voyage of eleven weeks, reached New York City, January 1, 1836. Later in the same month he started for Ohio, traveling by stage and on foot, and on February 19, 1836, after a tedious and tiresome journey of three weeks he reached the southern shore of the Peninsula, being one of the seven original German settlers of Danbury township, all of whom preceded him to the grave.

Here in the then vast wilderness, Mr. Buck made himself a home, engaging in agricultural pursuits, and during his fifty-eight years of residence in Danbury town-

ship, Ottawa county, he saw many wonderful changes in his adopted country, and in all possible ways aided in the development of his resident community. Ohio was at that time considered the "Far West." The Indians still roamed in Ottawa county, and this beautiful Peninsula was a forest awaiting civilization. The pioneer's life at the best is one of toil. None but those who have passed through a like experience can ever realize the hardships and privations of such a life, and the present generation have but little idea of the difficulties and trials their forefathers, and such men as the subject of this sketch, were obliged to undergo in those early days in order to bring this country to its present state of prosperity and perfection.

On January 5, 1844, Mr. Buck was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca Brauer, who was born in Fredricksdorf, Germany, September 29, 1821, a daughter of Frederick and Christina Brauer. In 1842 she came to America with her father, her mother having passed away in the land of her nativity two years previous. For more than fifty years she was the faithful companion and helpmeet of Mr. Buck, and still survives him, now at the advanced age of seventy-four years. Their union was blessed with but one child, a daughter—Christiana M.—who was born March 27, 1845, and who, on the 2nd of May, 1866, was united in marriage with Henry H. Lullman. She died January 1, 1882, leaving two daughters—Regina R. and Rebecca—who still reside with their grandmother, caring for her during her declining years.

Mr. Buck was an earnest worker in the Lutheran Church, and was a liberal contributor to both the old church and the handsome and imposing edifice that now adorns the township. He was a consistent member of the organization, as are his granddaughters and widow. For many years he was a great sufferer, and for two years prior to his death was un-

able to leave his room. He passed peacefully away at one o'clock on the morning of December 20, 1894, at the advanced age of eighty-five years, eight months and fourteen days, sadly mourned by his relatives and a large circle of friends and acquaintances, who loved and revered him for his many noble traits of character and unswerving integrity. He died as he lived, and his end was like the coming into harbor of a stately ship after a long and successful voyage. He looked death in the face with that calmness and dignity, that serene certainty that it was a change for the better which Christian faith, such as he possessed, could alone inspire. He has passed away from among his old friends and companions in life, but his memory will long be cherished by all who knew him.

HENRY H. LULLMAN. Prominent among Danbury township's prosperous citizens we find Henry H. Lullman, who was born April 8, 1845, in New York City. His parents, John and Martha (Ahlers) Lullman, came to this country about 1840, from Bremen, Germany, and settled in New York City, where the father engaged in the grocery business. On July 28, 1848, the mother died at the early age of twenty-five, and three years later, July 20, 1851, the father also passed away, aged thirty-six years.

Thus early in life the subject of our sketch was left an orphan, and when nine years old he came to Ohio to make his home with his uncle, Henry Lullman, who was one of the pioneer settlers of Danbury township, Ottawa county, having located on the Peninsula in February, 1845. For thirty-four years he resided continuously in the township, ending his life's labors April 14, 1879. His wife, Gacia Lullman, died December 18, 1882. Henry H. Lullman spent his early boyhood days upon his uncle's farm, and acquired his education in the district schools

of the neighborhood. The occupation to which he was reared has been his life work, and in addition to agricultural pursuits he has for the past fifteen years engaged extensively in fruit growing.

Mr. Lullman was married in Danbury township, May 2, 1866, to Miss Christiana M. Buck, who was born March 27, 1845, and was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Claus Buck, honored pioneers of this locality. This union was blessed with three children: Regina R., born July 31, 1868; C. Henry, born April 16, 1871, who died in infancy, and Rebecca C., born April 1, 1875. Mrs. Lullman died January 1, 1882, at Sandusky, Ohio, after an illness of several years, aged thirty-six years, nine months and four days. On August 28, 1888, Mr. Lullman was again married, this time to Miss Emma Wuhrman, who was born September 3, 1857, daughter of Henry and Amelia Wuhrman, who migrated to Ohio in 1847. Mr. Lullman has manifested great interest in the affairs of the township, always endeavoring to promote the general welfare of the community. He has held various local offices at different times—that of treasurer for six years and clerk for fifteen years. No higher testimonial of his efficient services can be given than his long continuance in office. In religious belief Mr. Lullman and all the members of his family are Lutherans, and interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of that Church.

WILLIAM H. ALTHOFF, publisher and proprietor of *The Ottawa County News Democrat*, is a native of Ohio born November 30, 1861, in the city of Dayton, only son of F. M. and Jennie E. (Clark) Althoff.

He was married at Plasterbed, October 7, 1886, to Imogene, daughter of J. W. and Elizabeth (Smith) Lockwood, and four children have been the result of this

union, namely: Lina, born August 9, 1887; William L., born February 28, 1890, died June 26, 1890; Herbert A., born September 29, 1892; and Amos C., born January 26, 1895.

The old *Port Clinton Bulletin*, was purchased by Mr. Althoff in April, 1892. The *Bulletin* was merged into the *Democrat*, which was consolidated with the *News* in 1895. The *News* was established in April, 1865, by George R. Clark, an uncle of the subject of this sketch.

HENRY J. MILLER. This work would not be complete unless it contained some account of the pioneers whose lives and labors were given to make possible the prosperity, wealth and comfort of to-day. In the early history of Ottawa county no man took a more prominent part or did more to mold and influence the work of his time than did the subject of this sketch.

Henry J. Miller was born May 18, 1812, in the village of Putnam now Zanesville, Ohio. His father, William Miller born 1777, died at the home of his son in 1840, a member of a family of ten children, emigrated from Columbia county, N. Y., to Ohio soon after the organization of the State. He raised and commanded a company of volunteers in the war of 1812. Henry J. came to Ottawa county then a part of Huron in 1828, buying a small farm of the government. Upon the organization of Ottawa county he was appointed sheriff, and served until the first election. After an interval of one term he was twice elected, and served two terms in that capacity. After the expiration of his term as sheriff he was three times elected, and served nine years as justice of the peace of his township. He was one of the first to propose the organization of the Ottawa County Agricultural Society, and served as its first president, and for several years thereafter. He was prominent in every

enterprise which had for its object the improvement of his county, and bettering the condition of her citizens.

Mr. Miller was married November 25, 1836, to Susan Wonnell, who came to Ottawa county with her parents from Worcester county, Maryland, in 1828. Of this union six children were born as follows: (1) Maria was born January 15, 1838, became the wife of William Sloan, and is now deceased. (2) Wilson S. was born May 9 1839, (a sketch of whom appears elsewhere). (3) George W., born December 28, 1840, died January 23, 1864, of wounds received while defending his country in the Civil war; he was a member of the First Ohio Sharpshooters. (4) William, a sketch of whom follows this, was born February 4, 1844. (5) James H., born March 15, 1846, was a prominent farmer of Portage township, and died at the age of forty-six. (6) Permelia A., born June 10, 1848, became the wife of Silas A. Hardy.

During the war of the Rebellion Mr. Miller did valiant service in his country's cause. Three of his sons served in the army. Too old to go to the front himself, he was faithful in looking after his country's defenders at home. The noble work of these older men during the war has never received the recognition its importance deserves. Mr. Miller united with the Methodist Episcopal Church and helped, in 1842, to organize the first society of that denomination in the county. He remained an active member of that society until his death, which occurred November 12, 1874.

WILLIAM MILLER. Among the leading residents of Ottawa county none are more deserving of representation in this volume than the gentleman whose name opens this review, and who is numbered among the valued citizens of this community, as well as among the prominent

fruit growers and farmers of Portage township. He was born in that township, February 4, 1844, and is a son of Henry J. and Susan (Wonnell) Miller, a sketch of whom appears above.

Mr. Miller acquired his education in the district schools near his home, and subsequently for two years pursued his studies in Baldwin University, of Berea, Ohio. He then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he has since continuously followed. He was the first in his township to grow peaches for market, planting his first orchard in 1868, and is at present quite extensively engaged in that branch of fruit growing. He thoroughly understands his business, and his capable management and fair and honorable dealing have brought to him a well-deserved success. During the war of the Rebellion he served as a private in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth regiment, Ohio Infantry.

On January 12, 1875, he was married to Miss Eliza Pettitt Alexander, of Marblehead, Ohio, who was born in Piqua, Ohio, June 23, 1850, a daughter of David Alexander (a sketch of whom follows) and Harriet (Petitt) Alexander. Two children grace this union: Henry A., born March 7, 1877; and Mary F., born December 20, 1879. The parents of Mrs. Miller were both natives of Pennsylvania.

The subject of this sketch has filled the office of director of the County Agricultural Society for several years. He was one of the organizers of the Peninsula Farmers and Fruit Growers Club, which existed for several years, and also assisted in organizing the first Farmers Institute in the county, acting as its president for two years. He is a member of the Ad Interim Committee of the State Horticultural Society; is the present master of the Grange, and does all in his power for the advancement of the farming interests of his locality. For ten consecutive years he has been a member of the township school board, and the cause of education

finds in him a warm friend. He is an ardent supporter of the Republican party, and in 1892 was nominated by the Republicans of the Ninth Congressional District as candidate for Presidential elector, was elected a member of the electoral college, and cast his vote for President Harrison. In his religious views he is a Methodist. His life has not been one of excitement, being quietly passed in devotion to his business enterprises; yet it is not without its points of interest as is that of every man who faithfully performs his duty to his country, his neighbor and himself.

DAVID ALEXANDER (deceased), father of Mrs. Eliza P. Miller, was born at New London, Chester Co., Penn., July 31, 1812, and came to Ohio in 1833, locating first at Dayton, later at Piqua. Here he was actively engaged in business for a number of years. In 1843-44 he represented Miami county in the Ohio Legislature. About that time he removed to Columbus, and for several years was engaged in the home office of the Columbus Insurance Co. In 1854 he became general agent for the West of the Hartford Fire Insurance Co., removing to Chicago in 1861. In 1863 failing health compelled him to resign his position, and in order to obtain rest and recreation he came to the Lake Erie islands. Impressed with the natural beauty and advantages of the locality, he bought a farm on the Peninsula, which for thirty years was his home. During the administration of President Grant, Mr. Alexander was appointed Examiner of National Banks, and spent four years in government employ, his territory embracing all of New York State (except the city), Ohio, Indiana and a part of Virginia.

Mr. Alexander early saw the superior advantages of the Peninsula for fruit growing, and from the first made that the only product of his farm. He was the first on the Peninsula to plant peaches largely for market, and to see, as pro-

phesied by him, that entire section of country covered with peach orchards. He was called from earth December 23, 1894. Though of a retiring disposition, always seeking to avoid publicity, he took an active interest in public affairs, and few men were better posted in the doings of the day. In early life he united with the Presbyterian Church, and always lived a consistent Christian life. He assisted in organizing the Congregational Church on the Peninsula, and was always one of its faithful supporters.

Mr. Alexander was twice married; first time to Martha A. Graham, of Chester county, Penn., but she died in 1844, leaving one son, Robert Graham Alexander, who died in Chicago in 1862, in his twenty-second year. In 1849, for his second wife, Mr. Alexander married Harriet R. Pettitt, of Piqua, who, with three daughters (Mrs. William Miller, of Gypsum, Mrs. S. R. Gill, of Lakeside, and Mrs. J. W. Benschoter, of Bowling Green) and one son (S. P. Alexander), survives him.

GEORGE F. MEYER. The subject of this sketch, who has been for nearly twenty-one years a resident of Port Clinton, Ottawa county, is a prosperous cigar manufacturer, in his business combining the German thrift and industry with American push and enterprise. He is a native of Hanover, Germany, born September 9, 1840.

Mr. Meyer's parents were both natives of Germany, the father, H. Meyer, born in Lansberger, Hanover, in 1805, and the mother, Mary (Walsen) Meyer, in Bad Rehburg, in 1803; the former died in 1868, and the latter in 1874. The father, who was a man of much intelligence and ability, was a surgeon, and practiced his profession from 1825 until his death. He served during the Franco-Prussian war. He was a member of the

Lutheran Church. This worthy couple had eight children, as follows: William, who died after coming to America; August, who lives at Bremen, Germany, and is engaged in the cigar business; George F., our subject; Charles, living in Zulingen, Germany; Frederick, who resides in Bremen, Germany; Caroline, a widow, residing in Sandusky; Dorritt, deceased; and Augusta, who married a Mr. Dinklage. The maternal grandfather of our subject was a baker by trade, and also held the office of postmaster at Bad Rehburg, a position which has been handed down in the family from generation to generation until the present time. Others of the connection are also engaged in the postal service. The paternal grandfather, Henry Meyer, was born at Lansberger on the Weser, and was a farmer by occupation.

Our subject attended school in his native country until fourteen years old, and when eighteen years of age, as is the custom in Germany, he entered the army and served over seven years. In all this time his regiment was not ordered to the front, but he saw enough of a soldier's life to satisfy him, without remaining longer in service. After leaving the army he learned the cigar business, and in 1867 came to America, locating first in the city of Sandusky, Ohio, and there remaining until 1874, when he removed to Port Clinton. Since that time he has carried on business for himself. He employs from six to eight men all the time, and has a large trade in the surrounding country; he also has a fruit farm, etc. Mr. Meyer was first married in Sandusky, on October 10, 1868, to Miss Julia Luedecke, by whom he had one child, Gustave, who is engaged in business in Cleveland, Ohio. The mother died September 19, 1871, at Sandusky, Ohio, and on September 28, 1872, Mr. Meyer was again married, this time to Miss Louisa Bolte, who was born in Hanover. They have two children: George, a clerk in the German-American

Bank of Port Clinton, in which his father is a stockholder; and Lillie. Mr. Meyer has a fine fruit farm at Graytown, this State, on which he raises quinces, pears and plums; he also owns property in Port Clinton. In politics, he is a Democrat, and in religious faith is a member of the Lutheran Church; socially, he belongs to the I. O. O. F. He is a public-spirited citizen, always ready to aid any project tending to the welfare of his town and county.

ANTON YOUNG, one of the oldest pioneers, and also one of the prominent agriculturists of Allen township, Ottawa county, was born in Germany, February 2, 1823, near the banks of the beautiful river Rhine, his parents being John and Kate (Diefenthaler) Young, also natives of Germany.

The early years of our subject were spent in school in his native province, and he assisted his father on the farm until he was nineteen years of age. At that time he was drafted into the army, being required to learn the science of warfare, having to drill and perform all military duties and receiving a furlough every six months. In 1849, when the revolution broke out in his native land, he was called upon to take up arms in defense of the government, and served until peace was restored in 1850, when he received his discharge. He then returned home and worked on his father's farm, and also for other parties until 1852. In March of that year he emigrated to this country, and came to Ohio, locating in Toledo, where he was married and remained for a short time. In 1853, Mr. Young came to Allen township, then a portion of Clay township, Ottawa county, where he bought sixty-five acres of land, most of which was covered with timber, and on which he built a log cabin. He immediately

began clearing his land, planting, as fast as the trees were removed, small patches of corn, potatoes, etc., with which to support his family. After several years of hard toil he succeeded in converting the place into a well-cultivated farm, and erected a commodious dwelling house with large barn and other outbuildings, the property now being considered among the finest in Allen township. In 1863 Mr. Young was drafted into the Union army, but not feeling willing to leave his wife and young family, he paid \$300 to be exempted. He afterward had his money returned to him, as the draft was not a legal one. In 1864 he was again drafted, but did not have to answer the call. In 1865, when the last call for volunteers was made, Mr. Young enlisted in the One Hundred and Eighty-ninth Ohio Infantry, and was sent to Nashville, Tenn. It so happened that he was not in any engagement, and on October 9, of the same year, he received his discharge and returned home. Since that time he has lived upon his farm, where with his good wife he is passing the evening of his days in peace and happiness.

Mr. Young was married, January 30, 1853, at Toledo, to Mary Kohler, daughter of Philip Kohler, a farmer, who was of German birth. To this union nine children were born, of whom eight are living, viz.: John, born July 15, 1855, is a farmer in Allen township; he was married in June, 1887, to Mary, daughter of Hiram Overbeck, a farmer of Wood county, and they have two children, Herman, born September 1, 1888, and Eva K., born November 1, 1891. Christina Young was born April 29, 1858, and is living at home with her parents. George J. was born November 2, 1860. Philip, February 17, 1863. Andrew, May 20, 1865. Edwin, July 20, 1867. Katie, July 1, 1870, and Henry, May 10, 1873. All of these were educated in the public schools of Allen township, and are at home with their parents. Mary, who was

born February 2, 1854, died July 28 of the same year.

John Young, the father of our subject, was born in Germany, where he was a farmer. He was married in 1819 to Katie Diefenthaler, and five children have blessed their union, viz.: Philip, George, Anton, Jacob (who is a farmer in Wood county, this State) and Susan (who died in Germany when a child). Philip Kohler, father of Mrs. Young, was born in Germany, where he was married, and he became the father of four children, viz.: John Philip, who died in Toledo; Barbara, the wife of John Young, of Toledo; Kate, who died when a child in Germany, and Mary, the wife of our subject. The father died in Germany, and the widow married Philip Diefenthaler, with whom she came to this country, locating in Wood county, Ohio. By this second marriage a family of four children was born: Maggie, who died in Germany; Christiana M., wife of John Bush, a farmer in Wood county; and Jacob and Anthona, both of whom are farmers in Wood county. The mother died in that county in 1864.

Our subject held the office of school director in Allen township for several years. In politics he is a Republican, and the family are members of the Evangelical Church.

DANIEL V. FLUMERFELT. The subject of this sketch disclaims the possession of any qualities that entitle him to the mention which his friends believe should be made of him; yet it is in no spirit of adulation when we say that his busy and active life is illustrative of the success that attends honest, well-directed endeavor, industry and adherence to duty. "Uncle Dan," as he is everywhere known, is one of those men to whom the trite term "self-made" is appropriately applied. Though lacking the advantages of a higher education in college, he has absorbed much from those

valuable instructors—experience and observation.

Those who know Mr. Flumerfelt well and intimately need no explanation about him. To strangers, however, it is sufficient to say that he has inherited from his father a great deal of his looks and personal appearance, but more so his tenacity and perseverance. His sound judgment and good business capacity were shown in many instances while living in Seneca county, especially in the building of the "Flumerfelt bridge," which is a fair monument of his perseverance and sagacity. As early as 1836 he had assisted, as carpenter, in putting up the frame work of the Stem's and the Hedge's mills, near Green Spring, Ohio, which were patronized by pioneer farmers for many miles around. His native pluck was shown, later, in litigation with a railroad company, whose opposition he contested to the supreme court, securing a verdict in his favor in each court in which the case was tried.

The father of our subject, Cornelius Flumerfelt, was born in New Jersey July 10, 1774, in Sussex county, and was reared on a farm. In 1804 he was married to Catharine Christman. On the second day of May, 1826, they started for Ohio. It took them four weeks to reach Seneca county. He bought the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 16, in Pleasant township. Mr. Daniel Rice had a lease on land from the commissioners of Sandusky county, which he also bought. Mr. Rice had built a log cabin, and Mr. Flumerfelt moved into that. Mr. Flumerfelt was twice married. There were six children of the second marriage, of whom Daniel V., our subject, was second, and is the only one of them now living. Cornelius Flumerfelt was a fine specimen of well-developed physical manhood. He was six feet tall, of fair complexion, had blue eyes, and was very straight and well-proportioned. He was of purely German type, very firm in his convictions, slow of



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MRS. MELINDA FLUMERFELT.

speech and fixed in his habits. He voted for every Democratic candidate for President after Washington, and always took an active part in politics. He was one of the positive men of the country. His word was his bond, and to be relied upon. He was highly respected wherever he had become known. He died August 28, 1871, at the age of ninety-seven. His second wife died in 1847.

D. V. Flumerfelt, our subject, was born in Sussex (now Warren) county, near Danville, N. J., October 13, 1807. He came to Seneca county, Ohio, with his father's family. He married Miss Melinda Littler, of Hardin county, Va., October 12, 1837. This union was blessed with five sons and five daughters, of whom one son and three daughters have died. Those living are: (1) Mathilda, who married Matthew T. Lutz, a retired farmer, Ballville township; (2) Ann Maria, who married Dennis Deran, a farmer in Ballville township; (3) George, who married Ellen Cheney, living in Ballville township; (4) Amos, who married Etta Crowe, and lives in the State of Kansas; (5) Charles, single, living at Old Fort, Seneca Co., Ohio, an ex-member of the Ohio Legislature; and (6) Abraham, unmarried, living with parents.

Our subject came to Ballville township, Sandusky county, in the spring of 1884, and purchased his present beautiful home near Sandusky river. He is the owner of 1,200 acres of land. His first vote was for Andrew Jackson.

WILLIAM CLARK. A sketch of the life of this early settler of Ottawa county, who bore such a prominent part in the affairs of his community, and whose death was deeply mourned by all to whom his name was familiar, is truly worthy a place in this volume.

William Clark was born in Devonshire, England, August 11, 1827, and

was a son of William and Ann (Clark) Clark, also natives of that county, where the father passed away. Here the son was educated and reared to manhood, spending his time upon a farm until 1853, when he immigrated to America, and coming to Ohio settled in Danbury township, near Port Clinton, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for about eight years. In 1862 Mr. Clark removed to what was then Clay (now Allen) township, and from that date until his death, which occurred November 29, 1894, he was a continuous resident of that township, and held a leading place among its most enterprising and progressive citizens, giving his support to all projects tending to the advancement and welfare of the town and county. He was largely engaged in agricultural pursuits, in connection with milling, the manufacture of lime and an extensive mercantile business. He was also postmaster for twelve years. In all these various lines he was conspicuous for his energy, untiring industry, strict integrity and faithful performance of his duties, and having brought up his children to the same commendable habits they are today able to carry on his large enterprises with credit to themselves and honor to the memory of their father. Mr. Clark was married, in Lincolnshire, England, December 5, 1852, to Susan, daughter of Robert and Ann (Chapman) Wilkinson, the former of whom passed away March 20, 1874, in Allen township, the latter dying October 5, 1893, in her native land.

To the union of our subject and his wife nine children were born, as follows: Sarah Ann, September 8, 1854; William W., November 8, 1855; James A., November 8, 1857; George F., November 26, 1859; Charles E., April 1, 1861; Ira A., March 2, 1863; Alice N., March 15, 1865; Mary E., January 2, 1868; Florence A., March 2, 1870. Of this family Sarah Ann died July 24, 1874. William W.

Clark was educated in the district schools of his native township, and since his early youth has been connected with his father's business enterprises. He is a member of Clay Lodge No. 584, I. O. O. F., at Genoa, and also of the Encampment at Elmore, and of the Daughters of Rebekah. He is a Republican politically. James A. Clark was married December 18, 1891, to Miss Mary R. Richards, and resides at Clay Center; since arriving at the years of manhood he has always given his attention to the duties pertaining to the homestead farm; like his brothers he attended the district school in his boyhood. George F. Clark was married October 19, 1883, to Nellie J. McIntyre, and they have two children, Alva B., born February 15, 1890, and Florence A., born February 4, 1892. He received his education in the public schools of Clay township, and has always assisted in his father's business. He is a member of Genoa Tent No. 173, Knights of the Maccabees. Charles E. Clark was married December 23, 1889, to Miss Stella Ross, of Colorado, and has one child, Ira E., born October 29, 1891. He also received his education at the home schools, and was connected with his father's business up to 1887, when he went to Colorado, where he now resides, engaged in farming in Montrose county. Ira A. Clark received his early education in the district schools of Clay township and also spent the winters of 1886 and 1887 in the Normal School of Danville, Ind. He entered the Law Department of Ann Arbor (Mich.) University in 1892, and graduated with honor with the class of June, 1894. He was admitted to the bar of this State in March, 1894, and since that time has practiced in Toledo, where he is meeting with flattering success. He is a member of Clay Lodge No. 584, I. O. O. F., at Genoa, and also of the Toledo Encampment. In politics he is Republican. Alice N. is the wife of

Ralph W. Hill, cashier of the Elyria Savings Bank. Mary E. resides at Clay Center. Florence A. was married June 21, 1893, to Alva H. McIntyre, and resides in Toledo.

During the life of our subject his large business enterprises were conducted under his own name, but since his death a stock company has been formed consisting of all the members of the family, under the title of The Clark Company, of which George F. Clark is president and treasurer, and William W. Clark is vice-president and secretary. Mr. Clark was for several years trustee of Clay township. He was a member of Clay Lodge No. 584, I. O. O. F., also of the Toledo Encampment and Daughters of Rebekah. His widow lives at the old homestead at Clay Center, Allen township.

EDWARD GEORGE MESSER-SMITH, agent of the Wheeling & Erie Railway Company at Limestone, Ottawa county, and one of the busiest and most enterprising young citizens of this community, is well-known for his personal activity in the affairs of the county, and also as a member of one of the pioneer families of Benton township, of which he is a native.

Our subject was born April 30, 1868, and spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, attending the district school and acquiring a liberal education. He remained at home until the age of eighteen, when he took up the study of telegraphy with H. C. Feddersen, of Limestone Station, on the Wheeling railroad, and in six months he had so thoroughly mastered the business that he went to Hartland, Huron county, and took the position of night operator for the Wheeling railroad. After eight months' service there he was promoted to a larger field, and the company gave him the position of night operator at Orrville, Wayne county,

a position he held one year. He was next at Trowbridge one year, and thence was removed to Limestone, now having entire charge of the Company's business at this point, the freight business alone amounting to some \$8,000 per year. In addition to his railroad business Mr. Messersmith is also largely engaged in business for himself, which industry is now assuming large proportions and is steadily on the increase. Besides attending to all the above mentioned interests, he has charge of the old homestead, a farm of 120 acres, where he now lives with his mother and one sister. The property is owned by himself and brother Charles Albert; the farm is rented, but Mr. Messersmith has full charge and oversight of the business. Politically he is a Democrat, and is a public-spirited citizen, taking a loyal interest and pride in the welfare of his community.

Henry Messersmith, father of our subject, one of the earliest settlers of Ottawa county, and especially well-known and respected in Benton township, was a native of Prussia, born in 1823. His parents were also natives of Prussia, the father born in 1785, the mother about 1775, and they died at the ages of seventy-eight and eighty-three years respectively. They had a family of nine children—four sons and five daughters. When Henry was eight years of age he came with his parents to this country, the family settling in the present city of Cleveland, then a small town, and there, in the public schools, he received his education. When eighteen he began life for himself, learning the cooper's trade, at which he worked until 1865. He then came to Benton township, Ottawa county, a region which at that time was a complete forest, and settled on Section 22, where he and his brothers Conrad and Jacob purchased 500 acres of wild land completely covered with timber. There was not a laid-out road in the township, the only one being a path along the banks of

a small stream. They at once erected a stave and heading factory, and in connection therewith a sawmill, and commenced the work of clearing off the timber and making a comfortable home. Day after day could be heard the ring of the axe felling the timber for the great mill to convert into marketable form; the hum of the machinery was heard early and late; gradually the trees were removed, and in a seemingly short period of time the 500-acre tract was cleared and transformed into one of the finest farms in Ohio. Jacob sold out to his brothers about 1868, up to which time they had all worked together. In 1849, at the time of the gold fever, Henry Messersmith went to the mines in California, where he remained eighteen months, meeting with very fair success.

In 1870 Mr. Messersmith died at his residence in Benton township, and he was deeply mourned in the community, for in his death the county, as well as the township, lost a thorough business man and a most esteemed citizen. In 1846 he had married Miss Margaret Anna Sell, of Cleveland, and to them were born eight children—five sons and three daughters—six of whom are now living: Louisa, born in 1850; Jacob, born in 1852; Mary, born in 1855; Henry, born in 1863; Edward, born in 1868, and Charles, born in 1870. The daughters are both married, Mary living at the old home, and Louisa (Mrs. Dentzer) in Cleveland. Mrs. Margaret Anna Messersmith was born in Prussia in 1833, and when four years old came to this country with her parents, who settled in Cleveland. Her opportunities for acquiring an education were very poor, but her thirst for knowledge great, and she has walked three miles many a day to school that she might in a measure satisfy her longing for an education. She lived in her native city until her marriage, and came to Benton township with her husband, where she added her efforts to his in securing a home and caring for the

children born to them, all of whom have now taken their place among the upright and progressive citizens of the township. Mrs. Messersmith's parents were born in Prussia about 1799, and had a family of six children—two sons and four daughters. Two years after Mr. Messersmith's death the property was divided equally between the widow and Conrad Messersmith, and her eldest son took charge of the farm until 1894, when he sold out his interests to his brothers Edward and Charles. The old mill where Mr. Messersmith sawed the timber with which he paid for his handsome farm and home was afterward burned.

In the gentleman whose name opens this sketch, Edward G. Messersmith, we have one of the most enterprising young men of the times; but in his parents we have those who helped to make Benton township as beautiful as it now is; they were among the early pioneers of the county, and by their industry and economy carved out one of the finest homes to be seen in the township of Benton, or even in Ottawa county. "Honor to whom honor is due."

J H. FAUS, the popular and efficient city clerk of Port Clinton, Ottawa county, is a native of that city, born February 22, 1862, and has resided there all his life.

He is a son of Thomas and Artemesia Faus, the latter of whom is a daughter of Garret Thorne, in his day one of the oldest residents of Ottawa county, Ohio, having located in Port Clinton in 1828, before the county was organized, and there resided the long period of sixty-five years, or up to his death which occurred March 6, 1890, when he was aged eighty-seven years.

When fourteen years old our subject's school days closed, and he then entered the office of the *Ottawa County News* (D. J. Stalter being then proprietor) to learn

the trade of printer. Here he remained about a year, at the end of which time, Mr. Stalter having sold out to George R. Clark, our subject began work in the office of the *Ottawa County Reporter*, and there continued some three and one-half years; but that journal changing hands, he was offered, and accepted, the position of foreman in the *News* office, which he held for fourteen years, or until August, 1895. In September following Mr. Faus purchased of E. H. Bauman his half interest in the *Ottawa County Republican*, and now in partnership with A. G. Winnie conducts that paper with well-merited success.

Mr. Faus has always been a Republican; was elected on that ticket clerk of Portage township (in which Port Clinton is now situated) four consecutive times (although the township has a Democratic majority of about seventy-five), he on most occasions being the only Republican elected, and being elected by majorities ranging from 2 (the first time he ran) to 179—his total term of service as township clerk being eight and one-half years. In 1880 he was elected city clerk of Port Clinton by eighty majority and was defeated for re-election in 1892 by a majority of three in a total of over 500 votes (no Republican was elected in the corporation that year). In 1894 he was again elected city clerk, defeating by seventy-nine votes the same opponent who in 1892 had defeated him by three votes.

On June 16, 1886, Mr. Faus was married to Miss Nettie Doyen, eldest daughter of Hubert and Ellen Doyen, of Port Clinton, and they have one child, a bright little boy, named Alvin G. Our subject is a member of the United Brethren Church; socially, he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and is a charter member of Port Clinton Lodge No. 361. It may be truly said of Mr. Faus that he is a representative self-made man, his education having been very limited, mostly secured during his experience in

printing offices. He is well-liked, and highly spoken of among all classes of people.

PAUL de la BARRE, M. D. Among the physicians of Port Clinton stands prominent this gentleman, who though yet in the ranks of the comparatively later members of the profession in the county, has already placed himself well in the van.

He is a native of Prussia, born of French lineage November 30, 1851, at Stargard, Province of Pommern, son of Barnhardt and Louisa (Rabe) de la Barre, the former of whom, a watch manufacturer by vocation, died when about forty-five years old; the latter is yet living. They were the parents of seven children, Paul being the only one to come to the United States. He attended school in his native town till his fifteenth year, and then entered upon a four-years' apprenticeship at pharmacy. After passing his examination as pharmacist he took a position in a drug store in Frankfort-on-the-Main, but at the breaking out of the Franco-Prussian war, fired with the spirit of patriotism, he enlisted in the German army, October 2, 1870, as a volunteer in First Company, Thirty-fourth Regiment, Second Army Corps, in which he served one year, doing military duty, at Strasburg, Vesoul and other places, after which he was honorably discharged October 1, 1871. He then returned to his former occupation, serving as clerk in a drug store at Mecklenburg-Schwerin some five years, and at Schersleben about eight months, after which he managed a drug store at Hamburg in the neighborhood of three years. In 1882 he emigrated to America, and served in a drug store in New York City about three years, after which he moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he studied medicine in the Western Reserve University, from which he graduated in 1887. He then came to and

opened an office for the practice of medicine at Port Clinton, Ohio, in which he still continues, and where, on account of his rare experience as a pharmacist, his ability to converse fluently in English, French and German, his faithfulness to his patients and his genial, kindly disposition toward all, he has secured a liberal patronage. The Doctor has a convenient office and a fine residence adjacent to the Court House Park. A year or two since he purchased an orange grove in Florida, where he spends a portion of each year.

On May 15, 1876, at Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, Dr. de la Barre was married to Helene Bohndorff, daughter of an artist, and their children are: Marguerite, born February 26, 1877; Anna, born June 26, 1878, and Elizabeth, born January 2, 1881. In his political preferences the Doctor is a Democrat, and for the past few years he has been a member of the board of education of Port Clinton; socially, he is affiliated with the I. O. O. F., and F. & A. M. He and his estimable wife enjoy the esteem and regard of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

REV. SAMUEL T. LANE, retired minister of the U. B. Church, and formerly a pioneer itinerant preacher in Sandusky and Ottawa counties, was born in the town of Candor, Tioga Co., N. Y., April 15, 1815, a son of James and Jane (Colter) Lane, who lived on a farm where he for several years operated a sawmill. Mrs. Lane by a former marriage with Samuel Taylor (deceased) had two children, one of whom passed away in childhood, and the other grew to maturity, reared a family and died near the homestead. James Lane died in Tioga county, N. Y., about the year 1875. The children of James and Jane Lane were: Samuel T., Nancy Ann, Eliza, Rachel, Charles, Lindley

Aaron, and Catharine. Of these Nancy Ann married John Vandemark, lived in Candor, then moved to Michigan, near Ann Arbor, where she died leaving two children; Eliza married Albert Barton, of Tioga county, where they still reside, and have one son living; Rachel married a Mr. Goodrich, lives in Oswego, N. Y., and has four children; Charles married and had a family near the old homestead; Lindley Aaron married, lives near the same place, and has two children; Catharine married a Mr. Burton, and they live near Chenang Point, New York.

The subject proper of these lines was raised to hard work in a sawmill and on a farm, and in his boyhood began to serve a three-years' apprenticeship to the blacksmith trade, then after completing his term worked about three years longer at the same place. He received only three months' schooling, with which as a starting point he went on acquiring knowledge by himself in his spare moments, often reading books and papers by the dim light of a tallow-dip candle or a slut-lamp hanging in the chimney corner of a log cabin, or by the flickering light of a shell-bark hickory torch in the woods, until he found himself capable to teach a country school. About this time he married Miss Julia McDonald, by whom he had one child; but about two years later this wife died, and a year afterward he married Miss Lydia Ann Schoonover, of Tioga county, N. Y. He then moved to Mexico, Wyandot county, where he operated a sawmill and remained until his second wife died. While living here he received exhorting license from the M. E. Church, and not long afterward was given a call to supply preaching on a large circuit which included Port Clinton, Danbury, Lakeside, and the country seven miles up the Portage river, embracing twenty-two different appointments, mostly at school-houses or log cabin dwellings, and requiring one hundred miles travel to make one round every

three weeks. He attended the first quarterly meeting in 1850 at Lower Sandusky, where Rev. Beatty, his colleague, was stationed. Mr. Lane traveled mostly on horseback, carrying his Bible and hymn books in a leather saddle-bag. In 1851 he located at Lacarne, Ottawa county, and at Port Clinton was married to Miss Mary G. King, February 27, 1851. While living here he superintended the grading of the Northern Division of the L. S. & M. S. R. R., for three miles west of the Portage river, and a year later put in the culverts and cattle-guards between Lacarne and Oak Harbor, being in the employ of the railroad company about two years. Four years after preaching for the M. E. Church he, in 1856, joined the U. B. Church, at Flat Rock, Ohio, and served as itinerant preacher nearly thirty years, or until 1885, when, at the age of seventy he was superannuated. His last circuit was at Rising-sun, Wood county, his present home.

Rev. S. T. Lane's children by his last wife were: Sarah, Lydia Ann, Sylvester L., Samuel T., Nancy, Mary and Eva E.; of these Sarah married James Kleinhans, lives at Waterville, Lucas Co., Ohio, and has five children; Lydia Ann married John Otten, lives at Deerfield, Mich., and has five children; Sylvester L., unmarried, is a publisher, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Samuel T. married Ada Nowlan, is clerk at the "Arlington House," Findlay, Ohio; Nancy married Charles K. Beech, lives at Findlay, Ohio, and has two children; Eva E., married to Harry C. Hollinshead, a sketch of whom follows:

HARRY C. HOLLINSHEAD, of the firm of Bense & Hollinshead, wholesale and retail fish dealers, Port Clinton, and one of the leading business men of the city, is a native of same, born November 7, 1862, a son of Robert M. and Lucy (Dickens) Hollinshead.

The father of Harry C. was born in Ottawa county, Ohio, where he was reared, educated and married. He served as

auditor and recorder of the county for some seventeen years, at the end of which time he embarked in the wholesale fish business with R. Bell & Co., at Port Clinton. In 1888 he sold out his interest in this industry, and moved to Toledo. His wife died in 1881 at the age of thirty-eight years, the mother of six children who grew to maturity, namely: Cora, wife of Albert B. Orth, of Port Clinton; Harry C., of whom we write; Lester, assisting his brother in the fish business, unmarried; Clara, wife of John Rohrbacher, of Port Clinton; May; and Eva, married to Matthew Hilsenbeck, and living in Toledo, Ohio.

Harry C. Hollinshead received his literary education at the common schools of Port Clinton, after which he attended the Spencerian Business College, Cleveland, graduating from there in 1886. He then accepted the position of bookkeeper for George E. St. John, at Port Clinton, subsequently, in 1891, becoming a member of the firm of Bense, Hanlon & Co., fish dealers, the name of the firm being changed to Bense, Hollinshead & Co., in 1893.

On June 20, 1890, Mr. Hollinshead was married at Findlay, Ohio, to Miss Eva E. Lane, and one child, Robert Lindley, was born to them October 2, 1893. In his political preferences Mr. Hollinshead is a Democrat; socially, he is a member of the I. O. O. F.

HERMAN H. MYLANDER, county treasurer of Ottawa county, by virtue of his long residence at Oak Harbor, and high position in society, is well worthy of a prominent place in the pages of this volume.

A Prussian by birth, he was born in the town of Menden, Westphalia, November 8, 1839, a son of Henry C. and Elizabeth (Kelling) Mylander, both also natives of Prussia. In 1854 they emigrated to the United States, with a small party of

German colonists, locating in Ottawa, Ohio, where the father died in 1880, the mother in 1883. They had eleven children, all born in Germany, four of whom survive, viz.: Frederick, residing in Oak Harbor; Herman H., subject of this sketch; John H., residing in West Dover, Ohio, and William H., of Oak Harbor.

Our subject, as will be seen, was a fourteen-year-old boy when he came to this country, and as a consequence his education was for the most part received in his native land. About a couple of years he spent at Toledo and Woodville, Ohio, as an apprentice to the mercantile business, at a salary of four dollars per month; but in 1857 he returned to Oak Harbor and commenced business on his own account, since which time, now a period of some forty years, he has been continuously identified with Salem township and Oak Harbor, and their development. In the year last named he established the first general store in Oak Harbor, at that time a mere village, known as "Hartford," and in connection with this business he has also been largely interested and extensively engaged in the manufacture of staves and headings, having a factory at Oak Harbor. During these forty years Mr. Mylander's line has been devoted to an industrious and energetic business career, and every dollar he has accumulated has been invested and expended in the building up and development of his town and township. There is not a Church in Salem township that has not been benefited by contributions from Mr. Mylander, and to every public enterprise of moment he has always been a liberal subscriber.

On July 22 1859, our subject was married, at Oak Harbor, to Miss Sarah Troutman, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Heilbach) Troutman, and born in Tuscarora, Schuykill Co., Penn., December 23, 1841; she came to Ottawa county, in 1855, with her parents. This union has been blessed with four sons and two

daughters, as follows: Henry C., born May 22, 1860, a prominent hardware merchant of Oak Harbor; William H., born May 28, 1861, a manufacturer of coopeage stock, and having charge of his father's business in Sandusky, Lindsay and North Creek; Franklin E., born May 19, 1863, died June 13, 1864; Mary A., born November 21, 1864, wife of W. Harmon, deputy county treasurer; George C., bookkeeper in his father's store at Oak Harbor, born March 27, 1869, and Emma B., born February 16, 1872, for some time a teacher in Ottawa county.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Mylander has never been an office-seeker; but in 1894, without any solicitation on his part, he was nominated, by his party, as a candidate for county treasurer, and on November 6 of that year was elected to that honorable position, one that he fills with characteristic ability and fidelity. For twelve years he served as councillor of Oak Harbor, and for eight years was school director, also filling the position of school treasurer for the same length of time. He is a man of more than ordinary business qualifications, to-day ranking among the solid men of Ottawa county, and enjoying an enviable and well-merited popularity. He is also highly respected in the community for his moral worth, and many unassuming charitable deeds.

CHARLES I. YORK. This well-known attorney at law, who enjoys an honorable and lucrative practice in his chosen profession, is holding an enviable place in the front rank of that distinguished array of talent which constitutes the bar of Ottawa county.

He is a native of Ohio, born in Greenwich township, Huron county, February 18, 1856. When he was an infant of two months his parents, Stephen and Hannah York, moved to the adjoining

township of Ruggles, in Ashland county, where for some thirty years they resided, at the end of that time returning to Greenwich township, and finally settling in the village of that name. Here the father died September 3, 1888, the mother on October 7, 1892, leaving one son and four daughters, as follows: Charles I., Mrs. Harriet Washburn, Mrs. Cornelia Wright and Mrs. Lena Stoner, of Greenwich, Ohio; and Mrs. Avetta MaCumber, of Lorain, Ohio. The parents and all the grandparents were born in the State of New York, while the great-grandparents were of Irish, German and French nativity.

When four years old our subject commenced attending district school near his Ashland county home, his first teacher being Alvin Griffin, who is now, and has been for the past thirty years or so, a practicing attorney at law at Norwalk, Ohio. At the age of fifteen young Charles entered a private school in the same vicinity, which he attended two years, and in November, 1873, at the early age of seventeen, he commenced teaching country school, the first step toward beginning life for himself. During the springs and summers of 1874 and three consecutive years Mr. York was engaged by the month on a farm, shearing sheep, and in other occupations, at intervals, when out of work, canvassing for the sale of books, at the same time attending private schools in the fall, his winters being occupied in teaching. In 1878 he taught select schools, his chief duties being to prepare the student for the profession of school teaching. In 1879, 1880, and up to the fall of 1881 he was engaged as traveling salesman for a church, school and hall furniture industry, teaching school in the winter of 1879-80. In the fall of 1881 he entered the Law Department of Michigan University, Ann Arbor, Mich., where, on March 28, 1883, he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws. During vacation in his course, and after



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graduation, he continued, until the fall of 1883, his former occupation of traveling salesman. On February 8, 1883, he was admitted to practice law in the State of Michigan, and on June 5, 1883, while at Columbus, Ohio, on business for the firm he was traveling for he was admitted to the bar by the supreme court of Ohio, and has since been admitted to practice in the United States courts. In the fall of 1883 he entered the law office of H. C. Carhart, at Galion, Ohio, there making his debut into the arena of law; but he remained there only two weeks, for during the afternoon of December 2, he began to take into favorable consideration the condition of affairs in Oak Harbor, Ottawa county, which he had frequently visited in his traveling days, and the result of his cogitations was that on the following day he found himself located in that thriving town and engaged in the trial of a case before the mayor thereof. Here he remained in the practice of his chosen profession until July 4, 1892, at which date he removed to Port Clinton, the county seat of Ottawa county, where he has continued to reside.

On October 18, 1887, at his own home in Oak Harbor, which had been suitably prepared for a life of domesticity, Mr. York was married to Miss Anna Wilt, of that village, and they partook of their marriage supper at their own table. Socially our subject is a member in good standing of the F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F. and the K. of P. Lodges. He believes that men become characterized to, and a reflex of, the objects which they worship, and holds that man's supreme duty is to worship God, by reason of his relation with his Creator, as it becomes revealed to him, through the Sacred Scriptures, human reason and natural laws, that he might become a susceptible character to reflect sunshine and happiness in his home, in the fraternities of men and the society of the world, and become so spiritually related to his Creator

as to be enabled to await in perfect peace, consolation and faith the eternal destiny of the immortal soul.

At the November election, in 1888, Mr. York was elected prosecuting attorney of Ottawa county, on the Democratic ticket, and at the November election in 1891 he was re-elected on the same ticket, holding that office for two terms, beginning on the first Monday of January, 1889, and ending on the first Monday of January, 1895. He is possessed of excellent judgment, gifted with enviable skill in handling a case, and forcible in his arguments before a jury, while he is regarded as a useful local counselor and office lawyer, critical and accurate in the adjustment and preparation of cases. Genial and popular, no man stands higher in the estimation of the people of the county, and his present leading position, both as a man and as a lawyer, is a conclusive proof of what pluck, ambition and honest endeavor will accomplish.

GEORGE M. RUCES, the proprietor of Maple Grove farm, Clay township, Ottawa county, is one of the oldest of the pioneers, and a prominent agriculturist and manufacturer of that township. He has watched the progress of the country from a state of nature, a wilderness of forest trees and underbrush, inhabited by wild animals, to its present proud position in the State, with fertile fields and comfortable homes, and feels that to his strong right arm is due in a measure the prosperity and beauty of this favored section.

Mr. Rudes was born in Genesee county, N. Y., February 4, 1827, a son of Ephraim and Hannah (Hudson) Rudes, also natives of that State, born of English and Welsh descent. They removed to Ohio when their son George was but eight years old, making the long journey in a wagon, drawn by horses, and located in Medina county. Here our subject attend-

ed the common and high schools, and then served an apprenticeship at the carpenter and joiner's trade, at which he worked for several years. He then went to Huron county, going into the hotel business, which he carried on some three years; but, tiring of this, he purchased a farm in that county, which he worked for five years. He then sold out and came to Ottawa county, settling in Clay township, where he began manufacturing lumber. With keen foresight and good business tact, he purchased eighty acres of timber land and a sawmill and went to work, cutting down the trees, often standing knee deep in water. He sawed the logs, making them into lumber, for which he found a ready sale, and in the course of the twelve years in which he carried on operations used all the timber on his own and the neighboring farms. A part of this timber covered what is known as "Middle Ground," in the city of Toledo. In addition to the manufacture of lumber, Mr. Rudes devoted every spare moment to the improvement of his farm, and succeeded in bringing it to a high state of cultivation. He sawed and dried the lumber used in the construction of his dwelling and barns, which he built himself, in a picturesque spot, and which for beauty and design can not be surpassed in Clay township. He made many other improvements upon his land, and has to-day a valuable piece of property. In 1866 Mr. Rudes sold out his sawmill, and attended strictly to his farming operations. In 1873 he bought a sawmill in Genoa, adding thereto a planing-mill, and for ten years lived in Genoa, buying also eighty acres of timber land in the vicinity of his farm. The mill is still in operation, employing a number of men, and is successfully conducted by his son, Heselton F., who thoroughly understands the business.

Our subject was married November 9, 1851, to Miss Louisa J. Baxter, and to them eight children have been born (two of whom are deceased), a brief record of

them being as follows: (1) Heselton F., born September 10, 1853, attended the schools of Genoa, and was married April 25, 1878, to Miss Fanny Buttheway; they have had three children—Guy, born July 14, 1878, died in 1892; Lester, born in 1887; and Verne, born in September, 1891; they reside in Genoa, where he has charge of his father's mill. (2) Bribner H., born September 15, 1854, in Huron county, received his education at Genoa; he is unmarried, resides with his parents, and is interested in the business of grain threshing and well drilling. (3) Carlos A., born July 21, 1857, in Clay township, attended the schools in Genoa, and was married December 9, 1879, to Miss Lillie Hatch, daughter of Charles Hatch, of Hancock county; they have had five children—Ercell, Harry, Earl (deceased), Merrill and Gail. (4) Amy, born December 25, 1867, died July 27, 1875. (5) George A., born September 30, 1862, in Clay township, was educated in Genoa; he carries on well drilling and threshing; he was married in Genoa, December 12, 1880, to Miss Avis, daughter of Austin Tuttle, and seven children have been born to them—Albert M., Alice L., Florence, Metta, Howard, Emery, and Inez. (6) Minnie M., born September 1, 1864, is single and resides with her parents. (7) Roy C., born May 10, 1874, is what might be termed a born machinist; he is entirely self-taught, but seems to have a thorough knowledge of all kinds of machines; he tried farming for a while, but is now agent for a threshing-machine manufacturing company; he is single and lives with his parents. (8) Metta, born August 1, 1876, died July 24, 1877.

Ephraim Rudes, the father of our subject, was born in the State of New York, in 1800, and followed the occupation of a farmer. He was married in 1821 to Miss Hannah Hudson, who was born in the same State, July 16, 1803, and their family consisted of seven children as fol-

lows: Sarah A., Amy and Abel (twins), George M., Clarinda, Allen H. and Lucy. The father died in 1846, and the mother in 1890. The wife of our subject was born July 20, 1832, in the State of New York, and was one of thirteen children born to her parents. She is suffering from the effects of a stroke of paralysis, which prevents her from performing household duties, although her mind is clear and active, and she converses with ease and intelligence. She and her husband, who is a very quiet and unassuming man, have many interesting incidents to tell of the early day in the settlement of this State, when they were surrounded by dense forests, when neighbors were few and far between, and when none of the comforts and conveniences of civilization were at hand. Now they are enjoying the results of their early toil and hardships, and the evening of their useful and busy lives finds them contented and happy.

Mr. Rudes has always deeply regretted his inability to take part in the war for the defense of the stars and stripes, in 1861-65, owing to chronic rheumatism, contracted when a boy and added to when clearing his land and preparing his lumber for his mill, the ground being very wet and marshy. He has been a great sufferer from this disease, although always a busy man. Mr. Rudes has held the office of supervisor for ten years, and has been school director for the same length of time. He is a staunch Republican, going into the ranks of that party on its formation. He believes in principles not men, and has never been an office-seeker. His first Presidential vote was cast for Zachary Taylor, who was the Whig candidate.

1852, and is a son of William and Lorina S. (Fowler) Gosline. The father was born in Sussex Vale, Kings Co., New Brunswick, Canada, April 10, 1813, and died January 8, 1879. The mother was born at Lubek, Me., July 6, 1818, and died at Canton, Bradford Co., Penn., May 23, 1854. In their family were eight children, five of whom survive at the time of this writing in the summer of 1895: Thomas, who is living in Williamsport, Penn.; James, a resident of Philadelphia, Penn.; Mary, wife of George P. Russell, of Lancaster, Penn.; Edward, whose home is in Carnegie; and George, the subject of this review.

The last named spent the days of his boyhood in Williamsport, Penn., and acquired his education in the public schools of that city. On leaving the school room he began serving an apprenticeship to the printer's trade, and in 1867 removed to Marshall, Mo., whither his parents had gone the previous year. In 1870, after working in a printing office in Marshall for three years, he went to Glasgow, Howard Co., Mo., where he worked at his trade for a year. In 1871 he moved to Topeka, Kans., where he also spent a year, and in 1872 became a resident of Huntsville, Randolph Co., Mo., but after six months he went to St. Louis, Mo. His residence there was of only three months duration, and in January, 1874, he went to Indianapolis, Ind., and a month later to Sandusky, Ohio. After a brief sojourn in the last named city, he went to Port Clinton, Ohio, whence, in 1875, he came to Oak Harbor, of which place he has since been one of the honored and respected citizens.

Immediately after his arrival here, Mr. Gosline began the publication of *The Press*, to which he has since given close personal attention. The journal has always been devoted to the interests and advancement of the welfare of Ottawa county and vicinity, without regard to politics. It is well edited and printed,

GEORGE GOSLINE, editor and publisher of the bright and influential journal of Oak Harbor called *The Press*, was born in Canton, Bradford Co., Penn., April 22,

and enjoys a large advertising patronage as well as an extensive circulation. The office is equipped with job and cylinder presses, steam power is used, and altogether the paper reflects great credit on its enterprising editor and publisher. Mr. Gosline ranks among the leading men of the county, and in his relations to the people as a newspaper man and citizen is recognized as one who has contributed largely to the material and social advancement of Ottawa county and tributary district.

On July 15, 1876, at Toledo, Ohio, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Gosline and Miss Cora Gates, who was born at Gates Mills, Ohio, October 9, 1857, daughter of Henry and Eunice (Cornwell) Gates. Their union has been blessed with three children, namely: Georgia and Robert (twins), born May 9, 1877, the former of whom died October 5, 1879, while the latter was for some time successfully engaged in schoolteaching in Salem township, Ottawa county, and is now studying law in the Ohio State University; and Ella Gertrude, born May 21, 1890. The family is widely and favorably known in this locality, and its members hold an enviable position in social circles, while Mr. Gosline is recognized as one of the most prominent and influential citizens of the county.

JAMES H. KRAEMER, probate judge of Ottawa county, with residence at Oak Harbor, is a native of the county, born near Oak Harbor March 18, 1845, a son of Adolphus and Eliza (Weaver) Kraemer.

The father of our subject was a native of Hanover, Germany, where he studied medicine and civil engineering, and subsequently practiced medicine. About the year 1830 he came to the United States, making his first American home at Lancaster, Ohio, there practicing medicine, and in 1832 marrying Miss Eliza Weaver.

In 1833 he removed to Sandusky City; later to Toledo, Ohio, engaging there in mercantile business, and in 1834 he came to Oak Harbor, where in 1850 he was elected surveyor of Ottawa county, which office he held six years. While serving as surveyor he began the study of law, and in 1856 was elected to the office of probate judge, which he held six years; was next elected prosecuting attorney, and filled that office also six years. He was then elected a member of the State Constitutional Convention, on which he served until its labors were completed, after which he was re-elected prosecuting attorney, which office he was holding at the time of his death. He died in August, 1885, at the age of seventy-five years. He had twelve children, seven of whom died in childhood, the following becoming heads of families: William L., Gustavus A., James H., Helen H., and Charles R., of whom William L. married Miss Mary Black, lived at Oak Harbor, and had three children; Gustavus A. married Lena Stanberry, lived at Texarkana, Ark., and had four children; Helen H. married Dr. J. A. McKinnon, lived at Oak Harbor, where both died, leaving two children; Charles R. married Carrie Chestnutwood, lived at Oak Harbor, and had three children.

James H. Kraemer, the subject proper of this sketch, passed his youth at Oak Harbor and vicinity, attending school there until he was eighteen years old, later taking a course at the Bryant, Lusk & Stratton Business College, Cleveland. Afterward he worked on a farm for several years, and from 1872 to 1875 operated a planing-mill at Oak Harbor. About the latter year he took charge of the Ottawa *Exponent*, as editor and manager, and for the past fifteen years has been proprietor of that paper. On January 1, 1869, he was married to Miss Lottie Earl, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Creiswick) Earl, of Cleveland, Ohio, and children as follows have been

born to them: De Wilton A., Thomas E., Maud E., Lloyd E. and Frank. Politically our subject is a Democrat, and has served as mayor of Oak Harbor five years, and also as member and clerk of the board of education. In the fall of 1893 he was elected probate judge of Ottawa county, his present position. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F., and enjoys the well-merited esteem and regard of hosts of friends.

As an official Mr. Kraemer has won the respect of all by his diligent and efficient performance of the duties devolving on him. His father was the founder of and gave the land upon which all the churches and public schools are located, as well as contributing largely to their erection, and to every enterprise tending to the advancement of the town or county. His son, James H., has labored faithfully in the same cause, in the interest of public improvement and good, as evidenced by many substantial buildings, and as his unceasing labors show.

EDWARD DECKER, mayor of Elmore, Ottawa county, who by trade is a machinist, was born in Fremont, Ohio, October 25, 1854, and is a son of Samuel and Lydia (Kistler) Decker, both of whom located in Sandusky county, Ohio, at a very early day. For many years the father worked at the cooper's trade in Fremont, and in 1859 he brought his family to Elmore, where his death occurred in 1880. His wife still survives him, and now at the age of seventy years makes her home in Elmore. In their family were six children, five of whom are yet living: William O., of Toledo, Ohio; Mary E., wife of L. M. Ham, of New York; Edward, subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, a resident of Elmore; and Harriet W., wife of W. L. Reeves, of Toledo.

With his parents Edward Decker came to Elmore, where he acquired his

education in the public schools, and on leaving the school room learned the printing business, at which he worked for about six years. He then went to Hannibal, Mo., where he learned the trade of a machinist, residing there for three years, on the expiration of which time he returned to Elmore, and since 1882 has continuously resided here. On December 25, 1881, he was married at Elmore to Miss Mary Hineline, daughter of John B. and Rosana Hineline, natives of Pennsylvania, of German ancestry; they were early settlers of Sandusky county, Ohio, and are now both deceased. To our subject and his wife have been born four children—John Samuel, Mary Emma, James Robert and Paul.

Mr. Decker has ever been prominent in public affairs; for three terms he served as a councilman of Elmore; in 1892 was elected mayor; and in 1894 was re-elected for the term he is at present serving. He is a progressive, public-spirited citizen, and fills that important position to the general satisfaction of all concerned, the manner in which the various public interests of the city are being managed and adjusted by him giving ample evidence of the efficiency and good judgment of its present head. Politically he is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Republican party; and socially he is a member of Elmore Lodge, No. 462, I. O. O. F., and he and his wife are members of the Christian Church, of Elmore.

JOHN GASSER (deceased), who was one of the honored pioneers of Ottawa county, was born in Berne, the capital of Switzerland, September 23, 1822, and was a son of John and Anna Gasser, the former of whom was at one time the governor of Switzerland.

Our subject lived in his native land until twelve years of age, and then accompanied his parents on their emigration to America, locating in Zanesville, Ohio.

The father soon after went to Sandusky county, where he purchased a large tract of wild land, and there engaged in the construction of a mill race and mill, the first one in the county; but ere the work was completed death suddenly ended his labors. Young John was thus left a mere boy to fight life's battles alone. He was bound out by his guardian to Judge Justus, of Fremont, Ohio, to learn the trade of a tanner and currier, being thus employed until twenty-one years of age, during which time he thoroughly mastered the business, becoming an expert workman, and was thus employed until the breaking out of the Civil war.

On May 2, 1849, Mr. Gasser was united in marriage with Miss Mary L. Sheperd, of Gypsum, Ohio, and in 1853 they removed to Elmore, where Mr. Gasser resumed work at his trade. Mrs. Gasser was born near Leesville, Tuscarawas Co., Ohio, and in 1833, when four years of age, was brought to Ottawa county, then an almost unbroken wilderness; she has seen deer cross the farm in large numbers, and all kinds of wild game abounded. She was a resident of three counties while living in one house. She acquired her education in Gypsum and Fremont, and in the latter place met the gentleman whom she married. Her father, John Sheperd, was born in North Carolina, February 13, 1783, and died December 19, 1854. Her maternal grandfather was born in Virginia, about 1766, and was a fuller by trade. He wedded Mary Long, a highly-educated Quaker lady, who engaged in the practice of medicine, in those early days, in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and had been known to ride twenty miles through the wilderness in cases of consultation; she was very successful; her sister was a minister of the Gospel.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gasser were born five children, three of whom died in infancy. Louis Edwin, who was born in Woodville, Ohio, April 18, 1851, com-

pleted a course of study in the Normal School of Tontogany, Ohio, in 1867, and was then employed on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad until his death, August 11, 1870. Eva Luella, the only daughter, was born May 16, 1858, on Rice street in Elmore, and in the same house was married February 27, 1879, to Henry Paffenbach, of Elmore, and in the same house in which her two children were born; she was educated in the public schools of Elmore, and before reaching the age of eighteen began teaching; she also made a special study of the piano, and later taught music with marked success; she died January 26, 1885, leaving two children—John Edwin G., born March 4, 1880; and Carl Henry, born March 12, 1881. All who knew her had for her only words of praise, and her friends were many.

Mr. Gasser carried on business in Elmore until 1864, when, on August 5, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred Seventy-seventh O. V. I., under Capt. Turner. About October 1 he left Cleveland with his regiment, and on the 6th arrived at Tullahoma, Tenn., where, for six weeks, the troops guarded the Nashville & Chattanooga railroad. When Hood's army threatened Nashville, the regiment was sent to Murfreesboro, and were there twice engaged in battle with the Rebel forces under Gen. Forrest. Subsequently the regiment was ordered to Spring Hill, and assigned to the Twenty-third Army Corps. On the march from Murfreesboro to Spring Hill John Gasser was taken ill, but remained with his command which went to Clifton on the Tennessee river. On January 17, 1865, the regiment embarked on a steamer for Cincinnati, and thence went by rail to Washington, D. C., where it arrived January 25. On February 3, it started for Annapolis by steamer, reaching Port Fisher on the 9th. On the the 16th, Mr. Gasser passed away, dying of typhoid pneumonia, and was buried by his com-

rades—Baldwin, Carr and Coon. He had patriotically given his life for his country, which required the sacrifice of so many of the brave sons of the nation. He was a very loyal, devoted citizen, and in his death the community suffered a severe loss. An earnest, temperance worker, a devoted Christian man, he did all in his power to uplift and benefit humanity, and had the warmest regard of all who knew him. His family lost a faithful husband and loving father; but the memory of his holy Christian life still lingers and is still green in the hearts of many friends. His widow is yet living in Elmore, an estimable lady, both widely and favorably known.

REV. NATHANIEL B. C. LOVE, D. D., the subject of this sketch, was born in Rushville, Fairfield Co., Ohio. His father was born in Donegal, Ireland, of Scotch-Irish parents. In his childhood he was brought from Ireland to Lancaster, Penn., where he received a good English education. He became a professional teacher, and excelled in mathematics, teaching in Northumberland county, Penn., Cadiz, and Rushville, Ohio. He was of the nobler type of Irish Protestants, many of whom have been among the foremost in education in their adopted country. His parents were first Episcopalians and afterward Methodists. He died in his seventy-ninth year, near Hardin, Ohio.

Dr. Love was converted in childhood, and never forgot his espousal to God, and hence never formed those bad habits which hinder and embarrass so many persons for long weary years. His mother had the forming of his character. Her maiden name was Susannah Force, and she came from the Force family of New Jersey, a family that has made a noble record in Church and State. She was intelligent, possessed great common sense,

and was a devout Christian. Up to his sixteenth year Dr. Love had the advantages of good common and select schools. When about seventeen years he felt impressed to enter the ministry. He did not yield to this call at once, feeling, as every true minister always does, his insufficiency for this lofty mission; but as he wrought in the factory through the day and studied art and history at night, the call to the ministry became more and more imperative. About this time he had the advantages of the city and select schools of Sidney, Ohio, taught by Judge Wyman, James Linn and Miss Ware. Many of the older pupils of those schools have referred to them as miniature colleges.

When only twenty-two years old our subject entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has been a prominent member of the Central Ohio Conference, filling with marked success, and to the full legal term of services, many of its leading stations. The cities and larger towns of central and northwestern Ohio have been the scene of his labors. When he was twenty-three he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Ginn, of Sidney, Ohio. Their oldest daughter, Jennie Love, was united in marriage with Mr. Ed. Cowdrick, of Napoleon, Ohio, but died in eighteen months, leaving a daughter. The second daughter, Mrs. Emma Eberly, lives in Perrysburg, Ohio, a respected lady in Church and society. The eldest son, Edwin Ginn Love, is in the practice of law in Port Clinton, and in his profession is successful and popular, having a large practice in that city, as well as in the surrounding towns and cities. The second son is a railroad agent and telegrapher, employed on the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad. Lura May Love, the youngest, is the teacher of French and Latin in Findlay College, which is her "alma mater;" she is also a graduate of the Upper Sandusky Graded School; she is well and favorably known as a mezzo-soprano solo-

ist of excellence. The youngest, Arthur D. Love, is a boy at home with his parents.

Dr. Love is well known as a writer for periodical literature; especially is his name familiar to the readers of the *Western Christian Advocate*, to whose columns he has contributed for many years. During six years, for several Sunday-school publications, he wrote notes for lesson help, and in his way of opening up and illustrating the Scripture he was highly appreciated. The same talent which qualified him for this work has made him eminently successful as a teacher of Bible and Normal classes, and he has been engaged in that work some sixteen years at Chautauqua Assemblies. He has the rare gift that few have, the power to draw and paint rapidly before an audience. His "chalk-talks" before assemblies are immensely popular. He has published a work on object-teaching that met with a rapid sale, and has received the endorsement of many of the best educators of the country. A few years ago, when Dr. Love was stationed at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, he took a great interest in the Old Mission Church and burying ground. This was the first mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The old stone church had fallen into ruins, and the burying ground, where many converted chiefs and missionaries were sleeping in hope of the resurrection taught by the Gospel, was a deserted common.

Dr. Love was instrumental in bringing the matter in form before the General Missionary Committee and General Conference, and the funds were provided for restoring the property and preserving it as a sacred treasure to the Church, and to-day it stands as restored under his wise management, and is the Mecca of Methodism in her missionary efforts. While he was pastor at Port Clinton he collected and published a historical sketch of all the Methodist Churches in Ottawa

county, which is valuable as a source of data.

He is now connected with the great Chautauqua movement, having taught for several years at Lakeside, and for sixteen years connected with various Chautauqua Assemblies. For eight years he has been superintendent of Island Park Assembly, Rome City, Ind. He is a graduate in the C. L. S. C., course of study, the C. N. C., and the Ohio State Normal, and is the friend and promoter of home college reading circles. In recognition of his talents and scholarship the U. S. Grant Memorial University, some years ago, conferred its highest honorable degree of Doctor of Divinity upon him.

E G. LOVE, a rising young attorney at law of Port Clinton, Ottawa county, is a native of Ohio, born May 22, 1864, at Crestline, Crawford county, a son of Rev. N. B. C. Love, D. D., and Eliza (Ginn) Love. The father was for many years an itinerate minister of the M. E. Central Ohio Conference, also a prominent Sunday-school worker, and was for seven years president of the Island Park Assembly, of Rome City, Indiana.

Our subject attended the public schools of different towns at which his father preached until he was seventeen years of age, at which time he went to Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio, where he attended college two years, and then, on account of inability of his father to furnish funds to enable him to complete a college course, he struck out for himself. He worked a couple of years at various occupations, about a year as common laborer at the Milburn Wagon Works, Toledo, Ohio, and then one year as assistant shipping clerk. Returning home at the age of twenty-one, he entered the law office of Judge Malcolm Kelly, at Port Clinton, and began the study of law, remaining as a student, in the capacity of



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the Judge's assistant in his office work, for about two years; then for one year attended the Cincinnati Law College, from which he graduated May 23, 1888, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. About a month prior to graduation he was admitted to practice law in all the courts of Ohio. On his return from college after the completion of his collegiate course, he located at Port Clinton, where he has been practicing ever since. In October, 1892, he was admitted to practice law in the circuit and district courts of the United States, and has a large practice in State and United States courts. In June, 1887, Mr. Love married Miss Nettie McKitchie, daughter of Judge D. R. McKitchie, of Port Clinton, Ohio, and they have two daughters: Helen and Marguerite.

JOSEPH KINGHAM, M. D. A list of the well-known citizens of Ottawa county would be incomplete were the name of this gentleman omitted, for there are probably few so widely and favorably known. Not only has he distinguished himself in his profession, but also as a leader in business circles, having built up large commercial interests here; and it is only justice to him to state that if the town of Rocky Ridge owes its existence and present prosperity to any one man, it is to the personal efforts and business ability of Dr. Kingham.

He is a native of the county in whose welfare and advancement he has borne so prominent a part, born December 5, 1839, at Port Clinton, of English descent. His boyhood was spent in his native town, and there he also received his early education, graduating from the public schools in 1854. In 1855 he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, where he remained only one term thence going to the University at Berea, Ohio, where he also studied one term. He then commenced clerking for his

father, continuing thus until 1863, and thereafter for a short time clerked for a firm in Fremont, Ohio. In the year 1863 he began the study of medicine at Port Clinton under the direction of Dr. Steadman, after about six months removing to Sandusky, Ohio, where he studied under Dr. Agard until May, 1864, when he was called with the hundred-days' men of Ohio to service in the army of the Potomac; he being a member of that body was mustered into service in Company I, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth O. N. G. I., and his company at once went to Fort Ethan Allen to guard the city of Washington. In September, 1864, he was mustered out of service with his regiment in Cleveland.

On his return from the army our subject at once entered the University of Michigan, where he took a thorough course in medicine, graduating from that institution in 1866 with the degree of M. D. During his University course he also attended special medical lectures in the summer vacation at Pittsford, Mass. Dr. Kingham began the practice of medicine at Berlin Heights, Ohio, under adverse conditions. His long medical course had somewhat impaired his health, so that when ready mentally to enter upon his chosen profession he was nearly a physical wreck. By careful attention to his physical condition, however, he gradually became stronger and thus better able to attend to the now constantly increasing calls made upon him. At the end of three months the doctor moved to Florence, there entering into partnership with Dr. Lattin, with whom he remained only a short time when he made another change, this time locating in Norwalk, Ohio, where he practiced four years. After leaving Norwalk he went to Bellmore, Ind., and there remained until May, 1875, the date of his removal to Port Clinton, where he continued in his professional duties until 1886. At this time the Doctor came to Rocky Ridge, to

give his attention to his business interests there, which had been gradually widening during the passing years, and they have continued to grow until, at the present time, he is extensively engaged in numerous enterprises, all of which, under his able management, have proved profitable to him, and, by giving employment to others, have contributed in no small degree to the growth of the community. He is largely interested in agriculture, owning several farms in the vicinity of Rocky Ridge. In 1878 he engaged in the manufacture of lime, and in 1882 erected a sawmill and invested extensively in the lumber business; in 1889 he erected a large grain elevator and flouring-mill in Rocky Ridge. He is now handling large quantities of wheat, oats and corn, and the value of this enterprise to the local farming industry can hardly be estimated. In 1882, in addition to his other business, the Doctor purchased a drug store at Rocky Ridge, which gradually enlarged until, in 1891, it had become a general store. The Doctor's business had now become so large and complicated, on account of the great variety of interests to which he was giving his attention, that Mrs. Kingham came to his aid, taking her place in the office, and for the past five years she has added her business ability to that of her husband in pushing one of the greatest business enterprises in Ottawa county. Mrs. Kingham attends to the books, keeping an accurate account of all receipts and shipments of grain, and in every way rendering the greatest assistance in conducting the extensive business. Nor have we yet covered the field of the Doctor's business enterprises. In addition to those already enumerated he invested as a stockholder in Lake Side, the most elegant summer resort on Lake Erie; for many years he has been one of the directors of the company, and at the time of his marriage to his present wife was president of the Lake Side Company.

In 1868, Dr. Kingham was married to Miss Mary Ann Partlow, of Bellmore, Ind. A few years afterward, while at Norwalk, Ohio, Mrs. Kingham's health failed, and she gradually became weaker, passing away in May, 1880, at Port Clinton. On August 30, 1882, the Doctor wedded his present wife, Miss Ella Simkins, of Washington C. H., Ohio, the marriage being solemnized at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, by the Rev. Arthur Edwards, D. D. Mrs. Ella (Simkins) Kingham was born at Washington C. H., Ohio, in 1857, and spent her girlhood days in her native town, from the high school of which place she graduated in 1876. For a time after completing her high school course she attended Wooster University, and subsequently, for five years, she was a teacher in the high school from which she graduated. For one year she was principal of the high school at Muncie, Ind., and at the close of her work there she was married to Dr. Kingham. Mrs. Kingham's father, Richard Simkins, was born in 1831 in New Jersey, and her mother, Martha (Kembel) Simkins, was born in Ohio, in 1833; they are still living at Washington C. H. To them were born two children, Mrs. Kingham, and Dr. James Simkins, of Clarksburg, Ohio. Mrs. Kingham's maternal grandfather, Nathan Kembel, was born in 1811 in New Jersey. By his first marriage the Doctor had five children, two of whom are now living: William and Bernard, at present with their uncle, Mr. Jacobs, in California. By his present wife he has two sons, James Jay and George Richard, both living with their parents.

Dr. Kingham's parents, James and Lydia Ann (Knight) Kingham, were born, the father in England in 1803, on the noted "Farm Golder," in Oxfordshire, the mother at Rising Sun, Md., in 1818. They were married in 1836. James Kingham followed mercantile pursuits the greater part of his life; he died in 1875, and the mother now lives with her daughter.

ter, Mrs. Jacobs. There were four children in the family, two of whom are now living, Dr. Joseph Kingham, and Mrs. Jacobs, of California.

GEORGE W. LONG (deceased), who was one of the prominent and progressive farmers of Carroll township, Ottawa county, was born in Hanover, Germany, December 29, 1838, and was a son of Henry and Christina Long, natives of the same country, who, emigrating to this country, took up their residence in Erie township, Ottawa county, in 1843. The father was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, his death occurring the same year. His wife survived him about eight years.

Our subject remained under the parental roof until sixteen years of age, when he bade adieu to his old home and removed to Bureau county, Ill., residing there for four years. He then returned to Erie township, Ottawa county, and in 1867 took up his residence in Carroll township, where his remaining days were passed. On November 17, 1862, Mr. Long was united in marriage with Miss Mary Louisa Meeker, who was born in Erie township, Ottawa county, March 15, 1842, daughter of Chalon and Mary (Ammons) Meeker, who were pioneer settlers, and for many years honored and respected residents of Erie township, where they made their home until called to their final rest. The father passed away very suddenly August 17, 1877; the mother died of diphtheria February 19, 1869. Their family numbered ten children, six of whom are yet living, namely: Amanda, wife of Robert McKay, a resident of Tuscola, Ill.; William, who makes his home in Henry county, Ohio; Rachel, wife of Robert Stevens, who is located in Carroll township, Ottawa county; Mrs. Long; Teresa, wife of Thomas Hambly, a resident of Rocky Ridge, Ottawa county; and Thomas, who is living in Douglas

county, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. Long were born three children, as follows: (1) Amanda Lavina, born October 9, 1864, who married Frank S. Foote, now a teacher in Toledo; she has one child, Edgar Foote, born October 12, 1890. (2) George Edward, born August 7, 1869, living in Carroll township. (3) Sylvanus, born April 10, 1881, is still living with the mother.

Mr. Long was killed by the kick of a horse, May 7, 1890. He was recognized as one of the valued and leading citizens of the community, and took quite a prominent part in county affairs. He was a Republican, but though giving a loyal support to the party he was not a politician in the sense of office-seeking, rather one who favored safe principles and good officials, and he capably served in many township offices, discharging his duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned. He made farming his life work, and led a busy and industrious life. Well-known and highly-esteemed by all who knew him, his sudden death was mourned by a large number of sincere friends. His genuine worth and true nobility gained him the respect of all, and no one in Ottawa county was more favorably known. Since his death his faithful and devoted wife has managed the estate with more than ordinary ability, and her excellent care has made it return a good income. She is a consistent member of the United Brethren Church, and very popular in the social circles of the township, where she has a host of warm friends.

DANIEL BROWN (deceased) was one of the most progressive and influential farmers of Carroll township, Ottawa county. His birth occurred in Lancaster, N. Y., March 23, 1815, and he was a son of Joseph R. and Ruth (Smith) Brown, who were early settlers of Erie county, Ohio, where they

passed away. In their family of nine children only three now survive: Solomon, who is residing on the old homestead in Margaretta township, Erie Co., Ohio; Diadami, wife of Thomas Persons, of Sisson, Siskiyou Co., Cal.; and Mrs. Martha Newman, a widow, of Barcelona, Tulare county, California.

In February, 1819, Mr. Brown, whose name introduces this sketch, removed with his parents to Erie county, Ohio, where he was reared to manhood and received his education. His principal occupation through life was farming, though for eleven years he was foreman of Mr. Heywood's flouring-mill and saw-mill at Venice, Ohio. He located in Carroll township, Ottawa county, May 4, 1866, from which date until his death he was a constant resident of that community, where he was widely and favorably known. His death occurred at his home July 19, 1893, and he was deeply and sincerely mourned.

At Venice, Erie Co., Ohio, June 8, 1845, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Brown and Miss Melissa I. James, who was born in that county, November 24, 1830, a daughter of Henry and Phebe (Dunham) James, both natives of this country, who became early pioneers of Erie county; there they resided until death, both dying in Venice, the father on November 29, 1874, the mother on October 7, 1881. To them was born a family of six children, three of whom are still living, namely: Melissa I., widow of Daniel Brown; Rebecca, wife of Charles Hiemlich, of Venice, Ohio; and Yeamon, residing near Genoa, Ottawa county. Nine children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, namely: Phebe, born July 7, 1846, died April 11, 1848; Rebecca, born April 3, 1848, now the wife of Lemam Thompson, of Carroll township; Isabel, born November 16, 1850, now the wife of Roscoe Wise, of Curtis, Ohio; Henry, born October 11, 1852, died October 12, 1853; Martha,

born March 26, 1854, now the wife of Austip L. Carey, of Mount Vernon, Ohio; Frank, born August 11, 1856, a resident of Carroll township; Rachel, born February 14, 1858, making her home in Mount Vernon; James K., born June 8, 1861, living in Lorain county, Ohio; and Alvira, born March 14, 1866, married James Clopfenstein, and died February 22, 1885.

In his political affiliations Mr. Brown was an ardent Republican, but was never an aspirant for office, preferring to give his time and attention to his agricultural duties, and was one of the successful men of his day. Though enjoying in his youth but meagre literary advantages, he acquired a practical education, and was a close observer of men and events. He took an active part in all matters relating to the welfare of the township and county, and was held in the highest esteem by his friends and neighbors. His faithful wife, who is a well-educated and intelligent lady, still resides in Carroll township, where she is surrounded by hosts of friends.

GEORGE H. RICE, who during his lifetime was a prominent fruit-grower and agriculturist of Carroll township, Ottawa county, was born April 26, 1826, in Painesville, Ohio, son of Isaac and Lucy (Devol) Rice, the former a native of Vermont, the latter of the Buckeye State. She was born in Marietta in 1802, and her father, Jonathan Devol, was one of the honored pioneers of Ohio.

Isaac Rice was born in Brattleboro, Vt., May 7, 1792, and previous to 1820 removed to the southern part of Ohio, where he followed his trade of wagon-making. He was married in Marietta in 1820, and in 1825 removed with his wife to Painesville, Lake Co., Ohio, where he followed the same business. He built

fifteen of the first stages that ever ran between Buffalo and Cleveland. In February, 1829, he removed to Danbury township, then a part of Huron county, now a part of Ottawa county, where he spent his remaining days, passing away April 14, 1845. His wife survived until January 17, 1867. Their family numbered seven children, but only one is now living—Mary Ann, wife of D. W. Stewart, a resident of Alton, Illinois.

George H. Rice acquired his education in the district schools of Danbury township, and also in Westfield, Medina Co., Ohio, and when his school life was ended became a sailor on the lakes. He was serving as mate on the steamer "Oregon" at the time it was blown up on the Detroit river, April 14, 1855. He continued on the water until 1882, and in connection carried on fruit farming and ship and boat building, but for the last twelve years, owing to poor health, he led a practically retired life. His labors were interrupted in 1865 by his enlistment, on February 14, in Company C, Second Ohio Cavalry; after serving for a few months at St. Louis he became so ill that he was sent home on furlough, and the regiment was mustered out of the service before his leave of absence expired.

Mr. Rice was married in Westfield, Medina county, December 25, 1851, to Miss Celestia P. St. John, who was born in Westfield, January 31, 1831, daughter of Myron and Philena (Allton) St. John, natives of Vermont, who became early settlers of Medina county, where they spent their remaining days, the father dying December 1, 1866, the mother on June 9, 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Rice are the parents of eight children: Noah Lovell, who was born October 17, 1853, and is a prominent farmer of Carroll township, Ottawa county; Philena L., born November 4, 1856, residing in Chicago; Louisa C., born September 2, 1858, now the wife of C. C. Strong, a

resident of Chicago; Henry Lincoln, born July 28, 1861, died February 21, 1869; Mary A., born August 28, 1863, now the wife of Aretus Crane, of Chicago; Dan S., born August 8, 1867; Julia M. W., born June 19, 1871; and George Allton, born April 24, 1875; the three youngest are at home. The family attend the Baptist Church.

Mr. Rice was one of the oldest pioneer settlers of Ottawa county, and during his long residence here ever sustained a reputation for integrity and good citizenship, alike creditable to his judgment and character. As one of the men who in an early day took part in subduing the wilderness, transforming it into fine farms and beautiful homes which the present generation enjoy in comparative comfort and ease, Mr. Rice is well worthy of being represented in this volume. At the time of his decease, though he had almost reached the honored age of three score years and ten, he was a well-preserved man, of commanding presence, possessed of a vigorous mind, good practical business sagacity, and a reliable memory, as to early events. Ofttimes he reviewed the changes that have taken place since the days of the old open fireplace, and the log schoolhouse with its half-barrel seats, where he received his rudimentary education, and the twang of the thread as the good mother plied her needle by the dim light of a tallow candle. These and many more of the circumstances connected with pioneer life frequently flitted across his mind, as he took a retrospective glance into the past, recalling the marvellous work of the first settlers of Ottawa county, a work in which he always bore his part. But his days of hardship and toil were crowned by success, and in his declining years he enjoyed a well-earned rest, and the blessings of his home and fireside. He was a successful agriculturist, and his farm and orchard, with their many improvements and neat appearance, speak well in his praise.

In politics Mr. Rice was a Republican, and he took an active and intelligent interest in local and national affairs. He was highly respected by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, and was a worthy representative of the pioneers of Ottawa county. He passed away at his home in Carroll township, June 30, 1895, and was laid to rest at Oak Harbor.

CARL RUH (deceased) was a well-known business man and highly-respected citizen of Put in Bay Island, Ottawa county, and in his death the community lost one of its best residents. He was born in Baden, Germany, December 31, 1834, and was a son of John and Mary (Ackerley) Ruh, who were also natives of the Fatherland. They had a family of seven children, of whom Joseph, now a resident of Put in Bay, is the only known survivor.

The gentleman whose name introduces this sketch was reared to manhood in the land of his birth, acquired his education in its public schools and learned the trade of butcher, and tanner of hides. In 1854 he crossed the Atlantic to America, and took up his residence in Sandusky City, Ohio, but after a short time removed to Put in Bay Island, where he made his home for a period of forty-five years, and was one of the most highly-esteemed citizens of that community. During his earlier residence here he engaged in wood chopping and butchering, but in later years his entire time and attention were devoted to grape growing, his vineyard being one of the finest on the Island. A handsome and well-kept residence and beautiful grounds, themselves the embodiment of neatness, indicate the thrift and enterprise of him who was the owner.

Mr. Ruh was married in Sandusky City, June 11, 1857, to Christina Schmidt, a daughter of Frederick and Mary (Brandt) Schmidt, the former a native of Baden, Germany, born August 10, 1828. Mr.

and Mrs. Ruh became the parents of two children: Herman, born July 18, 1869; and Marie L., born February 24, 1871. The mother of this family came with her parents to America in 1854, and since 1855 has resided continuously on Put in Bay Island—a most estimable lady, one who has many warm friends in the community.

Mr. Ruh efficiently filled the office of school director of Put in Bay for twelve years, was also township trustee for one term, and served in other local offices, discharging his duties with a promptness and fidelity that won him high commendation. He was a man of broad and liberal views, charitable to a fault, and his hearty support and co-operation were given to all worthy enterprises calculated to benefit the community. His life's labors were ended May 11, 1895, and in his death Put in Bay lost one of her most valuable citizens, his wife a loving and devoted husband, and his children a kind and indulgent father. His career was above reproach, and he left to his family not only a good property but the priceless heritage of an untarnished name.

JOHN SIEGRIST (deceased), who was one of the earliest settlers on Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, and a prominent grape grower, was born in Bavaria, Germany, May 2, 1825, and was a son of Leopolt and Kate (Harmond) Siegrist.

John Siegrist was educated in his native land, engaged there in fruit growing, and learned the trade of stonemason. About 1850 he left Germany for America, and coming to Ohio located in Sandusky, Erie county, where he resided for some years, and worked at his trade of stonemason. Afterward he removed to Kelley's Island, and engaged in grape growing, in 1866 removing to Middle Bass Island, where he continued in the same occupation. In Sandusky on October 24, 1853,

Mr. Siegrist was united in marriage with Margaret Stoess, and they had nine children, as follows: Mary, born July 24, 1854, died March 28, 1860; Elizabeth, born August 31, 1856, died March 14, 1860; Magdalena, born July 15, 1858, died March 12, 1860; Conrad, born January 14, 1860, died August 12, 1861, Margueretta, born March 19, 1862, is the wife of Peter Lonz; Louisa, born July 8, 1863, is the wife of Jacob Scherer, residing in Sandusky; Lizzie, born March 18, 1865, died December 7, 1870; Anna, born August 20, 1867, died September 2, 1868; and Emma, born October 28, 1869. Mrs. Siegrist's parents, Godfrey and Louisa Stoess, were born in Germany.

After removing to Middle Bass Island, in 1866, Mr. Siegrist resided there up to the date of his death, January 5, 1882. His widow died January 30, 1893.

PETER F. LONZ, a grape grower on Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, was born March 5, 1857, in Sandusky, Erie Co., Ohio, son of Peter and Mary (Werber) Lonz, who were born, respectively, in Prussia and in Baden, Germany; both are still living, having their home in Sandusky.

Peter F. Lonz was reared to manhood and educated in Sandusky, and has been engaged principally in agricultural pursuits since boyhood. In 1876 he came to Middle Bass, and has since been a continuous resident thereof, engaged in grape growing and wine making. On April 13, 1882, Peter F. Lonz was united in marriage with Margueretta Siegrist, and they have had four children, three of whom are now living, namely: Cora Rosa M., born August 31, 1884; George F. A., born January 12, 1887; and Louisa Anna, born January 15, 1889. Mrs. Lonz is a daughter of John and Margueretta Siegrist.

Mr. Lonz has served as a school direct-

or two terms. In his political views he is a Democrat. He is well-known in Put-in-Bay township, and throughout the county generally, has held many offices of trust, and in all of them has performed his duty with fidelity. He is a man of more than ordinary ability, and has made good use of his opportunities, possessing sterling honesty, which has characterized his conduct throughout life, and has won for him a high place in the esteem and confidence of his fellow men.

DAVID JAMESON (deceased) was for fifty years one of the prominent and progressive residents of Danbury township, Ottawa county. His birth occurred in New York City, November 22, 1817, and he was a son of Andrew and Esther (Fowler) Jameson, the former a native of Scotland, the latter of Connecticut. His father, who was a dry-goods merchant of New York City, died there when our subject was quite young.

In 1822 the mother with her family removed to Bloomingville, Ohio, where they resided until 1834, when they located on Johnson's Island. At the end of ten years they came to Danbury township, Ottawa county, making a location at Bay Shore, where they resided for about six years, and where the mother passed from this earth in 1850. Our subject then removed to the present homestead farm now occupied by his wife and family, and from that time up to his death, which took place January 31, 1894, he was a continuous resident of that section of the township. Most of his time was passed in fishing, his farm being attended to by hired help. He also commanded a freight steamer on Lake Erie, and owned several sailboats which he used in the pursuit of his business.

Mr. Jameson was twice married, his first union being with Miss Almira Meacham, and to them were born four chil-

dren, three of whom are still living—Lorena, wife of Frederick Johnson, of Danbury township; John B., a resident of Lakeside, Ottawa county; and William, a resident of Danbury township. On December 12, 1855, Mr. Jameson married Miss Elizabeth Tynan, who was born in Danbury township, March 2, 1839, and is a daughter of William and Margaret (Johnson) Tynan, the former a native of Ireland, the latter of Ohio. Her father was among the early settlers of Danbury township, and for many years was foreman of a stone quarry at Marble Head. He also engaged in the quarry business in his own interest for several years, besides being one of the leading agriculturists of the county. The mother of Mrs. Jameson is now the widow of Gavin Watson.

Ten children were born to the union of Mr. Jameson and his second wife, namely: (1) Howard E., born October 26, 1857, is a resident of Lakeside, Ottawa county, and by his marriage with Miss Dora Newton has two children—Hazel May and Russell H. (2) Delia M., born May 2, 1859, became the wife of Durell Battle, and died February 17, 1884, leaving a daughter—Delia Elizabeth, who was born on the 14th of that month, and now makes her home with her grandmother, Mrs. Jameson. (3) Luella T., born January 17, 1860, is the wife of M. W. Pettibone, of Lakeside, Danbury township. (4) Lucy A., born November 15, 1861, is the wife of M. H. Beebe, of Cleveland, Ohio. (5) Minnie A., born February 10, 1863, is at home. (6) Cora Lillian, born March 1, 1866, is the wife of Alfred M. Morton, of Cleveland. (7) Genevieve was born December 12, 1867. (8) Benjamin Mead was born September 26, 1872, and makes his home in Danbury township. (9) Flora Belle was born February 13, 1874; and (10) Ernest R. was born June 13, 1877.

During his early life Mr. Jameson was connected with the United Brethren

Church; but after his removal to his late residence in Danbury township he became a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and contributed liberally of his means to church purposes and charities. For sixteen years prior to his death he was unable to do active business, and for five years was a constant but patient sufferer. He was a self-made man in every respect, having from small beginnings made a complete success in life, and acquired an enviable record for fair and honest dealing. He was a man of excellent judgment and sound common sense, while his unswerving personal integrity and the general rectitude of his life gained for him a favorable reputation in the community where he was best known.

JOHAN WICKLIFFE LOCKWOOD, who is numbered among the leading business men of Ottawa county, is extensively engaged in farming and fruit growing, and also operates a large plaster quarry.

He was born June 23, 1827, on the old homestead farm in Portage township, which is still his place of abode, and is a son of Col. Samuel M. and Gertrude (Doughty) Lockwood. His father was born in Stamford, Conn., and his mother in New York City. About the year 1818 they took up their abode in Danbury township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, and in 1821 removed to Portage township, where the Colonel engaged in agricultural pursuits, and conducted a plaster quarry until a few years previous to his death, when he retired from active business life. He was one of the earliest settlers of the county, and erected the first stone residence in Portage township. He won his title of "Colonel" by serving in the New York State Militia during the war of 1812. A prominent and influential citizen, he was recognized as a leader in the community in which he lived; was honored with election to the State Legislature on several



J. W. Lockwood

different occasions, and was also State commissioner of the Mad River & Lake Erie railroad, the first road built in Ohio, and the second west of the Alleghanies. He passed away in Sandusky City in 1848. He was twice married, his first wife being Mary Doughty, a sister of the mother of our subject. They had four children, only one of whom is now living, Edward J. By the second union there were seven children who reached mature years, and those of them who survive are John W., Gertrude Ann (wife of F. F. Smith, of Chicago), and Emeline (living with her brother).

John W. Lockwood was reared to manhood on the old home farm, and like many another boy who has made his life work a success obtained his education in the old log school house near his home. With exception of a few years spent on Sandusky Bay, in connection with a ferry-boat in which he was interested, he has always lived in Portage township, and his occupation has been farming, fruit growing and plaster quarrying. He is a thorough-going business man, upright and honorable in all transactions, and the neat and thrifty appearance of his place indicates his careful supervision. He raises a fine variety of fruits, whereby not a little is added to his income, and successfully operates one of the largest quarries in the county.

At Port Clinton, June 20, 1850, Mr. Lockwood was married to Miss Elizabeth Smith, who was born in November, 1827, daughter of Henry V. and Catherine (Fralick) Smith, natives of New York, and later residents of Portage township. Both have now departed this life. Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood had a family of eight children, of whom one died in infancy; the others are Ida, wife of R. W. Gill, who is living at Lakeside, Ohio; Herbert D., on the old homestead; Horace A., a resident of Victor, Colo.; Gertrude, wife of John Helberg, a prominent merchant of Port Clinton; Imogene E., wife of W.

H. Althoff, editor of the Port Clinton *Democrat*; Alfred H., of Toledo; and Stanton W., at home.

Mr. Lockwood has efficiently filled the office of township trustee at intervals, serving altogether more than twenty years, and has been honored with other positions of public trust. He has always voted the Republican ticket, and has been an earnest supporter of interests calculated to prove of public benefit, lending a helping hand to all worthy enterprises. Such a man is well worthy of representation in this volume.

IMMER C. MOORE (deceased) was a farmer and fruit grower of Erie township, Ottawa county, and a Union soldier in the war of the Rebellion. He was born in Port Clinton, Portage township, Ottawa county, August 21, 1841, and was a son of Cyrus and Esther H. (Knight) Moore, who were among the early settlers of Port Clinton, and afterward removed to Erie township.

Cyrus Moore died December 7, 1871; his widow, Esther H., is still living at the age of seventy-eight years. They had a family of seven children, as follows: Eleanor E., wife of I. K. Gibbons, residing at Gypsum, Ottawa county; Immer C., subject of this sketch; Celina S., wife of Richard B. Moore, of Oketo, Kans.; Lucinda F., wife of Nathan Pierson, of Carroll; Abigail E., wife of Brinton Hoopes, residing in Toledo; Robert B.; and Mary A., wife of James Snider, of Erie township.

When but a youth Immer C. Moore accompanied his parents to Erie township. He was reared a farmer's boy, received his education in the district schools, and was employed for a number of years in sawmills in Ottawa county, also railroading for a short time; but the latter part of his life was spent in agricultural pursuits. He served as a private in Company C, Forty-first O. V. I., from Octo-

ber, 1864, until the close of the war. In Adrian, Mich., September 21, 1876, Immer C. Moore was united in marriage with Mary E. Dubach, and they had five children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Laurence D., January 27, 1878; Mabel, July 31, 1879; Grace, August 13, 1880; Gertrude, August 16, 1883; and Harold, February 23, 1887. Mr. Moore was a Republican in politics. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. Immer C. Moore died April 8, 1895.

ADDISON RICHARDSON DOLPH is one of the extensive and progressive farmers of Ottawa county, one who thoroughly understands the scientific side of farming, and a man who not only understands that certain things must be done, but knows why they must be done.

Although he is one of the younger agriculturists of the community, he yet ranks among the most prominent. The record of his life is as follows: He was born in Ashtabula county, Ohio, August 12, 1866, and when six years of age was brought by his parents to Ottawa county, the family locating upon the farm where he now lives. He is a son of Aaron and Lavina (Richardson) Dolph, prominent people of Elmore. He obtained his early education in the district schools of Ottawa county, afterward attended the high school of Elmore, and completed his literary course in the Ohio Wesleyan University, after which he returned to his father's home and aided in the cultivation of the farm for two years.

On February 7, 1888, Mr. Dolph married Miss Kate Kelsey, of Toledo, Ohio, who was born March 26, 1866, in Sandusky, this State. She is a daughter of Capt. Ira and Susanna (Smith) Kelsey, who, during her early girlhood, removed to Toledo, where she was educated. She made a special study of instrumental

music, became quite proficient in that art, and for two years taught music in Toledo. Her father was born in New York, April 1, 1833, and for many years engaged in teaching. He subsequently went to California, where he mined with excellent success. On September 26, 1861, he wedded Miss Susanna Smith, of Meredith, Ohio, and when President Lincoln issued his call for 75,000 volunteers, he was among the first to respond, re-enlisting on the expiration of that term. He served as a member of Company I, Sixty-eighth O. V. I., until the close of the war, and was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg. When the country no longer needed his services, he became a resident of Toledo, and there made his home until August 1, 1881, when he was drowned in the Maumee river. His wife, who was born in Greene county, N. J., February 7, 1836, acquired the greater part of her education in the public schools of Fremont, Ohio. On September 9, 1888, she became the wife of Edward Upton, and they now reside in Toledo.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph began their domestic life upon the farm which has since been their home—a rich and fertile tract of 260 acres of the finest farming land that can be found in the State. They have two children: Lovina Belle, born September 9, 1889; and Anna Gertrude, born April 2, 1893. The parents are nineteenth-century people in every sense of the term—educated, hospitable, genial and possessed of the true enterprising progressive spirit of the West. Each year Mr. Dolph sows about forty acres in wheat, and in 1891 from thirty-eight acres had a yield of 1,447 bushels, while in 1894 he raised 1,700 bushels on forty acres. His corn crop usually averages about fifty-five bushels of shelled corn to the acre, and the yield of oats has been as high as sixty-five bushels per acre. He keeps abreast, if not in the lead, of the times in every particular. He believes in and practices the rotation of crops, and also

plans to give each field what he terms a rest in each rotation. He also changes seed grain, and before using it makes a special test of it by purchasing and sowing a couple of bushels, then makes a careful study of the crop, not only as to the yield, but also as to the weight and color, its adaptability to the soil, etc. If all is satisfactory he then uses what he has harvested as seed for the next year, and thus raises his own seed grain. If it proves other than what he hopes, it is at once discarded and another variety tried. Mr. Dolph follows this plan not only in regard to wheat but also oats and potatoes, and his products, being of superior quality, always bring the highest market price. The ground is always carefully prepared for his grains, and careful thought and study, the result of deep research, is always applied to his work. He also raises considerable stock of high grades, being full-blooded, and in his shipments receives the highest market price. He now has on hand full-blooded Durham cattle and Clydesdale horses, and is the possessor of some of the finest stock that can be found in the State. His chickens are of the white Plymouth-Rock breed, and in his care of these members of the feathered tribe he displays the same painstaking effort that characterizes his other work. In all of his labors he is intensely scientific, at the same time practical, and belongs to that class of progressive, cultured men who have made the business of farming of equal importance to that of any other pursuit in life.

FREDERICK A. ALLYN (deceased) was born in New London, Conn., November 11, 1809, and became one of the valued residents and prominent farmers of Erie township, Ottawa county. His loss to the community was a matter of sincere regret. His parents, Frederick and Cynthia (Williams)

Allyn, were also natives of the Nutmeg State. He began to write his own biography, but death prevented the completion of this task. He wrote: "I was born in North Gaston, now called Ledyard, New London, Conn., and left there March 31, 1834, going to Lycoming county, Penn., on the west branch of the Susquehanna river, and staid there eight months. I then went to Coventing township, Portage Co., Ohio, arriving there December 9, 1834; left there January 1, 1835, and came to Lower Sandusky (now Fremont); next I went to Riley township and lived there two years. In June, 1835, I removed to Erie township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, where I purchased 120 acres of land, and in 1837 commenced cutting wild grass. I was married April 13, 1838, [?] to Rebecca Laforce, who died February 12, [?] 1859, and was married again November 6, 1862."

Here the writer laid down his pen never to resume it again, but he is well entitled to a more extended mention in this work devoted to the honored pioneers and best citizens of Ottawa county. He acquired his education in his native State, and when quite a young man left home to make his own way in the world. Going to Pennsylvania, he worked as a farm hand for several years, and on leaving the Keystone State, he removed to what was then called Upper Sandusky, Ohio. From 1835 up to the time of his death he was an esteemed resident and leading farmer of Erie township, Ottawa county, taking an active interest in all that pertained to the welfare of the community, and doing all in his power for its advancement and progress. He was united in marriage with Mrs. Rebecca Misener Laforce, who was born February 20, 1811, and died February 14, 1859, leaving one son, George Williams, who was born March 24, 1838, and lives in Elmore, Ohio. For his second wife, Mr. Allyn wedded Mrs. Sarah (Adams) Falley, who was born October 19, 1825, in Erie county, Ohio, and was

the widow of Francis Falley. By the second marriage was born, September 19, 1863, one son, Charles Lester. Mr. Allyn passed away at his home in Erie township, April 24, 1891, and his death was deeply and sincerely mourned. He had lived an honorable life, and all who knew him respected him for his sterling worth. In his political views he was a Republican.

CHARLES L. ALLYN was born and reared on the old homestead farm which is still his place of abode, and his education was obtained mostly in the schools of Port Clinton. At an early age he became familiar with all the duties of farm life, and has since been identified with the agricultural interests of his native county, being one of the enterprising and progressive farmers of Erie township. He was married, at the home of his wife's parents in Erie township, February 3, 1887, to Miss Emma Belle Sharpe, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, January 29, 1868, daughter of Leonard and Elizabeth (Bailey) Sharpe. Her father died July 26, 1892; her mother is now a resident of Lacarne. To this union were born four children, two of whom are living: Frederick Leonard, born April 19, 1888; and Myrtle Belle, born September 12, 1891. The parents attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in his political views Mr. Allyn is also a Republican.

George W. Allyn, son of Frederick A. Allyn by his first wife, was married August 18, 1859, to Esther K. Gamble. Their only daughter, Clara Edna, was born July 16, 1862, and died in November, 1879, aged seventeen years. They have two sons: George W., born February 12, 1872, and Andrew Frederick, born September 16, 1874.

CARL BUDDENHAGEN (deceased) was in his lifetime one of the extensive grape growers of Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, of which locality he was one of the earliest

settlers. He was born September 16, 1819, in Mecklenburg, Germany, and was a son of John and Hannah Buddenhagen, who were born in Germany and died there.

Carl Buddenhagen was reared to manhood and received his education in his native land, where he also learned the trade of a stone-mason. He was married in Germany, in 1845, to Maria Wardo, who was also born in Mecklenburg, and they had eleven children, five of whom are living, as follows: Caroline, wife of Peter M. Schnoor, residing at Oak Harbor, Ottawa county; Wilhelmina, wife of Nicholas Fox, of Put in Bay, Ottawa county; Louisa, born December 1, 1859, wife of J. H. Brady, living on Middle Bass Island; Anna, the wife of H. J. Sloat, residing at Milan, Ohio; and Carl Frederick, residing at Sandusky, Erie county.

In 1853 Mr. Buddenhagen embarked for America, came to Ohio, and settled in Sandusky, Erie county, where he followed his occupation of mason some twelve years. About 1862 he removed to Middle Bass Island, and was engaged in grape growing. He was a continuous resident from the date of his settlement until his death, which occurred March 21, 1872, and was intimately connected with all the early history of the Island. Surrounded by an intelligent and interesting family in his home, Mr. Buddenhagen was a devoted husband, and a kind and indulgent father. Among men he was genial and companionable, manly and fearlessly independent in character and thought, and consistent throughout. His social standing was high, his integrity incorruptible, and his memory will long be revered by those who knew him.

J. H. BRADY, who married Louisa Buddenhagen, was born in the Province of Ontario, Canada, went to Chicago, Ill., when a young man, and later removed to Toledo, Ohio, where he followed his occupation, that of contractor

and builder, and whence, in 1874, he came to Middle Bass Island. On November 8, 1875, he was united in marriage with Louisa Buddenhagen, and they have had eight children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: May E., August 8, 1876; Ella Anna, May 30, 1878; Alma Belle, December 3, 1879; Lillian, October 5, 1882; Carl F., November 15, 1884; Walter, September 12, 1886; J. Bertram, June 10, 1888, and Louis, October 30, 1893. A few days after his marriage Mr. Brady removed to Toledo, where he resided for three years. In 1878 he returned to Middle Bass, has since been a continuous resident of the Island, and is now extensively engaged in grape growing. He is Democratic in his political views, is a member of the I. O. O. F. at Sandusky, and the family are connected with the Protestant Episcopal Church.

JOHN H. REHBERG (deceased), who was connected with the earliest history of Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, and was one of the extensive grape growers there, was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, January 15, 1827, and was a son of John and Christina Rehberg. Mrs. Rehberg died in the Fatherland, and John Rehberg on Middle Bass Island, Ohio, December 22, 1880.

Our subject was reared to manhood and educated in Germany, where he followed the butcher business, and in 1853 came to America. At Mecklenburg, Germany, in the spring of 1848, he was united in marriage with Sophia Varruke, who was born in Mecklenburg August 10, 1825, and they had a family of fifteen children, nine of whom are yet living, as follows: Henry, born December 4, 1849, now residing on Point Pelee Island, Canada; Caroline, born September 16, 1854, wife of Henry Engel, residing in Michigan; William, born April 15, 1857; living on Catawba Island, Ottawa Co.,

Ohio; Frederick, born February 21, 1859, residing at Chagrin Falls, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio; Lena, born May 18, 1860, wife of Andrew Stoll, living on Kelley's Island, Erie Co., Ohio; Sophia, born November 13, 1861, wife of Charles Fisher, also of Kelley's Island; John, born April 30, 1864, a resident of Put in Bay, Ottawa county; Augusta, born July 14, 1867, and Edward, born August 22, 1872.

Having come to America in 1853, John H. Rehberg resided for about three years in Chicago, Ills., removed to Cedar Point, Hamilton Co., Ohio, where he lived two years, and then returned to Chicago, whence, about six months later, he removed to Indiana, where for six years he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. In the latter part of the year 1864 he removed to Middle Bass Island, and was a continuous resident of the Island, and closely identified with its progressive interests until his death on May 4, 1888.

For twenty-one years he held the office of school director, and also numerous other township offices, all of which he efficiently filled. He took a great interest in educational matters, and was ever foremost in promoting the welfare of the island. He was loved and revered in life, and in death many marks of respect were shown him by sorrowing friends and neighbors. Sadly they bore him to his last resting place, and, as the island breezes chant their requiem o'er his grave, loving hearts will entwine and bedew with tears an imperishable garland to his memory.

SAMUEL KUESTHARDT, editor of the *Ottawa County Zeitung*, published at Port Clinton, Ottawa county, was born in Arnsburg, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, February 6, 1855, and is one of the best known and most highly-respected citizens of the county in which he now resides.

He is the son of G. C. and Elizabeth

(Wollenhaupt) Kuesthardt. His father was born in Rambach, Hesse Cassel, Germany, in 1804; was educated in the teachers' seminary at Beuggen; followed the profession of a teacher throughout his life, and for many years had charge of a reform school. He died in April, 1875, a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. His first wife was Marie Wollenhaupt, by whom he had one child, Marie, who lives in California. The second wife of Mr. Kuesthardt, and the mother of our subject, was born in Harle, Hesse Cassel, Germany, in 1826, came to America in 1875, and died in California April 5, 1894, the mother of seven children, all of whom lived to manhood and womanhood: Christiana, died at the age of twenty years; Magdalena, wife of Rev. Julius Klopsteg, lives at Henderson, Minn.; Tabitha was married in Germany to Gustav Brobst; our subject comes next; Anna is married to Julius Ulber, an artist, now of California; Hermina is the wife of Andrew Peterson, and lives in St. Paul, Minn.; G. W. lives in California, where he follows the trade of a carpenter, and is also engaged in fruit raising.

Samuel Kuesthardt attended school at the theological seminary in Melsungen, Germany, from which he was a graduate in 1874. He then came to America and took a practical course at the schools of Mendota, Ill. He was the assistant minister for one year in a church in Toledo, Ohio, and in the fall of 1876 was ordained the pastor of a church at Custer, Wood Co., this State. At this time he preached to six different churches. He remained at Custer until 1881, in the fall of which year he received a call to Fair Haven, Mich., where he remained until 1887. He was then attacked with inflammatory rheumatism, from which he suffered greatly, and, being obliged to seek a change of climate, went to Louisiana and settled in Calcasieu Parish, where he took up a homestead and timber claim, 325 acres in all. His health rapidly improved, and

he spent a couple of months in that place, while there preaching at Lake Charles. He then returned to Toledo, Ohio, and from there came to Rocky Ridge, in Ottawa county, where he founded a congregation, and built the first Lutheran church in the place. This was a frame building, which soon after was burnt down, and they then erected one of brick. He preached at Rocky Ridge for two and a half years. In September, 1890, Mr. Kuesthardt gave up preaching, and the following New Year (1891) took charge of the *Ottawa County Zeitung*, then published at Oak Harbor, and in 1893 he removed the paper and his family to Port Clinton. In politics he is a Democrat, and his paper is printed in the German language. It is a newsy, well-conducted journal, and is popular with the German citizens.

Mr. Kuesthardt was married in Toledo, Ohio, April 19, 1877, to Miss Marie Kuehn, of that city, and they have had nine children (seven of whom are living): Paul; Martha; Samuel; Marie; Laura; Ernest, who died in Louisiana; Lydia, who died when four years old; Hans and Phyllis.

ALPHONSE COUCHE (deceased), for many years a prominent lumber dealer and grain merchant of Port Clinton, Ottawa county, was a native of France, born in the town of Chinon, old Province of Touraine (now Department of Indre et Loire), February 14, 1833. His father was born in 1789, and died in 1859; his mother was born in 1794, and died in 1838.

Our subject received a good education at his home, and succeeded in passing an examination for entrance into the College of Arts and Manufactures in Angers, securing the bursary which admitted him to the School on payment of a small sum; but the Revolution of 1848 caused the institution to be closed about twelve months. For a couple of years he fol-

lowed the business of commission merchant in Paris, purchasing goods for the South American trade, which first suggested to him the idea of migrating to one or other of the English colonies. Proceeding to London, England, he remained there a year, familiarizing himself with the language and gaining some insight into general business. In 1856 he came to New York, and there remained until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he returned to France, but two years later once more came to the United States, again locating in New York. In 1864 he moved west to Ohio, and in Ottawa county erected a sawmill on the banks of the Portage river, a few miles east of Oak Harbor, where, until 1873, he did an extensive business in the manufacture of lumber; then removed his main plant to Port Clinton, continuing, however, to operate a sawmill at Rocky Ridge and Crane Creek. In the Rocky Ridge branch of the business he had two partners from 1880 to 1889 in the persons of John Mitchell (who was interested only in the Rocky Ridge mill) and J. Lecluze (who was a partner in all the businesses of Mr. Couche, and acted as bookkeeper). In addition to sawing and manufacturing building material they bought and dealt extensively in pine lumber of various kinds, also in coal and wood. Mr. Couche erected grain elevators at Port Clinton and at La Carne, where he bought and shipped grain. His largest operations were in the purchase of walnut and other hard woods from the Northern and Southern States, which, for about fourteen years, he exported to different countries of Europe. He was the first shipper of "Birdseye Maple," from America to Europe. From the year 1886 up to the time of his death Mr. Couche was in the habit of spending his winters in France, going there in the fall and returning in the spring.

During his residence at Port Clinton he was one of the most substantial con-

tributors to the prosperity and growth of the town, paying out many thousands of dollars in wages every year, and keeping many workmen employed. In all his business affairs he was honest, just, and prompt, and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. July 30, 1891, he suffered from a stroke of paralysis of the brain which deprived him more or less of the use of his mental faculties, and occasioned his death December 19, same year.

On December 15, 1877, Mr. Couche was married at Tours, Province of Touraine, France, to Miss Antonie Cartier, daughter of Francois and Pauline (Trosseau) Cartier, the former of whom was a manufacturer of champagne wine, and children as follows blessed their union: Jane Marie Pauline Alice, born October 3, 1878; Marie Madeleine Alphonsine, born April 23, 1880; and Frank Alphonse Antoine, born January 24, 1883. Were Mr. Couche asked during his busy lifetime for the secret of his success, he would no doubt have defined it, from his own experience, as hard work, availing itself of fair opportunities.

AUGUST SCHMIDT (deceased), who was among the earliest settlers of Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, and who during his long residence here was extensively engaged in grape growing, besides following contracting and building, was born in Anhalt, Germany, October 7, 1825.

The father of August Schmidt died before his son was born, and the mother, Rosamond Schmidt, died when August was about twelve years of age, consequently very little is known regarding their history. When but a youth August Schmidt went to Berlin, and there grew to manhood, receiving his education, and learning the trade of a stone mason. In 1852 he came to America, and settling in Detroit, Mich., resided there and near

there for about twelve years, engaged in contracting and building. On January 17, 1854, Mr. Schmidt was united in marriage, at Detroit, with Christina Mueller, who was born in Hesse, Germany, May 26, 1830, and they had six children, five of whom are still living, as follows: August, born December 27, 1855, now residing in Sandusky, Erie Co., Ohio; Elizabeth (Mrs. E. Wehrle), born May 13, 1859, lately living on Middle Bass Island, at present (December, 1895) a resident of Sandusky; Katherine, born September 29, 1861, Charles, born September 11, 1863, and Emil G., born January 3, 1866, all three also living in Sandusky.

In 1864 Mr. Schmidt removed to Middle Bass Island, where he resided up to his death, which occurred February 10, 1886. Mrs. Schmidt at present resides in Sandusky, Erie county, and the vineyard is rented out on shares. Mrs. Schmidt attends the German Evangelical Church, while of the children some attend the Presbyterian Church, the others the Congregational.

THOMAS E. KIRKBRIDE. A history of the growth and spread of the commercial interests of Sandusky county — and they are neither few nor unimportant — could not well be written without containing an account of the enterprises with which the name of this gentleman is intimately associated, and a sketch of whose business career is here presented.

As one of the most successful business men in Sandusky county, and one of the greatest oil producers in the State of Ohio, if, indeed, not the greatest, it is the more proper that Mr. Kirkbride should be conspicuously represented in this work; and although a resident of Toledo, where his family reside, he has kindly consented to have his personal history and portrait inserted within the pages of this Biographical Record.

A native of New York State, Mr. Kirkbride was born in Ogdensburg December 26, 1858, and is a son of Joseph and Sarah Jane (Nugent) Kirkbride. The father at present lives at Findlay, Ohio, and has been interested in the oil industry since 1866. When he was nearing the age of eight years our subject's parents removed to Tidioute, Warren Co., Penn., and here he received his education and had his home until he was about twenty-one years old, at which time he entered the oil fields. His first venture was as wooden-tank builder, then in rig building, pipe-line work, drilling; in fact, engaging in every detail of the business, and there is no branch thereof with which he is not thoroughly conversant "from A to Z." In 1890, disposing of his interests in Pennsylvania oil fields, Mr. Kirkbride removed with his family to Fostoria, Ohio, remaining there, however, but a short time, for it was not long before he entered the arena of the Ohio oil fields, about one mile from where the present village of Gibsonburg now stands, by purchasing the Blousey farm of forty acres, on which there were already three wells, to which, by drilling, he soon added two more. Shortly afterward he and his brother, J. W. Kirkbride, bought eighty acres of oil land in the Rollersville field, where they have put down six wells. This completed, the brothers entered Wood county and purchased a 110-acre farm of C. R. Rosendale, also six acres of Clark Earle, making a total in that neighborhood of 116 acres, whereon they drilled fourteen wells. They also piped gas from their gas well at West Millgrove to Hatton, Wood county, supplying that town with both fuel and light. Their oil territory became, in 1891, still farther increased by the purchase of 120 acres of land at Pemberville, they finishing a well already commenced on this property, making what is known to oil men as a "mystery," for not being operated the outside world became of the opinion that the "territory" was poor.



*J. E. Kirkbride
Toledo, O.*

This gave the Kirkbrides a chance to buy all the surrounding land, some thousand acres in extent, and here they drilled fifteen wells, forming at the same time what is known as the Alphonso Oil Co. Just prior to this our subject leased several hundred acres in Perry township, Wood county, where a number of gas wells were drilled, which to some extent supply the city of Toledo with gas.

Mr. Kirkbride next invested in a half interest in the Damschroeder property of 175 acres, and here they drilled a dry hole. This property they still hold, believing it to be a good oil country. Mr. Kirkbride purchased twenty acres of the Graver farm, on which he put down five wells, and then followed an unique and remarkable experience in his oil business well worthy of record. A certain well seemed to contain nothing but water, and many a speculator turned his back on it and derided it; yet Mr. Kirkbride believed it would ultimately yield oil, and for eight weeks he pumped incessantly, but got nothing except water for his pains, during which time he and the well were the butt of many a jest. However, at the end of about two months, oil began to manifest itself, and the well all at once commenced to produce oil at the rate of 100 barrels per day, and in less than two more months not only paid for all the labor expended on it, but also for the cost of the twenty acres of land. This was the first attempt in the county, by any oil producer, to exhaust the water and ultimately reach oil.

The Kirkbride oil territory was next enlarged by the purchase of the George Miller farm of eighty acres which they held an entire year before drilling. They leased surrounding property, and on the Morgan farm drilled a test well which produced 300 barrels per day; this was also made a "mystery" well until some 700 acres adjoining could be secured by lease. With everything in their own hands they now put down twelve wells on the Miller farm, also three on the Morgan farm, and

at the end of one year they leased the Benjamin Jones farm in Sandusky county, as well as the Myers farm. On the latter they drilled three wells, one of them, which "came in" November 9, 1894, being the first large well drilled in the county, producing 1,400 barrels per day for nineteen days! Six days after this well "came in," or November 15, 1894, Mr. Kirkbride completed the largest oil well in the world, known as the "Kirkbride Gusher." This was on the Jones farm, about five miles west of Gibsonburg. When the Trenton rock was pierced, in boring, the well began to throw up a column of oil some 200 feet high, so that houses and land were covered with oil, deep ditches along the roads being filled to overflow, and still the oil continued to flow. Mr. Kirkbride believes that when the well started, and for some time thereafter, it must have produced at the rate of 60,000 barrels per day, running at full flow. It took them four hours to get the well under control and the tanks erected, but of course they could not get the oil away as fast as the well would produce it. Gradually declining in yield, at the end of some four months the production was less than one thousand barrels per day, and the once Mammoth has dwindled down to an humble twenty-barrel-per-day well! Last, not least, Mr. Kirkbride bought twenty-seven acres of land from Henry Schmucker, in Woodville township, on which he has five wells, one of which is in one respect like the great well we have just given an account of, in being what Mr. Kirkbride calls a "crevice well." This produces 100 barrels per day, but had to be pumped for two weeks before anything except water came. At this writing (November, 1895) Mr. Kirkbride owns and leases about ten thousand acres of oil territory, and is operating, in all 200 wells. He attributes his great success to two things, to-wit: First—he thoroughly understands every detail of the business; and, Second—he keeps out of the Ex-

changes;—in a word he gives his time and attention exclusively to the production of oil and not to speculation therein.

On January 5, 1880, Mr. Kirkbride was married to Miss Mary A. Edwards, and six children have blessed their union, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Joseph Edward, February 23, 1881; Margaret Mabel, July 31, 1883, died January 12, 1887; Thomas F., June 24, 1885; Mary Alice, December 25, 1887; Annie Geneva, August 14, 1889; and James William, October 21, 1891. Mrs. Kirkbride was born, in 1857, in Liverpool, England, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Molland) Edwards, the former of whom (now deceased) was a sergeant in the English army, and the latter is now a resident of Boston, Mass. Mrs. Kirkbride received her education in her native city, whence she emigrated to Nova Scotia, later moving to Boston, Mass. In 1890 Mr. Kirkbride took up his residence in Toledo, where on Collingwood avenue he has an elegant home, he himself being the designer and architect of the building. He and his amiable spouse are noted for their hospitality, geniality and cordiality, and live in the unqualified esteem and respect of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

NATHAN DODGE (deceased), who was a carpenter and a farmer by occupation, and one of the most popular citizens of Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, was born in Gainesville, N. Y., December 15, 1822, and was a son of Elijah and Lorena (Thayer) Dodge, who were both born in New York State.

When Nathan Dodge was but a youth his parents removed to Carlisle, Ohio, where he grew to manhood, received his education, and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until later in life, he removed to Wisconsin, locating in Windsor, Dane county, and there for

seventeen years engaging in agricultural pursuits. On August 3, 1847, Nathan Dodge was united in marriage in Strongsville, Ohio, with Mary I. Carpenter, daughter of Caleb and Susan (Haines) Carpenter, and born in Strongsville, Ohio, June 4, 1826. They have had eight children, six of whom are living, as follows: Ellen Maria, born July 13, 1848, now the widow of L. R. Webster, and residing on Put in Bay Island, Ottawa county; Jennie, born April 9, 1850, wife of James H. Crowley, residing in St. Louis, Mo.; Louis C., born April 15, 1852, living on Middle Bass Island; James E., who is captain of the steamer "Ina," born February 17, 1854, and residing in Put in Bay Island; Emma C., born April 30, 1856, wife of Louis Edlison, and residing in Los Angeles, Cal.; John B., born March 22, 1858, a resident of St. John's, Mich.; Edith L., who became the wife of Robert L. Harris, and passed away at Nordhoff, Cal., March 6, 1894; and Harvey C., deceased at the age of five years.

About 1865 Mr. Dodge removed to Middle Bass Island, where he resided during the remainder of his days, dying October 9, 1870. He was a man of high moral qualities, and his character was beyond reproach. His kindness of heart and unselfish generosity were proverbial wherever he was known, none appealing to him in vain in a worthy cause. Many instances of his acts of kindness might be cited, showing his characteristic regard for the happiness of others. His great industry, unquestioned integrity, and unimpeachable moral character won for him hosts of friends, who with his widow and sorrowing family mourn their loss.

ANDREW SCHIELE (deceased) was a native of Wurttemberg, Germany, born in 1819, where he passed the days of his boyhood and youth. The public schools there af-

forded him his educational privileges, and he there also learned the trades of both baker and blacksmith. Thinking to benefit his financial condition by crossing the Atlantic to the New World, he bade adieu to his native land in 1850, and sailed for the United States, locating in Toledo, Ohio, where for fifteen years he worked at the baker's trade, also keeping a restaurant. In 1865 he took up his residence on Put in Bay Island, where he spent his remaining days. He here devoted his time and energies to the cultivation of a vineyard and the manufacture of wine, and did a good business, becoming one of the well-to-do residents of the community.

Mr. Schiele was married in Toledo October 7, 1851, to Justina Kirnberger, born in Wurttemberg, Germany, June 21, 1830. They became the parents of ten children, five now living, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Louis, July 2, 1856; Robert, December 26, 1858; Frank, September 15, 1860; Andrew, February 8, 1862; and Edward, February 22, 1869, all still living in Put in Bay. The father of this family was called to his final rest April 29, 1880, and many friends mourned his death, for he was a highly-respected man, recognized as one of the prominent residents of the community. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church, to which his widow also belonged.

ANDREW SCHIELE, JR., was born in Toledo, Ohio, and when a child of two and a half years was brought by his parents to Put in Bay Island. He was educated in the district schools, and since leaving the school-room has followed the business in which his father engaged, that of fruit growing and wine making. He is an enterprising, thrifty young business man, carefully managing his interests, and in his undertakings is meeting with good success. He was married April 25, 1893, to Marguerite Duennisch, a daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Beck) Duen-

nisch, who were natives of Germany. Her father is now living in Venice, Erie Co., Ohio, where her mother died in 1886. Mrs. Schiele was born at that place, July 27, 1869, and by her marriage has become the mother of one child—Elsie Marie, born November 17, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Schiele are well-known people of the community, and their friends are many. Our subject is now serving his second term as township trustee, to which position he was elected by the Republican party. He and his wife attend the Lutheran Church.

GAVIN WATSON (deceased) was for over forty years one of the honored and respected citizens of Danbury township, Ottawa county, where his widow still makes her home. He was a native of Scotland, born in Glasgow, January 19, 1822, and was a son of James and Margaret Watson, who were also natives of that country. He was reared to manhood, educated and learned the trade of stone cutting in his native land, where he remained until 1850, when he came to America. After residing in New York for a short time, he removed to Fort Wayne, Ind., remaining there until the spring of 1851, at which time he became a resident of Danbury township, Ottawa county, and here continued to make his home until his death, which occurred January 3, 1892. For some time after locating in the township he worked at his trade, but later was principally engaged in farming, which he carried on with good success.

On June 3, 1851, in Danbury township, Mr. Watson was married to Mrs. Margaret Tynan, widow of William Tynan, and daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Johnson. They became the parents of five children, three of whom are still living: John, born June 10, 1855, makes his home in Chicago, Ill.; William, born August 25, 1857; and Margaret, born

July 19, 1863, married January 13, 1886, to Henry Baxter, of Danbury township, and has one child—Pearl, who was born March 20, 1889. By her former marriage Mrs. Watson was the mother of two children, namely: Elizabeth, now the widow of David Jameson, and making her home in Danbury township; and Jane, who is an invalid and lives with her mother.

During his residence of over forty years in Danbury township, Mr. Watson won the esteem and confidence of all with whom he came in contact, and was numbered among the valued citizens of the community. His character was beyond reproach, and his many virtues and pleasant ways gained him a host of friends.

WILLIAM WATSON, since the death of his father, has assumed the management of the farm, on which he has made many good and useful improvements. He is a live, progressive business man, highly esteemed as a friend and neighbor.

CHARLES H. HOUTS. This gentleman, who is one of the oldest pioneers of Ottawa county, and a prosperous agriculturist and fruit grower of Clay township, has also a record as a soldier in the late Civil war of which he may well be proud. The participants in that struggle for the preservation of the Union are growing perceptibly fewer as the years roll on, and it will not be long ere none are left to tell the story. We who hear it from the lips of those who took an active part in its victories and defeats are fortunate indeed.

Mr. Houts was born in Scott township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, August 11, 1842, son of John and Rhoda (Schroggy) Houts, the former of whom was born in 1813, in Pennsylvania, and the latter in Columbiana county, Ohio. When seven months old he was brought to Ottawa county, and in his boyhood he attended the public school at Port Clinton, afterward assisting his father in the work upon

the farm. When the call for men for three-years' service in the Civil war was made, the patriotic youth responded by enlisting January 4, 1864, in Company G, One Hundredth Ohio Infantry, under the command of Col. Patrick Sleaven. He was in many bloody battles, where he saw thousands of men dying on the field, and learned from experience the horrors of war. Among the notable engagements in which he took part were: The battle of Rocky Face Ridge, Ga., May 5 to 9; Resaca, Ga., May 13 to 16; Dallas, Ga., May 27 to June 4; Kenesaw Mountain, Ga., June 9 to 30; Uday Creek, where they lost one hundred men, August 6; Atlanta, Ga., July 29 to September 2; Columbia, Tenn., November 24 to 28; Franklin, Tenn., November 30, and Nashville, Tenn., December 15 to 16, all in 1864. In all these engagements Mr. Houts was so fortunate as not to receive even a scratch, although his comrades fell all around him, and indeed throughout the whole campaign he enjoyed the best of health, with the exception of an attack of measles which kept him in the hospital for a week or two. He received his discharge after brilliant victories at Salisbury, N. C., on July 17, 1865.

After his return from the army Mr. Houts sailed on Lake Erie and Lake Huron for six years. He then took up the trade of a carpenter and joiner, at which he worked six years, during three of which he was in partnership with Samuel Wisner, under the firm name of Houts & Wisner, carrying on the business of contractors and builders at Port Clinton. Subsequently he engaged in farming, working for six years on a farm near Port Clinton, after which he came to Clay township, rented a farm, and worked thereon for five more years. By hard work and frugality during all this time he managed to save enough money to buy a farm of his own, and in 1888 purchased eighty acres of land near Clay Center, which was partly under cultivation. Here

he went to work with a will, spending every spare moment in beautifying the place. He rebuilt the dwelling house and all the barns, and made other needed improvements, and to-day is enjoying the fruit of his labors in a pleasant, comfortable home.

Mr. Houts was married, December 31, 1868, at Port Clinton, to Caroline P., daughter of J. R. Heim, a merchant of that place, and they have one child, John Richard, born October 17, 1870. He was educated in the public schools of Clay township, and worked on the homestead farm for several years. He was married December 20, 1893, to Lillie M., daughter of Frederick Sutton, Esq., of Martin, where the couple now reside.

John Houts, the father of our subject, was born near Strasburg, Penn., and came to Ottawa county when quite young, locating near Port Clinton. Here he was married in 1836 to Rhoda Schroggy, and to them five children were born, as follows: Henry, born in 1841, died when quite young; Charles H., our subject, born in 1842; Mary A. born in 1844, is the widow of William Britten, who was killed in a stone quarry at Marble Head (she has three children); James, born in 1846, at Port Clinton, is married and lives in Michigan (he has two children); one died in infancy. The mother of our subject was one of the first school teachers in Port Clinton. She died there in 1848. In 1853 the father married again, taking for his second wife Amanda Mommeney, of Port Clinton, and five more children were added to the family, viz.: John, who is an engineer on a vessel on Lake Erie; Rosie, deceased; William, who lives in one of the Western States; Clara, living in Kansas; and Ida, married and living in Cleveland. Mr. Houts passed peacefully away at the home of his son Charles, in Clay township, March 11, 1894, at the ripe old age of eighty-one years and two months, beloved and respected by all who knew him.

J. R. Heim, the father of Mrs. Charles Houts, was born at Baden, Germany, March 4, 1821, and came to this country when a young man, living for some years at Plasterbed, this State. He then removed to Port Clinton, where he was engaged in the hotel business for a number of years, subsequently buying a farm near Port Clinton, on which he lived until his death, which took place January 4, 1886; his wife preceded him to the better land, dying May 7, 1869. Mr. Heim was married in 1847 to Pauline Moos, and they became the parents of twelve children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Caroline, November 7, 1848, now the wife of our subject; John R., born January 26, 1850; Adam, March 30, 1852, died March 30, 1892; Christine, February 17, 1854; Maria B., September 12, 1855; Magdalena, September 26, 1857; Catherine P., July 11, 1859; August, August 9, 1861; William C., March 11, 1863; Edward C., February 22, 1865; Clara E. J., March 14, 1867; and Christoph L., May 7, 1869, died September 1, same year.

Our subject in politics is a staunch Democrat, and an admirer of President Cleveland. He was a trustee of Clay township for several years, and a school director and member of the board of education at Genoa. He was clerk of the board for two years, and held the office of trustee three years in Portage township. Socially, he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and also of Clay Lodge, F. & A. M., at Genoa. He is a man of influence, well liked, both in public and private life.

STULL BROS (J. H. AND WILLIAM W.), former merchants and manufacturers, Fremont, Sandusky county, were born in Rice township, Sandusky county, Ohio, sons of Jacob and Katie (Rang) Stull.

Jacob Stull, Sr., was born in Hatmat, Alsace (France), and came with his parents to America when fourteen years old, locating in Waynesburg, Penn. Eight years later he, with his parents, brothers, sisters, and others migrated by wagon to Rice township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, a distance of several hundred miles. Katie Stull was born in Baden, Germany, and came with her parents to America, settling in Rice township, Sandusky Co., Ohio. In 1837 she and Jacob Stull were married. Both are now deceased, she having died August 25, 1866, at the age of forty-five years, five months, four days, he dying February 4, 1873, aged fifty-eight years, one month, twenty-nine days. They were respected and loved by all who knew them, and their remains now rest in Rice township. They had five children: Christina, Mary, Sarah, Jacob H. and William W. Of these Christina married Joseph Lambert, in 1865, and now resides in Rice township; the names of their children are: Emma, Rutherford, Pearly and Homer. Mary married Hugo Gross, in 1866, and died March 11, 1888; he lives near Lansing, Mich.; the names of their children are: Emma, Ida, Clara, George, Frank, Ollie and Arlin. Sarah married J. H. Diedler, in 1871, and lives in Fremont, Ohio; the names of their children are: Laura, Florence, Lillie, Jennie, Ivin and Irvin. Jacob H. married Julia Flora, in 1886, and lives in Fremont; they have one child, Arlin. William W. also resides in Fremont, Ohio. In 1868 Jacob Stull, Sr., married his second wife, and they had one child, Emma, who in 1894 married Rev. Will M. Waller, and now lives in Atlanta, Georgia.

Stull Bros. (J. H. & William W.), the subjects proper of this sketch, were quite young when their parents died. Jacob H. staid for a time with his sister Sarah, and William W. with his sister Mary. After this, their time was occupied serving on farms, canvassing and attend-

ing school. In this manner those young lives passed away their precious time of their early "teens," being steadily engaged in the rugged discipline of labor, battling with Nature for subsistence. They afterward attended the Fremont High School, and later the Port Clinton Select School. Subsequently Jacob H. attended the College at Oberlin, Ohio, and William W. the Ada Normal School, Ada, Ohio. After having acquired sufficient mental discipline, they entered the profession of teaching, and Jacob H. pursued that for nine terms in the country, and William W. for seven terms. They then embarked in the retail grocery business in Fremont, Ohio, under the firm name of Stull Bros. They were engaged in this business for three years. While doing this they encountered a difficulty in the usual method of keeping accounts, and set to work to devise something better; the result of which was the now well-known "Simple Account File," which they invented and patented, the patent having been taken out in May, 1886. Having unlimited faith in their invention, they sold out their mercantile business and commenced the manufacture of the "File." This new enterprise, at its beginning, was not a success—rather uphill work—but they continued in the business. Jacob H. was then chosen manager of the concern, while William W. was chosen their traveling agent. During the summer months he traveled over Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania by wagon, and the balance of the time in other States by rail, selling Files and appointing agents. At the expiration of three years, owing to the increase, of the business, he was obliged to stay at home. Their business continued to increase, until, by their push and business ability, they extended the sale of the File to all parts of the United States. In 1891 they sold the right to "manufacture and sell" the File west of the Mississippi river, and in 1892 the territory east of the Mississippi river.

These two sales netted them a handsome sum.

Stull Bros. in religious connection, are members of the M. E. Church, and in politics they are Republicans.

JOSEPH DEGROFT (deceased), who was one of the prominent and progressive agriculturists of Madison township, Sandusky county, and one of its early settlers, was born in Cumberland county, Penn., November 25, 1814, and was a son of Joseph Degroft, a native of the same county, who died when our subject was only a year old.

Our subject received but a limited education in the schools of his native town, and worked at different kinds of employment from the early age of twelve years until he reached manhood. He received at first only forty cents per day for his labor, and continued working in this way until 1850, when with his family he came to Ohio, locating in Madison township, where he purchased eighty acres of land, all covered with timber. His first work here was to build a house, and he erected a log cabin upon the site from which he cut away the trees in order to make room for the building. He began life in true pioneer style here, and from the wilderness developed a highly-cultivated farm. He first planted corn and wheat, and continued the work of improvement with the aid of his sons until he became the owner of one of the most valuable farming properties in this section of the county. Often before roads were constructed he had to carry on his back to Pemberville a sack of corn and wheat which he had ground into grist in order that the family might have food. He also traveled through the woods and over the muddy roads to Fremont—a distance of twenty miles—leading his horse, and there did his milling and marketing. He would then not reach his home until after midnight; but the pioneer days with their hardships

passed, the log cabin was replaced by a substantial frame residence, barns were erected and the work of improvement carried forward until he became the owner of a model farm and the possessor of a handsome competence.

Mr. Degroft was married on New Year's Day, 1849, in Cumberland county, Penn., to Mary Chambers, and of the ten children born to them, seven are still living: (1) Mathew, born March 7, 1840, in Cumberland county, was educated in the public schools of this locality, and here follows farming; he is married and has six children. (2) John, born November 5, 1841, in Cumberland county, was educated in Madison township, Sandusky county, and with his family resides on a farm in Michigan. (3) Joseph, born June 5, 1845, in Pennsylvania, is a contractor and builder, and resides on the homestead with his mother. (4) Shannon, born October 14, 1847, in Cumberland county, Penn., is married and has three children; he followed agricultural pursuits in Madison township, Sandusky county. (5) Thomas, born November 25, 1850, in Madison township, was for some years engaged in the practice of medicine, but is now in the railroad business in California. (6) Catherine, born May 4, 1855, in Madison township, is the wife of Charles Sohnley, of Toledo. (7) Lewis is an honored citizen of Sandusky county. Alfred and Charles both died in infancy, and one girl also died in infancy.

The mother of this family was born in Cumberland county, Penn., September 17, 1822, and is a daughter of Thomas Chambers, a blacksmith, of the Keystone State. In 1850 she came with her husband to Sandusky county, and shared with him the trials and hardships of pioneer life in the woods of Madison township. She also assisted him in every way to make a home for the family, often aiding him in cutting down the trees, and in planting crops, going to the field at three o'clock in the morning. Her devotion to

her family entitles her to the greatest credit. She is now over seventy-three years of age, and looking back over the past recalls many interesting incidents of pioneer life in Ohio. She still transacts her business and attends to the duties of her house, and is now engaged on negotiations for leasing her land for oil prospecting purposes.

Mr. Degroft was trustee of his township for several years, and was for a long period school director, taking a deep interest in the cause of education and everything calculated to benefit the county. After a long illness of sixteen months he passed peacefully away, April 27, 1892, and a faithful wife and loving children mourned the loss of a kind father and devoted husband. He was ever ready to extend a helping hand to the poor and needy, and considered no sacrifice too great that would enhance the happiness of his family, to whom he left an untarnished name. His widow still resides on the old home place, where she is enjoying the reward of earnest toil.

EBEN ROOT, a well-to-do farmer of Sandusky township, Sandusky county, was born January 16, 1843, in Erie county, Ohio, near Milan. The Root family is of French origin, but the first definite history we have of this branch of the family is that of Caleb Root, grandfather of our subject, who was born in Connecticut, and migrated to Milan, Erie Co., Ohio, in pioneer days. He was a farmer by occupation, and died there August 13, 1843, aged seventy-three years. His children were: Hiram, Jirah, Lucy, Anna, Lyman and Perry, the last named being the father of our subject, born on the day of Perry's victory, in 1813, and hence was named after that naval officer.

Perry Root grew to manhood in Erie county, on a farm, received the advantages for education offered by the

common schools, and became a noted stock dealer at an early day. On November 6, 1839, he married Miss Celia Hardy, a native of New York State, and he died July 23, 1869, his wife passing away in March, 1880.

Their children were as follows: Elizabeth, born September 6, 1840, married November 26, 1862, Robert Wilcox, of Erie county, Ohio; Lucy Ann, born October 1, 1841; Eben, our subject; Sarah A., born May 11, 1845, married John G. Balcom, June 15, 1870, at Milan, Ohio; John O., born April 20, 1847, married Sarah Fairchild, December 17, 1874; Lucy, born in October, 1841, died September 27, 1861; Savory Perry, born July 11, 1849, died May 6, 1850; Carleton Perry, born October 5, 1857, died March 18, 1873.

Our subject spent his boyhood and youth in Erie county, near Milan, and attended the common schools. On May 2, 1864, he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Regiment, O. N. G., and served one hundred days, being discharged August 24, 1864, at Camp Chase, Ohio. While a young man he went west, and on the trip met and married on October 9, 1867, Miss Jemima B. Fell, who was born in Liddisdale, Scotland, October 1, 1847, and came to America with her parents when four years old. They settled in Stark county, Illinois, where our subject and she were married. The children born to this union were Sarah Isabella, born March 3, 1871; Carrie Elizabeth, born October 8, 1873; Walter Fell, born March 11, 1875; David Perry, born December 20, 1879, died January 18, 1881; and Bessie Alberta, born December 13, 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Root settled in Sandusky county soon after their marriage, and subsequently lived two years in Erie county, after which they returned here and have since made Sandusky township their home. Mr. Root owns 230 acres of land which he operates to the best possible



Eben Root



advantage, and in addition to his farming interest deals largely in live stock, handling a large number of sheep. He is a Democrat in politics, and is one of those citizens who, in an unassuming way, benefit the community in which they live and make a success of life.

Some remarkable facts in regard to accidental deaths in the family and among relations may be noted: Our subject's father, Perry Root, was killed by a kick from a horse; his stepmother was accidentally burned to death; his wife's father was killed by a runaway, in Scotland; one of his mother's sisters married a man by the name of Morgan, who, falling on the ice, broke his skull and died from the results; one of Morgan's sons was killed by accident; our subject's uncle Jirah fell from a wagon and was killed; and his uncle Hiram was killed by a team running away, while hauling lumber; and grandfather, Caleb Root, was killed by being thrown from a load of hay.

WILLIAM A. MUGG, the leading landowner and farmer of York township, Sandusky county, and vice-president of the First National Bank of Clyde, is of the third generation from the earliest settlement and development of northwestern Ohio. And as he stands to-day, a leader of the men about him, so, too, in the two preceding generations, were his father and grandfather men of renown and note in their respective spheres, though perhaps in a somewhat different way. William A. Mugg has inherited the pioneer strength of character. His mind is keen and he appreciates a witticism. His good-natured retort is sharp, and stranger or friend is welcomed at his home and treated with that old-time jovial hospitality that is becoming rare in these so-called degenerate days.

Mr. Mugg was born in Milo, Yates Co., N. Y., December 13, 1827, son of

John B. and Susan (Wheeler) Mugg, and grandson of Elder John Mugg. But years before his birth his father and his grandfather had already become identified with the interests of York township, Sandusky Co., Ohio. It was in 1822 that Elder John Mugg, a native of Maryland, came with his family from New York State to the vast solitudes of northwestern Ohio. His parents had died when he was a child, and he was bound out and reared among strangers. However, he obtained the rudiments of an education, and became a preacher of the Baptist Church. When he came to Ohio he purchased 400 acres of government land, but as soon as the cabins for himself and family were built, and the rude houses made comfortable, he began his labors as a pioneer preacher, a task then quite different from the ministerial duties of to-day. Elder Mugg was a man of small stature, and his weight was less than one hundred pounds; but he was filled with nervous force, and with a love for his fellow men. He was an enthusiastic Churchman. On horseback, with saddlebags supplied with medicines, he wended his way along Indian trails through the forested swamps from settlement to settlement, bringing to the lonely pioneer the refreshing and cheering words of the Gospel. His value to the mental, moral and physical welfare of the early settler, immersed in solitude, can scarcely be appreciated at the present day. He brought words of cheer and comfort wherever he went, and the pleasant memories of his visit lingered long after he had departed. He carried the current news of the day from cabin to cabin, and to the sufferers from the malignant fevers that were then so common he brought both medicinal and spiritual good. Once, to a neighbor who had stolen corn from him, he remarked: "I feel sorry for you, neighbor. I don't care for the corn. If you had asked me for it the corn would have been yours."

His gentle, forgiving, Christian spirit made Elder Mugg a man who was widely beloved. He organized the Freewill Baptist Church, the pioneer religious organization of York township, and lived to the good old age of ninety-six years, amidst the people to whom he had ministered for many years. His remains were interred in Wales Corners cemetery, in York township, where many of his fellow pioneers also rest. He was the father of seven children, as follows: Thomas, who moved to Indiana; John B., father of William A.; Marcus, who became a minister and moved to Michigan, where he died; Jesse, who died in Indiana; William, who died in early manhood; Mary (afterward Mrs. Bennett), of Indiana; and Harriet (Mrs. Colvin), who died in York township.

John B. Mugg was born in 1801. He came with his father to York township in 1822, having previously married Susan Wheeler. A year later, after the birth of his eldest child, Charles, he returned with his family to Yates county, N. Y., and remained there twelve years. In 1836 he again came west, and lived in York township until his death, which occurred December 31, 1880, when he was aged seventy-nine years, four months and twenty-seven days. His wife, who was born in 1807, died March 3, 1880. Nine children were born to John B. and Susan Mugg: Charles, who died in Missouri; Wheeler, who died in York township; William A., subject of this sketch; John who died in New York; a child who died in infancy; Elizabeth, who died in young womanhood; Marietta, who died in girlhood; George, a resident of Dundee, Mich., and Alice, who died in childhood.

William A. Mugg was a child when his father returned from New York to the pioneer Ohio home. He remembers well the trip on the lakes, and the journey overland to the old farmstead near Wales Corners, which still forms a part of the extensive estate of Mr. Mugg. In those days the driftwood had not yet been

cleared from the swamps. The pools were full of water, and fish were abundant on every hand. Mr. Mugg remembers that many times in his boyhood he has skated in winter all the way from the old homestead to Sandusky Bay. The young men of fifty years ago propelled skiffs over lands that are now some of the most fertile fields in Ohio. Indians were numerous in those days, and game abounded. But educational facilities were few. While Mr. Mugg did not receive a finished literary education, he learned what was better still—the value of thrift and economy. After he was of age he worked five years for his father, at \$200 per year. Then in 1854 he married Miss Phebe S. Russell, who was born April 2, 1833. Her father, Norton Russell, was born in Hopewell, Ontario Co., N. Y., June 15, 1801, of parents who had shortly before moved to the New York wilderness from Massachusetts. Young Russell was bound out, and was diligently engaged during his youth in clearing the pioneer land of western New York. In October, 1821, he came to Ohio with three other young men, William McPherson, James Birds-eye and Lyman Babcock, all of whom became prominent pioneers of Sandusky county. They walked almost the entire distance from New York—400 miles. Mr. Russell was the eldest of five children, and his sisters and brother were as follows: Rowena, who married George Swarthout, and settled near Penn Yan, N. Y.; Cynthia, who married William McPherson, and became the mother of the martyred Gen. James B. McPherson; William, who married Elizabeth Beach; and Lydia, wife of Lester Beach. Norton Russell entered the S. E. Quarter of Section 7, York township, and was married April 13, 1825, to Miss Sibyl S. McMillen, daughter of Samuel and Polly McMillen, who emigrated from their old home near the White Mountains, N. H., to Ohio, and became early pioneers of Green Creek township, Sankusky county. Samuel and

Polly McMillen had the following seven children: Sibyl (Mrs. Russell); Samuel; Henry; Rachel, who married Isaac May; Sally, who married Joseph George; Nancy who married Isaac May, and Luther. Norton and Sibyl Russell were the parents of seven children, as follows: John N. and William M., of Clyde; Charles P., of York; Phebe S.; Sarah R. (Mrs. Bell), of Clyde; Mary M. (Mrs. J. W. Taylor), of Sabine Parish, La., and Belle R. (Mrs. Collver), of Cleveland. Norton Russell is still, at this writing, living with his daughter, Mrs. Mugg, and is the oldest living pioneer of this section. His wife, who shared with him the toil and privation of a long and eventful life, died December 18, 1887, aged eighty years.

Nine children have blessed the marriage of William A. and Phebe S. Mugg, a brief record of whom is as follows: Nina, born December 31, 1857, is the wife of James Ungerman; they reside in New Richland, Minn., and have four children—Carl, Nellie B., Hazel and Vera. Clarence M., born January 14, 1859, married Laura Carr, and is the father of two children—Ethel and Wayne. N. Russell, born March 31, 1861, married Maggie Matthews, and they have two children—Madeline and Maurice. Mabel, born April 26, 1863, died in 1883. Alice, born September 10, 1865, is the wife of A. R. Pickett, of Clyde, and has two children—Harold and Gladon. Moina, born March 12, 1868, is the wife of N. Greenslade, of Bellevue, and they have one child—Russell M. Amy B., born February 19, 1870, is one of the popular young ladies of this section, devoted to her parents and the home. James G., born October 14, 1872, was married January 1, 1895, to Anna Needham, of York township. Florence, born May 25, 1877, is attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Mugg started in life with only about such means as the average young couple of that day possessed, but their success has been marked. If the

accumulation of a large estate, and the rearing of a numerous and honorable family is aught of satisfaction, while still in the meridian of life, then Mr. and Mrs. Mugg should be among the happiest of mortals. The landed property of William A. Mugg exceeds in quantity that of any other individual in Sandusky county. The finger of Time has touched them lightly. If Mrs. Mugg is as young as she looks, she is yet in the high noonday of life. She is an active member of the Grange, and deservedly prominent in the social affairs of the township. Mr. Mugg possesses a hardy constitution which he has never abused, but which through proper physical exercise he has maintained in its maximum degree of health. In politics he is a pronounced and uncompromising Republican. In the commercial and financial spheres he takes high rank. He is a master of the science of finance, and was one of the organizers, and is now vice-president, of the First National Bank of Clyde.

S M. TERRY, pioneer, farmer, banker and author, is one of the best-known citizens of Clyde, Sandusky county, and he is a representative of one of the earliest and most patriotic families in Sandusky county. He has been artisan and fruit farmer. He established the Farmers and Traders Bank, and alone conducted its management for four years when he organized the First National Bank as its successor, and became its cashier. He possesses a literary skill of a high order, and to the natural beauty and strength of his poetic sentiment is added a peculiarly facile and gifted rhythm.

Mr. Terry was born in Townsend township, Sandusky county, August 23, 1838, son of Jerry and Mary T. (Bonnell) Terry. Jerry Terry was born in New Hampshire March 21, 1801, son of Julius Terry, who was born in the same State

in 1762, and in 1808 migrated with his family from New Hampshire to Livingston county, N. Y. There Jerry was married, September 12, 1824, to Mary T. Bonnell, who was born March 2, 1805. Soon afterward Jerry and Mary Terry moved to Townsend township, Sandusky county, and founded a home in the wilderness, entering land at \$1.25 per acre at a time when there was not a tree cut within two miles of where they settled. From the wilderness he carved out a fertile farm, and by industry and perseverance acquired, as the years went by, a good home with pleasant surroundings. In 1872 he retired from the farm and resided in Clyde until his death, which occurred September 26, 1877. His devoted life partner died July 24, 1874. The father, Julius Terry, had also come to the pioneer Ohio home, and died here July 16, 1843. To Jerry and Mary Terry nine children were born—seven sons and two daughters. Of the sons five enlisted in the Civil war, and three of the five were killed in battle. The children were as follows: T. C., born July 8, 1825, who was postmaster at Nevada Mills, Ind., and died July 20, 1894; Henry G., born June 24, 1827, who enlisted under Col. Gibson, and was killed at Dallas, Ga.; Mary C., born July 23, 1829, now Mrs. Alfred George, of Bowling Green; J. H., born September 26, 1831, who enlisted and served in a Michigan regiment, now a farmer in Missouri; W. C., born March 29, 1834, a furniture dealer at Clyde; George J., born April 2, 1836, who enlisted in the Forty-ninth O. V. I., and was killed at Dallas, Ga.; S. M., subject of this sketch; Isaiah, born March 23, 1841, who enlisted in the Forty-ninth O. V. I., and was killed at Stone River; and Beulah E., born March 14, 1846, now widow of Joseph Kenny, of Clyde.

S. M. Terry grew to manhood on the pioneer farm of his father, attended the primitive log-cabin schools, and saw the gleam of civilization enter the wild

land and gradually broaden until the mists and deep recesses of savagery were gone forever. When the transformation scene was ended, peaceful, happy, prosperous homes had come. In his youth Mr. Terry completed a course at Poughkeepsie (N. Y.) Business College, and at the age of twenty-five he left the farm and learned the trade of carpenter and builder. Subsequently he entered the employ of the old Clyde Banking Co., and had been connected with that institution seven years when his health broke down. He went to New York State and took charge of his father-in-law's fruit farm on the Hudson river, under the new conditions of life regaining his health and strength. Returning to Clyde he in 1886 established the Farmers and Traders Bank, which was later reorganized as the First National Bank of Clyde, with a capital of \$50,000. Mr. Terry was elected cashier and held that position until February, 1895, when he sold his interest in the institution and retired from active business life. Under his management the bank was conducted on conservative principles, but with the most advanced business methods. In politics Mr. Terry is a Republican. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and was initiated into the lodge in 1860. Mr. Terry was married to Miss Mary Ettie Coe, who was born near Fairfax Courthouse, Va., and is a lady of many charms and accomplishments. Mr. and Mrs. Terry have a mutual penchant for travel, and have visited noted or historic places in all parts of the United States.

As a recreation from business cares Mr. Terry has quite happily wooed the Muses, and the products of his "gray-goose quill" have attracted considerable attention. Several of his more ambitious poems have been printed in pamphlet form. The poetical address read before the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth O. V. I., at Dalton, June 3, 1891, abounded in patriotic allusion, with intermittent

gleams of wit and humor. His "Reminiscences of Pioneer Life in Townsend Township" abounds in good things. The verse does not lag, but the limpid stream of thought moves smoothly on, and detached fragments fail to do justice to or properly represent the whole. As a specimen of his rare touch of melody the following extract from "A Lay Discourse on the Higher Criticism" is offered:

No mortal thought can count the cost or damages compute,
Of him who holds the Bible up, its teachings to dispute,
And heaven grant that this poor heart may never wear the
stain
Of causing any doubting soul one single tinge of pain.

No finite mind can comprehend the infinite design,
Or gather all the hidden pearls from that exhaustless mine;
And be it far from erring man, imperfect at the best,
By stretch of human intellect God's purposes to test.

The Bible stands the test of time, its teachings ne'er grow
old,
The truth shines out on every page like diamonds set in gold.
Without it, human destiny in darkness lies concealed;
With it, life immortal most gloriously revealed.

The statutes that on Sinai were deeply carved in stone,
Have, on the page of legal lore, throughout the ages shone,
And vain the test of human skill to formulate the law,
That does not from that fountain source its strength and wis-
dom draw.

The prophecies, the golden link that binds the old and new,
The logic of the world's events has demonstrated true.
And science stands in dread dismay, as law's imperial sway,
Unites with prophets and declares this world must pass away.

The heavens like a parchment scroll shall be together rolled,
The elements shall melt with heat, the prophets long foretold,
And deepest scientific search in nature's forces sees
The agencies that must, anon, enforce these dread decrees.

The higher critics act a part, if we but read aright,
That shadows forth the coming on of that impending night;
For Holy Writ has plainly taught that in the latter days,
The Lord's elect would fall away to follow Satan's ways.

That heresies of damning sorts, would innovate the Church,
And men forsake the bidden way, and after pleasures search,
Yea, e'en deny the Lord of light with heady self-conceit,
And while they sought to lead the flock, would fill a scorner's
seat.

The man that hath an eye to see, or hath an ear to hear,
Must see in modern day events a crisis drawing near:
And men may scold and men may scorn, and all the world
ignore,
Yet God hath said it draweth nigh; yea, standeth at the door.

The star that led to Bethlehem the wise men of the East,
Is shining out in heaven's dome with brilliancy increased;
And Christian rule is moving on with banners all unfurled,
And Anglo-Saxon Israel must subjugate the world.

The Law, the Prophets, and the Cross, all firmly bound in
one,
The substance of the Trinity, of Father, Spirit, Son,
The Alpha and Omega, the Logos, Life and Light,
That sweeps two vast eternities with majesty and might.

My faith accepts the risen Christ, the Bible I revere,
A Father's care, a Brother's love, I feel are always near.
I stand amazed before the Cross, I cannot understand,
But then I see a bleeding side, and touch a wounded hand.

I am the Way, the Truth, the Life, come unto Me and live,
I hear my Lord and Savior say, I freely all forgive,
I cannot, do not longer doubt, my soul with rapture cries,
I know that my Redeemer lives, that fully satisfies.

That sacred Word, a treasure mine enshrined upon my heart,
And while this transient breath remains I'll never with it
part.

It's been our light in ages past, our solace and our stay,
When tempest tossed, amid its gloom, to guide our weary
way.

Its promises will stand secure when scoffers are no more,
And he whose faith is anchored there 'twill safely pilot o'er;
And when the breakers gather round, and tempests sweep the
sky,
We need not fear the raging storms, deliverance is nigh.

It tells us whence, and what, and where, and shows the
mighty Arm

That wields the scepter over all and gives to life a charm,
And manifests a Father's love surpassing human thought,
And estimates immortal souls through sacrifices wrought.

It throws the light that lifts the clouds that hover o'er the
tomb,
And from the faithful trusting heart it dissipates all gloom,
And opens wide the pearly gates to show a Father's face
And out-stretched arms to welcome home with tenderest em-
brace.

The weary pilgrim on his way, oppressed with wordly care,
May turn a leaf and ever find a consolation there,
And on the mount, or in the vale, all shadows disappear,
For on that page, in love's own light, he reads his title clear.

When I behold the wondrous grace in man's redemption
shown,
And estimate the heritage unworthily I own,
I count my intellect as naught, and crucify my pride,
Accept by faith God's Covenant, and in that grace abide.

The Bible, like a guiding star, has led me on the way,
And scattered all the doubt and gloom with everlasting day,
And now I wait the Father's will to bid his angel come
To bear my weary spirit on to its eternal home.

In youth it guides our wayward steps from sin's alluring ways,
And scatters seeds of golden grain, to yield in other days,
And later on when troubles come, it steadies human life,
And gives us strength to overcome in many a doubtful strife.

'Twill be our stay in waning years, when near the journey's
end,
And when the night of death appears our last best earthly
friend.

And when we touch the river's brink and hear the boatman's
oar,
Redemption's theme will be our song forever, ever more.

Enrapturing thought! The Lord be praised! That Bible
stands alone,
The grandest book of grandest thoughts this world has ever
known;

Between its lids, would man obey, the balm of healing flows,
To settle all earth's differences and mitigate its woes.

Upon the Cross where cruel hate its torturing nails has driven,
A dying Saviour cries aloud, "Forgive, and be forgiven!"
And underneath that crimson flow all cruel passions fall,
And peace expands her golden wings where Christ is all in all.

That smitten Rock is pouring forth its living waters pure;
There's manna in this wilderness the humblest may secure;
That Word divine, the fiery cloud for Israel's faithful guide,
And Miriam's shout "We've been redeemed," resounds from
yonder side.

Yea, though the sea before us lies, and Satan's hosts draw
nigh,
Through faith the frowning waters part to leave a way
dry;
And God's command to *forward go*, fresh confidence inspires,
And promised triumphs realized, transcend all fond desires.

In grateful praise these lips employ, and joy o'erwhelms the
soul,
As Providence directs the way to yon celestial goal;
By faith we mount the shining stair, where Jesus sits en-
throned,
And view the mansions there prepared for those He hath
atoned.

Eye hath not seen, no ear hath heard, nor heart of man con-
ceived,
The glories that awaiteth those who have in Him believed;
The sun may fade in sombre night, and light of stars grow
pale,
But Christ the Christian's Light and Life can never dim nor
fail.

Eternal life, that priceless pearl transmitted from the cross,
Can never find a recompense in any worldly dross,
And science doth not yet unfold or solve that mystery,
That love divine and boundless grace have rendered full and
free.

That Word, the all pervading Light, can make these temples
shine,
And fill the soul with joy and peace akin to that divine,
And melt away the locks and bars that doth the future seal,
And in a risen, living Christ, eternal life reveal.

My brother, take that Holy Book, and as you turn its leaves,
Remember it hath treasures rare for him that well believes,
But to the doubting, scoffing soul that reads from base desire,
'Twill ever prove a stumbling block, an all-consuming fire.

Abiding firmly in the Law, with Prophets well in view,
The central Light of history the student may pursue,
And all the *royal lore* of earth will cast its diadem,
Upon the brow of Israel's King, the Child of Bethlehem.

Hail, glorious Prince of Righteousness! Thy sceptre rule the
earth,
Thy word be taught till every soul shall know and feel its
worth,
And o'er this world from pole to pole, the troubled nations
rest,
Till hope is in fruition lost, forever with the blest.

"All hail the power of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall,
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all."
"Praise God from whom *all* blessings flow, praise Him *all*
creatures here below,

Praise him *above*, ye *heavenly* host, praise Father, Son and
Holy Ghost."
Amen! Amen! So let it be, on earth as reigns above,
When man shall meet his fellow man, with charity and love,
And truth and mercy join their hands and sweetly dwell to-
gether,
And righteousness and peace unite, embrace and kiss each
other.

The inherent patriotism and religious
zeal of Mr. Terry's nature is manifest in
all his work. He has been for years a
leading teacher in the M. E. Sunday-
school, and the influence which he wields
at Clyde is directed unmistakably to-
ward the higher and better life.

ADAM BRUNTHAVER. Promi-
nent among the hardy pioneers
of Sandusky county, who, with
hearts of oak, muscles of iron, and
nerves of steel, subdued the dense forests
of the Black Swamp, and cleared up the
country for the purposes of agriculture,
is the subject of this sketch, and as such
he deserves honorable mention in this
volume.

Adam Brunthaver, Patriarch of the
Brunthavers of Green Creek, and Ball-
ville townships, Sandusky Co., Ohio, was
born near Greensburg, Westmoreland
Co., Penn. His father was a native of
Alsace, France, who served as a soldier
in the capacity of teamster, under the
First Napoleon, and subsequently emi-
grated to America, where he was em-
ployed by the United States Government
to drive cattle through the wilderness,
from Pennsylvania to the military post at
Detroit, Mich. He was always on friendly
terms with the Indians, learned to con-
verse with them, and served with his
party as interpreter. When passing those
Indians who were allies of the British, he
would represent to them that he was
driving cattle for the "Great Father,"
the King of England. A full record of
his life can not here be given.

Our subject, Adam Brunthaver, was reared on a farm, learned the trade of cooper, became a soldier in the war of 1812, and about the year 1828 made several visits to the Sandusky region, where he bought a quarter section of land of William Snyder, at \$1.25 per acre, and arranged with Joseph Hawk to build a log cabin for him on the spot now occupied by his grandson William, as a place of residence, in Green Creek township. He was married, in Pennsylvania, to Miss Mary Ridenhour, and first settled in Fairfield county, Ohio. In 1835 they moved to Sandusky county, and the family for many years occupied the log cabin which Mr. Hawk had erected for them. Mrs. Mary Brunthaver died in the fall of 1835. Of their children: Sally, wife of John Purdy, of Ballville township; Esther, wife of Mr. Bowman, of Fulton county, Ohio; Henry, who married Miss Emma Cook, now residing at Clyde, Ohio; Mary, wife of Caleb Clink, of Woodville, Ohio; Christena, wife of Luther Van Horn, of Portland, Mich.; John, who married Miss Matilda Scouten, and settled in Green Creek township; Elizabeth, wife of Jonathan Spohn, of Green Creek township; and Leah, wife of Enos Osborn, of Ballville township.

In 1839 Adam Brunthaver married Mary Smith, daughter of Adam Smith, who had settled in Green Creek township, in 1824. The children by this marriage were: Louis, who married Miss Loraine Forgerson; Martin, who married Hannah Smith; Margaret, wife of Bert Rathbone; Lucinda, wife of John Duesler; Minerva, who died single; Adam, who married Miss Olive Potter; Delilah, wife of Norton Young; William, who married Miss Ann Smith; and Martha, wife of Owen Maurer. These families reside in Green Creek and Ballville townships.

The death of Adam Brunthaver, Sen., occurred April 28, 1860, at the age of seventy-five years. He was buried in Long's graveyard, now known as Mount

Lebanon U. B. Cemetery, in Ballville township. To this place the remains of his first wife were removed from the pioneer Kernahan burial place. Mr. Brunthaver's widow married, in 1861, Rev. Israel Smith, of Fremont. In 1867 they moved upon a farm in Ballville township, bought by them jointly. Mr. Smith died in 1885, and his widow has since that time occupied the Smith homestead, which she had secured by the proceeds from the Brunthaver homestead.

PETER BRUNTHAVER, a farmer of Ballville township, Sandusky county, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, February 9, 1823, a son of Adam and Marv (Ridenhour) Brunthaver. At twelve years of age he came with his parents to Sandusky county, where he learned the trade of carpenter, at which he wrought in Lucas, Wood and Sandusky counties for upward of twenty years. At Perrysburg, Ohio, July 4, 1847, he married Miss Mary Jane Cook, who was born March 2, 1827, in Richland county, Ohio. Several years after their marriage they settled on a farm east of Fremont, where he became one of the substantial farmers of Ballville township. He was a trustworthy, reliable man, a Democrat in politics previous to the Civil war, later a Republican. He and a part of his family were members of the U. B. Church. His death occurred April 6, 1891, that of his wife April 8, 1893, and they were buried in Mt. Lebanon U. B. Cemetery.

The children of Peter and Mary J. Brunthaver were: (1) Charles E. Brunthaver, born April 16, 1848, in Lucas county, who married Miss M. A. Merrald, November 16, 1870; she died November 1, 1873, leaving two children—Edward, born September 14, 1871, and Clara, born May 29, 1873, the latter of whom died at the age of ten years; Charles E. Brunthaver has been a clerk in the War

Department, at Washington, D. C., for upward of twelve years. (2) Lucinda Jane Brunthaver, born September 29, 1849, in Wood county, who married Charles Dawley, a farmer of Green Creek township, Sandusky county, June 20, 1872; she died August 30, 1883; their children were: Willis W., born February 20, 1874; Nellie, January 23, 1876; and Hazel, November 16, 1881. (3) Ellen E. Brunthaver, born May 30, 1851, in Sandusky county, married Henry Bennett, December 25, 1871; she died March 24, 1882, leaving three children—Clarence A., born October 26, 1872; George Henry, February 19, 1877; and Fanny A., October 18, 1878. (4) Samuel Willard Brunthaver, born August 18, 1853, married Miss Ann Norton, June 9, 1883. (5) Orrin James, who will be more fully spoken of presently. (6) Frank P. Brunthaver, born January 16, 1862, was brought up on a farm, educated in the home district and the Fremont city schools, took a course in the Medical Department of the Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, and, after practicing medicine at Maumee City about three years, took a course at the Post Graduate Medical School and Hospital, in New York City; he was married, November 27, 1884, to Miss Mary E. Smith, of Sugar Ridge, Wood county, Ohio, and their children are—Carrie L., born August 4, 1888; Merine A., April 14, 1890; and an infant son. (7) Minnie E. Brunthaver, born October 22, 1863, married Silas Strohman, a farmer, of near Tinney, Ohio, May 27, 1885, and their children are—Edna E., born March 9, 1886; Cora M., December 17, 1889; and Mildred E., September 5, 1893. (8) Clarence W. Brunthaver, born March 12, 1867, died in childhood.

ORRIN JAMES BRUNTHAVER, born June 20, 1859, was reared on a farm, learned the carpenter's trade of his father, attended the Fremont High School and the Fostoria Normal School, read law for some

time with the firm of Everett & Fowler, Fremont, became administrator of his father's estate, and since 1893 has been employed in the Railroad Postal Service between Cleveland, Ohio, and Syracuse, N. Y. He was married at Fremont, September 24, 1893, to Miss Carrie E. Snyder, who was born February 23, 1871, at Hudson, Mich., and they have one son—Harry Allen, born October 30, 1894.

MARTIN SEIPLE, one of the leading farmers and stock raisers of Madison township, Sandusky county, is a native of Pennsylvania, born May 20, 1849, in Williams township, Northampton county.

John and Susanna (Unangst) Seiple, parents of our subject, were also natives of Northampton county. In 1864 they removed to Scott township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where the father purchased 300 acres of land, and carried on farming. In their family were ten children: Edward (deceased), who during his life followed farming, and whose widow resides at Helena, Sandusky county; Valentine, a farmer, butcher and stock dealer, who died in Pennsylvania; Thomas, a farmer, living on the old homestead; Eva A., wife of William Schrantz, an agriculturist, who operates half of the old home farm; August, deceased; John, who was a member of the One Hundred and Fifty-third P. V. I., and was killed at the battle of Gettysburg; William, who died of brain fever, in Pennsylvania; Adam, a retired farmer living in Helena, Ohio; Martin; and one who died in infancy. The parents are both now deceased.

Henry and Sarah (Wagner) Seiple, parents of John, were born, the former September 29, 1776, the latter April 4, 1780; and both died in 1863, he on January 12, she on October 16. They had a family of five sons and three daughters, viz.: John (father of Martin Seiple), Henry, Conrad, David, Joseph, Sarah



Martin Seiple

(who married Samuel Johnson, of Allentown, Penn.), Katy (who married Henry Hildibrand, of Bethlehem, Penn.), and Julia (who married Henry Woodring, of Carroll, Iowa).

Mrs. Susanna Unangst Seiple, mother of our subject, was the daughter of Valentine and Elizabeth (Morgan) Unangst. Valentine Unangst was born July 27, 1769, and died August 23, 1857, aged eighty-eight years. Elizabeth (Morgan) Unangst was born in 1754 and died in 1824, aged seventy years; her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Morgan, was born April 23, 1727. Valentine Unangst had an only sister, Eve Ann Unangst, who was born June 24, 1764, and died November 15, 1857.

Martin Seiple attended school in his native county up to his sixteenth year, when he removed with his parents to Ohio, and located in Scott township, Sandusky county, on a farm of 300 acres. Here he continued his education for a short time, and then entered upon his business career, working upon his father's farm until 1867. He had in the meantime saved from his earnings some capital, with which he now purchased eighty acres of land on which stood a small frame house. It took many years of hard toil to place the tract under its present high state of cultivation, and to add the improvements that we to-day find, including an excellent frame residence, barns and outbuildings, which are models of convenience, a fine orchard and other general improvements. He also has ten oil wells upon his land, which are owned and operated by the Buffalo Oil Company, in which Mr. Seiple owns stock; he is also engineer in helping to pump in the same. He is one of the most progressive men in Madison township, and good management and business ability have placed him in a substantial position.

In August, 1869, Mr. Seiple was married, in Medina, Ohio, to Ruby K. Bowman, daughter of Daniel and Caroline

Bowman, of Medina county, the former born in 1817 in Pennsylvania, in which State he acquired his education, and for a time carried on farming there. Subsequently he removed to Medina county, Ohio, where, in 1842, he married Miss Caroline Ross, a native of Vermont, and by their union were born fourteen children, nine of whom are living: Levi, a farmer of Michigan; Jayett, wife of Jesse Jacobs, an agriculturist in Michigan; Ruby, who was born September 12, 1850, Walter, a resident of Medina, Ohio; Alice, wife of George Moulton, a farmer of Medina county; Charles, who follows the same pursuit in Medina county; Frelena, wife of Lewis Abbott, an agriculturist of that county; Edelia, wife of Elsworth Gilbert, who operates a farm in Medina county; Orson, who resides in Lorain, Ohio; Mary, John, Joshua and George, all deceased, and one who died in infancy. Mr. Bowman died in 1879, in Medina county, where his widow is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bowman were in James T. Garfield's afterward President's audience when he used to preach in John Bowman's barn in Medina county.

Grandfather Christopher Bowman was born about 1783 in Germany, and he and his wife both died about the same time, in 1858, and were buried in the same grave in Lafayette township, Medina county; they had a family of fourteen children, three of whom are now living. Mrs. Seiple's maternal grandfather Ross was born about 1783, his wife, Susan Ross, in 1799. They were the parents of ten children, of whom are now living: Mrs. Caroline Bowman (mother of Mrs. Seiple), Charles, Mrs. Almeda White (of Michigan), and Mrs. Elizabeth Newens of Cleveland.

To Mr. and Mrs. Seiple have been born five children—two sons and three daughters—of whom John D., born June 4, 1872, was educated in the public schools of Madison township, Sandusky county, and is now attending the Normal

University, at Ada, Hardin Co., Ohio; when quite young he suffered from diphtheria, and afterward from spinal fever, which left him a cripple. Chloa, born on the old home farm in April, 1874, was educated in her native township, where she was married April 7, 1894, to Cornelius Burgher, an oil driller, by whom she has one child. Caroline S., born September 13, 1877, also obtained her education in Madison township. Pearl, born August 2, 1881, and Orson, born June 8, 1888, are still with their parents.

Mr. Seiple is pre-eminently a public-spirited citizen, taking a deep interest in everything that tends to benefit the town and county generally. He is a warm friend of the cause of education, has several terms served as school director, and does all in his power for the advancement of the public schools. He is a popular and highly esteemed man. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and he and his family are adherents of the Reformed Church, attending service in Helena.

FRANK H. SMITH, one of the youngest successful and prospering residents of Gibsonburg, Sandusky county, extensively engaged in the oil business, was born in Venango county, Penn., August 16, 1865, son of Abraham and Sarah (Smith) Smith, the parents not by blood related.

Abraham Smith was born in 1830 in Venango county, Penn., and followed the trade of blacksmithing. He died April 9, 1883. The mother, Sarah Smith, was a native of Franklin, Venango Co., Penn., and died in 1873. They reared the following family of seven children: Leah, who married J. B. Wilson, and lives at Gibsonburg; Laura, wife of C. B. Neely, of Venango; Myram, a resident of Freeport, Ohio; Frank H., subject of this sketch; Clara, wife of Geo. Bloodheart, of Gibsonburg, Ohio; Cora, who married

George Speck, of Pemberville, Ohio, and P. A., a contractor of Gibsonburg.

Frank H. Smith was a lad of only fourteen years when he left home and drifted to the oil fields of McKean, which attracted him. He secured employment in the oil business at once, and has ever since been engaged in it successfully, following the oil fields of Pennsylvania continuously until 1890, when he came to Ohio, and has here continued the same pursuit. He obtained his start as a drill contractor of oil wells. About four years ago he became interested in leasing oil lands in Sandusky county. He was first with the firm of Smith & Dohn, a firm which has undergone various changes, and to whom he sold many leases when partly developed. Mr. Smith is now interested in a 200-acre lease along the Pennsylvania railroad, three miles north of Gibsonburg, where he has twenty-nine wells producing, and the venture has been a marked financial success. The leased land produces over 12,000 barrels of oil per month. On February 9, 1895, Mr. Smith and his partner, Mr. John Shertzer, purchased the Gibsonburg electric light plant, paying the sum of \$4,500 therefor, and holding this until July 10, of the same year, when they sold to a Pittsburg firm for \$5,500.

On September 23, 1886, Mr. Smith was married in Pennsylvania to Miss Lizzie Lusher, and has two children: Arthur D. and Roscoe M. Mrs. Smith was born May 5, 1864, in Rockland township, Venango Co., Penn., where she resided until her marriage. Her parents George and Charity (Jacobs) Lusher, were also natives of Pennsylvania, born October 8, 1831, and May 30, 1834, respectively, and they had a family of eight children, viz.: Andrew married a Miss Gilmore, and has four children; Bell lives at home; Miles married Maggie Shopper, by whom he has four children, and lives near Gibsonburg; Maggie is Mrs. J. Watson, of Pennsylvania; Emma became the wife of

H. Davis, of Cleveland; Lizzie is Mrs. Smith; Perry, unmarried, is employed by Mr. Smith in the oil fields; Harry is at home. The paternal grandfather of this family, Jonathan Lusher, was born in Pennsylvania March 17, 1812, and died December 1, 1884; he married Eliza Smith, born about 1815, and they had a family of fourteen children. The maternal grandfather, Jacob Jacobs, also had a family of fourteen children. Mr. Smith owns a pleasant home in Gibsonburg, and, financially, he has prospered far beyond his years. He is recognized as one of the ablest and most successful young business men of Sandusky county.

C A. MINER, a prosperous and highly successful business man of Clyde, Sandusky county, was born at Ithaca, N. Y., January 5, 1825, son of Avery and Emma (Eddy) Miner.

Avery Miner, a large-hearted and enterprising man of affairs, was born of English ancestry March 10, 1774. He accumulated considerable wealth at Lansing, N. Y., but at this point his generosity was his ruin. Becoming surety for some acquaintances who proved unequal to the task of meeting their obligations, the property of Avery Miner was taken in satisfaction. Thus bereft of fortune, he went Ithaca in 1835 at the age of sixty-one years; then came west, where capital seemed less essential to success, locating at Huron, Ohio, where he paid \$3 for a broken-down stage horse, and in a wagon that corresponded with the steed began to keep a meat market. He prospered as a butcher, and followed that business until his death, which resulted from blood-poisoning, May 13, 1854. A neighbor had requested Mr. Miner to conduct the autopsy of a fine cow that had died of some unknown ailment, and in the dissection Mr. Miner accidentally cut his left hand. A Dr. Burdick, who

was present, predicted serious results, and the prediction slowly came true. Gradually he lost the power of his hand, but he survived six or seven years before death ensued. Nearly thirty years later the son, C. A. Miner, met Dr. Burdick, and the latter at once inquired as to the result of the accident, so deeply had it impressed him. Avery Miner was a powerful man, physically. In politics he was a Whig. Emma (Eddy), his wife, was born March 23, 1797, at Great Bend, Penn. They were married February 1, 1816. After her husband's death she resided in Huron, Toledo, and finally in Clyde until her death, which occurred December 8, 1874. Avery and Emma Miner had three children, as follows: G. F., born July 16, 1817, for many years a resident of Huron and Milan, and who died at Monroeville; William H., born August 29, 1828, unmarried, who resided for years in Clyde, and died July 16, 1895, at Toledo.

C. A. Miner, the subject of this sketch, attended the schools of Ithaca, Huron and Milan, Ohio, and his youth was closely associated with the stock business. He was reared to business in his father's meat market, and early in life commenced shipping cattle to New York and other Eastern cities by boat, afterward by rail, lifting the steers into the boats by means of tackle fastened to their horns. For nearly twenty-five years Mr. Miner followed the cattle business at Huron very successfully. He bought a farm which he used as a pasture and shipped hogs, cattle and horses extensively. In 1859 he moved to Clyde, purchasing a half section of land, a portion of which is now within the corporation limits. He was married, November 22, 1855, to Mary E. Miller, who was born at Ballston, N. Y., May 9, 1821. She died January 4, 1860, a devoted Christian woman, enthusiastic and faithful in Sunday-school and all Christian work. Both she and her husband were active teachers in the Presbyterian

Sunday-school at Huron, and Mr. Miner now has an elegant Bible which was presented to him by the school at Huron. He remained on the farm only one year after his wife's death. He then sold his Clyde farm and purchased an interest in a foundry and machine shop at Sandusky. Gas from the foundry proved injurious to his health, and two years later he sold out and removed to Toledo, Ohio; for one year he traveled through the West. He then took care of his mother's farm at the Junction at Toledo for two years. Returning to Clyde he bought a warehouse, and for some years was engaged in the grain business, and a grocery, afterward handling general produce. For some years Mr. Miner has led a retired life, which he has well merited after his active and prosperous business career. The second and present wife of Mr. Miner was Miss Maria Veletta Stark, who was born in Fremont February 6, 1842, and whom he married May 17, 1877. To this marriage have come two children: Charles L., born November 25, 1880, and Helen, born September 8, 1883.

CHARLES T. MOORE. The great ancestor of the Moore families with which our subject is connected was Samuel Moore, who emigrated from Dalkeith, Scotland, about the year 1760, and settled in New Jersey.

His son, David Moore, grandfather of our subject, moved from Huntington county, Pennsylvania, to Ross county, Ohio, in 1814, and from Ross to Sandusky county in 1818. He built and occupied a double log cabin on the west bank of the Sandusky river, about half a mile southwest of the present village of Ballville. A short distance below that he built a gristmill and a sawmill which were patronized by the early pioneers for many miles around. His death occurred December 24, 1829, and was caused by

an accident in falling at night from the attic in the mill to a lower story. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Davis, remained on a farm in Ross county, where she died July 1, 1826. Their children were: Eliza (Justice), Sarah (Fields), George, James and John Moore, all of whom came to reside in Sandusky county. George Moore returned to Ross county in 1830, and settled near Chilli-cothe, where he died in 1850. John Moore was for many years a miller at Ballville, and died there in 1876.

James Moore, father of our subject, was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, in 1806, came to Ross county in his boyhood and to Sandusky county at the age of sixteen, where he assisted his father on the farm and in the mill. After his father's death he became his successor in the mill, and carried on a flourishing business at wool carding. He was an enterprising and public-spirited citizen, and contributed largely toward the building of the Fremont & Fostoria plank road, and the Lake Erie and Louisville (now the L. E. & W.) railroad. During the Civil war he was untiring in his efforts to aid the government in putting down the Rebellion, and perhaps no other man in the county did more to encourage the enlistment of soldiers, assist the families of absent soldiers, or relieve the wants of the widows and orphans of those who lost their lives in the service.

James Moore was married, in 1832, to Miss Harriet Patterson, who was born May 17, 1810, in Syracuse, N. Y., daughter of Reuben and Eunice Danforth Patterson, who came to Ohio in 1816, to Lower Sandusky in 1818, passed their first winter here in the old block house of Fort Stephenson, and settled on the Whittaker Reserve. James Moore died December 6, 1873, from an accident that happened to him in his mill. He was buried in Oak Wood Cemetery. His widow resides on a part of the old homestead. Their children were: Orvin

Moore, who was drowned in Sandusky river when eight years old; Juliette Moore, who married William Rice, a merchant of Fremont, whose sketch is given elsewhere; LeRoy Moore, a sketch of whom follows; Celiette Moore, who died at the age of fifteen years; Manville Moore, sketch of whom follows; Charles T., the subject proper of this sketch; Celia Moore, wife of John C. Fisher, now living near Rollersville, Ohio, whose children are—Claud, Guy, Webb, James, Clara, Maud, Blanche, Lester, Bruce and Brice; Oriette Moore, wife of John G. Speller, whose children are James M. and Alice, living at home in Ballville township.

Charles T. Moore was born in Ballville township, and spent his youth on a farm and in his father's mill. He attended the Ballville village and the Fremont city schools, and the State University at Ann Arbor, Mich. His vacations were spent in assisting his father in the mill until he was twenty-four years of age. He is at present living on the old Moore homestead, carries on dairy farming and runs a milk wagon to Fremont. He married Miss Jennie H. Huber, daughter of Lewis and Mary Jane Huber, farmers, near Springfield, Ill., and the children born to this union were: Mabel, who died, aged one year, and Julia and Huber, at home.

CAPTAIN LE ROY MOORE, late of Clyde, Ohio, was born in Ballville township, Sandusky county, Ohio, December 28, 1836, a son of James and Harriet (Patterson) Moore. From the time when he was out of the district school until near the outbreak of the Civil war he assisted his father in a flouring-mill near the village of Ballville, attended the Fremont city schools, and at Oberlin College two years. In the fall of 1860 he went to school at Ann Arbor, Mich., and remained until the spring of

1861, when he came home intending to return to school and complete a full course of study. Touched with patriotic ardor to serve his country, he responded to Abraham Lincoln's call for troops, and on October 8, 1861, enlisted at Columbus, Ohio, as a recruiting officer, with the rank of second lieutenant, and speedily raised the requisite number of men to form Company F, Seventy-second Regiment, O. V. I., of which he became captain on the 4th of January, 1862. Two years later he veteranized at Memphis, Tenn., and took an active part in the battles of Pittsburg Landing, the siege of Corinth, the battle of Jackson and the siege of Vicksburg. After various other encounters with the enemy, the regiment was sent to Guntown, Miss., on what is known as the Sturgis raid, where he shared the fate of many other brave men in being taken prisoner. He was held by the Confederates at Macon, Ga., at Charleston and Columbia, S. C., and at Raleigh and Goldsboro, N. C. He was paroled for exchange and entered the Union lines at Wilmington, N. C., March 1, 1865. At one time he was detailed to run a mill for the purpose of grinding corn to supply Gen. Grant's army, cut off by Van Dorn, at Holly Springs. During three years and five months he served his country with distinction, and was honorably discharged at Annapolis, Md., March 5, 1865. On his return home his health was much impaired, but as soon as he was able to work he resumed his place in his father's mill, and afterward became one of the proprietors of the same.

Capt. Le Roy Moore married, November 9, 1869, Miss Mary J. Dawley, daughter of Elisha and Sarah N. Brush Dawley, of Green Creek township, Sandusky county. In 1876 they moved to Pemberville, Wood county, where he went into milling on his own account. Being much afflicted with rheumatism, resulting from exposures during army life, and having been granted a soldier's pension, he gave

up milling and retired to Clyde, Ohio, where he established his permanent residence. His death occurred June 29, 1888. He was buried with military honors in McPherson Cemetery. His family continued to reside in Clyde until 1894, when they removed to Fremont. The children of Capt. Le Roy and Mary J. Moore were, Blanche A., born September 20, 1870, now official stenographer of the court of common pleas, of Sandusky county, and James K., born February 22, 1878, now at home in Fremont, Ohio.

MANVILLE MOORE. Among the patriotic young men of Sandusky county, who sacrificed their lives on the altar of their country during the Civil war, the subject of this sketch deserves honorable mention.

Born and reared on the historic banks of the Sandusky river, made famous by deeds of heroism on the part of the early settlers in repelling foreign invaders and their Indian allies, he early learned those lessons of patriotism and devotion to the cause of human liberty which inspired him in manhood to make the sacrifice which has rendered his name immortal. His youth was spent at home in performing his every-day duties faithfully and well, on the farm and in the mill, and in attendance at the village school; yet he was ambitious to rise above the dull routine of daily toil. Leaving home he attended several terms at Oberlin College, where he intended to complete a course of study. When Abraham Lincoln called for troops to put down the Rebellion, he left school, and in April, 1861, responded to the first call, by enlisting as corporal in Company G, Eighth Ohio Regiment. After a three-month's service he re-enlisted and served with his comrades, chiefly in Western Virginia. He was at the battles of Winchester, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettys-

burg. In the last named engagement he was mortally wounded, July 3, 1863; he was taken to a hospital in Baltimore, Md., and died soon after. His remains were taken home by his father, and with fitting services were laid to rest in Oak Wood Cemetery. His age was twenty-five years.

On June 22, 1885, Post No. 525, Department of Ohio, G. A. R., was organized at Fremont, and on the 30th day of the same month the name of Manville Moore was unanimously adopted as the name of the Post. On November 30, following, a life-sized portrait of Manville Moore, drawn by his cousin, Milton J. Justice, was presented by his relatives to the Post, in their new hall over the First National Bank, on which occasion appropriate and touching remarks were made by Dr. J. B. Rice, T. F. Heffner and Col. Frank Sawyer, each testifying to the noble character and faithful services of comrade Manville Moore.

LOUIS MYROSE (deceased) was born in Hanover, Germany, December 18, 1822, and was a son of Fred and Mary (Taulker) Myrose, farming people, who came to America in 1836, settling on a thirty-seven-acre tract of timberland.

In the days when the parents of Louis Myrose were pioneers, extensive farming in that section was out of the question, as the settlers could clear but enough to raise the necessaries of life, and scarcely that, having no very effective tools, with which to till the land. McCormick self-binders, sulky plows, and other similar aids to agriculture were slow to come. Mr. Myrose lived with his parents until their death, after which, on November 21, 1847, he was united in marriage with Angeline Freyer, and they became the parents of five children, as follows: Julia (now deceased) married Fred Sielscott, and had seven children—Louisa, Mary,

Caroline, John, Louis, Emma and Dora; Louisa married Andrew Radeloff, and had eleven children—Mary, Emma, Harmann, Fredrick (deceased), Julia, Augusta, Andrew, Louis, William, Carl and Clarence; Frank, born October 6, 1853, and now living on a farm near Lemoyne, in Wood county, married Mary A. Harmeyer, November 7, 1888, and three children have been born to them—Carrie, Henry and William; John Henry, born February 24, 1856, died April 17, 1856; and Anna Mary, born December 22, 1864, married May 3, 1888, to William Harmeyer, and they have three children—Edward, Emma and Dora.

The parents of Mrs. Louis Myrose, Frank and Glasia (Hartman) Freyer, came from Hanover, Germany, to America in 1835, and located in Wood county, Ohio, where the father died March 2, 1883, having lived to the ripe old age of eighty-one years. The mother died February 22, 1895, at the age of ninety-three years and twenty days. Mrs. Myrose is one of eight children, three of whom are still living—one son and two daughters.

In 1891 Mr. Myrose and his wife moved to Woodville, Sandusky county, and bought a home, where, as a result of the hardships he had encountered, he died on November 1, 1894; he had always been a very active and industrious man. Politically, he was a strong Democrat, and in religious faith he was an ardent worker in behalf of the Lutheran Church. His faithful wife still survives, in the enjoyment of fairly good health, and lives to see five great-grandchildren.

PAUL KROHN, general merchant, Woodville, Sandusky county, was born in Prussia, Germany, July 16, 1860, a son of Gustave and Carolina (Pfalckenthal) Krohn. His father was born in the same place March 14, 1832. He is an officer in the employ of the German Government, now acting in

the capacity of inspector of prisons. He served twelve years in the German army, and received the commission of lieutenant. He has been connected with the government in an official capacity all his life. Our subject's mother died at the age of forty-eight. Both parents were members of the Reformed Church. They had three children: Max and Oscar, both of whom died young, and Paul, of whom this sketch is written, who is their only living child.

Our subject grew up in Germany until about twenty-one years old, attending the common schools, and subsequently the college at Frankfort. He has a certificate for one year's service in the German army. He entered the mercantile business as a clerk in Berlin, Prussia, and was there four years, after which, in 1881, he started for America. He landed in New York City, thence proceeded directly to Chicago, having only about \$50 in money when he reached that city. He found sufficient employment to sustain himself there, and remained about two months, after which he came to Fremont, Ohio, and was employed in the Light Guard Band as musician. He has had a good musical education, but only studied it for pleasure, never having intended to follow it as a profession. He remained in Fremont one year, when he went to Genoa, Ottawa county, working there in the stave factory and gristmill about a year and seven months, and playing in the band. He then came to Woodville, and was engaged as clerk in a dry-goods store for two years, when he quit that and went to Toledo. He sold goods on the road about eight months, and played in the Toledo City Band, which line he followed some eight months when he returned to Woodville to work for his former employer as clerk. With him he remained about a year and a half, and then bought out the business and January 1, 1889, became successor to H. Rancamp, who is now in business in Toledo. Mr. Krohn

has made the mercantile business a great success, and operates not only his house in Woodville, but also a second store at Dunbridge, Wood Co., Ohio, which he opened in May, 1894, and is conducted through a clerk, but supervised by himself.

In October, 1891, Mr. Krohn married Carrie Frank, of Mansfield, Ohio, who was born September 21, 1868, and they have one child, Helen Esther. Our subject is a Democrat in his political affiliations, and socially, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

GEORGE ELLITHORPE, one of the most prosperous, progressive and extensive fruit growers and shippers, of Catawba Island township, Ottawa county, is the senior member of the firm of George Ellithorpe & Son. He is a native of Ottawa county, born November 21, 1830, at Marble Head, Danbury township, which at that time was a part of Huron county.

His parents were Henry and Elizabeth (Neal) Ellithorpe, the former born in New York, August 6, 1800, and the latter in Vermont, July 6, 1805. The paternal grandparents of our subject, Samuel and ——— (Owens) Ellithorpe, were of English and Scotch lineage. He is the eldest in a family of five children, four still living, and now residing in Catawba township, where they are honored and highly esteemed citizens. The others are Cyrus, born October 15, 1832; Russell, September 22, 1834; and Emily, July 8, 1839, now the wife of Clark Neal, a prominent fruit grower of Catawba Island.

George Ellithorpe was reared amidst the surroundings of a comfortable home, and received such a limited education as the youths of that day were able to obtain at intervals during the winter months when they could be spared from the duties pertaining to farm life. A portion of his time has always been devoted to

agricultural pursuits, but during the spring and autumn seasons, for thirty-two years, he also engaged in fishing on Lake Erie. During the seasons from 1869 to 1872 inclusive, he was master and part owner of the steamers "Clinton" and "B. F. Ferris," which then plied between Sandusky City, Put-in-Bay and Catawba Island. In 1872 he retired from the steamboat business, since which time he has devoted his entire attention to fruit growing and shipping his products, mostly to Eastern markets, where they find a ready sale at remunerative prices.

At Sandusky City, Erie county, Ohio, November 21, 1860, Mr. Ellithorpe married Miss Ann Eliza Moore, who was born in Portage township, Ottawa county, October 16, 1835, and is a daughter of Nathaniel B. and Fidelia (Dewelle) Moore, who were among the earliest settlers of that township. A family of children were born of this union, of whom Frank, the eldest son, born February 2, 1863, was killed by a runaway team while at work on his farm, May 28, 1895, and left a widow; socially, he was a member of O. H. Perry Lodge, F. & A. M., the Knights of Pythias and the National Union. The other members of the family are Ora V., born February 14, 1866, and died October 5, 1871; George Henry, born June 8, 1869; Walter James, born April 13, 1872; Addison Kelly, born May 4, 1874; Elsie R., born December 28, 1876; and Ira V., born August 21, 1879.

In his political views Mr. Ellithorpe is an ardent supporter of the Republican party, but in no sense an office seeker. At different intervals during his most useful and well-spent life, he has efficiently filled almost every township office at the disposal of his constituents, and for a period extending over twenty-one years, has continuously been a member of the board of education, of which body he at present holds the honorable position of president. He is past master and a charter member of O. H. Perry Lodge, No.



Geo. Ellishorpe

341, F. & A. M., of Port Clinton; belongs to Sandusky City Chapter, No. 72, R. A. M.; Port Clinton Lodge, No. 341, Knights of Pythias; and Catawba Island Lodge, No. 2783, Knights of Honor. He is one of the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which his family are also members, and contributed liberally to the construction and maintenance of the house of worship.

The character of Mr. Ellithorpe is too well known among the citizens of Ottawa county to need eulogy from our pen, which at the best would fail to do him justice and award that credit which is due to such an active progressive citizen and promoter of the welfare of his county. He uses every means within his power to promote the comfort of his home and the happiness of his family. In business life he is honored for his unswerving integrity and faithfulness to detail, and throughout the county and State his character stands above reproach.

JOHAN F. BAUMAN, retired farmer, with residence in Fremont, Sandusky county, was born March 23, 1827, in Wayne county, Ohio, a son of John W. and Mary (Fry) Bauman, the former of whom was born in Lancaster county, Penn., in 1794, where his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bauman, lived and died.

John W. Bauman afterward removed to York county, Penn., thence to Wayne county, Ohio, where he remained about ten years, and in 1844 moved to Jackson township, Sandusky county, and there remained a year, after which he located permanently in Loudon township, Seneca county. After the death of his wife he broke up housekeeping and lived with his children, his death occurring at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sarah Tucker, in Bellevue, Ohio, and his interment taking place in Bellevue cemetery.

The children of John W. and Mary Bauman were: Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Sloan, a farmer of near Warsaw, Ind. (she died August 2, 1895, leaving a family of eleven children); John F. Bauman, our subject; Anna, wife of Joseph Arnold, a farmer of Barry county, Mich.; Mary, wife of George Stebbins, a blacksmith, of Peru, Huron county, Ohio (she died in 1883); Sarah, wife of John Tucker, a blacksmith, formerly of Bellevue, Ohio (they now reside at Greenville, Montcalm Co., Mich.); Jacob Bauman, unmarried, was a soldier in the regular army before the Civil war, and served, later, as a volunteer in the Third Ohio Cavalry, until his death, which occurred in Georgia; Susan, wife of Solomon Good, a farmer of Coldwater, Mich. (she died leaving two children); Solomon Bauman, unmarried, a farmer and ex-soldier, who died in Greene county, Ind.; Lucinda, wife of John Turner, a blacksmith, of Barry county, Mich., where they both died; David, who died in childhood; twins that died in infancy; Delilah, wife of William Durn, a farmer of Wood county, Ohio; and twins that died in infancy, February 18, 1847, the mother dying at the same time.

John F. Bauman grew to manhood in Wayne county, Ohio, where he worked as a farm laborer, and attended common schools in the winter seasons. In his youth he learned the business of gelder, which he has followed about fifty years with good success both professionally and financially. His father followed the same occupation forty years, and his grandfather forty-five years. Our subject came to Jackson township at the age of twenty-one years. On May 30, 1850, he married Miss Harriet E. Winters, daughter of Jacob Winters, of Jackson township. In 1852 he went to California with a Bettsville company of fifteen men, the party taking the overland route, with oxen, mules, horses and prairie-schooner wagons. They started from Independence, Mo., May 2, 1852, arriving in Portland,

Oregon, August 14, of the same year, and soon after entered the gold mines.

Mr. Bauman's first mining claim was at Long Gulch, on a mountain side, and his next was in a valley. He had good success as a miner, and remained at the business two years, then returning to Sandusky county and following farming. He next bought a farm of 160 acres in Seneca county, north of Fostoria, and lived there two years; then sold it and bought several tracts in Washington township, Sandusky county, amounting in all to 340 acres, most of which he has sold to his children, reserving one hundred acres for himself in Section thirty-five, as a residence. He is extensively and favorably known, and has held the office of justice of the peace. The children of John F. and Harriet E. Bauman were: Alice, wife of Charles Burgett, liveryman (they have one son—Clarence); Emma, wife of A. J. Doll, son of Samuel Doll, a farmer (they have two sons—John and A. J.); Sarah, wife of Calvin Biddle, superintendent of the S. Doll & Co. Gas Company, Fremont, Ohio (they have one daughter—Hattie); Jerome J., a liveryman, whose place of business is opposite "Ball House," Fremont (he married Florence Lease, and they have one daughter, Lulu).

JOSEPH FONCANNON, who resides in Green Springs, Sandusky county, is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Ohio, that have been identified with the history of the State since it was on the frontier.

He was born in Tiffin, Seneca Co., Ohio, November 22, 1833, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Poorman) Foncannon. The father was born in Mifflin county, Penn., in 1793, and having arrived at years of maturity wedded Miss Poorman, a native of the same State. Removing to Perry county, Ohio, they settled on Honey creek, a mile and a half south of

Tiffin; but when they took up their residence there no other white settler lived in the locality, their nearest neighbor being at Upper Sandusky, twenty-one miles distant. They experienced all the hardships and trials of frontier life, and were actively identified with the development and upbuilding of the county. The father secured this land from the government and transformed it into a good farm upon which he made his home until within four years of his death, when he went to live with his daughter in Henry county, Ohio. In politics he was a Democrat. He held membership with the Reformed Church, and erected a fine house of worship in Tiffin, making the brick himself. When a young man he had learned the cooper's trade, but during the greater part of his life carried on agricultural pursuits. During the war of 1812 he was drafted for service in Perry's fleet, but as he could not go sent a substitute; his death occurred in 1875; his wife died in Tiffin, Seneca Co., Ohio, when past the age of seventy-five years.

The family were as follows: John, who was a farmer in Henry county, Ohio, and died at the age of seventy-five years; Michael, who is living in Tiffin, Seneca county; Mary, wife of Joseph Coon, a resident of Henry county; Doward, a farmer, who died at the age of fifty-two; H. Jackson, who makes his home in Tiffin, Seneca county; Jefferson, who died at the age of thirty-three years; and Oliver, who is living in Fort Wayne, Ind. Upon the old home farm Joseph Foncannon spent his boyhood and youth, and the educational privileges which he received were those afforded by the common schools of the neighborhood. He aided in the arduous task of developing wild land, and experience has made him familiar with the history of pioneer life. At the age of twenty-five he was united in marriage with Miss Eugenia R. Marshall, who was born in Zanesville, Ohio. They have three children: Minnie, now the

wife of Walter Huber, a resident of Green Creek township, Sandusky county, by whom she has three children, Fred, Hazel and Bernice; and Robert and Belle, at home.

Upon his marriage Mr. Foncannon located in Tiffin, Ohio, but after six months came to Green Springs and engaged with the Green Springs Sawmilling Company, with which he was identified for about fifteen years. He then became interested in a sash, door and blind factory, carrying on business along that line for twelve years, when, in 1879, he purchased his farm, and has since devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. He has led a busy and useful life, and belongs to that class of American citizens with their progressive ideas, who promote the public welfare, while advancing individual prosperity: He has ever been deeply interested in the welfare and upbuilding of the community in which he resides, and has been an important factor in its advancement.

JOHN HETER, an enterprising farmer of York township, Sandusky county, was born December 13, 1825, in Wayne county, Ohio, a son of John and Salome (Freese) Heter.

John Heter (1), the great ancestor from whom the Heter families in this country are descended, emigrated from Bavaria, Germany, to America, about the year 1735, landing at Philadelphia; he had seven sons, five of whom are named Sebastian, Jacob, Isaac, Daniel and John (2). Isaac was killed by the Indians near Huntingdon, Penn. After their arrival the sons were bound out for a term of service to a man who paid their passage money, a debt which had been incurred by the long and tedious sea voyage. John Heter (2), who was a farmer, settled in Berks county, Penn. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, with the rank of captain. He had

three sons, John (3), Adam and Jacob. John Heter (3) was, like his father, a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He moved to Center county, Penn., when his son John (4) was only two years old. He removed, later, to Berks county, same State, where he died. He had seven children: Adam, Jacob, Catharine (Ritter), Barbara (Ish), Rebecca (Ulsh), Maria (Romig), and John (5). All of these except the last named lived and died in Pennsylvania.

John Heter (5) was born in Berks county, Penn., in 1794, being the seventh child in his father's family. By trade he was a hatter, working in the towns of Snyder and adjoining counties. He was a soldier in the war of 1812 under Capt. Narr Middlesworth and Gen. Smythe, of Virginia, and served at Black Rock, on the Niagara river, receiving a pension, and a patent for forty acres of government land, for his services. He married in Union (now Snyder) county, Penn., Miss Salome Freese, who was of German descent. In August, 1825, he removed to Wayne county, Ohio, where he engaged in clearing land and farming, and in March, 1829, he removed to Oak Openings, of Thompson township, Seneca Co., Ohio, in which region, at that time, there were more wolves than sheep, and more Indians than white people. An Indian trail crossed his farm near his residence. He entered land at \$1.25 per acre, and bought at second hand, at different times, eighteen eighty-acre lots of wild land, some of which he cleared and improved, some of which he gave to his children, and some of which he sold. He was a peaceable, quiet unassuming man, a kind neighbor and a good citizen. He brought up his sons to habits of industry, economy and thrift. He was quite fond of music, and took delight in listening to the martial tunes of two ingeniously constructed musical clocks which he had bought of a Frenchman. Military pa-

rades of State militia where held on his farm about the years 1835-1840, when Jacob Bunn was captain and Jacob Wales first lieutenant. He and his wife and some of the children were members of the Lutheran Church, and he donated an acre of land to the joint societies of the Lutheran and German Reformed Churches for the erection of a church building and for cemetery purposes. About the year 1862 he removed to Bellevue, where his wife died in 1864, and he followed her to the grave in 1881. Both were buried in the Reformed cemetery at Bellevue, Ohio.

A brief record of the children born to John and Salome (Freese) Heter is as follows: (1) George Heter, a farmer, married Miss Hannah Kern, and lived near Flat Rock, Ohio, until 1878, when he retired to Bellevue, Ohio, where he died in 1892. (2) William Heter, a farmer, married Elizabeth Decker, lived in Thompson township until the spring of 1865, and then removed to Blue Springs, Neb., where he died in 1891. (3) Maria Heter married Elias Weiker, a farmer of Thompson township, where she died in 1859. (4) Jacob Heter, a farmer, married Miss Lucetta Gamby, and until the spring of 1878 lived in Seneca county, thence removing to near Sterling, Rice Co., Kans. (5) Elizabeth Heter died when two years old. (6) Sarah Heter married William Shock, a farmer of York township, Sandusky county, where they lived until 1875, in that year removing to Fall City, Neb., where she died in 1893. (7) John Heter (6) is the subject of this biography. (8) Magdalena Heter married Henry Shock, a farmer of Thompson township, where she died in 1856. (9) Levi Heter, now a retired farmer, living at Bellevue, Ohio, married Mary Shock. (10) Eli Heter, a farmer of Thompson township, married Miss Susan Sherck, and, after her death, Miss Margaret Cerman. (11) Adam Heter, a farmer, married Miss Selina Korner, and in 1870 removed to Highland, Kans. (12)

Eliza Heter married Philip Cupp, who for a number of years was a farmer in Thompson township, and is now engaged in the coal business, at Bellevue, Ohio.

John Heter (6) spent his early life in the wilds of Thompson township, Seneca Co., Ohio. Some of his playmates were Indians. His school privileges were very limited for there were then no summer schools, and as soon as he was old enough to work he had to help his father and brothers in clearing land, chopping wood, making rails, building fences, husking corn, threshing grain with the flail, or, in the winter seasons, by the tramping of horses, and in other work connected with pioneer farming. He attended winter school only when hindered from work by inclement weather, but he has given his children opportunities for a liberal education. He has followed farming all his life, but he has learned to combine with it what is called "head work," and he has lived upon and improved twenty-two different farms, most all of which he sold at a profit. He has also dealt in real estate. He has lived in Seneca, Sandusky, Erie and Wyandot counties, Ohio, and in Michigan, and he now has his home two and one-half miles west of Bellevue. In politics he was first a Whig, then a Republican, but he is not a partisan; he has held various township offices. Mr. Heter belongs to the Farmers' Alliance. He is a man of few words, sound judgment and strict integrity, qualities which have assisted him greatly on the road to success.

On April 15, 1847, John Heter married Miss Lovina Harpster, who was born in Wayne county, Ohio, April 24, 1829, daughter of John and Eva (Hartman) Harpster. They became the parents of ten children: (1) Sarah Heter, who married George W. Hoch, of Bellevue, Ohio, and whose children are—Addie Hoch, who married Ammon Kern, Olga Hoch, Delton Hoch (bookkeeper in the Ohio Cultivator Works, at Bellevue), Willis Hoch and Gladys Hoch; 2) Eva Heter,

who lives at home; (3) Eliza Heter, who married George Setzler, and removed to Blackstone, Sumner Co., Kans.; (4) Charles F. Heter, a farmer, who married Malinda Mook, and whose children are—Edith, Duwane, Merlon and Lawrence; (5) George W. Heter, a farmer, living in Peabody, Kans., who married Clara Acker, and has one son—Harry John; (6) Edith Heter, who is a teacher, and lives at home; (7) Amanda S. Heter, who lives at home; (8) Adelaide E. Heter, married to Worrallo W. Whitney, of Montville, Geauga Co., Ohio, who is a teacher in the Chicago city schools (their children are—Adell and Lois); (9) Irvin John (7), a farmer of York township, who married Mayme Scanlan; and (10) Janette B. Heter, a teacher in the Chicago city schools.

CHARLES HASELBACH, of Kingsway, Rice township, Sandusky county, is one of the most prosperous and enterprising farmers in the township. He was born December 18, 1847, and is a son of Philip and Elizabeth Bingle Haselbach, who were born in Germany, in 1820 and in 1819 respectively.

Philip Haselbach, who is a farmer and weaver by trade, came with his family to America when his son Charles was a child, landing in New York. Going thence to Sandusky city, Erie county, he remained six months, then located in Washington township, Sandusky county, and remained seven years in the woods. It was a wild country, not ditched and full of swamps and marshes; but they cleared the land, brought it into a good state of cultivation, sold it at a profit, then removed to Rice township, and bought a farm of 120 acres, where he still resides. In politics he is a Democrat. In religious affiliation he is a Lutheran, as was his wife, who died in 1890, in Rice township. They were the parents of eight children, two of whom died in infancy. The following

named grew to maturity: Charles is the subject of this sketch; Katie, now Mrs. Truckemiller, resides in Ottawa county, Ohio; Caroline married Peter Garner, and they reside in Sandusky township; Philip lives on the old homestead in Rice township; Sophia married Adam Garn, and they reside in Ottawa county, Ohio; and Peter is a farmer in Ottawa county. The family are all members of the Lutheran Church.

Charles Haselbach came to Ohio with his parents in his boyhood. He received only a limited education, his knowledge of the English language being imperfect and school facilities poor. He cleared land and chopped and hauled cordwood for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railway in the days when wood was used for fuel by the railroads, and thus learned the lessons of industry and the value of it early in life. He remained with his parents until after the age of twenty-one, and after a time was united in marriage with Miss Rosa Locher, who was born in Germany in 1852, and came to America with her parents when a child.

After his marriage Mr. Haselbach and his wife settled in Ottawa county, Ohio, where he bought forty acres of land heavily timbered. Instead of locating upon this land, he rented a farm in Sandusky county, had his forty acres cleared, bought another forty, then sold and traded that property, and came to Rice township, where he purchased sixty acres. Selling this land, he bought his present fine farm of 121 4-5 acres, at the rate of one hundred dollars an acre. He and his wife are the parents of five children, as follows: Ida, born in January, 1872, married John Overmeyer, a school teacher, in Lindsey, Sandusky county; Edward, born November 5, 1874, and Katie, November 7, 1876, are now at home; William, who was born in 1878, was killed, when quite a lad, by a fall from a tree; and Lizzie was born September 16, 1881. Mr. Haselbach is a Democrat in politics.

He is engaged in general farming, has done a great amount of fencing and clearing land since he bought his present home, is out of debt and very successful. Realizing fully how limited were his own early educational advantages, he has given his children the benefit of the best schools in the vicinity.

NELSON T. BALDWIN, a popular pioneer of Woodville township, Sandusky county, and one who by his honest hard work in the past years won his way to the hearts of his countrymen, was born in Cortland county, N. Y., July 15, 1820, son of Ebenezer and Rachel (Chaffa) Baldwin, and the grandson of Ebenezer Baldwin, Sr. The grandfather was born in Vermont August 7, 1772, and there married Susannah Rollins, a native of the same State, who was born July 19, 1771. In 1809 he migrated with his wife, daughter and two sons, to Cortland county, New York.

One of these sons, Ebenezer Baldwin, Jr., was born in Vermont April 13, 1792. He was married in New York State, April 12, 1811, to Rachel Chaffa, who was also a native of Vermont. In 1822 Ebenezer Baldwin came with his family to Ohio. For three years he lived in Salem, Columbiana county, then in 1825 he moved to Geauga county. Here the wife of Ebenezer Baldwin, Sr., died July 5, 1825. Six years later, in October, 1831, the Baldwin and Chaffa families came together to Sandusky county, and settled in the "Black Swamp," as it was then known, in Woodville township. There were then only five families in the township. Here Ebenezer died of cholera in 1834, aged forty-three years; here too his father died, in December, 1839, aged sixty-seven years. To Ebenezer and Rachel Baldwin were born ten children—seven sons and three daughters; one daughter still lives in Woodville township.

Nelson T. Baldwin in his infancy

seemed to have only a small chance for life and success, for at the age of five weeks he weighed only five pounds, two ounces, but in time he developed brawn and strength, and now tips the scales at 238 pounds. His youth was spent in the pioneer home of Woodville, and at the age of nineteen, December 25, 1839, he married Catherine E. Boose. She was born in Ohio, June 27, 1821, and moved with her parents to the "Black Swamp" in 1830. Her mother died August 25, 1846, and her father February 14, 1847. At the age of twenty Mr. Baldwin learned the carpenter and blacksmith trades, and he put up the first frame shop in Woodville township. For about eight years he followed his trade, then bought land, and with his own hands cleared sixty acres. His property now consists of 130 acres of valuable land, situated in the heart of the oil fields of Ohio.

To the marriage of Nelson T. and Catherine E. Baldwin six children have come, as follows: (1) Lemuel, born November 9, 1840, died July 30, 1841. (2) Philinda, born May 14, 1842, married Oscar Billings, of Ottawa county, and has nine children. (3) Warren, of Ashland, Saunders Co., Neb., born March 6, 1844, married Matilda Widner, and has one child, Seymour B. (4) Sarah, born June 1, 1846, married Fred Voekle, of Ottawa county, and has one child. (5) William B., a farmer of Woodville township, born July 1, 1852, married Etta Feddersen, who was born May 16, 1852, and eight children have blessed their union, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Henry, September 13, 1877; Bertha, March 26, 1882; Ferdinand, November 20, 1883; William, September 30, 1885; Orville, January 8, 1888; Grover, June 6, 1890; Philinda, December 25, 18—, died January 19, 1892; Leo, April 1, 1894. (6) Cecil, born July 26, 1855, died September 5, 1866. After the death of his wife Nelson T. Baldwin was united in marriage to Miss Christina Schnakenberg, who is

one of five children, and whose brothers and sisters are as follows: Alice, who died in 1888, wife of William York, and mother of one child; Maggie, wife of George Meyers, of Ottawa county, and mother of one child; Tillie, born December 13, 1874; and John, born October 23, 1878. In 1891 Mr. Baldwin retired from active life. He leased some of his land in 1892 for oil privileges, and several wells have been put down, most of them proving valuable producers. His son, William B., now operates the farm.

WILLIAM E. LAMBERT, who is engaged in carrying on a successful merchant-tailoring business in Clyde, Sandusky county, was born in Oberlin, Ohio, November 11, 1862, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Brice) Lambert. The paternal grandfather, John Lambert, was born in Somersetshire, England, and by occupation was a farmer. He came to America about 1852, and after residing for a time in Henrietta, Lorain county, Ohio, removed to Oberlin, where his last days were passed. In religious faith he was a Baptist. Born in 1800, he died in 1882, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. His wife, who was also a native of England, departed this life in Oberlin at the age of ninety-three.

James Lambert was born in Somersetshire, England, May 1, 1830, and in his native land learned the trade of a merchant tailor. At the age of nineteen he crossed the Atlantic to America and followed his trade at various places, after which he went west to Pike's Peak, during the gold excitement at that place. A year's residence in the West sufficed him, and he returned to Oberlin, Ohio, where he had previously carried on the tailoring business, and where he soon built up a good trade. During his residence there he was united in marriage with Miss Brice, daughter of John Brice, also a na-

tive of England, who came to America when his daughter was a maiden of thirteen summers. He died in Oberlin, Ohio, in 1890, at the very advanced age of eighty-one years. Mrs. Lambert was one of a family of thirteen children, and was seventeen years of age at the time of her marriage. The young couple began their domestic life in Oberlin, where they resided until 1865, when they came to Clyde, but removing to other places subsequently, did not make a permanent location here until 1869. Mr. Lambert established business as a merchant tailor and dealer in ready-made clothing. In his political views he was always a Republican; socially, he was connected with the F. & A. M., Blue Lodge; in his religious belief he was a Methodist. He was a man of the strictest integrity and sterling worth, an honorable, upright citizen, one that any community might be glad to number among its members. Mrs. Lambert was born in Lincolnshire, England, in September, 1840, and still survives her husband, her home being in Clyde. In their family were three children, Byron Lambert, who was born in 1860, and died in 1864; Carrie, who was born in 1863, and died in 1866; and William E.

The subject proper of this sketch was reared in Clyde, and completing the prescribed course was graduated from the high school in the class of 1881. He then learned the trade of merchant tailoring with his father and entered into partnership with him, this business connection continuing until the latter's death. He now enjoys a good trade, for he turns out an excellent class of work, and his earnest desire to please his patrons has gained him their confidence, good will and patronage. He was united in marriage with Miss Ona Fish, who was born December 8, 1867, and throughout the community the young couple have many friends who hold them in high esteem. Mr. Lambert is a staunch supporter of the Republican party;

socially he is a member the F. & A. M., Blue Lodge, and Chapter, R. A. M. Religiously he is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is looked upon as one of the rising young business men of Clyde, is progressive, enterprising and industrious, and will no doubt make a success of life.

CAPTAIN WILSON S. MILLER is one of the native sons of Ottawa county, and a citizen of whom the community may well be proud. He was born in Portage township May 9, 1839, son of Henry J. and Susan Wonnell Miller, the former of whom was born in Zanesville, Ohio, May 18, 1812, and died November 12, 1874; the latter was born July 25, 1817, and is still living.

Capt. Miller's paternal grandfather, William Miller, was born in Columbia county, N. Y., of Irish parentage. He removed to Ohio, about the time it came into the Union as a State, settling in Zanesville; he married a Miss Barnes, a lady of Scotch ancestry. The maternal grandparents were natives of Maryland, and coming to Ohio about 1828 settled in Portage township, Ottawa county, where they passed their remaining days.

The old home farm was our subject's place of abode during his childhood and youth. He obtained his early education in the district schools, and then entered Berea Ohio College, where he studied during the fall and spring terms, and taught in the winter for three years. His labors in that direction, however, were interrupted in 1861 by his response to President Lincoln's first call for 75,000 volunteers. At the expiration of two years' service he re-enlisted as a veteran for three years more, and served with Company I, Forty-first O. V. I., faithfully performing the duties which fell to him, and valiantly defending the old flag and the cause it represented. His meritorious service won

him promotion from the ranks to the place of second sergeant, then orderly sergeant, after which he was made first lieutenant and subsequently commissioned captain of his company, in which capacity he served until the close of the war. He was also placed on the roll of honor established by Gen. Rosecrans. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Stone River, Missionary Ridge, Franklin and Nashville, the Atlanta campaign and others, and during his four years of service made a military record of which he may justly be proud. After his muster-out from the army on November 27, 1865, Capt. Miller returned to his home farm, and on December 18, 1866, was married to Miss Mary E. Boggs, of Elmore. Her father, Moses Boggs, was born in Nova Scotia, January 18, 1807, and became one of the pioneers of Harris township, Ottawa county. His wife, Mary, was born in Clark county, Ohio, April 28, 1814, and was a daughter of Joseph and Letha Hall. They were married April 6, 1834, and to them were born two children--Mary E. (Mrs. Miller) and George W. Moses Boggs was a son of James Boggs and Mary O'Brien, who moved with their family from Nova Scotia to Hamilton county, Ohio, thence in 1824 to Ottawa county.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Miller purchased a farm one mile west of Elmore, living there until 1870, when he sold that place and purchased the farm on which he now resides, one mile east of Elmore. It is one of the finest farming properties in the county, comprising 175 acres of highly-cultivated land, supplied with good buildings, and all modern improvements which indicate the progressive farmer of the nineteenth century. Four children came to bless the home: Bert F., born February 8, 1868; Walter B. and Jessie L. (twins), born December 21, 1870; and Mary B., born October 26, 1874. The eldest was educated at Hiram College and Butler University, and is now



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a lawyer of San Francisco, Cal.; he was married March 17, 1894, to Estella Thomas, of that city. Walter was educated in the Elmore schools, and at Hiram College, and is now aiding his father in the labors of the farm. Jessie was educated in the Elmore schools and in Hiram and Berea Colleges. The youngest daughter, Mary B., was graduated from the schools of Elmore in 1893, and finished her education in Hiram and Bethany Colleges. The mother of this family died April 27, 1878.

On November 17, 1881, Mr. Miller married Miss Victoria N. Paddock, of Ashton, Ill., who was born in Ogle county, Ill., December 19, 1840. Her father, Riley Paddock, was born in Clark county, Ohio, in 1810, and died in 1887. He married Eliza Snoddy, who was born in Kentucky August 31, 1810, and they had four children, all yet living. Their daughter, Mrs. Miller, was educated in Rock River Seminary, in Illinois, taking a three-years' course there in literature and music. When twenty-five years of age she removed to Ashton, Ill., where her marriage was celebrated. She is a lady of culture and refinement, and shares the high regard in which her husband is held.

In addition to his large farming interests Mr. Miller is extensively engaged in fruit raising, and has on his farm twenty-five hundred fine peach trees, twelve hundred plum trees, twelve hundred pear trees, and considerable smaller fruit. This branch of his business yields him a good income. He keeps on hand fine grades of stock, making a specialty of the breeding of polled Shorthorn cattle, has shipped cattle to nearly every State in the Union, and has done much to raise the grade of stock in Ohio. His stock is registered in both the American Shorthorn and Polled Durham Herd Books, and he is vice president of the Polled Durham Breeders Association of America. He is one of the enterprising, wide-awake farmers and stock raisers, and is recog-

nized as a leader in his line of business. He is a contributor to various agricultural journals, especially on subjects pertaining to stock. In politics he is a Republican, and an enthusiastic worker in the interest of his party. His entire life has been passed in Ottawa county, and he is known as a straightforward, honorable business man, systematic in his methods, and possessed of excellent executive ability. He has won success through his own efforts, and to-day is numbered among the substantial as well as leading agriculturists of the community. As a citizen he is true to every duty, and all who know him respect him.

JOHAN H. WIGLAND, a prominent citizen of Riley township, Sandusky county, was born December 2, 1839, and is a son of John B. and Catherine Wigland.

John B. Wigland was born in Germany June 3, 1810, came to America in 1837, and settled in New York, where he carried on a livery stable. In the same year, 1837, in New York, he was united in marriage with Catherine Harkin, and they had four children, namely: Lizzie, born July 31, 1840, married Lewis Webber, and died in 1862, the mother of two children; John H., of whom we write; and Catherine and Joseph, who died young and were buried in Riley township. After a time Mr. Wigland sold out his livery stable and went to Michigan. Later he settled in Fremont, Sandusky Co., Ohio, worked on the railroad for one year, saved his money and bought forty acres of land, all heavily timbered, which cost him \$250. All this he cleared himself. Deer were plentiful in those times, and could daily be seen feeding around the cabin. Here he lived until his death, which occurred July 8, 1890, and he was buried in Riley township.

John H. Wigland is a carpenter, and worked at his trade for several years, until

the time of his marriage, after which he bought a farm of forty acres in Riley township, and built himself a house, which cost him \$1,800. He was united in marriage with Catherine Mannor, and they have had nine children, named as follows: William, Lizzie, Mary, John, Rose, Annie, Nora, Frank and Catherine. Mr. Wigland was drafted for the army in 1864, but sent a substitute. He is a natural mechanic, and still works at his trade, and carries on general farming, giving special attention to wheat, oats and corn. In religion he is a Catholic, in politics a Democrat, and has held the office of supervisor for ten years.

WILLIAM SCHOCH, retired farmer, now a resident of Fremont, Sandusky county, was born in Snyder county, Penn., October 18, 1832, a son of Daniel and Mary (Romich) Schoch, who were both of German descent.

Daniel Schoch was born in Pennsylvania, where he worked at the blacksmith's trade. In 1835 he moved to Seneca county, and two years later came to Riley township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where he followed farming, and died at the age of sixty-two years. The mother of our subject was born in Pennsylvania, and departed this life in Sandusky county, at the age of eighty-one. The father was a member of the Lutheran Church, the mother of the Reformed Church. They had eleven children, as follows: Michael (a farmer), Daniel (who operated a saw-mill), Henry (a farmer), Samuel (a farmer), and Edward, are all five now deceased; William, our subject, comes next; then Frederick; after them, Lydia, wife of H. Swarm; Elizabeth, wife of A. Stein; Catharine, wife of J. Parker; and Mary Ann, wife of C. Livingston.

William Schoch, the subject proper of these lines, attended the country schools, and was reared to manhood in Riley town-

ship, on his father's farm. On April 22, 1860, he married Miss Lena Shoemaker, who was born in Germany, July 12, 1837, and their children are: (1) Lydia Ann, born September 7, 1861, was married to Charles Hirt, which union was blessed with one son—Willie. Mr. Hirt dying after the birth of his son, his widow was married to E. S. P. Bingman, by whom she had two children—Vergie and Warren. (2) Emma J., born December 28, 1862, who married Francis Earl, and they have three children—Ada, Lena and Myrtie. (3) William, born March 21, 1864, and died at the age of sixteen. (4) George Samuel, born November 9, 1868, married Clara Martin, and they have one child—Maud M. (5) Charles Frederick, born March 6, 1870, married Ella Thurn, and they have three children—Lester, Ray, and Mable.

Mr. Schoch, our subject, was for many years one of the substantial farmers of Riley township, where he still owns land. He recently retired to Fremont, where he bought town lots, and where he now resides.

JOSEPH A. STOUT. Our national prosperity is largely upheld by the integrity, frugality and virtue of large numbers of the citizens of the Republic. Among those who by their praiseworthy example have been an encouragement and a help to others, and whose work has contributed its mite to bring forth the rich inheritance locked up within a fertile soil, and to conserve the forces of the nation, is the worthy subject of the brief sketch here given. He was born August 11, 1847, and is a son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Gilbert) Stout.

Jonathan Stout was born September 18, 1820, and early trained in those correct principles so well exemplified in his own life and in that of his son. He was united in marriage with Elizabeth Gilbert who was born in 1826. Working by the

day, he saved his money with an eye to larger results in the future, and finally bought land, for a home in Riley township, Sandusky county, where other resolute and persevering men have also laid the foundations of a competence.

Joseph A. Stout worked by the month on the farm, saved his money, as had his father before him, and bought forty-six acres of valuable land in Riley township, to establish a home upon it, and by its cultivation gain a livelihood, and more. On October 10, 1871, he was united in marriage with Clara Daniels, and they have five children, as follows: Maria, born August 4, 1873, married Frank McCleary on November 18, 1891, and they have had one child (they live in Riley township); Bertha was born March 13, 1880; Isaac, December 19, 1881; Emma, July 5, 1886; and Jessie, July 18, 1888. Mr. Stout carries on general farming, not depending upon the success of one crop, or one line of agriculture or stock raising, alone. He is a Democrat, in politics, and has been repeatedly honored by his fellow citizens with public office, having served as trustee three years, as constable two years, as school director three years, and as supervisor five years. He is well and favorably known in the community, is much liked and very popular. The family attend the United Brethren Church.

CASPER FOOS, retired farmer and a resident of Millersville, Jackson township, Sandusky county, was born February 20, 1826, in Alsace, France (now Germany), a son of Casper and Mary (Toeppe) Foos. The parents of our subject came to America in 1842, and settled near Rochester, N. Y., where the father's death occurred in 1882, when he was aged seventy-eight years; the mother died seven years later at the age of eighty-four years. Mr. Foos was a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and in politics he was a Democrat.

Casper Foos, the subject proper of these lines, who was one of a family of nine children, remained at home until his nineteenth birthday, when he started out for himself. He worked at different places, and at various employments for two years, and then secured a paying position in a distillery, where he was employed seven years, saving his earnings. In 1855 he moved to Jackson township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, and there bought forty acres of land, and engaged in farming pursuits. Five years later he bought one hundred acres more, where he now resides.

On April 25, 1849, Mr. Foos married Miss Adeline Horchelar, of Rochester, N. Y., daughter of John H. Horchelar, now deceased, as is also her mother. The children of Casper and Adeline Foos were as follows: Martin (1), Mary, Anthony, John, Louis and Martin (2). In politics Mr. Foos is a Democrat, and has held several offices, being popular and well-liked in the community. In religious faith he is a member of the Catholic Church.

CLARENCE L. BOWLUS. The use of steam and electricity as motive powers for the conveyance of passengers in masses, and the use of bicycles for individual transit, have made vast inroads upon the domain of liverymen, yet the busy public can not yet afford to do wholly without the services of the noble horse in connection with an easy carriage, especially on country roads, and those who cater to the public in this line of business deserve their share of liberal patronage and recognition. As a rising young man of enterprise and push, prepared with latest livery outfits to accommodate the traveling public, in Fremont and vicinity, we present the subject of this sketch.

Clarence L. Bowlus, liveryman, whose place of business is opposite the "Ball

House," Fremont, was born in Sandusky township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, January 13, 1875, a son of Warren A. and Caroline R. (Engelman) Bowlus. Warren A. Bowlus was born in the same locality, August 25, 1850, a son of Henry Bowlus, who was born September 27, 1810, and in 1828 came with his father, Henry Bowlus, Sen., from Middletown Valley, Frederick Co., Md., to Sandusky county, Ohio, where the latter entered 320 acres on the borders of Muskallonge creek, in Sandusky township, which he made his permanent residence. The father of Henry Bowlus, Sen., and the great ancestor of the many Bowlus families in Sandusky county, was Nicholas Bowlus, who, in 1735, at the age of five years, came to America, and lived and died in Frederick county, Md., where many of his descendants still reside.

Our subject was reared on a farm, and educated in the common schools and in the Fremont High School. He brings to his chosen vocation the freshness and vigor of early manhood, which betoken a successful business career.

MORITZ A. GESSNER, a prosperous farmer of Riley township, Sandusky county, was born July 24, 1863, a son of Dr. Louis and Elizabeth Gessner, old residents of northern Ohio.

Dr. Louis Gessner was born in Germany April 6, 1804, studied medicine, graduated in Switzerland, and practiced in Germany. Coming to this country, he first engaged in the practice of his profession in Buffalo, N. Y., coming to Fremont, Ohio, in 1838. On July 8, 1858, Dr. Gessner was united in marriage with Elizabeth Lhair, who was born in Germany March 17, 1825, and they had four children, as follows: Ida, born October 8, 1859, married William Nichols, and they live in Sandusky county; Laura, born February 24, 1861, married

Louis Balsixer, and they had seven children (she died March 9, 1890, and was buried in Ballville township); Moritz A. is the subject of this sketch; and Minnie, born September 10, 1867, married Charles Marks (they have had three children, and live in Riley township). In 1861 Dr. Gessner discontinued the practice of medicine, and moved to Riley township, where in 1838 he had bought 160 acres of land, giving five dollars an acre for it. Here he made his home the remainder of his life.

Moritz N. Gessner received a common-school education, and worked for his father until the death of the latter, who left him eighty acres of land. On January 13, 1886, in his twenty-third year, our subject was united in marriage with Christina Baker, who was born November 2, 1866, and they have had two children—Louis F., born March 24, 1887, and Gertie S., born October 16, 1888. Mr. Gessner is a member of Fort Stephenson Lodge No. 225, A. F. & A. M. In religious connection he is a member of the Lutheran Church; in politics he is a staunch Democrat, and on April 1, 1895, was elected trustee of Riley township.

JOACHIM MEYER. Among those of foreign birth who have become prominent in agricultural circles in Sandusky county, is numbered this gentleman, a native of Germany, who was born on the 29th and baptized on the 30th of July, 1836. He is a son of John Meyer, who died two months before his son's birth, and in consequence our subject knows but little concerning his ancestral history. The father was a sheep raiser and farmer, and the family was not in very affluent circumstances, so that Joachim was early forced to earn his own living. As soon as he had attained a sufficient age he began work as a farm hand, and was thus employed for a number of years in Germany, there continu-

ing his labors until 1867, when, with his wife and mother, he came to America, sailing from Hamburg on the 14th of October. His brother had come to the United States the year previous, and located in Fremont, Sandusky Co., Ohio.

After three months' sailing on the ocean, Joachim Meyer and family landed at New York City, and after a few days there passed, came to Sandusky county, where he has since made his home, covering a period of about twenty-eight years. He had no capital, at that time, but determined to succeed he eagerly worked at anything that he could find to do which would yield him an honest living. By industry and frugality he at length acquired some capital, and with it purchased the farm on which he now resides. He began its cultivation, placed acre after acre under the plow, and has now one of the best farm properties in that section, the rich and fertile fields yielding to him a golden tribute in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

In November, 1866, Mr. Meyer was united in marriage with Miss Dora Wittenburg, who was born on the 28th and baptized on the 30th of July, 1838. She was a most estimable lady, also a native of Germany, in which country her parents died. Mr. Meyer has a family of five children—one son and four daughters: Mary, who was born on the ocean, is the wife of Mr. Banard, of Fremont, and they have two children; Albert is at home; Sophia is married to Ed. Smitke, and resides in Fremont; Louisa makes her home in the same place, and Emma completes the family, which is well and favorably known in the locality where they live. Mr. Meyer was a member of the German army, in Mecklenburg Schwerin, serving as a dragoon from the year 1857 to 1863. The first three years were spent in the garrison at Ludwigslust, one of the chief cities of Mecklenburg, the remaining three years were spent at his home, but subject to be called into military ranks and do

military service at any time; hence not until the year 1863 did he receive a discharge from military duty, and such honorable discharge was granted on the 24th of October, 1863. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and by his ballot supports the Democracy. He leads a busy and useful life, and with his family shares the high regard of their friends.

JOSEPH E. BOOP, a well-to-do farmer of Sandusky township, Sandusky county, was born in New Berlin, Union Co., Penn., January 6, 1851, a son of Samuel and Hannah (Spetler) Boop. They had a family of thirteen children, Joseph being the youngest one now living.

When he was six years old his parents sent him to school, and at the age of eight years his uncle, William Watson, wished to have the lad with him on the farm, in the capacity of chore boy, to do work such as driving cows to the fields, feeding chickens, and riding the drill to plant corn, which was Joseph's first experience of farm life. In the fall of that year he became anxious to go home and see his parents, and his uncle thought it would be better on account of the boy being thereby enabled to attend school. In the fall of 1859 his father and mother made a trip west, visiting relatives in that part of Ohio, then known as the "Black Swamp," and returned home after being satisfied with their visit. They were so well pleased with the country that they concluded at once to make their home in Ohio, so, on March 20, 1860, Joseph and his parents, and the other members of the family, landed in Fremont (known in earlier days as Lower Sandusky), settling on eighty acres of land lying four miles west of Fremont, known as the "Baldwin farm." The parents lived on that farm five years, then sold it, and located on a farm of 111 acres nearer to Fremont, along the Maumee

pike. After Joseph landed in Ohio his school days were but few, as his father needed his help very much. During the Civil war of 1861-65, Joseph and his brother would be out in the fields plowing, and when they would hear of a train of soldiers coming through from Indiana or Michigan, they would tie the horses to the fence and run to Fremont to see the "boys in blue," and hear them shoot "old Betsy Croghan."

Joseph well remembers his early boyhood days, of how he would help to log, burn brush, and get the land ready for the plow. In the year 1861 Joseph was working for Charles Reorick at four dollars per month, and after having served the required time—ten months—he went home, and in 1869 he worked for Edward Deemer on a farm, receiving \$17 per month. Returning home, he in the year 1872 hired out again on a farm to Henry Bowlus, for nine months at \$23 per month, if satisfaction was given. After nine months had expired he returned home again to assist his aged mother, his father having died in the fall of 1872. In 1874 he again hired to Warren Bowlus, and on October 20, 1874, he set out on a trip to California, in company with his mother, to visit a brother who had gone there in 1851. There they remained three months, at the end of which time his mother desired to return, and on the way back they visited relatives in San Francisco, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa. They settled in Sandusky township.

On the 16th day of November, 1876, Mr. Boop married Miss Elizabeth Faust, who was born in Washington township, Sandusky county, Ohio, October 16, 1857. She died September 15, 1891, the mother of five children: Emma G., Irvin T., Ada P., Vernie May and Edith V. For his second wife, our subject married February 16, 1892, Miss Mary Mehle, also a native of Sandusky township, born May 19, 1862, a daughter of Frederick and

Sophia (Smith) Mehle, who both lived in Sandusky township. Mr. Boop is one of the prosperous men among the younger element in his township, owns a well-improved farm, and he and his wife are genial and sociable. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious faith is a member of the Reformed Church.

SOLOMON EMCH, a successful farmer, was born in Woodville township, Sandusky county, January 19, 1854. He remained at home until his twenty-first birthday, then worked out by the day, being employed at different places for about six years, until the time of his marriage.

On March 18, 1880, Solomon Emch married Caroline Schreiner, who was born in Troy township, Wood county, September 24, 1859, and they have become the parents of three bright children—Bertha, born December 5, 1880; Eddie, born December 15, 1882, and Charles, born March 27, 1889. After his marriage Mr. Emch rented a farm from his cousin, which he worked for about eleven years. He then bought forty-five acres which cost him \$4,200. In 1894 he leased his land to an oil firm, and they put down three wells, which are in operation daily. Mr. Emch is very popular, is an honest, upright man, has always worked hard and saved his money, is a good manager and provides well for his family.

EDWARD SCHWARTZ, funeral director and embalmer, Fremont, Sandusky county, was born at Williamsville, Erie Co., N. Y., January 26, 1851. His father, Joseph Schwartz, was born in Alsace, France, in 1816, came to America in his youth, located in western New York, married Miss Theresa Batt, and worked at shoemaking and farming. About the year 1853, he removed to Ballville township, Sandusky

Co., Ohio, where he bought a farm, whereon he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits. His death occurred in 1859. Our subject's mother, who was also a native of Alsace, born in 1831, came with her father, Joseph Batt, in her childhood, to the New World. In crossing the Atlantic Ocean they were one hundred days at sea, their ship having been driven about by adverse winds and disabled by storms, so that they were obliged to put into the harbor of Cork, Ireland, for repairs. The family settled on a farm in western New York, where the parents lived to celebrate their golden wedding, surrounded by a numerous posterity, and died a few years later at an advanced age.

The children of Joseph and Theresa Schwartz were: (1) John, who died in childhood; (2) Joseph Schwartz, Jr., born February 29, 1844, in Lancaster, Erie Co., N. Y., who came with his parents to Ballville township, Sandusky county, when nine years of age, grew up to farm work, attended country schools, enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Eleventh Regiment, O. V. I., in the spring of 1862, served during the war, and was honorably discharged, February 10, 1865; on May 12, 1868, he married Miss Veronica Schmittuz, of Fremont, and they have six children; Mr. Schwartz is a leading member of various social orders in Fremont, and has held positions of honor and trust; he is secretary of the Fremont Water Works, and of the German Aid Society; he is an official member of Eugene Rawson Post, No. 34, Department of Ohio, G. A. R., and of S. A. J. Snyder Command, U. V. U. (3) Magdalena M. Schwartz became the wife of John Snyder, a farmer and carpenter, now living at Charlotte, Mich. (4) John Schwartz, a blacksmith, married Miss Magdalen Feuerstein, and resides at Williamsville, N. Y. (5) Mary A. Schwartz died in childhood. (6) Edward Schwartz is the subject proper of this sketch. (7) Frank X.

Schwartz, an engineer, married Miss Veronica Brunier, of Fremont, and resides at Lima, Ohio. (8) Louis Schwartz, a blacksmith, married Miss Elizabeth Epp, and resides at Fort Wayne, Ind. (9) William H. Schwartz died in childhood. (10) Mary C. Schwartz, wife of Joseph Neinhaus, a laborer at Buffalo, N. Y., died in 1886.

Our subject, Edward Schwartz, made his home with his parents until the death of his father, in 1859, when he went to live with his uncle, John Daul, proprietor of a brewery at Williamsville, N. Y., where he attended school. Three years later he returned to Ohio, and lived with his mother about four years. About the year 1866 he came to Fremont, and began to work at cabinet-making. In 1869 he went to Buffalo, N. Y., where he remained about four years, thoroughly learning his trade. In 1873 he returned to Fremont, and soon after went into partnership with his brother in the furniture business, on State street. In 1878 he sold out, and has since that time confined himself exclusively to undertaking and embalming, in which particular line he excels. He was one of the first men in the State of Ohio to take up this art as a profession, having graduated from the Embalmers' School at Cincinnati in 1883. He was elected third vice-president of the Ohio State Undertakers' Association, in 1893, and now holds the position of first vice-president of the same. He is also a member of various social organizations, in some of which he holds official positions. He is exalted ruler of Fremont Lodge, No. 169, B. P. O. Elks; president of Edna Council, No. 64, N. U.; treasurer of Dickinson Tent, No. 21, K. O. T. M.; and treasurer of Onoka Tribe, No. 140, I. O. R. M.

Edward Schwartz was married May 18, 1874, to Miss Mary Eichel, of Fremont, who was born in Ottawa county, Ohio, July 2, 1854, daughter of Louis and Elizabeth Eichel, natives of Germany,

and their children are: Edward L., stenographer at the "Boody House," Toledo, Ohio; Frances M. E., assistant book-keeper at the Christy Knife Works, Fremont, Ohio; Hilda C., and William H., at home attending school.

SAMUEL T. WOOD, the popular and efficient sheriff of Ottawa county, was born in Seneca county, Ohio, February 28, 1841, and is a son of David and Patience (Rolfe) Wood, both natives of Greene county, N. Y., the father born May 25, 1803, the mother born March 7, 1806, and died in Seneca county, Ohio, March 8, 1848. The father passed away in Clay township, Ottawa county, August 10, 1888. They were the parents of ten children, six of whom still survive, namely: Dorcas, wife of T. P. Taylor, who is living in Genoa, Ohio; Mercy, wife of John Tiplady, who is living in Clay township, Ottawa county; Samuel T.; Louisa, wife of William Armstrong, of Genoa, Ohio; Felinda, wife of Albert Sponable, a resident of Hastings, Mich.; and Francis V., who is located in Fremont, Ohio. The second in the family of ten children was Mary J., who married Michael Tompkins (now deceased), and died in Genoa, Ottawa Co., Ohio, November 13, 1876; Elizabeth A., the third one of the children, died at Genoa, October 24, 1854; and George, the eighth child, born in September, 1846, died in infancy.

Our subject was educated in the district schools of his native county, and his boyhood was passed upon the old farm amidst the surroundings of a comfortable home and the care of kind indulgent parents. When about thirteen years of age he removed to Clay township, Ottawa county, with the family, and continued to aid in the farm work until after he had attained to manhood, when he began farming in his own interest. For over forty years he was an honored and re-

spected resident of Clay township, where his agricultural pursuits by their success proved his energy and perseverance, while the high estimation in which he was held by the people of the county bore its tribute to his sterling qualities and upright, honorable principles. On November 6, 1894, he was elected sheriff of the county on the Republican ticket, and, abandoning the pursuit he had so long followed, he on January 7, 1895, took possession of the office, removing his family to Port Clinton.

In Fremont, Ohio, September 28, 1865, Mr. Wood married Maria E. Jones, a native of Ohio, who was born in Pickaway county, January 29, 1842, a daughter of Noah and Ruth Jones. Her mother still survives at the advanced age of ninety-one years, and resides with our subject in Port Clinton, being probably the oldest living resident in Ottawa county, and undoubtedly one of the most intelligent and interesting old ladies, having a most remarkable memory for dates and events. She was born in Pendleton county, Va., June 20, 1804, and is a daughter of Uriah and Catherine (Loother) ———, who were also natives of Virginia. In 1805 the mother and children removed to Pickaway county, Ohio, and six months later was joined by the husband, who at the time of the first removal was serving as sheriff of Pendleton county. Here he passed away in 1812. His widow continued to reside in Pickaway county, Ohio, until 1850, when she removed to Fairfield county, this State, where her death occurred in 1858. In 1826 the mother of Mrs. Wood was married to Noah Jones, and to their union came nine children, as follows: Benjamin F., born July 14, 1827, now living in Findlay, Ohio; Uriah, born August 28, 1829, now residing in Columbus, Ohio; Rebecca, born March 28, 1832, now the wife of William Adams, of Lithopolis, Ohio; John W., born August 10, 1834, is living at Burnips Corners, Mich.; Daniel W.,



Samuel J. Wood.



born May 3, 1837, is living in Genoa, Ohio; Samuel, born June 27, 1839, died August 3, 1846; Maria E. is the wife of our subject; Noah, born May 14, 1844, is located in Toledo; and Nelson A., born August 17, 1846, died June 19, 1880.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Wood has been blessed with six children, as follows: Alonzo, born July 6, 1866, died in infancy; Mary and Martha (twins), born August 10, 1871, and died in infancy; Charles, born July 7, 1875; Lizzie, born December 27, 1872, died March 6, 1876; and Nelson J., born March 18, 1879.

Mr. Wood manifested his loyalty to the government during the Civil war by joining Company A, Fourteenth O. V. I., September 5, 1861. He served for three years, participating with his regiment in numerous skirmishes, and some of the most important battles of the war. At the battle of Chickamauga, he was taken prisoner by the Confederates, and for forty-three days was held as a captive in the Smith tobacco-house prison, opposite the renowned Libby Prison, in Richmond, Va. At the expiration of that time with a number of others he was removed to a prison in Danville, Va., where he was held until February 21, 1864, when he succeeded in making his escape, and reaching the lines of the Union army at Brownstown. For twenty-one days he was traveling toward the Northern army, and enduring untold hardships before he reached his destination. He was then granted a thirty-days' furlough, which he spent in visiting his family, rejoining his regiment at Ringgold, Ga., and with his command participating in the Atlanta campaign. At the capture of Jonesboro, five days after the expiration of his term of service, he was seriously wounded, and when hostilities ceased was sent to the hospital. Fourteen days later he was honorably discharged, returning to his home in Clay township, Ottawa county. He had been a faithful soldier, always true to his duties and the cause of the Union arms.

Mr. Wood is a member of Clay Lodge, No. 584, I. O. O. F., and Elliott Wyman Post, G. A. R. He is an active worker in the ranks of the Republican party, and in the discharge of his official duties has won the commendation of all concerned. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he and his estimable wife are consistent members.

HENRY GERMAN, the efficient manager and superintendent of the Gypsum Plaster Mills and Carielea Farm, Portage township, Ottawa county, was born in the town of Tyrone, Steuben Co., N. Y., April 3, 1832, and is a son of Andrew and Hannah (Force) German, the former a native of Dutchess county, N. Y., the latter of Steuben county. Both were of German lineage, and the mother was also of French descent. The paternal grandmother of our subject was a granddaughter of Governor Winthrop, the first governor of the Colony of Massachusetts. Andrew German was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Steuben county, N. Y., and there spent the greater part of his life, passing away in 1851. His widow with seven of her children removed to Ohio in 1857, locating in Margaretta township, Erie county, whence, in 1880, they went to Sandusky county, where the mother departed this life in 1882.

Henry German acquired his education in the district schools of his native county, and his boyhood days were spent at farm work, while during his early manhood he was engaged in milling and engineering. After locating in Erie county, he followed agricultural pursuits in the township, where the family took up their abode until 1880, when he removed to Townsend township, Sandusky county. There, in association with his son-in-law, Henry Brown, he purchased a sawmill, which he operated in connection with his agricultural pursuits until 1884, when he en-

tered upon his present position as manager and superintendent of the Gypsum Plaster Mills and Carielea Farm. He still makes his home in Sandusky county, where he is also extensively engaged in fruit farming. He is now manager of one of the largest limestone quarries and mills, and also one of the most extensive fruit farms in his section of the State, and his duties are performed with faithfulness that is well indicated by his long continuance in office, covering a period of more than eleven consecutive years.

On January 10, 1852, in Steuben county, N. Y., Mr. German was joined in wedlock with Miss Lydia A. Howe, daughter of Joseph Howe, and to their union two children were born—Eva, wife of H. E. Brown, who is living in Townsend township, Sandusky county; and Lyman, who died in infancy. The family attend the Universalist Church, and the members of the household occupy an enviable position in social circles, while their home is noted for its hospitality. Mr. German is a Republican in politics, and is a man of broad views, keen and quick perceptions, sterling integrity and a spotless reputation—qualities which have secured him the unlimited confidence of all with whom he has come in contact. While still making his home in Sandusky county, he also takes an active interest in the welfare of Ottawa county, and well deserves representation among the leading men of his locality.—[Since the above was written, Mr. German has resigned his position in Ottawa county, and gone back to Sandusky county.—Ed.

RICHARD B. SONOCRANT, a leading and representative citizen of Ottawa county, ex-superintendent of the Ottawa County Infirmary, was born in Lucas county, Ohio, July 27, 1845, son of John and Matilda (Mommoney) Sonocrant, the former a native of Monroe, Mich., of French an-

cestry, the latter a native of Port Clinton, Ohio, of French and Scotch ancestry. They were highly-respected residents of Carroll township, Ottawa county, for forty-three years, but in 1893 moved to Lucas county, where they now reside. Their family consists of six children, viz.: Peter, residing in Canada; John N., of Toledo, Ohio; Richard B.; Elizabeth, wife of A. G. Renner, of Locust Point, Ohio; Jennie, wife of Gabriel Dubrie, also of Locust Point; and Samuel E., a resident of Lucas county.

Our subject is one of the wide-awake, pushing men of his day, and has filled several important positions in life. His primary education was received in the public schools of Carroll township, Ottawa county, his early boyhood being spent in assisting in the care of the farm. At the age of seventeen years he left the parental abode, and started out in life as a sailor, sailing on Lakes Erie and Michigan for upward of six years, experiencing many of the hardships and dangers incident to a sailor's life. In 1870, having left his vessel, he engaged in the fishing industry for one year; then purchased a farm, which he cultivated for about seven years, after which he sold it, and in 1878 embarked in mercantile pursuits at Locust Point, Ohio, shortly afterward opening a branch at Trowbridge, Ottawa county. In 1883 our subject transferred the business to Clarksfield, Huron county, but returned to Locust Point one year later. In 1885, having disposed of his mercantile business, and being recognized as a man of sound judgment and excellent business qualifications, Mr. Sonocrant was appointed to the position he so efficiently filled for some ten years, and in this incumbency, as in all his business enterprises, he proved a success. On June 26, 1895, he leased the "Lake House" at Port Clinton, which he has re-modeled and re-fitted. He is a genial landlord, well calculated to merit and hold a good patronage, and is enjoying a fair trade.

Mr. Sonocrant was united in marriage at Locust Point, July 16, 1871, with Miss Hetta Pierson, a daughter of Alfred and Mary (Lindley) Pierson, natives of New Jersey, and for many years prominent residents of Carroll township, Ottawa county, the former of whom is now deceased and the latter is still residing in that township. To this union have come seven children, as follows: Ora M. and Cora M. (twins), born August 5, 1872, the latter dying October 6, 1876; Alfred Byron, born July 20, 1874; Elsie L., born April 2, 1876; Burgert H., born September 18, 1879, died June 15, 1884; Eber R., born August 20, 1881; and Vida A., born April 13, 1884. Politically Mr. Sonocrant uses his right of franchise in the support of the Democratic party. Socially he is a member of Oak Harbor Lodge No. 735, I. O. O. F., and of the K. of P.

EDWARD A. POWERS, county auditor of Ottawa county, is numbered among the native sons of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Woodville, Sandusky county, April 7, 1861.

His father, Charles A. Powers, was born in New York in 1819, and was of Irish descent. He married Lydia A. Banks, who was born in Ontario, Canada, August 24, 1829, and was descended from English ancestry who settled in New York at an early day in the history of this country. Coming to Ohio, Charles A. Powers engaged in merchandising for many years, carrying on the business in Woodville and in Elmore. In 1869 he removed to Perrysburg, where he retired from active business life and passed away in July, 1871. He was numbered among the pioneer settlers of Sandusky county of 1837; was one of its enterprising and successful business men for over thirty years, and did much toward promoting its growth and prosperity. He represented that county in the Legislature in 1859, and

honorably filled various positions of trust. His widow now resides in Pawtucket, R. I., with her younger son. Her mother, Mrs. Warriner, *née* Banks, is also yet living at the advanced age of eighty-six years.

To Charles and Lydia Powers were born eight children, seven of whom are living, one having died in infancy: Helen A., wife of Gustavus Jaeger, a resident of Elmore; George P., who is residing in Marshalltown, Iowa; Charles A., living at Ardmore, Ind. Ter.; James F., of California; Edward A., subject of this sketch; John L., of Carroll, Iowa; and William H., who is located in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

When Edward A. Powers was eight years of age he removed with the family to Perrysburg, where he acquired his education in the public schools. Subsequently, in 1876, he entered the hardware store of Gustavus Jaeger, at Elmore, as a salesman, and remained in his employ for two years, when, on the expiration of that period, he began teaching school. He was employed for two winter terms in Harris township, Ottawa county, and in the summer continued to work in the hardware store. In 1880 he bought out a mercantile establishment at Webb, Wood Co., Ohio, and successfully conducted that business until the spring of 1883, when he removed to Genoa, where he followed the same pursuit. He has also erected a spacious elevator there, and is engaged in the grain business and in stock buying, still retaining an interest in the store. On November 6, 1893, Mr. Powers was elected auditor of Ottawa county, and took possession of the office on September 10, 1894. He is discharging his duties with a promptness and fidelity that wins him high commendation. He has also efficiently served as township clerk for two years, and was a member of the school board some five years. In his political views he is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, and takes a deep

interest in everything that pertains to its growth and success.

Mr. Powers was united in marriage in Elmore, Ohio, on the 2d of May, 1883, with Wilhelmina Georgii, daughter of Otto and Frederica (Jaeger) Georgii, and a native of Prairie du Chien, Wis., born in January, 1860. Mr. and Mrs. Powers have an interesting little family, numbering the following children: Charles A., born March 25, 1885; Helen Gertrude, born August 2, 1887; and Alice Permelia, born November 7, 1891. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Powers is a member of Genoa Lodge, No. 433, F. & A. M., of Genoa, and Fort Meigs Chapter, No. 29, R. A. M., of Toledo. He is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Genoa. As well as being one of Ottawa county's most capable public officers, he is known as one of the most enterprising business men of Clay township, and few, if any, residents of that township have taken a more active part in its upbuilding or done more toward its prosperity than Edward A. Powers.

WILLIAM H. FRY, a well-known citizen and ex-postmaster of Oak Harbor, Ottawa county, was born in Baden, Germany, May, 23, 1848. His parents Andrew and Katherine (Schlenker) Fry, emigrated to America in 1850, locating in Sandusky county, Ohio, where the father engaged in agricultural pursuits and resided until his death, which occurred in 1858. The mother was afterward married to Christopher Lammale, and at present resides on the old homestead in Sandusky county. The family consisted of five children, four of whom still survive, viz.: Rosana, wife of William Schœnfeldt, a resident of Sandusky county; William H., the subject of this sketch; Emma, wife of Simon Crane, of Hamler, Henry Co., Ohio; Christian, wife of John Speildiner, a resi-

dent of Conneaut, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, and Andrew, who died in 1893.

William H. Fry, subject proper of this sketch, received his early education in the public schools of Sandusky county, subsequently taking a course in the Bryant & Stratton Business College, of Chicago, on leaving which he accepted a position as clerk in a general store at Rocky Ridge, Ottawa Co., Ohio. In 1874 he entered into the employ of H. H. Mylander, of Oak Harbor, as salesman, and was also with George Deel, of the same place, for one year, at the expiration of which time he engaged in the grocery business for himself. In 1885, having received the appointment of postmaster of Oak Harbor, Mr. Fry disposed of his grocery store and efficiently filled the position four years. After his retirement from official life, in 1890, he opened a restaurant at Oak Harbor, which he still continues to carry on. Besides filling the position of postmaster, Mr. Fry has served four years as township clerk, also one year as corporation clerk, and as a servant of the public he has proved himself a thorough business man, discharging his various duties with a painstaking fidelity that won for him the respect and esteem of the entire community in which he resides. Our subject also saw considerable service as a soldier during the Civil war. On December 12, 1863, he enlisted in Company D, Twenty-third O. V. I., and with his regiment participated in thirteen important engagements. At the battle of Winchester, Va., he was wounded and taken prisoner by the Confederates, and for seven months was confined a prisoner in Danville, Lynchburg and Libby prisons; after being paroled from the latter prison he received his discharge at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio, June 20, 1865, on account of disability, and returned home. Mr. Fry is a member of the G. A. R., George Field Post No. 195, Oak Harbor.

On June 20, 1878, our subject was

united in marriage at Oak Harbor, with Miss Alice Deel, a daughter of George and Julia M. (Koch) Deel, and to this union were born five children, all of whom survive, viz.: William, Mildred, Roland, Ursie and Erma. In his political views Mr. Fry is a staunch Democrat; socially he is a member of Oak Harbor Lodge No. 495, F. & A. M. The family are members of the Lutheran Church.

GEORGE O. MOMENY, retired merchant and hotel-keeper of Oak Harbor, Ottawa county, whose parents ranked among the prominent pioneers of Sandusky county, Ohio, and who himself is a native as well as one of the oldest living residents of the section of the State to which this volume is devoted, first saw the light of day in Fremont, October 24, 1822.

Joseph Momeny, father of our subject, is a native of Canada, while the mother, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Gonia, was born in Monroe, Mich., and both were of French descent. The former served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and was sent by Gen. Harrison with dispatches to Gallipolis, on the Ohio river. On the close of the war he took his family and, accompanied by a neighboring family of the name of Beaugrant, made his way across the country with one horse from Monroe, Mich., to Ohio. They left on account of the Indian ravages. He was well known and on friendly terms with the Indians, however, and therefore his party was not molested, though they witnessed the death of several other settlers at the hands of the savages. The party landed at Presque Isle, at the head of Maumee Bay, and continued their journey to the mouth of the Huron river, where they remained until the winter of 1813. The following spring they proceeded on their way to Sandusky county, and located where now stands the city of Fremont, but at that time the site was an

unbroken wilderness. Joseph Momeny worked at the baker's trade, and continued his residence in this section of the State up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1837. His faithful wife passed away in 1834. They had a family of eight children, of whom George O. is the only one now living.

Our subject's boyhood days were passed in Sandusky county amidst the wild scenes of pioneer life, and with the family he shared in many hardships and dangers of which the present generation have little realization. Like other children of pioneer parents, he received very limited educational privileges, pursuing his studies in an old log schoolhouse with half barrels for seats. The strictest discipline was maintained by a stern schoolmaster, who believed that "to spare the rod is to spoil the child." In early life Mr. Momeny was initiated into farm labor, and became familiar with the arduous task of developing wild land that had hitherto been untouched by the plow. Subsequently he entered upon a clerkship in a general store, but his labors were interrupted in 1846 by his enlistment in the United States army. He was assigned to Company C, Fifteenth Regiment, commanded by Capt. James A. Jones, of Norwalk, Ohio, and Col. George W. Morgan. He served for one year, and September 13, 1846, was so severely wounded in the left arm as to necessitate the amputation of that member at the shoulder. In consequence he was detained in the hospital for nine months, and on becoming convalescent was discharged in the City of Mexico, whereupon he returned to his home in Fremont, Ohio.

During the succeeding five years Mr. Momeny was a tollgate-keeper on the Western Reserve and Maumee road, and in 1852 was appointed lighthouse-keeper at Port Clinton, efficiently filling that position for three years. In 1855 he embarked in general merchandise there, carrying on his store until 1858, when he

emigrated westward, locating in Hannibal, Mo., where he was again engaged in general merchandising for three years. In 1861 he returned to Port Clinton, and re-engaged in mercantile pursuits for a year, when he removed to the country, and devoted his time and energies to purchasing furs. His residence in Oak Harbor dates from 1866, and for seven years he was proprietor of a hotel and grocery store. Since 1873 he has been engaged in fruit growing, but is now practically living retired.

Mr. Momeny has been twice married. He first wedded Miss Angeline Guyett, but afterward separated, and later he was married at Oak Harbor, in February, 1866, to Miss Hester La Jenness, who was born in Monroe, Mich., January 14, 1856, a daughter of Henry L. and Delia La Jenness, residents of that place and natives of Canada. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Momeny: George H., born September 22, 1878; Mary Louise, born January 6, 1880; and Alverretta, born November 26, 1890. Mrs. Momeny and the family attend the Roman Catholic Church. In his political views Mr. Momeny is a stalwart advocate of the Democracy, and has served as a member of the town council of Oak Harbor, and for four years was a member of the school board, acting for three years as its president. His fellow townsmen recognize in him a citizen who is devoted to the welfare of Oak Harbor, and who in all possible ways will promote its interests. His career has been that of an honorable, straightforward business man, and no one is more worthy of the esteem in which he is held than is George O. Momeny.

GUY P. RAFFERTY, an enterprising citizen and successful manufacturer, of Oak Harbor, Ottawa county, was born at Easton, Northampton Co., Penn., September 16,

1846, to Michael and Margaret (Clemen) Rafferty, the former of whom was a native of New York, the latter of Schuylkill county, Penn. The family consisted of twelve children—three deceased and nine yet living—namely: John, Mary (Mrs. Peter Magee) and Sarah, all three deceased; and Hannah E. (wife of T. A. Hinline), residing in Sandusky county, Ohio; Felix, a prosperous farmer of near Fremont, Sandusky county; Jacob F., of Easton, Penn.; Margaret (Mrs. George Brown), of Fremont; Ellen (wife of S. B. Snyder), also of Fremont; Michael H., residing in Creighton, Knox Co., Neb.; Guy P., the subject proper of this sketch; James A., residing in Fremont; and Mary, wife of Alfred Stierwalt, a prosperous agriculturist of Sandusky county. The parents have both long since passed away, each at a good old age, and are now peacefully awaiting the resurrection morn.

Guy P. Rafferty, whose name introduces this sketch, remained at home with his parents for the first eight years of his life, then going to live with his sister in Ohio, near Fremont, and remaining with her until the age of fifteen years, when he returned to his old home at Easton, Penn. His primary education was received in the public schools of Fremont, to which place his parents removed in 1863, and after leaving school he apprenticed himself to the trade of stone and brick mason. On finishing his term of apprenticeship Mr. Rafferty started out in life as a builder and contractor, in Sandusky and Ottawa counties, and being a thorough business man, well acquainted with all the minute details of his trade, he proved very successful. In 1879 he moved to Oak Harbor, and engaged extensively in the manufacture of brick and tile, and has since been an honored and respected resident of that town. In 1880 he was elected a justice of the peace, which office he still continues to fill in an efficient manner; he is also president of the board of education, and has served two terms as a

member of the Oak Harbor council. Mr. Rafferty has made a complete success as a business man, and fully merits the respect and good opinion of his fellow citizens.

On March 25, 1879, our subject was united in marriage with Auzurella J. Yates, born at Green Spring, Seneca Co., Ohio, May 28, 1857, a daughter of Dr. Porter and Mary L. (Williams) Yates. This union has not been blessed with any children, but they have an adopted son, named Bert Yates Rafferty. In his political views Mr. Rafferty is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party. Socially he is a member of Oak Harbor Lodge No. 516, K. of P. Mrs. Rafferty is a member of the Disciple Church, and of Rathbone Sisters, Portage Temple.

Dr. Porter Yates, a retired physician, father of Mrs. Guy P. Rafferty, now residing with his son-in-law at Oak Harbor, was born in Hartwick, Otsego Co., N. Y., February 18, 1818, to George and Elizabeth (Harrington) Yates, both natives of New York State. Dr. Yates' boyhood days were spent in New York State, where he received his preliminary education; subsequently he commenced the study of medicine and surgery under the preceptorship of Dr. S. Brownell, a medical practitioner of Butter-nuts township, Otsego Co., N. Y., with whom he remained three years, at the expiration of that time removing to Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he continued his studies for about two years with Dr. Ellsworth, teaching school during the winter months. In 1850 Dr. Yates entered the Medical College at Cleveland, and on graduating from that institution commenced practice in Green Spring, Seneca Co., Ohio. In 1862 he enlisted in the United States army as surgeon, and was assigned to hospital service at Brand's Hospital, in Farmington, Tenn. Besides attending to his hospital duties, he also served as surgeon to the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth and One Hundred and

Twenty-eighth Regiments, O. V. I., his duties being very arduous. In July, 1865, he was mustered out at Columbus, Ohio, and on receiving his discharge proceeded to Port Clinton, Ottawa county, where he engaged in the practice of his profession and was a resident of that town until 1875, in which year he removed to Green Spring, Ohio. In 1882 Dr. Yates became a resident of Oak Harbor, and has since lived a comparatively retired life, his health having been seriously impaired during his service in the army.

Dr. Yates was united in marriage, at Clymer, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., June 8, 1847, with Miss Mary L. Williams, a daughter of Alva and Silva Williams, and to their union came four children, viz.: Florence, born October 6, 1848, at Wattsburg, Erie Co., Penn., died at Benton, Ohio, June 1, 1850; Everett E., born at Benton, October 23, 1850, died at Toledo, Ohio, February 19, 1875; Auzurella J., born at Green Spring, Ohio, May 28, 1857, wife of Guy P. Rafferty; Edward Van Ness, born at Green Spring, June 21, 1859, residing in Sandusky, Ohio. Mrs. Yates passed away at Green Spring, November 24, 1882. Dr. Yates is a member of George Field Post, No. 168, G. A. R., at Oak Harbor, is affiliated with the Masonic Fraternity, and was a member of Monticello Lodge, at Clyde, Ohio, but is not now connected with any lodge. In recognition of his valuable services rendered, his name has been inscribed on the monument erected at Cleveland to the heroes of the war.

WILLIAM G. WINSTONE is a practical and prominent farmer and fruit grower of Portage township, Ottawa county, living on the lake shore road. A native of England, he was born in Warwickshire, May 12, 1811, and is a son of William and Fannie Winstone, who were natives of the same country. In their family

were fourteen children, our subject being the only one to come to this country. He received no school privileges, for at the early age of seven years he began to earn his own living; but he was endowed by nature with a bright mind, and, cultivating powers of observation and retentive memory, he has learned in the school of experience lessons which have made him a well-informed man. Through much of his life he has followed bridge and railroad building.

The year 1850 witnessed his emigration to America, and he soon located in Cleveland, Ohio, whence in December, of the same year, he came to Portage township, where he has since resided, while to-day he ranks among the oldest and most respected citizens of Ottawa county. He has been twice married, his first union being with Mary Kelig and the wedding celebrated at Stratford-on-Avon in 1843. They became the parents of three children, of whom two survive, namely: Stephen, a resident of Lorain, Ohio; and Lucy Ruth, wife of John French, who is living in McMinnville, Tenn. The mother of these was called from earth in 1859, and in 1861 Mr. Winstone was united in marriage with Mrs. Fannie Russell, widow of Reuben Russell. Again Mr. Winstone was deprived by death of his wife, this lady dying May 12, 1886. By her first husband she had four children, of whom George, a resident of Toledo, Ohio, is the only survivor; the others were Mrs. Jane McAlby and James, who died January 3, 1876, leaving a widow and six children, two of whom—Clara and Bert—reside with Mr. Winstone; some years later their mother became the wife of Anthony Lafer, and now resides in Sandusky City. Her other children were George, of Sandusky county, Ohio; Alice, wife of Ora Golden, a resident of Martin's Point, Erie Co., Ohio; Fannie, wife of Phineas Dunham, of Sandusky City; and Nellie, wife of Theodore Schrader, of Vickery, Ohio.

In his political views Mr. Winstone has been a faithful supporter of the Democratic party, and in his religious principles he is an adherent of the Universalist Church. He is public spirited and enterprising, and readily endorses any project calculated to stimulate the development and prosperity of the township and county. He is a kind-hearted man, expressing his generous nature in kindness to his friends and in substantial assistance to the needy. In all the relations of life he has been trustworthy, constant and honest, and his habits of industry and application have enabled him to secure a handsome and comfortable home in which to spend his declining years, while a competence surrounds him with the necessities and many of the luxuries of life. His home is ably presided over by his granddaughter, Clara Russell. Prompt and decisive in action, practical and steadfast in purpose, industrious and painstaking, he is a man of judgment and probity, held in the highest esteem by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

D H. BITTINGER, proprietor of a steam sawmill and stave factory, at Woodville, Sandusky county, was born January 4, 1849, in Ashland county, Ohio, son of George and Mary (Kidwell) Bittinger.

George Bittinger was born February 10, 1808, in Franklin county, Penn., and came with his father, Daniel Bittinger, to Ashland county, where the family settled, the father following farming and weaving. Here both parents died, the mother at the age of eighty, the father at the age of sixty-six. Their children were: Susan, Catharine Polly, Betsey, Barbara, Sarah, Daniel and George. George Bittinger was reared in Franklin county, Penn., and remained at home up to the age of eighteen. He became a farmer, and selling out his interests in Ashland county moved to Richland county, Ohio, where



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he died in 1894. He was a Democrat politically, and he and his wife were members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. She is still living, at Mansfield, at the age of eighty-five. They had nine children: James, who lives in Richland county, Ohio; George, who lives in Huron county; Margaret, deceased wife of Samuel Steel, of Tiffin, Ohio; Ellen, now residing at Mansfield, Ohio, who married for her first husband E. C. Walker (who lived in Ottawa county), and for her second wedded Daniel Black; Hettie Ann, married to I. P. Walker, who lives at Mansfield; Mary Jane, who married George Steele, of Mansfield; Hattie Alice, deceased wife of I. P. Walker, who afterward married her sister, Hettie Ann; D. H., our subject; and John L., of Bowling Green, Wood county. The mother's people were from Virginia, of English descent.

D. H. Bittinger was reared in Ashland county to the age of nine years, when he removed to Richland county, there working on a farm and at the carpenter's and cooper's trades, having early manifested a peculiar aptitude for mechanical work. On January 7, 1869, he married Miss Sarah C. Low, who was born in Ashland county November 16, 1849, and they have six children living, viz.: Otis E. (at home), Ella Urettah, Mary Christina, George McClellan, Flora Bell and Daniel Cleveland. After working as a carpenter at Mansfield a few years Mr. Bittinger came, in 1872, to Sandusky county, and worked the first four years as journeyman. He then embarked in the coopering business, which he has followed almost exclusively for fifteen years, manufacturing, from the rough logs, flour, lime and meat barrels, etc., which he sells to W. H. Bruns and H. Rancamp. He does cooper work, head sawing, making vats, and in fact all kinds of work in that line, employing from fifteen to twenty men. He is also carrying on an extensive and constantly increasing lumber business.

He is a Democrat, politically, and a member of the I. O. O. F. He was elected mayor of the village, but resigned on account of ill health.

Mrs. Bittinger is a daughter of Samuel and Christina (Deeter) Low, and was born in Ashland county, of which her maternal grandparents were pioneers; her paternal grandparents were pioneers of Richland county. Samuel Low died when his daughter Sarah (Mrs. Bittinger) was a child; Mrs. Low is still living, in Ashland county, Ohio. They were the parents of two children—Sarah C. (Mrs. D. H. Bittinger) and Mary Elizabeth (wife of John Bittinger, of Wood county, who is a brother of our subject). Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Bittinger have a fine home in Woodville, in which community they are highly respected, and Mr. Bittinger is one of the influential men of the village in which he lives.

JACOB BURGNER. The ancestor from whom sprang the Burgner families in America, with which our subject is connected, was a native of Switzerland, who lived near one of its beautiful lakes, in view of the snow-capped mountains, breathed the pure air of liberty, and in early manhood sought his fortunes in the New World.

In the year 1742 three brothers—David, Christopher and Peter Burgner—carpenters by trade, emigrated from the vicinity of Berne, Switzerland, and after a long sea voyage on the brigantine "Mary," from Rotterdam, landed in Philadelphia, and settled in Lancaster county, Penn. Peter, the youngest, and the ancestor above referred to, was then about twenty-three years old. They each brought from the Fatherland a large German Bible, printed at Frankfort-on-the-Main, 1574, in which they kept brief family records. Peter's Bible has descended by inheritance to the subject of this sketch, and is still, 1895, in a good

state of preservation. It may be seen in a glass case in Birchard Library, Fremont, Ohio. About the year 1759 Peter Burgner married Salome Burkhardt, and established a permanent home in Lancaster county. Their children were David, Elizabeth, Mary and Jacob. For many years he lived in a log house, the roof of which was thatched with straw. His occupation was that of building houses and bank barns after Swiss models.

Jacob Burgner, grandfather of our subject, was born in 1769, and first learned the trade of carpenter. About the year 1800 he married Mary Conrad, and they lived in Cocalico township, Lancaster Co., Penn., where he learned the trade of blacksmith, and procured his supplies of iron from Valley Forge. In the spring of 1806 he moved to Franklin county, Penn., where he kept a blacksmith shop on the public road, near what is now the Richmond Furnace railroad station. In 1812 he removed to Stark county, Ohio, west of Massillon, and a year later settled in Franklin township, now a part of Summit county, on a tract of 320 acres of government land, where he followed blacksmithing and farming the rest of his life. His death occurred January 7, 1844, when he was seventy-five years of age; his wife died in 1843, aged sixty-four. Their children were Salome, Peter, John, Jacob, David, Samuel, George, Elizabeth, Anna, Daniel and Mary, all of whom but two became heads of families, and all are now (1895) dead except Daniel, who is a farmer, near Falls City, Nebraska.

Peter Burgner, father of our subject, was born in Lancaster county, Penn., in 1803, came with his father's family to Ohio in 1812, and grew to manhood in the vicinity of Clinton, Summit county, following farming, and working several years in the construction of the Ohio and Erie canal. In 1830 he married Miss Catharine Hollinger, daughter of Jacob Hollinger, and for a short time operated

a sawmill near Clinton. In 1831 he moved to the "Oak Openings," in Thompson township, Seneca county, Ohio, and settled upon a farm of 160 acres, four miles southwest of Bellevue. Here he cleared away the forest and raised heavy crops of grain and grass. He had been accustomed to plow among stumps with ox-teams and cut grain with a hand sickle, but was among the first to use improved methods and implements. In 1844 his wife and infant son died, leaving him with a family of six children: Jacob (our subject), David, Samuel H., Joseph H., Mary and Elizabeth, of whom only the eldest son and the two daughters are now living. Three years later he married Miss Sarah Schoch, with whom he lived seven years; there were no children by this union. In August, 1854, the second son and second wife died of cholera. In April, 1862, he married Miss Sarah Decker, sold his farm and bought another adjoining hers and her mother's, about one mile south of his old home. Here the three lived together about thirteen years. His wife died in January, 1875, and he soon after sold his farm and went to live in the family of his daughter Mary, wife of Henry Biechler, at York Center, Sandusky county. He died January 16, 1878, at the age of seventy-five. He had been a member of the Christian Church at York Center about forty years. His third son, Dr. Samuel H. Burgner, of Bellevue, Ohio, was a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Penn.; he died in 1866, leaving a daughter, Orielle E., an orphan, who was reared in the family of her uncle, Jacob Burgner; she attended the Fremont High School, graduated from Oberlin College in 1883, taught school two years in Chicago, Ill., and a year and a half in the Oberlin public schools. She married in 1888 Mr. S. M. McKee, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and now lives on a large farm near Portland, Mich. Mr. Burgner's fourth son, Joseph, who was a teacher, died unmarried at the Burgner

homestead in 1862. The youngest daughter, Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Maurer, a farmer, lives near Monticello, White Co., Indiana.

Jacob Burgner, teacher and stenographer, Fremont, Ohio, was born in Thompson township, Seneca Co., Ohio, November 5, 1833. He grew up to hard work on his father's farm and attended the pioneer district schools. At the age of seventeen he began to teach country schools in the winter seasons in his own township. Between the years 1852 and 1859 he attended several teachers' institutes, four terms of school at the Seneca County Academy, under Prof. Aaron Schuyler, the mathematician, and four years at Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio, from which latter institution he graduated with the title of B. S., in June, 1859. He paid nearly all his expenses while at school by his own earnings. On September 8, 1859, he was married, near Flat Rock, Ohio, to Miss Rebecca M. Miller, daughter of Isaac Miller, then living at Tuscola, Mich. During the following school year he taught the East Grammar School at Fremont, Ohio, and the next year taught the Maumee Grammar School under J. W. Hiett, superintendent. Returning to Fremont he taught the Fremont High School one year under Rev. E. Bushnell (now of Adelbert College), superintendent, and he next served as superintendent of the Port Clinton and Green Spring Union schools.

In the fall of 1862 Mr. Burgner bought a farm of fifty acres three miles southeast of Fremont, where for health and profit he followed farming in the summer, teaching country school in the winter seasons for twenty years. In the spring of 1864 he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment O. V. I., and served about four months as a soldier, at Fort Ethan Allen, Va. He was afterward elected justice of the peace of Ballville township, which office he held

six years. Having learned phonography, in 1853, at Seneca County Academy, and kept in practice, he now found it convenient to furnish verbatim reports of public assemblies for the county papers, and of legal testimony for the court and bar of Sandusky county, during the intervals that could be spared from farm work. A mere enumeration of his voluminous work in this line during the last forty years would be tedious. In the spring of 1885 he reported the proceedings of the General Conference of the United Brethren Church, at Fostoria, Ohio, when that Church was rent in twain on the question of granting Church membership to persons who belonged to secret societies. He had been a member of that Church for thirty-six years, and was a decided "liberal."

In the fall of 1885 Mr. Burgner's family, at the urgent solicitation of his niece, Orielle, removed to Oberlin, Ohio, for educational purposes, leaving him alone on the farm. After finishing up his farm work, a few months later, he sold his live stock and farm produce, rented his farm to a neighbor and joined his family at Oberlin. Here, in ill health and under many perplexing difficulties, he spent four busy years in writing the History and Genealogy of the Burgner Family in America, a book of 200 pages, containing 1,500 personal names, and illustrated with portraits and family trees. The work was copyrighted and published in 1890, and found a ready sale among relatives. Not finding enough to do in the line of shorthand and typewriting to occupy all his time in Oberlin, Mr. Burgner changed his place of business back to Fremont, Ohio, his family remaining in Oberlin. During the past year he has assisted in preparing sketches for this volume. Mr. Burgner is a charter member of Manville Moore Post, G. A. R., secretary of the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth O. V. I. Regimental Association, stenographer and assistant secretary of

the Sandusky County Pioneer and Historical Society, and a teacher of shorthand and typewriting in Odd Fellows' Block, Front street, Fremont. He and family are members of the Second Congregational Church, Oberlin. In politics he has always been a Republican.

The children of Jacob and Rebecca M. Burgner were Mary Alice, who died in infancy; Sarah Katharine, now teaching her fifth year in the Oberlin public schools; Linnaeus Peter, student at the State University, Minneapolis, Minn.; and Louis Elvero, a student at Oberlin College.

ISAAC MILLER. In writing sketches of the pioneer farmers of the Black Swamp it has been the usual custom to select those who have made a financial success in life, and who have lived to reap the rewards of their toil in rich farms, fine residences and large bank accounts. Yet it is not always the bravest soldiers who survive a battle and return to tell of the victory won. In the battles of life many brave boys must fall through no fault of their own; so also it is a well-known fact that many honest, hard-working, persevering, intelligent pioneers, after an heroic struggle against adverse circumstances, were obliged to give up their farms, abandon their plans for the acquisition of wealth, and in poverty and comparative obscurity seek the higher and nobler consolations of Christianity. As a man of noble character and kind disposition, one who was universally esteemed, who bore the reverses of fortune with manly fortitude, and tried by precept and example to make the world better for his having lived in it, we give place to the subject of this sketch.

Isaac Miller, farmer and carpenter, was born in Schuylkill county, Penn., April 16, 1806, son of Jacob and Margaret (Moser) Miller. His paternal grand-

father, John Miller, who was an Englishman, married a Miss Bauman, and their children were Jacob, Christian, Henry, Mrs. J. Shafer and Mrs. Cramer. His maternal grandfather was Michael Moser, a Welshman, who married Miss Catharine Wiseman (born on the Atlantic Ocean), and their children were Michael, Isaac, George, Margaret, Daniel and Mrs. Hepner. The children of Jacob Miller, father of our subject, were Samuel, Michael, William, Isaac, Reuben, Jacob, Rebecca and Charles. Our subject grew to manhood on a farm near Orwigsburg, Penn., where he obtained a very limited common-school education and learned the trade of a carpenter. On August 7, 1827, he married Miss Mary, daughter of Abraham and Mary (Faust) Seltzer, of the same neighborhood, and in the spring of 1828 removed to Delaware county, Ohio. Here two children were born to them, Abraham F. and Reuben A., the first of whom died in childhood. In the spring of 1830 they removed to Sandusky county, Ohio, and settled in the wilds of Jackson township, on Wolf creek, near the site of Bettsville. Here was born their eldest daughter, Rebecca M., now wife of Jacob Burgner. In 1832 the family removed to Scott township, and settled on an eighty-acre tract of land since owned by John Hummel. This was on the edge of what was then known as Mud Creek Prairie, near the present site of Millersville. Here they lived and toiled about ten years, trying to clear up a home, drain the prairie and carry on farming, laboring under very adverse circumstances. Bad roads, poor crops, sickness from fever and ague, and doctor's bills were constant drawbacks. Here the family was increased by the birth of Wesley J., Susannah, Amelia, Hannah and Sarah, of whom only the first and the last two named grew to maturity. Their log-cabin home was often visited by the pioneer preachers of the United Brethren, Methodist and Albright

denominations, and was for some time used as a place of worship.

In his anxiety to remove the stagnant water from the prairie, Mr. Miller allowed his zeal to get the better of his judgment. With commendable enterprise and public spirit he got the promises of his neighbors to aid him in the construction of a seven-mile ditch to drain Mud Creek prairie; but when the job was completed and the June freshets came it was found that their engineering was at fault and the ditch did not answer its purpose. The crops of corn were all drowned out as before, and some of the neighbors refused to pay their shares of the cost of the ditch. The debt now fell so heavily on Mr. Miller that he was obliged to lose his farm. In the spring of 1842 he bought eighty acres of partly-improved land in York township of George Donaldson, for which he again went in debt. Here by dint of hard work he succeeded in clearing land and raising a crop of wheat the second year. The price of wheat was then 50 cents a bushel at Sandusky City, his best market; and so anxious was he to make a payment on his farm that in the fall of 1843 he hauled his wheat twenty miles to that market for that price; if he had waited till the following spring he could have had \$1.50 per bushel. But other misfortunes were in store for him. In the log-cabin home on this farm was born his youngest daughter, Minerva, now wife of Mr. Henry Hitchcock, a farmer in Nebraska, and a few months later Mrs. Miller died—from illness contracted by watching at the bedside of the wife of a neighbor, A. Dixon—leaving him with five children. His eldest daughter then kept house for him. When Mrs. Dixon recovered she took Mr. Miller's youngest daughter to raise, as she had no children of her own. Failing to receive the financial aid from a Pennsylvania friend which had been promised, and which was his due, Mr. Miller was again obliged to sell his home. He next bought a house and

lot at Flat Rock, Seneca county, where he tried to keep his children together and send them to school, while he worked at his trade as carpenter or shingle-maker. In 1850 his sons Reuben and Wesley engaged in the lumber business in Tuscola county, Mich. A year later Mr. Miller joined them, and for a number of years conducted a sawmill at the village of Tuscola, to which his sons rafted the logs cut each winter in the pine forests above on the Cass river. He also kept a boarding-house for the mill-hands, being assisted by his daughters. After a few years of flourishing business Mr. Miller's partner in the sawmill, who also kept a general supply store, failed, and Miller's property was taken by his partner's New York creditors. Such was the law. In 1852 Mr. Miller married Mrs. Hannah Griswold, of Tuscola, and soon after retired from the lumber industry to live on her farm near by. This was a welcome home for both their children (Mrs. Miller also having children by her former husband) for several years, a sort of lumbermen's headquarters. Mrs. Miller died in 1873. Mr. Miller remained to manage the farm about two years, then relinquished his life lease and retired from business altogether. In 1876 he attended the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, and spent several months visiting among friends in Pennsylvania. In 1877 he lived for a season at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. Burgner, near Fremont, Ohio, and afterward lived in the family of Mr. John Rinebolt, in Jackson township. In the spring of 1882 he took up his permanent residence at the home of his daughter Hannah, wife of Morgan Sterner, at Bristol, Ind., where he died September 3, 1885, and was buried in the village cemetery.

Isaac Miller in early life became a member of the Lutheran Church; but on moving to the Black Swamp, west of Lower Sandusky, and coming under the influence of the pioneer traveling preach-

ers, he united with the Evangelical Association, and became one of its most zealous and consistent members for many years. In 1850 he united with the M. E. Church at Flat Rock, Ohio, and adhered to that faith during the rest of his life. He was a great friend of children, and established a number of pioneer Sunday-schools in destitute neighborhoods. In politics he was first a Whig, then a Republican, and finally a Prohibitionist. His two sons were soldiers in the Civil war, serving in the Third Michigan Cavalry. His eldest son, Reuben A., living in Wisconsin, has for many years been a professional pine-land hunter; his other son, Wesley, has valuable interests in some gold mines near Idaho Springs, Colo. His daughter Sarah, deceased, was the wife of Dr. Samuel H. Burgner, of Bellevue, Ohio. Though unfortunate in his financial ventures, as the world looks at it, Mr. Miller gave to his children a more precious legacy than wealth in the practical exemplification of an exalted Christian character.

HENRY FRY, farmer, Ballville township, Sandusky county, was born in Prussia, Germany, May 3, 1813, a son of Lambert and Mary (Shoetler) Fry, natives of Germany. Lambert Fry, born in 1775, was a cabinet-maker by trade, and also kept a grocery store; he died in 1859 at the age of eighty-four. Their children were: (1) Lambert, Jr., born September, 1803, died in 1849; (2) Mary, deceased in infancy; (3) John, born February 28, 1810, retired farmer, Ballville township; (4) our subject; (5) Mary, born September 1, 1819, who married Lambert Speller, in Germany, and whose children are: John, Henry, Augustus, Fred, Lisette and Wilhelmine, all of whom have died, except two, and are buried in Oak Wood Cemetery.

Our subject grew to manhood in the

German Fatherland. He emigrated to America March 26, 1834, landing in Baltimore on the 1st of July following, having been forty-two days at sea. On the 11th of April their ship was wrecked on a sand-bar, during a terrible storm, but Mr. Fry managed to keep on the wreck, and with several others subsisted on the contents of a keg of rum which they found in the wreck. They were out in the sea from Thursday until Saturday before they were rescued by small boats procured from shore by the efforts of the second mate and two seamen. Mr. Fry was the only passenger who saved all his clothes. Many died from the effects of exposure, and thirty-one out of one hundred and fifty were drowned. After reaching land Mr. Fry had the choice of his passage money back or passage on another ship. He chose the latter, and a few days later engaged passage on the "Neptune," Capt. Williamson, with 164 passengers, in which he made the voyage in safety. Mr. Fry made friends with the captain, and received special favors from him during the voyage. After landing in Baltimore he remained there only three days, then walked to Cumberland, Md., where he worked at his trade of cabinet-making, and then started on foot to meet his cousin, Philip Fry, in Ohio, walking nearly all the way. He subsequently came to Ballville township, Sandusky county, and worked for Samuel Treat. He put up several buildings for Mr. Treat, and then assisted in building a gristmill for James Moore. For the latter he worked five years at one dollar per day. In 1837 he went to Logansport, Ind., remained there one year and built canal locks. On his return to Ballville township he married, September 4, 1841, Miss Abigail Rideout, daughter of John and Sarah (Randall) Rideout.

John G. Rideout was born in Augusta, Maine, of English parents. Sarah Randall was born in Connecticut, and after their marriage they removed to Ross coun-

ty, Ohio, and in 1825 to Ballville, Sandusky Co., where they resided until their death. The names and dates of birth of their children are as follows: William, February 10, 1819; David, May 6, 1821; Abigail, April 30, 1823; Ebenezer, April 1, 1825; Margaret, March 6, 1827; Horace, December 22, 1829; Elizabeth, November 4, 1831; Alice, January 28, 1833. Abigail (Rideout) Fry was born in Ross county, Ohio, and came with her parents to Ballville, Sandusky county, in 1825, where she has resided for more than seventy years, and has seen the country grow from a wilderness, inhabited by Indians and infested with wolves, to its present beautiful and prosperous condition.

Henry Fry and his brother John bought a farm of 190 acres, where they lived together about eight years, after which Henry moved to a piece of 160 acres, which he had bought some years before, and which has been his place of residence since 1850. He lives about five miles south of Fremont, was a Whig and is now a Republican in politics, and is much esteemed wherever known.

The children of Henry and Abigail Fry were: John Lambert, who died in infancy; Cynthia J., born March 9, 1843; and Amelia S., born April 18, 1846. Cynthia attended school at Oberlin College about three years, and was married June 14, 1865, to Dr. Robert H. Rice, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Amelia also attended school at Oberlin College, and was married December 26, 1866, to Elias B., son of John and Eliza (Rutter) Moore, of Ballville.

Elias B. Moore attended school at Oberlin College, and at the outbreak of the Rebellion, enlisted in the Seventy-second Regiment, O. V. I., was appointed sergeant of Company F, with many others was taken prisoner at the battle of Guntown, Miss., and for many months suffered the horrors of Andersonville and other Rebel prisons. After the close of the war he was engaged in business in

Fremont, was twice elected treasurer of Sandusky county, and afterward with his family removed to Fort Wayne, Ind., where they now reside. Their children are Abbie, Mabel, Elias, Henry and Ruth.

LOUIS A. DICKINSON, the present postmaster at Fremont, Sandusky county, was born in that city May 16, 1860, a son of Abner J. and Louise P. (Mitchener) Dickinson.

Abner J. Dickinson was born in New York State May 13, 1817, a son of Alpheus and Martha Dickinson, whose family consisted of seven sons and three daughters: Rodolphus, Rodolphus, Alexander, Alpheus, Obid, Martha, Sarah (Mrs. David Beard, of Greene, N. Y.), Satira (Mrs. George Grant, of Fremont), Champion, and Abner J. Louise P. Mitchener, mother of our subject, was born in Lancaster county, Penn., December 23, 1815, the eldest of the seven children of Ryner and Lydia Mitchener, viz.: Louise P., Hon. Charles H. (late of New Philadelphia, Ohio), Mrs. Ann French, Mrs. Rachel Bartlett, Lydia, Mrs. Margaret Evans, and Mrs. Henrietta R. Dickinson (wife of Hon. E. F. Dickinson, a nephew of Abner J.), all of whom were reared and educated among the Society of Friends. The father of Louis A. came to Ohio at the age of twenty-one, and six years later settled in Lower Sandusky (now Fremont), where for many years he was engaged in general mercantile business. In politics he was a Democrat, and in 1854-56 he represented his county in the General Assembly of the State of Ohio. During the Civil war he entered the ranks of the Union army, and died May 28, 1863, at Camp Triune, Tenn. His widow now resides at No. 316 S. Arch street, Fremont. To them were born three children: Martha J., deceased wife of James H. Fowler, an attorney at law,

of Fremont; Charles J., who died in 1874; and Louis Abner.

Louis A. Dickinson was reared in Fremont by his widowed mother, was educated in the city schools, and graduated from Fremont High School at the age of seventeen, taking the combined Latin and English four-years' course in three years. At the age of twenty-two he was elected county surveyor of Sandusky county on the Democratic ticket, and served in that capacity for six years. In 1887 he was elected to the city council from the First Ward, and in 1889 was appointed city civil engineer, which position he held until February 25, 1895, when he was appointed, by President Cleveland, postmaster of the city. He is a member of Brainard Lodge, No. 336, F. & A. M., and of Fremont Lodge, K. of P. In 1886, he married Frances H. Mitchener, of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and to this union were born two daughters: Christine M. and M. Louise. Mrs. Dickinson died in Fremont, August 9, 1890.

RICHARD HAGEL, a progressive merchant and the efficient postmaster at Gypsum, Ottawa county, is a native of Ohio, born in Plasterbed, Portage township, Ottawa county, March 26, 1862.

He is a son of Louis and Wilhelmina (Hartenfelt) Hagel, both of whom were natives of Germany, and are now residents of Plasterbed. The father was born in Baden, Germany, October 17, 1828, and is a son of Andrew and Elizabeth Hagel, who spent their entire lives in the Fatherland. He was there educated and learned the trade of a stonemason. Crossing the broad Atlantic to America in 1852, he resided for two years in Newark, N. J., and in 1854 came to Portage township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, where he engaged in farming and quarrying. In 1856 he removed to Carroll township, same county, where he pur-

chased land, and for two years carried on agricultural pursuits. In 1858 he sold his farm and removed to Plasterbed, which has been his place of continuous residence since. His wife was born in Saxony, Germany, November 9, 1832, and was a daughter of Frederick and Hannah Hartenfelt. With her parents she emigrated to America in 1852, and they lived in Erie township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, until called to their final rest.

Mr. and Mrs. Hagel were married June 15, 1856, in the town which is still their home, and their union was blessed with ten children, six of whom are living: John, born March 26, 1857, and residing at Plasterbed; Emma, born December 27, 1858; Richard; Sarah, born January 18, 1872, now the wife of George Austin, of Plasterbed; William, born February 11, 1864, now residing in the same place; and Annie, born April 27, 1878.

Our subject acquired a fair English education in the district schools of Portage township, Ottawa county, and when his school life was ended entered upon his business career as a clerk in the store of Charles C. Peet, of Gypsum. He has since been connected with mercantile interests. For nine years he was employed in that capacity, during which time he became familiar with merchandising in every detail, and the experience thus acquired well fitted him for his own career along this line. In 1884, after the death of his employers, he purchased of the administrators the store, and has since been sole proprietor. He has a well-appointed establishment, carries a large stock of goods, and is doing a flourishing business.

Mr. Hagel was married in Gypsum, November 23, 1892, to Miss Hannah E. Hess, a daughter of Christian and Paulina (Warner) Hess, both of whom were natives of Germany, residing in Gypsum. Mrs. Hagel was born at Plasterbed, February 20, 1869, and is an estimable lady, having many friends. Socially, our subject is connected with Port Clinton Lodge,



Richard Nagel

No. 361, K. of P., and O. H. Perry Lodge, No. 627, I. O. O. F. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, and has ably served as postmaster at Gypsum since 1884. He attends the Methodist Church, and is interested in everything pertaining to the welfare and upbuilding of the community. He has served as treasurer of the Island & Gypsum Fruit Co. Mr. Hagel is one of the progressive young business men of the county, and by thrift and energy has raised himself to an important position in the community; by fair dealing and perseverance has built up a large and rapidly-increasing mercantile business which ranks him among the solid commercial men of his locality. In 1891, finding his quarters too small, he erected the spacious store which he now occupies.

W J. ALESHIRE. The subject of this sketch, who is the editor and proprietor of the Gibsonburg *Derrick*, is recognized as one of the leading business men of Sandusky county, and his paper shows evidence of his ability as a journalist, it being a readable, newsy sheet, fully up to the times, and an acceptable visitor in homes throughout that section of the State.

Mr. Aleshire is a son of William and Sarah (Ewing) Aleshire, the former of whom was born October 19, 1814, in Virginia, where he grew to manhood, coming thence to Ohio, where, in Meigs county, he was married. He was a farmer by occupation. In 1846 he went to Fulton county, Ill., and there remained a year or two, afterward removing to Hancock county, that State, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying October 3, 1890, shortly after his wife, who passed away July 17, that year. For twenty years he was engaged in the hotel business. Mr. and Mrs. Aleshire were the parents of ten children, of whom

three left their home at the call for loyal men during the war of the Rebellion, and served their country well and faithfully, one finding an early grave in the Sunny South. The record of this large family is briefly given as follows: Sanford, who was a soldier in the One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Infantry, during the Civil war, is deceased; Virgil, who served four years in the same regiment, and was wounded in Vicksburg, is also deceased; Mary, who married Thomas Swan, lives at Granger, Mo.; Orlando, who was in the Twelfth Illinois Cavalry, died at Napoleonville, La.; Margaret is the wife of Uriah Ashcraft, and lives at La Harpe, Ill.; W. J. is the subject of this biography; E. E., who is an attorney at law, resides in Stanberry, Mo.; Albert is carrying on a hotel and livery business in Burnside, Ill.; Henry died in early youth; O. E. received an excellent education, and at one time was superintendent of schools at Buchanan, Mich., throughout which State he became well-known owing to his oratorical powers and other good qualities, and was sent to the Legislature; growing tired of politics, he went to Chicago, where he engaged in business, and he has since made his residence in that city.

The subject of this sketch was born February 15, 1849, in Hancock county, Ill., and grew to manhood in that State. He received a collegiate education, and turned his attention to teaching, following that occupation, for which he was admirably fitted, for nineteen consecutive years. During the last twelve years of this time he was principal of schools in four different towns. In 1889, Mr. Aleshire decided to combine newspaper work with teaching, and purchased the *Good Hope Torpedo*, which he carried on for three and a half years. Selling out this paper he came, in 1892, to Gibsonburg, and purchased the *Derrick*, of which he is editor and proprietor. When he took hold of the paper, it was a seven-column

folio, which he changed to an eight-column and then six-column quarto. The paper is independent in politics, and has a good circulation.

Mr. Aleshire was married November 30, 1882, to Miss Mary McClung, who was born April 22, 1860, in Pike county, Ill., and they have two children, Oscar and Harry. Mrs. Aleshire is the daughter of George and Nancy (Wayfield) McClung, the former of whom was a native of Virginia, and served through the Civil war. Two children were born to them—Mary (now Mrs. Aleshire), and Martha (Mrs. Charles Kennedy, of Quincy, Ill.). Socially, Mr. Aleshire is a member of the F. & A. M. and I. O. O. F.

CAPTAIN W. E. GILLETT, township and corporation clerk, and ex-officio clerk of the school board of Green Creek township, Sandusky county, is one of the leading citizens of Clyde. His birth occurred in Groton township, Erie Co., Ohio, on the 4th of September, 1860, and he is a son of William and Elizabeth (Hearson) Gillett, both natives of Lincolnshire, England, where the father was born in 1833, and the mother in 1835. The father is a son of John Gillett, with whom he came to America when quite small, locating near Sandusky, Erie Co., Ohio, where he grew to manhood. His parents both died in Sandusky county, where for about ten years William Gillett conducted a shoe store, but he now makes his home in Bellevue, Ohio.

In this vicinity the Captain spent the days of his boyhood and youth, no event of special importance occurring during that period. His education was completed in the high school of Clyde, and on the farm he assisted in the labors of the fields. At the age of twenty-one he became a drug clerk, and later entered a grocery store. For about eight years he was with his father in the shoe business,

being a member of the firm of Gillett & Sons. Since that time he has mostly filled official positions, being secretary of the water-works, and, while holding the office of township and corporation clerk, was also connected with the electric light plant.

Eleven years ago Capt. Gillett joined the McPherson Guards as a private, was later promoted to sergeant and then to first sergeant, afterward to lieutenant, and finally to captain of his company, which position he now fills. He has had charge of his company during the recent strikes in the coal mines, and on several other occasions where they were called to aid civil authorities.

Capt. Gillett was united in marriage with Miss Ida Day, of Sandusky, Ohio, and to them has been born a daughter, Edna. The Captain is one of the most popular men in Clyde, and is spoken of as a probable man for future honors in Sandusky county. He is enterprising, energetic and progressive, and takes a deep interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community, where he is so widely and favorably known. In politics he is a Republican, and is a stalwart supporter of its men and measures. Socially, he belongs to the Royal Arcanum.

STEPHEN D. TERRILL. This well-known farmer of Green Creek township, Sandusky county, and for many years a successful business man of Clyde, has made the most of his opportunities. Instead of yearning for the distant and unattainable, he has cheerfully and resolutely done the work that lay before him, and by diligence and steadiness of purpose he has demonstrated by his success in life the golden value of those sterling qualities.

He was born in Chenango county, N. Y., June 26, 1818, son of Elias and Hannah (Hickox) Terrill, sterling Presbyterians. Elias Terrill was born of Scotch

parentage in Waterbury, Conn., August 7, 1775, and was married May 6, 1798, to Hannah Hickox, born July 2, 1781. He was a cooper, and followed his trade in his native town until about 1815, when with his family he moved to Pitcher, Chenango Co., N. Y., where he died August 14, 1835, his wife surviving until November 6, 1856. They were the parents of the following twelve children: Irene, who in 1817 married Solomon Ensign, and reared a family in New York, where she died; Julia M., who in 1819 married James Hinman, reared a family, and died in New York City; Beulah S., who married Harry Chandler, and died in Bellevue, Ohio; Susan H., who married Amos Leonard, and died in the West; Lenora, married in 1831 to J. R. Freeman, and died in Schenectady, N. Y.; Elias G., who married Penina Dimmick in 1834, and died in Pennsylvania; Shelby W., married to Mary Ann Ruddock in 1835, and died in Pitcher, N. Y.; Josiah R., who went to Ogdensburg, N. Y., and was never heard from afterward; Stephen D., subject of this sketch; Nancy Judson, married Asa Ensign, and died in New York; Samuel N., who died in California; and Eunice Celestia, who married Henry Warner, and lives in New York. The mother lived to see all her twelve children married, and all were living when she died.

Stephen D. Terrill, at the age of fifteen, left the home of his parents and came to Ridgeville, Lorain Co., Ohio, to live with his sister. Two years later he went to Cleveland, and for two years engaged in teaming. He then drove team at Vermilion for over two years, and engaged in the manufacture of potash at Republic for about the same period. For a season he was second engineer on the old steamer "Columbus," on Lake Erie, and after making potash at Milan during the following winter he there purchased a blacksmith shop in the spring of 1842, hired a blacksmith and learned the trade. He

was married, June 4, 1843, to Martha Norton, born in Vermilion, Ohio, July 18, 1825, daughter of Leonard and Mary (Bartow) Norton. Leonard Norton was born July 11, 1798, and died in July, 1845. He was a Universalist in religious belief, and in politics a Democrat. His father, David Norton, a member of the Church of England, came to America from Thruxton, England, and was twenty-four weeks on the voyage. Mary Bartow, wife of Leonard Norton, was born in New York State in 1796, and died in 1860; she was a member of the Baptist Church. Leonard and Mary Norton had nine children, as follows: A child who died in infancy; Mary Ann, who married Peter Chance, and is now deceased; Leonard, who died young; Lorin, who died at Milan, aged thirteen years; Martha, wife of Mr. Terrill; John G., engaged in real estate at Toledo; Alfred, who died in Pennsylvania, aged forty years; Adeline, wife of Myron Mills, of Milan; Eliza J., who married George W. Hayes, and died in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

After his marriage Mr. Terrill remained in Milan until 1854, when he came to Clyde. He here followed his trade for a while, then engaged in cabinet making, and later operated a sawmill. About a year ago he removed to the farm in Green Creek township which he now occupies. He had seven children, three of whom died young, and those who lived to adult age were (1) Stephen H., born October 31, 1844, who enlisted in the One Hundred and Sixty-fifth O. V. I., and died March 5, 1865, after his return home. (2) John G., born January 6, 1847, a stationary engineer at Chicago, who is married to Mary Youman, and has three children—Gertrude, wife of Henry Denhart; Bessie A., a graduate of the Chicago Conservatory of Music, and Nellie, a graduate of a business college at Chicago. (3) Alfred N., born September 6, 1854, now in charge of an extensive sawmill at Portland, Oregon. (4) Charles

D., born August 24, 1856, killed May 6, 1873, by accident, in a sawmill in Toledo. Mr. Terrill has been a member of the Clyde board of education. He has been a lifelong Democrat, first voting for Martin Van Buren and every Democrat candidate for Presidency since. His wife is a member of the Universalist Church.

JOHAN T. SIVALLS, the courteous and popular postmaster at Woodville, Sandusky county, where he is a well-known and highly-respected citizen of several years' standing, is a native of the city of New York, born August 22, 1828. He is of English descent on the paternal side, his grandfather Sivalls having come from England to America, settling in New Rochelle, Westchester Co., N. Y., where he died.

James Sivalls, father of John T., and of the same nativity, followed the occupation of grocery merchant in New York, and died there in 1837 at the age of fifty-two years. He was twice married, and by his first wife had two children—George and Franklin—both of whom died in New York; by his second wife, Cornelia (Lewis) he had five children, namely: Carolina, who married DeWitt Brinhap, and died in New York in April, 1894; William, who also died in New York; John T., the subject of these lines; Tracy, now a resident of Chicago, Ill.; and Benson, who went to California, and has never since been heard of.

As will be seen, our subject was nine years of age at the time he was bereaved of his father, and he then left his native city for Ithaca, N. Y., where he lived with an uncle a few years, attending school and learning the trade of shoemaker. From there he moved to Ashtabula county, Ohio, and then after a short time returned to Ithaca, remaining there some eighteen months, all the time following his trade. This brings us now to 1846, the year of the breaking out of the

Mexican war; and our subject, then a lad of barely eighteen summers, fired with military enthusiasm and patriotic ardor, proceeded to New York, where he enlisted in Company E, Third Light Artillery, commanded by Brev. Maj.-Gen. Sherman, and attached to the army under Gen. Zachary Taylor. He served twenty-two months, participated in the battle of Buena Vista, and, receiving an honorable discharge in New Orleans, at once returned northward. For a time he moved from place to place, looking for work—in Rochester, N. Y., remaining one year; then in Toledo, Ohio; later in Maumee, same State. He worked on the Wabash canal about three months, after which, in 1849, he located in Wood county, making home with a family by the name of Truax, whose acquaintance he had formed.

In 1849 he came to Woodville, where he followed his trade some time, then worked on the canal five seasons; after which he bought a farm in Woodville township, on which he lived five years, cultivating and improving it. In 1861 he moved into the town of Fremont, same county, but shortly afterward again located in Woodville, and here continued his trade until 1863, in which year he enlisted in Company C, Third Regiment, O. V. C. He served in the Western command about twenty-two months, was honorably discharged at Columbus, Ohio, and returned to Woodville, where he resumed his trade, in connection with which he also sold sewing machines some ten or twelve years. On June 23, 1851, he was married to Miss Mary Truax, of the family above referred to, and a native of Pennsylvania, born in Bedford county in 1830, to which union eight children were born, a brief record of whom is as follows: Abner, Benson and Caroline died at the ages of ten, twenty-four and four years, respectively; Stilwell is now following the trade of cooper in Woodville; John married Susan Moore, and has three children R——, Ralph and Frank; Mary is assist-

ant postmaster at Woodville; James is a cooper by trade at Findlay, Ohio; and Ralph, who was also a cooper, was so seriously injured on July 2, 1895, in Findlay, Ohio, that he died on the following day, at the age of twenty-four years.

Mr. Sivals is a Republican in his political preferences, and during President James A. Garfield's administration, was appointed postmaster at Woodville, continued under President Harrison and President Cleveland, and still occupies the position. In church connection he is a member of the United Brethren Society; in secret society matters he is a member of Elmore Lodge, No. 462, I. O. O. F., and socially no one in the county enjoys more fully the esteem and confidence of the community at large.

CAPTAIN CHARLES L. DIRLAM, the efficient and capable postmaster at Clyde, Sandusky county, is a native of Massachusetts, born in Berkshire county, March 2, 1831, and is a son of Sylvenus and Mary (Clark) Dirlam.

The father was born in Massachusetts in 1790, there followed farming and carpentering until coming west on the 1st of June, 1831, when he located on a farm in Sandusky county, three miles from Clyde. This place he improved and cultivated up to the time of his death, in 1884. His wife, who was born in Berkshire county, Mass., died at the age of fifty-eight years. In their family were nine children: Hiram, a resident farmer of Berkshire county, Mass.; James, who makes his home in Indiana; Curtis, who lives in Carroll county, Iowa; Joseph, who died at the age of ten years; Louise, wife of Myron Tuttle, of Indiana; Harriet, wife of L. Craig; Louis, a resident of Sandusky county, Ohio; D. Dirlam, in Mansfield, Ohio; and Charles L. The paternal grandfather was a Hessian soldier, sent to this country to assist the British in

subduing the Colonies during the Revolutionary war, during which he was wounded. Later he deserted, becoming a resident of Massachusetts, and during the war of 1812 fought against the British troops.

In the usual manner of farmer lads the boyhood and youth of Charles L. Dirlam were passed, aiding his father in clearing and developing the land. Later he learned the brick layer's and mason's trades, at which he worked until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he became a member of Company A, Seventy-second O. V. I., being assigned to the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Army Corps under Gen. McPherson. The first battle in which he was engaged was at Shiloh, which was followed by the Vicksburg campaign, and with his regiment he participated in all the important engagements in the Mississippi Valley. At Guntown, Miss., he was taken prisoner, was sent to Mobile, Ala., thence to Macon, Ga., from there to Charleston and Columbus, S. C.; on reaching Charlotte, N. C., he managed to escape, but was re-captured, after which he was confined in Libby prison. As his term of service had expired at the time of his exchange, he returned home. He had entered the army as a private, but at the time of being made prisoner was holding the rank of captain, which he had gained by meritorious conduct on the field of battle. He has ever been a loyal and patriotic citizen, and in his defense of the Union was a fearless and valiant soldier.

In 1858 Capt. Dirlam married Miss Mary Gale, born in Sandusky county in 1832, and by this union there are three children: Jay C., a miner at Seattle, Wash., married and has one child, Clyde; Staneberry, a house painter of Denver, Col., married and has one son, Charles; and John, the youngest of the family, still with his parents. On his return from the South at the close of the war the Captain resumed work at his trade in

his vicinity. In 1891 he was appointed postmaster at Clyde, which office he is still holding, and has ever given the best of satisfaction. For forty years he has made his home in Clyde, where he is widely known and universally respected. In politics the Captain is a steadfast adherent of the principles formulated by the Republican party; socially he is a member of Edon Post, No. 55, G. A. R., in which he takes an active interest.

SAMUEL STORER, farmer and fruit grower, of Green Creek township, Sandusky county, was born at Westbrook, near Portland, Maine, January 22, 1807, son of Joseph and Charlotte (Knight) Storer.

Joseph Storer was also born in the "Pine Tree State," the year of his birth being 1776. His father was a Revolutionary soldier, and died of smallpox; his wife was a Miss Graves, who was born at Broad Cove, Maine, about 1720, and died at the age of ninety-nine years. The grandfather of Joseph Storer was supposed to be of Irish birth. Joseph Storer was a ship and house carpenter by trade, and he served in the war of 1812. In 1815 his home was burned, and in rebuilding he became involved in debt. Thinking to better his circumstances in the West, and also wishing to keep his boys from going to sea, he came to Ohio in 1817, and settled in Zanesville. He left Portland in May, that year, accompanied by his eldest son, George, and Samuel, then a boy of ten years. On reaching Zanesville he found employment at his trade, and in a year saved money enough to send for his family, so, purchasing a wagon and team, he hired a man to drive to Maine for them. The driver went as far as Connecticut, where he appropriated the team to his own use, and, as a consequence, the family was obliged to wait another year before coming west. Joseph

Storer remained at Zanesville ten years, and while there he and his partner, John Wilson, built the great wooden bridge across the Muskingum river. In 1827 he moved to Cleveland, and there followed his trade of ship carpenter for many years. He died in Green Creek township, Sandusky Co., in 1867. In politics he was a Whig and a Republican, and in religious belief a Methodist. His wife, Charlotte Knight, was born in Broad Cove, Maine, in about 1777, and died in 1851. The children of Joseph and Charlotte Storer were as follows: Eliza, who married Joel Chapman, and lived in Cuyahoga county to the age of eighty-five years; George, still living in Cleveland at the age of ninety-three years; Joseph, who died in Brooklyn village January 11, 1894, aged eighty-nine years; Samuel, subject of this sketch, now (1895) aged eighty-nine years; Webster, now eighty-six years old; Hester, wife of Harris Brainard, of Cuyahoga county.

Samuel Storer attended the schools of Zanesville, served an apprenticeship of six years to the trade of tanner and currier, and followed it for thirty-five years at Brooklyn village. In the fall of 1862 he sold out, and in the spring of 1863 moved to the farm near Clyde, which he still occupies and which he had purchased in 1857. Mr. Storer was married in 1831, to Miss Sarah J. Fish, who was born near Cleveland, October 11, 1811. She was the daughter of James Fish, who, in 1811, migrated from Groton, Conn., to Ohio, with an ox-team, and settled in the woods near Brooklyn village (now Cleveland). His wife was a weaver, and supported the family at the loom while he cleared the farm. Mr. Fish lived to the age of ninety-three years. The seven children born to Samuel and Sarah Storer were as follows: (1) Sarah S., born in 1835, was married in 1860 to Ira H. Pool, who in July, 1862, enlisted in the army and died in Nashville hospital in July, 1864; she has two daughters: Bessie, wife of Will-

ard Perin, of Green Creek township, and mother of four children—Ethel, Cecil and Gaylord and Gladys (twins); and Irene, wife of Ira Comstock and mother of three children—May, Ruth and Clara. (2) Miranda, wife of William Cunningham, of Clyde, has five children: Harry; Edna; Lizzie, wife of A. W. Wilds; Nellie, wife of William Wallace, of Lorain, and May, wife of Harvey Cook, of Fremont, and mother of two children—Iva and Mabel L. (3) James, who served throughout the war in the artillery department, and is now secretary and treasurer of the Geo. Worthington Co., wholesale hardware, Cleveland; he married Emma Schneider, of Cleveland, and had three children—May, Winifred, and James (deceased). (4) Mary, who wedded Robert Clapp, of Clyde (now deceased), and became the mother of one child—Irving; she is now the wife of George Lee. (5) Charles, of Green Creek township, married Lucinda Rathbun and has five children—Allie, Bessie, Mary, James and Carrie. (6) Etta, wife of Morris L. Huss, of Green Creek township, and mother of two children—Ruth and Dwight. (7) Benjamin is now deceased. Mrs. Storer, the faithful and devoted wife and mother, passed away in 1889. She had been for many years a consistent member of the M. E. Church, and that religious society at Clyde has had no heartier or more influential supporter than Mr. Storer, who subscribes liberally to the Church and its missionary societies. He first joined the church in 1822, and has ever since lived in conformity with its teachings and precepts. He is a man above reproach in his community, and a good citizen. When operations on the Ohio canal were commenced July 4, 1824, Mr. Storer belonged to an artillery company at Zanesville, which was ordered to Licking Summit to be present at the celebration on that occasion. Gov. Clinton, of New York, and Gov. Trimble, of Ohio, lifted the first spadeful of earth in the construc-

tion of that work. This, Mr. Storer says, was his first and only experience in military service.

I SAAC AIGLER, a retired agriculturist of York township, Sandusky county, is worthy of credit for untiring energy and exemplary character, and to him honor should be rendered. His farm is a model one. The same marked care shown by his wife in the arrangement of her house, Mr. Aigler is renowned for in the appointment of his premises.

Amos Aigler, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Pennsylvania, December 11, 1815, and in 1839 was united in marriage with Armina Bobb, who was born in 1819, also in Pennsylvania. They had two children: Isaac, the older child, born in Union (now Snyder) county, Penn., August 23, 1840; and Eliza, now the wife of William Hummel, of York township. Mrs. Aigler died in 1844, and two years later Mr. Aigler married Mrs. Eliza Aigler, widow of his brother, and they had five children, namely: James, late of Bellevue, Huron county, Ohio, now deceased, and Matilda L., wife of J. D. Harpster, a Kansas banker (they were twins); Henry, of York township, deceased; J. F., a real-estate agent, of Kansas; and Clara, wife of Allen Kern, a farmer of York township. In 1848 the family came to Thompson township, Seneca county, and next year moved to York township, where Mr. Aigler bought eighty acres of land. Here he lived for many years, and then, thinking he had well earned a vacation, moved to Bellevue, where he lives retired.

Isaac Aigler was but eight years old when his father came to Ohio. His school life ended shortly after that, and he had to rise early and work late as, forty years ago, life on the farm was not lightened by improved machinery as at present. In 1861 he enlisted in Company D, Fiftieth Ohio National Guards, for five years.

Again, on May 2, 1864, he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth O. V. I. He served in Maryland and Virginia, defending Washington during the summer of 1864, and was discharged September 4, 1864. On March 5, 1868, Mr. Aigler was united in marriage with Susan Close, who was born August 16, 1847.

The parents of Mrs. Aigler, George and Mary (Moyer) Close, came to Ohio in 1856. They had eleven children, as follows: Austin, a Kansas farmer and carpenter; Eliza, widow of LaFayette Han-num, of Perrysburg, Ohio; Marguerite, wife of J. K. Frederick, of Maumee, Ohio; Melinda, who is married to C. P. Deyo, of Bellevue; Henry, who is in the milling business at Venice, and resides in Sandusky City; Joseph W., a Bellevue banker; Susan, Mrs. Aigler; George W., a banker at Berlin Heights; Cloyd, a farmer, of Michigan; Charles C., a liveryman in Fremont; and Jay F., a Kansas lawyer. Mr. Aigler has a fertile farm of 108 acres, on which he grows principally grain, also some fruit. For many years he affiliated with the Republican party; but upon the organization of the People's party he at once embraced that doctrine, being the first man in York township to openly advocate the Omaha platform. He is one of the best known Populists in the country, and for several years has served on various county committees.

WILLIAM REHBERG. Prominent among the old settlers and esteemed residents of Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, is found the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He was born in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, January 10, 1825, son of John and Christina (Bohndorff) Rehberg, who were both born in Germany.

William Rehberg was educated, reared to manhood and learned the trade of ma-

chinist in his native land. On January 7, 1849, in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, he was united in marriage with Louisa Stevens, who was born in Mamaro, and they have had seven children, three of whom are now living, namely: Mary, born January 1, 1850, now the wife of John Runkle, of Middle Bass Island; Herman, born June 2, 1857, and residing on Middle Bass Island; and Ida, born July 3, 1863, wife of A. Smith, Jr., of Sandusky, Erie county.

In 1849 Mr. Rehberg left the Fatherland for America, and after his arrival in this country resided at Niagara Falls for a few months, then came to Ohio and located in Wyandot county, where he was engaged in the gunsmith business for two years. He then removed to Sandusky, Erie county, and for two years was occupied in fishing, in 1856 removing to Middle Bass Island, of which locality he has since been a continuous resident and one of its most progressive citizens, doing more, perhaps, than any other settler toward the progress that has been made on that beautiful island, and the growth of its material interests. Mr. Rehberg was the first purchaser of land on the island, and immediately after his purchase agreed to improve this part of the township by clearing and cultivating the land, and erecting substantial houses and other buildings. A few years afterward he began the cultivation of grapes, and later entered upon the business of wine making, in which he has since continued, his vineyard now being one of the largest and best cultivated on the island. In 1869 he built his large wine cellar, in 1879 his spacious Middle Bass Club hall, used for the accommodation of the club. He is owner and master of the fine steamer "Leroy Brooks," part owner of the steamer "Secord," which plies between Port Clinton and the islands during the summer months, and is also a stockholder in the Sandusky Fish Company.

In his political views Mr. Rehberg is



Wm. Rehberg



an active member of the Democratic party. He was the first trustee of Put in Bay township, and has also efficiently filled many other township offices. He is a member of Science Lodge No. 50, F. & A. M., of Sandusky, Erie county, and was a member of Erie Commandery No. 22, Sandusky, Ohio, but resigned in 1895; is a member of Commodore Perry Lodge I. O. O. F., of Put in Bay; and a charter member of Guttenberg-Hin Lodge No. 91, Druids, Sandusky. Few men have come more in contact with the growing interests of Put in Bay township, and none have commanded more completely the respect and confidence of the community than William Rehberg. He has risen by his own individual efforts, and may justly be styled a self-made man. Of gentlemanly demeanor, he always meets his associates, both in social and business circles, with a cordial and friendly bearing; as a public man he has discharged with painstaking fidelity the duties of every position in which he has been placed, and enjoys the respect and esteem of the people he has so faithfully served.

In 1882, after an absence of forty-three years, Mr. Rehberg paid a visit to his native land and town, and after pleasantly sojourning there for some six months with relatives and friends, returned to the United States and to Middle Bass in the fall of the same year. At the present time (December, 1895) he is in Florida, building a cottage in an orange grove.

RICHARD BOYD STEVENSON holds an honored and revered place in the hearts of his fellow-citizens of York township, Sandusky county. He has passed the seventy-fifth milestone of his life, and is thus linked by memory to a past generation. Coming as he did when a lad of tender years to the "Black Swamp," he has witnessed the conversion of a swampy

jungle into a region as fair and fertile as the sun has ever shone upon. Gifted with a memory remarkably acute and vivid, he is an unquestioned authority upon the early history of York and neighboring townships. And blessed as he also is with a keen judgment of men and events, and with a kindly feeling for humanity, he ranks as an oracle among all who know him.

Mr. Stevenson was born in Frederick county, Md., January 10, 1820, son of Dr. Matthew and Jane (Gilson) Stevenson. Dr. Stevenson was born in Frederick county, Md., in 1777, and his father, James Stevenson, who was of Scotch origin, emigrated from the North of Ireland to Pennsylvania, married a Miss Buchanan (a relative of President Buchanan), near Carlisle, Penn., and removed across the Maryland line, buying land on the foot hills between Emmittsburg, Md., and Gettysburg, Penn. Here he lived a farmer, of the old Presbyterian faith, until his death. His children were as follows: Matthew; William, who died near Clyde, Ohio; Martha, who married and lived in Cayuga county, N. Y.; Jane, afterward Mrs. Knox; Abigail, who married and lived in New York State; Elizabeth and Mary. Matthew studied medicine and for a time practiced in Gettysburg, where his uncle, Dr. Buchanan, was also a practitioner. Later Dr. Stevenson practiced near Youngstown, Westmoreland Co., Penn. He was a man of thorough classical education, and his son, Richard B., still has many of his books written in the Latin tongue. He also possessed high scientific attainments. The latter he was obliged sometimes to call into requisition. Thus in Westmoreland county the good people saw phosphorescent lights move slowly to and fro, and in terror believed them to be spirits from the other world until Dr. Stevenson demonstrated to them the earthly origin of the lights.

Jane Gilson, the wife of Dr. Steven-

son, was born in Pennsylvania in 1789. Her mother was a Miss Boyd, member of a family who settled in an early day among the Indians at Carlisle, Penn. During the French and Indian wars the entire family was captured save the father, who at the time was absent from home. In a neighboring schoolhouse the teacher and all the pupils were massacred. Grandmother Boyd was killed by the Indians, because she was too old to be taken into captivity, and also an infant. The other Boyds were carried back into the wilderness. One of the boys, the grandfather of Dr. Stevenson's wife, was given to a "good Indian," and it was his duty to wait upon an enfeebled old warrior chief. Three years later he was returned to Carlisle. All the other members of the family, except one boy, were restored after seven years of captivity.

After the death of his father, Dr. Stevenson returned to Frederick county, Md., and remained there until his migration to Ohio. He came with his family in a three-horse wagon to Tiffin, and later to Sandusky county, arriving June 3, 1830, at the farm in York township still owned by the subject of this sketch and other heirs. The land had been entered by Mr. Birdseye in 1822, and from him purchased by Dr. Stevenson. The latter did not practice medicine in Ohio, but followed farming until his death, in 1849. In politics he was a Whig, and in religious faith a Presbyterian early in life, but later a Methodist. His wife, who had nobly braved the toils and privations of pioneer life, survived until 1877. Dr. Matthew and Jane Stevenson had eleven children, as follows: James G. D., who lived at Buffalo, N. Y.; Thomas W. B., of Fayette county, Iowa; G. H., for some years a resident of California; Nancy Jane, who married W. Gurley; Richard Boyd, subject of this sketch; Lucinda, born September 15, 1822, a maiden lady, who cared for her parents in their declin-

ing years, and who now lives at the old homestead with her brother, Richard B.; John W., of Sandusky City; M. A. and B. W. (twins), the former a resident of Chicago, and the latter a farmer of York township; Joseph F., who died in 1852, aged twenty-two years; Mary E., born August 19, 1832, the only child of the family born in Ohio, unmarried and living with her brother and sister on the old homestead.

The occupants at the old farmhouse, around which cluster many fond memories, are thus Richard Boyd Stevenson and his two unmarried sisters—Mary E. and Lucinda. Like them he has remained single. The home is one of the landmarks of the revered past, and in the eyes of the community for many miles about it is doubly revered because of the high standing of its owners. The Misses Stevenson are renowned for their lady-like and reserved manners, and for their liberal culture. They have been reared in the M. E. Church. In politics Mr. Stevenson is a Republican. With his accustomed public spirit and generosity, he has dedicated to public use a spring of remarkable freshness and coldness, which gushes from the earth a short distance in front of the Stevenson home. Around it he has built a stone house, and the passer-by is ever welcome to enter and slake his thirst at "the coldest spring and purest water in northern Ohio."

ROBERT L. RIFE, a leading citizen of York township, Sandusky county, has amassed one of the largest landed holdings for many miles around by his superior business sagacity and enterprise. He began his farming career in a small way, and added to his acres gradually from time to time, obeying the cardinal principle of success in life by keeping expenses within his income. He is yet a young man, and a native of York township, born April 27,

1846, son of Michael and Mary (Longwell) Rife.

It is a family of pioneer stock. Michael Rife was born in Frederick county, Md., February 15, 1814, a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Zumbrund) Rife. Daniel Rife was the son of a German emigrant who had settled in Maryland. Like his father he was a member of the Lutheran Church. He continued to live in Maryland many years after his marriage to Elizabeth Zumbrund, but in 1832 he migrated with his wife and ten children—three sons and seven daughters—to Sandusky county. These children were as follows: Susan, who married Chester Kinney, of Green Spring; Michael, father of Robert L.; Daniel, a farmer of Clyde; Julia Ann, who married John Hamlin and moved to Steuben county, Ind.; Elizabeth, of Bellevue; Mary and Sarah (twins), the former of whom married Aaron Bartlett of Fulton county; Sophia; John, of York township; and Frances. The township was practically uncleared and largely unsettled when Daniel Rife became a resident in 1832, and he engaged in the serious work of making a home for himself in the wilderness. He met with success, and his descendants are among the most highly-respected citizens of the county. He died at the age of fifty-seven years, his wife surviving to the age of seventy-six.

Michael Rife, the eldest son, was eighteen when he came to Sandusky county, just the right age to be of most value to his father in the pioneer life. For seven years he labored at home. Then on New Year's Day, 1839, he married Mary Longwell, a young lady who had been orphaned from infancy, and whose parents were among the first victims of an unhealthy climate in York township in its early days. She was born in Berlin township, Delaware county, November 9, 1821, only daughter of Robert and Lucinda (Butler) Longwell. They were married February 2, 1821, and in 1823

journeyed to a new pioneer home. Mr. Longwell brought his goods in an ox-wagon, while his wife carried the child Mary in her arms and rode horseback. After one brief year of married life in the new land the family was destroyed. Mrs. Longwell died September 17, 1824, aged thirty-two years, her husband, who was a native of Kentucky, five days later, aged thirty years. The mother was one of a numerous family; she was born in Lenox township, Berkshire Co., Mass. Her brothers and sisters were: Sarah; Lydia, Rebecca, Persus, Thankful, Jethrone, Daniel, David, Levi, George, Cornelius and Mary. The orphaned child grew up among relatives in Sandusky and Delaware counties. After his marriage to her in 1839 Michael Rife began housekeeping in York township. Currency was scarce in those days, and to procure the small amount of money needed to pay taxes was a difficult matter. Mrs. Rife raised chickens and produce of various sorts, but the prices they commanded would in this day discourage any agriculturist. Michael Rife was in politics a Republican. He was industrious and economical, and accumulated a highly-improved farm of 400 acres upon which he lived in comfort during his declining years until his death, which occurred January 2, 1894. His widow is at this writing still living on the old homstead on the North Ridge, York township. Four children were born to Michael and Mary Rife. (1) Eudora Ann, born March 30, 1841, married October 16, 1862, to Robert Zuel, of Townsend township, who was born in New York State October 29, 1831; they have four children: Mary, born October 20, 1863, married to Robert Asher, and living in Kansas, near Kansas City; Sarah, born October 22, 1865, married to William Range, and the mother of five children—Charles, Frank, Fred, Bessie and Harry; Hattie, born August 25, 1869, married to W. Gursuch, and living in Wallace county, Kans.; and George, born March

4, 1877, a farmer of Johnson county, Kans. (2) Sarah Fidelia, born September 7, 1842, is the wife of William L. Richards, of York township. (3) Robert L. is the subject of this sketch. (4) Charles, born February 20, 1848, died March 24, same year.

Robert L. Rife grew up in York township, and at the age of twenty-three, on September 1, 1869, married Miss Maria Dimock, who was born in Brownhelm township, Lorain county, August 4, 1849. After marriage they settled on a small place, and modestly began farming. It can be said that Mr. Rife has a genius for the noble art of husbandry, for he has prospered almost beyond measure, and he is to-day one of the most substantial farmers of Sandusky county. To Mr. and Mrs. Rife have been born five children: Charles, Fred, Emmet, Gertrude and Homer. Charles, the eldest, married Hattie Wyatt, and has two children—Beatrice and Ellis. Fred married Miss Christena Knoblow, and has one child—Helen.

SAMUEL FOUGHT, one of the honored pioneers of Sandusky county, has made his home in Washington township since the days when this locality was a frontier settlement, when the work of progress and civilization seemed hardly begun, when homes were widely scattered, and when many of the now thriving towns and villages had not yet sprung into existence. In the work of progress and advancement he has ever borne his part, and his name is inseparably connected with the history of the county.

Mr. Fought is a native of Ohio, born in Perry county, December 3, 1831, and is a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Kline) Fought, who removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio in the days when it was hardly safe to venture far from their log cabin, for the wolves were then more numerous

in Sandusky county than are the cattle to-day. They located upon a forty-acre tract of land about two miles from the present home of our subject, and there spent their remaining days, both reaching an advanced age. The father passed away at the age of eighty-one, and the mother was called to her final rest at the age of eighty-three. In his political relations he was a Democrat, and both were members of the Lutheran Church. Their family numbered eleven children, of whom Peggy became the wife of J. Cunningham, by whom she had four children, and after his death married G. Heverland, by whom she had one child; Sally married J. Hetrick, and both are now deceased; Solomon, Nancy and Michael are also deceased; the other members of the family are Betsy, William, Powell, Polly, Samuel and Levi.

Our subject was a young child when his parents located in Sandusky county, and when he became old enough to attend school he was sent to the only one in the township, about five miles from his home, and that distance he was compelled to walk. He lived with his parents until 1848, when, at the age of seventeen, with the money that he had saved from his earnings, he purchased seventy acres of land in Washington township, and took up his residence thereon. It is located on what is termed the pike, and is one of the most valuable tracts in the township. Here he is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, and his place is under a high state of cultivation, and well improved with the accessories and conveniences of a model farm.

On October 5, 1843, Mr. Fought was married to Miss Susan Klotz, daughter of David Klotz, a farmer of Pennsylvania, in whose family there were seven children: Philip, Katie, Susan, John, Martin, Samuel and David. The father died at the age of sixty-three, the mother at the advanced age of eighty-six. To Mr. and Mrs. Fought have been born eight chil-

dren—six sons and two daughters—namely: Nancy, born December 16, 1844, now the wife of Fred Gillard; Lucy, born January 15, 1847, now the wife of Frank Arnett, a carpenter of Fremont, Ohio; Absalom, born May 11, 1850; William, born February 23, 1852, and is engaged in carpentering in Fremont; Freeman, who was born January 13, 1854, and resides in Hessville, Ohio; Levi, who was born August 5, 1856, and follows milling in Fremont; Franklin, a resident of Lindsey, Ohio, born May 31, 1861; and David E., born August 25, 1864, now a contractor of Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Fought is a stalwart Republican in politics, and has filled the office of school director, taking a deep interest in the cause of education, of which he is a warm friend. He belongs to the United Brethren Church.

ALBERT E. RICHARDS (better known as Bert), who is engaged in the publication of the *Farmers' Reporter*, of which he is editor and proprietor, has spent his entire life in Sandusky county, his birth having occurred in Townsend township, November 2, 1862. He is a son of Archibald and Mary (George) Richards. His father was born near New London, Conn., in 1812, and when a young man he came to the West, taking up his residence in Sandusky county, where he carried on agricultural pursuits and succeeded in amassing a comfortable fortune. In politics the elder Richards was a Democrat until after the division came on the slavery question, when he became a stalwart Republican. His death occurred in 1884. The mother of the subject of this sketch was born in Seneca county, Ohio, in 1819. Her parents were from Vermont, and were among the first settlers in this section of the State. Mrs. Richards is still living and is a resident of Clyde.

In the Richards family there were

thirteen children, of whom our subject is the youngest. He attended the district schools until twelve years of age, when the family left the farm and moved to Clyde, thus giving him the advantage of a better grade of public schools. In 1879 he became a student at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich., and remained there three years. He left school at about the time of his father's death, and engaged in the insurance business, which he pursued with success during a period of two years. He then disposed of his insurance interests, and devoted his whole time and attention to art, for which he had always displayed a natural taste and inclination. In art he was fairly successful from a financial standpoint, and his work in black and white was warmly received by some of the best art critics. Our subject, however, could not be satisfied with anything less than a thorough schooling in color work among the masters abroad, and did not feel financially able to pursue such a course of study. In 1892 he decided to drop his art work for a time, and purchased the *Farmers' Reporter*, a Republican newspaper with a good circulation, published at Clyde. Mr. Richards at once changed the paper to a Democratic sheet, being a stanch Democrat himself. It is well edited, neat in appearance and devoted to the best interests of the city and county. Being well conducted it receives a liberal patronage, and its business is steadily increasing. One commendable feature about the paper, so rare now-a-days, is that it contains no medical or other advertisements of a questionable sort, regardless of the high prices offered for space by such advertisers.

Mr. Richards is an inflexible supporter of the principles of his party. He is well known among local politicians throughout northwestern Ohio, and his figure is a familiar one at conventions and other political gatherings. His friends are many throughout the county, where his genial,

affable nature has made him popular with everybody.

Our subject was united in marriage on May 17, 1894, to Miss Millicent Fancher, the charming and accomplished daughter of Postmaster Fancher, of Lorain, Ohio.

A A. FENN, one of the prosperous and successful business men of Clyde, Sandusky county, a fruit farmer and ice dealer, is the son of a well-known pioneer of the county, Amos Fenn. The latter came to Clyde in 1820, with the Pogue family, Silas Dewey and Giles Thompson, the earliest settlers, and for more than half a century was a prominent character in the community.

Amos Fenn was born in Litchfield county, Conn., in September, 1793, and was a young man when he came west. He was a carpenter by trade, and built the first frame house in the city of Sandusky. He was twice married, first at Marblehead to Nancy Smith, by whom he had five children, as follows: Susan P., now Mrs. Wing, of Kansas; Charles G., a grocer at Adrian, Ohio; Clara D., who married Horace Woodward, and died near Norwalk; William D., who died many years ago; and Harriet J., unmarried, a resident of Tiffin. Mrs. Fenn died in June, 1839, and in 1840 Amos Fenn married Emeline, widow of Orrin F. Brace, and daughter of Nathan and Lucy (Smith) Jacobs. She was born in Vermont September 30, 1810, and was married at Ithaca, N. Y., to Mr. Brace, who went west, contracted a fever and returned to Milan to die soon after. By that marriage there was one child, George Brace, now of Grand Ledge, Mich. To Amos and Emeline Fenn came two children, who grew to maturity—Nancy, born February 3, 1841, who was married to Joseph Dufran, of Bucyrus, and died February 16, 1892, leaving five children—Charles, George, Allen, Jean and Fred; and A. A.,

subject of this sketch, born September 9, 1848. Amos Fenn remained a resident of Clyde until his death, January 16, 1879. He was buried in Clyde cemetery. He was a man of deep conviction, and was universally admired and respected. For a time after coming to Clyde he operated an old water sawmill on Coon creek, near the village. For a period of eighteen years from 1843 he served as a justice of the peace, and he was also elected township clerk; in politics he was a Republican. For a man of pioneer times he was fairly educated, and in 1844 he was ordained a Methodist minister, during his later years devoting his life almost exclusively to ministerial duties, and his farewell sermon in the M. E. Church attracted one of the largest audiences ever assembled in Clyde. Father Fenn, as he was generally known, delivered more funeral sermons, perhaps, than any other man in Sandusky county, and often left the harvest field to officiate at some burial service. This was purely a labor of love, for all he ever received for these ministrations was one white shirt. It was not alone in the lugubrious aspects of life that he participated, for in disposition he was jovial and generous; he married hundreds of young couples, and his one daughter, Nancy, was among the large number joined in wedlock by him. His widow, at this writing, still survives. She was in early life a member of the Baptist Church, the faith of her parents, but in 1835 joined the M. E. Church at Milan. By letter she, in 1840, became a member of the Clyde Church, and still holds that membership. Somewhat enfeebled by age, she now makes her home with her son, A. A.

Our subject spent his boyhood days in the vicinity of Clyde, and assisted his father on the farm. He was drummer in Company B, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth O. V. I., which did guard service at Fort Ethan Allen during the summer of 1864, and like most of his comrades he

came home broken down in health from his long stay in a malarial locality. In 1876 he was married to Lida Rathbun, who was born in Clyde June 16, 1856, daughter of Franklin and Louisa (Tucker) Rathbun, the former also a native of Clyde, the latter born February 17, 1827, in Lorain, Lorain county. Franklin Rathbun and wife had five children, as follows: Newton, of Clyde; Mary, wife of James Stokes, of Clyde; Amy, wife of John H. Keller, of Pomona, Cal.; Lida; and Burt, of Clyde. A. A. and Lida Fenn have three children: Franklin Amos, Jay Leon and Ethel May. After marriage Mr. Fenn purchased his father's farm, and embarked in the ice and fruit business which he has ever since very successfully conducted; he is thoroughly attached to this industry, which is one of inestimable value to the community in which he lives. He has a fine spring water pond, with gate outlet, used for thoroughly cleansing the pond, which is used for boating in summer. He has sixteen acres in small fruits, three acres of which are devoted to blackberries, the yield increasing every year. In politics Mr. Fenn is a Republican, and in religious belief a Methodist. He is a prominent member of the G. A. R. and of the K. of P.

JOSHUA D. SAMPSEL. The subject of this sketch is well-known in Sandusky county, where he has resided all his life, and especially in Madison township, of which he is one of the prominent and substantial citizens. The story of his life is that of many of the early settlers of Ohio; a boyhood of hard work and privation, with few advantages and still fewer pleasures, but with plenty of grit, earnest endeavor, and stubborn perseverance which have, in the end, lifted him to the level of success and secured for him a competence which en-

ables him to enjoy those privileges of which he was deprived in youth.

Mr. Sampsel was born, September 27, 1849, in the township in which he still makes his home, son of George and Mary (Dick) Sampsel, who came thither from Union county, Penn., in the early days of Ohio, and long before our subject was born. His ancestors on both sides were natives of Pennsylvania, and lived there throughout their lives, with the exception of his maternal grandmother, who accompanied her daughter to her western home and died in Sandusky county. George Sampsel settled on a forty-acre tract of land on which his son Joshua still lives, and which was then covered with a wild growth of timber. He worked assiduously to clear the land and prepare the fields for crops by which to support his little family, but before his task was done his life was crushed out by a log rolling onto him. At the time of this sad event our subject was but two years old, and the other children too young to be of any assistance to their mother. This brave woman took up the heavy burden thus thrown upon her shoulders, and with what she could raise upon the farm, and by weaving carpets, managed to keep the wolf from the door. The family consisted of four children: Sophia, who married William Ickes, a farmer in Madison township (they have one child, Erma); Rebecca, wife of Henry Friar, also a farmer in Madison township (they have three children, a daughter, Minnie—wife of Louis Driftmyer—and two sons, Bertie and Clifford); Joshua D., our subject; and Zephaniah, who died when eighteen years old.

On May 5, 1875, Mr. Sampsel was married to Miss Julia Kingston, who was born May 24, 1858, in Ottawa county, daughter of Henry and Minnie (Socedia) Kingston, farming people, who were of German birth. Their children were seven in number: Minnie, Eliza, Mary, Anna, Julia, Angeline, and one who died in in-

fancy. Since his marriage, Mr. Sampsel has added to his original farm, and now owns 104 acres of valuable land in the center of the oil district. On it he has seven good wells, which bring him in a comfortable monthly income. All the land is cleared with the exception of about thirty acres, which he uses for timber and pasturage. His family consists of six bright children, as follows: Justis, born July 11, 1876; Vernie, born August 4, 1878; Elsworth, born August 28, 1880; Goldie, born April 3, 1884; Mabel, born August 3, 1887, and Arthur R., born October 11, 1894, all at home. Mr. Sampsel has one of the finest and most comfortable homes in the township, and the handsomely furnished rooms are indicative of the excellent taste of its owner. That he stands high in the estimation of his fellow citizens is shown by the various responsible public offices in which he has been placed, he having held the position of school director and road supervisor, and at present that of township trustee. In politics he is a Democrat, and, with his wife, is a member of the Evangelical Church. Mr. Sampsel's father was in sympathy with the principles now held by the Republican party, and served as justice of the peace.

GEORGE W. BAILEY (deceased) was one of the honored pioneers and highly-esteemed citizens of Catawba Island township, Ottawa county. He was a native of Connecticut, born in Danbury, Fairfield county, February 1, 1811, and was a son of William Ward and Anna (Bowton) Bailey, the former of whom served as a soldier in the war of 1812.

In his native city our subject spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and there learned the trades of shoemaker and bricklayer, following the former during the winter months, while through the summer season he worked at the latter.

In 1844 he removed to Ohio, and on May 14 of that year located on Catawba Island (then Van Rensselaer township), when this county was almost an unbroken wilderness. Here he engaged in shoemaking until his death, which occurred March 19, 1848.

At New Fairfield, Conn., January 12, 1835, Mr. Bailey married Miss Mary E. Bearss, a native of New Fairfield, born May 16, 1813, and a daughter of Joseph T. and Annie (Hubble) Bearss, also natives of Fairfield county, Conn. In the war of 1812, her father fought in defense of the stars and stripes, and her grandfathers were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey became the parents of four children: Thomas W., born May 13, 1837, died March 8, 1890; Lorenzo S., born December 24, 1838; Anna A., born August 19, 1840, is the wife of Frank Wonnell, residing in Portage township, Ottawa county; and George O., born October 29, 1843, died March 4, 1890, from hardships incurred while serving in the army. In religious faith the family is identified with the Universalist Church.

LORENZO S. BAILEY, since the death of his father, has looked after the interests of the homestead farm and cared for his mother, who is now one of the oldest living residents of the community, having attained her eighty-second year, is still hale and hearty, and able to attend to her household duties. During her life she has been a great weaver and has woven thousands of yards of rag carpet, prior to which for years she spun the wool and wove the cloth for the family's clothes. In the summer time they wore cotton clothes colored with yellow oak or black walnut bark boiled down to an extract and set with copperas to hold its color. "Our young people of to-day," says Mr. Lorenzo Bailey, "think they have hard times, but they know nothing about hard times. I remember very plainly when our family had nothing but boiled wheat and hulled



Mary E. Bailey



corn to eat. Flour was not made in the county, and was hard to get. I worked many a day for twenty-five cents per day, and the winter I was sixteen I chopped wood for my uncle at fifty cents a cord, and boarded myself. At eighteen I went to learn the carpenter's trade, and for three years worked for almost only my board; then followed fishing for several years, made a little money, bought a piece of land and commenced fruit growing." Lorenzo Bailey is one of the most successful fruit growers of the island, and is held in high esteem by all who know him.

THOMAS P. DEWEY, member of the law firm of Finch & Dewey, and one of the prominent attorneys of Clyde, Sandusky county, was born in Crawford county, Penn., December 27, 1853, son of George and Harriet (Ensign) Dewey.

George Dewey is the descendant of an old Massachusetts family of Scotch extraction. He was born in 1818, and still survives, a resident of Clyde. His wife, who was born in 1822 in Ashtabula county, Ohio, died in 1881. George and Harriet Dewey had six children, all of whom are yet living, as follows: Carlie, wife of Henry Bruning, of Toledo, Ohio; Charles, of Fremont, Ohio; Thomas P.; George, a merchant of Shelby, Mich.; and Hattie and Mattie, twins.

Thomas P. Dewey had not the advantages of a collegiate training, but his education was by no means neglected. He attended the public schools of his native town, afterward the excellent schools at Kelloggsville, Ohio, and he was amply compensated by private study for the absence of extraneous opportunities. In 1876 Mr. Dewey began the study of law at Painesville, Lake Co., Ohio, with the firm of Tinker & Alvord, the following year coming to Clyde, where he continued his studies under Judge John M. Lennon. He was admitted to the bar April 23,

1879, and in the following autumn began practice at Tiffin, about a year later, however, returning to Clyde, where he has ever since continued in active practice. For three years he practiced alone, but in 1883 the firm of Finch & Dewey was formed, and these two attorneys have ever since been very successfully associated in a professional way. Theirs is one of the leading firms in the city, and does an extensive legal business, practicing in all the courts. In politics Mr. Dewey is a strong Republican. He is actively interested in the triumph of the party's principles, and is recognized as one of the county leaders of his party.

On September 9, 1879, Mr. Dewey was married to Miss Jennie Stilwell, and to their union have been born three children: Hattie, Benjamin and Lucy. As a sort of recreation, and to get relaxation from his law practice, Mr. Dewey purchased two farms one mile west of Clyde, and has put them in splendid state of fertilization, and they are very productive, having been thoroughly drained by tiling, etc. On one of these farms Mr. Dewey was so fortunate as to strike a mineral fountain spring, from which constantly flows a stream of nearly five inches in diameter. The waters have great healing and medicinal properties, and are highly prized by the people of the city and surrounding country, the waters being very cold and pure.

RANDALL SPARKS, who with his wife is renowned for his many virtues and exemplary Christian life, is one of the oldest living settlers of York township, Sandusky county. He was born in Fayette county, Penn., January 24, 1814, son of Ephraim L. and Sarah (Cook) Sparks.

Ephraim Sparks was born January 1, 1790, in Fayette county, Penn., whither his father, Isaac Sparks, who was a native of New Jersey, of Welsh ancestry,

had migrated, and there married Anna Lloyd. He followed farming, but also engaged in an early day in the manufacture of glass, in which enterprise, however, he did not meet with the financial success that he had anticipated. Ephraim Sparks, his son, migrated about 1817 with a team and covered wagon to Tuscarawas county, Ohio, with a brother John, locating on a farm in Warren township which had been purchased by their father some years before. Here they remained through life. Ephraim Sparks was twice married. His first wife, Sarah Cook, was born in Pennsylvania July 17, 1794, of old Dutch ancestry. Their seven children were: Randall, subject of this sketch; Thomas, a resident of Boone county, Iowa; David, who was a Lutheran minister, of Carroll county, Ohio; Isaac, of Clyde, Ohio; Elizabeth, who married Samuel Tressel and reared thirteen children, in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, still living at this writing; Annie, who married James McCreary and died in Townsend township; and Mary, who married James Neal and lives in Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland Co., Penn. Mrs. Sparks died September 16, 1828, and Mr. Sparks subsequently married a Mrs. Lappin, by whom he had five children. In politics he was a Democrat. He died March 24, 1871.

Randall Sparks was reared on the farm in Tuscarawas county, attending school for a few months each year when pressing farm work was done. He was an apt pupil, and before his marriage, at the age of twenty-one, he had taught three terms of school. On May 31, 1835, he married Ann Wingate, who was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, November 7, 1818, daughter of Henry and Mary (Bridall) Wingate, both natives of Delaware, who became early settlers of Carroll county, Ohio. Henry Wingate was of English ancestry; his wife was of French parentage. He died at the age of sixty-six years, she dying when Ann, the youngest child, was five weeks old. She

was the mother of fifteen children, twelve of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. Ann (Mrs. Sparks) is now the only survivor of the family. One of her brothers died at the age of eighty-three years, another at the age of eighty-five; the eldest brother, who remained in Delaware, she never saw. After his marriage Randall Sparks settled in Tuscarawas county. He taught another term of school in the winter, and for nearly eight years he remained there, engaged in farming. In the fall of 1842 he came to York township, Sandusky county, and purchasing eighty acres of land on the ridge began to clear it up. In the following spring he removed with his family to the new home, and he has lived there ever since. To Mr. and Mrs. Sparks eight children have been born, only one of whom is now living. They were as follows: (1) Lemuel, born December 8, 1836, enlisted November 9, 1861, in Company B, Seventy-second O. V. I., participated in the battle of Shiloh, and died of typhoid fever near Corinth, Miss., May 16, 1862, after two days' illness. (2) Catherine, born July 8, 1839, died January 5, 1858. (3) Albert, born November 26, 1841, died May 31, 1861. (4) Leslie E., born March 21, 1844, joined Company M of the First Ohio Heavy Artillery, and was drowned in the Tennessee river, near Loudon, Tenn., June 2, 1864. With others he had been ordered to guard a railroad bridge, and while they were crossing the river the canoe capsized and he was drowned. (5) Melissa, born January 13, 1847, died November 6, 1869. (6) Elinda Jane, born September 16, 1850, died April 25, 1872. (7) Wilbur L., born February 27, 1854, was married June 11, 1890, to Alice Jarvis, by whom he had one child, born June 5, 1891. Wilbur L. died May 24, 1893. (8) Ella Belle, born June 15, 1859, at home.

In politics Mr. Sparks was an Old-line Whig, casting his first vote for that

party in 1836. He was an earnest anti-slavery man, and when the Free-Soil party was organized he readily adopted its principles. A little later he helped to organize the Republican party in Sandusky county. When attending a convention of that party in Fremont he tried to secure the introduction in the county platform of a declaration "That the traffic in intoxicating drinks is a curse and ought to be prohibited by law." This resolution was rejected by the convention, and Mr. Sparks withdrew from the party and has since voted with the Prohibition cause. He has been a Church member for fifty-six years. They celebrated their golden wedding in 1885, and few if any residents in Sandusky county have been blessed with a married life of a duration as long as theirs. Both he and his faithful and devoted wife are hale and hearty at this writing.

ORLIN W. HARRISON. In the tense strife and activity of modern times the man who excels in any field of action is necessarily endowed either with superior natural abilities or with a surpassing will. The men who are best respected hold their good name because of personal character, which is the resultant of inherited qualities and the efforts of will. Some men rise from the masses with no traceable ancestry of notable quality; but perhaps there are more whose prominence is easily explained by ancestral traits. Pioneer life breeds a stronger, more enduring race of men than a city housing. The mental life of Orlin W. Harrison has been marked by unusual activities, and he has proved to be well fitted for these conditions.

His ancestry, paternally, stretches back through records and parchment to the sixteenth century, and all the links in the genealogy have been landowners. His great-grandfather, William Marks Harrison, of New Jersey, was a descend-

ant of John Harrison, an early settler of Plymouth Rock, and the supposed ancestor, also, of President Harrison. Orlin W. Harrison was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., October 4, 1844, son of William Marks and Adaline (Wright) Harrison. William Marks Harrison was born in Galway, N. Y., March 9, 1809, son of James and Clarinda (Rose) Harrison. James Harrison was born in Trenton, N. J., September 9, 1779; Clarinda Rose was born in Windsor, Vt., October 8, 1782. After marriage they settled, in the spring of 1814, in Galway, N. Y., and removed to Chautauqua county in May, 1827. Here, at Panama, James Harrison died, January 12, 1858; his wife died September 24, 1853. William Marks Harrison was seventeen years old when he moved with his parents to Chautauqua county. There he purchased 120 acres of land from the Holland Land Co., and there engaged in farming until the spring of 1845, when he came to Ohio, purchasing eighty acres of land a half mile east of Clyde, on the Maumee and Western Reserve pike, a part of the old McPherson farm. His wife, whom he married July 4, 1836, was born April 2, 1816, in Avon, N. Y., daughter of Eli and Martha (Bullard) Wright, who migrated from Massachusetts. The fathers of Eli and Martha Wright both served in the Revolutionary war. Martha's father was, with two companions, taken prisoner by Indians. The savages painted the two companions black, which meant death; Mr. Bullard, however, was favored with a coat of red paint, which signified adoption. He witnessed the death of his two companions, who were burned at the stake. A squaw befriended him, and while the Indian war was still in progress aided him in escaping. Eli Wright was a soldier of the war of 1812. In 1845 he migrated from New York to Clyde, Ohio, where he lived until his death, which occurred when he was seventy-five years old. He was the father of seven chil-

dren, all of whom came to Ohio, married and reared families.

William Marks Harrison resided on his farm east of Clyde until 1865, when he moved to that city. For over thirty years he was deputy sheriff of Sandusky county. He was the first high priest of Clyde Chapter No. 90, Royal Arch Masons, the first worshipful master of Monticello Lodge No. 244, F. & A. M., Clyde, also the first thrice illustrious master of Morton Council No. 38, Royal & Select Masters, and was a member of Erie Commandery No. 23, Knights Templar, of Sandusky. In politics he was an active Democrat, and while not a Church member led an exemplary moral life, religiously eschewing oaths, tobacco and intoxicating drinks. He had three children: Helen, for many years a school teacher, and still living at the old home; Orlin W., subject of this sketch; and Viola, wife of Eugene Mathews, and the mother of two children, Maggie and Pearl, of whom Maggie is the wife of Russell Mugg and has one child, Madeline. William Marks Harrison died, December 4, 1884; his widow died March 18, 1895, at Clyde. She was an active church goer and a highly-esteemed lady.

Orlin W. Harrison was educated at Clyde, and at the age of seventeen, October 12, 1861, enlisted in Company A, Seventy-second O. V. I. The regiment was assigned to the army of the Tennessee, and participated in the battle of Shiloh. Mr. Harrison was taken sick after the battle with typhoid fever, and lay in the hospital tent at Shiloh, Tenn., until removed to Cincinnati, in May. He was unconscious all the way up the river, and after remaining two days at Cincinnati was sent home on a thirty-days' furlough, afterward extended to sixty-days. Returning to Camp Chase in July, the board of examining surgeons discharged him from further service, despite his remonstrance. He was sick all through the fall. In the spring of 1863 he entered

the Law Department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, but the war spirit was in his veins, and returning home he enlisted in the Fiftieth O. N. G., and was elected second sergeant of Company B. The imperfectly formed regiment did drill work during the summer and winter, and in the spring of 1864 went into active service as the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Ohio National Guard Infantry. From Washington city it was ordered on guard duty at Fort Ethan Allen, where it remained all summer. Returning to Camp Cleveland, the regiment was discharged, September 4, 1864. During the following winter Mr. Harrison procured a recruiting commission, and recruited a portion of a company for the One Hundred and Ninety-eight O. V. I., until receiving orders in February, 1865, to stop further enlistments. For two years the young soldier remained at home, then in 1867 entered a department of railroad service which requires endurance and close application. He became a messenger for the Merchants Union Express Co., between Dayton and Cincinnati, and on various other western runs. In this service he remained two years, and was then for six years messenger for the United States Express Co., between Cleveland and Toledo, between Sandusky and Newark, between Cleveland and Sharon, Penn., between Columbus and Indianapolis and between Columbus and Chicago. He was also sent out at various times to relieve agents, and had charge of offices at Elyria, Monroeville and Tiffin. For four years—from 1876 to 1880—he traveled for Weideman Stetson & Co., wholesale liquor dealers, and in 1883 entered the Lake Shore freight office at Clyde, and has been with that company ever since, excepting three years when he was clerk in Judge Lemmon's office. He is now billing clerk for the Lake Shore and Big Four joint office.

In politics Mr. Harrison has been a lifelong Republican. At the age of

twenty-one he became a member of Monticello Lodge, F. & A. M., and has taken all the degrees. He is a member of Morton Council No. 38, Clyde, and of Erie Commandery No. 23, K. T., since 1877. He was secretary of the committee which arranged for the McPherson monument unveiling, and in that capacity corresponded with President Garfield, James G. Blaine and other celebrities, entertaining some of them at his home.

In 1870 he was married to Anna L. Brown, a native of Tiffin, and daughter of Abordas Brown, who was born in Tompkins county, N. Y., and when a young man migrated to Tiffin, Ohio, where he married Miss Mary A. Taylor, and became one of the proprietors of the Tiffin Woolen Mills; he died in 1866. Orlin W. and Anna L. Harrison have one child, Clara. In manners Mr. Harrison is genial and sociable. He possesses a rare fund of information, and is a gifted conversationalist. He would have been an attorney but for the war excitement during his early manhood. He is popular in the community at Clyde, and ranks with that city's most highly esteemed citizens.

FRANK M. INMAN is numbered among the leading educators of Sandusky county. He was born December 25, 1855, in Scott township, where he still resides, and is a son of Benjamin and Eliza (Jennings) Inman. His father was born in New Jersey, in 1817, made farming his life work, and became one of the pioneer settlers of Sandusky county more than half a century ago. Here he entered a claim, transforming the wild land into a rich and fertile farm, which our subject has recently sold. His wife was born in New York in 1820, and they became the parents of these children: Mrs. Amanda Putnam, of Middleville, Mich.; Mrs. Annette Shiverly; Brazilla; Mary, wife of William Bates; Benjamin, deceased; Mrs. Eldo-

rado Fousy; Mrs. Alfarette Ralph; Frank, subject of this sketch; and Mrs. Candace Shawl. The great-grandparents were from England.

Our subject acquired his early education in the district schools of his native township, after which he pursued his studies in the Fremont High School, and the Ohio University, at Columbus. He was therefore well fitted for the profession of teacher, and has become one of the most successful educators of Sandusky county. In 1892 he was appointed to the county board of examiners of teachers of Sandusky county, and at the present time is clerk of the Sandusky county School Examiners; has held other positions of public trust, having served for some time in the capacity of clerk of Scott township. He is a very progressive man, a supporter of the advanced ideas of modern education, and has done much to raise the standard of schools in his locality.

On Christmas Day, 1875, Mr. Inman married Miss Dellia V. Ernsberger, of Fremont, Ohio, a daughter of John and Martha (Long) Ernsberger. Her father was born in Maryland, in 1836, her mother in Sandusky county, Ohio, in 1840, and their marriage was celebrated in 1858. They now have three children: (1) Vernon, born in 1867, married to Lula Halter, and they have two children; they reside in Fremont, where he is engaged in the printing business; (2) Juniata, born in 1873, is the wife of Ralph Parke, of Ohio, and they have one child; and (3) Mrs. Inman, who was born January 4, 1860, and was educated in the district schools and in Fremont. Her paternal great-grandmother was born about 1783, died in 1870, and her paternal grandparents, Michael and Sarah (Gear) Long, were natives of Ohio, the former born in 1817, the latter in 1819; his death occurred in 1892. Of their six children five are now living.

In 1875 Mr. and Mrs. Inman located on a farm which they have just recently

sold to an oil company of Fremont, several good oil wells having been located on the place. They have since resided in Scott township, Sandusky county, with the exception of two years, when Mr. Inman was teaching in Martin, Ottawa county. They have one son, B. M., who was born May 10, 1877, and obtained his early education in the district schools, after which he pursued a course in the Fremont High School. In 1894 he commenced teaching in Rollersville, Sandusky county, and is now engaged in the oil business near his home. Frank M. Inman, the subject proper of this review, is one of the ablest educators in this section of the State. He is a man of broad general information, and has the happy faculty of imparting readily and clearly to others his knowledge. He also wins the respect of his scholars, and this, combined with his superior talent, has made his career one of success.

DAVID W. BOWE. About a half century ago, when Scott township, Sandusky county, was an almost unbroken wilderness, before roads were made or oil wells dreamed of, there settled on the now Greensburg pike, about two miles from the present village of Bradner, a gentleman by the name of George Bowe, and his wife, Catherine (Wegstein). Since that time the tract of land which he secured has been known as the "Bowe homestead." These honored pioneer people reared a family of six sons, five of whom are living, and are numbered among the most prominent citizens of the township, worthy representatives of the name. They are possessors of fine homes and extensive business interests, and are highly esteemed by all.

The subject of this sketch is the youngest of the five sons. Like his brothers, he was born on the farm which he now owns, the date of his birth being November 10, 1847. There is a marked

contrast between the farm as it appears to-day and that of half a century ago. The giant trees have fallen, and in their place, towering skyward, are the oil derricks. The old log house, in which the sons of our subject, as well as himself, were born, still stands and is well preserved. In front of this, however, is a modern residence, large and commodious, supplied with many comforts and conveniences. Mr. Bowe was educated in the district schools, and then took a trip through Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, returning after nearly a year. He next entered the Fremont High School, and on the completion of a two-years' course of study taught one term in a district school. In his mercantile career he began as a clerk in a jewelry store in Fremont, but on account of poor health he was obliged to abandon his labors in that direction, and employed himself in teaching for several terms.

On November 28, 1872, Mr. Bowe married Martha P. Lansdale, of Scott township, Sandusky county, who was born April 13, 1851, and is the only child of Rezin Addison and Martha (Moore) Lansdale. Her father was born April 7, 1827, her mother December 19, 1833, and their marriage was celebrated June 27, 1850. Mrs. Bowe's maternal grandfather, Elisha Moore, was born December 27, 1809, and died in September, 1892. He married Phæbe Smith, who was born May 8, 1807, and is still living. Her father, Randall Smith, was born in 1779, and served in the war of 1812. He wedded Martha Crow, who was born about 1780, and was one of seventeen children. By her marriage she became the mother of thirteen children, three of whom are now living. Randall Smith was noted as a humorist. On one occasion he was present at a gathering, and remarked that he had a white Crow. This seemed such an improbability that his friends were rather inclined to question his statement, whereon he remarked: "If you will accompany

me home I will prove to you I am a truthful man." This his friends concluded to do, and on reaching home he presented his wife, whose maiden name was Crow. They at once saw the joke, and joined with Mr. Smith in his hearty laugh at their expense. Mr. and Mrs. Moore were the parents of six children: Daniel W., born September 18, 1830; Charity Ann, born January 15, 1832, became Mrs. Braden, and died March 26, 1878; Mrs. Martha Lansdale, who died April 27, 1851; Mrs. Rachel Jane Edwards, born November 4, 1836; Mrs. Alvina Shively; and Mrs. Minerva Angus.

Mrs. Bowe was educated in the high school of Fremont, and at Milan, Ohio, and became a teacher of recognized ability in Sandusky county. She is a lady of culture and refinement, and has been to her husband a faithful companion and helpmeet. They began their domestic life on the farm which is still their home, and to them have come three children: Agnes Estella, born January 8, 1876, died August 25, 1877; Hugh H., born January 19, 1880, now assisting his father in the oil business; and Warren W., born May 31, 1881.

After his marriage, Mr. Bowe engaged in farming and the dairy business, meeting with excellent success in his undertaking. About 1890 a new industry was established in this section of the country. Oil was found, and a few wells were producing quite fair returns. Our subject had many chances to lease his land to oil companies, but always declined. In March, 1895, he decided to find out if there was oil upon his farm, and accordingly sunk a well near the center of his land. It proved very profitable, and there has since been a steady yield. He has now sunk the sixth well, and from the oil business he is deriving a good income, and will continue to sink wells as long as practicable. In addition to his other interests, he has for some years been the owner of a fine apiary,

keeping some fifty-five colonies of bees.

In politics, Mr. Bowe is a Democrat, and has served as trustee of Scott township for two years, as justice of the peace six years, and was president of the board of education for several years. He is devoted to the best interests of the community, and no one is more deserving of the high regard in which he is universally held than David Bowe, a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family.

WILLIAM MAURER, a retired farmer, of Fremont, Sandusky county, is a native of Ballville township, that county, where he grew to manhood and received a common-school education.

When the Civil war broke out Mr. Maurer enlisted August 7, 1862, at Fremont, in Company K, One Hundredth Regiment O. V. I., which was assigned to the First Brigade, Second Division, Twenty-third Army Corps. At Limestone Station the enemy were about two thousand strong, under Gen. Jackson, while the Union forces numbered only three hundred, under Lt.-Col. Hayes. Like Spartans they held the Rebels at bay from 12 M. to 4 P. M., when they were surrounded, and all but one man taken prisoners. They were sent to Libby Prison, at Richmond, Va., for a few days, and then to Belle Isle, where they remained for six months, suffering great hardships and privations. In March, 1864, they were paroled and sent by way of Annapolis and Baltimore, Md., to Columbus, Ohio. Having recovered somewhat from the infirmities contracted at Belle Isle, Mr. Maurer was again sent to the front. He afterward took part in the battles of Columbia and Franklin, Tenn., and in the campaign under Gen. Cox against Gen. Morgan. On November 20, 1864, he was wounded in the wrist by a minie ball at the battle of Franklin, and he

walked to Nashville, a distance of twenty-five miles, to the hospital, before having his wound dressed. After a few days he was sent to the hospital at Covington, Ky., and thence on a furlough of twenty days home, which was extended to forty days, when he returned to the hospital and remained until May 23, 1865, when he was mustered out. With the exception of the time he was in prisons and in hospitals, he was with his regiment in all its marches and engagements, during two years and ten months of service. He is a member of Manville Moore Post, 525, G. A. R., Fremont, Ohio.

After the war Mr. Maurer returned to his father's home in Ballville township and resumed farming. On September 3, 1865, he married Miss Eliza J. Worst, who was born in Ballville township December 7, 1845, daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Parks) Worst. Mr. Maurer built a fine farm residence on his excellent farm adjoining that of his father, and followed agricultural pursuits about fifteen years. He then moved to Fremont to give his children better opportunities for education, and for three years carried on a grocery store on Buckland avenue. The children of William and Eliza J. Maurer were: Lilly L., born March 6, 1867, was married April 16, 1888, to E. A. Adams, and died May 16, 1889; they had one child, Charles H., who died in infancy. Delphin B., born September 1, 1868, who graduated from the Oberlin Business College, and is now freight solicitor for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad at Toledo, Ohio. Orpheus C., born September 21, 1871, who attended Fremont schools and a few terms at Oberlin College, then took a position in the Fremont Savings Bank, about five years, and is now traveling salesman for the Capewell Horse Shoe Nail Co.

Isaac Maurer, father of our subject, was born in Chester county, Penn., January 2, 1809, came to Ashland county, Ohio, when a boy, and became a skillful

farm hand. In Wayne county, Ohio, he married Miss Mary Ann Ernsperger, and in 1834 moved to Ballville township, Sandusky county, where he cleared up a large farm and reared a family of children. He was a Republican in politics, and in religion a member of the Reformed Church. His death occurred October 31, 1893. His wife was born in Maryland in 1812, and died in Sandusky county in 1879. They had eight children, six of whom grew to maturity: Martin, who was a soldier in the Civil war, serving in Company H, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment O. V. I., and who now lives in Nebraska; Emanuel, a retired farmer and capitalist, at Springfield, Mo.; William, our subject; Eli B., who is a minister of the United Brethren Church, in Springfield, Illinois; Jane, wife of H. C. Smith, of Ballville township; and Owen L., a farmer, who lives on the old Maurer homestead.

CASPER MOLITOR, a fruit grower and wine manufacturer of Danbury township, Ottawa county, was born in Rhenish Prussia, Germany, July 30, 1828, and is a son of Joseph and Katrina (Cleis) Molitor, also natives of Germany, who passed away in the Fatherland, the former about the year 1887, the latter in 1866. In their family were eleven children, and those who still survive are John Joseph, who since 1894 has resided in Chicago; Wentzel, a resident of St. Louis, Mo.; Catherina Miller, living in Germany; Marie Josephine, wife of Henry Spay, a resident of Bloomington, Ill.; and Moritz, who is still living in the Fatherland.

The gentleman, whose name introduces this record, was reared to manhood in his native land, and acquired his education in the common schools. His father was a contractor and builder, and in the days of his early manhood he acted as



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overseer of his father's business. In 1849, on account of the Revolution then in progress there, he left his own country for France, and made his home in the Province of Loraine some two years. He then determined to try his fortune in America, and in 1851 crossed the Atlantic to New York, where he resided three years. A similar period he spent in Wisconsin, and in 1857 he settled in Cincinnati, where for a time he was engaged in the leather business which pursuit he had previously followed in Springfield, Ohio. In 1869 he returned to Germany, and there remained three years. In 1872 he again took up his residence in Cincinnati, and in 1873 removed to Sandusky, Erie county, Ohio, spending the succeeding four years of his life in that place, engaged in the manufacture of wine. In 1877 he purchased his present place of business, and erected the winery which he now owns, and which is one of the largest in the county, with a cask capacity of 150,000 gallons. He conducts his affairs on strict business principles, and is meeting with excellent success in his undertakings, deriving therefrom a good income.

Mr. Molitor has been twice married: first time to Mrs. Katrina Hemish, widow of Edward Hemish, the wedding being celebrated in Cincinnati. This lady died August 24, 1877, and in 1881 Mr. Molitor was again married, this time in Buffalo, N. Y., to Josephine, daughter of Mathias and Margaret Molitor, natives of the Rhenish Province in Germany, the former of whom has passed away, and the latter is now making her home in New Orleans. To our subject and his wife have been born five children, three of whom are living: Bertha Mina, born January 8, 1884; Theresa Josephine, born March 21, 1885; and Marguiretta, born January 12, 1889.

In his political views, Mr. Molitor is a Republican, having supported that party since 1856, becoming an American citizen,

and in its growth and success he takes a deep interest. Socially he is connected with Castle Rock Lodge, No. 21, Knights of G. R., of Lakeside.

PHILIP MICHAELS, retired agriculturist, now residing in Fremont, Sandusky county, was born November 10, 1840, in Fairfield county, Ohio, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Hutchins) Michaels, who were of Pennsylvania-German descent. Their children were: Jesse, John, Jackson, Sarah Jane, Philip, Thomas, James, Susan, and three who died in childhood.

Jesse Michaels was three times married: First to a Miss Carr; then to Miss Ritter, by whom he had three children—Hannah, Jemima and Martha; and, finally, to Miss Margaret Duncan, by whom he had one son—John. John Michaels, son of Isaac, married Miss Mary Miner, in Hancock county, Ohio; he went as a soldier in the Civil war, from Findlay, Ohio, in the Fifty-seventh Regiment, O. V. I. Jackson Michaels married Miss Hoover, and lives at Green Spring, Ohio; they have three children: LeRoy, Richard, and a daughter; he was a soldier in a New York regiment during the Civil war, serving as a teamster, and died in the service. James Michaels married a Miss Ritter, by whom he had one son; he also was a Union soldier in the Civil war, in the Forty-ninth Regiment, O. V. I., and died soon after his return home. Sarah Jane Michaels married Richard Bigelow, who followed various occupations; he was for a few years street commissioner at Oak Harbor, Ohio; they had four children: Mary Ann, Samuel, Samantha and Emma. Thomas Michaels, farmer, lived in Sandusky county, from where he enlisted, in 1862, in the Seventy-second Regiment, O. V. I.; he died after the battle of Shiloh, while on his way to Cincinnati, where he was buried; he had one son, William. Susan Michaels married

George Losey, of Oak Harbor, and is now living in Michigan; they have one son, Willie.

Philip Michaels, our subject, lived in Fairfield county, Ohio, with his parents, until he was about twelve years old, when he removed with them to Hancock county. Here he worked upon a farm and attended a few terms of school. When he was seventeen years of age his father died, and he soon after moved to Seneca county, to live with his brother Jackson. Eight months later he went to work for Mr. Jacob Bechtel, in a sawmill on Green creek in Sandusky county, remaining there two years, and then went to work for Jacob Strohl, one of the pioneers of Ballville township, at clearing a strip of land north of his residence. He afterward worked for other farmers of that vicinity, until, by prudence, economy and good management, he was able to purchase a farm of his own. He was married, June 24, 1860, to Miss Martha Batzole, who was born October 27, 1840, daughter of John and Sarah (Ernsberger) Batzole. Mr. Michaels worked on rented farms until 1871, when he bought the McGormley farm, in Ballville township, on which they lived about twenty years, erecting a fine residence now occupied by his son William. About the year 1890 the family removed to Fremont, Ohio. Mr. Michaels and his wife have been members of the Mt. Lebanon U. B. Church, Ballville township, but now belong to the M. E. Church, Fremont. He is a member of the Patrons of Industry.

The children of Philip and Martha Michaels, born in Ballville township, are: Ida Cordelia, James William, George Franklin, Chauncey Adelphus, Cora Lavada, Berton Ellsworth, Ray Clifton, and Ernest LeRoy. Of these Ida C. Michaels married Douglass Morrison, son of John Morrison, on January 30, 1879, and their children are Ettie Estelle, Lottie Lavada, Harry James, Edith May, Hazel Bell, Arthur Lee and Ruth. James W.

Michaels married Miss Minerva Belle Keiser on May 25, 1889, and they live on the Michaels homestead; their children are Carl S. and Arthur. George Franklin Michaels, a farmer, was married November 26, 1889, to Miss Minnie, daughter of Charles and Emma (Smith) Hampshire; she took sick while at the World's Fair in Chicago, Ill., and died at home September 1, 1893. Chauncey Michaels, unmarried, lives with his parents at Fremont, Ohio; he has been successful as a traveling salesman, and represented the Clauss Shear Company, of Fremont, Ohio, at the World's Fair, Chicago, 1893. Cora Lavada Michaels married Arthur H. Swank, January 26, 1893, at Fremont, Ohio, their present residence; they had a son, Howard Michaels Swank, who died July 26, 1895, aged one year, seven months and ten days.

REV. PAUL RAETHER, pastor of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church in Woodville township, Sandusky county, was born in Prussia, Germany, June 4, 1850, and is a son of Fred and Minnie (Arndt) Raether, who never came to America, but lived and died in their native land. Fred Raether was born April 18, 1814, and was a teacher of the German Lutheran doctrine.

Rev. Paul Raether was one of eleven children, four of whom came to America. Bertha died here, and Ida, Emily and Paul are still living. Our subject came to this country in 1866, prepared to follow in the footsteps of his father. Having received a very thorough education his prospects were bright, and to-day he occupies a position which shows how well he has improved his opportunities. After a pleasant voyage across the Atlantic he landed in New York City, and from there went direct to Buffalo, N. Y., where he remained two weeks, going thence to Detroit, Mich., and from there to Monroe,

Mich., where he accepted his first position as a teacher in the German Lutheran school. After that he entered upon a classical and theological course in the University at Columbus, Ohio, where he remained seven long years, graduating from the college in 1872, and from the theological seminary in 1875.

On October 21, 1875, Rev. Paul Raether was united in marriage with Anna C. Kessler, and four children have been born to them, as follows: Federick, December 9, 1876; George, November 9, 1879; Marie, March 16, 1882; and Carl, May 12, 1884. Mrs. Raether is a daughter of Henry and Margaret Kessler, of Columbus, Ohio, the former of whom was a wagon maker. From Columbus Rev. Mr. Raether went to North Lima, in Beaver township, Mahoning Co., Ohio, where he took charge of two congregations, having been ordained to the ministry on leaving Columbus. He remained at Lima seven years, when he was called to take charge of a missionary post at Steubenville, Jefferson Co., Ohio, in which capacity he remained some six years, at the end of that time, in 1887, coming to Woodville, Sandusky county, to accept a position as professor in the Teachers' Seminary. In January, 1888, Rev. Mr. Cronenwett died, and the congregation resolved to have the vacancy filled by Dr. Stinemann and by Rev. Mr. Raether. On March 28, 1888, Rev. Paul Raether was chosen sole minister of the congregation, accepting the call on condition that he be allowed to continue as professor in the seminary until June, 1888. This was granted him, and on April 29, 1888, he was installed by the president of the Synod. He is a faithful and earnest worker, and is much beloved. This congregation, of which he is pastor, consists of over 200 families, 250 voting members and 500 communicants, and has a parochial school in Woodville of over 100 pupils, with two teachers. Politically our subject is a Democrat.

GROVER FAMILY. Few citizens of Sandusky county have a genealogical record so complete as has Enos Grover, of Clyde, one of the most prominent and influential farmers of Green Creek township. Few citizens have more successfully engaged in agricultural and kindred pursuits, and few have left a deeper impression for the weal of the commonwealth than he.

Steven Grover is the recognized ancestor of the family in America, and the fact that the President of the United States was christened Steven Grover Cleveland indicates his affinity to the family. Steven Grover, the elder, was a resident of Stoneham, Mass., early in the seventeenth century. He was the parent of John Grover and the grandparent of Steven Grover (second), who was the great-grandfather of Enos, subject of this sketch. Steven Grover (2) was born September 30, 1725, and married Miriam Cady, who was born July 10, 1728, and whose mother was Elizabeth Winters, an Irish girl. Steven Grover (2) died June 28, 1798; his wife April 5, 1803.

Joseph Grover, their son, was born October 29, 1764, at West Gloucester, R. I. He was married to his second cousin, Mehetabel Gould, who was born October 13, 1766, in Killingly, Windham Co., Conn., daughter of Capt. Thomas and Ruth (Bateman) Gould. (Alice Grover, sister of Steven Grover (2), was the mother of Ruth Bateman.) Capt. Thomas Gould was born June 23, 1738, and died in 1807. His wife, Ruth Bateman, was born September 10, 1744, and died in 1825. The eight children of Capt. Thomas and Ruth Gould were as follows: Sarah, born May 25, 1765, married Timothy Baker; Mehitabel, who married Joseph Grover; Eunice, born January 23, 1769, married Cromwell Bennett; Ruth, born March 23, 1771, married Steven Grover, a brother of Joseph Grover; Phoebe, born March 21, 1773, married Samuel Grover, cousin of Joseph (both are buried in Ball-

ville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio); Thomas, born March 17, 1775, married Elde Egberson; Annie, born March 8, 1781, married Calvin Goodrich; Ruby, born July 18, 1783, married Peter Surdam, who was born February 20, 1775, and she died in Russell township, Geauga Co., Ohio, at an advanced age.

After marriage Joseph and Mehitabel Grover settled in Granville township, Washington Co., N. Y., and later removed to Cayuga county, N. Y., where Joseph was farmer, merchant and proprietor of an ashery and distillery, all at the same time. He was a man of great energy and large business capacity, and died in 1811. His wife died September 4, 1855, in Willoughby, Lake Co., Ohio, at the age of ninety-three, of dysentery, which as an epidemic also carried off, within six weeks, her other brother, Thomas Gould, and several of the kin. To the union of Joseph and Mehitabel Grover were born thirteen children, as follows: (1) Rachel, born March 23, 1785, was married in 1802 to Silas Chatfield, afterward a captain in the war of 1812. He became a prominent citizen of Crawford county, Ohio, giving his name to a township, and later moved with his family to McHenry county, Ill., where Mrs. Chatfield lived to the age of eighty-six years. (2) Luther, father of Enos, born February 6, 1787, in Greenfield, Washington Co., N. Y., and died June 12, 1877, at the home of his son Enos, near Clyde. (3) Mehitabel, born March 28, 1789, and became the wife of Wheeler Sperry; they resided for sixty years in Painesville, Ohio, where they both died. (4) Joseph, born May 19, 1791, died October 31, 1835. (5) Miriam, born April 20, 1793, died August 15, 1793. (6) Edna, born June 9, 1794, died April 2, 1796. (7) Stephen, born February 25, 1797, died January 16, 1843. (8) Hannah, born July 16, 1799, married Noah Warden, February 14, 1821, died January 13, 1827. (9) Asa, born March 16,

1802, died at Bellevue, December 29, 1855. (10) Charles, born January 9, 1804, died at Willoughby, Lake county, October 6, 1886. (11) Parma, born April 15, 1806, died about 1870. (12) Maria, born May 22, 1808, married Charles Cummings, of Geauga county, and died in the summer of 1880 in Marengo township, McHenry Co., Ill. (13) Ira, born July 21, 1810, was run over by a sleigh and killed February 19, 1813.

Luther Grover was reared in Cayuga county, N. Y., and was married January 31, 1808, to Nancy Nettleton, who was born in New Haven, Conn., July 2, 1792. They remained in Cayuga county, N. Y., until 1818, then migrated to a wilderness home in what is now Willoughby township, Lake Co., Ohio. Here Luther lived to the age of ninety years, four months and five days; his wife died at the age of sixty-three years, ten months and nine days. The seven children of Luther and Nancy Grover were Sheldon, born December 10, 1809, died October 13, 1823; Joseph N., born July 11, 1811, died August 14, 1892; Grace, born June 12, 1816, married Rev. R. Storm, February 13, 1839, died July 16, 1883; Enos, subject of this sketch, born November 25, 1818, the first child of the family born in Ohio; Rachel, born January 24, 1821, married Hiram Fox, died in 1883; Mary Ann, born July 1, 1825, died March 7, 1846; and Dewitt, born April 12, 1828, died in May, 1889.

ENOS GROVER was born in Lake county, Ohio, was reared on his father's farm, and was married, January 11, 1842, to Miss Sarah Swart. She was born in Oneida county, N. Y., February 28, 1823. For two years after marriage he lived in Lake county, then in 1844 moved by ox-team to McHenry county, Ill. Two years later, on the death of his sister, he returned with his family to Ohio, and for fifteen months worked at stave-making. Then in 1847 he removed to Green Creek township, near Clyde, pur-

chasing a portion of the land which he now owns. He lived for a time in a small house built of boards, and in 1862 erected his present home. His first wife died October 13, 1877, leaving six children, as follows: (1) Louisa Jennett, born February 23, 1843, married Silas P. Leach, and had nine children—Leroy, Cynthia, Sarah, Mary, Zenas, Hattie, Lou Enos, Arvada, and Clyde—of whom Mary died at the age of three months; Hattie died about seventeen years ago at the age of seven years, and Clyde is also deceased; Zenas is married, and has had three children—Frank, Mary and Arthur. (2) Eugene P., born September 11, 1846, married first to Vestal Seger, by whom he had two children—Enos and Morna, the latter being now Mrs. Mumford, and the mother of one child; after the death of his first wife Eugene P. married Miss Lena Donings, by whom he has had five children—Hattie, Mervin, Mabel, Maud and Sibyl. Eugene P. is a street builder in Chicago. (3) Mary Ann, born January 29, 1849, married Samuel George, and died July 9, 1883, leaving four children—Bertha, wife of Rev. John Wagoner, of Michigan; Claudius, Floyd and Elsie. (4) Luther Conrad, born January 1, 1855, married Belle Meek, and has one child, Robert. (5) Nancy, born August 30, 1858, married W. C. Schellhammer, and is the mother of three children—Edith (deceased at the age of two years), Carlton and Sarah. (6) William E., born November 20, 1860, married Lizzie Seely, and has had two children—Mabel (deceased) and John, the last named now (November, 1895) two and a half years old.

The second wife of Enos Grover was Mrs. Mahala E. Davis, widow of Gursham Davis (to whom she was wedded April 29, 1856), and daughter of John Lloyd. She was born in Northumberland county, Penn., in 1831, of German ancestry. When she was three months old her father died, and her mother subsequently

moved to Delaware county, Ohio. After her mother's death she lived with Quakers and attended a Quaker school. On June 25, 1850, she first wedded Dr. Nelson Wyatt Clifton, who died in 1852. By her second marriage she had one child—Frank Lloyd Davis, a resident of Peru, Ind., who is married and has two children, Wayne and Ralph.

Mr. Grover has been one of the most prosperous farmers of Sandusky county, and now owns over 400 acres of excellent land. He formerly owned farms in Canada and in Illinois. He is a man of broad intelligence, and wide general information. He was acquainted with the early pioneers of Sandusky county, most of whom have now passed away, and he knew intimately their character and winning traits. His standing in the community for integrity is the highest, and the pure motives and purposes of his life have ever been unquestioned.

CYRUS L. HARNDEN, M. D., one of the most popular and successful physicians of Clyde, Sandusky county, a graduate of the regular school, is a native of the county. He was born January 22, 1850, on his father's farm, situated one and a half miles south of Clyde, and is a son of Jonathan and Nancy (Smith) Harnden.

Jonathan Harnden was born in New York State in 1813 of English paternal ancestry, his mother being of Irish birth. Nancy Smith was also a native of the Empire State, descended from an English family. Jonathan migrated from New York to Ohio, and settled on a farm in Huron county which he cleared. About 1850 he removed from Huron county to a farm south of Clyde, where he remained, a prosperous farmer and an influential citizen, until his death, which occurred when he was aged sixty-five years. To Jonathan and Nancy Harnden were born eight children: Two died in infancy;

Hosea, of Bellevue, Ohio; Kneeland, an ex-soldier of the Civil war, living at Clyde; Smith, a farmer at Rising Sun, Wood county; Alexander, marshal of Clyde; Cyrus L.; and May, deceased.

The foundation for his thorough education Dr. Harnden received in the common schools. Subsequently he attended Wooster University, at Wooster, and later entered the Medical Department of that institution, at Cleveland, graduating in the class of 1875, his preceptor being the well-known Dr. C. G. Eaton. In 1883 he received his *ad eundem* degree from Western Reserve College. Dr. Harnden began his medical practice in Clyde the year before his post-graduation, and he has remained there ever since. By his strong natural endowments and his thorough acquirements in medical science he has built up a splendid practice, quite the maximum even for one of his activity and endurance. He is a member of the Sandusky County Medical Society, and, socially, is prominent in the Masonic Lodge. In politics he is a Republican. The Doctor was married in 1887 to Miss Anna C. Hawk, and they have two children—Robert Lee and Charles Justin.

FRANCIS GNEPPER, whose entire life has been passed in Sandusky county, was born in Rice township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, May 12, 1859, and is of German lineage. His father, Ernest Gnepper, was a native of Germany, coming thence to America, and to Ohio, taking up his residence in Rice township, Sandusky county, where he carried on agricultural pursuits the rest of his life. He died February 22, 1891, at the age of sixty-seven years, and was laid to rest in Lindsey Cemetery. His wife's maiden name was Mary Friar.

In the family were five children, a brief record of whom is as follows: (1) Henry, the eldest, married Ella Boyer,

is a resident of Oak Harbor, and is a farmer by occupation. (2) Angeline is the wife of Phillip Siegenthaler, and they had eight children—Frank E., who lives at home; George, who died in infancy; John W., at home; Charlie H., who died at the age of four years; Fred, born in 1885; Mary, born in 1887; Cora, born in 1889; and Chester, born in 1891. (3) Francis Gnepper is next in the order of birth. (4) Fred, the next younger, married Cass Overmyer, and they have three children—John, born in 1886; Pearl, born in 1889; and Amos, born in 1891. (5) John was united in marriage with Alice Boyer, and their family also numbers three children—Katie, born in 1887; Charlie, born in 1889; and Bertie, born in 1891.

In taking up the personal history of Francis Gnepper we present to our readers the life record of one of the practical and progressive farmers of Rice township, Sandusky county. He has always lived within the borders of that county, and was reared upon the old homestead where he was early trained to habits of industry. His education was obtained in the district schools of the neighborhood, and during the greater part of the year he aided in the labors of the farm. Thus his childhood and youth were passed, and when he had reached manhood experience had made him familiar with farm work in all its departments. He now has a well-cultivated place, and is raising the cereals best adapted to this climate. He takes no very prominent part in public affairs, but gives his support to the men and measures of the Democracy, and in religious faith he is a devout Catholic.

On February 26, 1885, Mr. Gnepper was married, in Sandusky county, to Miss Sarah A. Yeagle, who was born October 8, 1864, in Washington, Sandusky county, and five children have been born to them: Cora Ann, November 15, 1885; Noah E., March 19, 1887; Mary E., January 30, 1889; Clarence D., December 16, 1891; and Clara A., April 2, 1894, all born in

Washington township, except the youngest, whose place of birth is in Rice township.

CORNELIUS HUFFORD, a farmer and pioneer of Sandusky county, son of Christopher Hufford, was born May 30, 1806, in the State of Kentucky, and when about nine years of age came with his father's family to Greene county, Ohio. Here he married Miss Mary Jane, daughter of Abraham Zook. She was born in Bedford county, Penn., January 13, 1809, of Pennsylvania Dutch descent. Her father removed to Seneca county, Ohio, three miles north of Tiffin, where he died at the age of sixty years, and her mother died at the age of seventy-nine years.

In 1836 Cornelius Hufford moved to Sandusky township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, and in 1838 to Ballville township, same county, where he bought 130 acres of heavily-timbered land, on which he followed blacksmithing for about twelve years and then devoted himself exclusively to farming. In 1868 he sold his farm to Julius Patterson, and bought another farm of eighty acres in Washington township. His son Simon lived with him on this place and farmed for him. Mary Hufford died April 7, 1882, and he afterward lived among his children, dying March 14, 1884. In politics Mr. Hufford was a Democrat; he and his wife were members of the Reformed Church for many years. He was a man of large size, stout, hearty and vigorous until past fifty years of age, when he became afflicted with rheumatism which obliged him to use a cane in walking. They had ten children, only five of whom grew to maturity: Sarah, born April 17, 1834, married Mark Thraves; Simon, born January 14, 1837; Elizabeth, born February 17, 1842, married Norton Rathbone, and lives in Green Creek township; Catharine,

born July 12, 1844, married James Emerson, and lives in Ballville township; and Martha, born December 14, 1845, married Elliot Ferrenberg, and lives near Gibsonburg, Ohio.

SIMON HUFFORD, a son of Cornelius Hufford, was born in Sandusky township, Sandusky county, January 14, 1837. His early life was spent on his father's farm in Ballville township, where he attended common school and acquired habits of industry, economy and thrift. On December 26, 1861, he married Miss Sarah E. Short, daughter of Moulton and Matilda (Tracy) Short, born August 13, 1842, of Yankee descent. He carried on farming on his father's farm in Ballville township for a number of years, and later in Washington township, but now lives on a farm of his own in Ballville township. He is a member of the M. E. Church at Fremont, Ohio, and in politics is a Democrat. A record of their children is given as follows: (1) Lillie Jeannette, born November 2, 1862, married Joseph Herr, and their children are—Harry J., born October 24, 1883, and Hattie May, born July 20, 1885. (2) Jennie Lenora, born March 20, 1864, married William Inks, and their children are—Ralph, Jesse, Birchard, Florence and Maud. (3) Frank W., born August 4, 1867, was married October 2, 1889, to Miss Eugenia Myers, who was born July 30, 1871, and they have one child—Hallie Bell, born September 9, 1891. (4) Armina, born August 13, 1870, was married May 13, 1891, to Frederick Maurer, who was born May 24, 1868, now residing in Helena, Washington township; one of their children, S. Q., was born October 8, 1892, and died February 22, 1893, the other child, Gorman Daine, was born February 22, 1894. (5) Burton Hudson, born December 21, 1873, died November 3, 1874. (6) Hattie May, born July 31, 1876. Mrs. Hufford, whose health had been failing for several years, died at the home of her daughter Mina, November 15, 1895, aged fifty-

three years, three months and two days, and was buried in McGormley cemetery, Ballville township.

CHARLES H. RADEMACHER. Among those who are devoting their time and energies to agricultural and horticultural pursuits in Ottawa county, is this gentleman, who was born on the old homestead farm in Portage township, October 18, 1863.

He is descended from worthy German ancestry. Henry Rademacher, his father, was born in the Province of Hanover, Germany, November 16, 1813, and after arriving at years of maturity married Annie D. Buck, who was born in the same province, August 9, 1822. In 1835 he crossed the Atlantic to the New World, spending two years in New York, and in 1837 went to Florida, where he remained four years, returning in 1841 to the Eastern metropolis, where he was engaged in the grocery business until 1847.

In New York City, November 21, 1845, Henry Rademacher married Miss Buck, and in 1847 returned to the Fatherland, where he spent about a year. In 1848 he again came to this country, and for twelve years was engaged in the grocery business, when in 1860 he started for Ohio, and on the 12th of May took up his residence in Portage township, Ottawa county, where he continued to make his home until his death. He was born November 16, 1813, and passed away January 17, 1892. His faithful wife still survives him, and now resides on the homestead farm with our subject. In the family of this worthy couple were seven children, three of whom are still living, namely: Margaret, wife of John Bosch, of Green Spring, Sandusky Co., Ohio; Anna D., wife of C. C. Steffens, living on Catawba Island; and Charles H. The members of the family were born as follows. Margaret, November 18, 1846; Herman, November 8, 1848, and died

August 10, 1850; John, February 15, 1850, and died in infancy; Annie, October 26, 1852; Mary K., November 25, 1855; Henry, March 31, 1861; and Charles H., October 18, 1863.

The last named was educated in the district schools of his native township, also in the Normal School of Port Clinton, Ohio, and since his early boyhood days, has been connected with the agricultural interests of the community, and of later years has been extensively engaged in fruit growing. He has a fine farm, well improved, and supplied with all modern accessories and conveniences for carrying on a successful business. He has a reputation for honest dealing that has won him a liberal patronage, and today he is one of the prosperous farmers of the locality.

In his political views, Mr. Rademacher is a Democrat, and he and his family attend the Lutheran Church. He was married December 18, 1890, to Miss Annie Ellena Sass, who was born in Danbury, Ohio, June 11, 1862, a daughter of Herman and Adelaide (Tewers) Sass. The parents were both natives of Germany, became early settlers of Danbury township, Ottawa county, and have now passed away. The father was born in Hanover, February 18, 1823, and was a son of Christian and Gesche (Ropke) Sass. He was married in New York City, February 21, 1852, to Adelaide Tewers, who was born in Hanover, January 25, 1826. They came to Ohio in 1855, and the mother died December 7, 1877, the father on January 17, 1886. They had eight children: Mary, born November 30, 1852, wife of Martin Kihlken, of Danbury, Ohio; Hermina, born March 12, 1855; William, born July 17, 1857, now deceased; Frederick, born June 6, 1860, also deceased; Elizabeth Louisa, born June 11, 1862, now the wife of William Libben, of Erie, Ohio; Annie Ellena, twin sister of Mrs. Libben, and the honored wife of our subject; Henry



C. H. Rademacher



H., born December 22, 1864, residing in Danbury; and John H., born July 22, 1869. By her first husband, John Lullman, Mrs. Sass had a daughter: Katharina, who was born January 25, 1851, and is the wife of Henry Bosch, of Danbury.

RBELL. The subject of this sketch, senior partner in the firm of R. Bell & Co., is one of the leading men of Port Clinton, Ottawa county, where he has carried on the fishery business for many years. He was born April 7, 1832, in Cecil county, Md., and is the son of Abraham and Sarah Trump Bell.

Abraham Bell was born in Pennsylvania, near the Maryland State line, in 1800, and carried on his occupation of a tanner and currier in Maryland until 1834, when he came to Ohio and located five miles west of Port Clinton, on Lake Erie, in Erie township. Here he bought a farm, built a tannery, and manufactured the first leather ever made in the county. He was engaged in the business for some thirty-eight years, and died in Ottawa county in 1875. In politics he was a Whig; afterward, on the absorption of that party into the Republican party, joining the ranks of the latter. In religious faith he was brought up in the Quaker faith, and was connected with that denomination throughout his life. His wife was born, in 1802, in Cecil county, Md., and died in 1841, the mother of twelve children—six sons and six daughters.

The following is a record of the parental family: Robert M. lived at home until eighteen years of age, when he returned to the East, married and practiced medicine at Harrisburg, Penn.; he afterward returned to Ohio, where he died, leaving a widow and two sons. Samuel T. is living retired at Riverside, Cal.; Mary Anna married James Hoops,

and lives in Chester county, Penn.; Rachel died when about twenty years old; Rebecca, who lives in Louisville, Ky., is the widow of Dr. Officer, and has had two children, both living with her; Philena, who married W. W. Batlin, is deceased; Sarah Melissa married William Clark, and died in early womanhood; our subject comes next in order of birth; Abraham, who is in the general merchandise business, lives at Elwell, Ohio; Joseph M., who was a member of Company I, Forty-first Regiment Ohio Infantry, in the Civil war, died near Chattanooga, Tenn., in the latter part of 1863.

The subject of this sketch spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, assisting in the farm work and in the tannery, and having only the limited advantages to be obtained at a country school, until he was sixteen years old, when he started for himself, becoming a clerk in a store at Port Clinton, where he remained two years. At the early age of eighteen years he was married to Miss Amelia Wilson, and made his home in Erie township. Here he began fishing with seines in 1850, carrying on a small business at first, which has steadily grown ever since. In all these years he has missed but one season's fishing. In 1859 he went to California, crossing the Plains with an ox-team, and locating near the foot hills of the Sierra Nevada range. It was a wearisome journey to the land of gold in those days, and Mr. Bell was five months making the trip, leaving home on the 6th of March, and reaching Placerville, or Hangtown, August 8. He returned home via the Panama Route, and was twenty-four days coming from San Francisco to New York. In 1873 Mr. Bell erected the building which he still occupies, and has been carrying on a prosperous business ever since, sending carloads of fish as far west as Omaha and east to the Atlantic. His yearly catch is between five thousand and eight thousand tons of fish, and he uses two steam tugs in his

business. Mr. Bell's first wife died in Port Clinton in 1873, when forty-one years old. They were the parents of the following named children: Perry, who died when twenty-four years old, was married, and left four children—Amelia, Norah, Richard and Perry; Phylena and George died in early youth; Joseph lives in Port Clinton he married Miss Angeline Magruder, and has one child—Ruth; he is a member of the firm of R. Bell & Co., and captain of one of his father's tugs; Rebecca; Josephine; Sarah Lucinda, who married W. R. Webster, editor of the Port Clinton *News*, and has one child—Chauncey; and two that died in infancy unnamed.

Mr. Bell was married in 1874 to Miss Huldah L. Masten, who was born in Scottsburg, N. Y., in 1852. Of this marriage four children have been born: John McAllister, Bessie, Edna and Earl. Mr. Bell is a Republican, and, socially, has passed all the chairs in the I. O. O. F. [Since the above was written Mr. Bell informs us that he left Port Clinton September 19, 1895, and will spend the remainder of his life at Riverside, California.—Editor.]

OSCAR BILLINGS, who during his long and useful life was closely identified with the flourishing township of Allen, Ottawa county, and whose death was sincerely mourned by hosts of friends who knew him as the devoted husband and father, good citizen and faithful minister, was born December 20, 1824, at Syracuse, New York.

He was a son of Augustus and Clarinda English Billings, both of whom were natives of New York State. After completing his education in the schools of his native town, Mr. Billings came with his mother to Ohio, settling in Woodville township, Sandusky county, where he learned the manufacture of furniture, with a man named Chamberlin. He worked

at this trade until the Civil war broke out, when he enlisted, in 1861, in Company I, Twenty-first Ohio Infantry, under command of Capt. I. K. Seaman, as a drummer. He served four months and received his discharge in August, of the same year, returning to Sandusky county. Here he remained a short time, and then took his wife and family to Minnesota, settling in Waseca county and engaging in farming. Here he lived for nine years, and then went back to Ottawa county, locating near Genoa, and bought a farm which he carried on for three years. He again sold out and came to Allen (then Clay) township, and buying seventy acres of partially cleared land, remained here until his death. Mr. Billings was married in Woodville, February 4, 1854, to Miss Mary A. Bosse, and to this union came one child, Alice, born November 5, 1854, who died April 18, 1855, the mother passing away July 21, of the same year. Mr. Billings was again married, October 27, 1858, taking for his second wife Phyllida Baldwin, daughter of Nelson T. Baldwin, a farmer of Sandusky county. Of this marriage nine children have been born, viz.: Minerva C., born July 3, 1859, is the wife of Jacob S. Stewart; Sarah J., born June 22, 1861, became the wife of Bradford Lidsey, a farmer of Allen township; Nelson O., born March 10, 1863, is a barber at Genoa he is married and has one child, Harold; Arthur T., born August 31, 1864, and Lorenzo A., born March 3, 1868, live at home with their mother and carry on farming; Leonard G., born December 11, 1870, received his primary education in the public schools of Allen township, and was for one year in the High School at Elmore, after which he spent three years at the Academy of the United Brethren at Fostoria, and then began teaching till he was twenty-one, then began barbering with his brother Nelson; Casper A., born July 23, 1874, lived at home; Myrtie B., born August 29, 1876, and Laura, born May

28, 1880. Nelson T. Baldwin, the father of Mrs. Billings, was born in the State of New York and came to Ohio with his parents, when a small boy. They settled in Sandusky county, where Mr. Baldwin still lives. He married Cathrine C. Boose, and they have had a family of four children as follows: Philinda, wife of the subject of this sketch, was born in Woodville, May 14, 1842; Warren, born March 6, 1844, is a farmer and stonemason, and lives in Nebraska (he married Matilda Widmer); Sarah, born June 1, 1846, is the wife of Frederick Volkel, of Genoa; William, born July 2, 1850, is a farmer at Woodville. The mother of these children died in Woodville, March 3, 1892, and Mr. Baldwin married, for his second wife, Mrs. Sneakburger, a widow.

Oscar Billings, the subject of this sketch, was a member of George Douglass Post No. 183, G. A. R., of Millbury, Ohio, and in his political views he was a Republican. He and his family were devout members of the United Brethren Church, in which Church he was a local preacher for more than twelve years preceding his death, which took place August 12, 1894. He was a man of excellent character and a good father and husband, whose death will long be mourned.

FRED BOLTE, a highly popular citizen of Port Clinton, Ottawa county, and a well-to-do business man, is a native of Hanover, Germany, born August 20, 1851, a son of Cord and Charlotte (Harms) Bolte.

Cord Bolte, father of our subject, was born in 1818, in Germany, was a blacksmith by trade, and died in 1865; his wife, Charlotte (Harms), was born in 1815, and died in 1892, at the residence of her son Fred, in Port Clinton, Ohio. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cord Bolte, as follows: William, a blacksmith, residing in Germany; Louisa, now the wife of George F. Meyer, of

Port Clinton; Anna (widow of William Dickman), also living in Port Clinton; Meta, wife of Benjamin Boock, of Catawba Island, Ottawa county; Henry (deceased); Sophy, wife of Mr. Andrew Heinsen, of Bay township, Ottawa county; and Fred, our subject. When the latter was six years old his parents moved with their family to Amt Syke, Germany, five years later taking up their abode in Osterholz, in both of which places young Fred received his education, which was concluded when he was fourteen years old, after which he served a three-years' apprenticeship to the trade of blacksmith, and for two years followed that business in Osterholz. During the next two or three years his time was occupied in working at his trade in Bremen, Stade, Gadebusch, Berlin and Hanover, which brings us to 1873, in which year, desirous of bettering his condition, he emigrated to the United States arriving at New York on July 10. From there he came directly to Sandusky, Ohio, where for eight months he followed his trade, and then moved to Oak Harbor, being here similarly employed other eight months; but returning to Sandusky, he once more made his home there, this time remaining about a year.

From Ohio Mr. Bolte was attracted to Indiana by Cupid's magnet, and April 10, 1876, was married to the lady of his choice—Miss Mary Cloy, who was born February 18, 1859, in Auburn, Ind., daughter of Christopher Cloy, of that city, where she passed all her days up to her marriage. Her parents were pioneers of near Garrett, Ind., and had a family of four children: Julia (deceased); Mary (Mrs. Bolte); Fred, an upholsterer in a railroad shop, at Garrett, Ind.; and Charles (deceased). The father of these died in 1893; the mother is still living. After his marriage Mr. Bolte remained in the "Hoosier State" about a year, and then moved to Flat Rock, Ohio, where he followed his trade nine months. From

there he proceeded to Graytown, Ottawa Co., Ohio, and for two years conducted a blacksmith shop there, at the end of which time he opened a saloon and restaurant there, twelve months later embarking in the hotel business in the same town, in which he continued some seven years. Mr. Bolte then rented the hotel, and gave his undivided attention to the saloon and restaurant until 1890, when he was elected sheriff of Ottawa county on the Democratic ticket, and this incumbency he ably filled four years. At the time of his election to that office he removed his residence to Port Clinton, the county seat, where is still his home, although his business is in Graytown.

During the winter of 1894-95 Mr. Bolte took a trip to Europe, spending some time at the place of his birth, and visiting his brother William, who has never left the Fatherland. On his return from Germany, our subject sold his hotel property at Graytown and opened his present new saloon and restaurant at that place. In politics he is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, and on that ticket he was elected treasurer of Benton township, which position he held for some time prior to his election to the office of county sheriff. To him and his amiable wife have been born four children their names and dates of birth being as follows: Louise, February 24, 1878, at present devoting her time to the study of instrumental music; Henry, February 4, 1880, also studying music; Otto, October 10, 1881, and Charles, March 13, 1885, all born in Graytown, Ohio, except Louise, whose place of birth is Flat Rock, Ohio. They are all attending the public schools of Port Clinton.

NATHANIEL AMOS HADDEN, the well-known and highly-respected fruit grower and shipper, of Catawba Island, Ottawa county, was born at Rice Creek, Calhoun Co.,

Mich., August 7, 1836, and was the third son of Amos and Mary Jane (Dutcher) Hadden, both natives of New York State.

His parents left New York, and settled in Michigan in 1835, buying, from the government, 120 acres of wild land in southern Michigan, among the wolves and Indians, their nearest neighbors being four miles away, and there made for themselves a fine farm home, which stands today (1895) a monument to the energy and good management of its owner, Amos Hadden, who died suddenly in his own yard, in November, 1893, at the age of eighty-three years. His wife, now eighty-four, still lives there, where for sixty years she has lived, and faithfully assisted her husband in making the home and family what it is. They were Methodists in religious faith, and in a few years, with others who followed them from New York, planted Methodism in that section of country, and built a good church, which still stands. A small stream of water runs through this section, called Rice creek from the quantities of wild rice growing on its banks, and from this the early settlers named themselves the "Rice Creek Settlement," which name has since been given the post office now there, with its daily mail.

It was there at Rice Creek in 1836, the year after the settlement of his parents, that N. A. Hadden, the subject of this sketch, was born and reared to young manhood, assisting his father in everything pertaining to the farm, and receiving a liberal education in the good schools which naturally followed in the wake of this civilized people from the East. In the spring of 1859, when he was twenty-two, he, like thousands of others, was seized with the Pike's Peak gold fever, and, with a party of eleven men, left the old farm and started for Pike's Peak. At St. Joseph, Mo., they were discouraged by returning men, and the eleven, with two additions, decided to go to California. They bought oxen and provisions, and

started on their long journey across the Plains, which took six months. They all arrived in safety, but our Mr. Hadden was the only man of the thirteen who was not obliged to ride on account of illness. He literally walked almost the entire distance. On their arrival each went his own way, our subject working in the gold mines with good and ill success, until called home by the death of a brother in the army, in 1862. In the spring of 1863 he was married, and with his wife lived on the old farm until the fall of 1865. Here two children were born to them, one dying. He then removed with his wife and little daughter to Mendon, Mich., where for five years he was successfully engaged in the drug and grocery business. Here a son was born and died, and his own health became impaired, and then it was that he turned his attention to Ottawa county, Ohio, the former home of his wife. In 1870 he bought a vineyard, also two lake lots on the north point of Catawba Island, and erected a summer hotel, which, when just finished and opened, and with its first guest, was entirely destroyed by fire, on the night of March 13, 1872, at the close of a fine school entertainment, which he had generously allowed to be given on the third unfinished floor, and which was undoubtedly the cause of the fire. By this calamity he was thrown out of home and business, and left heavily in debt. During that summer his third son was born, and in the fall he took his family to Kalamazoo, Mich., where they spent a year, and in July, 1873, he accepted the position of bookkeeper and salesman for the firm of J. C. Butler & Co. (now George R. Butler), proprietors of the sash, door and blind factory in Sandusky, Erie Co., Ohio, whither he moved his family and where he lived for fifteen years, during which time he settled his entire indebtedness, built him a good home, and bought land on Catawba Island. This last purchase of fifty-five acres was made in No-

vember, 1879, and was entirely woods and stone, and looked to many like an unprofitable investment, but with his characteristic pluck, energy, push and hard work he has made for himself a fine fruit farm of about ten thousand trees, and erected a comfortable and commodious residence, with all the necessary outbuildings. This he has named "Sunnyside Orchard," and is the present home of himself and wife. In 1888 he left the Butlers and devoted his entire time to fruit culture. For eight years he has been rewarded with good crops, and has become the third largest grower and shipper of fruit on the Island, making a specialty of the peach.

In religion, Mr. Hadden has been a Methodist from boyhood; in politics a Republican, having cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, and he has voted for every Republican President since. He has been president and manager of the Catawba Island Fruit Co., since its organization in 1888. Mr. Hadden is a man of perfect habits, and is one of the most social and liberal of men. He has one brother living, Smith Hadden, of Olivet, Mich., and a widowed sister, Mrs. N. L. McCormick, who with her daughter lives with the aged mother at the old Hadden homestead.

On May 14, 1863, Mr. Hadden was married in the old M. E. Church at Port Clinton, Ottawa Co., Ohio., to Miss Marion J. Dutcher, who was born June 22, 1839, at Oswego, N. Y., eldest daughter of Ira S. Dutcher, a sketch of whom follows. Miss Dutcher first came to Catawba Island with her father's family when she was but sixteen years old. The "point" was then called "Ottawa City." Two years later she taught her first school, and the first school ever taught on North Bass Island, or "Isle St. George," as it is now called. From here she was called to the high school of Port Clinton, which she successfully taught a year or more, and then went to Elmore, and taught music. From there she was called to Gyp-

sum, where she taught until her marriage. After seven years in Michigan, she came with her husband and little daughter back to Catawba Island, thence, after the fire that destroyed their home, they removed to Sandusky, as already related. Here for fifteen years she assisted her husband in retrieving his fallen fortunes, by teaching music and playing pipe organ in two of the city churches. After her two children were graduated from the high school, the son gone to college, and the daughter married, she with her husband rented her Sandusky home, and went to live on their fruit farm, "Sunnyside Orchard," at Catawba Island, in 1892, where they now, (1895) reside. Mrs. Hadden is a progressive woman, being interested in all affairs pertaining to the Island, and entertains largely at their pleasant hospitable home. She is the founder of "The Ladies Afternoon Club," which was organized at her home on June 15, 1892, and has been its president since. It is devoted to literature and current events. She has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since early childhood.

To Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Hadden were born four children, a brief record of whom is as follows: (1) Ira Amos, born February 28, 1864, died September 8, 1865. (2) Stella Belle, born March 29, 1865, was married to Arthur B. Alexander, of Decatur, Ill., where they now reside; she made music a specialty, spent a year and a half abroad in travel and study, and is a thorough, brilliant musician and an accomplished lady. (3) James Bertrand, born August 24, 1867, died August 28, 1868. (4) Clarence Bernard, born May 23, 1872, a graduate of Sandusky High School, also of Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. (1893), after which he spent a year in post-graduate work in political economy and social science, under Dr. Richard T. Ely, University of Wisconsin, at Madison, Wis. He has assisted his father in the management of the Catawba Island Fruit Co. every season for seven

years, and is now (1895) financial secretary of the Associated Charities of Cincinnati. He is also in active work at the Social Settlement, having charge of the "Idlewild Athletic and Musical Club," and other classes.

Ira S. Dutcher, father of Mrs. Nathaniel A. Hadden, was born March 13, 1814, at Dover, Dutchess Co., N. Y., of Holland and English ancestry. When five years old he went with his parents, Ruleff (or Ralph) and Almira (Waring) Dutcher, to Auburn, Cayuga Co., N. Y., where he received his education. His father being a millwright, Ira inherited from him his love for machinery and mechanics, and when quite a young man went to Rochester, N. Y., where he learned the millwright's trade, which he worked at more or less until the last few years of his life. He was married July 4, 1838, to Miss Mary Ann Veeder, who was of Scotch, English and Dutch extraction, her grandmother on her father's side being a Scotch lady, and on her mother's side a "Yankee woman" or English lady. Mr. and Mrs. Dutcher went to housekeeping in East Oswego, N. Y., in 1838, and for thirteen years Mr. Dutcher built elevators and mills on the Oswego river. In 1852, being sent for to come to Sandusky, Ohio, to build an elevator and put machinery in mills, he removed his family there, remaining three years, and in 1855 came to Ottawa county, where he resided until his death thirty years later. He began his career by building the "Cement Works" at the north point of Catawba Island, then called Ottawa City, as it was thought a little city would surely grow out of this enterprise, and a plat for a city was made and named as above. The land was owned by J. B. James, a wealthy gentleman of New York, who was sanguine in the belief that good cement could be procured from the limestone which abounded in such large quantities. So Mr. Dutcher was employed as builder and superintend-

ent, and in 1855 moved his family to the superintendent's house, which to-day is the "Catawba Island House," owned by J. P. Cangney. For various reasons the cement business did not prove as remunerative as Mr. James had expected, and in 1859, after a four-years' trial he abandoned the enterprise and removed the machinery to an Eastern plant. Mr. Dutcher had opened a general store, while manager of the works. When he found his occupation gone, he moved his store and family to Port Clinton, where he formed a partnership with John Jenney, under the firm name of Dutcher & Jenney, and for four years did a general mercantile business, occasionally going out for a job in his favorite machine work. In the fall of 1863 he sold out and moved to a ten-acre farm on the extreme northeast point of Catawba Island, known as "Scott's Point," which he had purchased some time previous. Here, in the old-fashioned log house with its numerous additions, "neath the old Linden tree" (an immense tree over a hundred years old), he moved his family, and lived many happy years. Here his grandson, Clarence B. Hadden was born in 1872. Mr. Dutcher devoted the most of his time to the cultivation of fruit, and was one of the earliest growers of the peach for profit on the Island. His place was called "Linden Place," and his large new house, which he built in 1874-75, "The Linden." Here he lived until his death, in 1886. The old house later was accidentally burned, the great linden tree was struck by lightning two or three times, and was taken out root and branch, so to-day no trace of either exists. The new house is now owned and occupied by the second daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Davey, who provide a home for the aged widow, who, on October 2, 1895, was eighty years old. Mr. and Mrs. Dutcher had eight children, only two of whom are living—the two eldest daughters, Mrs. N. A. Hadden and Mrs.

J. A. Davey—both of whom live on Catawba Island. Two sons and a daughter who died in infancy are buried in Oswego, and two sons and a daughter are buried with their father and grandmother Veeder in the Catawba Island Cemetery. Mr. Dutcher in politics was a Whig in early life, and later an active Republican; he cast his first vote for Gen. William Henry Harrison in 1836. He was always a temperance man and worker. He was township treasurer, township clerk and school director for many years, was a Good Templar, Odd Fellow and a Royal Arch Mason, holding the office of worshipful master in both Port Clinton and Oak Harbor Lodges. In 1868 he joined the Methodist Church at Catawba Island; his wife has been a Methodist since girlhood.

Mr. Dutcher had a sudden death from heart failure. Arising on the morning of January 25, 1886, in his usual health and spirits, about ten o'clock, sitting in his arm chair by the stove opposite his beloved wife, he suddenly placed his hand on his breast, saying, "I don't know what is the matter," leaned back, and ceased to breathe. He was buried from his home, January 27, under the auspices of the Port Clinton Masonic Lodge, the members of which came in a body to do honor to their deceased Brother.

CHARLES BLECKNER, a popular druggist of Oak Harbor, and one of the leading influential men of that prosperous little town in Ottawa county, was born in Troy, N. Y., March 19, 1852, a son of Adam and Christina (Lenhardt) Bleckner, both natives of Germany, who emigrated to the United States in March, 1852, landing in America on the day our subject was born.

On their arrival in this country the parents located first in Troy, N. Y., remaining there only a few months; then removed to Fremont, Sandusky Co., Ohio, thence to Rice township, same

county, where Mr. Bleckner engaged in agricultural pursuits for upwards of two years. But from the year 1855 up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1857, he was employed at his trade, that of stone mason. The family consisted of two sons and one daughter: Charles, the subject proper of this sketch; William, the efficient postmaster at Oak Harbor; and Lucinda, now the wife of William McKenzie, of Bellevue, Ohio. The mother was again united in marriage, her second husband being Charles Remley, and is now a resident of Fremont, Ohio.

Charles Bleckner, the subject proper of these lines, received his preliminary education in the public schools of Sandusky county, and later in life, being a young man of very studious habits, he added considerably to his fund of knowledge. The family being deprived, in the death of the father, of the only means of support, our subject was compelled to start out when very young to earn his own livelihood. When eleven years of age he hired out with a neighboring farmer, for whom he worked eight years, receiving in compensation for his services his board and clothes, and at the age of twenty-one succeeded in purchasing some land and engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own responsibility; but in 1877 he severed his connection with the farm and accepted a position as clerk in his brother William's drug store, and in 1879 purchased his drug business at Rocky Ridge, Ohio, remaining there for two years. In 1881 our subject returned to Oak Harbor and purchased a half interest in his brother's store, in 1892 becoming sole proprietor, and he has since carried on the business in his own interests, his store being one of the handsomest in the county. Mr. Bleckner is a "self-made man" in the broadest sense of the term. Thrown upon his own resources when but a young lad, he has displayed wonderful tact in the way in which he has prospered. His reputation as a chemist—second to none

in the county—his success as a business man, and his popularity as a citizen, have been acquired by a life of hard, honest labor.

On December 22, 1872, Mr. Bleckner was united in marriage, at Perrysburg, Wood Co., Ohio, with Miss Annie A. Hufford, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine Hufford, the former of whom was a native of Pennsylvania, the latter a native of Holland, honored and respected residents of Wood county for many years, both now deceased. To this union have come six children, as follows: Noah H., born September 24, 1873, now a clerk in his father's store; Emma C., born January 13, 1875, now a teacher in Ottawa county; Charles C., born May 19, 1877, will graduate from Oak Harbor public schools in June, 1896; Cora M., born June 27, 1880, died September 24, 1880; Vernah V., born April 28, 1884; and Chester H., born October 3, 1885. Mr. Bleckner is an active member of the Oak Harbor school board, a stockholder in the Oak Harbor Natural Gas Co., a member of Oak Harbor Lodge No. 495, F. & A. M., and Fremont Chapter No. 64, Royal Arch Masons, and a charter member of Oak Harbor Lodge No. 735, I. O. O. F. Politically he is affiliated with the Democratic party. The family are members of the M. E. Church.

HENRY LAMMERS (deceased), who was one of the prominent and representative farmers and fruit growers of Ottawa county, spent his entire life in Danbury township, where his birth occurred February 2, 1850, in the old log house that then stood on the homestead farm. His parents, Frederick and Martha (Teeman) Lammers, were both natives of the Province of Hanover, Germany. He was reared in the usual manner of farmer boys, aiding in the labor of the field and attending the district schools of the neighborhood.



HENRY LAMMERS.

where he acquired a good common-school education. The occupation to which he was reared he made his life work, and was very successful in his undertakings.

At Port Clinton, Ottawa county, on the 15th of November, 1877, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Henry Lammers and Miss Mary L. Graves, who was born in Danbury township, March 2, 1854, and is a daughter of John F. and Christine Graves, old and highly-respected residents of Danbury township, but who are now living in Hanover, Germany. To our subject and his worthy wife were born two sons, both still living, namely: Edwin August, born December 26, 1879; and Walter Frederick, born December 4, 1883.

Mr. Lammers passed to the other shore on the 14th of June, 1891. Though yet a young man at the time of his decease, still he had done much toward the prosperity of his native township, and was held in high esteem as a friend and neighbor. His wife continues to superintend the duties pertaining to the farm, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place indicates taste and good judgment, as well as ability.

GEORGE DEEL is the proprietor of the Enterprise Machine Works, of Oak Harbor, Ottawa county. No greater pleasure can be enjoyed by the aged than to look back on a life usefully spent for the good of others as well as themselves—a happiness that can be enjoyed in an eminent degree by the gentleman whose name opens this sketch.

Mr. Deel is a native of Pennsylvania, born in New Berlin, Union county, May 7, 1831, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Newhart) Deel, both of whom were natives of the Keystone State. On both sides the families are of German ancestry, the paternal great-grandparents of our subject, who were natives of Hessen,

Germany, emigrating to what is now Frederick City, Md., and at the time of the Revolutionary war they were residents of that city. The parents of our subject came to Ohio in 1861, locating first in Fremont, Sandusky county, but after a short time came to Ottawa county and took up their residence in Salem township, near Oak Harbor, where their remaining days were passed, the father departing this life in 1878, the mother in 1882. They had twelve children, six of whom are yet living besides our subject, namely: Rebecca, widow of John Marks, of Benton township, Ottawa county; Mary, wife of John Orandorf, of Center county, Penn.; John, who is living on the homestead in Union county, Penn.; Jacob and Peter, both of Barton county, Kans.; and Joseph, who is living in Gun Marsh, Michigan.

George Deel acquired a common-school education near his home, and afterward learned the trade of a ship carpenter, which pursuit he followed in Pennsylvania until 1861. He then came to Ohio, locating in Salem township, about three miles east of Oak Harbor, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits and in the purchase and sale of timber for about sixteen years. In 1877 he came to Oak Harbor, and in connection with dealing in timber he also engaged in the hotel business, conducting the first hostelry of any importance in the town. In 1878 this hotel was destroyed by fire, and the following year he erected the large and commodious brick hotel, so well and favorably known to the traveling public, called the "Portage House." It too was consumed by the flames, on August 4, 1894, and in both conflagrations Mr. Deel was a serious loser. In August, 1894, he purchased the Enterprise Machine Works, and is now conducting a good business.

Mr. Deel was married, in McAlisterville, Penn., September 2, 1853, to Julia M. Koch, who was born in Richfield, Juniata Co., Penn., September 28, 1834,

a daughter of John and Catherine (Baer) Koch. Seven children came to bless this union: Mary Alice, born September 1, 1858, who is the wife of William Fry, of Oak Harbor; Clara E., born November 2, 1860, who died September 29, 1862; James E., born November 13, 1862, who died May 24, 1864; George A., born January 19, 1865, who is now a professor in Eastman College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Martha E., born January 7, 1867, who died April 12, of that year; Nelson K., born January 22, 1869, and Lottie V., born April 11, 1871, the last two still under the parental roof.

In March, 1865, Mr. Deel manifested his loyalty to the government by enlisting in Company C, One Hundred and Ninety-sixth O. V. I., and served until the close of the war, acting as hospital steward part of the time. His brothers, Jacob, Joseph and Peter, were also Union soldiers. Mr. Deel has served for three years as supervisor of the township; was school director for fifteen years; was township assessor three years; has been councilman nine years; was infirmary director six years; was township trustee six years, and county treasurer for one term, of two years. The very fact of his being called to these various positions indicates the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow townsmen, and his honorable official record shows that this confidence has never been betrayed. In connection with his other interests, he is a charter member of Oak Harbor Lodge No. 495, F. & A. M., the second oldest Mason in the place, and a member of George Field Post No. 168, G. A. R. In politics he is a Democrat. In addition to his other business interests he is a director of the Oak Harbor State Bank. But few men have come more directly in contact with the interests of Ottawa county, and none have commanded more completely the respect and confidence of the community at large. His circle of friends and acquaintances is indeed extensive, and in the history of

Ottawa county he well deserves representation. The Deel family attend the Lutheran Church.

WILLIAM NOBLE, a retired farmer of Salem township, Ottawa county, and a highly-respected resident of Oak Harbor, was born June 19, 1830, in Germany, on the line between the Provinces of Hanover and Prussia, and is a son of Frederick and Lena Noble, both of whom passed away in their native land.

Our subject received his primary education in his native land, and there apprenticed himself to the trade of carpentering. In 1850 he emigrated to America, and for two years was employed as salesman in a provision store in New York City. In 1852 he removed to the State of Ohio, locating in Danbury township, Ottawa county, working at his trade during the winter and sailing on Lake Erie during the summer months. In 1858 he purchased land in Salem township, and engaged in agricultural pursuits; and although for the past four years he has been living a retired life, enjoying the rest he has so well earned, he still retains his farm, which is in charge of his sons.

Mr. Noble was married in Danbury township September 22, 1858, to Miss Mary Ott, a daughter of Frederick and Fredericka (Grouman) Ott, both natives of Germany, who located in Danbury township in 1855, and moved to Salem township with their daughter and son-in-law in 1858, passing away there in 1867 and 1875 respectively. Mrs. Noble was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, January 18, 1837. To this union were born nine children, viz.: Doris, wife of Sinesse Bahnsen, residing in Salem township; William, born April 14, 1861, a prominent farmer of Salem township; Frederick, born November 22, 1863, a merchant of Azalia, Mich.; Matilda, born March 24, 1866, wife of Niss Paulsen, residing in Bay

township, Ottawa county; Charles, born October 1, 1868, residing on the homestead; Rudolf, born September 28, 1870, now of Toledo, Ohio; Mary, born July 15, 1873, died March 4, 1876; August, born December 30, 1878; and one child who died in infancy.

Mr. Noble is a Democrat in his political views, has filled a number of township offices, and by the entire community in which he lives is looked up to and admired and respected as a man of sterling qualities. The family are members of the Lutheran Church.

HENRY F. HARRISON. Among the leading, influential and representative citizens of Oak Harbor, Salem township, Ottawa county, there is probably no one who enjoys, to a greater degree, the confidence, respect and esteem of his fellow citizens, than does Henry F. Harrison, who was born in Yorkshire, England, July 13, 1833, being a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Jackson) Harrison.

The parents emigrated to America in 1844, in the days when nearly all the transportation across the Atlantic had to be done in sailing vessels. After a rough, tempestuous voyage, extending over nine weeks, they landed at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, and upon the reopening of navigation in the spring of 1845 proceeded to Boston; thence they journeyed to Ohio, eventually settling in Erie township, Ottawa county, where Mr. Harrison engaged in agricultural pursuits for nearly a year, then moving to Henry county, where he found employment at his trade, that of a miller, remaining there until his death, which occurred in 1848, he being one of the unfortunates carried off by the epidemic of cholera, which passed over that section of the country in that year. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Harrison was again married, this time to Phineas Nearing, and, with part of her

family, moved to Port Clinton. She finally passed away at the home of her daughter, Mary Ann, in Erie township. The family consisted of eight children, two of whom still survive, viz.: Mary Ann, wife of Frederick Rymers, a resident of Erie township, and Henry F.

Henry F. Harrison, the subject of this biography, received his primary education in the district schools of Henry county, Ohio, and in the public schools of Port Clinton, his early life being devoted to agricultural pursuits. In 1853 he purchased a rough, uncultivated tract of land in Salem township, then but a wilderness, and, setting to work with that energy and determination characteristic of the early pioneer, he soon became the owner of a valuable farm, and in the face of disappointments and difficulties established himself among the well-to-do agriculturists of that township. In 1882 he sold this farm and purchased the land in Oak Harbor upon which he still resides, where, in connection with agricultural pursuits, he is also engaged in fruit growing and floriculture. In his long life and early pioneer experiences, Mr. Harrison has an interesting history of days gone by, full of hardships and dangers unknown to the present generation.

Our subject has been united in marriage three times, the first time to Miss Susanna E. Kirk, daughter of John and Belinda (Knight) Kirk, who was born in Erie township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, April 25, 1837; her parents were both natives of Cecil county, Md., the father, born January 17, 1806, the mother on February 1, 1809. To this union were born two children: John W., born March 29, 1857, died June 9, 1857, and Mary E., born August 19, 1858, the wife of William Snyder, of Toledo, Ohio. Mrs. Harrison's death occurred February 10, 1862, and on October 1, 1864, Mr. Harrison was again married, this time to Mrs. Sarah M. Vincent, widow of Freeman Vincent, of Lorain county, Ohio. To this second

union were born five children, two of whom now survive: Susan E., principal of the Oak Harbor High School, and Ralph M., in the fruit business with his father. After the death of his second wife Mr. Harrison was married to her sister, Lydia A. Merion; no children were born to this marriage. Mr. Harrison's second and third wives were daughters of David and Mary (Shaller) Merion, the former of whom was born in 1839, passing away in 1876; the latter was born in 1835; their parents were born near Boston, Mass., the father in 1796, the mother in 1801; these died in 1886 and 1860, respectively. They were married in 1819, and became the parents of eleven children—nine who grew to maturity and two who died in infancy. They came to Ohio the year of their marriage, first locating near Columbus, where they lived a few years, and thence removing to Ottawa county, where they made a permanent home and passed the remainder of their days.

In politics our subject votes with the Republican party; socially he is a member of Oak Harbor Lodge No. 495, F. & A. M. He also fills the position of vice-president and secretary of the Oak Harbor State Bank, and director of the Oak Harbor Natural Gas Co. The family are devout adherents of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOHN BLOOM. Prominent among the retired successful agriculturists of Ottawa county, and typical representative German-Americans of the industrious and thrifty class, may be found the gentleman whose name here appears.

He was born in Prussia, Germany, October 3, 1829, a son of John and Margaret (Demon) Bloom, natives of the same province, the former born in 1802, the latter in 1801. In the year 1832 they emigrated to the United States, settling in Schuylkill county, Penn., where the

father purchased land, engaging in agricultural pursuits, and where he and his wife passed the rest of their days, honored and respected by all who knew them. The father died in 1835, the result of a railroad accident, caused by the locomotive, on which he was riding, leaving the track; the mother passed away in 1861, and was laid beside the remains of her husband in a cemetery near their old Pennsylvania home. Their family numbered six children, as follows: Catherine, now Mrs. John Engerhart, living in Pennsylvania; Mary, wife of Henry Boch, also in Pennsylvania; John, the subject of these lines; Christian, a blacksmith in the Keystone State; and two who died in infancy. As will be seen, John Bloom was between two and three years of age when he accompanied his parents to this country, and at the common schools of the neighborhood of his first New-World home he received his education, at the same time assisting on the farm. Under his father's preceptorship he became well experienced in the various details of agriculture, and deciding to make it his life work, he, on reaching maturity, purchased a farm for himself in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania.

In 1851 Mr. Bloom was united in marriage with Miss Polly Leiser, of whom further mention will presently be made. In 1861 the family migrated to Rice township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, whence at the end of a year they removed to Salem township, Ottawa county, the father having purchased 160 acres of timber land, being the N. E. quarter of Section 19. Here, assisted by his family, he set to work to hew out a home, clearing away the forest trees, converting the wild land into fruitful fields, and placing good buildings thereon. Later he bought another eighty-acre tract in the same section, which he afterward disposed of to one of his sons. In 1888, having by that time accumulated a comfortable competence, he and his faithful wife, who had

well done her share toward securing their prosperity, retired from the arduous duties of farm life, and took up their abode in the village of Oak Harbor, where in a comfortable home they are enjoying the fruits of their labor. In addition to his farm our subject also owns a sawmill in Washington township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, which was successfully conducted by him some twenty-five years in connection with his other interests, and is now being operated by his son Levi.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Bloom have been born six children, a brief record of whom is as follows: (1) John M., born June 29, 1854, married Sarah Ann Boyer (by whom he had two children), and died in 1881; his wife passed away in the month of March, same year. (2) Levi, born January 6, 1858, married Catherine Boyer, by whom he has five children. (3) Louisa, born June 4, 1862, married Israel Druckenmiller, a farmer of Washington township, Sandusky county, Ohio, and has four children. (4) Susanna, born December 12, 1864, married Perry Boyer, tile manufacturer, also of Washington township, by whom she has three children. (5) Franklin, born March 1, 1867, married Ida Auxter, and has two children; he rents his father's farm. (6) Charles H., born October 23, 1870, married Alvesta Siegenthaler, and has one child; he also operates his father's farm.

The mother of this family was born October 21, 1832, in Pennsylvania, where she grew to womanhood, receiving her education at the schools of that State. She is a daughter of Jacob and Susan (Schumaker) Leiser, both also natives of the Keystone State, her father born in 1812, and died in 1880, the mother born in 1809, and died in 1887. They were the parents of eight children, to wit: John (deceased), Nathan, Polly (Mrs. Bloom), Sarah, David, Joseph, Rebecca (deceased) and Samuel; those yet living are all residents of Ohio. The maternal ancestry of Mrs. Bloom dates to days

long prior to Revolutionary times. Her maternal grandfather, John Schumaker, was born in 1776, and died in 1856; his wife, Susanna Kunze, died the same year and at about the same age as her husband. Mrs. Bloom's great-grandmother Susanna Kunze was born in 1756, and lived to a ripe old age.

Mr. Bloom is a stockholder in the Oak Harbor State Bank, and also in the Basket Factory of Oak Harbor. Politically, he supports the principles of the Democratic party; socially, he is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 735, Oak Harbor, while Mrs. Bloom is affiliated with Lodge No. 735, Daughters of Rebekah, Oak Harbor.

GEORGE L. SEELEY, one of the leading, influential and representative men of Oak Harbor, Ottawa county, and cashier of the Oak Harbor State Bank, is a native of Ohio, born May 2, 1853, in Lorain county.

Morton C. Seeley, father of our subject, was of New England birth, coming at an early day to Lorain county, Ohio, where for many years he was engaged in agricultural pursuits and real-estate business until in his declining years he retired into private life. He was a progressive and honored citizen, and filled many county offices, with honor to himself and satisfaction to the community which he represented. He married Sophia Onstein, also a native of New England, and they had one son, George L., the only child born to them.

The subject proper of this sketch received his elementary education at the public schools of his native county, which was supplemented with a course of study at Oberlin College, and, after graduating therefrom, he was employed in drug business for about three years, then in a banking business at Amherst and Chicago until 1887. In October of that year he

removed to Oak Harbor, and assisted in the organization of the Oak Harbor State Bank, since which time he has continuously filled the position of cashier, with recognized ability and judgment. In 1884 he was married, in Medina county, Ohio, to Miss Luetta M. Spitzer, daughter of Garret and Mary Spitzer, the former of whom died January 3, 1891, aged seventy-three years; the latter at the present time an honored and respected resident of Medina. To this union were born on July 10, 1885, twin sons named respectively Morton C. and Clifton M. Mrs. Seeley in her native town attended the Congregational Church, but in Oak Harbor she worships in the Methodist Church. In his political views Mr. Seeley is a staunch Republican.

Garret and Mary Spitzer, parents of George L. Seeley, had born to them a family of eight children, all of whom are yet living, a brief record of them being as follows: Alice is the wife of Aaron Loomis, a prominent merchant of Wyoming, Iowa; Amherst T. is president of the Medina Savings and Deposit Bank, with residence at Medina, Ohio; Eva is the wife of W. C. Lyon, editor of the Newark (Ohio) *American*, and ex-lieutenant governor of the State of Ohio, his home being in Newark; Aaron E. is a prominent clothing merchant of Vinton, Iowa; Francelia is the wife of Dr. David N. Loose, a well-known physician of Maquoketa, Iowa; Adelbert L. is a banker and prominent citizen of Toledo, Ohio; Luetta M., is the wife of George L. Seeley, the subject proper of this sketch; Bessie is the wife of Dr. Hodson D. Bishop, a popular and leading physician of Cleveland, Ohio.

GEORGE W. KEIGHTLEY, a talented lawyer and progressive citizen of Elmore, Ottawa Co., Ohio, was born in Chatham, Province of Ontario, Canada, June 30,

1836, and is a son of Peter L. and Elizabeth Keightley, who were both natives of England, born in Boston, Lincolnshire, in 1814, the former the son of John and Margaret Keightley, the latter the daughter of George and Sarah Winter, who, as well as their parents, were also born in Boston, England. In 1837 Mr. Keightley's parents left Canada, removing to the township of Van Buren, near Shippshewana, Lagrange Co., Ind., where they are still living, and are worthy and respected members of the community. Our subject is the eldest in their family of four children; Jennie is the wife of J. C. Cook, residing in Lagrange county, Ind.; Edwin W., is a prominent member of the legal profession, and makes his home at Chicago, Ill., and Anna is dead.

George W. Keightley was only one year old when his parents located in Indiana, and he recalls, many times, of having when a child seen the Indians, who had not been removed from that locality. His boyhood days were there spent on the farm. His primary education, which he commenced at the age of ten years, was received in the district schools of the county, and at the age of seventeen he entered the Academy at Ontario, Ind. On completing his literary course, he engaged in the profession of teaching, and during the years 1856 and 1857 he taught in Ottawa county, Ohio. The following year, having been elected to the office of surveyor of Lagrange county, Ind., he returned to that State, and efficiently filled the position for four years; during the latter part of his service he was also engaged in the survey of that part of the line of the Cincinnati & Chicago Air Line railway that lies between Logansport and Valparaiso, Indiana.

In 1862 Mr. Keightley commenced the study of law in the office of Robert Parrot, at Lagrange, Ind., with whom he read for nearly two years. He went to Philadelphia, however, in the spring of 1864, and entered the Military School of

that city, which he attended some six weeks, at the expiration of that time going to Washington, D. C. He passed the required examination of the United States Military Board, of which Maj.-Gen. Casey, was president, and soon after, having received a commission as first lieutenant, was assigned to the Forty-first United States Colored Troops, and he remained in the Union service during the war of the Rebellion from that date to the close of the war. He participated in the capture of Fort Harrison, near Richmond, Va., and spent the winter of 1864-65 in the trenches at Dutch Gap Canal, and was with his regiment on the marches and in the engagements from Petersburg to Appomattox in the spring campaign of 1865. He was mustered out in November, that year.

After receiving his discharge from the army Mr. Keightley went to Ann Arbor, Mich., where he entered the law department of the University of Michigan, from which institution he was a graduate in 1866, and soon after commenced the practice of his profession at White Pigeon, St. Joseph Co., Mich. In September of the same year, however, he came to Elmore, where he has since been constantly engaged in the practice, and today ranks among the leading professional men of Ottawa county. He has always taken an active part in public matters, giving his time and assistance to all enterprises having for their object the advancement and welfare of the town and county, and is a citizen whom Elmore may be proud to claim.

In Chardon, Geauga Co., Ohio, on September 21, 1866, Mr. Keightley was married to Miss Lois Mathewes, a daughter of John and Rachel Mathewes, and two children have come of this union: Blanche, born February 20, 1873, and Edwin M., born April 4, 1875, both of whom are still living. Mr. Keightley has ever taken an active part in educational affairs, and for ten years held the position

of school examiner. For many years he has been a member of Robert H. Caldwell Post, G. A. R., and is a past commander of the same.

He is a leading and representative man of Ottawa county, and merits and receives the warmest confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens, who elected him prosecuting attorney of Ottawa county three times, which office he filled to the satisfaction of all concerned, and when he retired from office the opposition press said of him, in noticing the change: "We desire to compliment Mr. Keightley by saying that without exception he made one of the most intelligent, industrious, careful officers the county ever had. His record for the terms he has discharged the exacting duties of the office is without a blemish. He elevated the dignity of the office, and has always dared to do his duty, at all times commanding the respect of the court, the bar and the community."

HENRY KAHLER. Among the early pioneers who fought their way through the many dangers and hardships incident to a pioneer's life, none are deserving of more prominent mention than the parents of this gentleman—Otto and Rachel (Nails) Kahler, both natives of Germany, who emigrated to America and settled in Danbury township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, at an early date, there residing for many years. The father's death occurred in Carroll township May 2, 1891, the mother dying in Danbury township on September 17, 1880.

The subject of this sketch was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, December 4, 1846. His boyhood days were spent partly about the farm, partly in the public schools of his native land, and since his arrival in America he has been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. On November 20, 1872, Mr. Kahler located in Danbury township, where he remained

some five years. In 1880 he removed to Carroll township, where he has since continued to reside, ranking to-day among the prominent and successful farmers of that county. Mr. Kahler was married in Germany in 1870 to Mary Kulow, who was born February 25, 1853, daughter of John and Dora (Daunk) Kulow, both natives of Germany, the former of whom passed away in Germany June 24, 1867; the mother is still living at the advanced age of seventy-three years, and resides with her son-in-law, Mr. Kahler. To this union were born nine children, as follows: Minnie, September 7, 1871 (died August 23, 1874); Charles A., December 24, 1874; George, March 28, 1875 (died in infancy); Edward, May 2, 1876; Habbetta M., January 29, 1878; John H., January 26, 1879; William T., July 17, 1882; Herman T., October 30, 1885; Cora J., August 21, 1894. Politically Mr. Kahler is a strong and active supporter of the Democratic party. The family are devout adherents of the Lutheran Church, and enjoy the respect and esteem of the community in which they reside.

JACOB C. CLAPPER, contractor and builder, of Madison township, Sandusky county, also a well-known agriculturist, was born in Bedford county, Penn., December 12, 1840, and is a son of Abraham and Mary (Cashman) Clapper, both of whom were natives of the Keystone State. The father acquired his education in the schools of the neighborhood, and learned the trade of a watch maker in his youth, but also followed farming in early life. He was married in Bedford county to Miss Cashman, and they became the parents of seven children, as follows: John, a soldier of the Civil war, now deceased; Susie, wife of Andrew Biddle; Henry, a lumber manufacturer; Jacob C.; Eva, wife of David Koons, a

farmer of Madison township; Mary, who died in childhood; and Elizabeth, wife of Eli Strayer, a farmer of Pennsylvania. In 1877 the parents of this family came to Ohio and bought ten acres of land of our subject, but later made their home with their daughter, Mrs. Koons, where the mother died in 1879, at the age of sixty-six, while the father passed away in 1884, at the ripe old age of eighty years.

The school privileges which our subject received were very meagre, for schools in his boyhood days were widely scattered, and the advantages in that respect were not of the best. At the age of fourteen years he began to earn his own living, and has since been dependent upon his own resources, so that he may truly be called a self-made man. He began work as a farm hand for \$7 per month and board, being thus employed during the summer and autumn months, while during the winter he worked for his board and the privilege of attending school, of which privilege he gladly availed himself. He would arise early in the morning and work late at night in order that he might pursue his studies through the day. He thus managed to spend three seasons in school, and throughout his life has taken advantage of every opportunity to increase his knowledge until he is now a well informed man. For four years he continued to work as a farm hand, his wages being increased as he gained added strength and facility, and to his parents he gave his earnings, saving only enough to clothe himself. He was ambitious to make the best of life, and at the age of eighteen he began serving a three-years' apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade. During the first year he received \$7 per month for his services, and an increase the two succeeding years. He then resolved to start out in business for himself, and in 1861 came to Ohio, locating in Fremont, where he was employed for a time. He then went down the river, and obtained employment at building a sailing vessel.



Jacob. C. Clapper

Subsequently he returned to Fremont, where he followed his trade until 1863.

In that year Mr. Clapper enlisted in the government service, to build bridges, and was thus employed at Nashville and Stevensville, Tenn., Bridgeport and several other places during the Civil war. When the war was over, and his services were no longer needed, he again went to Fremont, where he followed carpentering for a year. During that time he came to Madison township, and purchased a tract of improved land of eighty acres, for which he paid \$2,250. He borrowed the money to make the first payment upon the place, giving ten per cent interest for the same. He then rented the farm while he removed to Defiance, Ohio, where he began contracting and building, being associated with two partners, who cheated him out of \$550 on their first contract, and then left him. Nothing daunted, however, he resolved to engage in business alone, and met with a fair degree of success, thus continuing operations until 1875, when he removed to his farm in Madison township, Sandusky county. He at once began the improvement of his place, and to-day has one of the most highly cultivated and best equipped farms in the township, supplied with good buildings, the latest improved machinery and a fine orchard. He was the first in the township to engage in the cultivation of grapes, and in the new enterprise met with success, at first receiving seven cents per pound for his fruit. He erected a splendid frame dwelling, second to none in the township for architectural beauty, the lumber for the same being made from timber which grew on his own farm, buying only the window sashes and doors for the building, which was erected at a cost of \$2,000. He has paid off all indebtedness upon the place, besides adding many good improvements to it, and the farm with its buildings is a monument to his thrift and enterprise. He now carries on general farming, and in addition still en-

gages in contracting and building with good success.

In September, 1871, at Defiance, Ohio, Mr. Clapper was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Block, of Defiance county, and five children were born to them, all of whom are still living, namely: Rainred J., who was born July 22, 1872, was educated in the public schools of Madison township, and also in select school, and took a course in a business college of Toledo, since which time, with the exception of one year in a store at Helena, he has been engaged in the drug business in Gibsonburg, Ohio; Spencer S., born August 15, 1874, is now engaged in farming and operating in oil; Boyd, born August 11, 1876, is working on the farm and going to school; George H., born November 20, 1878, follows farming; and Daisy E., born July 12, 1880, is at school. The mother of this family died December 3, 1881, and Mr. Clapper remained single for eleven years. He was married September 22, 1892, to Sophia Ickes, widow of John Rosenburg, who was a gunsmith of Elmore, Ottawa county.

For some years Mr. Clapper has held the office of school director, and is still serving in that position. He has been clerk of the board for some time, and has done effective service in the interest of education, being devoted to all that pertains to the advancement of the cause of education. In politics he is a staunch advocate of the Republican party, and the family adhere to the United Brethren Church. He belongs to that class of representative American citizens who push aside the barriers that obstruct the path to competency, and climbing over obstacles reach the desired goal.

CHARLES F. FRESE, senior member of the firm of C. F. Frese & Co., Graytown, Ottawa county, and among the foremost business men of the county, was born at Wood-

ville, Sandusky Co., Ohio, August 10, 1853, a son of Henry and Louisa (Heilbron) Frese.

Henry Frese and his wife, Louisa (Heilbron), were both born in Germany, in 1813 and in 1815 respectively, and in 1838 came to America, settling in Woodville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where Mr. Frese died in 1853. They had seven children, three born in Germany—Henry, Louis and Charlotte—and four in America—May, Augustus F., Charles F. (the subject of this sketch), and Louisa—all of whom are living in Ohio, excepting Henry, whose home is in Minnesota. The mother remained a widow some six years, and was then married to R. Berleman, and six years afterward they moved to Toledo, where Mrs. Berleman died April 6, 1893, at the age of seventy-eight.

Shortly after the birth of Charles F. his parents moved to Toledo, where he lived until 1869, at which time he struck out in the world for himself. Locating first at Elmore, Ohio, he remained there two years as clerk for C. H. Damschroeder & Co.; then, at the age of nineteen, took a trip to Minnesota, where he remained six years, and in 1877 returned to his native State, in perfect health from his western trip, and ready for active business. Coming at once to Graytown, Ohio, he entered the store of Ames & Frese, at that place, as clerk, and held that position until 1882. In the meantime Mr. Ames had sold his interest to A. F. Frese, his partner, the latter having been elected to the Legislature of Ohio in 1882, and Charles F. Frese purchased a half interest in the business of his brother. He is now at the head of the firm; is one of the well-known and highly-esteemed business men of the county, is practical, a man of modern ideas, and vastly popular. In addition to his mercantile interests he has invested quite extensively in landed property, which he carefully superintends and directs.

Like many other good men, he became tired of traveling life's pathway alone, and consequently, on July 27, 1893, he united himself in marriage with Miss Amanda Elizabeth Steffens, of Gypsum, Ottawa Co., Ohio. Mr. Frese and his estimable wife are pleasantly located in a comfortable home at Graytown.

Mrs. Amanda E. Frese was born at Gypsum, Ohio, November 1, 1875, where she lived the greater part of her life until her marriage. She acquired a liberal education in the public schools of her native town, and also took up the study of instrumental music. Her father, Henry Steffens, was born in Germany January 25, 1837; came to America at the age of fourteen, and settled in Gypsum, Ohio, where he now lives. On February 22, 1866, he was united in marriage with Dorathy Dittmer, of the same nativity, born January 23, 1847, and they have had four children—two sons and two daughters. Henry Steffens' father, Herr Johann Steffens, was born July 15, 1807, and died November 26, 1837. The maternal grandmother of Mrs. Frese, Sophia (Huelse) Dittmer, was born May 5, 1805; died October 19, 1866; and the maternal grandfather was born in Germany in 1801; died in 1847. Mrs. Frese's great grandparents on her mother's side were born in Germany, the great-grandfather in 1760, and the great-grandmother in 1785. Mrs. Frese's ancestry is therefore here traced back one hundred and thirty-five years.

JAMES FERRIS. This gentleman has been a resident of Ottawa county since before its organization, and for the last forty years has been a resident of Benton township, where, as a progressive farmer and valuable citizen, he is well and favorably known.

An Ohioan by birth, he is a native of Clark county, born November 18, 1829, son of Andrew and Desire (Larnard) Ferris, both of whom were New Englanders,

the father born about 1776 in the State of Connecticut. They were the parents of ten children, all now deceased but two—James, and Lewis, who lives near Topeka, Kans. The mother died July 23, 1832, and was buried in Clark county, Ohio, and in about 1837 the father came to Ottawa county, where he passed the remainder of his days, dying in 1858; he was laid to rest in the cemetery at Elmore.

James Ferris spent his boyhood in his native county, attending the log school-house of the district, where he obtained all his education. When about thirteen years of age he hired out to do farm labor at four dollars per month, afterward receiving eight and, later, ten dollars per month, and at the early age of sixteen he rented a farm, which he continued to work for seven years. Meantime, when twenty-one years old, he purchased eighty acres of land of ex-Gov. Wood, and shortly afterward traded this tract for the farm whereon he now lives, consisting of ninety-six acres, lying in Section 30, Benton township, of which at that time only twenty acres had been cleared. A little log house, 12x12, was the only building on the tract, and Mr. Ferris lived therein until he had erected a more substantial dwelling, in which he lived for fifteen years. His stock of agricultural implements in those days was materially different from the outfit he now uses; he had a plow with wooden mould-board instead of the modern sulky plow, with steel mould-board, and a yoke of oxen for a team. Wagons were a luxury. Having none of the modern conveniences for handling hay, they used a forked brush with limbs bent down, onto which they would roll a bunch or two of hay and haul it to the stack; another way was to take a long grape-vine, wrap it around a bunch of hay, and draw it to the stack. In comparing the old and new methods, the great improvements in farming which have been made in recent years for economizing and

saving both time and labor are really striking. In 1852, when the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad was in process of construction through Benton township, Mr. Ferris engaged in getting out ties, and later, in 1853, he assisted in the grading of this road between Elliston and Graytown. After the grading was completed, he hauled ties for the Railroad Company, as well as all the timber for the old Graytown bridge over the Tou-saint creek. In connection with general farming, he has paid some attention to fruit growing, especially apples and peaches, and he has one peach tree which has borne fruit for the past forty years. Mr. Ferris has certainly done one man's share in the development of Benton township's agricultural interests, and he has also taken an interest in local public affairs, taking a loyal pride in the welfare and prosperity of his community. When Ottawa county was erected he was a resident of Harris township, and saw the officials when they were making their tour of the county to locate the county seat; for ten years he served faithfully as treasurer of Benton township, during part of which time there were only twelve or fifteen votes within its limits; now there are nearly six hundred.

In 1853 Mr. Ferris was married to Miss Elizabeth E. Brayton, of Harris township, and she was his constant adviser and helper until her death, in April, 1895, husband and wife uniting their efforts to secure a good home for themselves and family; and the fine farm, cleared and improved with good fences, buildings, etc., shows that their labor was not in vain. To this union were born nine children, viz.: Stephen, born February 2, 1854; Ezekiel R., born October 30, 1857; Evelyn F., born October 9, 1859; Asa I., born August 19, 1861; Mary C., born April 24, 1864; Augustus L., born March 13, 1866; James, born February 28, 1868; Cora E., born September 26, 1870; and Christina, born

May 1, 1873. Of these, Stephen died September 15, 1870, and Evelyn F., on September 22, 1879. One daughter, Christiana (Mrs. Shoemaker) lives in Graytown. Mr. Ferris has always taken an interest and pride in the success of his children, helping them as much as possible on their start in life, for having himself commenced unaided he realizes to the full the advantages of such help to a beginner; they have, however, made the most of their abilities and opportunities, and industry and ambition are prominent characteristics of the entire family. The eldest living son, Ezekiel R., left home for Kansas with but ninety dollars, which he paid for arranging papers for his property out there; during the erection of his house he was boarding seven miles from the place, and frequently, at the close of a hard day's work, he would lie down on the ground and sleep until morning; he is still living in Kansas; he is a farmer, and has 320 acres of land. Augustus L. Ferris, the sixth child, like others of the family, is a great lover of books, and he always carries one in his pocket, improving every leisure moment. In his boyhood he worked on the farm in summer and attended district school in the winter, making the most of his time in and out of school, and by reading and study fitted himself for the profession of teaching, now holding a three-years' certificate in Ottawa county; the State of Ohio issues only one grade of certificate higher than this. At the age of twenty he commenced teaching in the county, and after three terms of teaching learned telegraphy, at which he worked for several years. In 1892 he returned to his profession, accepting his present position of principal of the Graytown schools. It may be said that this young man has made a success of everything he has undertaken, and he has a bright future before him. On September 15, 1892, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Eisenman, of Graytown, and to this union has come one

child, Harold Brayton, born August 17, 1893. Four children of the Ferris family are teachers, and excellent ones, and they may be said to have taken the same part in the intellectual advancement of the county as their father has in its agricultural development. One daughter, Mary, remained at home, assisting in the household duties, until seventeen years of age, when she set out to fit herself for teaching, and she became one of the best teachers in the county. Cora was the only member of the family who enjoyed the privilege of attending high school. She began teaching when sixteen years of age and taught eight years, when she married Charles Hess, of Gypsum, Ohio.

Mrs. Elizabeth E. (Brayton) Ferris was born October 18, 1831, in Huron county, Ohio, where she spent her girlhood, and met Mr. Ferris after coming to Ottawa county. Asa Brayton, her father, was born about 1798, in Vermont, and her mother was a native of New Jersey, born in 1796; they had three children—two sons and one daughter (Mrs. Ferris)—of whom, one son died while serving in the Mexican war. Asa Brayton met his death in the service of his country, he and his brother having entered the war of the Rebellion, and he was shot at the battle of Pittsburg Landing. One of Mrs. Ferris' cousins, Mathew Brayton, was stolen by the Indians when seven years old, and grew up among them, marrying the daughter of an Indian chief, by whom he had two children. Two brothers of Mr. Ferris' grandmother were scalped by the Indians.

HENRY CROLL is recognized as one of Ottawa county's foremost agriculturists, not only as a large landowner, but also for the very able manner in which he conducts his extensive farming business.

Mr. Croll is the son of Jacob and Martha (Schu) Croll, and was born Janu-

ary 14, 1843, in Germany, where he lived until fourteen years of age, during which time he acquired a liberal education in the German language. This, together with three months' schooling in this country, was all the education he received in the schoolroom; but he has gained, in the broad school of experience, a practical business education which, coupled with patience and perseverance, has enabled him to accumulate a large property and make a handsome home. In 1857 he came to America with his parents, the family settling in Erie county, Ohio, where they remained about eighteen months, thence removing to Benton township, Ottawa county, where the father purchased fifty-two acres in Section 36. This he cleared with the help of his sons, and subsequently selling it to Valentine Fulkert, removed to Wood county, Ohio, where he and his wife both passed the remainder of their days.

In 1865 our subject returned to Benton township and married Miss Anna Fulkert, and from the time of his marriage up to 1873 rented a farm of his father-in-law. In that year he purchased of Mr. Fulkert the fifty-two acres formerly owned by his father, where he has since lived, and which is now equipped with large modern buildings and other substantial improvements, everything on the farm indicating that the owner is a nineteenth-century agriculturist, both theoretically and practically. In 1876 he added forty-four acres to the original tract; in 1882, fifty acres; in 1885, seventy acres; in 1890, eighty acres, and later a farm of eighty acres near Oak Harbor. Mrs. Croll has forty acres of timber land from her father's estate, the whole making a grand total of 416 acres, all of which is under cultivation. In addition to these extensive farming operations, Mr. Croll is a dealer in all kinds of stock, selling to local dealers. As in farming so in politics, Mr. Croll is active, using his influence in behalf of the Republican party, of which he is a staunch

adherent. In religious connection he and his wife are both members of the Evangelical Church, and their Christian character and lives are indeed worthy examples to their children.

Mr. and Mrs. Croll have had a family of nine children, as follows: Lizzie, born November 19, 1865; Sophia, born January 20, 1868; William, born March 5, 1870; John, born April 14, 1872; George, born May 19, 1874; Valentine, born April 30, 1877; Katie, born November 28, 1879; Henry F., born April 9, 1882; and Emma, born December 25, 1887, of whom Lizzie was married May 3, 1883, to John Dorsch, by whom she has four children—three daughters and one son. Of these, Sophia is the wife of William Almroth, an enterprising farmer of Benton township; George, died December 25, 1877; Willian, John, and Valentine and Henry are engaged with their father in his agricultural operations; John was married September 19, 1895, to Miss Elizabeth Stick. Katie and Emma superintend the hoasehold work, their mother having been an invalid for several years. In addition to their home duties they find time to pursue the study of instrumental music, and in every way possible keep pace with the times, the spirit of progressiveness being a distinct characteristic of the entire family.

Mrs. Croll was born November 5, 1845, in Ottawa county, where she lived during her girlhood days, receiving such education as was offered the youth of that time. She has seen the development of her own beautiful home, and of the entire surrounding country as well. She has always been an active thinker, keeping abreast with the times, and leaves nothing undone for the comfort and happiness of her family, training her children to lives of usefulness. From the time of her marriage she has taken a keen interest in her husband's business success, keeping well in mind all his transactions, even to the dates of land purchases, erection of build-

ings, etc., and though she has been an invalid, confined to her easy chair, for some time, she is never idle, preferring to be occupied at something. Her parents, Valentine and Elizabeth (Haman) Fulkert, were both natives of Germany, the father born in 1812, the mother in 1816; they were married in Ohio in 1844, and reared a family of four children, two of whom are now living—Mrs. Croll and her brother John.

Mr. Croll's parents were also natives of the Fatherland, where his father, who was a blacksmith by vocation, was born in 1806, his mother in 1809. They were married in 1832, and by their union became the parents of eight children, three of whom are living—two sons and one daughter. The father died March 24, 1879, the mother on September 21, 1887.

JOHAN ELKINGTON, SR. This honored pioneer, highly respected citizen and worthy farmer of Clay township, Ottawa county, was born in England, opening his eyes to the light of day on the 20th of January, 1809, in the town of Bourton, near Banbury, Oxfordshire. He is a son of Thomas and Jane (White) Elkington, who resided in that place, the father following the occupation of a shepherd in the employ of a farmer of that county. John acquired a limited education in his native town, and began earning his living as an employe in a mill, to which work he devoted his energies until forty years of age.

On April 30, 1831, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Lovell, of Northamptonshire, England, and they became the parents of two children: Eli, and one who died early in childhood. The mother died in her native land in 1842, and nine years afterward Mr. Elkington with his son Eli emigrated to America, coming to Ohio, and took up his residence in East Toledo, where he worked on a railroad for a year or more. He then

came to Clay township, Ottawa county, purchasing forty acres of timber land, in a locality where no roads were laid out, and where the settlers were widely scattered. After building a log cabin, he at once began to clear his land, undaunted by the arduous task that lay before him. He worked early and late to accomplish his labor, and in course of time his tract was under a high state of cultivation, while a comfortable dwelling took the place of the log cabin in which he and his family were sheltered in those early days. He also built barns and other necessary outbuildings, planted an orchard and made the improvements that are found upon the model farms of to-day. He had to endure many trials and hardships; but patience, perseverance and energy at length overcame these, and he accomplished a task which would daunt the energy of many of the present generation.

Mr. Elkington was married again August 23, 1851, his second union being with Mehitable Butler, who was born in New York, April 9, 1824. Five children were the fruit of this union, namely: Jane, born December 4, 1852, and died February 1, 1854; John, born October 29, 1855; Thomas, born June 17, 1857, and drowned while bathing near his home, July 20, 1878; David, born August 1, 1859; and Lewis, born May 1, 1861. The mother died August 27, 1891, leaving a loving husband and three children to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and faithful mother. The eldest son was educated in Clay township, Ottawa county, and has always followed farming. He was married December 6, 1888, to Melissa (Risley) Wood, widow of David Wood, whose brother, Samuel Wood, is sheriff of Ottawa county.

John Elkington, Jr., and his wife have one son, John, born December 26, 1891. He was elected trustee of Clay, Ottawa county, for one term on the Democratic ticket, was constable of the town-

ship two terms, and is also school director in the special school district, and clerk of the school board. He belongs to Clay Lodge, No. 584, I. O. O. F., of Genoa, and of the Masonic fraternity, and is a prominent and highly-respected citizen. David Elkington, the second son of our subject, was educated in Clay township, and follows the occupation of bridge building in Zanesville, Ohio; he was married October 10, 1893, to Jennie Gallagher, and they have one child. Lewis, the third son of the family, was born and educated in Clay township and follows farming on the old homestead; he married January 2, 1894, to Alice Walker, of Oak Harbor. Eli, the eldest son, died in Toledo, Ohio, leaving a family.

Our subject, John Elkington, is one of the oldest residents of Clay township, having attained the ripe age of eighty-six years. Although somewhat feeble, his mind is active and he is an entertaining conversationalist, relating in an interesting manner incidents of pioneer life here when he was struggling to make a home, of how he aided in erecting and maintaining the schools in the district, and served as a member of the school board for several years. He also assisted in laying out the roads and digging ditches, and in promoting the work of public progress. He is a stalwart Democrat, but not an office seeker, preferring to give his attention to his business. He has lived honestly, treating all with fairness and justice, and is widely and favorably known throughout Sandusky county, esteemed by young and old, rich and poor alike. While devoted to the best interests of his adopted land, he still retains a true love for England.

WILLIAM A. COOPER, senior member of the firm of Cooper Brothers, general merchants and prominent citizens of Lakeside, was born in Portage township, Ottawa

county, June 22, 1853, and is a son of Caleb and Jeanette (McDonald) Cooper. He was educated in the public schools of his native township, and, on leaving the school-room, worked upon the homestead farm until 1882, when he began contracting and building at Lakeside, putting up the addition to the "Lakeside Hotel," and also erecting several other prominent buildings in the vicinity. In 1894, in connection with his brother, Ranald L., he began his present business, in which he is meeting with excellent success.

On December 18, 1877, in Portage township, Mr. Cooper was united in marriage with Eliza Howard, a daughter of William and Mary Howard, natives of England. Her mother is now deceased, but her father is still living, and makes his home in Jefferson county, Neb. To our subject and his wife were born four children, two of whom are yet living, Bessie and Mary. Mr. Cooper belongs to Peninsular Lodge, No. 607, K. of P., of Lakeside, and Lakeside Tent, No. 81, K. O. T. M. His political views coincide with those of the Republican party, to which he gives his support, and the family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. Though still a young man, Mr. Cooper occupies a high position among his fellow citizens. Standing on the vantage ground of his past achievements, he has certainly much to hope for and look forward to, and with his practical business knowledge and good judgment his future is sure to be a bright and prosperous one.

Caleb Cooper, the father of our subject, is a prominent and successful fruit grower of Portage township, Ottawa county. His birth occurred in Boughton, County of Kent, England, August 17, 1826, and he is a son of Thomas and Sarah (Billsby) Cooper, the former a native of Northamptonshire, the latter of Lincolnshire, England. His mother died when he was quite young, and with his father and the other members of the family he migrated to this country, locating

in Monroeville, near Bellevue, Huron Co., Ohio, about 1844. His father resided with his children until his death, which occurred about 1870, when he was at the advanced age of eighty-three years. In his early life he had been a stock buyer for a number of years, but later for eleven years superintended the estate of the Earl of Chelsea, in Kent, England. After coming to America he made his home with his children, and did not engage in any arduous duties. He had ten children, only two of whom are now living—the father of our subject; and Maria, widow of William Dey, and a resident of North Monroeville, Huron Co., Ohio. Caleb Cooper received a very limited education in the school on the estate of the Earl of Winchelsea, after which he acted as page for a clergyman for some years. On his arrival in the United States, he began agricultural pursuits, but soon after the breaking out of the Mexican war, he enlisted in the First Mich. V. I., under command of Col. Stocton, and did garrison duty at Cordova, Mexico, for four months. After serving for a little over seven months, he was discharged at Detroit, Mich., after which he returned to his home at Monroeville, Ohio, where he resumed farming. It was about 1848 when he purchased his present farm in Portage township, Ottawa county, where he has since engaged in agricultural pursuits, but of late years has devoted the greater part of his attention to fruit growing.

At Plaster Bed, Ottawa county, on November 16, 1849, was celebrated the marriage of Caleb Cooper and Jeanette McDonald, who was born in Banffshire, Scotland, January 15, 1859, and was a daughter of Alexander McDonald, a native of Scotland and early settler of Portage township, Ottawa county. Her mother is still living, but her father is deceased, having passed away at the advanced age of over eighty years. Mrs. Cooper died March 17, 1888, leaving four

children: Sarah, born October 15, 1850, wife of George P. Englebeck, of Des Moines, Iowa; William A. is next in order of birth; Ranald L., born July 10, 1857; and Margaret M., born January 10, 1859, still living with her father.

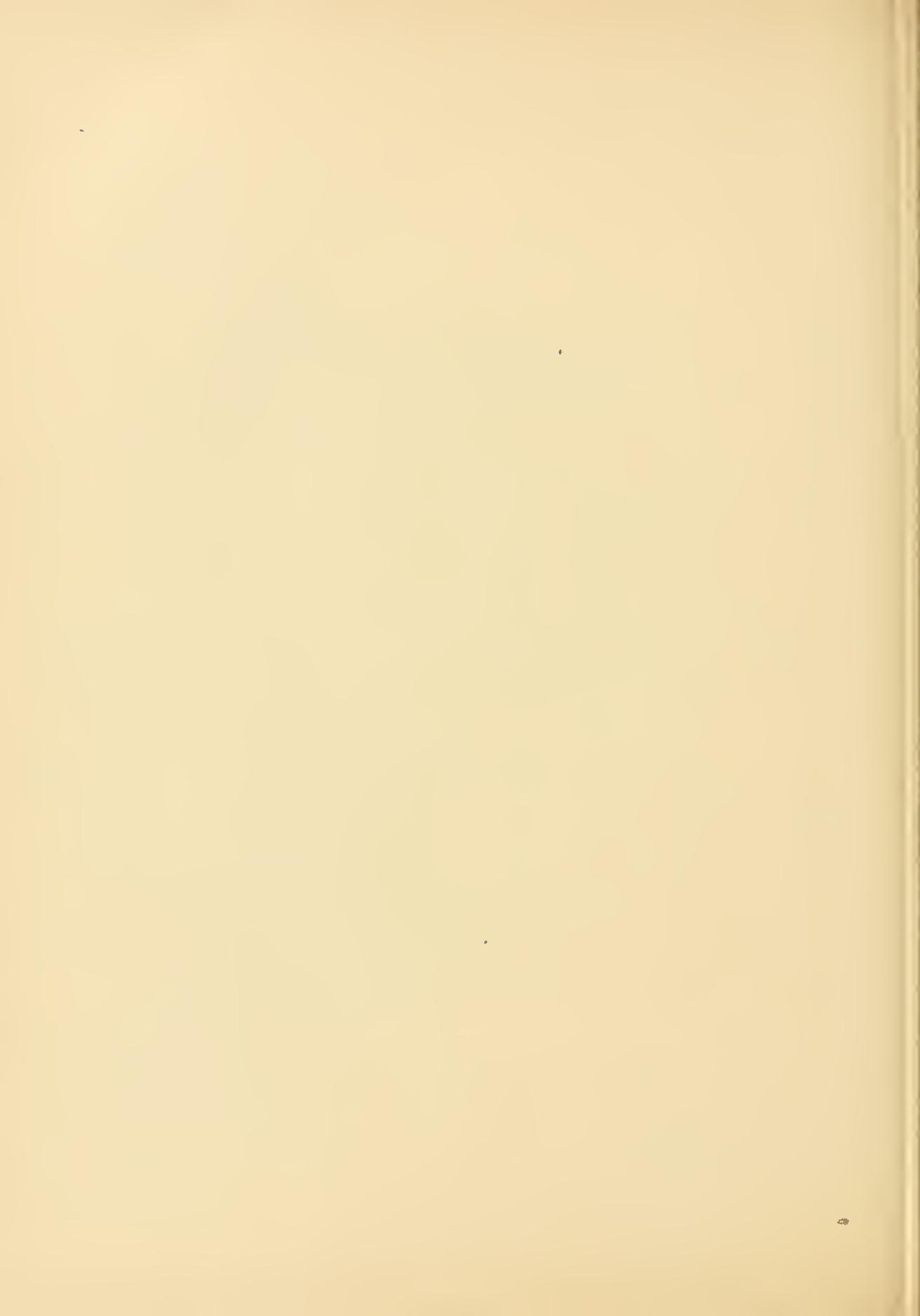
Mr. Cooper generally supports the men and measures of the Republican party, but is not strictly partisan, believing in voting for the best man regardless of his party affiliations. With his family he attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a systematic agriculturist who has met with a well-deserved success, and has acquired all his possessions by his own industry, business economy and good management. He is a quiet, peaceable, kind-hearted neighbor, respected by all who know him for his many noble traits of character.

JOHN BOSCHEN, one of the most progressive and prosperous fruit growers of Portage township, Ottawa county, is a native of the county, having first seen the light July 4, 1839, in Danbury township.

His father, Claus H. Boschen, was a native of Hanover, Germany, and in 1832 crossed the Atlantic to New York. On landing in that city as he could find no employment at his trade, that of blacksmith, he went to Long Island, where for four months he was engaged in farm labor at \$4.00 per month. Returning then to New York City, he met an old friend who was then engaged in the manufacture of candy, and worked with him for some time, finally buying his employer out and continuing in the business until his removal to Ohio, in 1835. Locating in Danbury township, where he was one of the earliest settlers, he carried on agricultural pursuits there up to the time of his death, which occurred April 13, 1883. He married Elizabeth Shook, who was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, and in 1825 settled in Portage



John Baschen



township, Ottawa county, with her parents, John and Susanna Shook, who in pioneer days migrated from Pennsylvania to Pickaway county, Ohio, living there until coming to Ottawa county. The father was a teamster, and during the war of 1812 carried provisions across the Alleghany mountains for the army. Mr. and Mrs. Boschen became the parents of four children, all yet living, namely: John; Susanna, wife of William Tankey, who lives near Elmore, Ottawa county; Martha, wife of Henry Schweck, who is living on the old homestead in Danbury township; and Mary E., who makes her home with her sister Martha.

Our subject was reared a farmer boy, and acquired but a limited education in the district schools of his native town; but he had ample training at farm labor, and since his boyhood days has successfully followed agricultural pursuits. He has also operated a threshing machine for nine years, and a cider-mill some twelve years, while for the past fourteen years he has been extensively engaged in the cultivation of grapes and peaches, and owns and operates one of the most productive fruit farms in the township.

On April 7, 1861, in Danbury township, Ottawa county, Mr. Boschen was united in marriage with Miss Laura J. Rouse, who was born in that township August 3, 1841, and is a daughter of George L. and Mary (Knapp) Rouse. Three children graced this union: Norma S., born August 6, 1863, who died September 2, 1883; Bennie F., born December 14, 1866, died May 12, 1889; and Mattie A., born April 1, 1868, married June 11, 1887, to Sherman Shook, and they have two children—Bennie B., born March 5, 1888, and Ethel, born June 21, 1889. Mr. Boschen has efficiently filled the office of township trustee four terms, and though frequently tendered numerous other positions of trust has always declined to serve, preferring to give his time to the duties of his farm and the enjoy-

ment of his home. Politically, he votes with the Democratic party, and, socially, he is connected with O. H. Perry Lodge No. 341, F. & A. M., of Port Clinton, and he is a member of Sandusky City Chapter. He is a man of untiring energy and perseverance. Favored with but few early advantages for mental culture, he made the most of his opportunities, has become well-informed and the possessor of a handsome competence. He is an ideal self-made man, and, having earned what he possesses by hard labor and economy, thoroughly understands its true worth.

RANALD L. COOPER, a member of the firm of Cooper Brothers, general merchants, of Lakeside, Ottawa county, and the youngest son of Caleb and Jeanette (McDonald) Cooper, was born in Portage township, Ottawa county, July 10, 1857.

He spent his boyhood days upon the homestead farm amidst the surroundings of a comfortable home, and received the advantages of a liberal education in the public schools of his native township. On completing his studies, he was engaged as a salesman in general mercantile establishments in Port Clinton and Gypsum, Ohio, and also in Victor, Iowa, until 1881. From that year until 1883 he was employed as a clerk by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company, at Sandusky, Ohio, and for the next five years then served in the same capacity with the Lake Erie & Western railroad, at Lima, Ohio. In 1889 he was appointed freight agent for that company at Lima, which position he filled until the latter part of November, 1893. In the following year he formed a connection with his brother William A., and they are now conducting a successful general mercantile establishment.

In the city of Sandusky, Ohio, on November 13, 1883, was celebrated the mar-

riage which united the destinies of Mr. Cooper and Miss Flora A. Boor, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Boor, both natives of Pennsylvania, and three children have come to bless their union: Randall L., born March 22, 1886; Hazel, born January 1, 1890, and Kenneth, born December 13, 1892.

Mr. Cooper is connected with several civic orders in Lima, Ohio, belonging to Lima Lodge, No 91, Knights of Pythias; Criterion Council, No 1162, Royal Arcanum; and Ottawa Council, No. 125, National Union. His political preferences are with the Republican party, which he always supports by his ballot, and with his family attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. He holds a high position in social as well as business circles, and gains the confidence and regard of all with whom he comes in contact.

CHARLES INGRAHAM, of the firm of F. Ingraham & Co., general merchants, of Curtice, Ottawa county, and a popular citizen of that thriving town, was born in Ontario, La Grange Co., Ind., October 28, 1847.

He is a son of Dwight and Mary (Wykel) Ingraham, the former a native of Huron county, N. Y., the latter born near Philadelphia, Penn. They were married at Middleburg, Ohio, in 1844, and became the parents of three children: Vesta, born May 7, 1846, now the wife of Christian Linderman, and living near McComb, Ohio; Charles, the subject of this sketch; Emma, born September 8, 1852, now the widow of Albert S. Burtch, and living with her mother in Sturgis, St. Joseph Co., Mich. During his life Mr. Ingraham was engaged in the coopering business, and was a prominent and highly-respected citizen of Sturgis, St. Joseph Co., Mich., where he died October 30, 1865; his widow is still living in that county.

Charles Ingraham, the subject of this sketch, was but a year old when his parents removed from Indiana to Michigan. He received a fair education in the public schools of Sturgis, Mich., and learned the trade of a cooper with his father, following that occupation some twenty-five years. In 1870 he moved to Clayton, Lenawee Co., Mich., and there worked at his trade for six years. He then went to Toledo, and became identified with the firm of H. C. Haskins & Co., wholesale dealers in fruit, in which he continued five years. He then became the secretary of the Toledo Fruit Co., in which he was a stockholder, remaining with that company for one year. In 1894 Mr. Ingraham came to Ohio, settling in Curtice, where his son Frederick had established himself in business some three years previous, and has been engaged in the mercantile business, also owning large farming interests in Lucas county. He has been twice married, the first time in Ontario, Ind., in October, 1868, to Catherine Olive Tyler, a native of New York State; of this union, one child, Frederick Dwight, was born, in Ontario, Ind., April 10, 1869. Mrs. Ingraham died in Sturgis, St. Joseph Co., Mich., February 15, 1874. The second marriage of Mr. Ingraham took place at Bronson, Branch Co., Mich., October 31, 1876, to Miss Emma Louise Moore, a native of that State, and they became the parents of three children: Pearl, born in Centreville, Mich., July 20, 1878; Nellie, born in Sturgis, Mich., July 14, 1880; and Lulu, born in Clayton, Mich., April 25, 1886.

Mr. Ingraham has recently been elected treasurer of Allen township, and his well-known business ability and undoubted integrity give the assurance that he will fill the position with credit to himself and with fidelity to the best interests of his community. Politically, he is a staunch Republican; and socially, he is a member of the Masonic Fraternity (although he is not at present affiliated with any lodge).

and is a member of Adrian Commandery, at Adrian, Mich. His family attend the services of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are highly respected by all who know them.

ERNST FRANCK, better known to the residents of Ottawa and Sandusky counties as "Squire Franck," has for the past forty-five years been an honored and respected resident of this section of the State. He was born August 10, 1824, in the extreme northern part of Wurtemberg, Germany, son of John Christian and Augusta Wilhelmina (Smitt) Franck, also natives of Wurtemberg, where they spent their entire lives, the father passing away in 1847, the mother in 1846.

The subject of this review acquired his primary education in the district schools of his native town, and from 1839 until 1843 attended the Polytechnic School of Stuttgart. In 1843 he entered the University of Tuebingen, where he spent three and a half years, in 1847 graduating for State service in the branches of forestry and finance. He served in those departments until 1850, in March of which year he crossed the ocean to America, coming direct to Ohio. He located in Salem township about a mile and a half from the site of Oak Harbor, on the land where he still has his residence. He has lived to see Oak Harbor grow from an insignificant village of two or three log cabins to an important and flourishing town, which he himself laid out. Mr. Franck served as county engineer for thirty-eight years—during which time he platted all the towns in Ottawa county—and for thirty-three years as county surveyor, and the greater part of the roads and ditches and townships have been laid out and platted by him or under his supervision. In 1856 he was appointed justice of the peace, and for more than thirty-eight years has faithfully performed the duties of that office

with a painstaking fidelity that has won for him the unlimited confidence and respect of the people he has so efficiently served. Mr. Franck is an excellent type of the sturdy old pioneers of Ottawa county, to whom too much credit can not be given for the improvement and advancement of the country. He has seen the dense forest replaced by fertile fields, and has himself been instrumental in effecting these changes. In his long life and early pioneer experiences he has an interesting history, and could relate many a tale of hardships and dangers endured by the early settlers of these counties that the present generation does not realize. He has a host of friends whose confidence he well merits, and he is one of the best known residents of Ottawa county. In manner he is modest and unassuming, but his sterling worth is recognized, and he has the esteem of young and old, rich and poor. Since becoming a citizen of the United States, he has been a supporter of the Democracy.

Mr. Franck has been twice married; first time, in Salem township, in 1851, to Miss Mary Wheeler, daughter of John and Nancy Wheeler, natives of Connecticut and early settlers of Ottawa county. Mrs. Franck died February 10, 1854, and the three children of that marriage have also passed away; the eldest, Rudolph E., born March 13, 1852, died August 14, 1894; the other two (twins) died in infancy. In the fall of 1854 our subject married Louisa, daughter of William G. and Regina Franck, natives of Germany, who spent their last days in Salem township, Ottawa county. The family born of the second marriage numbered ten children, to wit: Wilhelmina Augusta, born December 7, 1855, now the wife of Dr. S. D. Allen, of Oak Harbor; Caroline Feodora, born April 15, 1857, now the wife of John Eckhoff, of Oak Harbor; Herman, born January 29, 1859, died May 16, 1870; Julia Louisa, born March 10, 1861, now the wife of William Camp-

bell, of Oak Harbor; Elenora, born December 9, 1862, now the wife of Dr. Gradolph, a dentist of Oak Harbor; Ernestina Louisa, born February 16, 1864, now the wife of Carl Bauch, of Oak Harbor; Christian William Godfrey, born November 7, 1867, married to Miss Cora Lattimore, and they reside on the old homestead; Paul Frederick, born March 20, 1870, died August 26, 1878; Carl A. Frederick, born October 14, 1872, now a merchant in Crossville, Tenn.; and Emil Feodor born January 23, 1876, living in Oak Harbor. The family attend the Lutheran Church, and all the members are people of prominence in the community.

HENRY E. PHILE. No better illustration is needed of what can be accomplished in the face of seemingly unsurmountable obstacles, by any one who possesses a courageous heart and determined will, than that shown in the simple record of the gentleman whose name opens this sketch, and who holds a prominent place in Allen township, Ottawa county, where he has resided for nearly thirty years. That he has inherited some of his energy and perseverance, the following brief sketch of his parents will testify.

Henry Phile, the father of our subject, was born in York county, Penn., May 30, 1804. His education was very limited, for the schools in those days were few and far between, and the facilities offered exceedingly meagre; he was, however, of an inquiring turn of mind, and eagerly seized every opportunity to add to his store of knowledge, reading everything he could procure. He learned the trade of a cabinet-maker, when a youth, and worked at it for several years, then took up farming in Northfield, Summit Co., this State, to which he came about the year 1826. He was very ingenious, and although he had never served any ap-

prenticeship at carpentering, he readily picked up the practical part of the business and built several houses, barns and other buildings in and around Summit county, as well as two canal boats. He also worked at coopering, and could boast of making the first pail and barrel ever made in Northfield township, and also the first window sash that was ever put in a house there. In addition to this he began the manufacture of carriages, of which he built seven, and at the age of eighty-five he made a wagon, out and out, which is now in the possession of a grandson, and is highly prized by him. He lived to the good old age of ninety years, passing away in Northfield township, January 16, 1894. He was a man of strong character and great energy, and was respected by all who knew him.

The mother of our subject, Roxana (Cranmer) Phile, was born in 1811, in Northfield township, and was a daughter of Jeremiah and Hannah (Cole) Cranmer. Her father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, during which he was wounded, and he carried both British and Indian lead in his body to his grave; he was buried in Northfield township. His family consisted of ten children, namely: Jeremiah, David, Abram (who served in the Rebellion), Esther, Hannah, Eunice, Nancy, Roxana (mother of our subject), Sallie, and Joseph, who died young (his was the first grave made in what is now the cemetery at Northfield, and for seven years was the only one; wolves and wild beasts were plentiful in those days, and the family were obliged to build heaps of logs over his grave to prevent them from despoiling it). Mrs. Phile died in 1892, two years before her husband, having lived a useful and busy life, and leaving behind her only tender recollections of a mother's care and affection.

Henry E. Phile, the subject of this sketch, was born March 14, 1837, in the township of Northfield, Summit Co., Ohio, where, at the public schools, he re-

ceived his education. On arriving at manhood he assisted his father upon the farm until 1862, at which time, with many of his neighbors and friends who rallied around "the flag of their country" when it was threatened by disloyal hands, he enlisted in Company B, Sixty-first Ohio Infantry, in which he served two years and three months, the regiment being stationed most of the time on the Rapidan river, Virginia, where they were doing hard service at the front. Mr. Phile was on detail duty in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia. He was not mustered out with his regiment, but was discharged in Nashville, Tenn. Returning home he came to Clay (now Allen) township, and purchased eighty acres of timber land, on which he built a small log cabin and lived for some time. In February, 1865, he again enlisted in the army, this time joining the One Hundred and Eighty-eighth Ohio Infantry. His time of service was short, however, for he was seized with paralysis and was discharged June 9, of the same year, at Nashville, and returned to his father's home at Northfield, where he remained until May, 1866. At the expiration of that time he returned to Clay township and added forty acres more to his possessions, making a total of 120 acres.

A weighty problem in life now presented itself. How was he, in feeble health, obliged to go about on crutches, and physically unable to labor, to accomplish the feat of clearing off this land, supporting his family and paying a debt of five hundred and fifty dollars? There were only four log cabins in his vicinity, not a road within three miles of his shanty, the land covered with dense forests, and no comforts or conveniences of any description. It was here that the undaunted courage and steadfast purpose of this stout-hearted pioneer and his brave wife came into play. They cheerfully bore all hardships, hired what help they could procure, worked day and night,

and, as a result of twenty-nine years' labor, have to-day one of the most highly improved farms in the county, on which stands a splendid brick residence, with numerous barns, outhouses and other improvements, which make the place an ornament to the township, and a credit to the intelligent management of its owner.

Mr. Phile was married, January 7, 1860, to Evaline N., daughter of John and Lydia (Spafford) Tryon, the former of whom was a farmer in Northfield township. Mrs. Phile proved herself the worthy wife of a worthy pioneer, and bore no small part in the prosperity of her husband and the development of the township. She died May 27, 1885, much regretted. To this happy union but one child has come, Alsom E., whose birth took place May 9, 1862, in Northfield township. He attended the public schools in Clay township for some years, and took a three-years' course at Oberlin; he then attended a private school at Port Clinton, conducted by Miss Mothly, from which he was graduated in 1881. He now owns eighty acres of his father's old farm, on which he lives. Alsom Phile was married November 18, 1884, to Emma, daughter of Reuben M. and Lucy M. (Ensign) Babcock, the former an agriculturist and manufacturer of charcoal, who lives in Allen township. They have one son, Alsom E., born December 21, 1891, and one daughter, Eva J., born December 20, 1886. Our subject belongs to the G. A. R., and is a member of the American Protective Association. In politics he is a Republican, and with his family he attends the Baptist Church.

JOHN KLEINHANS, a retired farmer, and one of the earliest settlers of Erie township, Ottawa county, is now spending his declining days in the village of Lacarne amidst the surroundings of a comfortable and happy home. He is an honored citizen, and one

well worthy of representation in this volume.

Mr. Kleinhaus was born in Williams township, Northampton Co., Penn., December 1, 1816, and is a son of George Henry and Elizabeth (Richardson) Kleinhaus. In 1832 they removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio, and spent the remainder of their lives in Erie township, Ottawa county, where they were esteemed and valued citizens for many years. When they had reached a ripe old age death ended their active and useful lives, but their memory will long be cherished by all who knew them. Their union was blessed with a family of eleven children, five of whom are still living: Maria, widow of Frederick Witmore, and now residing in Detroit, Mich., at the advanced aged of ninety-five; George, also living in Detroit; John is next in the family; David makes his home in Midland county, Mich.; and Henry is also located in that State.

We now take up the personal history of John Kleinhaus, knowing that it will prove of interest to many of our readers, for he is widely and favorably known. He was educated in the district schools of his native township, and when sixteen years of age came to Erie township with his parents. For sixty-three years he has been one of its most progressive residents, always found in the foremost rank of any undertaking tending to the advancement of the general welfare. He gives of both his time and means to all such worthy objects, and is indeed a progressive and valued citizen. Several lines of business have been carried on by him chiefly fishing, butchering, farming and stock raising.

On June 7, 1839, in Bay township, Ottawa county, Mr. Kleinhaus was united in marriage with Miss Maria Hineline, a daughter of William and Susan Hineline, and born in Berks county, Penn., December 25, 1819, who came with her parents to Ottawa county in 1832. Eight children came to this union: Anna, born October

9, 1841, is the widow of Richard Wooding, and is living in Lacarne; Elizabeth, born July 28, 1843, is the wife of Frederick Hall, of Lacarne; William H., born August 5, 1844, is a resident of Toledo, Ohio; George, born November 9, 1845, is living in Erie township; Susan, born September 5, 1847, is the wife of Samuel Minier, a representative farmer of Erie township; Margaret, born April 22, 1849, is the widow of George O. Bailey, a resident of Lacarne; John, born September 27, 1850, is living in Erie township; Lavina, born in Port Clinton, February 24, 1857, is the wife of Reuben Rymers, of Salem township, Ottawa county. The mother of this family died October 13, 1893, from the effects of an accident caused by a train on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad, while crossing the track in front of her home, October 9, 1893. Her death was deeply mourned, for she was an estimable lady, having the warm friendship of many.

Mr. Kleinhaus has been called to several positions of public trust. For four years he faithfully served as county treasurer, for one year was deputy treasurer, and has filled various local offices. He is ever true to his duties of citizenship, and in all the relations of life has been an honorable, upright gentleman. In his declining years he is now enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and well deserves.

JAMES B. THORP, attorney at law and agriculturist. This well-known and highly-respected citizen of Allen township, Ottawa county, who has contributed in no small degree to the development and substantial progress of the community in which he lives, is a native of the Buckeye State, his birth taking place January 22, 1830, at Warrensville, Cuyahoga county.

Mr. Thorp received his early education in the district schools of his birth-

place, which was supplemented by a course in the high school at Cleveland. On leaving school he decided to learn a trade, and served an apprenticeship with the well-known firm of Scofield & Gill, contractors and builders, of Cleveland. At the expiration of that time he went into business for himself in that line in Cleveland, which he carried on with great success for eleven years. His health then failing, he gave up his work and went to Michigan, hoping to be benefited by the change, and located in Hillsdale, where he remained for two years. Not finding any improvement in his health, he concluded to seek a more genial climate, and journeyed to Oregon; from there by sea to Cuba, Central America, Mexico and California. In 1862 Mr. Thorp returned to Oregon, and located in Josephine county, where he remained for two years, spending his time most delightfully and rapidly regaining health and strength. In 1864, being fully restored to his former activity, he returned to his old home in Warrensville, this State, and decided to engage in farming, as a more healthful occupation than the one he had been following. In 1870 Mr. Thorp left Warrensville and settled in Ottawa county, in what is now Allen township. Here he bought forty acres of timberland, and, first building a log cabin, set to work to clear his land. He found the soil to be very productive, and, with the shrewd judgment which has always characterized his career, he added eighty acres more, continuing to purchase as his means warranted, until he owned 335 acres. On this property he has expended much time, labor and money, and its present high state of cultivation and consequent increase in value are evidences of the industry and intelligent management of the owner. Six years were spent in the humble log cabin, that then gave place to the handsome residence, which is one of the finest and most comfortable homes in Allen township. Mr. Thorp was married,

March 19, 1868, at Berea, Cuyahoga county, to Carolina, daughter of Van-Rennesaler and Catherine (Weller) Sur-rarer, both natives of New York State. Of this union one child, Yale J., has been born, his birth taking place January 24, 1871. He was educated at the public schools of Allen township, and also in the high school of Toledo. Having decided to follow the occupation of a farmer, he is now the managing partner on his father's farm, and transacts all business appertaining to it; is also a notary public.

Warren Thorp, the father of our subject, was born April 12, 1802, in the third log house that was built on the ground where the city of Cleveland now stands. His father, Joel Thorp, a millwright by trade, came from Connecticut to Ohio in 1799, traveling the long distance by ox-team. He settled in Ashtabula county, and was killed in the war of 1812. Warren Thorp settled in Warrensville and carried on farming. He married Hannah Burnside, a daughter of James Burnside, who was a drummer boy in the Revolutionary war, and a colonel in the war of 1812. In the latter war he was in a number of battles and received eleven wounds (he was an uncle of Col. Burnside, who served in the Civil war). To the parents of our subject seven children were born as follows: (1) Jane L., born October 25, 1826, was married in 1847 to Henry N. Clark, a farmer of Cuyahoga county; they have one child. (2) Harriette L., born February 27, 1828, was married, August 6, 1845, to Lewis B. Harrington, a farmer of Rockport, and they have five children. (3) James B., our subject. (4) Warren A., born January 15, 1832, is a farmer in Mayfield, and married Elizabeth Barber, and they have five children. (5) Joseph P., born January 22, 1834, is a farmer and lives on the old homestead in Warrensville, where he is a justice of the peace; was married in 1864 to Miss Melissa Morris, and they have five children. (6) Han-

nah M., born April 30, 1836, now the wife of Daniel Gardner, of Berea; they also have five children. (7) Charles W., born March 16, 1840, was married in 1864 to Melinda Gardner, and they had five children; his wife died in 1873, and his second wife is Miss Mary Brier, whom he married about 1880; they have no children. Hannah (Burnside) Thorp, the mother of our subject, was born May 4, 1809, and died May 3, 1884, her husband passing away April 3, 1888; both died in Warrensville. Caroline Surrarer, the wife of our subject was born in Cuyahoga county, August 30, 1842, and was one of eleven children born to her parents.

The subject of this sketch, after following farming for a number of years, decided to begin the study of law and accordingly, in 1887, began reading in the office of Thomas J. Marshall, at Port Clinton, this State. Since beginning practice he has been very successful and has an extensive clientele, both in his immediate vicinity and throughout the county. He takes cases in the Justice Courts and assists Mr. Marshall in the court of common pleas. He was census enumerator in 1890, has served as assessor for several years, has been a member of the school board several times, being now president of the board of school directors of Allen township, and is also notary public. Mr. Thorp is an ardent Republican and always alive to the needs and welfare of his community. He is a man of much energy and of broad and progressive views, and his opinion carries weight with his fellow citizens. He and his family are attendants of the Methodist Church.

GEORGE F. BOWSER. It matters not into what station of life one is born in this free land of ours, all avenues of business, of political or of military life are open to the individual who has high ambitions,

determination and enterprise. Mr. Bowser, who began life for himself at an early age, has steadily worked his way upward from a position of limited means to one of affluence, and to-day is numbered among the substantial farmers of Scott township, Sandusky county.

He was born August 17, 1849, in Bedford county, Penn., son of Fred and Margaret (Fickes) Bowser, who, when our subject was five years of age, brought their family to Scott township, becoming pioneers of this locality. The father, who was a farmer and mechanic, was born in Bedford county, Penn., in 1824, and departed this life in January, 1872. His wife, who was born in the same county in 1823, still survives, and is now living in Helena, Ohio. They were the parents of seven children: George F.; Rosanna, who died at the age of twenty-four, and is buried by her father in the cemetery between Clyde and Green Spring; Jacob, a resident of Cowley county, Kans., who married Susan Fickes, and has nine children; Alice (deceased), who became the wife of John Goate, and the mother of two children; Barbara, wife of John Ward, of Helena; Daniel, who died July 17, 1873; and Maggie M., who is the wife of John Goate, and the mother of three children.

The subject proper of this biography was a mere lad when he left his native State, and the greater part of his boyhood and youth was spent upon the home farm in the midst of the Ohio forests. Being the eldest child he greatly aided his father in the work of clearing and developing the land, and as opportunity offered attended the district schools of the neighborhood. Before attaining his majority he learned the carpenter's trade, and at the age of twenty-six he went to Indiana, where he followed that pursuit two years.

On March 10, 1874, Mr. Bowser was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Miser, born August 29, 1853, daughter of



S. J. Bowser.



Samuel and Catherine Miser, who lived in Ohio in an early day, afterward removing to Indiana. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, was born in Ohio, in 1809, and died in 1883 in Indiana; the mother was born in 1813. Their family numbered ten children, namely: John, Peter, Susanna, Rachel, Catherine, Christian, Anna, Elizabeth, and Jacob and Mary, who died in infancy. Six children grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. Bowser, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Jacob H., March 10, 1875; Aaron, January 11, 1876; Curtis A., March 26, 1878; William, August 31, 1882; Maudy May, September 15, 1884; and Bertha, February 3, 1886.

Since his marriage Mr. Bowser has resided upon the farm which has been his home, and made of the place a valuable property. His success is due to his own persistent efforts, and the able assistance of his estimable wife. He is a man of unflinching energy and capable management, and justly ranks among the leading and progressive agriculturists of Scott township.

ALBERT PETTIBONE is numbered among the native sons of Ottawa county, and one of the honored pioneers, who for sixty-five years has been a witness of its growth and development, aiding in its progress and promoting its material prosperity. He has a wide acquaintance and his pleasant, genial manner and sterling worth have made him very popular, so that we feel assured this record of his life will prove of interest to many of our readers.

Mr. Pettibone was born in Danbury township, Ottawa county, March 15, 1830, and is a son of Truman and Phœbe (Wolcotte) Pettibone, the former a native of the Green Mountain State, the latter of Danbury, Conn., born February 12, 1796. The father died July 23, 1830, when our subject was only four months

old, but the mother long survived him, and passed away December 24, 1872. They were the parents of five children—three sons and two daughters—only one of whom is now living, Albert, subject of this sketch.

The educational privileges which our subject received were limited to those afforded by the district schools during the winter months. The schoolhouse was built of logs and furnished in a primitive manner. Since his boyhood he has engaged in fishing and farming, and was early inured to the arduous labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturists who live on the frontier. Of late years he has also extensively engaged in fruit farming, and has found this branch of his business a very remunerative one. In Danbury township, Ottawa county, February 5, 1854, Mr. Pettibone married Eliza Ramsdell, who was born December 7, 1836, and is a daughter of Jacob and Experience (Willett) Ramsdell, who were among the earliest settlers of Danbury township, where they located in 1811. The maternal grandparents of our subject, Bennajah and Elizabeth Wolcott, natives of New York, preceded them, however, emigrating from Connecticut to Ohio in 1809. No one else at that time resided in Danbury township, and they therefore had the honor of opening it up to civilization.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Pettibone numbered twelve children: Clara M., born October 22, 1855, residing in Danbury township; Oscar P., born October 28, 1857, a fireman on the Lakeside railroad, residing at Lakeside, Ohio; Orra E., born May 8, 1860, and died January 22, 1864; Phœbe L., born January 13, 1862, now the wife of William Killey, of Danbury township; Cora E., born May 7, 1864, now the wife of William Bredehoff, of Oak Harbor, Ohio; Selina A., born December 13, 1866, and now living at Oak Harbor; George A., born December 25, 1868; Edna J., born August 17,

1871, now the wife of Martin Southard, of Danbury township; Jacob T., born September 7, 1873, and died February 20, 1876; Lydia A., born November 23, 1875; Willett A., born May 10, 1878; and Zelma E., born October 21, 1881.

His fellow citizens, appreciating his worth and ability, have frequently called Mr. Pettibone to public office, where he has discharged his duties with a promptness and fidelity that have won him the highest commendation. He was the first supervisor of Danbury township, was township clerk for twenty years, township trustee three years, has been justice of the peace some eighteen years, was township real-estate assessor for one term, for four years served as postmaster of Vine Ridge, and was instrumental in establishing this office, and has held other public positions of honor and trust. In his political views he is a stalwart Republican, while socially he is a charter member of the Knights of the Golden Rule, of Castle Rock Lodge, No. 21, of Lakeside. The family attend the services of the Methodist and Congregational Churches, but hold membership with no religious organization. Mr. Pettibone enjoys the respect and esteem of all who know him, and is one of the few remaining settlers who have been spared to see the dense forests and log cabins give place to extensive fruit orchards, waving fields of grain and large and imposing residences. He is a man of noble character, of strict integrity and genuine worth, and is honored and revered by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

JOHAN P. VOGEL. Among the prominent and influential young business men of Oak Harbor, Ottawa county, who have done much to build up and further the interests of that enterprising little town, there is no one more deserving of representation in this work than the

gentleman whose name introduces this sketch.

Our subject is a native of Ottawa county, Ohio, born December 18, 1858, son of Christian and Salomane Vogel, both natives of Germany. His preliminary education was received in the public schools of his native county. At the age of twenty-one years he began his career as a business man, opening a hardware store at Oak Harbor, in partnership with C. L. Danner, under the firm name of Danner & Vogel. In 1884 Christian Vogel, father of our subject, purchased Mr. Danner's interest, and the business was then conducted by father and son, under the firm name of C. Vogel & Son, until 1887, when the former disposed of his interest to G. H. Bredbeck, the business then and now being successfully conducted by these two gentlemen, under the firm name of Vogel & Bredbeck.

Mr. Vogel has been twice married, the first time, in 1883, to Miss Bella Hogle, a native of Ottawa county, the union being blessed by the birth of one child, Gertrude. In January, 1885, our subject was called upon to mourn the death of his beloved wife, the sorrow felt at her death being greatly enhanced by the unusually sad circumstances with which it was attended. While out driving with her husband and a party of friends, their carriage was struck by a train on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroad, Mrs. Vogel being instantly killed. Mr. Vogel was afterward united in marriage, at Oak Harbor, in 1889, with Miss Millie Rantz, a daughter of Jacob and Maria Rantz, old and respected residents of Oak Harbor. To this union were born three children, viz.: Arminta, Florence and Esther. Politically our subject is an active supporter of the Democratic party, has filled with honor the offices of township clerk and corporation treasurer, and has also rendered valuable service as a member of the Oak Harbor Council. Socially he is affiliated with Oak Harbor Lodge No. 495,

F. & A. M., also with Fremont Chapter No. 64, Royal Arch Masons. The family are strict adherents of the Lutheran Church.

Christian Vogel, our subject's father, was born in Baden, Germany, July 3, 1829, a son of Frederick G. and Mary (Bengert) Vogel, both also natives of Germany, where they resided up to the time of their decease, the former passing away in 1863, the latter in 1857. They had a family of five children, of whom Christian is the only living representative. Christian Vogel received his primary education in the schools of his native land, afterward serving an apprenticeship term to the trade of blacksmithing. In June, 1857, hearing of the exceptional advantages offered to young men in the United States, he embarked in a sailing vessel, which, after a tedious voyage lasting several weeks, dropped anchor in an American port. On his arrival in this country our subject located in Portage township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, and engaged in the blacksmithing industry. In 1861 he moved to Port Clinton, where he embarked in agricultural pursuits, also working a short time at his trade, remaining there four years; he then removed to Oak Harbor, and has since been a constant resident of that town. Since taking up his residence here Mr. Vogel has followed various pursuits, first engaging in the hotel business, shortly afterward opening a general store, and also working at his trade. He then embarked in a butchering business, and other important branches of trade, and of late years he has been engaged in the buying and selling of stock during the summer months. In his different vocations he has ever proved himself a man of excellent business qualifications and of sound character, and as a reward of an industrious life he has now acquired a comfortable competence to tide him over his remaining years.

Mr. Vogel was married, at Plasterbed, Ottawa Co., Ohio, in April, 1851, to

Salomane Heim, a native of Germany, and to this union have been born nine children, seven of whom are still living, viz.: Christian and Charles (twins), the former a resident of Oak Harbor; William, an enterprising agriculturist of Salem township; Elizabeth, wife of Otto Schimansky, of Sandusky, Ohio; John P., a prominent hardware merchant of Oak Harbor; August B., a resident of Oak Harbor; and Caroline, wife of A. D. Thierwechter. The mother departed this life in 1878. Mr. Vogel was united in marriage, the second time, at Sandusky, Ohio, with Miss Adelina Twightman, of Oak Harbor, a native of Germany, and to this union has been born one child—George G., of Oak Harbor. Mr. Vogel has never been an office-seeker; but his many friends, recognizing in him a man exceedingly well qualified to fill positions of trust, have frequently persuaded him to accept important township and county offices.

DANIEL KREILICK, member of the firm of Miller & Kreilick, manufacturers of lumber and cooperage stock, in Salem township, Ottawa county, was born in Rice township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, January 1, 1841, and is a son of Adam and Elizabeth (Reitz) Kreilick, pioneers of Sandusky county.

Our subject was reared in the usual manner of farmer lads of that day, and his educational privileges were meagre, being those afforded in the old primitive schools of the township. His training at farm labor, however, was of a higher order, and he soon became familiar with all the duties of agricultural life. In 1866, when about twenty-five years of age, in connection with Samuel Miller, he embarked in his present business, and is now extensively and successfully engaged in the manufacture of lumber and cooperage

stock, also farming a piece of fine land in Salem township.

Mr. Kreilick was married, July 5, 1868, to Miss Lydia Siegenthaler, a daughter of William and Leah (Harmel) Siegenthaler, who were honored and representative citizens of Sandusky county. The father, who was a native of Germany, passed away in 1874; the mother, who was born in Pennsylvania, survived him until 1881. In their family were ten children, all yet living, namely: Mary, wife of Daniel Heitrick; Francis; Willoughby; Henry; Melinda, wife of Nathan Miller; Lydia, wife of Daniel Kreilick; Philip; Catherine, wife of George Cook; George; and Rebecca, wife of John Starwald; all are now residing either in Ottawa or Sandusky county. Mr. and Mrs. Kreilick have three children—Lucinda C., who was born April 4, 1869, and is the wife of Albert Beirlein, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Alta, who was born April 25, 1871, and is the wife of Charles Leaser, a prominent farmer of Rice township, Sandusky county; and Emma R., born February 5, 1875. Mr. Kreilick has served as justice of the peace for one term, and in his political affiliations is a Democrat. He is recognized as an able, straightforward and enterprising business man, and in the community where he has always lived he has the warm regard of many friends. The family attend the Lutheran Church.

In this connection it is interesting to note something of the history of his father, Adam Kreilick, who was one of the pioneers of Rice township, Sandusky county. He was born in Northumberland county, Penn., March 18, 1804, and passed away near Kingsway, Ohio, June 11, 1891, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years, two months and twenty-four days. His childhood and youth were largely devoted to reading, and his taste for literature continued through life. In his early years he had access to a select library of ancient and modern works, and his reading was

directed by his father, who was a teacher in the parochial schools. He possessed a retentive memory, and his quick perception gave him such a command of knowledge in the various departments of learning that he found his equal only in the higher callings of life. His conversational powers and mother wit, coupled with his ripe scholarship, made him a congenial and entertaining companion.

Adam Kreilick married Miss Elizabeth Reitz in June, 1831, and two years later the young couple started with their first child (now the wife of Capt. Kline, of Fremont, Ohio) from their old home in eastern Pennsylvania for the wild regions of northeastern Ohio, after a five-weeks' journey with a horse and wagon over mountains and rivers, hills and valleys, arriving on the banks of Mud creek, in the "Black Swamp," where David Druckenmiller, Peter Heitrick and David Gephardt had located two years previous. Mr. Kreilick entered 200 acres of government land, purchasing the same at the land office in Bucyrus, Ohio. He walked the entire distance there and back, following the old Indian trail up the Sandusky river, for there were no roads at the time. Lower Sandusky then boasted of only 150 inhabitants, and only one small brick building. There was no Maumee pike, no open roads through the Black Swamp, and only here and there a few log cabins, with patches of cleared land. From the point where Mr. Kreilick located there was a dense forest—the haunt of deer and wild turkey—reaching south to the Portage river and east toward Port Clinton and Sandusky Bay. In all that region there was not a single white inhabitant.

Such were the surroundings of these hardy pioneers. The axe, the ox, and fire were the means used in breaking through the forest, opening roads and making a place for fruitful fields and rich and inviting farms. Log cabins often sheltered from twelve to fifteen persons, but in course of time they were replaced

by more commodious frame or stately brick dwellings, with all the comforts of modern life. All other surroundings, including barns, school houses, churches and business industries, kept pace with the remarkable transformation wrought by the pioneers. Mr. Kreilick and his faithful wife shared in all the experiences of frontier life. The first school in the settlement was taught by William Rearick, at the double log cabin of Philip Siegenthaler, and the first schoolhouse was a log structure erected on Mr. Kreilick's farm. The family first attended Church at the Four-Mile House, and the first regular pastor at Mud Creek settlement, Rev. Long, held services in a barn, later in the schoolhouse until the log church was erected in 1852. In 1867 it was replaced by the present brick structure.

In the Kreilick family were six sons and five daughters, all now married and living in comfortable homes either in Ottawa county or Sandusky county, being located near the old homestead. They are Mrs. Andrew Kline, Mrs. Simon Bowersox, John, Elias, Daniel, Aaron, Adam, Peter, Mrs. William Keiser, Mrs. Samuel Miller, and Mrs. Jonas Hetrick. The mother of this family passed away in 1883, and the father mourned the departure of her who had long been to him a faithful companion and helpmeet. He lived to a ripe old age, and saw his children and grandchildren comfortably situated in life. He was confirmed in the Evangelical Church in Pennsylvania, and all his children and a large majority of their descendants are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Rice township, Sandusky county, in which church his funeral was held June 14, 1891, the services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. A. Bowman. From far and near the people came to pay their last tribute of respect to him. He had been possessed of a robust constitution, determined will and untarnished character, and was be-

loved by his family and esteemed by his many friends. Annually his children would assemble at the old home to celebrate his birthday, exchange greetings and receive tokens of his well wishes. An aged sister, Mrs. Philip Heitrick, six sons, fifty grandchildren, fifty-seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild are the living representatives of the family to which this honored man be longed.

STEPHEN FETTERLY, proprietor of the basket factory at Oak Harbor, Ottawa county, and one of the live, wide-awake men of the county, is a native of Ohio, having been born at Painesville, Lake county, October 5, 1849.

He is a son of David and Emily (Hoople) Fetterly, the former of whom was born in 1807, of Holland parentage, and when a young man moved to Canada, where he married a Miss Hoople. In that country he and his wife remained till 1849, in which year they removed to Painesville, Ohio, where they remained three years, the father in the meantime working at his trade, that of blacksmith. In 1852 they took up their residence in Salem township, Ottawa county, where Mr. Fetterly was made the first justice of the peace, and where he and his wife passed the rest of their honored lives. He met with a heroic death: In 1857, while attempting the rescue from drowning of two men in the Portage river, where the Locust street bridge, at Oak Harbor, crosses, Mr. Fetterly's exertion proved too great, resulting in the bursting of a blood vessel, which caused him to sink beneath the surface of the water, and when his body was recovered life was extinct. His wife survived him until 1889, when she, too, passed away, and her remains were laid beside those of her husband in the Oak Harbor cemetery. They were the parents of eight children: Amos,

George, Maria, Albert, Charles, two who died in infancy, and Stephen, all except the last named having been born in Canada. Two of the sons served in the war of the Rebellion, Amos enlisting in 1861, and remaining in the army till 1865, participating in the battles of Shiloh, Missionary Ridge and many others, besides suffering a three months' imprisonment in Libby Prison; his brother Charles served from 1864 till the close of the war.

As will be seen, Stephen Fetterly was three years old when the family made their home in Salem township, Ottawa county, and here he acquired his education at the schools of the neighborhood. When thirteen years old he commenced sailing the lakes, for twenty-five years, in various capacities, plowing the cerulean waters of lakes Erie, Huron, Superior and Michigan. Commencing as steward, he served in that capacity three years, and then boarded the "Forcastle" as ordinary seaman, remaining as such for four seasons, the next two years serving as mate on different vessels. At the end of that time opportunity presenting itself for Mr. Fetterly to embark in business for himself, he in August, 1873, purchased the "Gould," a boat running on Lake Erie, which he resold about the close of the same year. In 1874 he bought the "Melissa," selling same two years later, and in 1877 he took charge, as captain, of the "Emily and Eliza," owned by Anspaugh & Bros., of Oak Harbor, holding that position till 1887. In that year Mr. Fetterly proceeded to Detroit, where he purchased the "Hero," a fine Lake Erie boat, in 1888 buying also the steam-*barge* "Lafayette," running on the same lake, and these two boats he owned and operated five years, when he sold them and became owner by purchase of the steam-*barge* "Du Sault," also running on Lake Erie. About this time he passed his examination as marine engineer. While running these boats he did a good deal of contracting for the U. S. Govern-

ment in the line of constructing breakwaters and such like, along the lake shore, for the protection of roads, etc., from the encroachment of the water. For several years he handled sandstone and general freight for Oak Harbor, which line of work was confined to the summer months, he in the winter time engaging in timber speculation, in which he met with signal success.

In the year 1891, Mr. Fetterly, in company with two others, established a basket factory at Port Clinton, Ottawa county, in which connection he remained two years. His experience in this venture led him to undertake the organization of a similar company at Oak Harbor, which after much labor and considerable planning he accomplished, the present basket factory being opened May 3, 1895, with a capital stock of twelve thousand dollars. Employment is already given to nearly 100 hands and the pay-roll sums up to about fourteen hundred dollars per month. In addition to his interests in this industry Mr. Fetterly owns a farm in Salem township, and a propeller running between Oak Harbor and Sandusky; he also conducts a sand and stone business, and speculates in oil.

On November 27, 1873, Stephen Fetterly was united in marriage with Miss Susan Legett, daughter of Robert and Rebecca (Magrew) Legett, honored pioneers of Ottawa county, and descended from the Blackburns of England. Mr. and Mrs. Legett are the parents of eight children—five sons and three daughters—seven of whom are yet living. One son, Albert, served three years in Company I, Forty-first O. V. I., during the Civil war. To Mr. and Mrs. Fetterly have been born six children, as follows: Agnes (wife of August Madison, engineer in the basket factory at Oak Harbor); Mabel, Georgia, Charles, Ralph and Ruby. Mrs. Fetterly is a member of the M. E. Church, and is affiliated with the Daughters of Rebekah. In his political

predilections our subject is a Democrat; socially he is a member of Oak Harbor Lodge No. 495, F. & A. M., and of the I. O. O. F. He is a typical American "hustler," and has made a success of everything to which he has put his hand.

PA. SHAENFELD is one of Elmore's most progressive and solid business men, one who takes an active part in all matters that have for their object the advancement and welfare of Ottawa county.

Our subject was born October 18, 1836, in Mudershausen, Germany, son of Henry P. and Catherine P. Shaenfeld. In his native land he received his education, and was confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran Church. In April, 1852, his parents, accompanied by their children, started for the New World, being forty-four days upon the broad Atlantic, and it was almost two months from the time they left their old home ere they reached Fremont, Ohio. The father purchased forty acres of land eight miles west of that city in the Black Swamp, where the mother died at the age of fifty-two, while the father reached the advanced age of eighty-four years, and they now lie buried side by side in the Four-Mile House Cemetery. By a former marriage the father had six sons, and by the second union two sons and two daughters were born. William, the brother of our subject, was born in 1831, and now resides in Washington township, Sandusky Co., Ohio. His sisters are Jane, who was born in 1839, and is the wife of John Bauer, of Blue Hill, Neb.; and Louise, born in 1842, who is the wife of Mathias Stattler, of Redwillow county, that State.

P. A. Shaenfeld aided his father in clearing and developing the new farm, working in the woods during the winter, while during the summer months he labored in the fields. He early started out as a farm hand, being employed by

farmers in Huron county until 1859, when, anxious to see more of the world, he started westward. He landed in southeastern Missouri when it was wild and sparsely settled, and there kept store in a log cabin, for other parties, until the war broke out, when the Confederates took what little stock he had, and forced him to enlist in the Rebel army. He succeeded, however, in making his escape, and in 1862 returned to Ohio, where he found employment in the grocery store at Bellevue.

In that city, in 1863, Mr. Shaenfeld was married to Miss Sophie P. Hoffman, who was born November 30, 1840, in Nassau, Germany, and in that country was educated and confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran Church. At the age of fourteen years she came to America with her married sister and brother-in-law, Jacob Deutesfeld. One son came to this union—Cornelius W., born January 24, 1864, who now makes his home in Elmore. In 1865, with his wife and baby, Mr. Shaenfeld came to Elmore, and embarked in the grocery business, in which he was very successful. In this city his wife departed this life September 5, 1884. The following year he sold a half interest in his store to E. G. Kirk, and gave his son the other half. In June, of the same year he went to California on account of poor health, and after his return the following September lived with his son until his second marriage. On August 11, 1887, he wedded Mary Huth, who was born in Nassau, Germany, July 17, 1850, and with her parents, Philip and Catherine Huth, emigrated to the United States in 1851, locating in Riley township, Sandusky Co., Ohio. Her parents both died at an early age, the mother being only thirty-three, and the father forty-six.

In 1887, Mr. Shaenfeld purchased his store which he has since successfully conducted, doing a large and prosperous business. He and his family are highly respected in social circles, and, as a busi-

ness man, his dealings have ever been characterized by honesty and fairness, so that he ranks among the prominent merchants of Elmore. He has filled many important positions, and for two terms each was member of the city council, corporation treasurer, township treasurer and township trustee, in all of which offices he served with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. The Democratic party has ever found in him a staunch supporter.

CHARLES ROOSE is one of the most prominent business men of Oak Harbor, being engaged in lumbering and agricultural pursuits, in the manufacture of slack barrel cooperage, and in the management of the Oak Harbor State Bank, of which he is president. The true standard by which to judge a community is the character of its leading citizens. Progress is rarely, if ever, the result of chance, but always the execution of well-laid plans, based on a thorough comprehension of the laws of business. It is only by keeping in view the lives of men who are ever associated with the busy marts of commerce that we can judge of the importance of development and the possibilities of progress. Thus it is that from the commercial more than the literary or political world, the most valuable lessons of life are to be extracted. As a representative of this class stands the subject of this review, a typical self-made man whose excellent business qualifications are indicated by the numerous enterprises he has brought to a successful issue.

Mr. Roose was born May 7, 1824, in the city of Schwerin, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, and is a son of Louis and Frederica (Hengvoos) Roose, who were also natives of the same country, where they spent their entire lives. Of their family of seven children only three are now living: Charles, subject of this

sketch; Lizzetta, wife of August Milhahn, a prominent farmer of Salem township, Ottawa county; and Lena, of the same township.

Charles Roose was reared to manhood and educated in his native land, and for some years was employed as a clerk in a hotel, after which he engaged in the hotel business on his own account until his departure for America. In 1853 he sold his business in the Fatherland and crossed the Atlantic, landing in New York, whence he came to Ohio. After spending six weeks in Sandusky, he removed to Ottawa county, purchasing 160 acres of land in Salem township, then a wild tract, but with willing heart and hands he began to make a home for himself and family. Not long after he commenced the purchase of staves, which were shipped to the West Indies and other markets. Within two years his business had increased to such extended proportions that he was not able to secure a supply sufficient to fill his orders in the ordinary way, and so purchased large tracts of land in Salem, Carroll, Clay and Benton townships, placing thereon German immigrants to prepare the timber for the market. Many of these being entirely without means of their own, he furnished them with teams and all necessary supplies, thus enabling them to become prosperous farmers and citizens, owing their start in life to his energy and kindness. In 1868, in connection with the buying of staves, he established a slack barrel cooperage industry, which has also proved a profitable investment; his comprehensive business ability has also been manifest in other directions. In 1887, having purchased 2,145 acres of land in Indiana, adjoining the Ohio State line, he there laid out and built a town which was named "Edgerton" for the man of whom Mr. Roose purchased the land. In 1887 he aided in the organization of the Oak Harbor State Bank, and from its commencement



Charles Roose



has served as its honored president, its success being largely due to his efforts.

Mr. Roose was married in Butzow, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, January 2, 1849, to Miss Marie Drewes, who was born November 30, 1829, daughter of Joachim and Marie (Haas) Drewes, the former of whom passed away in Salem township, Ottawa county, in 1872, the latter dying in Germany, in 1870. Mrs. Roose was born in Doberan, Germany, and has become the mother of nine children: Charles, born in Germany, July 20, 1850, is one of the most prominent agriculturists of Salem township; Hannah, born in Germany, June 22, 1852, is the wife of Frederick Diedrich, a leading farmer of Salem township; Frederick, born in Salem township, January 13, 1855, is now one of its successful merchants; Emma, born in Salem township, March 10, 1858, died ten days later; Ernst, born in Salem township, January 10, 1860, is now one of its prosperous farmers; William, born in Salem township, May 26, 1862, a sketch of whom follows; Wilhelmina, born in Salem township, May 20, 1864, is the wife of Charles Hanck, of Sandusky, Ohio; Herman H., born in Salem township, December 16, 1866, is now in partnership, and is superintendent of the Indiana business, with residence at Edgerton, in that State; Lena, born in Salem township, March 11, 1868, is the wife of George Garmroth, also of Edgerton.

In 1859 Mr. Roose was elected trustee of his township, in which capacity he served for eleven consecutive years. He was also county commissioner for six years, a director of the Ohio Penitentiary for three years, and under Governor Campbell was appointed a trustee of the Institute for the Instruction of the Blind, at Columbus; he has twice been appointed to that position by Governor McKinley, and is still serving. For many years he has been a school director, and is deeply interested in everything calculated to ben-

efit mankind. Socially he is a charter member of Oak Harbor Lodge, No. 495, F. & A. M., and in religious connection the family attend the Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and one of the trusted advisors of his party in Ottawa county. In 1888 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention, at St. Louis, which resulted in the nomination of President Cleveland for a second term. Mr. Roose is a man of broad views, of keen quick perception, of sterling integrity and spotless reputation, and therefore has the unlimited confidence of the people with whom he has come in contact. In addition to his duties as president of the largest moneyed institution in the county he has as a public official discharged the duties of every office in which he has been placed with a painstaking fidelity that has won him the highest commendation. He is a man of gentlemanly demeanor, always meeting his associates both in the social circle and in business pursuits, with a cordial and friendly bearing, and both his time and means have been liberally expended in all matters pertaining to the advancement of the county's interest and welfare.

OTTO BEIER, a prominent, progressive citizen, and a successful business man of Oak Harbor, Ottawa county, senior member of the firm of Otto Beier & Bro., proprietors of the Oak Harbor Creamery, is a native of Ottawa county, Ohio, born in Carroll township, August 19, 1866.

The parents of our subject, Frederick and Amelia (Miller) Beier, who are natives of the Fatherland, crossed the ocean and came to the New World in the year 1861, locating first in Oak Harbor, Ottawa Co., Ohio. Two years later they moved to Carroll township, where they purchased some land, with all the timber that had grown upon it, and engaged in the work of clearing off the timber and in

agricultural pursuits. They still reside there, and Mr. Beier is recognized as one of the thrifty, progressive farmers of that township. Mr. Beier has served his fellow citizens as trustee of the township for two years, supervisor for two years, and school director for a number of years. Politically, he votes with the Democratic party. The family are strict adherents of the Lutheran Church, and are highly esteemed by the entire community. Their family consisted of ten children, eight of whom are now living, viz.: Harmon, Charles, Otto, Amelia, Minnie, Emma, Sophy and Frederick.

Otto Beier, the subject proper of this biography, received his early education in the public schools of his native township, his boyhood days being spent in assisting his father in the care of the farm. At the age of sixteen years he left his home and served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, at which he worked, during the harvest season also running a threshing machine, which he and his brothers owned for ten years. In 1891, in partnership with his brother Charles, he built and commenced the operation of the Oak Harbor Creamery, located in Oak Harbor, which has since been fitted up with all the latest and most improved machinery used in this important branch of industry, this factory being one of the largest of its kind in the State; the large output of butter, necessitating the delivery of something like two thousand gallons of milk daily, is a great boon to the farmers of Salem and the adjoining township.

Mr. Beier was united in marriage at Oak Harbor, Ohio, January 1, 1889, with Miss Christina Glaser, who was born in Carroll township, July 14, 1864, a daughter of George and Maggie (Schrom) Glaser, early settlers of Carroll township. Mr. and Mrs. Glaser were the parents of ten children, seven of whom are living, namely: Maggie, Harmon, Lucy, Christina, Henry, George and August. In religious faith, the family are strict adher-

ents of the Lutheran Church; they are highly respected by all who know them. Four children have come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Beier, viz.: Alma A., born September 15, 1889; Florence M., born July 10, 1891; Leon George, born March 31, 1893; and Laura S., born October 19, 1895. In 1893 Mr. Beier was elected as a member of council for the village of Oak Harbor, and was re-elected in 1895. The family are strict adherents of the Lutheran Church, and are highly esteemed throughout the community in which they reside.

AARON DOLPH, one of the leading business men of Ottawa county, and a representative citizen, was born in Rome, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, August 19, 1836. His father was born in Batavia, N. Y., in 1810, and died in 1848. His mother, who bore the maiden name of Eliza Perkins, was born about the same time and died in 1873. After the death of her first husband she was again married, in 1854, becoming the wife of David Nellis, of Pennsylvania. His father came to Ohio in an early day, and purchased 1,300 acres of land near Elmore for \$1.25 per acre. At different times portions of this land were sold, but 200 acres became the property of David Nellis, and was left by him to his wife, the mother of our subject, who in turn left it to Aaron Dolph.

The gentleman whose name begins this record spent the days of his boyhood and youth in the county of his nativity, and acquired his education under the direction of Prof. Tuckerman. On March 27, 1856, he was united in marriage with Miss Lovina Richerson, of Rome, Ashtabula county. Her father was a native of the same county, his birth having occurred in 1813, his death in 1877; her mother was born in 1811, and in their family were five children. The maternal grandmother, Hannah Strong, was born

in Connecticut in 1789, and came of a family noted for intelligence and culture, numbering among its members many leading ministers and teachers. She married Elisher Hall, who was born in 1780, and was one of the prominent school teachers of his day, devoting his entire life to that work. They reared a large family—five sons and five daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph began their domestic life in Ashtabula county, Ohio, where for sixteen years he carried on agricultural pursuits. In 1872 they came to Ottawa county, Ohio, locating in Harris township, on what is known as the old Nellis farm near Elmore, one of the most beautiful and productive tracts in the county. It is improved with all the accessories and conveniences known to the modern agriculturist, including excellent buildings, well-kept fences, a good orchard, etc. The lawn is surrounded by a nicely trimmed hedge fence, and beautiful evergreens adorn the place and cast their grateful shade over the home.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dolph have been born five children, a brief record of whom is as follows: Wira, born March 23, 1858, obtained his education in the public schools of Elmore, and in Austinburg, Ashtabula Co., Ohio, where he completed his studies under the instruction of his father's old preceptor. He then engaged in teaching for several terms in different parts of the State. Having married Miss Alice Gilson, of Elmore, he purchased and now operates and conducts a large furniture store in Blissfield, Mich., and a farm near that place. Ellsworth, born August 23, 1863, and named in honor of Col. Ellsworth, was educated in the public schools of Elmore, and married Addie Caneff, of this town. They are now pleasantly located on a farm near Genoa, where he is extensively engaged in stock raising. Addison, born August 12, 1866, is also a representative citizen of Ottawa county. Clara, born December 17, 1872, acquired her literary

education in Elmore and then studied painting; her mother's parlors are adorned with many beautiful works of art from her hand. She also gave some attention to music, becoming quite proficient as a pianist. She is now the wife of J. H. Laurie, a decoration architect, of Detroit, Mich. Willet, born January 10, 1883, is attending school in Elmore. He is specially fond of horses, and is now the proud owner of a fine driving horse.

In 1887 Mr. Dolph purchased a handsome brick residence in Elmore, where with his wife and youngest son he now makes his home. In addition to the place already mentioned he owns other farms in different parts of the State. He is also extensively engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Elmore, and has a very fine store, supplied with an excellent grade of goods. His fair and honorable dealing, his courteous treatment and his earnest desire to please his patrons have secured for him a large trade. He has been quite successful in his business dealings, and he owes his prosperity solely to his own labor, perseverance and well-directed efforts. He is a very popular man, has a wide acquaintance and a host of warm friends.

JOHN ORTH. The city of Port Clinton, Ottawa county, enjoys the distinction of having within her limits as progressive and enterprising citizens as are to be found in the State, among whom stands prominent the firm of Mizener & Orth, dealers in general hardware, etc., of which firm our subject is a member.

Mr. Orth is a native of Ohio, born December 3, 1854, at Port Clinton, Ottawa county, a son of Frank and Mary (Wagoner) Orth, the former of whom was the youngest of six brothers who emigrated from Germany to the United States, settling in Detroit, Mich., where they organized a musical band known as

the "Orth Brothers' Band." John Orth, Sr., one of these brothers, recently died at Detroit, aged eighty-seven years. Frank Orth married and removed to Port Clinton about the year 1850, and being a shoemaker and harness-maker by trade, worked a number of years for Joseph Sylvester. In 1861 he enlisted in the Thirty-seventh Regiment, O. V. I., and served as sergeant of a company four years, or to near the close of the war, when on account of sickness he was honorably discharged; he died at Port Clinton some time afterward. His widow, who is still residing there, receives a pension. Their children were: Frances, John, Louis and Albert B., of whom Frances married Samuel Wisner, a carpenter at Port Clinton, and they have one son living; Louis, a tinner by trade, married Carrie Andrews, daughter of Peter Andrews, a pioneer of Ottawa county, Ohio; Albert B. is a confectioner at Port Clinton, Ohio.

John Orth, the subject proper of these lines, attended Port Clinton schools only, and at an early age learned the tinner's trade with Harms & Bliss, for whom he worked three years. He was next employed by George E. Bliss about two years, after which, in 1883, he entered into partnership with Mr. Mizener, they jointly buying out Mr. Bliss, and they have continued together in the hardware business, doing an extensive local and Island trade. Their store building is 26x66 feet in dimensions, with additions in the rear 20x26, 18x36 and 20x30 feet respectively. Politically Mr. Orth is a Republican, and he has held several civic offices, such as those of township and corporation clerk and treasurer, filling the latter incumbency four years, while at the present time he is a member of the board of education. Socially he is affiliated with the Knights of Honor and National Union; in religious faith the family are identified with the German Lutheran Church.

On December 3, 1878, Mr. Orth was

married at Port Clinton to Miss Emma C. Harms, a native of that city, born in 1858, daughter of William and Regina Harms, and their children are Frank W. and Estella May. Mr. and Mrs. Orth are widely known and highly respected in the community in which they live.

SAMUEL MILLER, senior member of the firm of Miller & Kreilick, manufacturers of lumber and cooperage stock, and an enterprising, successful business man of Salem township, Ottawa county, was born in Schuylkill county, Penn., August 3, 1841, to Samuel and Polly (Zimmerman) Miller, both natives of Pennsylvania, who settled in Rice township, Sandusky county, in the year 1858, and were honored and respected residents of that county for many years. Their family consisted of eleven children, nine of whom are yet living: Nathan, residing in Sandusky county, Ohio; William, residing in Decatur, Ind.; Mary, now the wife of Solomon Linn, residing in Decatur, Ind.; Samuel, our subject; Fiana, wife of David Davis, of Fremont, Sandusky Co., Ohio; Isaac, residing in Ottawa county; Rebecca, now the wife of Samuel Leaser, of Sandusky county; Ella, wife of Wallace Bloom, of Bethlehem, Northampton Co., Penn.; and David, who resides on the homestead farm in Rice township, Sandusky county. Both the parents have now been laid to rest.

The subject of this sketch received but the meager educational advantages of a frontier period. He attended the German schools of Pennsylvania for a short time; but his English education has been acquired chiefly through his own personal efforts. When but a young lad he apprenticed himself to the trade of a carpenter, at which he worked until 1861, when he enlisted in Company G, Eighth V. I., for ninety days, and when his term of service had expired, having decided to

abandon military life, he came to Salem township and engaged in the lumbering business, and he has been a continuous resident of the township for about thirty years.

In July, 1869, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Amelia Kreilick, a daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Reitz) Kreilick, and to this union have been born four children, viz.: Cassie E., wife of Edward Gordon, of Oak Harbor; Cora Alice, now the wife of Charles Fought, also of Oak Harbor; Alvesta, now the wife of Laurence Leiser, and Adam Franklin, both of whom reside on the home place. During his long residence in Salem township Mr. Miller has made many warm friends, who recognize in him a man of sound judgment and of upright character. In his political affiliations our subject is an active supporter of the Democratic party; socially, he is a member of Oak Harbor Lodge No. 495, F. & A. M.

CHARLES E. PAYNE, for the past fifteen years a successful and popular druggist of Port Clinton, Ottawa county, is a native of Ohio, born Dec. 4, 1857, in Portage township, Ottawa county, son of Norval W. and Elizabeth (Rhodes) Payne, well-to-do farming people of English descent, who moved to Ohio from Winchester, Va., in which State the first of the family to come from England settled.

Charles E. Payne's grandfather states (February 26, 1854, in his eighty-first year) that his great-grandfather was kidnapped from England, and brought to America, probably about the year 1700 (his given name is missing). His son George married Rachel Cowgill, of Pennsylvania, and their son Henry, one of nine children, married Elizabeth Kootz, who came from Germany about 1764. Their son Jesse, one of nine children, was twice married, first time to Martha Dunn, by whom he had nine children, of whom Martha (who

married William Gill) and Elizabeth (who married Irving Johnson) lived and left descendants in the vicinity of Port Clinton, Ohio. Jesse Payne's second marriage was with Jane Long, a widow, and nine children were born to them, of whom Benjamin D., Norval Wilson, Isaac N. and A. Clarke came to Port Clinton, and engaged in farming. Benjamin D. died in 1864; Isaac N. still lives on a farm adjacent to Port Clinton; A. Clarke moved to Wichita, Kans., in 1882.

Norval Wilson, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Virginia in 1829, and about 1848 came to Ohio, where he met and married Elizabeth Rhodes. She was born in Winchester, Va., in 1828, and was one of seven children of William Rhodes, who came from near Leeds, England. Norval W. and Elizabeth (Rhodes) Payne had a family of seven children, named respectively: William, Thomas Wilbur, Charles E., Angelina Belle, Joseph Clark, Jennie E. and Albert S.; of whom, William died in infancy; Thomas Wilbur married Jennie Elwell, lives on part of the old homestead in Portage township, and has one child—Estelle; Angelina B. married Frank Lander, city draughtsman, Cleveland, Ohio, and has one child, William; Joseph Clark married Gladis McDowell, at Port Clinton, follows farming on a part of the old homestead, and has one child—Earl P.; Jennie E. married Burt Mooreland, and lives in Idaho Springs, Colo.; Albert S. is a physician and surgeon at East Lake, Manistee Co., Michigan.

The subject of these lines, whose name appears at the opening, grew to manhood on his father's farm, attending the district schools, and, later, the schools of Port Clinton. He then took a three-years' course at Baldwin University, Berea, Ohio, and later attended the University of Michigan, from which latter institution he graduated in pharmacy in 1880. Returning to Port Clinton in that year, he bought the drug store of George

M. Thayer, where he has continued in business during the last fifteen years with good success. He was married in 1882 at Ann Arbor, Mich., to Miss Mary Elizabeth Snell, only daughter of E. W. and May (Congdon) Snell. Mr. Payne is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and of the National Union. In politics he has always been a Republican, and in religious faith he is identified with the Methodist Church.

FRED W. CAMPER, proprietor of the leading grocery business in Port Clinton, Ottawa county, is a native of Ohio, born at Cincinnati, March 12, 1855, a son of F. W. and Frederika (Kramer) Camper.

In Berlin, Germany, our subject's father had been coachman for the Emperor Frederick William, and in 1847 he emigrated to America, locating at Cincinnati, Ohio, in the suburbs of which city he followed gardening till 1886, when he removed to Genoa, where he still resides, now (1895) aged eighty years, having been born in 1815. His wife was born in 1822, and died January 25, 1892. They had seven children who grew to maturity, named respectively: Charles F., Henry F., Lucy, Fred W., John A., Lizzie and William H. Of these, Charles F., who is an employe at the Carbon Works, at Fremont, Ohio, married Carrie Dryer, and they have four children; Henry F., a farmer on the old homestead at Genoa, married Eliza Hoch, and has five children; Lucy was married in 1871 to Henry Hotho, who for several years has been foreman in a malt house at Buffalo, N. Y., and they have seven children; John A., a farmer of Genoa, married Rosa Ernst, and has two children; Lizzie married August Reeman, and lives on the home farm; William H., a dry-goods merchant of Genoa, married Clara Emch, and they have two children.

Fred W. Camper, of whom this

sketch pertains, attended the common schools of Genoa, Ottawa county, until he was eighteen years of age, and remained on his father's farm until he was twenty-four. In 1880, in partnership with his brother Charles F., he embarked in mercantile business at Genoa, Ottawa county, but after five years sold out to William Habbler. In the fall of 1884 he was elected county recorder of Ottawa county, and held that office six years. In 1890 he went into the wholesale fish business, as member of the firm of Bense, Camper & Co., but at the end of one year he sold out to William E. Bense, and then traveled on the road for the wholesale house of J. L. Anthony & Co., of Sandusky, Ohio, two years, after which he opened the retail grocery in Port Clinton, of which he is sole proprietor.

On September 21, 1882, Mr. Camper was united in marriage with Miss Lutie E. Cole, a lady of Scotch descent, daughter of William L. and Margaret (McRitchie) Cole, the former of whom is now deceased, and three children have blessed their union, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Clara M., July 4, 1884; Nellie H., June 17, 1885, and Carl Eugene, June 27, 1888, the first named born at Genoa, the other two at Port Clinton. In religious faith the family are connected with the M. E. Church, though Mr. Camper himself was reared a Lutheran. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., subordinate Lodge and Encampment, and of the National Union; politically he is a Democrat.

GUSTAVUS JAEGER, senior member of the firm of Jaeger & Georgii, the leading hardware merchants of Elmore, Ottawa county, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, April 30, 1838, and is a son of Dr. Frederick and Louisa (Unger) Jaeger, also natives of the Kingdom of Wurtemberg.

The father with his two eldest sons,

emigrated to America in 1843, locating in Albany, N. Y., where he was joined the following year by his wife and the remaining members of the family. In the fall of 1845 the family removed to Woodville, Ohio, where the father engaged in the practice of his profession, and earned the reputation of being one of the most skillful practitioners in his day. He went to Prairie du Chien, Wis., in 1866, and there continued in practice for two years, when he came to Elmore, where he continued to prosecute his profession up to within a short time of his death. He passed peacefully away December 13, 1878, and his faithful wife had gone to her final rest a few months previous, dying September 2, same year. Their memory will long be cherished by their friends and relatives who are the better for their having lived. Both the Doctor and his wife were people of culture and taste, kind and benevolent, esteemed by all who knew them, and popular members of society.

Our subject was but six years old when he came to America, and received most of his literary education in the district schools of Woodville. In 1854 he entered the store of Charles Powers as salesman, and after filling that position for one year went to Oxford, Marquette Co., Wis., where he was engaged in the same capacity in the store of Pettibone & Jaeger until 1862, when he became a resident of Neenah, Wis., for a year. In August, 1862, Mr. Jaeger enlisted in Company I, Twenty-first Wis. V. I., of which he was chosen orderly sergeant in May, 1863, and the following month was commissioned lieutenant. At the battle of Chickamauga, September 20, 1863, he was wounded, after which he returned to Woodville, Ohio, on a furlough, where his wounds were attended to by his father. On his recovery in January, 1864, he rejoined his regiment, which went with Sherman's army on the campaign from Chattanooga to Atlanta,

and after the capture of Atlanta was on the famous march to the sea, and served until the close of the war. During his service Mr. Jaeger participated in many important engagements, among which were the battles of Perryville (Ky.), Stone River (Tenn.), and Chickamauga, the capture of Savannah (Ga.), and was with his regiment at the surrender of Johnston and his army at Raleigh, N. C., besides which he was in many other battles and skirmishes. After the close of the war the regiment marched from North Carolina by way of Richmond, Va., to Washington, D. C., where it took part in the grand review of Sherman's army and the army of the Potomac.

After being mustered out at Milwaukee, Wis., June 1, 1865, Mr. Jaeger went to Portage City, that State, where he became a salesman in the store of Pettibone & Jaeger; but in the following October returned to Ohio, and in Woodville commenced business on his own account in connection with P. Smith, under the firm name of Smith & Jaeger. In the fall of 1867 the business was removed to Boscobel, Wis.; but, in the succeeding January, Mr. Jaeger retired from the firm and came to Elmore, Ohio. In April, however, he went to Lodi, Wis., where he formed a partnership with his brother Ernest, purchasing the interest of a Mr. Pettibone. That connection was continued until April, 1870, at which time our subject again came to Elmore, and in June of the same year embarked in his present business, having the largest and most complete stock of hardware in the place. He is ranked to-day among the solid business men of Ottawa county, and besides his store in Elmore, he also has a branch house in Genoa, which was established in 1876. It is conducted under the firm style of Jaeger & Bryant, Mr. Bryant being the manager.

At Woodville, Ohio, Mr. Jaeger was united in marriage January 26, 1869, with Miss Helen A. Powers, who was

born near that city, October 10, 1848, a daughter of Charles and Lydia A. (Banks) Powers. Six children blessed their union, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Lucy P., September 25, 1870; Wilhelmina, March 14, 1872, died April 22, 1884; C. Ernest, July 12, 1876; Caroline L., February 29, 1880; Julia H., June 5, 1882; and Mary Margaret, January 2, 1892, died on the 17th of the same month. Mr. Jaeger takes an active interest in the welfare and advancement of the community in which he lives, has filled the office of township treasurer, and served as a member of the board of education for twelve years. He is a charter member of Elmore Lodge, No. 462, I. O. O. F., and also a member of Robert A. Caldwell Post, No. 439, G. A. R. With the Presbyterian Church he and his family hold membership, and in its work he takes a deep interest; also takes an active part in Sunday-school work in the county, and has been president of the county S. S. Association for twelve years, or more. Politically Mr. Jaeger's views were in accordance with those of the Democratic party for many years, but for the past twelve years he has been an ardent worker in the ranks of the Prohibition party. True to his friends, true to his principles, and unyielding in his defense of right and justice, his high character and integrity are appreciated by all who know him or have business relations with him, and his genial manner has won him hosts of friends among all classes of citizens. As a soldier he did valiant service for his adopted country, and as a citizen he is equally loyal.

Mrs. Jaeger's maternal grandmother, Mrs. Pamela (Phillips) (Banks) Warriner, was born February 12, 1809, in Petersburg, N. Y., daughter of Elisha and Mary (Lewis) Phillips. She was married January 1, 1826, to David B. Banks, who died in 1838, and in 1867 she married Mr. Warriner, who died in 1879. She is now making her home with Mr. and Mrs.

Jaeger, and at the advanced age of eighty-six is enjoying good health. She was a pioneer of Seneca and Sandusky counties, having lived there at a time when the village of Woodville was unknown, and the county was still a wilderness and a swamp. Her father was born about 1782, her mother in March, 1791, and he was drowned in the Conewango creek, Pennsylvania, in 1840, she dying in 1886; he served a short time in the war of 1812. Mrs. Warriner's paternal grandfather, 'Squire Phillips, was born about 1752, and he and his wife, Anna (Gates), died in Pennsylvania, she preceding him several years to the grave. Her maternal grandfather, Augustus Lewis, was born about 1735, in Rhode Island, his wife, Ester Lewis, about 1745; both died in Petersburg, New York.

CHARLES D. JOHNSON. Prominent among the enterprising, prosperous and progressive fruit growers of Danbury township, Ottawa county, who, by willing heart and hands, have attained an enviable position in the history of Ottawa county, stands the gentleman whose name here appears.

He was born in the town of Westbrook, Middlesex Co., Conn., May 13, 1835, and is a son of William and Harriet (Hill) Johnson, who were also both natives of the Nutmeg State. The father died at Northford, Conn., when Charles was but a youth, the mother coming to Danbury township soon after he had located here, and passed away at his home, April 23, 1894, at the very advanced age of ninety-one years. In the family were five children, three of whom still survive: Charles D.; Frederick A., a prominent resident of Danbury township; and William G., who makes his home in Canada.

Our subject was reared to manhood in his native town amidst the surroundings of a comfortable home, and received the advantages of a liberal common-



C. D. Johnson



school education. Since early life he has followed the vocations of fishing and farming, but of late years has devoted the greater part of his time to fruit culture, which he at present conducts on an extensive scale. In 1858 he located in Danbury township, and for thirty-seven years has now been a continuous resident, during which time he has done much toward developing the resources of the county, ever taking an active part in all matters having for their object the advancement of the interests of the county and township.

In Danbury township, February 13, 1859, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Hartshorn, who was born in that township December 27, 1837, a daughter of Wyatt and Jane (Kelly) Hartshorn. To this union were born seven children, six of whom are yet living, as follows: Etta, born May 20, 1860, is the wife of Emanuel Jesse, a resident of Danbury township; Lottie, born November 18, 1862, is the wife of W. D. Preston, and they also make their home in Danbury township; Dewitt C., born July 6, 1864, lives at Lakeside, Ottawa county; Irwin C., born October 23, 1865, is a resident of Pennsylvania; Fletcher H., born September 26, 1870, is at present in Oregon; and Gertrude, born November 10, 1871, is a teacher in the Lakeside High School.

Mr. Johnson is a firm Republican in politics, always casting his ballot with that party, and socially is a member of Castle Rock Lodge, Knights of the Golden Rule, of Lakeside. The family attend the Congregational Church, and are classed among the best people of the community, worthy of any distinction that may be conferred upon them.

JOHN LUCKEY has the distinction of being the first white person born in Ottawa county, his natal day being April 6, 1824. His parents were John and Anna (Wolfly) Luckey. His

maternal grandfather was a native of France, his maternal grandmother of Germany.

He is the owner of one of the largest and finest farms in the county of his nativity. The valuable tract of land of 160 acres on which he now makes his home has been entirely cleared and developed by him. He cut down the timber, dug up the stumps, plowed, planted and fenced his land, and in the course of time rich fields of grain replaced the once wild tract. He also erected a fine brick residence, spacious barns and other outbuildings which are models of convenience. As time passed and his financial resources increased owing to his well-directed efforts and good business ability, he was enabled to add to his farm and by purchase extended its boundaries until it now comprises nearly 500 acres. Much of this he rents in order that he may be free from the care of the place and enjoy a more quiet life, together with the fruits of his former toil. His home has always been in Harris township, and his life has ever been a busy one, devoted to his business interests and his family. He has won the prosperity that comes from honest labor, and gained the confidence and good will of all with whom he has come in contact. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party.

His wife was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, July 28, 1833, and was educated in the public schools of Fremont. In 1850 she became a resident of Port Clinton, and in 1851 was married to George E. Bell, of Sandusky City, by whom she had one son, George E., who is now in business in Toledo. They became residents of Illinois, where Mr. Bell soon after departed this life. In 1858 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Luckey, in Elmore, Ohio, and their union has been blessed with three children: Della C., who was born October 31, 1859, now the wife of John N. Magee, a banker of Elmore; Oscar L., born April 20, 1861, and

Rebecca M., born May 1, 1863, and died September 16, 1870. The eldest daughter pursued a course of study in Oberlin College.

Mrs. Luckey's father, Halsey Forger-son, was born February 3, 1789, in Orange county, N. Y., and on January 3, 1830, married Caroline Camp, who was born August 14, 1804, daughter of David Camp, who was born in 1778. His wife was born in 1787, and they became the parents of ten children, all now deceased with the exception of a daughter, who reached the ripe old age of ninety-one years, dying September 30, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Forger-son had a family of four children, and the surviving representatives are Mrs. Ann Luckey and Mrs. Emily Beach. One brother, Oscar Forger-son, D. D. S., was born April 13, 1831, and died April 28, 1859, while Halsey F., born September 24, 1840, died August 28, 1843. The father of this family passed away in 1840, but Mrs. Forger-son died since this was written, September 30, 1895.

JOSEPH W. SYLVESTER, who at the advanced age of eighty-five years is in the enjoyment of good health and possessed of a freshness and vigor seldom seen in octogenarians, is a native of New Jersey, born April 6, 1810, in Essex county.

He is a son of Obadiah and Mary (Wallen) Sylvester, who were of English descent, and the parents of children as follows: Hannah, Sarah, Benjamin, Obadiah, Jr., Wallen, Joel, Matilda, John, William, Phebe Ann, Susan Maria, Joseph W., and three who died in infancy. Twelve of these grew to maturity, most of them marrying in Ohio, and their descendants settled in different parts of the West—Obadiah in Tennessee and Wallen in Texas. In 1814 the family, after the death of the father, moved to Franklin county, Ohio, where the mother died in

1823, and our subject lived nine years, thence removing to Licking county, thence to Delaware county, remaining three years in each, after which, in 1828, he went to near Fremont, Sandusky county, and from there, in 1830, to Port Clinton, where he has since made his home. Obadiah Sylvester, father of our subject, died in Licking county, Ohio, when the latter was five years old. He was a Revolutionary soldier from his native State, Vermont, serving seven years, as did also three of his brothers. When they expressed a desire to fight for the independence of their country their mother exclaimed: "Go, my sons, and fight for your Country and Liberty!"

Joseph W. Sylvester, the subject proper of these lines, learned the tanning business with his brother William in Delaware county, Ohio, and afterward worked for him in Port Clinton from 1830 to 1840, in which latter year he was elected county treasurer, serving one term. Afterward, from 1844 to 1860, he carried on a boot and shoe business, and from 1860 to 1872 a harness business in the same city, when, having been appointed deputy United States collector of customs for the port of Clinton, he retired from the trade, and for eight years, from 1872 to 1880, filled that incumbency. Since the year 1868 he has been fire insurance agent, representing the "Home," of Columbus, the "Cleveland," of Cleveland, Ohio, and the "Star," of New York. He now represents the "Phenix," of Brooklyn, and the "Queen," of New York.

On March 1, 1849, Mr. Sylvester was married at Toledo, Ohio, to Miss Eliza Correll, who was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, April 1, 1826, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Officer) Correll. The children of this union were Hattie E., John Wesley, Mary Eva, Edward J., Elmer G., and Susan M., only the first two of whom are now living. Hattie E. is living with her parents at the old home-

stead; John W., who is a conductor on the L. S. & M. S. R. R. was married in 1878, at Port Clinton, to Lucy Gates, by whom he has three children—William Ray, Nora and Wallen Joseph. Our subject and his faithful wife have been residents of Port Clinton a great many years, as will be seen, and are held in universal respect. They are consistent and prominent members of the M. E. Church, at Port Clinton, which they joined in 1841; in politics Mr. Sylvester was originally a Whig, afterward, on the organization of the party becoming an equally ardent Republican.

WILLIAM A. HOLBROOK. As an early pioneer of this State, a well-known agriculturist of Clay township, and a brave veteran of the Civil war, the subject of this sketch is well worthy of place in this volume, in which is preserved the record of many of the men who have aided in placing the " Buckeye State " in the proud position which she now holds. A man who has seen many vicissitudes of fortune, yet has always borne himself courageously, this honored citizen, with the faithful wife, who has traveled by his side without faltering for these many years, is now taking his ease, happily enjoying the sunset of life after the heat and burden of the day.

Our subject is the son of Josiah G. and Clarissa (Felton) Holbrook, who were natives of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, respectively, and his birth took place in Groton township, Huron (now Erie) county, Ohio, March 12, 1823. His education was very limited, as the school facilities at that early day were exceedingly meagre. A rough log cabin with puncheon floor and slab seats, with an aperture between logs, covered with greased paper doing duty for windows, very few and simple text books and a teacher who probably knew but little

more than the pupils, were not great incentives to learning; yet from such school-houses have emanated some of the great minds who have controlled the nation. At twelve years of age our subject was thought old enough to take up the burden of life, and began work on the farm with his father. At this he labored until eighteen years old, when he learned the trade of a blacksmith, serving as an apprentice for five years. He then worked as a journeyman for a year and a half, when his eyesight became affected and he was forced to give up the business. He next took up the trade of a carpenter and builder, although he had no previous knowledge of it, and also worked as a shipwright for a period of three years. He then tried sailing on the lakes, and at one time commanded a boat plying on the Wabash Canal. In 1852, he went to Michigan, where he took any employment that came to hand, from that of a common laborer, to that of a contractor and builder. He remained there until enlisting September 3, 1862, in Company A, Third Michigan Cavalry. With his regiment he traveled over a good portion of the Southern States, and on March 12, 1863, in the engagement at Island No. 10, he was shot in the left arm, the bullet passing through his shoulder and disabling him. He was sent to the hospital, where he remained one month, and then receiving leave of absence, went to his father's house in Sandusky county, where his wife was staying. After the expiration of his month's furlough, he returned to Camp Chase in July, but his wound still being troublesome he was discharged in August, as physically unable for duty. On leaving the army Mr. Holbrook spent a short time in Sandusky county and then came to Clay township, locating at Genoa, where he was engaged in the cooper's business for three years. At the end of that time he sold out and purchased eighty acres of timberland in a part of the same township, which is now

Allen township. At that time there were only three log cabins in the vicinity, no roads, no schools, nothing to foretell the great future in store for the State and county. With the energy and industry so characteristic of those grand old pioneers, our subject at once began work, and in a short time had built a cabin and cleared fifteen acres of the land. Becoming dissatisfied with his location he sold this place and bought forty acres in another part of Clay township. This was also timberland, and he began the work of carving out a home in the wilderness. By degrees the trees were felled, orchards planted, fields tilled and soon a comfortable dwelling house, with its accompanying barns and outhouses, transformed the place into a home worthy its industrious occupants. With his own hands Mr. Holbrook erected all the buildings upon the place, and with the aid of his devoted wife has secured the pleasant home where they are spending their later years, surrounded by their children, and happy in the consciousness of well-spent lives.

On August 19, 1849, our subject was married in Sherman township, Huron county, to Miss Nancy Murry, and to them have come four children, viz.: Lewella A., born in Huron county, June 1, 1850, died at New Buffalo, Mich., August 29, 1857; Naomi, born November 22, 1856, at New Buffalo, and educated in Clay township, was married to George M. Pierson, who was killed in 1892, in a railroad accident at St. Louis (she has one child, Lillia, a graduate teacher at Port Clinton, where they reside); Jennie was born October 9, 1865, in Clay township, where she attended school, and was married June 8, 1894, to Elmer Rue, who is in the oil business at Gibsonburg, Sandusky county (they have no children); Eleazer M., born April 29, 1869, received his education in Genoa, and was married August 18, 1893, to Emma Ulrich, daughter of Charles Ulrich, a farmer of Clay

township (one child has come to them, Annie Lewella, born May 14, 1895).'

Josiah G. Holbrook, father of our subject, was born March 8, 1796, in New York State, where he was a farmer. In 1815 he came to Ohio, locating in Groton township, Huron (now Erie) county, and farming there for twelve years; he then removed to Sandusky county, and there resided until just before his death, which occurred in Michigan in 1882. He was first married in 1815, in the State of New York, to Deborah Olds, by whom he had three children: Alvina, Silas and Rachel. His wife died in Huron county December 17, 1819, and on October 22, 1820, he was again married, this time to Clarissa Felton, daughter of John Felton, of Sherman township, Huron county. To this marriage children were born as follows: Deborah, July 17, 1821 (died November 25, 1822); William A., March 12, 1823; Erastus F., November 21, 1824; Lucinda, September 2, 1826 (died August 25, 1827); Margaret, July 24, 1828; Sophia, March 26, 1832; Josiah, born July 10, 1830 (died in 1851); Samuel, April 25, 1836 (died October 25, 1836); Henry, born August 26, 1838; one child died in infancy. The mother of this family died in Sandusky county in May, 1872.

James Murry, the father of Mrs. William Holbrook, was a native of Ireland, and came to this country when a lad of sixteen, learning the blacksmith's trade in New York, and working there until coming to Ohio, where he located in Huron county and followed his trade. He was married about 1814 to Miss Almira Slater, and they became the parents of five children, viz.: John, Naomi, Nancy (Mrs. Holbrook), James, and Eleazer (who died in April, 1865). Mr. Murry died in 1840 in Huron county. His wife passed away July 20, 1895, at the ripe old age of eighty-nine years.

Mr. Holbrook is a strong supporter of the Republican party, from principle, and has no aspirations for office, never having

accepted even the smallest gift in that way that could be conferred upon him. He is content to do his duty for the sake of right, and commands the respect and esteem of all who know him. He belongs to Elliott Wyman Post No. 39, G. A. R., and in religious connection both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, attending services at Genoa.

O H. THOMAS, M. D., physician and surgeon, Fremont, Sandusky county, was born in Findlay, Hancock Co., Ohio, January 14, 1859, a son of James B. and Louisa H. (Abrams) Thomas.

The father of our subject, a native of Virginia, was born in 1804, came to Ohio in 1818, and located in Gallia county. There he remained until after his marriage, when he removed to Hancock county, where he opened up a farm on which he resided until his death, which occurred December 5, 1877. His wife, who was also a Virginian, born of Huguenot ancestry, died at the old homestead in Findlay, April 6, 1863. They had ten children—five sons and five daughters—a record of them being as follows: Nannie is the wife of Alexander S. Skelley, of Ottawa, Ohio; Caroline is the wife of William Ramsey, of Findlay, Ohio; Martha is the wife of William Glauner, also of Findlay, Ohio; Jennie died at the age of nineteen; Hattie is the wife of Ambrose Thomas, of McComb, Ohio; John A. is a contractor, of Findlay, Ohio; James N., who was a grocer, of Findlay, Ohio, died September 6, 1895; Percy C., is a farmer, of Findlay, Ohio; Alexander P. is a farmer, of Weston, Ohio; our subject is the youngest, and all are yet living except Jennie.

Dr. Thomas was reared in Findlay, Ohio, educated in the Findlay public schools, the Normal School at Ada, Ohio, also the Ohio University, at Delaware, Ohio, and taught school for four consecutive winters in Hancock county. In 1875

he began the study of medicine, and in 1876 he matriculated at the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, from which he graduated with the first honors of his class of 104 members, winning the Faculty prize, consisting of a fine microscope, March 1, 1882. He located the same year in Fremont, for the practice of medicine, and has since built up an extensive clientele.

On June 6, 1888, Dr. Thomas married Jennie A. Rawson, youngest daughter of Jos. L. Rawson, whose family history appears elsewhere. Dr. Thomas is a member of the Northwestern Ohio Medical Association, also of the Ohio Medical Association, and a charter member of Fremont Lodge, No. 204, Knights of Pythias.

S AMUEL A. MAGRUDER, manager of the S. A. Magruder & Co. banking house, Port Clinton, Ottawa county, is a native of that city, born October 8, 1843.

James H. Magruder, his father, was a native of Maryland, born, in 1820, in Calvert county, where he was reared until he was about fifteen years old, his elementary education being received there. He then attended school at Washington, D. C., and at Gambier, Ohio, at which latter city he was graduated. He then studied law in Holmes county, Ohio, where he was admitted to the bar. In 1841 he came to Port Clinton, where he practiced law up to the time of his death, which occurred April 15, 1888. He became an important factor in the affairs of Ottawa county, which he served as prosecuting attorney several years. In 1874, in connection with his son, Samuel A., he established what is now known as the S. A. Magruder & Co.'s Bank, at Port Clinton, which has always enjoyed the reputation of doing a safe and conservative business. On December 27, 1842, James H. Magruder was married to Miss

Elizabeth Hollinshead, who was born, in 1825, in Ohio, on Portage river, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Myers) Hollinshead, and a family of children was born to this union. The mother is yet living in Port Clinton, hale and hearty, and ever taking a lively interest in the affairs of the family.

The subject proper of these lines, whose name appears at the opening, attended the Port Clinton schools until he was fourteen years old, completing his education at the Sandusky High School, where he was graduated in June, 1859, after which he entered the business house of C. C. Keech, dealer in fur, wool, hides etc., Sandusky. Here he remained some sixteen years, or until 1874, when he returned to Port Clinton. Here on July 1st, of that year, in conjunction with his father, he opened what is now known as the S. A. Magruder & Co.'s Bank, of which he has since been manager. For several years he has been treasurer of the Port Clinton Board of Education, and has in many other ways proved himself a useful and progressive citizen.

On October 19, 1876, Samuel A. Magruder was united in marriage with Miss Ella C. Mott, who was born March 14, 1851, in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, daughter of Judge C. R. Mott, of that city, and three children have been born to them, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Eleanor E., October 19, 1878; Mary Augusta, September 14, 1882 (died December 25, 1885); and Jessie Dorothea, February 22, 1886. In religious faith Mr. Magruder is an Episcopalian, but at present is identified with the U. B. Church.

JOHN H. MAGEE is one of the pioneers of Ottawa county, not only in the settlement but also in its business interests. He established the first bank in Ottawa county, and is recognized as an able financier whose honor-

able business methods have gained him the confidence and respect of the entire community. He was born in New York, September 15, 1833, and is a son of James and Mary (Myers) Magee, the former of whom was born in the Empire State in 1786, the latter at about the same date. In 1838 they emigrated westward to Sandusky county, Ohio, where they purchased a farm and in this State spent their remaining days. The paternal grandfather of our subject, who was a native of Scotland, when only ten years of age ran away from home, boarded a man-of-war, and for six years remained on that vessel. He then went to New York City, and spent his remaining days in this country.

The subject proper of this sketch was reared on the old home farm and acquired his education in a log schoolhouse with slab seats and other primitive furniture. At the age of twenty he started out in life for himself, buying his time of his father. He was first employed as a laborer on the Lake Shore railroad, helping to grade the southern division. When this was completed he secured a clerkship with C. H. Haines, of Fremont, Ohio, for whom he worked two years, and was then employed by another firm of the same place for six years. While residing there he was married, in 1856, to Miss Anna Shepard, of Huron county, Ohio, and to them was born a son, John N., in 1857. He is now serving as cashier in the Bank of Elmore, and is a progressive business man. He married the only daughter of John Lucky, who was the first white male child born in Ottawa county. Mrs. Magee died in 1855, and in 1858 Mr. Magee was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Tench, of Erie county, Ohio, and to them have been born four children: Cyrus, Clarence, Ralph and Grace.

In 1861 Mr. Magee removed from Fremont to Hessville, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where he engaged in merchandis-

ing, but his residence in that place covered a period of only fifteen months. He then sold out and came to Elmore, where he bought out Mr. Rider, and in 1864 established himself again in the mercantile business, which he continued until a period of fifteen years had elapsed. Once more he sold out, and his next enterprise was in the grain and pork business, buying and selling on an extensive scale for six years. He then extended his operations by adding to this the banking business, and controlled both interests for two years; but finding his attention largely taken up with the latter, he placed the grain business in care of his son, while he is devoting his energies to banking. He also owns a large stave factory, which is managed by his younger son. He is a highly enterprising and successful business man, whose careful management, well-directed efforts and honorable dealing have won him the confidence of all concerned, and made him one of the most successful of Ottawa county's citizens. He is highly esteemed, and his fellow townsmen showed their appreciation of his worth and ability by electing him to the office of county treasurer of Ottawa county, in which capacity he served for four years, discharging his duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents.

JOHAN NEWMAN, retired farmer, of Fremont, Sandusky county, is a native of York county, Penn., born in November, 1809, son of John and Eve (Brenneman) Newman.

John Newman, Sr., who was a weaver, died in York county at the age of sixty, and his wife passed away in Sandusky county, Ohio, when aged eighty. His (John's) father, Henry Newin, was born in Saxony, emigrated to America and settled in New York State. John Newman, Sr., was drafted in the war of 1812, at Little York, Penn., and saw

some military service. His children were: Michael, a grocer and baker, who died in Fremont at the age of thirty-two; John, our subject; Lydia, who died unmarried at the age of twenty-six; Polly, who died in Pennsylvania, wife of John Carr; and Catharine, who first married David Burger (who was sheriff of Sandusky county two terms), and after his death wedded Patrick Graham, who died at Toledo, Ohio, in 1873.

John Newman, our subject, was reared in Pennsylvania up to the age of twenty years, and had charge of a distillery. In 1836 he came to Ohio, locating at Tiffin, the following spring coming to Lower Sandusky, in which village he established a grocery and provision store. About the year 1840, when his brother died, he sold out and he and his sisters found work in other places. On April 8, 1841, he married at Fremont, Ohio, Margaretta Livingstine, of Canton, Ohio, who was born January 31, 1822. She was a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Wymen) Livingstine, natives of Alsace, France, and members of the Lutheran Church, who came to America, and settled in Riley township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where the father died at the age of seventy-seven, and the mother when sixty-eight years of age. They had a family of seven children: Sarah, wife of George Hilt, of Sandusky county (both now deceased); Lizzie, who died in childhood on the ocean; Barbara, deceased wife of Henry Huffman, of Jackson township; Margaretta, wife of our subject; Anna, who died in childhood; Elizabeth, deceased wife of George Hendricks; and Charles, living in Riley township. Mrs. John Newman's grandfather, Charles Livingstine, was mayor of a small village in Germany for about thirty years. He was an Englishman by birth, and settled in Alsace to avoid service in the English army; he and his wife, Barbara, died in Germany.

John Newman and his wife have lived

on the same lot, No. 621 Croghan street, Fremont, ever since their marriage, a period of fifty-five years. He followed farming and dealing in real estate; bought new farms, cleared them up, made improvements, sold the timber, and then disposed of the farms at a profit, and he is now classed as one of the wealthy citizens of Fremont. The children of John and Margaretta Newman were: John, born March 31, 1842, and died in 1880; Catharine E., born August 14, 1845, wife of Charles Boyer, whose children are—Hattie (widow of Eugene Wagner), Jennie (wife of James Weaver, and has one child—Roy), Minnie (wife of Michael Wolf, and has one child—Hazel Corinne), Katie (wife of James Wolf, and has one child—James, Jr.), Charles, Harry and Burt; Mary L., born July 10, 1847, widow of William Forsythe, whose children are John (ex-deputy county clerk, book-keeper now in June's gristmill; he married Minnie Moore), Robert H. (in the livery business, at Fremont, Ohio; he married Mabel Dieffenbaugh, December 25, 1895); Margaret Evaline (who married Fred Birdsell, May 25, 1895); Lydia Ann, born November 14, 1851, died in September, 1885; and Charles J., born November 16, 1854, who was educated in the city schools, and attends to the general business interests of the family (he is unmarried). Mr. and Mrs. John Newman are, perhaps, the oldest couple now residing in Fremont. They celebrated their golden wedding April 8, 1891.

WILLIAM SCHWANE. The subject of this sketch, who resides in Gibsonburg, Sandusky county, is the proprietor of a meat market and a sample room, as well as the owner of a farm, and he has been successful in all these lines, owing to his energy and perseverance and the reputation which he has acquired as an honest, upright man.

He was born October 30, 1850, in Wood county, this State, a son of Henry and Marie (Westerfeldt) Schwane, natives of Germany. On coming to America they settled in Wood county, and when our subject was a little over one year old his father was killed by a tree falling on him when he was chopping in the woods. The mother was fortunately spared to see her little family grow up to be respected citizens, and she died in December, 1877, at the age of sixty-two years, happy in the consciousness of having reared her children in paths of rectitude, and of having borne the responsibilities of her busy life with unflinching fidelity. Her remains rest in Frieding township, Wood county. The record of the children is as follows: Henry resides in Wood county; Ernst died in Germany; Kasper died in Wood county; Frank and Fred live in Wood county; William is the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Schwane grew to manhood in the place of his birth, where he acquired his education at the German Lutheran schools. He has always been an exceedingly busy man. For twenty-two years he ran a harvesting machine, and for four years operated a sawmill. He purchased a farm in Madison township, two and a half miles west of Gibsonburg, which he carried on for six years, and still owns eighty acres of land in the center of the great oil region of Ohio. He has sunk two wells on this property which produce twenty barrels of oil per day.

On May 1, 1873, Mr. Schwane was married to Miss Caroline Boreckhelding, of Woodville township, Sandusky county and they have had five children: Carrie, born January 31, 1874, who married Charles Westerhouse (she died August 6, 1895, leaving one child four months old); Henry, who died when a child; Frederick, William and Frank. Mr. Schwane is a man of more than average intelligence and information, and is active and zealous in all things pertaining to the public good. He



William Schwane



served for several years as trustee of Madison township, and is the present treasurer of the corporation of Gibsonburg. In politics he is a Democrat, and he is a prominent member of the Lutheran Church. He is also president of the German Aid Society.

WILLIAM B. SHELDON, retired merchant, of Fremont, Sandusky county, was born in East Rupert, Bennington Co., Vt., November 28, 1818, son of David and Sarah (Dunton) Sheldon.

David Sheldon was born in East Rupert, Vt., December 1, 1785, was a farmer by occupation, and died October 1, 1842, on the farm where he was born. Sarah Dunton was born at Dorset, Bennington Co., Vt., November 26, 1790, and died October 11, 1828. Their children were: Joel, born September 27, 1811, who was a farmer, and is now living retired in the town of Pawlet, Vt.; William B., our subject; Thaddeus D., born December 5, 1824, died in May, 1855 (he was born in East Rupert, and later lived in Pawlet, Rutland Co., Vermont).

William B. Sheldon was reared on a farm at East Rupert until seventeen years old, when he went to Pawlet, Vt., to clerk in a store. He remained there as clerk until 1839, when he became a member of the firm of William B. Sheldon & Co., dealers in general merchandise, continuing as such for about one year, when he became successor to the firm, and conducted the business until 1852, when he sold out. In May, 1853, he located in Fremont, Ohio becoming a member of the firm of Roberts & Sheldon, dealers in hardware, which partnership lasted until 1869, when both sold out. In 1872 Mr. Sheldon became actively interested as a stockholder and worker in the Fremont Car Company. This was subsequently changed to The Fremont Harvester Company, of which Mr. Sheldon

was president during its entire existence. He is one of the oldest living merchants of Fremont. In politics he is a Republican, and cast his first Presidential vote for William H. Harrison, in 1840.

In 1841 our subject married Miss Maria Betsey Andrus, a native of New York, who died in February, 1844. On September 17, 1845, he married Miss Esther Ann, daughter of Samuel Hafford, who in the fall of 1835 came to Ballville township, Sandusky county, and settled on a farm where he continued to reside until his death, in 1871. Mrs. Sheldon was born in Hoosick Falls, N. Y., September 11, 1823, and died at Fremont, Ohio, October 21, 1887. Mr. Sheldon had no children by his first marriage. The children of the second marriage were—(1) Altie Maria, born June 8, 1852, who was married September 17, 1879, to John P. Bell, and is residing in Fremont; they have two children, Esther L. and Francis S. (2) Harry G., born June 5, 1855, who is engaged in the lumber business in Fremont; he married October 22, 1879, Miss Alice Huff, and their children are Catharine and William H.

FRED N. FALLER, proprietor of a leading drug business in Port Clinton, Ottawa county, is a native of Ohio, born at Fremont, Sandusky county, August 30, 1867, son of George F. and Mary (Grund) Faller.

The father of subject emigrated from Germany about the year 1854, and after spending some time in New York City came, about the year 1857, to Fremont, Ohio, where he worked at cabinet-making several years with T. S. Tschunny. He afterward built a shop of his own, and was twice burnt out. The rapid manufacture of furniture by machinery, and its consequent cheapness, at length induced Mr. Faller to give up cabinet-making by hand, and he now lives a tired life with his family at Fremont. His children

were: Edward, born October 2, 1864, died at Fremont at the age of twenty-two; Fred N., our subject; and Bertha C., born January 8, 1873, living with her parents. Fred N. attended the schools of Fremont until he was sixteen years old when he commenced an apprenticeship to the drug business in the store of S. Buckland & Son (now L. W. Buckland), where he remained four years, after which he attended the School of Pharmacy, Michigan State University, one year. Returning to Ohio, he passed the State Pharmaceutical examination successfully, and then for some eighteen months took charge of a drug store at Toledo, Ohio, for Mrs. Fenneberg. He then came to Port Clinton, where he had the management of the drug store of Eisenhour & Bleckner, whom he bought out in July, 1890, since when he has been sole proprietor.

On May 1, 1890, Fred N. Faller married Miss Cora E. Mackey, daughter of Louis Mackey. She died in October, 1892, and October 4, 1893, Mr. Faller married Miss Hattie I. Affleck, daughter of William J. and Belle (Duff) Affleck, the former of whom is secretary of the water works at Sandusky City. Mr. Faller was reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church; in politics he is a staunch Democrat, has served in the city council of Port Clinton one term, and as a public-spirited, honorable citizen, he enjoys the highest respect.

LEANDER S. PORTER, M. D., who has for some years been prominently connected with the business interests of Port Clinton, Ottawa county, in his professional capacity, as well as along other lines of enterprise, is a native of Connecticut, born in New Fairfield, New Fairfield county, October 22, 1829.

His parents, Wheeler and Lydia Ann (Bearss) Porter, were both also natives of Connecticut, whence they migrated west-

ward, locating in October, 1832, in Danbury township, then in Huron county, now Catawba Island township, Ottawa county, when there was but one other white family residing on the Island. There the father engaged in agricultural pursuits and also worked at his trade of shoe making. He carried on farming and engaged in dealing in shoes in Port Clinton for several years. He was well and favorably known as an expert at his trade, and, as an upright, honorable citizen. He passed away at his home on Catawba Island, April 10, 1888, and his faithful and devoted wife was called to her final rest September 2, 1852. They had a family of three children, of whom Leander S. is the only known survivor. One died in infancy, and Augustus W. is supposed to have been killed at the battle of the Wilderness while serving in defense of his home and country. The great-grandfather Hubble, the father of the Doctor's paternal grandmother, fought in the Revolutionary war, and Grandfather Bearss was a soldier of the War of 1812. The grandparents on both sides of the Doctor's family were natives of Connecticut, and were of English descent. The paternal grandparents with their three sons—Wheeler, Lyman and Charles—all settled on Catawba Island in 1832. After a short time Lyman returned to Connecticut, where he spent his remaining days, while the other members of the family continued to reside in this locality until called to the home beyond, and were well-known and highly respected residents of the community.

Dr L. S. Porter lived on Catawba Island until the breaking out of the Civil war. He received his primary education in the district schools of his township, and in early life became familiar with agricultural pursuits, following that honorable occupation for many years. When he had attained the age of manhood, he entered the Delaware University, Delaware, Ohio, where he remained a year, and also

spent two terms at the Baldwin University, Berea, Ohio, attending to the duties of the farm during vacations. He then engaged in teaching, and from 1856 until 1861 carried on farming on his own account. In September of the latter year Dr. Porter responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in Company F, Fortyninth O. V. I. On December 31, 1862, during the battle of Murfreesboro, he was severely wounded in the ankle by a rifle ball, and he lay on the field of battle four days and three nights before receiving any assistance. On the morning of January 7, 1863, he was conveyed to the hospital at Nashville, Tenn., where he remained for about three weeks. He was then transferred to the hospital at Covington, Ky., where it was found necessary to amputate his foot, and the operation was performed. On becoming convalescent, he was honorably discharged and proceeded to Port Clinton, where for a short time he was engaged in the photograph business.

In 1864 the Doctor was appointed lighthouse keeper at Port Clinton, and efficiently filled that position some five years. In 1869 he resumed agricultural pursuits, which he followed three years, and then removed to Sandusky City, where he began reading medicine with Dr. Ed. Gillard. In 1877 he entered the Homeopathic Hospital College at Cleveland, Ohio, and was graduated at that institution with the class of 1880, whereupon he immediately commenced practice in Bellevue, Ohio, remaining there for a year. In 1881 he removed to Vernon, Mich., where he continued for about eleven years, in 1891 returning to Port Clinton, and here lived a comparatively retired life, attending only to office practice until 1894.

The Doctor was married, May 6, 1856, to Elizabeth Lowry, a native of Ottawa county. He and his wife are members of the Daughters of Rebekah, Port Clinton, and also consistent mem-

bers of the Congregational Church, and are most highly-esteemed people. He also belongs to the Michigan State Medical Society; O. H. Perry Lodge, F. & A. M.; Vernon Lodge No. 99, I. O. O. F.; Perseverance Encampment No. 88, of Vernon, Mich.; and George R. McRitchie Post No. 524, G. A. R. In politics he is an earnest Republican, and at various times has served as trustee, clerk, assessor and constable of Catawba Island township. He served as health officer of Vernon, Mich., and for one year as member of the board of health of Port Clinton. He has always performed the duties pertaining to these various positions with rare judgment and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents, and he is an enterprising and public-spirited citizen, ever to be found on the side of progressive good government and of everything pertaining to the welfare and upbuilding of the community. He enjoys the sincere regard of all who know him.

HENRY W. NIEMAN, a prominent member of the legal profession and highly-esteemed resident of Elmore, Ottawa county, is a son of Frederick A. and Christine (Schreiber) Nieman. His birth occurred July 11, 1857, in Westphalia, Prussia, of which kingdom his parents were also natives, and there his mother departed this life. Later, in April, 1871, the father, with the other members of the family, emigrated to the United States, locating near Port Clinton, Ohio, where the father still resides, and is one of the prominent agriculturists of Ottawa county. In the family were eight children, all of whom are still living: Fred H. is a leading farmer of Bay township, Ottawa county; Caroline is the wife of George Westfall, of the same township; Louisa is the wife of Thomas Seaman, of Port Clinton; Henry W. is the subject of this sketch; Christian G. is a resident of Port Clinton;

William also lives in that city; Ferdinand is in Bay township; and August C. is a hardware merchant and machine agent of Port Clinton.

In the schools of his native land our subject received a good German education, and his early life was spent in agricultural pursuits, which occupation he continued to follow for several years after his arrival in America. In 1878 he commenced attending a select school in Port Clinton, and after perfecting himself in the English branches he engaged in teaching, being thus employed for two terms in Bay township, Ottawa county. He continued to follow that profession during the winter months until 1883, and also took a normal course during the same period. In 1883 he entered the engineering department of Ann Arbor (Mich.) University, but in the fall of 1884 became a student in the law department of the same institution, from which he was graduated with the class of 1886. In the same year he began the practice of his profession in Grand Rapids, Mich., but the following year found him a resident of Elmore, where he has since continued in active practice, and has been very successful, both from a professional and financial standpoint. He is one of the progressive citizens of the county, always deeply interested in everything which will advance the prosperity of the community, and has the utmost respect of his fellow citizens.

On Christmas Day, 1886, in Oak Harbor, Ottawa county, Mr. Nieman was united in marriage with Miss Delia Boggs, a daughter of James and Susan (White) Boggs, who rank among the earliest settlers of Harris township, where they are honored and respected residents. Our subject and his wife have become the parents of one daughter, Amy, born May 8, 1888. Mr. Nieman has been called upon to fill several official positions of honor and trust, having served as county examiner of teachers some six years; has

been president of the township board of education, and held the offices of justice of the peace and notary public. He is a Democrat in political faith, taking quite an active interest in the success of his party; and socially is a member of Elmore Lodge, No. 26, K. P. With the Disciples Church he and his wife hold membership.

WILLIAM KESSLER, a prominent and progressive citizen of Oak Harbor, Ottawa county, undertaker and an extensive dealer in furniture, pianos, organs, sewing machines, bicycles, general merchandise, etc., is a native of Salem township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, having been born there December 18, 1857, to Charles and Barbara Kessler, natives of Germany, and early settlers of Salem township.

The father, now at the advanced age of seventy-three years, is a resident of Oak Harbor; the mother passed away May 13, 1892. Their family consisted of eight children, seven of whom are yet living, viz.: William; Mary, now the wife of Charles Zimmerman, a resident of Bowling Green, Wood Co., Ohio; John, a resident of Lakeside, Nebr.; George, Albert and Edward, all residents of Oak Harbor; and Annie (Kessler) Leberman, widow of Frederick Leberman, for many years a respected resident of Harris township, who for three years, during the Rebellion, served in the Thirty-seventh O. V. I. (Annie is a daughter of Charles Kessler by a former marriage). The father is a veteran of the war of the Rebellion, having served for three years in Company G, One Hundredth O. V. I., and with his regiment participated in several important engagements.

William Kessler, the subject proper of this sketch, received his preliminary education in the district schools of Harris township, Ottawa county, and his early life was spent in assisting his father in the

care of the farm. When eighteen years of age he left the farm, apprenticing himself to the trade of cabinet maker, and in 1878, his term of apprenticeship having expired, he went to Oak Harbor and engaged in business for himself, having been a constant resident of that town ever since. By a life of energy, perseverance, and strict attention to business, Mr. Kessler now takes a leading position among the prominent and substantial business men of the county, and well merits the confidence and esteem extended to him by his fellow citizens.

On September 5, 1882, our subject was united in marriage, at Lockport, N. Y., with Julia S. Hayes, a daughter of James and Mary (Hayes) Hayes, both natives of Ireland, who emigrated to America in 1840, and are now honored and respected residents of Lockport. To this union have come five children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Mary Gertrude, March 13, 1884; Julia Maud, March 9, 1885; Cornelius Florence, July 4, 1886, died December 10, 1890; Clara, February 15, 1888; and William Bernard, December 13, 1893, died January 13, 1895. The family are strict adherents of the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Kessler has served as a member of the Oak Harbor council board one term. Politically he is an active supporter of the Democratic party, and socially he fills the positions of first lieutenant of Kahler Camp No. 292, Sons of Veterans, and captain of the Knights of St. John.

JOHAN H. PFEIFER. The history of Ottawa county, and especially of Benton township, would be incomplete without honorable mention of the Pfeifer family, Jacob Pfeifer and his sons having been actively identified with the growth and development of its agricultural interests from early pioneer times. Their progress and thrift have been almost

proverbial, and the land now in the possession of the family is among the most highly improved in the vicinity.

The family is of good old German stock. The great-grandfather was born in Germany in 1769, served under Napoleon the First in the war with Russia, was with him at the burning of Moscow, and also at the defeat at Waterloo; while in the service he had one limb badly frozen. The great-grandmother was born in Germany about 1779, and died at the age of forty-two. They had two children, one of whom, George, came to America about 1847. He was accidentally shot in New Orleans. John Pfeifer, grandfather of our subject, was born in Germany, May 10, 1801, and was a farmer by occupation; he was exempt from military duty on account of the loss of a finger. The grandmother was born in 1807, and they were married in 1831, becoming the parents of two children, of whom Jacob Pfeifer is the only survivor. Jacob Pfeifer has been a prominent factor in the advancement and progress of Benton township and vicinity. Born in Rabelshausen Kurhessen, Germany, June 28, 1838, he came to America in early manhood, locating first in Cleveland and later in Bellaire, whence after a brief residence he came to Ottawa county, settling first in Elliston. On coming to Benton township he took up the farm where his son John now lives, when the surrounding country was all a wilderness. The only road was an Indian trail along the creek, now known as the "Creek road." The country was all a forest, and Jacob Pfeifer has helped to make the township of Benton the fertile region it now is by clearing up and improving one of the best farms in Ottawa county. His wife has been of great service in making the home, for she has taken a noble interest and borne an active part in the work, and her assistance has been fully appreciated by her husband and family. Mr. Pfeifer's first wheat crop in Benton township is an illustration of some of the

hardships the pioneers of those days underwent; the seed he secured from Cleveland—ten bushels at \$1 per bushel; the crop was harvested, and threshed with a flail; and the entire return from the ten bushels of sowing amounted to eight bushels, and that at a time when flour was \$16 per barrel, and not first-class either. They had to drive nine miles through the woods to the mill, and then get chopped feed for the grist. The old farm is all underdrained, so that the surface water is quickly carried away, leaving the land in good shape for cultivation, and the farm is a credit indeed to those whose labor has brought it to its present state of perfection. Jacob Pfeifer purchased the first steam threshing machine rig ever used in Benton township, and his sons John and George operated the machine for sixteen years, making a financial success of the business. For several years Mr. Pfeifer was foreman of the L. S. & M. S. railroad, and it was while engaged in this work that he practically ruined his health. Industrious and progressive, he and his family have contributed in no small degree toward the welfare of the community, and the kind and obliging spirit they have ever shown has made them highly esteemed in the township which has so long been their home.

Mr. Pfeifer's marriage to Elizabeth Emerich took place in 1857, and their union was blessed with three children: John, born September 29, 1858; George, born February 26, 1862; and Edward, born April 25, 1864. On July 14, 1873, Edward was accidentally killed by the discharge of a gun, the charge entering his right side below the ribs and passing diagonally through the body. Mrs. Pfeifer was born in Germany February 25, 1828, and came to America in 1848. George Pfeifer the second son, lives on a farm near his brother John. At the age of twenty-two he married Matilda Tabbert, of Elliston, who was born December 22, 1861, at Elliston (where she obtained a

liberal education), daughter of August Tabbert, who died in 1894. Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. George Pfeifer settled on the farm where they now live, a place which, like that of his brother, shows enterprise and neatness on the part of the owner.

John H. Pfeifer, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Emerich) Pfeifer, was born September 29, 1858, at Bellaire, Ohio, and spent his boyhood days in Cleveland and Ottawa county, where he received the education afforded by the district schools of his time and place. An incident which occurred when he was nine years of age is worth relating: He was sent to Elliston on mule back for some groceries. He rode down the L. S. & M. S. track, and all went well until the train was seen backing to Elliston from Toledo. The mule did not propose to give the right of way for the train, and John succeeded in dismounting in time to save all of himself save a piece of one toe, but the animal was not a match for the train, which completely demolished him. When twenty-two years of age our subject commenced life for himself as a fireman on the L. S. & M. S. railroad, continuing thus for three years. On September 25, 1883, he was married to Miss Matilda Lick, of Elliston, and having purchased a farm near Rocky Ridge they made their home thereon for six years. They then sold out and purchased the old homestead of his father on Section 23, Benton township, where they now live. His parents moved to Rocky Ridge, where they have erected the finest home in the village. A walk over Mr. Pfeifer's farm at once convinces one that he is a thorough agriculturist; the fences are in neat shape, the farm stock and buildings are all well kept, and the yards around both house and barn display neatness and care on the part of the owner, who takes a pardonable pride in his beautiful property. The history of one member of the family is the history of all, and to say that he has worked with

his father from boyhood shows what part he has taken in this work.

Mrs. Matilda (Lick) Pfeifer was born August 28, 1862, at Elliston, where she received her education and lived until her marriage. To Mr. and Mrs. Pfeifer have been born three children: Walter George, April 10, 1885; Reuben Edward, May 6, 1887, and William Carl, October 19, 1891. Walter G., died March 19, 1892, and was buried in the Elliston cemetery.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM J. SLACK-FORD (deceased) sailed on the lakes for many years, and was a well-known sea captain, whose death was deeply regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. A native of England, he was born near Kent, February 28, 1831, and was one of a family of four children, two of whom are now living: Edward, a retired sea captain now in Detroit, Mich.; and Hannah, wife of Thomas Clayton, who makes his home in Carthage, Hamilton Co., Ohio. In the summer of 1849, when he was seventeen years of age, the Captain came with his father to the United States, locating at Plasterbed, Portage township, Ottawa Co., Ohio. Here, soon afterward they were joined by the wife and mother, and other children of the family, and the parents were continuous residents of the township throughout their remaining days.

In 1861 the Captain purchased a farm a short distance from the old family homestead, and engaged extensively in fruit growing and farming up to the time of his death. From 1864 up to 1878 he was part owner and operator of the steamers "Gen. Grant," "Clinton" and "R. B. Hayes," running ferry between the Peninsula and Sandusky. The change in his occupation was caused by ill health. The captain was for many years numbered among the valued citizens, and took an active part in all progressive

movements. He was esteemed by all who knew him for his many sterling qualities and straightforward business methods.

On November 20, 1860, at Sandusky, Ohio, the Captain was married to Thirsa Gertrude Moore, who died October 12, 1864, and this union was blessed with one child, William George, born September 24, 1861; he is a licensed sea captain, and resides in Danbury township, Ottawa county. The Captain was again married, this time at Fremont, Ohio, December 7, 1875, to Kate C. Englebeck, daughter of Herman and Caroline (Fechtler) Englebeck. This union was blessed with two children: May Pearl, born May 1, 1878; and Jennie Gertrude, born May 5, 1884.

After a long illness of three years, the Captain passed away December 14, 1890. His last voyage was over and he reached the harbor of rest. He had been a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, and was highly esteemed by his brethren in that Order. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, and was possessed of broad, general information. He had a genial, sunny temperament, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. His faithful and devoted wife deserves no little credit for the manner in which she has conducted the affairs of the estate since her husband's death. She is a lady of culture and sound judgment, and controls her farm in a way that well exemplifies her innate business sagacity and acumen. Her residence is among the finest in the township, and all its surroundings give evidence of the exquisite state and refinement of the owner.

JOAB KELLY, one of the best known and most honored farmers and fruit growers of Danbury township, Ottawa county, was born January 31, 1842, on the homestead farm on which he still resides, and is a son of Hon. John and Elizabeth (Pettibone) Kelly. His

educational privileges were such as were afforded by the district schools of that day, and since early life he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, though for the past twenty-five years he has devoted his attention more especially to the cultivation of grapes, peaches and other fruits.

Mr. Kelly was married in Danbury, December 21, 1870, to Miss Stella M. Hogg, who was born in Sandusky City, Erie Co., Ohio, June 15, 1849, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Driver) Hogg, early settlers of Erie county, Ohio, who removed to Danbury township about 1868, where the former passed away in 1882; the latter still makes her home in Danbury. To Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have been born two sons—Thomas LeRoy, on September 15, 1871; and J. Reid, on October 8, 1874; both are still under the parental roof. In his political views Mr. Kelly is a Republican, and he and his family attend the Congregational Church.

The mother of our subject was the first white child born in Newberg, Ohio, her birth having occurred October 18, 1814, and she was but six weeks old when she was brought to Danbury township by her parents, Truman and Phœbe (Wolcotte) Pettibone. The Wolcotte family came to Danbury township in 1808, but after a residence of three years were driven away by the Indians, and went to Cleveland, Ohio, where they remained until 1814, when they returned and from that time until their deaths were continuous residents of Danbury township.

On July 23, 1835, Hon. John A. B. Kelly and Miss Elizabeth Pettibone were united in marriage. Mr. Kelly was born in Troy, N. Y., December 14, 1809, and was a son of William and Jane (Reid) Kelly, both natives of Ireland. Eight children were born of this union, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Jane, May, 1836, was united in marriage with Josias B. Wright, now of Danbury, October 1, 1853; William, March 17, 1838, makes his home in

Port Clinton, Ohio; Alice, October 14, 1840, died November 5, of the same year; Joab comes next in the order of birth; Malcolm, July 31, 1844, is judge of the court of common pleas and resides in Port Clinton; Salima, January 6, 1847, is the wife of John G. Bredehoft, of Danbury township; John August 14, 1851, lives in the same township; and Mary, March 28, 1855, died June 13, 1856. The father, who represented the Thirtieth Senatorial District in the Fifty-fifth General Assembly of Ohio, 1862-63, died April 18, 1883; the mother passed away October 8, 1895.

SIMON HENRY KINSTING is numbered among the pioneer settlers of Ottawa county, having located within its borders when it was almost an unbroken wilderness, with few roads laid out and few settlements made. With the work of development and progress he has been identified, and has aided in the improvement of the locality by faithfully performing his duties of citizenship.

Mr. Kinsting was born in Prussia, December 25, 1832, and is a son of Frederick William Kinsting, also a native of Prussia, born in 1800, a tailor by trade, who died at the home of his son, July 28, 1871. In 1849 he emigrated with his wife and two children to America, after which he followed the occupation of farming. He was first employed for only fifty cents per day, and was very well satisfied, but as years passed his financial resources increased. In the Fatherland he married Minnie Saack, who was born in Prussia, April 4, 1804, and died December 13, 1885. They had two children—Simon Henry, and Henrietta, wife of William Budky, of Woodville, Sandusky county. The parents spent their last years at the home of their son, who tenderly cared for them in their declining days. Our subject's paternal grandfather and his wife



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were both born in Germany about October, 1766, and the former died in 1833. The maternal grandfather was born in Prussia, in 1774, and his wife's birth occurred there in 1775.

S. H. Kinsting, the subject proper of this review, spent the first seventeen years of his life in his native land, and was educated in the public schools. He then came with his parents to the United States, and here attended the English schools, so that he now speaks both languages fluently. In 1858 he was united in marriage with Miss Frederica Priesing, a native of Hanover, Germany, born June 6, 1835. She obtained her education there, and when twenty-two years of age came to America, locating in Toledo, Ohio, where she met her future husband. The wedding was celebrated six months later at the old homestead, one mile from Elmore, where our subject now resides. Her parents, who were also natives of Hanover, Germany, had a family of six children, five of whom are now living, one son, Henry, having died in the hospital in Memphis, Tenn., while serving in the Civil war. The father was a blacksmith by trade, and died at an early age, leaving a widow to care for her family. Mrs. Kinsting was a faithful wife and loving mother, one who trained her children to habits of industry and uprightness. A fall occasioned the loss of her mental faculties to a degree, and on September 2, 1892, she passed away.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinstring were the parents of four children, namely: (1) William, born August 13, 1860, was married March 23, 1881, to Rachel Ernsthausen, of Elmore, and resides on a farm one mile from the town; they have three children—Mary, William and Clara. (2) Fred, born September 16, 1863, was married in August, 1885, to Cora Netcher, and lives on a farm in Monroe county, Mich.; their children are—John and George. (3) Henry, born April 10, 1867, was married in November, 1890, to Libbie Wainwright,

and they have one child—Naomi, born June 25, 1894. (4) Minnie, born April 25, 1870, was married in October, 1890, to Frank Dishinger, of Harris township, Ottawa county, and they had two children—Henry and Eddie; Mrs. Dishinger died August 10, 1895, and was buried at Elmore.

During his entire residence in America Mr. Kinsting has lived on the farm which now belongs to Frank Dishinger. The first forty acres of land were purchased in 1849 for \$375, and the first home was a little log cabin. By diligence and close attention to business our subject and his father and son cleared and developed the farm, extending its boundaries by the additional purchase of seventy-three acres in Sandusky and Ottawa counties, erected good buildings and secured a nice home. Since his father's death our subject has purchased eighty acres, for which he paid \$100 per acre. He has succeeded in business through his own well-directed efforts, and to-day is the owner of a valuable property, and the possessor of a comfortable competence. In March, 1895, he called his children together, and, after a very pleasant family reunion, gave each of them five thousand dollars. He has now reached the age of sixty-three years, has been a cripple for twenty-two years, but is one of the most cheerful and happy men in the community, finding great pleasure in visiting his children, who have for him the warmest affection, and take great delight in his visits to them. Since 1858 he has been a member of the German Methodist Episcopal Church, a consistent and earnest Christian, enjoying the respect and confidence of all who know him.

GEORGE M. HIGH, one of the most prominent and extensive fruit growers on Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, was born in Springfield, Clark Co., Ohio, July 13,

1825, son of Hosea S. and Mary A. (McCormick) High. George McCormick, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was one of the contractors on the building of the first U. S. Capitol at Washington, D. C., which was destroyed by the British.

Hosea S. High, born January 3, 1797, at Bridgeton, N. J., was united in marriage with Mary A. McCormick, who was born November 21, 1801, at Washington, D. C., and they had eleven children, seven of whom are now living, namely: George M., the subject of this sketch; Charles G. and Martin V. B., both residing in Madison county, Ohio; Jacob, in Franklin county, Ohio; Fannie, wife of John G. Thompson, of Columbus, Ohio; and Jennie and Susan, in Columbus. Hosea S. High passed away in Franklin county, Ohio, in September, 1874, and his widow, Mary A., at Columbus, Ohio, in March, 1893, she being at the time of her death one of the oldest inhabitants and residents of Columbus. Mr. High was Indian agent for several years, and in 1837 moved the Wyandotte, Delaware and Sandusky tribes to their reservations in Kansas.

George M. High spent his boyhood days among the surroundings of a comfortable home, and received his primary education in the district schools, afterward taking a course at the Delaware College, at Delaware, Ohio. About a year after completing his studies he left home for Cincinnati, where in the winter months he was engaged in the pork business. During the first summer he was a tutor in a private family near Independence, Ky., and the second summer he taught the district school in the same neighborhood. For the eighteen years succeeding he was engaged in the pork business, purchasing in summer and slaughtering and shipping in winter.

At Pleasant Ridge, Hamilton Co., Ohio, on October 21, 1852, George M. High was united in marriage with Anna M. Kincaid, daughter of Blair and Mary

(Lancaster) Kincaid, and born in Delaware October 30, 1834. They have had four children, as follows: Hosea and Fannie (twins), born June 29, 1853, of whom Hosea is still living at home, and Fannie is the wife of Curtis P. Gladding, residing at Hartford, Conn.; George M., Jr., born in Cincinnati, May 16, 1859, was formerly the editor and proprietor of the *Evening Advertiser*, a newspaper of Socorro, N. M., and now resides in Butte City, Mont.; and Carrie D., born February 4, 1864, resides at home.

During the winter of 1864-65 Mr. High sold out his interest in the pork business, and late in the spring of 1865 loaded up a steamer with \$30,000 worth of provisions, with which he went up the Arkansas river as far as Fort Smith, disposing of the goods on the way. He then returned to Cincinnati, purchased another cargo, and returned up the river; but, owing to delays caused by business, he was late, and so established a store at Spadra Bluff, Arkansas, in connection with Col. A. D. King. In the fall of 1866 he returned to Springfield, Ohio, where he resided during the next four years, for three years of that time continuing his interest in the business at Spadra Bluff, which he sold in 1869. On July 13, 1870, he removed to Middle Bass, and engaged in fruit growing. He has now been a continuous resident of the Island for twenty-five years, and has probably set out more grape vines than any other man on the Island. Mr. High was the first in the West to introduce the spraying of grapes and other fruits, for mildew and insects that have destroyed so much of the fruits, and this system has produced highly satisfactory results wherever introduced.

In his political views Mr. High is independent, but leans toward the Democratic party. He is a prominent citizen, and a leader, especially in such good works as need sympathy, active work and benevolent contributions. To those who know him, it seems evident that he would

have been as successful in almost any line of life he might have chosen as he has been in that which he did choose. He is well educated by schooling, reading, travel and experience; happy in society, in his own home and abroad; hospitable, thoroughly appreciated by all who know him; intelligent, possessing tact and generosity. He has a most charming home, situated close to the shores of Lake Erie; is happily contented with such reasonable hobbies as occupy his mind, is independent in his own pursuits, and able to provide abundantly for the comfort and happiness of his appreciative wife and family.

THOMAS BOWLAND, a prominent manufacturer, of Martin, Clay township, Ottawa county, was born in Perry county, this State, October 14, 1844, and was a son of John and Diana (Parrott) Bowland, the former of whom was a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of Ohio.

The father of our subject died when the latter was only ten years old, and the little lad was early put to work that he might contribute his share to the support of his widowed mother and the younger children. His early education was therefore very limited; but, like many of the men who have been leaders of our nation, he neglected no opportunity to add to his scanty stock of book knowledge, and by reading and observation has made of himself an intelligent man whose opinions are eagerly sought for, and whose judgment in all matters is well worth considering. His parents removed before his death to Ottawa county, living for a time in Elmore, Harris township, and afterward coming to Clay township. Here our subject worked upon a farm with his two elder brothers until the breaking out of the Civil war in 1861, when they enlisted and left the care of the family to Thomas and a younger brother, John, of whom a

sketch is given elsewhere. This labor of love which he performed diligently and faithfully was pursued for a number of years, the few leisure hours not employed in farm work being given to the improvement of his mind.

In 1879 Mr. Bowland began the manufacture of hoops, starting a factory in Martin and employing several men. This proved to be a profitable business, and he has since successfully carried it on, being now assisted by two of his sons who have an interest in the establishment. Mr. Bowland was married January 21, 1869, to Charlotte Jones, daughter of Daniel and Ruth Jones, of Sandusky county, and they became the parents of one child, Irvin, who was born January 20, 1870; his mother died March 26, 1871. Mr. Bowland was again married December 22, 1872, to Miss Herminia, daughter of George and Sarah (Wall) Eyre, both of whom were natives of England. Three children have come of this marriage, namely: (1) George D., who was born April 6, 1874, at Genoa, and was there educated; he is unmarried, and is engaged in business with his father. (2) Ernest, born April 7, 1877, in the same town, was educated in the schools there, and in the high school, and holds a teacher's certificate; he is also connected with his father's firm. (3) Estella, born February 22, 1886, died August 13, 1887.

The parental family of our subject comprised fourteen children, eight of whom are living, as follows: Mary is the wife of Powell Frugh, a farmer in Sandusky county; Daniel is a farmer of Clay township; Jeremiah, a machinist, lives in Wood county; Elizabeth is the wife of Stephen Walsh, of Clay township; Martin is a miller of Benton township; Thomas is our subject; Hannah is the widow of Walter Warrener; and John is postmaster at Genoa. The father of this large family died in Harris township, in June, 1854, and his wife in Clay township, April 17, 1875.

George Eyre, the father of our sub-

ject's wife, was born in London, England, and came to this country when eighteen years old, settling first in Cleveland, where he followed the occupation of a millwright, and also did some carpentering; his wife, Sarah Wall, was also born in England. They were the parents of eight children, five of whom are living; Mary is the wife of John Bowland, postmaster at Genoa; Cilena is the wife of William Bodett, a railroad man; Esletta married Albert Stewart, a cigar manufacturer, living in Toledo; Sarah is the wife of Miles Price, of Detroit; George died when aged thirty-six, Henry when five, and Carrie when fourteen. The parents are still living, and reside in Genoa.

Mr. Bowland has always been very popular with his fellow citizens, as well as throughout the entire county, and in consequence has held numerous responsible offices. He was for two years constable of Clay township, and has been time and again elected justice of the peace, or local judge of Clay township, which position he is now filling with dignity and great ability. In all the cases which have come before him in the past twelve years, and which have been carried to the higher courts, his decisions have there been confirmed, without exception, and his honesty and integrity have never been questioned. During his official life he has solemnized upward of thirty-five marriages, which is a further evidence of his popularity with the people. Mr. Bowland has held the office of school director for seven years, and has been clerk of the board throughout that period. In politics he is a strong Democrat and a leader in his party, and, with his family, holds a prominent position in society.

ALBERT ZIPFEL, mill owner and one of the well-known business men of Rocky Ridge, Benton township, Ottawa county, is a native of Germany, born September

27, 1857, son of Lawrence Zipfel. When about four years of age our subject came to America with his father, who settled at Port Clinton, Ottawa Co., Ohio, and engaged in the boot and shoe business, following same for several years, when he sold out and purchased a farm near Oak Harbor. After farming for some time he sold his place and settled in Oak Harbor, where he died in the spring of 1895.

During the first nine years of his life Albert Zipfel obtained what education he could, and at the early age of nine he went out into the world to earn a livelihood for himself, commencing work in a shingle mill in Oak Harbor, where he labored some twelve years. On July 8, 1879, he was married to Miss Amanda A. Fountain, of Oak Harbor, and they shortly afterward settled in Rocky Ridge, where he was employed as foreman in the stave factory of Bopst & Bosh, a position he held for eleven years. In 1889 Mr. Zipfel purchased an elevator and feed mill of Mr. Bopst at Rocky Ridge, in 1890 adding to the mill a sawmill; and he has since been engaged in lumber sawing and feed grinding. The business is prospering, and the mill is busy the entire year. For several years Mr. Zipfel has been village councilman in Rocky Ridge; he is greatly interested in the improvement of the public schools of the place, and endeavors to have them the best possible. His business, which is constantly increasing, demands his strict personal attention, and he may always be found at the mill, attending very carefully to every detail; this surely is the only way to success.

Mr. Zipfel was married July 8, 1879, to Miss Amanda A. Fountain, who was born October 30, 1857, near Port Clinton, where she received her early education, completing it in the schools of Oak Harbor. Her parents were Alexander and Amy (Sampson) Fountain, the father born July 4, 1829, in Sandusky county,

where he lived his entire life, save the one hundred days he served in the war of the Rebellion. He died in 1876. Mrs. Zipfel's grandfather, Alexander Fountain, Sr., was born in Michigan. Her paternal great-grandfather was of French descent. Mrs. Zipfel's mother, Mrs. Amy Fountain, was born in Port Clinton, May 11, 1837, and when eight years of age removed with her parents to Chicago, where they remained for three years. Her father, Joel Sampson, then entered the Mexican war, and died of cholera near the Gulf of Mexico. He was born in Vermont in 1807. Mrs. Zipfel's maternal great-grandfather was of French descent, born early in the eighteenth century, and served in the French and Indian war, 1757-1763.

GEORGE W. GALLANT, an enterprising and wide-awake business man of Elmore, where he is engaged in the manufacture of doors, sash and blinds, was born in Bay township, Ottawa county, January 15, 1842, and is the only known living representative of the family of seven children born to John and Eleanor (Deselms) Gallant, the former a native of Baltimore, Md., the latter of Belmont, Ohio. The parents located in Bay township at an early date in the history of the county, but in 1863 removed to Sandusky, Ohio, where the following year the father's death occurred; later, the mother came to Elmore, where she passed away in 1884.

In the district schools of Bay township, George W. Gallant acquired a limited education, but his instruction in the duties of farm life was not so meagre, and he continued to follow that honorable occupation until 1862, when he enlisted in Company G, One Hundredth Regiment, O. V. I. On May 4, 1864, he was wounded at the battle of Resaca, Ga., and sent to the hospital at Chattanooga,

Tenn., from which place he was transferred to Knoxville. After becoming convalescent he rejoined his regiment at Fort Fisher, and later was ordered to David's Island, N. Y. On the close of hostilities he received an honorable discharge, and returned to Jackson township, Sandusky county, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1873. On the first of January of that year he removed to Elmore, and since that date has continuously carried on his present business with marked success, having now secured a liberal and lucrative trade.

At Jackson, Ohio, October 22, 1865, Mr. Gallant wedded Miss Nancy Huffman, who was born in Fremont, this State, July 1, 1846, a daughter of Michael and Nancy (Nye) Huffman, the former now deceased, the latter still a resident of Fremont. Mrs. Gallant is one of a family of ten children, eight of whom still survive: Washington, who makes his home in Battle Creek, Mich.; Michael, living in Fremont; Ellen, wife of Henry Hiller, of Hillsdale, Mich.; William H., a resident of Hastings; Mrs. Gallant, the next in order of birth; May Etta, widow of the late Andrew Whitmore, residing in Fremont; Charles Luther, living in Hastings, Mich.; and Elizabeth A., now the widow of Louis Benner, and making her home in Fremont.

Five children have come to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Gallant, as follows: Charles M., born April 25, 1867; Lillie Jane, born March 19, 1869, now the wife John F. Sanders, of Elmore; James W., born February 7, 1871; Edward E., born July 21, 1885; and Bertha Belle, born June 1, 1887. Of these Charles M., whose education was begun in the public schools of Elmore, completed a course in the North American Normal School of Fostoria, Ohio, graduating from that institution in 1887. He then took up the study of mechanical engineering at Salt Lake City, Utah, and for four years was a locomotive engineer on the Rio Grande

& Western railroad. At the expiration of that time he returned to Elmore, and engaged with his father as bookkeeper. At the present time, however, he is engaged in the manufacture of a patent clothes rack, in connection with his brother James. On January 15, 1895, in Elmore, he married Miss Elizabeth Hotmer, a daughter of John and Sarah Hotmer, the former a resident of Elmore, the latter being now deceased. James W., the second son of our subject, after completing his education in the public schools of Elmore, learned the trade of wood turning, which occupation he followed up to a recent date, but is now engaged in the manufacture of a patent clothes rack. In Toledo, Ohio, January 2, 1895, he was united in marriage with Miss Nettie Walters, a daughter of Thomas and Nettie Walters, the former of whom still makes his home in Toledo, but the latter has departed this life.

In his political views, George W. Gallant is an ardent Republican, being a strong supporter of the men and measures of that party, and he has served his fellow-citizens as a councilman in the corporation of Elmore for four terms. He is one of the solid and reliable business men of the city, and in social as well as business circles stands high, having the confidence and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact. With the Knights of Pythias fraternity he holds membership, belonging to Elmore Lodge, No. 261, K. of P., and also takes a prominent part in Robert Caldwell Post, G. A. R.

SAMUEL R. GILL, secretary of the Lakeside Company, of Lakeside, Ottawa county, is a native of the county, born in Portage township, December 16, 1845, and is a son of William and Martha (Payne) Gill, both natives of Berkeley county, W. Va., the father born in 1796.

In 1840 William Gill located in Port-

age township, Ottawa county, where he engaged in farming until his death which occurred December 31, 1857. His wife, who was a daughter of Jesse and Martha (Dunn) Payne, was born December 10, 1810, and her death occurred on the old homestead in Portage township, April 28, 1894. They became the parents of four children, namely: (1) Joseph, a resident of Port Clinton, Ottawa county. (2) William, who died at Evansville, Ind., from wounds received while serving in the Union army as a private in Company I, Forty-first O. V. I., in which he enlisted September 6, 1861, and being wounded at the battle of Shiloh, which was fought April 6-7, 1862, he died a few days later. (3) Mary P., wife of Lane Lockwood, a resident of Sandusky City, Ohio, and (4) Samuel R.

The primary education of our subject was acquired in the district schools of Portage township, and he completed his literary studies at Baldwin University, Berea, Ohio, graduating from that institution in 1869. He then engaged in agricultural pursuits on the old homestead farm, following that honorable occupation until 1873, when, in January of that year, he was appointed secretary of the Lakeside company, since when he has made his home in Lakeside, devoting his entire attention to the duties pertaining to the office, still retaining possession of his farm in Portage township. He is also a stockholder in the Lakeside Company.

In Danbury township, Ottawa county, on January 12, 1875, Mr. Gill was united in marriage with Miss Mary C. Alexander, a daughter of David and Harriet R. (Petit) Alexander, who, in 1863, located in Danbury township, near Marblehead, where the latter still resides; the former passed away December 23, 1894, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Gill have three children: Robert Alexander, born May 21, 1880; William Payne, born February 16, 1883, and Samuel Vincent, born September 1, 1893.

Mr. Gill has always been a progressive citizen, taking an active part in all matters pertaining to the improvement and welfare of the county. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he votes the Republican ticket, but in sentiment is a strong Prohibitionist.

LEMAN M. THOMPSON, a leading and influential farmer, who makes his home in Carroll township, Ottawa county, first opened his eyes to the light of day in that township, April 1, 1845. His parents are William and Ruth (Ogden) Thompson, the former a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of New Jersey. From his early boyhood he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, having assisted in the cultivation of the home farm, while he obtained his literary education in the district schools of the community.

Mr. Thompson displayed his loyalty to his country, by enlisting, in August, 1862, in Company G, One Hundredth Ohio V. I., and remained in the service until the close of the war, being mustered out at Greensboro, N. C., and finally discharged at Cleveland, Ohio, July 3, 1865. He took part in numerous important engagements, among which were the battles of Ringgold, Resaca and Franklin, Tenn., the siege of Knoxville, the battle of Eltawa, the siege of Atlanta and the battle of Pumpkin Vine Run, Ga., together with a large number of skirmishes, in all of which he proved a valiant and fearless soldier, always found at his post of duty. After being discharged from the army, Mr. Thompson returned to Carroll township, where he again engaged in farming, which occupation he has made his life work, and he is still a resident of his native township. There he was married July 4, 1869, to Miss Rebecca Brown, daughter of Daniel and Melissa J. Brown.

By this union there is one child—William LeRoy, born July 9, 1882.

In politics Mr. Thompson generally supports the men and measures of the Democratic party, though he is not strictly partisan, and has served his fellow citizens as township assessor two terms, and school director three years. He and his family attend the United Brethren Church. He is a practical, self-made man, having, by energy and perseverance, secured his own financial success. Equipped by nature with strong intellectual endowments and rugged physical powers, he has worked his way upward, and, possessing a sterling honesty which characterizes his conduct in all the offices of life, he has won a high place in the esteem and confidence of his fellowmen.

JOHAN H. WENDT is an enterprising and popular merchant and fruit grower of Danbury township, Ottawa county, of which township he is a native, having been born October 2, 1853, on the homestead where he still resides.

His early life was passed amidst the surroundings of a comfortable home and fond, indulgent parents' care. He received the advantages of a liberal common-school education, and at an early age adopted farming for his life vocation, which he still continues to follow. In 1887, in connection with agricultural pursuits, he also began merchandising at Marblehead Junction, and by his straightforward business principles has built up a large and increasing trade, and established an enviable record for honesty and fair dealing. In 1887 he was appointed postmaster at Danbury, which position he filled seven years to the satisfaction of all concerned.

In Danbury, November 15, 1882, John H. Wendt was married to Miss Matilda Meter, a daughter of Christian and Dorothy Meter, both natives of Germany,

the former of whom is deceased, the latter still making her home in Danbury township. Mr. and Mrs. Wendt have three children: Lydia S., born May 18, 1883; William H., born February 19, 1885; and Clara, born February 22, 1889. Politically, our subject affiliates with the Republican party, while in religious faith he and his family attend the Lutheran Church. He is one of the live progressive men of Danbury township, a good friend and desirable neighbor. The pleasant social and hospitable qualities of Mr. and Mrs. Wendt are widely known, and they enjoy the esteem and respect of all in their community to a marked degree.

Herman Wendt, the father of our subject, was born in the Province of Hanover, Germany, April 14, 1827, was educated in his native land, where he also learned the trade of a cabinet maker. In 1845 he landed on the shores of the New World, and for about a year after his arrival worked at his trade in New York City. He came to Ohio in 1846, and for a few years was employed at the cooper's trade at the Plasterbed Mills in Portage township, Ottawa county. In 1851 he located in Danbury township, where he followed farming until his death, which occurred on the 6th of February, 1894. He was a true friend, a good neighbor, a loving husband and a kind, indulgent father, and his memory will long be cherished by those who knew him best.

Herman Wendt was twice married, his first union being with Mrs. Anna Marie Brauer, the widow of Henry Brauer, and of the four children born to this union, three are still living, namely: Christina, born April 18, 1850, is the wife of Angelus Hauschild, of Salem township, Ottawa county; Anna, born November 18, 1851, is the wife of Henry Windish, of Carroll township, Ottawa county; and John H., who forms the subject of this brief sketch, is the third child. His mother died on the 21st of September, 1855. The father later wedded Miss

Rachel Schwartz, a native of Germany, and to them were born three children, one of whom still survives—John A., born July 18, 1857, makes his home in Chicago. Mrs. Wendt passed away June 5, 1872.

MRS. MARIAR E. NELLIS. In a record devoted to the representative people of a county the ladies who have borne their part in public work are also deserving of mention, and prominent among this class is the one whose name opens this sketch. She is a most capable business woman, and is successfully carrying on a farm of more than 200 acres, superintending its cultivation and its management and making it one of the neatest and most valuable country homes in this section of the State.

Mrs. Nellis is a daughter of Isaac W. and Lucy Ann (Lewis) Ingraham, and was born in Harris township, Ottawa county, March 26, 1853. Her father was born July 22, 1827, in Connecticut, and came with his parents to Ohio, where he is still living, on a farm that belongs to Mrs. Nellis. His wife was born June 23, 1836, in New York, and they were married in the Buckeye State, November 30, 1851. Eleven children were born of this union, namely: Mariar E.; Calista, wife of G. H. Damschroeder; Flora, wife of David McGowan; Gleny, who died at the age of one year; Theodore; Arnold W.; Ruth, who died in infancy; Eunice, wife of George Hotmer; and three that died in infancy unnamed. Benjamin Ingraham, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Nellis, was born in 1779, and died in 1869. He followed farming the greater part of his life, and reared a family of thirteen children, eight of whom have families of their own. Benjamin Ingraham, Sr., father of Benjamin Ingraham, came to America on the "Mayflower." Sallie Maria Fuller, the maternal grandmother of Mrs. Nellis, was born



Maria E. Nellis



in Bristol county, Mass., May 10, 1807, and was one of the eight children of Joseph Fuller, who fought in the war of 1812. His father was one of the Revolutionary heroes, and was one of the famous band who participated in the "Boston Tea Party," when the British tea was thrown into the harbor. Miss Fuller was married in 1828 to Lyman Lewis, and they became the parents of eight children, four born in New York and four in Ohio. The father died in 1845, and in 1848 the mother became the wife of George Fletcher, by whom she had one son. Mr. Fletcher died in 1857. On May 10, 1889, Grandma Fletcher celebrated her eighty-second birthday, in which celebration twenty-one grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren participated. Two of her sons and one son-in-law were in the war of the Rebellion. The family has long been prominently connected with this locality, and Mrs. Nellis' father helped to grade the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad. He has also cradled wheat on the site of the depot at Elmore, and is numbered among the honored pioneer settlers of Ottawa county.

Mrs. Nellis obtained her education in a country schoolhouse that stands on the farm which she now owns. When sixteen years of age she began to earn her own living, and displayed the remarkable business ability which has always characterized her. She was employed in a tailor shop until about nineteen years of age, and then began doing housework. On May 5, 1874, she became the wife of Cyrus T. Nellis, of Elmore, and the first six months of their married life were passed in Elmore, during which time Mr. Nellis erected buildings on their farm north of the village. In the autumn they removed to the new home, where they lived four years, in the meantime purchasing the farm upon which Mrs. Nellis is now living, and still retaining possession of the other. The present home adjoins the corporation limits of Elmore,

and on the place stands a beautiful brick residence and barns and outbuildings which are models of convenience. All the improvements of a model farm may be found there, and have been secured entirely through the efforts of Mrs. Nellis. When Mr. Nellis had the large barn well under construction he lost his mind and insanity caused him to attempt his own life by trying to hang himself in the new barn, which was unfinished. He was then, on October 28, 1878, taken to the hospital at Columbus, where he remained one year. During that time Mrs. Nellis completed the buildings which were then in process of erection. On his return Mr. Nellis began preparations for a fine brick residence, and had the foundations laid when his mind again became unsettled, and he was once more taken to Columbus, remaining there six years, after which he was transferred to Toledo. The work of completing the home then fell to his wife, and with indomitable energy and perseverance she has carried forward the enterprise, and to-day has one of the most beautiful homes in Ottawa county. [On September 25, 1895, since the above was written, by some cause unknown, Mrs. Nellis' barns, three in number, caught fire and were totally destroyed together with all the contents, her own property as well as that of her father, including the latter's two span of horses, the best in the county. By November 6, 1895, she had managed to have a new barn erected.]

The family of Mrs. Nellis numbered three children, the eldest of whom died in infancy; Dow L., born March 20, 1878, has acquired a good literary education in the public schools of Elmore, and now aids his mother in the care of her property; the youngest, Bede C., born September 16, 1881, is attending school in Elmore, and has also studied music. The family is one of prominence in the community, having many warm friends, and Mrs. Nellis commands the respect and admiration of all by the masterly way in

which she has carried forward her business interests. A thorough lady, she yet has the business ability which characterizes usually the sterner sex.

HUGH SMITH, an old and highly respected resident of Danbury township, Ottawa county, is a native of the Emerald Isle, born in County Monaghan, about the year 1825. His parents, James and Alice (Burns) Smith, were also born in the same country, and passed away in their native land.

The subject of this review received a limited education in the schools of Ireland, and from his early youth has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1847 he left his native land, going to Scotland, and for about seven years resided in Glasgow and Busby. He worked at farming and in a print factory until, deciding to try his fortune in America, he took passage, June 17, 1854, on a sailing vessel, which reached Quebec, Canada, in August of the same year, after a voyage of two months. From there he at once proceeded to Ohio, locating in Marblehead, Danbury township, Ottawa county, where he worked in the plaster quarries for about a year. The succeeding three years were spent in the same line of business at Catawba Island and Plasterbed. About 1861 he removed to Kelley's Island, Sandusky county, where he also worked in the quarries some three years. In 1861 he purchased his present farm near Lakeside, making it his home continuously since, and for some time past he has devoted his time and energy to fruit growing on an extensive scale.

Mr. Smith was married in Sandusky City, in February, 1855, to Alice Boylan, a daughter of James and Nancy (Matthews) Boylan, who were natives of County Cavan, Ireland, and are both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Smith became the parents of ten children. (1)

Mary, the eldest, born September 23, 1855, became the wife of Robert McKinney, a native of Rochester, N. Y., who died October 12, 1889, leaving three children—Alice, Isabel, and Jeanette; Mrs. McKinney was married November 6, 1894, to Francis Thomson, and they now reside at Lakeside. (2) Hughie died in infancy. (3) Alice, born March 8, 1859, married James Connolly, and passed away November 27, 1893, leaving a husband and two children—Alice and Mary—to mourn the loss of a faithful wife and loving mother. (4) James, born January 12, 1861, resides near Marblehead, Ohio; he married Miss Annie McMahan, a native of Ireland, and they have a family of six children, namely: Mary, James W., Isabel, Walter, John and Alice Margaret. (5) Hugh, born July 12, 1863, died December 12, 1894. (6) John B., born August 5, 1865, is a resident of Lakeside; he was married November 29, 1888, to Miss Bridget Rowan, a native of Ireland, and they have three children, named respectively—Henry M. and Elizabeth (twins), born May 15, 1889, and William P., born May 15, 1892. (7) Henry, born September 6, 1867, and (8) Lillian, born December 23, 1869, are at home. (9) Catherine, born January 27, 1872, is the wife of George Connolly, a resident of Port Clinton, Ohio, and had two children—George G. and Clarence C., the former born October 7, 1893, died December 26, 1894, the latter born February 10, 1895. (10) William T., born October 6, 1870, died March 19, 1889. The mother of this family was called to her final rest in 1892, and her death was widely and deeply mourned.

In his political views Mr. Smith is independent, voting for the man rather than the party, and he and his family are consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church. Though well advanced in years he is still hale and hearty, and retains considerable of the vigor of his youth, attending daily to his fine fruit orchard. He has led a busy life, and his success is the re-

ward of his own labors. Genial and social in disposition, he is highly esteemed as a friend and neighbor.

JULIUS M. PETERSON, a substantial farmer of Benton township, Ottawa county, is a son of Peter and Hanna (Hansen) Peterson, and was born at Port Clinton, Portage township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, May 3, 1859.

Peter Peterson, our subject's father was born in Schleswig, Germany, in 1825, and on June 18, 1848, was united in marriage with Hanna Hansen, who was born, in 1823, also in Schleswig, Germany. They had nine children, three of whom are now living, as follows: Julius M., whose name introduces this sketch; William, who lives in Arkansas, and Sophia, now Mrs. Carstensen, of Oak Harbor, Salem township, Ottawa county. Peter Peterson came to America in 1855, and located in Danbury township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, thence moving to Port Clinton, and in 1861 coming to Benton township, where he settled in Section 31, cleared a farm of sixty-two acres, built a barn and fenced the land, being assisted by his children.

Julius M. Peterson, the subject of these lines, was about two years of age when his parents brought him to Benton township and, later, he attended the public schools of Elliston, Benton township, receiving a business education that has helped him in his life work since. On September 7, 1881, he was united in marriage with Miss Dora Braun, of Clay township, Ottawa county, and they have had eight children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Julia, November 22, 1882; Leora, April 1, 1884; Edward, September 10, 1885; Mabel, May 6, 1887; Ora, March 3, 1889; Eliza, August 23, 1890; Gertrude, February 7, 1892; and Hazel, May 8, 1894. Mrs. Peterson's father, Adam Braun, was born in Hessen, Germany, in 1805; her mother,

Margaret (Brandt), was born in Hessen, Germany, in 1819. They were married in 1836, and had eleven children, of whom five are now living, as follows: Dorathea (Gerlach), of Lorain county, Ohio; Justus Braun, of Ottawa county; Henry Braun, of Lorain county, Ohio; Eva (Truman), of Toledo, Ohio; and Dora, now the wife of the subject of this sketch. She was born September 7, 1858, in Hessen, Germany, where she lived until four years old, when she came to America with her parents, who settled in Lorain county, Ohio, residing there seven years, and then removing to Clay township, Ottawa county, where the daughter Dora lived until her marriage.

Immediately after his marriage Mr. Peterson took his father's farm to work for three years. In 1885 he went to Arkansas where he remained only a few months, making the trip mainly for his health, which, however, he did not fully recover until two years after his return. He then, in 1887, went to North Amherst, Lorain county, and was engineer in a flour-mill there for two and a half years, after which he removed to Benton township, where he now lives and farms 110 acres of land, dealing somewhat in stock, mainly hogs, which he sells to local buyers. He and his wife are highly-esteemed citizens of Benton township, and are training up a family of children to good citizenship and usefulness in the world, work ranking among the noblest of parental duties. In society Mr. Peterson ranks high among the Grangers, being one of the founders of Benton Grange, P. of H., and is prominent among the Odd Fellows. In politics Mr. Peterson is a liberal Democrat.

JOHN H. OVERMYER is one of the esteemed and representative citizens of Washington township, Sandusky county, and it is with pleasure that we present to our readers the record of

his life, knowing that it will be received with interest, for his friends are many. He was born July 20, 1819, in Pennsylvania, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Hoke) Overmyer, who were also natives of the Keystone State, and in 1834 came to Ohio, locating in Washington township, Sandusky county, on the farm which is now owned by our subject. There they spent their remaining days.

John H. Overmyer received but limited school privileges. When only ten years of age he came to Ohio, and this region, being then on the frontier, afforded few advantages to its residents. His training at farm labor, however, was not meager, and he was soon familiar with the arduous task of developing wild land. He worked with his father up to the time of the latter's death, and then inherited the old homestead, a valuable property, which is accounted one of the best farms in his locality. He has made farming his life work, and the evidence of his labor is seen in the highly improved place which he to-day owns.

The domestic relations of Mr. Overmyer have been of the most pleasant character. On January 24, 1856, he was married to Miss Mary Boyer, who was born December 25, 1833, daughter of John and Catherine (Smith) Boyer, and of this union were born eleven children, a brief record of whom is as follows: (1) Barbara E., born January 2, 1857, is the wife of David Miller; they were married October 27, 1881, and have four children—Wesley, born October 15, 1883; Rosella, December 5, 1885; Harry, October 14, 1888, and Lula, April 14, 1894. (2) Mary E., born September 24, 1859, was married September 13, 1892, to Jefferson Notstin, and children as follows were born to them—a daughter, born August 30, 1893, died in infancy; and Berl Emerson, born June 6, 1895. (3) Catherine A., born November 23, 1860, was married December 17, 1885, to Fred Gnepper, who was born May 12, 1859, son of

Ernst and Mary Gnepper, and children as follows have blessed this union—J. V., born December 18, 1886; P. M., January 30, 1889; A. F., January 21, 1891; and M. F., April 6, 1894. (4) Amos A., born November 6, 1862, was married June 16, 1892, to Emma Hetrick, and they have two children—Clyde, born January 31, 1893; and Ray F., November 30, 1894. (5) Alvin S., born October 9, 1864, was married December 15, 1887, to Edessa Lattig, and two children were born to them—a son on May 16, 1892, died, in infancy; and R. Ruth, born April 24, 1895. (6) Susanna, born April 28, 1867, died May 27, 1883. (7) Celesta, born November 8, 1869, was married March 19, 1891, to Alfred D. Hetrick, and two children blessed their union—Lloyd E., born July 14, 1892, died July 30, 1893; and Vida, born September 3, 1894. (8) Elam, born February 15, 1873. (9) Festus, born March 23, 1876. The two other children died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Overmyer have also an adopted daughter, named Mabel Overmyer, who was born May 25, 1880.

Mr. Overmyer and his sons are supporters of the Republican party. The family is one of prominence in the community, and its members are highly esteemed for their genuine worth. The long life of our subject has been well spent. He has ever been true to all trusts, whether public or private, and those who know him best are his warmest friends.

GEORGE MALLORY is one of the extensive fruit growers of Marble Head, Ottawa county. Prominent among the brave old pioneers of Danbury township stands this worthy citizen, who is deserving of more than a passing notice in this volume. His birth occurred in Newtown, Fairfield Co., Conn., December 27, 1823, and he

is a son of Nathaniel and Laurena (Foote) Mallory, who were both also natives of the Nutmeg State. Of the family of four children, George was the only one to locate in Ohio, while his sister and two brothers are still supposed to reside in Connecticut. The father died in August, 1825, and in 1830 George went to live with an uncle.

The education of our subject was very limited, as in boyhood and early youth his time was almost entirely occupied in laboring for his uncle and his only opportunity for attending school each year being the short winter term, while oftentimes not even then could he be spared from the farm duties. He is a thorough, practical farmer as his well-cultivated lands bear evidence, and for the past twenty years almost his entire attention has been devoted to fruit growing. In September, 1843, he located on Catawba Island, there being at that time but twenty-two voters on the Island. For seven years he there engaged in agricultural pursuits, and in 1850 he sold that place, purchasing his present farm in Danbury township, upon which he has now made his home for over forty-five years.

In that township, on May 18, 1845, Mr. Mallory was married to Miss Catherine D. Hartshorne, who was born in Sandusky City, Erie Co., Ohio, March 8, 1825, a daughter of Wyatt and Jane (Kelly) Hartshorne. Their union was blessed with five children, three of whom are yet living: Eliza J., born November 15, 1850; Hattie M., born April 3, 1853, married to F. A. Rice, February 6, 1883, and resides at Lakeside, Ohio; and George, born September 23, 1865. The mother of this family passed from earth July 27, 1892. Her father had come to Ohio in 1810, and two years later located in Erie county, where in 1824 he married Jane Kelly. Later he removed to Danbury township, and here resided up to the time of his death. He was one of Ottawa county's most progressive and popu-

lar agriculturists, and was a highly esteemed citizen. His faithful wife still survives him at the advanced age of ninety years, and makes her home with a daughter in Sandusky City.

Mr. Mallory is one of the few remaining pioneers of the county, who has been spared to see the wild timber land give place to fertile farms, and the untutored Indian and wild animals of the forest vanish before the inevitable march of civilization, while his personal unswerving integrity and general rectitude through life has gained for him an enviable reputation in the community where he is best known. In his political principles he has always been a staunch Republican, and the family attend the Congregational Church.

WILLIAM WONNELL. Among those who follow farming and fruit growing in Portage township, Ottawa county, and well deserve mention among the leading citizens of the community is Mr. Wonnell.

Born December 28, 1832, in the township which is still his home, he is a son of Isaac and Margaret (Shook) Wonnell, the former of whom was born in Maryland, June 18, 1810, and died February 18, 1875, while his wife, to whom he was married February 16, 1832, was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, August 18, 1814, and died February 2, 1895. Both became early settlers of Ottawa county, the Shook family locating in Portage township about 1825, the Wonnell family a short time afterward. John Shook, father of Mrs. Wonnell, died April 20, 1865, at the age of seventy-five, and his wife Susanna passed away March 3, 1856, at the age of sixty-two; the mother of our subject died at the advanced age of eighty years. Mr. and Mrs. Wonnell had a family of seven children, namely: William; Samuel, born March 24, 1834, and died January 5, 1858; Susanna, born November 8, 1835, and died

November 4, 1836; Margaret, born December 9, 1837, and died October 17, 1861; Sarah, born February 19, 1842, and died October 10, 1893; Daniel, born December 13, 1843, and died September 26, 1849; and Ephraim, born January 8, 1850. The eldest and the youngest are now the only surviving members of the family.

William Wonnell acquired his education in the district schools of the township, and since early life has devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits, while for the past twelve years he has also extensively engaged in fruit growing. His labors were interrupted, however, by his enlistment in his country's service May 1, 1864, with the one-hundred-day men of Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Ohio V. I. During his service he was stationed at Point Lookout, Md., and after being discharged he returned to his home, where he resumed farming.

Mr. Wonnell was married March 26, 1861, to Mary S., the estimable daughter of Joshua C. and Stila (Shirley) Martin. Her father was born in the Mohawk Valley, New York, in 1806, and was of English lineage, while her mother was born in Alameda county, N. Y., October 13, 1811, of American parentage. The grandparents of Mrs. Wonnell removed from the latter county to Ohio, in 1817, and after living in Erie county, for a short time took up their residence in Danbury township, Ottawa county, where they both passed away. Joshua Martin was one of the first settlers of Erie county, and was a sea captain, sailing on the lakes for many years, during which time he resided in Sandusky county. He died December 23, 1840, his wife on January 28, 1885, at the age of seventy-five years, three months and thirteen days. She removed to the Peninsula when a young girl with her parents who located near Lakeside, which at that time was mainly the home of the Indians. She endured many trials and hardships incident to the frontier, and lived a noble

Christian life. In 1831 she became the wife of J. C. Martin, who died nine years later, and a year after married Elijah Nichols, whose death occurred ten years later. In 1858 she became the wife of James Metcalf, who survived her about two weeks, dying at the very advanced age of ninety-two. In 1843 Mrs. Metcalf became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and her exemplary life was in harmony with her profession. She reared eleven children, including two adopted children and one grandson. Her devotion to her family was unceasing, and she had not only their love and esteem, but also the high regard of all who knew her.

Mrs. Wonnell, who was born in Ohio, October 11, 1840, is the only surviving member of the family. By her marriage she has become the mother of four children, only one of whom is now living—Maggie Estelle, born November 5, 1865. The youngest child died in infancy; Ella May, born December 25, 1861, died July 31, 1883; William Courtland, born April 14, 1863, died November 1, 1888. Mr. Wonnell is a member of George R. McRitchie Post, No. 524, G. A. R. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, and has served as school director and supervisor for several terms. He and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a consistent member. His friendship is prized most by those who know him best, a fact which indicates a well-spent and honorable life.

WILLIAM G. MILLER, a most prominent fruit grower of Danbury township, Ottawa county, was born December 13, 1859, on the old homestead farm which is still his place of abode, and throughout the community in which he has always lived he is held in high regard, a fact which indicates a well-spent life.

Descended from German ancestry, the family was founded in America by

Claus Miller, the father of our subject, who was born in the Province of Hanover, June 2, 1821, and emigrated to this country in 1838, locating in New York City, where he engaged in the grocery business until 1851. In that year he came to Ohio, and took up his residence in Danbury township, Ottawa county, casting in his lot with its early settlers. Here he successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred May 2, 1880. He was married in New York City, June 2, 1847, to Katharina Buck, who was born in the Province of Hanover, Germany, August 1, 1824, and with her parents crossed the briny deep in 1840. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller were born five children: Anna C., who was born in New York, April 2, 1848, is now residing in Toledo, Ohio; John H., born in the same place, March 11, 1851, was a prominent farmer and fruit grower of Danbury township, Ottawa county, and died April 20, 1894, leaving a widow and two sons; Herman, born March 4, 1853, is now residing in Sandusky, Ohio; William G. is the next in the family; Matilda R., born May 5, 1862, is the wife of J. W. Muggy, who is living in Catawba Island.

In the usual manner of farmer lads William G. Miller spent the days of his boyhood and youth and acquired his elementary education in the district schools of his native township, after which he entered Oberlin College, at Oberlin, Ohio, where he pursued his studies four years. In the meantime he taught school three terms, and after the completion of his school life continued teaching several terms, being employed seven terms in Danbury township, and two on Catawba Island. During this time he also followed agricultural pursuits on the old homestead, and since 1886 he has devoted his entire attention to farming and fruit raising. He now owns and operates a rich and well-cultivated tract of land, forty acres being devoted to peaches, pears and

plums, and the neat appearance of the place indicates his systematic and careful supervision. He has made the growing of different kinds of fruits adapted to the soil a specialty, and believes in thorough and intensive cultivation, to obtain best results.

On January 20, 1892, Mr. Miller married Miss Lydia Reitz, daughter of Rev. G. F. Reitz, who was born in Brownsville, Minn., June 29, 1866, and one child graces their union—Helen C., born November 8, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Miller attend the Lutheran Church. He is highly esteemed in the community, where he resides, for his sterling worth and strict integrity, and belongs to that class of progressive and public-spirited young men to which the West owes its prosperity and advancement.

ELIHU LINDSLEY. Among the prosperous farmers of Carroll township, Ottawa county, the records of whose lives fill an important place in this volume, it gives us pleasure to commemorate the name of the gentleman whose sketch is here given. He is a native of Ottawa county, born in the town where he now resides, March 14, 1849, and is a son of Elihu and Nancy (Webster) Lindsley, both of English descent, the former a native of New Jersey, the latter of Kentucky.

Like the majority of the young men of that day, our subject received but a limited education in the primitive log schoolhouse of the district, and from early life has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. His life has been a quiet one, without any uncommon incidents, as he had no adventures as a pioneer in a new country, was engaged in business in a new town, nor has he aspired to any conspicuous office. Yet to those who know him, it is evident he would have been successful in any line of life as he has been in that which he has chosen. On March 7,

1869, in Carroll township, he wedded Vashti E. Humphrey, who was born in Ashtabula, Ohio, January 15, 1849, and is a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Ziegler) Humphrey. To this union have come eight children, as follows: Charles H., born May 10, 1870, now makes his home in Ashtabula; Katie O. I., born August 12, 1872, is the wife of Albert Gyde, of Carroll township; Florence A., born January 15, 1875, is the wife of Elliott Whipple, of the same township; Ralph B., born December 9, 1876, is residing in Ashtabula; Lelila M. was born February 3, 1879; Wesley R. was born January 1, 1881; Bertha M. was born November 15, 1882; and Laura M. was born July 16, 1885.

Mr. Lindsley is a prominent citizen, especially as a leader in such good deeds as need sympathy, active work and benevolent contribution—in fact, his whole life has been an example of what principle, square dealing and honesty can accomplish. He and his family are faithful attendants of the United Brethren Church, and are held in the highest esteem. Though no office seeker, Mr. Lindsey has been called upon by his fellow citizens to serve as school director and constable of his township, and he served as trustee of his township a number of years.

JOHN F. RUDY, who for some time has been mail agent at Limestone, Ottawa county, is a native of Pennsylvania, born in the town of Lancaster, July 14, 1831, son of Theophilus and Elizabeth (Fritz) Rudy.

The parents of our subject were both also born in Pennsylvania, the father in about 1810, and of their family five are still living—three sons and two daughters—all but John F. living in Pennsylvania, where the mother also makes her home. The father died in that State May 29, 1894. Mr. Rudy's maternal grandfather, John Fritz, was born in Pennsylvania, and lived to be seventy-five years old; the

grandmother, who was some years his junior, died at a comparatively early age. The great-grandmother, Mrs. Merrick, was born in Philadelphia in 1754, and lived to the extraordinary age of one hundred and five years and five days.

John F. Rudy attended the district schools until fifteen years of age, when he commenced to work, turning over his wages to his father until of age. In his youth he learned the blacksmithing trade, but he has never devoted himself to it, preferring farming and other work. At the age of nineteen he married Miss Lizzie Porter, of Pennsylvania, and this marriage has been blessed with two children: Emma, born May 6, 1861, and Ida, born in 1867, the last named dying in infancy. Emma is married and lives in Pennsylvania, where her husband, Mr. Wilcox, is actively engaged in the tobacco business. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Rudy lived at his father's for two years, after which he worked by the day among farmers in his native State for two years, or until 1863, when he came west to Ohio, locating in Clark county. Early in 1865 Mr. Rudy entered the war of the Rebellion, enlisting in Company I, One Hundred and Ninety-seventh O. V. I., with which he served to the close of the conflict. He was never in any hard-fought battles during his service, and the command was just on its way to assist in the siege of Richmond when the news of its surrender reached them. During his absence Mrs. Rudy was in Pennsylvania with her people.

After his return from the army Mr. Rudy farmed six months in Ohio, and then went to Pennsylvania to visit his parents, remaining there one year, after which he traveled for a time through Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. He finally took a position at Cincinnati, Ohio, as clerk on a steamer on the Ohio river, which he held one year, and subsequently farmed near Dayton for three years. After making another trip to Pennsylvania to visit his parents, he traveled exten-



John F. Rudy



sively throughout the United States, and on March 9, 1892, he came to Ottawa county, Ohio, taking up his residence in Limestone, where since 1892 he has been mail agent, and he is comfortably situated. In Benton township and vicinity he enjoys the respect of all who know him as a useful citizen; socially, he is also well-known, holding membership with George Fields Post No. 168, G. A. R., in which he is chaplain, is a member of Benton Grange, in which he is also chaplain; and of the Soldiers Union of Ottawa county.

OLIVER J. TRUE, retired railroad contractor and builder, whose home has been in Port Clinton, Ottawa county, since 1864, is a native of New York State, born June 12, 1827, in the city of Batavia. He was the only son of Oliver and Sarah (Marvin) True, both New Englanders by birth, the former of whom died in the State of New York, the latter in Minnesota.

Our subject received a liberal education at the public schools of and seminary in Norwalk, Ohio, after which he served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade under John Randolph. Completing same at the age of twenty-two, he commenced railroad work, bridge building on the Junction railroad, now the northern division of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad. He constructed the first bridge across Sandusky Bay, rebuilt it in 1871, and again in 1880; in fact he was connected with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad as bridge builder and road master, between Cleveland and Toledo, for about thirty-three years, or until 1883, when he retired from the service. His home in Port Clinton is situated in the corner of a large fruit farm containing apple and peach trees in abundance, and 4,000 quince trees. In his fraternal affiliations he is a thirty-second-degree Freemason; in politics a staunch Democrat.

On May 15, 1849, Mr. True was married to Miss Eunice Sanderson, who was born March 12, 1829, at Brookfield, Vt., daughter of Ozias and Olive (Jefferson) Sanderson, the former of whom died in Indiana, the latter in Berlin Heights, Ohio. To this union came children as follows: Charles C., born February 18, 1850; he is a practicing physician in Cleveland, Ohio, and professor of diseases of the nervous system in the Cleveland Medical College. Willis C., born December 29, 1852, died March 17, 1853. Adaleta, born July 14, 1854, died April 15, 1894. Allen Jay is spoken of farther on. Edwin M., born August 18, 1861, is engaged in the milling business in Port Clinton, Ohio. George A. is also spoken of below. John W., born January 20, 1869, died December 22, 1890.

Allen Jay True was born in Sandusky City, Ohio, September 6, 1837. He attended the common schools of Port Clinton, after which he commenced an apprenticeship in the repair works of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad. After some three years so engaged he learned telegraphy on the same road, which branch of the service he followed some years, part of the time as night operator at Danbury, Ottawa county, and was then (in 1879) promoted to assistant road master and tie and lumber inspector, on the Toledo division of the road. In 1884 he left the railroad, and buying out a general fire insurance business at Peru, Ind., he removed thither, there remaining till 1888, when he sold out, and returning to Port Clinton took charge of the agency for Ottawa county of the Ohio Farmers Insurance Co., in which he has since been successfully engaged, having the leading insurance business in the county. In January, 1885, Allen J. True was married to Miss Clara B. Johnson, who was born at Port Clinton, Ohio, in December, 1858, and two

children have been born to them: John A. and Mary Eunice. Socially Mr. True is a Knight Templar, and has been master of O. H. Perry Lodge, Port Clinton, for a number of years. Politically he is a Democrat.

GEORGE A. TRUE was born December 31, 1865, at Port Clinton, Ohio, the public and high schools of which city he attended, graduating from the latter in the spring of 1886, in the fall of which year he entered the high school at Ann Arbor, Mich., remaining there one winter. In the following spring and summer, having returned to Port Clinton, he did some work in the interests of the Ohio Farmers Insurance Co., and in the fall of the same year (1887) he commenced teaching the Port Clinton High School, as principal, a position he held some two years. In 1890 he was appointed county school examiner, an incumbency he has since filled, and, same year, commenced reading law in the office of T. J. Marshall, attorney at law, Port Clinton. After about a year he entered the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, graduated therefrom in the spring of 1893; was admitted to the bar, in Ohio, in March, same year, and in Michigan in the following June. In August, 1893, he opened an office in Port Clinton for the general practice of law, was elected city solicitor in the spring of 1895, and still holds that office. In politics Mr. True is a Democrat. He has not yet enlisted in the noble army of benedicts, preferring to disport himself for some time longer, at least, in the Arcadian fields of single-blessedness.

GEORGE A. BEEBE, one of the most prominent and successful fruit growers and highly respected citizens of Danbury township, Ottawa county, was born in Columbia township, Lorain Co., Ohio, January 3, 1836, to Willis and Sally (Bronson) Beebe, the former a native of the Empire State, the

latter of Lorain county, Ohio. Our subject received an elementary education in the schools of his native township, after which he attended Oberlin College, at Oberlin, Ohio, and in early life he learned the carpenter's trade, which occupation he followed until 1861.

In October of that year Mr. Beebe became a member of Company E, Sixty-fifth O. V. I., and with his regiment took part in many important engagements noticeable among which were the battles of Shiloh, Chickamauga, Buzzard Roost Mountain and Resaca. For four years he valiantly aided in the defense of his country, being mustered out of service at Nashville, Tenn., in November, 1865, after which he returned to Columbia township, Lorain county. In the winter of 1865 Mr. Beebe went to Middletown, Conn., where, March 13, 1866, he married Miss Selina L. Tryon, a daughter of Joseph and Lucetta Tryon, and their union has been blessed with two children: Gertrude L., born May 27, 1867, now teaching school in Middletown, Conn.; and T. Ervin, born January 2, 1870, now a civil engineer in Cleveland, Ohio.

Shortly after his marriage, in 1866, Mr. Beebe located in Danbury township, Ottawa county, and for almost thirty years has been one of its most progressive and honored residents. Of late years he has been extensively engaged in fruit culture, and thoroughly understands that business as well as farming in all its details, to which fact his well-cultivated fields, productive orchards and neat surroundings bear ample evidence. In all his duties of husband, father and neighbor he occupies a high place in the esteem of his fellow citizens. He has never been a seeker after public office, but has efficiently filled the position of trustee of his township for several terms. Socially, he belongs to O. H. Perry Lodge, No. 241, F. & A. M., and I. B. Richards Post, No. 454, G. A. R. In political preferences he is a Republican, and both

he and his wife are consistent members of the Congregational Church, and at the organization of the Church in March, 1873, in his township, he was elected clerk of the Church, and has filled that position till the present time.

Willis Beebe, the father of our subject, was born March 16, 1806, and was a son of Abram Beebe and grandson of Zera Beebe, the latter of whom was a lieutenant in the Colonial army during the Revolutionary war. The father located in Danbury township in 1866, with his sons Sherlock, George A., and Bela B., and became an honored and revered citizen of the community, but did not live long to enjoy his home, dying April 25, 1868. In Lorain county, Ohio, March 18, 1827, he wedded Miss Sally Bronson, whose birth occurred November 11, 1810. She passed away October 4, 1889. By this union nine children were born, six of whom are still living, namely: Sherlock D., residing at Lakeside, Danbury township; George A., subject of this sketch; Mary B., widow of Norris C. North, of Marshall, Minn.; Miles A., the oldest letter carrier in the Cleveland post office department, and the second oldest in the United States; Eva B., wife of Frank G. Lee, of Lakeside, Danbury township; and Bela B., who enlisted in the One Hundred and Eleventh O. V. I., in 1862, and served during the war.

Sherlock Beebe, the oldest living member of the family, is a leading fruit grower of Danbury township; his orchard adjoining that of our subject. He was born in Liverpool, Medina Co., Ohio, June 12, 1831, and received the advantages of a very liberal education in the select schools of his native township. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and also engaged in fishing; but of late years his entire attention has been given to fruit culture, and his fine orchards bear evidence of the care, thrift and sound judgment of the owner, who justly enjoys the good will and confidence of his neighbors.

He was married June 12, 1862, in Xenia, Greene Co., Ohio, to Miss Louisa L. Stowe, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Stowe, but she was called to her final rest on the first of the following September. He is an earnest supporter of the Republican party, and has served as clerk of Columbia township one term, and for six years was justice of the peace in Danbury township; at the organization of the Congregational Church in Danbury township, he was chosen as one of its deacons, and has held that office in the church continuously till the present time.

FRANK BROWN, a practical farmer and fisherman, and a popular and respected resident of Carroll township, Ottawa county, was born in Venice, Erie Co., Ohio, August 11, 1856, and is a son of Daniel and Melissa J. (James) Brown. He was but eight years old when he accompanied his parents to Carroll township, and when his farm duties would permit he attended the district schools of the townships wherein his youthful days were spent. With the exception of two years devoted to railroading, his whole life has been given to agricultural pursuits and to fishing.

At Port Clinton, Ottawa county, on January 20, 1880, Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Goodside, who was born near Dubuque, Iowa, August 13, 1859, and is one of a family of nine children born to William and Minnie Goodside, seven of whom are yet living: William, of Bogart, Erie Co., Ohio; Minnie, wife of our subject; Frank, of Detroit, Mich.; and Charles, Andrew, Clelia and Eugene, of Sandusky City, Ohio. Her parents located in Erie county, Ohio, in 1861, where they still reside. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Brown were four children: Alvira, born January 16, 1881; Bertha, born June 16, 1882; Nettie G., born March 22, 1884,

and died March 2, 1804, and George R., born April 4, 1885.

Socially, Mr. Brown is a prominent member of the Knights of the Maccabees, while politically he is an ardent adherent of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and for two terms served as township clerk. Though still a young man, he has won for himself a name and standing in the community in which he resides, that might well be envied by many an older man. He well deserves the prosperity that has rewarded his years of toil, and his hospitality and cheering manner, combined with sterling worth, have won for him a host of friends.

PHILLIP VROMAN, one of the most progressive and highly-esteemed residents, as well as the oldest living settler of Put in Bay Island, Ottawa county, and a prominent and successful fruit grower, whose surroundings indicate thrift, enterprise and good management, was born in Otsego county, N. Y., August 22, 1823, and is a son of John and Nancy Becker Vroman, both of whom were natives of New York State. Their parents, who were born in Germany, located in New York in an early day in the history of that State, and their respective fathers were soldiers in the Revolutionary war.

When only nine years of age our subject removed to Canada, where for a few years he resided with his father's brother. He then went to what is now Lake county, Ohio, where he obtained a limited education, and after leaving school he sailed upon the lakes for several years. On July 1, 1844, he located in Put in Bay township, Ottawa county, and for over fifty years has been a continuous resident of that Island, foremost in all works pertaining to its improvement, and giving of his time and means toward all interests calculated to promote the general welfare. Shortly after his arrival here he purchased

100 acres of land, erected a substantial home, and for many years engaged in agricultural pursuits and fishing for a livelihood; but of late years his attention has been more particularly devoted to fruit culture—his orchards and vineyards being among the finest on the island, on which he set the first vineyard.

Mr. Vroman was married in Tiffin, Ohio, May 2, 1847, to Miss Amelia Luce, a daughter of Joshua and Electa Sanderson Luce. She was born in Oxford, Erie Co., Ohio, March 31, 1820, and is of English and Welsh lineage. The family born of this marriage numbers four sons: Daniel P., born in Sandusky City, Ohio, April 21, 1848, was united in marriage in Cincinnati November 1, 1871, to Alice Bertrand, and now resides on Put in Bay Island. Frank, born at Groton Center, Ohio, July 3, 1854, died June 23, 1860. George Henry, born at Put in Bay February 29, 1860, was married on the Island November 10, 1891, and now has two children—Frank Leslie, born November 30, 1892; and Erma May, born September 7, 1894; with his family he now resides on the old homestead; he had been previously married, his first union being with Lottie Reynolds, by whom he had two children—Edna Amelia, born in January, 1881; and Florence, born February 22, 1883. The fourth son, Solomon Welden, was born at Put in Bay December 30, 1870, and died February 6, 1891.

Mr. Vroman purchased the first land ever sold on Put in Bay Island, and also erected the first schoolhouse on the Island. He has been treasurer of the township since its formation, and has been a prominent factor in the development of this region, and in making the Island what it is to-day, one of the most highly cultivated localities in northern Ohio. Though well advanced in years, he still takes an active part in all matters that will add to its attraction. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party. He

is an active member of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and superintendent of the Sunday-school, and enjoys a reputation that is above reproach. He and his family have the respect and confidence of every resident of the county with whom they are acquainted, and in this volume well deserve representation.

JOHAN MCKENZIE is a prominent business man of Lakeside, Ottawa county, proprietor of livery and transfer stables. Being well known in this community, we feel assured that the record of his life will prove of interest to many of our readers and gladly give it a place in this volume. He was born in Paisley, Scotland, July 12, 1841, and is a son of Neil and Mary McKenzie, both of whom were natives of the Highlands of Scotland. When he was only three weeks old his mother died, and while still a young child he went with his father and an aunt, and two brothers of the latter, to Canada. They located in Hamilton, Ontario, where our subject received a common-school education. His father died leaving him an orphan when he was only seven years of age.

On the completion of his school life, John McKenzie drove a stage for about five years, and afterward engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1865 he removed to Ohio, settling near Norwalk, in Huron county, where he carried on farming, and worked in a sawmill for about three years, then spent a similar period in fishing in Lake Erie, at Huron. In 1871 he came to Lakeside, Ohio, where he has since resided, and for twenty-two consecutive years he has held the position of dock master. He has also had extensive business relations, and has been a prominent official. On November 6, 1894, he was elected county commissioner on the Republican ticket, and has also filled the office of

school director in Danbury township, Ottawa county, for several years.

On January 7, 1871, Mr. McKenzie was united in marriage with Miss Martha, daughter of Bishop and Permelia Knapp, natives of the Empire State, who settled in Huron county, Ohio, at an early day in its history. They located first in Bronson township, where they resided for many years, and then removed to Milan, going thence to Norwalk. The father died about 1866, the mother in October, 1873.

Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie have four children: Fenie was the first child born in Lakeside, the natal day being February 23, 1874; the others are Daniel B., born November 17, 1875; Margery Aiken, born August 17, 1879; and John H., born April 24, 1883. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. In his political views, Mr. McKenzie is a Republican, and, socially, is connected with Peninsular Lodge, No. 607, K. of P. He is recognized as one of the representative and progressive men of Ottawa county, his character is above reproach, and he and his family are highly esteemed residents of Lakeside.

JOSEPH G. TOEPPE. In the fall of the year 1844, prompted by a desire to better their condition in life, there came from Baden, Germany, to America, Michael Toeppe and his brother, who settled near Buffalo, N. Y., and engaged in farming.

Michael Toeppe was born in Baden, April 15, 1813, and was married in New York State, in October, 1855, to Miss Mary Hillinger, also a native of Baden, born May 18, 1830. Eight children blessed their union: Joseph G., our subject; Mary, born in January, 1859, married and living at Tiffin, Ohio, has one child; William A., born in May, 1861, died at the age of twenty years; Mary, born in May, 1863, living at home; Helen, born Au-

gust 31, 1865, living in Seneca county, Ohio; Moyette, born in 1867, living in Chicago, Ill.; George and John, both living at home.

Joseph G. Toeppe was born November 12, 1856, in Erie county. He received a common-school education in the near vicinity of Buffalo, N. Y., and at the age of twenty-six left home and embarked in a general merchandise business in Kansas, Seneca Co., Ohio. After six weeks of trade he was burned out. On August 12, 1883, he located in Millersville, Ohio, where he rented a store and put in general supplies. After two years of profitable trade he erected the two-story brick building which he now occupies. Mr. Toeppe is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Roman Catholic Church. He was appointed postmaster of Millersville, Ohio, August 10, 1890. On April 17, 1887, he was married to Miss Mary F., daughter of John Schock, a farmer of Seneca county, Ohio, and two children have come to them: Otto George, born August 30, 1891, and Mary F., born April 21, 1893.

HENRY BEHRMAN is pleasantly located in Danbury township, Ottawa county, where he is successfully conducting a fine fruit farm. He is a native of Germany, born in the Province of Hanover, March 25, 1841, and is a son of Henry and Mata (Lenan) Behrman, also natives of the same province. His parents are now both deceased, the mother having departed his life January 28, 1867, the father on December 8, 1890. In their family were three children, two of whom still survive. Henry, and his sister Gasha, wife of Albert Babs, of Danbury, Ottawa county.

In 1848 Mr. Behrman, the subject of this sketch, crossed the broad Atlantic to America, and located in Danbury township, where he has since made his home. In the common schools of

Ottawa county he acquired his education, and since large enough to handle a plow he has followed farming. On February 20, 1868, in Danbury township, Mr. Behrman was married to Miss Mary Kahrs, a daughter of John and Helena Kahrs, both natives of Germany, the former of whom has passed away, the latter still living and making her home in Danbury township. By this union seven children were born, one of whom died in infancy; the names and dates of birth of those still living are Edward A., February 21, 1871; Martha, July 22, 1873; Hattie, May 7, 1876; Mary, May 18, 1878; Helena, July 28, 1883; and Henry, September 5, 1887.

Mr. Behrman and his family attend the Lutheran Church, and are highly respected and esteemed as valuable members of the community. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party. He is a typical self-made man, having acquired his possessions through his own industrious efforts and good management, and has arisen to a prominent and influential position in his neighborhood. His reputation is above reproach, and he may undoubtedly be classed among the best citizens of Ottawa county.

CASPER FOOS, retired farmer and a resident of Millersville, Jackson township, Sandusky county, was born February 20, 1826, in Alsace, France (now Germany) a son of Casper and Mary (Toeppe) Foos. The parents of our subject came to America in 1842, and settled near Rochester, N. Y., where the father's death occurred in 1882, when he was aged seventy-eight years; the mother died seven years later at the age of eighty-four years. Mr. Foos was a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and in politics he was a Democrat.

Casper Foos, the subject proper of these lines, who was one of a family of

nine children, remained at home until his nineteenth birthday, when he started out for himself. He worked at different places and at various employments, for two years, and then secured a paying position in a distillery where he was employed seven years, saving his earnings. In 1855 he moved to Jackson township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, and there bought forty acres of land and engaged in farming pursuits. Five years later he bought one hundred acres more.

On April 25, 1849, Mr. Foos married Miss Adeline Horchelar, of Rochester, N. Y., daughter of John H. Horchelar, now deceased, as is also her mother. The children of Casper and Adeline Foos were as follows: George, Maryette, John, Martin (1), Helena, Anthony, Louis and Martin (2). In politics Mr. Foos is a Democrat, and has held several offices, being popular and well-liked in the community. He served in Company F, Thirty-second Ohio Volunteers, under Capt. W. W. Webb, Seventeenth Corps, Sherman's Army. In religious faith he is a member of the Catholic Church.

ELLIOTT F. PEIRCE. Among the leading and representative fruit growers of Catawba Island township, Ottawa county, there is none more prominent than the gentleman of whom this notice is written. He is a native of the Old Dominion, his birth having occurred in Lancaster county, August 22, 1857, and is a son of John A. and Mary E. (Cox) Peirce. When about twelve years of age he removed with his parents to Baltimore, Md., where most of his education was obtained in the public schools.

In 1875 Mr. Peirce came to Ohio, locating in Carroll township, Ottawa county, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for over a year, and in 1877 removed to Catawba Island where he spent five years in fruit culture. From 1882

until 1889 he was in the employ of the Chicago and North Western Railroad Company as telegraph operator and station agent at Irwin, Iowa. At the end of that time he returned to Catawba Island, and after remaining there for about eighteen months, removed to Arkansas during the year 1890, where for two years he was employed as station agent by the Iron Mountain Railroad Company. Since 1892 he has been extensively engaged in fruit growing in Catawba Island township, and is meeting with excellent success.

On September 28, 1882, Mr. Peirce was married to Miss Elnora H. Porter, who was born June 22, 1858, a daughter of Wheeler and Flora H. (Bearss) Porter, and they have one child: Wheeler R., born July 25, 1883. The father of Mrs. Peirce was born in western Connecticut, May 30, 1808, and was a son of John and Sarah (Beers) Porter. In October, 1832, he located on what is now Catawba Island, and during his residence there resided in three different counties, though on the same farm, as the name was changed three times by reason of alterations made in the surveys. Dr. L. S. Porter is his son by his first marriage, and on December 22, 1853, he wedded Miss Flora H. Bearss, a sister of his former wife. They had two daughters—Sarah A., who was born December 19, 1854, and is the wife of Theodore S. Porter; and Elnora H., the honored wife of our subject. The father passed away April 10, 1888; the mother, who was born in New Fairfield, Conn., December 17, 1832, still survives him and finds a pleasant home with our subject. From a local paper published in 1887 we glean the following reminiscence concerning Mr. Wheeler Porter: "Mr. Porter is one of the pioneers of Catawba. He left Connecticut, September 27, 1832, and landed on his present farm (then consisting of 300 acres) one month later, where he remained until the fall of 1839, when,

becoming homesick, he sold out and returned to Connecticut; but the first line of boats the following spring brought him back, and he purchased 100 acres of his old farm where he has resided ever since. When he first came to Catawba it was known as Danbury township, Huron county. There was only one American family on the Island at that time. His party consisted of eight persons, the first night was spent in a log hut with no floor, door, windows or roof, except the heavens above. The first Thanksgiving Day observed on Catawba was celebrated at Mr. Porter's house in 1833. The first religious service held on the Island was at his home down on the east shore in 1840. Many changes have taken place during his fifty-six years of residence on the Island, he has seen it change, as it were, from a howling wilderness to a garden of fruit.

Socially, Mr. Peirce is a member of Ellsworth Lodge, No. 473, I. O. O. F., of Irwin, Iowa, and is a charter member of Port Clinton Lodge, No. 361, K. of P., to the Grand Lodge of which he was the first representative. In political sentiment he is a stanch advocate of the men and measures of the Republican party, while, in religious faith, he and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is one of the energetic young fruit growers of Catawba Island, and his farm is part of the old Porter homestead. He is pleasant and genial as a host, a general favorite with all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance, and both he and his wife enjoy the the respect and esteem of many friends and neighbors.

JOHN WELLES. No name is better known or more highly revered throughout Ottawa county than the one which introduces this sketch. For more than thirty-five years Mr. Welles has been closely identified with

the history of Martin, the thriving little village of which he is the founder, and which is indebted to him for its growth and prosperity. He comes of good old Revolutionary stock, and his life, full of enterprise, persistence and industry, and crowned with good deeds to his fellow men, proves the truth of the old adage, "blood will tell."

John Welles was born November 13, 1824, at Wethersfield, near Hartford, Conn., in the old Webb mansion, one of the oldest historic buildings in that State. The hospitality of its owners was so well known that it was styled "Hospitality Hall." It stands on Main street, in Wethersfield, and in 1752 was bought by Joseph Webb, Sr., from Maj. Samuel Wolcott, for two thousand eight hundred pounds sterling. The father of our subject purchased it in 1820. This home was on more than one occasion a resting place of Gen. George Washington. His first visit was made June 30, 1775, when on his way to take command of the army at Cambridge. He was accompanied by Gen. Charles Lee and other military officers. It was at the Webb home also that a most important military conference was held May 19, 1781, when Gen. Washington, with Count Rochambeau and other French officers, outlined the campaign which resulted in the siege of Yorktown and the close of the Revolutionary war. In this house, in 1753, Gen. Samuel Webb was born. He was aid-de-camp to Gen. Putnam, wounded at the battle of Bunker Hill, and afterward private secretary to Gen. Washington. He was the grandfather of the well-known Dr. William Seward Webb, president general of the "Sons of American Revolution," and of his three distinguished brothers. Our subject's paternal great-grandfather was a major in La Fayette's corps, and afterward general of the State Militia.

John Welles obtained his primary education in the schools of his native town,



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and was preparing to enter Yale College when illness intervened and prevented him. At the age of seventeen years he left home, and going to New York City found employment as clerk in a wholesale dry-goods store, where he remained for seven years. Being a young man of good business ability and progressive ideas, he determined to start in some enterprise of his own, and embarked in the wholesale commission business, which he carried on for seven years with great success, shipping produce, butter, etc., all over the Western States, chiefly to California. He once sold two shipments of butter, in two days—bound to California by way of Cape Horn, there being no railroads in those days—which amounted to \$30,000. In fact he dealt so largely in butter that it was impossible to obtain a sufficient quantity of barrels in which to place the firkins; but this only stirred up the Yankee blood of Mr. Welles, and with true grit he determined to show the dealers that he was not dependent on them. He came to Ohio and purchased six thousand acres of timber land, built a sawmill and employed a large force of men cutting logs and turning them into lumber, staves, heading, etc., making his own necessary utensils. He carried on the commission business in New York for a year longer, then sold out and returned to Ohio, where he devoted himself to the manufacturing of lumber, etc.

At this time Mr. Welles established the now thriving little town of Martin, naming it for his father, Martin Welles. He extended his business, employing from eighty to one hundred men, and nineteen teams, and continued in this work for upward of twenty-five years, in the meantime clearing his large tract of land and turning it into fertile fields, planting 150 acres of corn in one season. In 1880 a disastrous fire swept away his entire plant at a loss of \$13,000, on which there was no insurance. A new mill speedily arose, phenix-like, from the ashes of the old

one, and the business was again under way. The fire-fiend, however, continued to pursue him, and in 1885 a smaller mill was burned, Mr. Welles losing \$3,000, on which there was but little insurance. After his second calamity he retired from the lumber and stave manufacturing business, which had not proved very profitable, and has since devoted his entire time and attention to his extensive farm.

On October 6, 1863, Mr. Welles was married to Ada M., daughter of Rev. Henry Moore, and they became the parents of two children: Frances Adaline, born October 29, 1878, who died October 22, 1880; and John Moore, born April 5, 1881, who is attending high school in Genoa.

Martin Welles, the father of our subject, was born in 1788, in Newington, Conn., read law at Hartford, where he practiced for a number of years, and also for a time in New York City. He was for eight years speaker of the House of Representatives in Connecticut, was afterward a member of the State Senate, and was also a candidate for governor of that State. In political faith he was an Old-line Whig. He was a man of strong character and excellent principles, and for many years prior to his death he served as judge of the Superior Court of Connecticut. About 1808 he was married to Miss Frances Norton, who was born in 1791, a daughter of Reuben Norton, who was a merchant of Farmington, Conn. She became the mother of five children, a brief record of whom is as follows: Thomas Norton was born, in 1810, in Newburgh, N. Y., and received his education in his native town and in New York City, where he studied for the ministry, but on account of ill-health, was obliged to give up his plans, and in hope of recovering his health went to Illinois and took up farming; there he died in 1852, and was laid to rest in Jubilee College Cemetery. Charles R. was

born in 1812, in Newburgh, N. Y., graduated from Yale College and read law at Springfield, Ill.; he was a warm personal friend of the martyred President, Abraham Lincoln, and they practiced law side by side in the courts; after the death of Mr. Welles, which occurred in 1850, at Springfield, Mr. Lincoln, as his executor, transacted all the business for Mrs. Welles up to the time of his leaving the city to take his seat in the White House. Julia Welles was born in the old Webb mansion and died in infancy. Francis N. Welles was also born in the old Webb mansion, in 1823, and was educated in Hartford, graduating from Yale College; he took his degree from the Medical University of Missouri, at St. Louis, and practiced for a short time at Springfield, Ill., returning to Wethersfield, Conn., where he died June 10, 1893; he was married to Miss Augusta Pulsifer, of Rocky Hill, Conn., and they had two children, Dr. J. N. Welles, a dentist at Hartford, Conn., and Dr. F. M. Welles, a physician. John Welles, the subject proper of this sketch, is the youngest child. The father of this family died January 18, 1863, while on a visit to his son John, at Martin, the mother passing away at the old home in 1876.

Adaline Moore, wife of our subject, was born February 16, 1840, in Portage county, Ohio, daughter of Rev. Henry and Adaline (Miller) Moore. Her mother was born in Hartford, Conn., and was a minister of the Congregational Church, as was also her mother's father. The children born to this couple were as follows: Adaline M.; Catherine E., born October 16, 1841, who resides at Toledo; Lucetta P., born at Wayne, Ohio, in 1849, and died in infancy; Clara, deceased in infancy; Delia, wife of the renowned Dr. Carl Von Ruch, of Asheville, N. C., who graduated at Ann Arbor (Mich.) College, and afterward studied in Germany; Mary Alice, widow of George Bishoprich, who lives at St. Catharines,

Ontario, Canada; Carrie, who died in infancy; Abbie B., residing at Asheville, N. C.; Grace, wife of William Schoenheit, of Asheville, N. C.; and Henry Welles Moore, who studied medicine in the universities at Cleveland (Ohio) and Ann Arbor (Mich.) and is a practicing physician at Milan, this State. Henry Moore, the father of this family, died suddenly in 1890, while on a visit to his son-in-law, Dr. Carl Von Ruch, at Asheville, N. C., and at his request was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Toledo, beside his granddaughter, Frances Adaline Welles, daughter of our subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Welles are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church at Genoa, at which they are regular attendants.

The name "philanthropist" might with propriety be applied to our subject, John Welles, for his heart and purse have ever been open to the call of humanity or the furtherance of any laudable project. He has always contributed freely to the erection of churches, schools and other public institutions, giving land, lumber and personal services, and by his wise counsels and judicious management has wrought to successful completion many projects for the growth and improvement of his community. Since the formation of the party he has always been a stanch Republican, but has never been an office-seeker, for though on several occasions he has been tendered the suffrage of the people he has always declined, on the ground that he supported his party from principal, and that he should never look for or accept office. He has in his possession several valuable heirlooms which date back to the time of the Revolutionary war in 1775. One of them is the subjoined letter, written by Gen. Alex. Gelatly, an officer of the British army, to Mr. Seth Norton, grand-uncle of our subject, who was a Tory, and fought on the side of the British in the war of the Revolution.

MR. SETH NORTON, Commissary General's Office, Charleston, South Carolina.

NEW YORK, 3 Nov., 1780.

DEAR SIR: Your favor of the 7 Sept., was delivered to me on the 25 of same Month, which tho' short, conveyed me the agreeable account of your welfare, of which I wish a long continuance; it also gives me satisfaction to understand that your conduct meets the approbation of Mr. Townsend. He is a worthy man. I obeyed your commands to Messrs. Humphrys and Clayton, the former by letter, the latter in person. Mr. Humphrys has been stationed at Loyds Neck ever since July in receiving Forage. He informed me in his last letter that he was in good health. Mr. Clayton desires his respects to you. I am sorry it is not in our power to communicate to you any interesting Intelligence; we seem here at present to lye upon our oars. It is from your quarter that we look for and expect great things, and indeed you have hitherto acquitted yourselves like Brittish Heroes, and I hope that every opportunity from you will convey us fresh additions to the Laurels already acquired by your Brave Noble Commander, whom I pray may be the happy Instrument under God of restoring Peace in the South. Admiral Sir George Bridges Rodney arrived here several weeks ago with ten Sail of the Line. His departure is expected in a few days. Admiral Arbuthnot has the French Fleet and Army fast blocked up at Rhode Island; it is hoped they will both fall into his hands. On the 15th the first Division of the London Fleet arrived here with a reinforcement of Troops. No news of importance was brought by this Fleet. Before now you have no doubt been informed of the tragical affair of the much lamented unfortunate Major Andre and of the coming in of General Arnold from the Rebels. The particulars of the Causes of both will, I dare say, have at this time transpired with you. I have sent Dr. Watson a few of our Latest News Papers; to them I refer you, for what is going amongst us. Our Friend Mr. Gillane Butler is stationed at Flushing where he resides with his family—I shall expect to hear from you by first Opportunity—Wishing you Health and every other Blessing. I remain, Dear Sir, Your Friend and Humble Servant,
ALEX. GELLATLY.

Another interesting heirloom is a solid mahogany bedstead, nine feet in height, imported from England, and a part of the original furniture of the old Webb mansion. Gen. George Washington slept on this bed on more than one occasion. The paper which adorned the bedroom of this distinguished guest still remains on the wall in the old Webb mansion. The house still remains in good preservation in possession of the Welles family.

FREDERICK BRETZ, one of the prominent fruit growers of Middle Bass, Ottawa county, was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, February 8, 1843, son of John and Mary (Kulow) Bretz, who were both born in Mecklenburg, came to America in 1853, and located in Sandusky, Erie Co., Ohio.

John Bretz was engaged in business for a number of years in Sandusky, Ohio, but during his declining years lived a retired life. His death occurred April 11, 1885, and that of his wife on December 15, 1893. They had a family of four children, all now living, as follows: Frederick is the eldest, and is the subject of this sketch; Lena is the wife of August Graves, residing in Danbury township, Ottawa county; Bertha is the wife of Henry Foster, a hardware merchant of Sandusky; and Louis resides in Sandusky. Frederick Bretz received part of his school education in the Fatherland, but when ten years old came with his parents to America, and completed his education in the schools of Sandusky. He then worked at agricultural pursuits, afterward learned the trade of mason and plasterer, and followed that occupation for about twenty years, being, for a part of the time, also engaged in fruit growing. In 1865 he settled on Middle Bass Island, has lived here ever since, and ranks to-day among the most prominent and honored residents.

At Sandusky, Ohio, May 17, 1866, Frederick Bretz was united in marriage with Caroline Burggraf, and they have had five children, one of whom died in infancy, four now living, as follows: Frederick, born May 29, 1867, residing in Cleveland, Ohio; Julia, born July 12, 1869, wife of John Rehberg, Jr., residing at Put in Bay, Ottawa county; Edward, born January 13, 1872, living at home; and Herman, born July 21, 1879. Mrs. Bretz's parents were Mathias and Maria Bruggraf. Mr. Bretz has served as trustee of Put in Bay township three terms,

also as school director. In his political views he is a Republican. The family attend the Lutheran Church.

ANDREW BECHSTEIN, a prominent grape grower and wine maker of Middle Bass Island, Put in Bay township, Ottawa county, was born in Hessen-Nassau, Germany, January 12, 1843, son of John and Martha (Mueller) Bechestein, who were both also born in Hessen, Germany. John Bechstein, who was a farmer by occupation, died in February, 1887, his wife on March 9, 1869. They had three children, namely: Andrew, the subject of this sketch, and George and Adam, both of whom are still living in Germauy.

Andrew Bechstein was reared to manhood and received his education in the Fatherland. At the age of twenty he voluntarily joined the bodyguard of King William I, in Kassel, in which he served three years, and then returned to his trade as weaver, which he continued to follow together with agricultural pursuits, up to the time of his departure for America. In Germany, on April 24, 1866, he was united in marriage with Fredericka Horn, who was born in Hessen, July 11, 1845, and they have had five children, as follows: Mary Kathrine, born June 1, 1867, married to Frank A. Fischer September 6, 1888, at Detroit, Mich., and now residing at Middle Bass Island; Lawrence J., born January 10, 1869, was united in marriage with Bertha Steinle November 26, 1895, at Sandusky, Erie county, Ohio, where he now resides; Emil A., born November 15, 1872; Andrew C. J., born June 20, 1875; and Emma M. E., born February 1, 1881.

Mrs. Bechstein's parents were Andrew and Sophia (Bechstein) Horn, the former of whom was born in Germany June 16, 1802; in 1822 he joined the Hunters Guard, and served ten years in Hessen-Kassel; in 1832 he was appointed

Forester in Falkenberg, whence he removed to Dens, and at his own request he again returned to Rockensuess Hessen, where at his first home, he died April 2, 1879. His wife preceded him to the grave by many years, having passed away when the daughter Fredericka was but an infant. Mrs. Bechstein still has living two brothers and two sisters, the elder brother, John Horn, being teacher and composer of music at Louisville, Ky.; Lorenz Horn, the younger brother, is in the furniture business at North Amherst, Ohio; one sister resides in New Albany, Ind., and the other at their dear old home in the Fatherland.

In 1869 Andrew Bechstein came to America, locating in Detroit, Mich., where he resided two years. In March, 1871, he removed to Middle Bass Island, and engaged in grape growing, having been a continuous resident of the Island since. In politics he is a Republican. The family attend the Evangelical Protestant Church.

ALBERT W. SADDORIS, fisherman, of Point Locust, is a native of Carroll township, Ottawa county, born at Point Locust, January 5, 1856.

His parents, Elias and Eliza (Melissa Root) Saddoris, were both natives of Ohio, the former born in Holmes county, July 25, 1827, and the latter in Huron county, on December 14, 1835. In their family were five children, namely: James W., born February 2, 1854, is a prominent farmer of Carroll township; Albert W. is the next in order of birth; Mary E., born September 6, 1860, is the wife of James Floral, who resides in Port Clinton; Theodore E., born in November, 1862, died in infancy; Eunice, born February 13, 1864, died February 9, 1867.

The father of our subject for many years was a prominent agriculturist of Carroll township, both he and his wife being

early settlers of Ottawa county. In 1864 he was drafted for service in the war of the Rebellion, and was attached to Company H, Fifty-fifth O. V. I. At Savannah, Ga., he died from illness contracted while defending his country, and his remains were interred in that city. He had many friends in Ottawa county, where he was both widely and favorably known.

In the district schools of Carroll township, Albert W. Saddoris acquired his education, and since attaining the age of fifteen years has engaged in fishing and sailing on the lakes, so that almost his entire life has been spent upon the water. He stands high in the community in which he lives, winning the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact. He uses his right of franchise in support of the Republican party, but cares little for the honors or emoluments of public office.

JOHAN C. BLEHER, a prominent merchant and popular citizen of the village of Lacarne, Ottawa county, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, December 20, 1836, and is a son of George and Eva (Holder) Bleher, both of whom were natives of the same country, and emigrated to America in 1848, locating in Sandusky, Ohio, on the 10th of May, that year. The father was not long permitted to enjoy his new home for he died three months later. His wife continued her residence in Sandusky until her life's labors were ended in 1888. Their family numbered seven children—four sons and three daughters—of whom only three are living: John C., whose name opens this record; Charles, a resident of Clyde, Ohio; and John M.

The subject proper of this review was only twelve years of age when brought by his parents to America. He acquired his education in the public schools of Sandusky, and for some twelve years after leaving school engaged in a sea-faring life

on the lakes. After that he spent twelve years in the car shops of the C. S. C. Railroad Co., at Sandusky. On May 1, 1874, he took up his residence in Lacarne and opened a general mercantile establishment which he has since successfully conducted, building up a good trade. His fair and honest dealings, his earnest desire to please his customers, and his courteous treatment, have won him a liberal patronage. On June 30, 1860, in Sandusky, Mr. Bleher was united in marriage with Miss Julia Ann Meachem, a daughter of Charles and Susan Meachem, and a native of Stratford, Conn., born December 2, 1844. By their marriage they have seven children, as follows: Susan E., born April 19, 1861, in Sandusky, Ohio, now the wife of John W. Snyder, of Erie township, Ottawa county; Ida E., born August 2, 1863, now the wife of John Streeter, a resident of Lacarne; Cora E., born January 10, 1866, now the wife of William S. Woodring, also of Erie township; Julia Ann, born July 7, 1868, living in Toledo, Ohio; John A., born November 3, 1874, also a resident of Toledo; William H., born July 23, 1876, living in Erie township, Ottawa county; and Gertrude May, born March 27, 1882.

Mr. Bleher manifested his loyalty to the government during the Civil war by enlisting, May 2, 1864, in the One Hundred and Forty-fifth O. V. I., with which he continued until after the South laid down its arms. He was then mustered out, receiving his final discharge in May, 1865, after which he returned to Sandusky. He is now a member of the G. A. R., and is as true to the duties of citizenship in days of peace as when he followed the old flag on Southern battle fields. In his political views he is a stalwart Republican, and has held several public offices. For seventeen years he efficiently served as postmaster at Lacarne, was township trustee for one year, assessor for two years, supervisor also two years, and town constable three years, in all of which

offices he has discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity, winning the commendation of all concerned. Socially he is a member of Oliver H. Perry Lodge, F. & A. M., and the I. O. O. F. Lodge at Oak Harbor. Mr. Bleher is one of the most progressive men of Lacarne, taking an active part in all matters pertaining to the growth and welfare of the community, and is a truly valued citizen. His business life is above reproach, and the honorable and straightforward methods which he follows command the respect of all.

EDWIN MARVIN TRUE. This gentleman, who is the proprietor of the E. M. True Elevator and Feed Mills at Port Clinton, Ottawa county, is one of the leading business men of the place, and may be well called a "hustler." He is full of energy and enterprise, and by his natural ability and unerring judgment has made a success of his business. He has a large local trade which is gradually being extended.

Mr. True was born August 18, 1861, in Ottawa county, Ohio, and is the son of Oliver J. and Eunice (Saunderson) True, who removed to Port Clinton in 1866, when our subject was a small boy. He obtained his education in the public schools of that place, and subsequently was employed as a clerk in the office of the L. S. & M. S. Ry. Co., holding that position some four years. In 1883 he took charge of the Merchant Mills, of Port Clinton, for O. J. True & Co., which he managed until in February, 1891, when they were destroyed by fire. The mills at one time did a large export business with France, and also shipped their products all over the Eastern States. After the fire our subject built his present elevator and feed mills, on the sight of the old mill, and, as has been stated, has been very successful. On April 16, 1893, Mr. True was united in marriage with Miss Nettie G. Bardshar, who was born in Erie county, this State,

and is the daughter of Solomon and Amelia L. Spone Bardshar, who were descended from wealthy pioneer families. In politics Mr. True is a Democrat, and, socially, belongs to the K. of P. He began studying medicine in 1883, but the mills required so much attention that he gave up the idea of becoming a physician. He is now a well-known business man.

ERNST ROOSE, one of the wide-awake and enterprising young farmers of Ottawa county, was born in Salem township January 10, 1860, and still makes his home within its borders. He is a son of Charles and Marie Roose, who are living in the same township, numbered among the highly-respected people of the community. Our subject acquired a good English education in the public schools of Oak Harbor, and is a well-informed man on subjects of general interest, having a practical knowledge that fits him for the responsible duties of a business career.

After arriving at man's estate, Mr. Roose was married in Bay township, Ottawa county, November 1, 1883, the lady of his choice being Nancy Paulsen, a daughter of Paul and Siecke Paulsen, who was born in Schleswig, Germany, February 16, 1859. Four children graced the union of our subject and his worthy wife, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Carl P., July 23, 1884; Bertha M., January 20, 1886; Ernst W., September 4, 1889; and Albert E., January 5, 1894. Mr. Roose was reared to agricultural pursuits, and his life has always been that of a farmer. He was trained to habits of industry and enterprise, and when he began business for himself it was with a good fund of experience that has brought to him success. His place is well cared for, the barns and fences are always in good condition, and his careful supervision is shown in the neat and thrifty appearance of everything

pertaining to his home. He well deserves to be numbered among the practical and progressive young farmers of the county of his nativity.

Mr. Roose cast his first ballot in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and has since been a stalwart advocate of its principles, taking a deep interest in all that pertains to its growth and success. He has, however, never sought or desired political preferment. The family attend the Lutheran Church, and all have the regard and esteem of their neighbors and friends. Mr. Roose has led an upright life, and is highly respected as a valued citizen and progressive business man.

WILLIAM ROOSE, a prosperous and enterprising young business man of Oak Harbor, Ottawa county, is a native of that county, having first seen the light in Salem township May 26, 1862. He is a son of Charles and Marie (Drewes) Roose, mentioned above.

Our subject's boyhood was passed on the farm whereon he was born, attending the district schools until he was fitted for entering the public educational institution of Oak Harbor, where his education was completed. After laying aside his books he entered the service of M. D. Thierwechter, of Oak Harbor, where he earned his first money—one hundred dollars for one year's clerkship, which sum was paid him at the end of twelve months, he not having drawn a single dollar in the meantime, an early illustration in his life of his innate thrift and care. On leaving Mr. Thierwechter's employ, Mr. Roose entered the Business College at Toledo, where he took a thorough course, completing same February 11, 1880, and in the following April he was given the position of bookkeeper in his father's office in Oak Harbor, which incumbency

he has since filled with acknowledged ability. In 1887 in company with five others Mr. Roose organized what is known as the Oak Harbor Cooperage & Lumber Co., located at Edgerton, Ind., and of which he is secretary and treasurer. The plant cost \$100,000, and the concern is under the immediate supervision of Herman Roose, a brother of William; the latter is also one of the stockholders in and a director of the Oak Harbor Basket Co., at Oak Harbor.

On October 29, 1885, at the home of the bride in New Baltimore, Mich., William Roose and Miss Ida Stuth were united in marriage. She is a daughter of August and Johanna (Roose) Stuth, and was born in New Baltimore, Mich., March 21, 1863. She received her education at the Hathaway Institute of New Baltimore, in which town she passed her life up to the time of her marriage. Her father, who was a native of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, North Germany, born in 1820, died in Michigan in January, 1872; the mother of Mrs. Roose was born in 1822, in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, and died at New Baltimore, Mich., July 2, 1882. They were married in 1844, and became the parents of children named as follows: Eliza (deceased), Henrietta (Mrs. Henry Heidebreicht, of Edgerton, Ind.), August (deceased), William (deceased), Adolph (deceased), Caroline (Mrs. August Colloff, of Oak Harbor) and Ida (Mrs. Roose). To Mr. and Mrs. Roose were born two children: William, born October 25, 1886, died December 20, 1892, and buried in Oak Harbor Cemetery; and Lyndon, born August 2, 1893, the life of her parents' pleasant and attractive home on Water street, Oak Harbor, which property Mr. Roose had purchased in the spring of 1885. Our subject and his amiable wife are members of the Lutheran Church; in his political preferences he is a stalwart supporter of the Democratic party. He comes of a good family, and the name of Roose is entitled to be permanently asso-

ciated, not only with the industrial, but also with the intellectual development of our time.

REUBEN M. BABCOCK, charcoal manufacturer and landowner. This old and highly-respected citizen of Williston, Allen township, Ottawa county, is a native of New York State, born in Columbia county, October 24, 1820, and is the son of John and Clarissa (Gray) Babcock, of Berkshire county, Mass., and Columbia county, N. Y., respectively.

Our subject received a better education than fell to the lot of most boys of his day, attending the public schools of his native place in his boyhood, and then, for three years, going to the college at Farmington, Trumbull Co., Ohio, from which he was graduated at the age of twenty-two years. He taught school for several years, both in Burn township, Athens county, and in Belmont county, Ohio. He then decided to learn a trade, and took up that of carpenter for twenty-one years, part of the time being spent at Farmington, and a part at Pittsfield, Mass.; during this time he helped to build three steamers for the Ohio river trade. Later he gave up working at his trade and went to Michigan, settling in Ash township, Monroe county, where he engaged in the manufacture of staves, giving employment to a number of men. In connection with this enterprise he carried on farming, and also went into the real-estate business, in which latter he was fairly successful. While at this place he also began the manufacture of charcoal, running four kilns. At the end of twenty-one years spent in Michigan, Mr. Babcock came to Ottawa county, this State, and located at Martin, in Clay township, where he built four kilns, and continued the manufacture of charcoal. Here he remained one year, and then selling out, removed to Williston, Allen township,

where he built six charcoal kilns. He purchased a tract of 160 acres of timberland, near Williston, and used the timber which he cleared from it to make his charcoal. Here he erected a comfortable dwelling house, with all necessary barns and outhouses, and has made his property a highly-cultivated farm and pleasant home, where he is spending his declining years in the enjoyment of the fruits of his labor.

Mr. Babcock was married, May 23, 1850, to Miss Lucy M., daughter of Thomas and Electa (Williams) Ensign, of Pittsfield, Mass., and children were born of this union, of whom the following record is given: William H., born in Pittsfield, Mass., September 18, 1852, was educated in the public schools of Michigan. Reuben E., more fully spoken of farther on. Lucy E., born March 31, 1857, was married March 21, 1877, to Nelson Richards, a farmer of Monroe county, Mich., and they have four children—Frank, born May 11, 1879; Judy, October 3, 1884; May, March 3, 1887; and Pearl, December 4, 1889. Emily E., born September 6, 1859, in Ohio, was married November 18, 1884, to Alsom Phile, son of Henry E. Phile (whose sketch will be found elsewhere); two children have been born to them—Eva and Alsom E. Edwin H. Babcock, was born in Ash township, Michigan, June 13, 1865, and received his early training in the high school at Genoa, Ottawa county, this State, which was supplemented by a course in a private school at Port Clinton, conducted by Miss Mothly; he afterward attended the high school at Ada, and subsequently the Business College at Cleveland, from which institution he was graduated with honor; after this he went to Ann Arbor, and entered the high school, at which he pursued his studies in geology and botany; he was married June 3, 1890, to Miss Cora M. Chapman, of Bowling Green, Ohio, who was a graduate of Ann Arbor (Mich.)

College, and two children are the result of this union—Corwin, born December 1, 1892, and Edna, born January 7, 1894. Mr. Babcock resides in LaPlata, Mo., where he is engaged in the manufacture of charcoal. James Babcock was born in Ash township, Monroe Co., Mich., September 6, 1863, and died in youth. Two other children died in infancy. Reuben E. Babcock, above mentioned, was born at Pittsfield, Mass., September 22, 1854, and received his education in the public schools of Ada, Ohio, and Valparaiso, Ind., where he attended the high school. Deciding to adopt the profession of a lawyer he entered the Law Department of Ann Arbor (Mich.) University, graduated in 1887, and was admitted to the bar at Columbus, Ohio, the same year; he practiced in Toledo for two years. On March 31, 1883, he was married to Addie Carpenter, a daughter of Erastus Carpenter, of Pittsfield, Mass., and one son, named after his father and grandfather, blessed their union. Mrs. Babcock graduated at Pittsfield, Mass. The promising career of this brilliant scholar and fine lawyer was cut short by his sudden death at Williston, July 10, 1889, from heart failure. His death was deeply felt, not only by his immediate friends but by his associates at the bar and business men who knew his worth.

John Babcock, the father of our subject, was born in 1780 at Berkshire, Mass., and was a son of John Babcock, the latter a native of England, who took arms against the mother country during the war of the colonies for independence in 1775. John Babcock, Jr., received a very limited education, and learned the trade of a cabinet maker in Pittsfield. He was married March 17, 1808, to Clarissa H. Gray, who was born in 1787, and they became the parents of eleven children, as follows: Thaddeus G., born April 7, 1809; John G., born April 28, 1811; Sylvia Ann, born March 22, 1813, now the widow of Henry Roberts; Eliza

A., born May 5, 1815, deceased November 21, 1854; James M., born July 4, 1818, at New Lebanon, N. Y.; Reuben M., our subject; Edwin H., born November 4, 1822, died October 9, 1863, at the Chestnut Street Hospital, Philadelphia, from the effects of a wound received during the Civil war; Adaline A., born February 16, 1825, died at Pittsfield, Mass., in 1893; George H., born April 20, 1826, at New Lebanon, N. Y.; Horatio N., born July 12, 1828, died January 23, 1853; and Clara A., born February 4, 1830, deceased wife of Frank Sparks. The parents of this large family have both passed away, the father having died July 22, 1860, the mother in 1857.

Thomas Ensign, father of Mrs. Reuben M. Babcock, was born May 27, 1790, at Pittsfield, Mass., and was a carpenter and joiner by trade. He was married February 16, 1814, to Electa Williams, whose father was a blacksmith, born in Connecticut, and they became the parents of five children: Mary E., born May 19, 1815, married September 22, 1835, to Calvin Carver; Kezia, born April 10, 1819, who was married April 1, 1838, to William Treadwell; Edgar N., born October 1, 1821; Lucy M., born December 22, 1823, wife of our subject; and James M., born April 2, 1826, who died in youth. Mr. Babcock is a staunch Republican, and the family are members of the Free Methodist Church.

PETER LICKERT, one of the most prominent farmers of Benton township, Ottawa county, is a son of Daniel and Catherine (Pfaff) Lickert, and was born in Hesse, Germany, January 1, 1852.

The parents of Daniel Lickert, John and Sophia (Hassell) Lickert, were born in Hessen, Germany, in 1755 and in 1770 respectively. They had ten children, five sons and five daughters. Daniel Lickert was born in Germany January 1,

1824; married Catherine Pfaff in 1847, and they had nine children, seven sons and two daughters, seven of whom are living, two sons having died. Daniel Lickert had the misfortune to fall from a scaffold, thus breaking his right leg in three places. Peter Lickert's maternal grandfather, John Pfaff, was born in Hessen, Germany, about 1780, and the maternal grandmother, Sarah (Suerbrei) Pfaff, was born about 1784. Mr. Lickert is related to the Crolls, who were also old settlers of Benton township, by the marriage of his uncle, Peter Lickert, Sr., to Miss Fulkert, a sister of Mrs. Henry Croll's father.

Peter Lickert, the subject of this sketch, lived in Hessen, Germany, until he was thirteen years of age, and acquired there a liberal education in the German language. He came to America to stay with his uncle, Peter Lickert, Sr., who lived near Elliston, in Benton township; here he has since had his home, and he owns one of the finest farms not only of Benton township, but of Ottawa county. At the age of fifteen he commenced life for himself by working on a farm for one year, receiving seven dollars a month. He then learned the carpenter's trade, in which he has always been very proficient, and has since planned and superintended the erection of his fine dwelling and all the outbuildings, besides other structures and many buildings for his neighbors. On February 18, 1874, Peter Lickert was united in marriage with Miss Sophia Ernsthausen, of Elmore, Harris township, Ottawa county, and they have had eight children, namely: Henry, born December 5, 1874; Clara, April 27, 1876; Sophia Catherine, January 28, 1878; Mary Elizabeth, May 18, 1880; William Henry, August 15, 1882; Edward, June 19, 1885; George Daniel, August 3, 1888; and John Henry, April 4, 1892. Mary died May 12, 1882. Mrs. Lickert has always been a faithful adviser and helper to her husband. She was born in Toledo, Ohio,

October 15, 1851. Her parents moved to Genoa, in Clay township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, when she was three years of age, and remained there nine years, thence moving to Gibsonburg, Sandusky county, where they lived eight years, and where she obtained her education. She then went to Elmore, in Harris township, Ottawa county, and remained there until her marriage, in 1874. Her father, Casper H. Ernsthausen, was born in Germany January 15, 1828, and came to America in 1842. Her mother was born in Germany September 15, 1827. They were married, in 1850, in Toledo, Ohio; have since lived in the State, and have had seven children, five of whom are still living. Mrs. Ernsthausen's mother, grandmother of Mrs. Lickert, whose maiden name was Sophie Gerwin, was born in Germany about 1812, and died in Elmore, Ohio, in 1878.

For eight years after his marriage Mr. Lickert continued to work at his trade. In 1877 he planned and built the Methodist Church at Rocky Ridge, Benton township; in 1882 he built the hotel at Graytown, Benton township, and a little later a large planing-mill at Graytown, Benton township. For seven years, from 1881 to 1888, he was land agent for Mr. A. W. Cutler, who owns extensive tracts of land in Ottawa county. In 1875 Mr. Lickert purchased a farm from Martin Witty, near Elliston, Benton township, hired a man to run it, and continued at his trade; about that time, also, he was associated with O. G. Guss in the erection of a planing-mill at Rocky Ridge, but they were soon burned out, in consequence of which he sustained a loss of two thousand dollars. He then went to Graytown and erected the mill now owned by W. H. Lachmiller, operating it for one year, when Mr. Lachmiller came in as a partner, the firm being known as Lickert & Lachmiller. Mr. Lickert sold his interest in the mill to Mr. A. F. Frese in 1885, and purchased 440

acres of timberland in Sections 12, 13 and 14, Benton township, on which there were no buildings and no fences. In the short space of ten years he cleared 330 acres of land, took out part of the stumps and fenced the entire 440 acres. In walking over this farm to-day, tilled by modern methods, one would scarcely realize that only a decade ago it was all a wilderness. Thus the hand of industry brings order out of chaos, and a home out of the wilderness. He sold off 200 acres of his original purchase, leaving himself 240 acres of highly productive and well-tilled land on which are three good barns and two spacious houses. It was through the efforts of Mr. Lickert and Mr. Muggy that School District No. 11 was organized, and a fine brick building erected, where the rising generations may be trained to usefulness in the world. All Mr. Lickert's children who are old enough to attend are having the advantages of this school which their father helped to organize. Politically Mr. Lickert is a Republican, and an earnest supporter of his party. He was president of the school board in his township for several years and has ever taken an active part in educational matters.

AUGUST FLECKNER. To the residents of Oak Harbor, Ottawa county, and to the traveling public, in general, there is perhaps no name in this section more familiar, or more respected, than that of August Fleckner, the genial proprietor of the "Wheeling Hotel," at Oak Harbor, and one of the most progressive citizens of Salem township.

Born in Prussia, Germany, December 31, 1851, he is a son of Frederick William and Caroline (Wiltke) Fleckner, both natives of Germany, the former born August 23, 1824, the latter on January 8, 1831. They were married in their native land in February, 1848, and in

1872 emigrated to America, locating in Oak Harbor. Their family consists of five children, namely: Robert, born February 25, 1849, a resident of Oak Harbor; August, our subject; Frederick William, born August 30, 1853, a prominent agriculturist of Carroll township; H. Otto, born January 11, 1856, a resident of Oak Harbor; and Hugo H., a farmer of Carroll township. The father died March 3, 1875; the mother is now residing with her son in Carroll township.

August Fleckner, the subject proper of these lines, received his primary education in the schools of his native land, afterward learning the trade of a gardener, at which he worked until twenty years of age, when he entered the German army, seeing three years' service. In 1874, on receiving his discharge, he emigrated to America, locating in Oak Harbor, Ottawa Co., Ohio, where he remained eight years, working at his trade. In 1882 he moved to Cleveland, Ohio; but returning to Oak Harbor the following year he has since been a constant resident of that town, for the past eleven years engaged in the hotel business. He was united in marriage at Oak Harbor, May 12, 1877, with Augusta Louisa Feitz, a daughter of Gottlieb and Caroline (Wezer) Feitz, born in Prussia, Germany, August 12, 1852. By this union there were three children, viz.: August, born April 11, 1878; Oscar Emanuel, born February 4, 1881; and Bernhardt Harry, born July 29, 1884, and died August 1, same year. Mrs. Fleckner's parents were both natives of Germany, the father having been born there in November, 1822, and the mother on February 15, 1826. They were married February 16, 1848, and to their union were born thirteen children, only three of whom are now living, namely: Augusta Louisa, wife of August Fleckner; Caroline, born April 12, 1861, now the wife of John Forman, of Oak Harbor, and Frederick, born November 18, 1869, residing in Toledo,

Ohio. The father died in his native land November 25, 1874; in 1880 the mother came to America, and is now living with her son-in-law, August Fleckner, at the advanced age of seventy years.

Politically Mr. Fleckner is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, and wields a strong political and social influence throughout the country, being one of the most progressive men of his time and place. The family are members of the Lutheran Church.

JOHAN MITCHELL, proprietor of the "Lake House," Port Clinton, Ottawa county, a well-established and popular hotel, is a native of New York State, born October 14, 1833, at Ithaca, a son of Patrick and Ann (O'Neil) Mitchell, natives of Ireland, who came to this continent about the year 1828.

Patrick Mitchell was a soldier in a British regiment stationed at Quebec, Canada, for about a year, then left for the United States, locating at Ithaca, where, in 1832, he married Ann O'Neil. Here for a time he followed the trade of stone mason, and some years later served in what was known as the Florida war, under Gen. Wool, having enlisted at Utica, N. Y., in Company D, Third United States Infantry; also served in the Mexican war, enlisting at Pontiac, Mich., and on his return from that campaign, in 1847, he died at Detroit, Mich. Later his widow (who with her only child, our subject, accompanied her husband during the Florida war), married Patrick Gillick; she died, in 1866, at Milford, Oakland Co., Mich., her second husband following her to the grave one year later.

John Mitchell, our subject, spent his childhood in Utica, N. Y., and his boyhood in Fennville and Milford, Mich., until he was eighteen years old, when he moved to Detroit and hired out as teamster to Reeves & Jennison, contractors and builders. After working for them

about a year they took a contract to build a large cement mill at Ottawa City, and sent him there to take charge of their teams, which he did until the mill was completed; after that he sailed the lakes about three years, as man before the mast, running chiefly between Toledo and Buffalo, and occasionally to Lake Huron. He afterward worked among the farmers on the Peninsula, and was the first to follow fishing at Port Clinton with pound nets.

In 1861 Mr. Mitchell raised Company I, Forty-first O. V. I., for service in the Civil war, of which company, when organized, he was elected captain. At the camp of instruction, Cleveland, he was by some unaccountable error, through no fault of his own, deprived of his rank, and obliged to go as a private, which he did, remaining with Company I until December, 1864, during which time he had been promoted to second lieutenant, then to first lieutenant, later to captain. The war being nearly at an end, he resigned and settled on a farm he had bought on Catawba Island, which he cleared up and put into fruit. In the fall of 1866 he was elected sheriff of Ottawa county, and held the office four years. In 1870 he went into the lumber business, and four years later was re-elected sheriff, serving four years more. After this he followed lumbering extensively, in partnership with Alphonse Couche (since deceased), at various localities—Port Clinton, Rocky Ridge, and several places in the State of Tennessee. After that he rebuilt a large gristmill at Oak Harbor, ran it several years, and then sold it to a Mr. Barnes. He then took charge of the "Central Hotel" at Oak Harbor, conducting it two years; after which he came to Port Clinton, and bought the "Lake House," of which he has since been proprietor.

On February 8, 1858, Mr. Mitchell was married at Port Clinton, Ohio, to Miss Nancy Ann Napier, who was born April 25, 1840, daughter of Benjamin

and Erepta (Landon) Napier, the former by birth a Scotchman, the later being of English descent. Mr. Napier was a sailor on the lakes from his boyhood until seventy years of age, when he died of cholera at Chicago, Ill.; his wife passed away at Marblehead, Ottawa Co., Ohio, in 1890, at the age of eighty-six years. The children of John and Nancy Mitchell are: Jennie Ann (born in Port Clinton lighthouse), John, Catherine, Delia, Clarence, James, Alpha, Frank and Robert Emmett.

ERNST HEMINGER, a prominent agriculturist and manufacturer, of Salem township, Ottawa county, and a representative, progressive business man, was born in Salem township, April 12, 1851.

The parents of our subject, Frederick and Katherina (Holt) Heminger, natives of Germany, emigrated to America and settled in Salem township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, in October, 1850, when that section of country was still in its primitive condition. Their family consisted of ten children, as follows: Rosa, wife of Andrew Shegor, of Port Clinton, Ohio, and Frederick, of Cleveland, Ohio (children of the father by a former marriage); Ernst, the subject proper of this sketch; William, of Oak Harbor; Albert, of Lakeview, Oregon; August, of Erie county, Ohio; Louis, of Carroll township, Ottawa Co., Ohio; Amelia, wife of John Minke, also of Carroll township; Nettie, wife of Ferdinand Shellhorn, of Sandusky, Ohio, and Christopher, of Erie county. The father departed this life January 16, 1887; the mother is still living, and is now a resident of Oak Harbor.

Ernst Heminger, the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch, received his preliminary education in the district schools of his native township, his early boyhood days being spent about the farm. On leaving school he served an apprenticeship

term to the trade of a carpenter, which vocation he followed for nearly ten years, then embarking in agricultural pursuits, lumber manufacturing and also in the manufacturing of wine and cider, his business relations extending over a large extent of territory. In his different enterprises, Mr. Heminger has ever proved himself a man of sound judgment and excellent business qualifications, and it is needless to say that success has crowned his efforts.

Our subject was united in marriage, in Salem township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, April 16, 1877, with Miss Mina Huttenlocher, whose parents, Michael and Katherine (Gram) Huttenlocher, both natives of the Fatherland, crossed the ocean to the New World and settled in Salem township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, in 1852, where they have since resided. To Mr. and Mrs. Heminger have come nine children, as follows: W. F. August, born March 25, 1878; C. William, born December 7, 1879; E. Harman, born February 4, 1881; C. Anna, born March 13, 1884; Louis, born June 14, 1886; Rosa, born April 3, 1889; Emma, born March 30, 1891; Olga, born July 30, 1893, and Elizabeth, born September 13, 1895. The family are devout members of the Lutheran Church. Socially they enjoy the respect of the entire community. In his political preferences Mr. Heminger affiliates with the Democratic party.

GEORGE BICKFORD, the owner of a fine vineyard on Put in Bay Island, is a native son of Ohio, born in Sandusky City, Erie county, August 24, 1834. He is one of the eighteen children of Hezekiah and Mary Charlotte Gibaut Bickford, the former born in Maine, May 2, 1808, the latter on the Isle of Guernsey, in the English Channel, September 13, 1815. The paternal grandfather settled in Erie county, Ohio, at a very early day in the his-

tory of that locality, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. The father of our subject removed to Canada about 1840, and continued his residence in that country until called to the home beyond, April 6, 1879; his wife also died in Canada. Of their large family of children ten grew to mature years, and nine are now living, as follows: Charles, who resides in Essex county, Canada; Sarah, wife of William McLean, of the same place; George, subject of this sketch; Clarissa Ann, wife of Jacob Tufflemyer, of Essex; Hezekiah, also of Essex; John, who is living in Fort Wayne, Ind.; William, Mary Jane (wife of Maxim Reyno), and Robert, all three living in Essex county, Canada.

We now take up the personal history of George Bickford, and feel assured that it will prove of interest to many of our readers, for he is both widely and favorably known in the locality where he resides. When about six years of age he removed with his parents to Canada, and was reared to manhood in Essex county, in the Province of Ontario, where he acquired his education in the public schools. He also learned the trade of blacksmithing there, and in 1856 he left his home in that locality to return to his native city, where for one season he engaged in fishing. In the spring of 1857 he located in Put in Bay Island, where for thirty-eight years he has made his home, and the length of his residence is equaled by the high regard in which he is held. During the greater part of the time he has followed blacksmithing and fishing, but during the past ten years has exclusively engaged in the cultivation of grapes. He is an energetic, industrious and enterprising man, and his earnest and well-directed labors have brought to him success.

Mr. Bickford has been twice married. On July 14, 1861, he wedded Mathilda Poskile, who died August 30, 1865, leaving two children—Hezekiah, born September 30, 1862; and Jennie, who was

born February 11, 1864, and died March 30, 1867. For his second wife, Mr. Bickford chose Elizabeth, daughter of James and Hannah (Leard) Edwards, and born in Gosfield, Canada, February 13, 1843. They were married in Kingsville, Canada, February 14, 1867, and have had six children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Ezra, January 14, 1868; Edith, June 12, 1869; Bertha, December 27, 1870, died December 26, 1886; Hannah, July 4, 1874, died December 21, 1886; Mina, October 3, 1878; and Ada May, August 7, 1882.

Mr. Bickford has served as township trustee, has been trustee of the public lawn of Put in Bay, and has held other minor positions, faithfully discharging his duties, and proving true to the trust reposed in him. His political support is given to the Republican party, and he attends the Reformed Episcopal Church.

ENOS E. WILLIAMS, a prominent farmer of Carroll township, ranks among the oldest living pioneers of Ottawa county, having arrived here with his parents in 1834, when he was but a year old, and then the county was one vast forest, and still a part of Sandusky county. With the exception of four years spent in Indiana, he has been a constant resident of the county since that early date. His birth occurred in Guernsey county, Ohio, October 14, 1833, and in 1834 his parents, Nehemiah and Hester (Pickering) Williams, brought him to what is now Bay township, Ottawa county. The sketch of his life can not be better written than by giving it in his own words:

“I recollect when there were no roads and but very few bridges in the county, and at one time I was acquainted with every family in Port Clinton. At that time Lower Sandusky, Venice, and Monroe, Mich., were the nearest milling points, and to one or the other of these

towns the people were obliged to carry their grain to have it ground, many often going to Monroe with it in canoes, the trip occupying nearly two weeks. I have lived in Carroll township constantly since 1860, and have by my own hard work cleared up thirty-six of the forty acres of land I now reside on. I have run a threshing machine, worked at the carpenter trade, farmed a little, fished a little and done nothing the greater part of the time." At present Mr. E. E. Williams is a successful fruit grower, having now over 1,100 peach trees under cultivation on his farm.

Mr. Williams has been twice married. On March 12, 1860, he wedded Mrs. Dorothea Leithenburg, a native of Germany, whose parents were early settlers of Ottawa county. In the spring of 1870, she was called to her final rest, and on the 19th of the following November, Mr. Williams was united in marriage with Mrs. Eliza Melissa (Root) Saddoris, widow of Elias Saddoris, and they have become the parents of five children—Eugene E., born August 20, 1871, now a student for the ministry, and is at present living on the homestead; Nina E., born June 4, 1872; Eva L., born February 23, 1875, died May 2, 1877; Maurice E., born March 21, 1877; and James E., born April 25, 1880, died August 8, 1895.

Mrs. Williams' birth occurred December 14, 1835, and she is the daughter of Rev. V. S. and Lovica (Foote) Root, the former born in the Empire State, March 4, 1810, and the latter, also a native of the same State, born December 14, 1803. Her mother died November 21, 1847; the father, who has reached the advanced age of eighty-five years, is a native of Tustin, Osceola Co., Mich. Rev. Root located in Carroll township, Ottawa county, in 1840, and there continued to make his home until 1880. He filled many important county and township offices, being the first notary public and the second justice of the peace appointed in the town-

ship. In early life he taught school and also practiced law for many years, but later engaged as a laborer in the Lord's vineyard. He is a man of fair legal ability, excellent judgment and sound common sense, while his unswerving integrity and general rectitude of life have gained for him an enviable reputation wherever he is known.

Mr. Williams has served his fellow citizens as road supervisor and school director, and for the past twelve years has been master of the Grange. The family are consistent members of the United Brethren Church, and belong to the Good Templars Society; he is also connected with the Knights of Honor, and has efficiently filled the office of reporter in that body for nine years. He has been successfully elected three times to represent his lodge in the Knights of Honor in the State of Ohio. Politically he is a true-blue Republican. Surrounded by an interesting family, Mr. Williams is a thoughtful, devoted husband and a kind indulgent father. Among men he is genial and companionable, manly and fearlessly independent in character and thought; and consistent and temperate in all respects. He is a practical farmer and fruit grower; a man of taste and culture with broad and liberal views, and his integrity is incorruptible. His social standing is high, and he and his family have the esteem of all.

We can not well conclude this sketch without some favorable mention of Mr. Williams' eldest son—Eugene E.—who has early had a taste for literature, and knows the value of books. He is also aware of the fact that toil and frugality are essential to success, and by careful study and the practice of the latter principles is fitting himself to take a prominent place in this world, and point out to others the duties to be performed in order to fit themselves for the world to come. He is a writer of no mean ability, and has compiled a very interesting history of Ot-

tawa county. On September 20, 1895, he entered the Sandusky Conference of the United Brethren Church, where he received license to preach. He is at present engaged in teaching school at Limestone, Ohio.

JOHAN K. TEETZELL, M. D., a leading physician and surgeon, whose skill and ability have won him high rank among his professional brethren, was born April 23, 1859, in Blenheim, County of Kent, Ontario, Canada, son of John and Eliza (King) Teetzell.

The grandfather of our subject was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany. On emigrating to this country he landed at New Jersey after a tempestuous voyage which consumed more than three months, crossing the water in one of the old-fashioned sailing crafts of those days. He made his home in what was then Log Jail, now Trenton, N. J., and after an active and well-spent life passed away at a ripe old age, respected and beloved by all who knew him. The father of our subject first saw the light at Trenton, N. J., in 1819, the year in which Queen Victoria was born. When a young man he removed to Canada, locating in Ontario, afterward went to St. Thomas, Elgin county, Ontario, (then known as Upper Canada), and later took up his residence at Blenheim, County of Kent, where he filled the office of sheriff for nine years. He is now spending his declining days in retirement, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. His wife, who was a native of Cornwallis, Kings county, Nova Scotia, removed to Fingall, Ontario, where their marriage was celebrated. Her death occurred in Blenheim, May 31, 1891. In the family were ten children, five of whom are yet living, as follows: Rosanna, wife of S. T. Martin, a prominent banker, and mayor, of the city of Chatham, Ontario, Canada; William H. and James D. (twins),

the former a wholesale druggist, of Chicago, and the latter a retired real-estate dealer, residing in Morpeth, County of Kent, Ontario; Elizabeth, widow of W. A. Smith, and a resident of St. Thomas, Ontario, and Dr. John K.

Dr. John K. Teetzell obtained both his preliminary and college education in the County of Kent, Ontario, and when sixteen years of age left home for Chicago, where he learned the drug business under the instruction of his brother, W. H. He also took a business course in Devilines Literary & Commercial College, Jackson, Mich., completed his course in pharmacy and chemistry, and during that time began reading medicine with Dr. Myar McLaughlin, an eminent physician of Jackson, Mich. In 1880 he entered the Medical Department of the State University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and was graduated from that institution with honor in the class of '84. He then took a post-graduate course in three different hospitals in New York City, a special course in surgery and a course in the diseases of women and children at the Maternity Hospital in that city. The following year he passed in recreation and travel, and in 1887, with a thorough knowledge of his profession to fit him for his life work, he entered upon the practice of medicine in Toledo, where he still retains an office. He built up for himself a large practice there, his skill and ability being widely recognized. In 1893 he removed to Genoa, where he opened a branch office, and his high reputation and thorough competency have already won for him a large and constantly increasing business. He is a thorough student of his profession, and his brethren of the medical fraternity, as well as the public, acknowledge his superior worth, both professionally and personally.

The Doctor was united in marriage, March 17, 1881, in Crawford county, Ohio, with Miss Martha L., daughter of David and Margaret Schultz Burgert,



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who shares with her husband the regard in which he is held. In his political views the Doctor is liberal, and he is not connected with any religious organization. He does everything in his power to perfect himself in his chosen calling, and is contemplating a trip to Europe during the year 1896, in order to perfect himself in gynecology by study in European hospitals. He possesses a very genial and affable manner, is an interesting conversationalist, and is very popular in the town in which he makes his home, and also in Toledo, where he still practices, making weekly visits to that city.

WILLIAM JOHN SAUERWEIN is a native of Elmore, Ottawa county, born September 29, 1864, and is a son of John George and Catherine Elizabeth (Krontz) Sauerwein, early settlers of this section of Ohio.

The father was born in Hessen, Germany, March 19, 1818, was educated in that country, and there married Catherine Schneider. Emigrating to America, he located in Cleveland, Ohio, and subsequently removed to Elliston, Ottawa county, where his wife died, March 18, 1862. On January 23, 1863, he married Catherine E. Krontz, of Elmore, who was born in Hessen, Germany, June 30, 1843, and came alone to America when thirteen years old, being forty-five days upon the water, during which some severe storms occurred. She has since spent the greater part of her life in Elmore. Her grandfather, George Krontz, was born in 1788. Her parents were Peter and Catherine (Schneider) Krontz, the former born in 1816, the latter in 1813. In 1877 her father departed this life, her mother dying in 1869. Mr. and Mrs. Sauerwein had five children: Mary, born November 11, 1863; William J., September 29, 1865; George October 31,

1867; Elizabeth, December 27, 1869; and Anna Margaret, August 31, 1872.

Our subject was obliged to leave school at the age of thirteen years on account of the death of his father. He then began work in the stove factory of H. V. Becker, of Elmore, where he was employed for about nine years. Since 1879 he has been an employe in the flouring-mill of C. Metsch & Co., of Elmore, and his faithful service and fidelity to duty is well indicated by his long continuance with that firm. On November 12, 1891, William Sauerwein married Miss Minnie E. Smith, of Elmore, daughter of John and Mary Jane (Logan) Smith. Her grandparents were J. B. Smith and Nancy A. (Archer) Smith, pioneer settlers of Ohio, of 1833. The former was born in Virginia, in 1786, made farming his life work, and died in 1839. His wife was born in 1788, died in 1868, and was laid to rest in the old cemetery at Elmore. Her father, at the time of his last sickness, owned ninety-nine slaves whom he set at liberty, at the same time giving to each a cottage and small piece of land.

John Smith, father of Mrs. Minnie E. (Smith) Sauerwein, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, May 29, 1818, and came with his parents to Ottawa county, in 1833. He was married July 7, 1839, to Amelia Wilson, who died May 18, 1856, and was buried in the old cemetery at Elmore. They had seven children: Mary Jane, born June 13, 1840; Susan, May 20, 1842; Emanuel, February 4, 1844; Jeremiah, May 31, 1846; Henrietta, in 1848; John H., January 18, 1850; and Nancy Ann, June 16, 1852. On September 29, 1857, the father of this family wedded Mary Jane Logan, daughter of James and Mercy (Sebring) Logan, and born in Pennsylvania December 11, 1834; by this marriage there are five children, as follows: Sarah E., born August 23, 1858, died October 15, 1858; James L., born July 29, 1860, died March 6, 1864; David E. Ellsworth, July 12, 1862, now of To-

ledo (his wife, Alice ———, died in 1894 leaving four children); Elta Elnora, born October 17, 1865, died April 13, 1870; and Minnie Estella (Mrs. Sauerwein) born July 26, 1871. Mr. Smith died October 12, 1886. For twenty-one years he was school director, and several years served as township trustee, proving a capable officer. He accumulated a handsome property, and erected in Elmore one of its finest homes, which is now occupied by his widow and Mr. and Mrs. Sauerwein. He was a very prominent and influential citizen, enjoying the esteem of all who knew him. He was an active worker in the Christian cause, and had been an elder in the Presbyterian Church for many years up to his death.

Mrs. Smith (mother of Mrs. Sauerwein) lived in her native State (Pennsylvania) up to the age of sixteen, receiving her education there, and thence removed to Ohio, where she has since resided, having since her marriage had her home in Ottawa county. Her father, James Logan, was born in 1802 in Ireland, came to America in 1820, and in 1834 wedded Mrs. Merrey (Sebring) McFall, who was born in Pennsylvania, in 1798. She had one child, Hugh, by her first husband, and three by her marriage to Mr. Logan, viz.: Mary Jane (Mrs. Smith); Elizabeth Macfallen; and Ann, who died at the age of twenty-four. Mr. Logan was for many years as elder in the Presbyterian Church. His father, John Logan, was a native of Ireland, where he followed farming; he married a Miss Miller, a native of Scotland. Mrs. Smith's maternal grandmother Elizabeth (Bennett), was born September 3, 1766, in Pennsylvania, and died June 25, 1855; she had nine children. Mrs. Sauerwein was born in Elmore, and completed her education in the public schools of her native city in 1886. She has made a special study of instrumental music, and is a fine performer on the piano and organ. In the family are two interesting children—Erma M., born October 27,

1892; and Olive Grace, born January 18, 1895.

In politics our subject is a stalwart Republican, but has never sought office. A prominent and active member of the Presbyterian Church of Elmore, he is serving as one of its elders and directors, and is also superintendent of the Sunday-school. He does all in his power to promote the work of the church and advance the cause of Christianity, and his well-spent life has won him high regard in which his estimable wife also shares.

CONRAD MILLER, who is widely and favorably known in Elmore, Ottawa county, was born January 8, 1852, in Westphalia, Germany, where he spent his boyhood days and attended school. His ancestors lived for some generations in that country. The maternal grandfather of our subject was born in Germany, in 1783, and was a miller by trade. The father of our subject, Simon Miller, was born in 1817, and learned the brick mason's trade, which he followed through the greater part of his life; he died in 1876, and his wife, Minnie (Henning), who was born in Germany, in 1818, survived until 1894. They were the parents of six children: William, born in 1845; Fred, November 14, 1848; Conrad, January 8, 1852; William F., in 1855; Louisa, in 1858; and William F. in 1861. Fred and Conrad are the only members of this family now living.

At the age of eighteen Conrad Miller left home to learn the butcher's trade, serving a two-years' apprenticeship, and then following that pursuit in Germany for eleven years. He is now an expert, there being no kind of meat that he can not prepare. He was married November 5, 1876, to Miss Augusta Kroos, of Lippe Detmold, Germany, born in that country February 16, 1852. Her father, Fred Kroos, was there born in 1803, and died

in 1855. He was a gardener by trade and lived at Schoedmar, Germany. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Minne Meyer, was born at Ahsen, Germany, in 1815, and died in 1870. Their family numbered six children, namely: August, who died at the age of eighteen years; William; Minnie Caroline; Fred, who died in 1889; Augusta and Henry. Of those living Mrs. Miller is now the only one in America. She remained at home until eleven years of age, and from that time until her marriage cared for herself. To her husband she has been a faithful companion and helpmeet, aiding him in securing the competence which they now enjoy.

In December, 1880, Mr. and Mrs. Miller sailed for America, landing in New York in January, 1881, and coming direct to Ohio. They located on a farm which was their home for six months, and then removed to the village of Elmore, buying a small place, which, however, was soon sold. Mr. Miller next purchased four nice lots and a fine residence on Fremont street, and to-day has one of the most pleasant homes in Elmore, characterized by its neatness both within doors and without. For five and a half years he engaged in clerking in the hardware store of Wolf & Bendig, after which he returned to his old trade, and for eight and one-half years he has been engaged in the butchering business, six years for Mr. Wittie. He thoroughly understands his trade, and his long connection with one store indicates the faithfulness and integrity that is above question. He and his wife have many warm friends, and are widely known.

DR. HENRY JOHN HELLWIG, veterinary surgeon, Elmore, Ottawa county, is the son of honored pioneers of Ottawa county, Justus and Elizabeth (Lang) Hellwig. He was born June 23, 1868, on the old home-

stead farm near Elliston, Ohio, and acquired his education in the schools of that place, after which he engaged in the operation of the home farm for eight years, carrying on the place for his mother for some years after his father's death. He there made a specialty of stock raising, keeping on hand fine grades of Percheron horses, and from his boyhood he has always been a lover of fine horses.

In 1890 the Doctor went to New Hamburg, Canada, in order to study veterinary surgery with Dr. William Sterling, of that place. After six months he returned home to spend the summer, and then went to Toronto, Canada, where he took a regular course in the Ontario Veterinary College, from which he graduated in the class of 1892. When his studies were ended he located in Elliston, spending four days in each week there and three days in Oak Harbor, practicing his profession. In the fall of 1893 he removed to Elmore, where, in two years, he has built up an enviable reputation as a veterinary surgeon, and enjoys a very extensive practice. On June 18, 1891, the Doctor was united in marriage with Miss Elva Hammond, of Elliston. Her father, Henry Hammond, was born in Harris township, Ottawa county, January 25, 1845, and is a thorough mechanic, having been employed by the Toledo Bridge Company for twenty years, superintending the erection of the bridges after the material is prepared. He served in the army for three years, where he was wounded, January 4, 1864.

On April 11, 1866, Mr. Hammond married Emily Gyde, who was born in Ottawa county, Ohio, February 25, 1848, and for a time was engaged in teaching school in Ottawa county. Two children were born to them: Emily (Mrs. Hellwig), and William, the latter of whom is a bridge builder. The grandfather, Anson Hammond, was born in Ohio about 1820, and died in a hospital at Savannah, Ga., during the Civil war. His wife, who

bore the name of Margaretta Witty, was born in Germany, October 9, 1822, and died February 6, 1891. The maternal grandparents were William and Harriet (Meeker) Gyde, the former of whom was born in England, in 1813, and was a carpenter by trade, but also pursued the occupation of farming, while the latter was born in Butler county, Ohio, in 1829.

Mrs. Hellwig was born in Elliston, Ohio, January 4, 1867, and, after attending the public schools of that place, was a student in the normal school of Oak Harbor. In 1884 she began teaching in this section of the State, and for six years was numbered among the successful and popular teachers of Ottawa county. Mrs. Hellwig is a member of the M. E. Church, and president of the Epworth League. Both the Doctor and Mrs. Hellwig have music-loving natures, his violin making an excellent accompaniment to her organ or piano, and in their home their friends may always be sure of a refined literary treat.

JOSEPH SLIGER, one of the representative self-made farmer citizens of Benton township, Ottawa county, is a native of Pennsylvania, born March 28, 1848, son of Henry and Anna (Hardman) Sliger.

Henry Sliger was born in March, 1818, in Bedford county, Penn., where he was reared to manhood, and on September 18, 1842, there married Anna Hardman, a native of the same State, born November 22, 1823. To their union were born eleven children, six of whom are living, Joseph Sliger being the only one in Ohio. They came to Ohio in 1852, settling in Richland county, where Mr. Sliger cleared up a farm and made a comfortable home for his family, living there until about 1868, when he sold out and removed to Sandusky county. Here he cleared another farm and became owner of a nice property, which he lost by sign-

ing papers to assist his friends in business. Here his wife died, and shortly afterward he went to Michigan, where he passed away April 7, 1886. Mr. Joseph Sliger's maternal grandfather, Jacob Hardman, was born about 1790 in Pennsylvania, and came thence with a team to Richland county, Ohio, where he died in 1860; his wife, who was born about 1790, died in 1856.

Joseph Sliger was a mere child when his parents came to Richland county, Ohio, where he lived until eighteen years of age, obtaining his education in the district schools. At the age of twenty-three he was married September 14, 1871, to Miss Jenette Smith, of Sandusky county, Ohio, and they settled in Sandusky county, where they remained for six years. They then came to Section 11, Benton township, Ottawa county, where they bought forty acres of mill land, not a foot of which was cleared. There was no road to their new home, and they cut a road through the timber some distance to get onto their land, on which they built a frame house by addition to shelter them, and at once began clearing away the timber that they might raise something for their sustenance. On going over the farm now one would not realize the work that has been accomplished by him and his faithful wife in the developing of that part of the township; the land is all cleared, not only of timber, but also of stumps, is well fenced, and equipped with comfortable buildings, and the well-kept condition of the place and all the surroundings gives evidence of the neatness and taste of the owners. In connection with general agriculture he is also engaged in bee culture, having at various times nearly forty swarms, from which he has sold 100 gallons of honey in a season, and for seven seasons he has also operated a threshing outfit, in which business he has made a reasonably fair success. In addition to his own home business he has done much contracting in the line of get-

ting out timber for different parties. Mr. and Mrs. Sliger have always been busy, striving to make home pleasant for themselves and their children, and their efforts have resulted in a very cheerful and happy home.

Mrs. Jenette (Smith) Sliger was born May 7, 1851, in Sandusky county, Ohio, where she lived until 1877, acquiring at the public schools as complete an education as the times would afford. Her mother dying when she was quite young, her help was needed in the home, and this somewhat curtailed her advantages for an education, for which she had a great desire. Her elder sister, Calesta, was a teacher and away from home much of the time, thus leaving a great deal for Mrs. Sliger to do; but this early experience has of course added much to her success in managing her own home, and she has been of great assistance to her husband in securing the home. To Mr. and Mrs. Sliger have been born four children: Newton, August 31, 1872; Anna, June 18, 1874; Edwin, August 14, 1885, and May, May 8, 1890, of whom Edwin died when only two months old. The others are living with their parents on the farm, and have been very faithful in helping them in various ways. Special mention should here be made of Newton and Anna; they have improved every opportunity to secure an education, having adopted the profession of teaching. In addition to their country schooling, Newton attended the high school at Rocky Ridge for a time, and Anna the high school at Oak Harbor, leaving when in her senior year to accept a position as a teacher, which occupation she has followed for three years, and is now among the most promising teachers in Ottawa county. Newton taught one term, and was obliged to discontinue the work on account of his health. They are truly ambitious, self-made young people, and, if health permits, they will no doubt make creditable records for themselves.

Daniel Smith, father of Mrs. Sliger,

was born in Pennsylvania July 11, 1814, and December 6, 1834, was married to Miss Jenette Holcomb, who was born June 30, 1815. To them were born seven children, four of whom are living—two sons and two daughters. Daniel Smith was one of the first justices in Sandusky county, an office he held for thirty-three years. The grandfather, Daniel Smith, Sr., was born about 1777, and in his family were thirteen children. They were among the pioneers of Sandusky county, coming to this region when it was a forest, out of which they cleared up a farm and made for themselves a comfortable home. [To the above sketch Mr. Sliger adds in the early part of November, 1895: "We are packing our household goods preparatory to starting for Los Angeles, Cal., where we intend making our future home."—Editor.

REV. ERNEST WALTER YAECKER, son of Robert and Louisa (von Weber) Yaecker, was born in Duesseldorf, Germany, May 8, 1867, was educated in the scientific schools of Germany, and took the theological course in the Northwestern College of Illinois, from which he graduated in 1888.

Carl Yaecker, the father of Robert Yaecker, was born in Germany, February 7, 1812, and died in that country in 1890. Robert Yaecker was born April 17, 1838, in Kronenberg, Germany, and he now lives in Duesseldorf. He married Louisa von Weber, who was born in Pohlhausen, Rhine Provinz, Germany, in 1838, and they had eight children, seven of whom are now living, all in Germany except the subject of this sketch. An uncle of Rev. E. W. Yaecker was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, and died in Andersonville prison. Robert Yaecker was for a time in the hardware business, sold out and is now foreman in a large iron pipe factory. At one time he had a nice sum of money in one of the banks of Germany,

but lost much of his hard earnings in consequence of the failure of the bank. His wife, Louisa, died in Germany in 1871. Her parents, who were descendants of German nobility, died at an advanced age.

While in Germany Rev. E. W. Yaecker learned the trade of truss and limb manufacturing and followed it for some time. He embarked for America in 1885, and encountered a severe storm at sea, during which the machinery of the vessel got out of repair, and they were adrift for half a day until repairs could be made, when the vessel proceeded on her course. Soon after reaching America our subject took up his theological studies, and since his graduation has been engaged in the active work of the ministry. He was first located in Cleveland for one year as pastor of the Evangelical Association (he is a member of its Erie Conference), after which he preached at Elliston, in Benton township, Ottawa county, for one year, was located for four years in Pennsylvania, and then returned to Elliston, where he has been since March, 1894. He fills three appointments, all in Benton township, namely: Elliston, Rocky Ridge and Blackberry, in which there is a large membership. Since coming to Benton township he has received his naturalization papers, which were issued 1890.

On May 8, 1890, the Rev. E. W. Yaecker was united in marriage with Miss Mary Albertine Kopf, who was born August 11, 1869, in Munster, Alsace-Lorraine, and they have had three children—Walter Ernest, born September 27, 1891; Robert Arthur, June 13, 1893; and Henry Emerson, September 10, 1894—all living. Mary A. Kopf, now Mrs. Yaecker, came to America at the age of five years with her widowed mother, who settled in Cleveland, Ohio, and she was educated in the schools of that city, graduating in 1883. Mrs. Yaecker has also made a study of music, and is proficient on the organ and piano. Her father, Albert Kopf, was born

in Muhlburg, Baden, Germany, in 1824, and died in the Fatherland in 1871. Her mother, whose maiden name was Ruhland, came from a wealthy family and was born at Munster, Germany; she is now living in Cleveland, Ohio, where she located upon coming to America. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kopf were the parents of three children, Mrs. Yaecker being the only one of them now living.

JACOB S. PICKARD, proprietor of the only barber shop in Rocky Ridge, is one of the best in his line in Ottawa county. He is an Ohioan by birth, having first seen the light August 4, 1840, in Wayne county, where his early years were spent. At the age of six he was bound out, and the people with whom he lived, instead of sending him to school, kept him doing little errands for them, thus depriving him of even a show for an elementary education. At the age of eight years he ran away from those to whom he was bound out, and went to work for a farmer for three dollar per month, remaining with him five years. At the age of thirteen he took up the carpenter's trade with his brother, working at same one and one-half years for his board and clothes. He then went to work on a farm again for eight dollars per month, and so continued until the outbreak of the Civil war.

In 1861 Mr. Pickard enlisted for three months in the Seventeenth Ind. V. I., at the end of that time re-enlisting, but his health was so poor that he was rejected. He remained at home for six months, and having somewhat regained his health he entered, in August, 1862, Company E, Sixty-fifth O. V. I.; he was again taken sick, and in the fall of 1863 was discharged, but at the end of eight months he had so far recovered that he again enlisted, this time in the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth O. V. I., and served out his time. Mr. Pickard was in several

skirmishes, and in the hot battles of Cumberland Gap and Shiloh. In the fall of 1864 he went to Nashville as teamster for the government, and there remained for five months. In January, 1865, he went to Graytown, in Benton township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, to work in the saw-mill of Walker & Harman, with whom he continued some ten years. About 1875 he began work in the stave factory of Joseph Traults, at Graytown, where he labored four years; then, after spending several years on a farm, he took up and learned the barber's trade. He is self-made in his vocation, and is known as one of the most skillful tonsorial artists in the county. Mr. Pickard has a neat place of business, and, it being the only establishment of the kind in Rocky Ridge, he has all the custom he can conveniently handle. He has purchased a comfortable home on Third street, and has met with well-merited success, being now able to enjoy life as he deserves.

On August 14, 1865, Mr. Pickard was married to Miss Nancy Ann Bennett, of Port Clinton, and to their union were born six children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Annie, September 5, 1868; William Henry, November 27, 1870; Alvin Francis, September 8, 1872; George Frederick, January 22, 1875; Lanoria Jane, October 4, 1876; Jacob J., January 8, 1883; of whom, Alvin F. died May 6, 1875; Jacob J. died June 29, 1883; and Annie died May 29, 1884; Lanoria Jane is married to Frank Kiser, of Rocky Ridge; William H. is engaged in the stave business in Paulding county, Ohio; George F. is a clerk for C. F. Frese & Co., of Graytown, and is known as a capable, energetic young man. Mrs. Nancy Ann Pickard died April 7, 1883, after eight years' illness, and Mr. Pickard then remained a widower a few years, caring for his three remaining children. In 1887 he was married to Mrs. Bell Morgan, of Rocky Ridge, by whom he had the following children: Frank S., born

July 17, 188—, deceased August 28, 1890; and Ella Belle, born January 1, 1890. On April 1, 1895, Mr. Pickard was married to Mrs. Jennie Baker, of Rocky Ridge, a lady of Scotch-Irish descent.

The parents of our subject were John and Mary (Shrolley) Pickard, the former of whom was born in 1797, in Pennsylvania, and passed from earth in 1882, in Benton township, Ottawa Co., Ohio. The paternal grandparents of Mr. Pickard were John and Ellen Pickard, the former of whom, born in Germany in 1740, died in 1858, at the advanced age of one hundred and eighteen years; the grandmother was born in Ireland in 1742, and died in Indiana in 1858, being one hundred and sixteen years old. For twenty years prior to his death the grandfather was blind and deaf. The parents of Mr. Pickard's first wife were of French descent.

WASHINGTON D. SMITH, who was one of the brave defenders of the Union in the war of the Rebellion, is a son of James A. and Jane (McCormick) Smith, and was born in Harris township, Ottawa county, Ohio, February 7, 1837.

James A. Smith was born in Virginia, June 5, 1806, and his wife, whose maiden name was Jane McCormick, was born in Canada in 1811. They had nine children—five sons and four daughters—four of whom are now living. The father of James A. Smith was John B. Smith. Mrs. James A. Smith's father was born in Ireland.

Washington D. Smith remained at home until he was nineteen years of age, then went to Indiana, where for two years he worked on the Wabash and Erie canal, and also on a farm. He then returned to Ohio, and learned the stone and brick mason's trade, which he had just completed at the outbreak of the Rebellion. On April 27, 1861, Mr. Smith responded to President Lincoln's call for seventy-

five thousand men for three months, enlisting in Company I, Twenty-first O. V. I. He served his time and immediately re-enlisted in the same company for three years or during the war. In 1863, under the bounty plan, he again re-enlisted, receiving the four-hundred dollars bounty for three years or during the war. Mr. Smith was in some of the hardest battles of the Rebellion, among which may be mentioned those of Stone River, Chickamauga, and Atlanta. He was also with Sherman on his famous march to the sea. After the battle of Chickamauga he was taken prisoner October 2, 1863, was held only four days, and then allowed to return to his regiment. Mr. Smith regards as one of the most interesting scenes he ever witnessed the battle of Missionary Ridge, which he viewed from a distance of three miles. He was in the grand review at Washington at the close of the war, then returned to Ohio, has since given his attention to his trade and to farming, and for the last twenty-three years has lived in Benton township.

Politically Mr. Smith is an ardent supporter of his party's ideas. He is a member of the G. A. R., of the I. O. O. F., and of the P. of H. On July 25, 1870, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Davenport, of Carroll township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, and they have had four children, as follows: James Edson, born June 27, 1871, died March 11, 1880; Emma, born October 10, 1872; Lula, born November 5, 1875; and Mary Elizabeth, born September 6, 1886. Mrs. W. D. Smith's father was born in 1807 in Ohio; her mother was born in 1809. They had nine children—four sons and five daughters—five of whom are still living. Miss Emma Smith, the eldest daughter of W. D. Smith, was born in Harris township, Ottawa county, where she lived until three years of age, when her parents moved to Benton township. As did also her young sisters, she acquired a liberal literary education in the public schools of

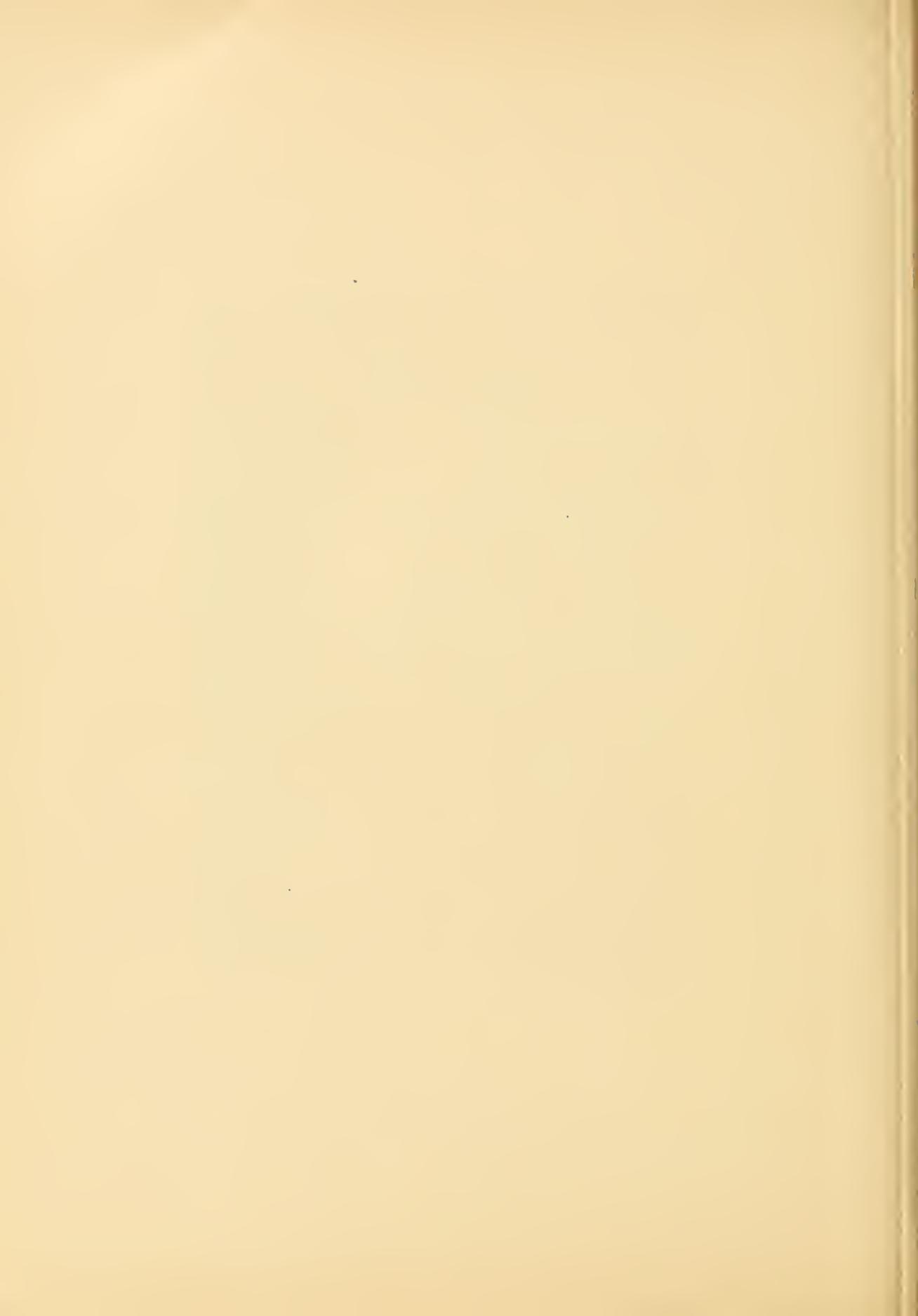
Graytown. She has been away from home the greater part of the time since sixteen years of age, and is at present, and has been for the past four years, engaged in Decatur; at the time of this writing she was at home visiting her parents. Lula Smith, the second daughter of the subject of these lines, was born November 5, 1875, in Benton township, where she has since lived. She was educated in the public schools of Graytown, in Benton township, and completed her course of studies in 1894, under the supervision of Principal A. L. Ferris. In October, 1894, Miss Lula began her work as a teacher in one of the public schools of Carroll township, Ottawa county, where she has very successfully taught her first year. Her ambition is to pursue her studies further as soon as possible, and to make of herself a professional teacher.

ALFRED C. JOHNSON, manufacturer of brick and tile, Martin, Ottawa county, and superintendent of and stockholder in the Toledo White Lime Company, was born February 7, 1850, in the Kingdom of Sweden, son of Charles Johnson, who followed the occupation of fishing in that country.

When our subject was but a year and a half old his father died, and when Alfred had reached the age of six years the mother came with her family to America, locating in Sandusky, Ohio. His educational privileges were very meager, and he early began to earn his livelihood in connection with the fishing business. He then began sailing on the lakes, following that life until twenty-four years of age, when, thinking he might bend his energies to a more profitable business, he came to Martin, Ohio, and entered into partnership with his father-in-law, A. E. Salisbury, in the stave manufacturing industry, with which he was connected until 1886, at the same time also engag-



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ing in mercantile pursuits at Martin. In 1886 Mr. Salisbury withdrew, and Mr. Johnson continued the enterprise alone until 1889, when he embarked in the brick and tile manufacturing, business which he yet conducts.

In 1880 Mr. Johnson entered the employ of the Toledo White Lime Company as superintendent, and has since served in that capacity, operating the works at Clay Center, Ohio. In 1890 he became one of the stockholders in the company, and the two industries with which he is now connected yield him a good income. Through his business ability and progressive ideas he has succeeded in making the lime works a paying concern, and under his supervision many improvements have been made in the kilns, and in the use of the best machinery. He is now superintending the construction of a branch railroad which is to be run from the factory to Clay Center, and he has charge of the erection of a new kiln in connection with the present one.

On October 13, 1875, Mr. Johnson married Miss Mary Salisbury, daughter of A. E. Salisbury, a prominent business man of Martin. She was born October 22, 1855, in Randall, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, was educated at Martin, Genoa and in Berea (Ohio) College, and made her home with her father until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson now have one daughter, Lottie A., who was born July 5, 1876, in Martin, where she attended school, completing her literary education in the high school of Toledo, after which she entered a business college of that city, taking a full business course. She is now a bookkeeper, stenographer and typewriter in the office of the Toledo White Lime Company, and is a most estimable young lady, possessed of superior business ability.

His success in life Mr. Johnson owes to no man, it being the reward of his own efforts. He began life without capital, but energy and industry are the traits of

character which have brought him success. He was self-educated, and is entirely self-made, but possesses good business ability, and the energy and determination that helped him to accomplish whatever he has undertaken. His straightforward dealing in all transactions has won him the confidence and good will of all with whom he has been brought in contact, and his life furnishes an example well worthy of emulation. His political support is ever given to the Republican party, of whose principles he is a stanch advocate. The family reside in Toledo.

JOHAN McINTYRE LEMMON. Few men are better or more favorably known throughout northern Ohio, or indeed throughout the State, than was the one whose name is here given. In the various relations of citizen, soldier, member of the bar and judge upon the bench, his record has been so full of all that is to be emulated in the conduct of life that it is with more than ordinary pleasure we include a sketch of his career in this volume. Necessarily condensed, owing to the limitations of such a work, we present only the salient points, from which, however, a correct idea can be obtained of the character of the man who possessed the love and admiration of his fellow-citizens, as well as the respect and esteem of all who ever had dealings with him.

Judge Lemmon was a native of Ohio, born July 25, 1839, in Townsend, Sandusky county, a son of Uriah Blake and Emily Amanda (McIntyre) Lemmon. His ancestry were Scotch-Irish, and he inherited much of the vigorous, well-balanced temperament which marks that race. His father's family, in this country, is traced back to Hugh Lemmon, who left Ireland when seventeen years old, coming to New York, where he learned the trade of a tailor, at which he worked for several

years. He then removed to Pennsylvania, where he married into a family named McHenry, of Scotch origin. He had a family of twelve children, of whom James Lemmon, Sr., the grandfather of our subject, was the second. He was born in Northumberland county, Penn., July 17, 1779; was married to Rebecca Blake in 1805; was a volunteer soldier in the war of 1812; removed to Ohio in 1827, and died at his home on North Ridge, Townsend, Sandusky county, May 7, 1854. Uriah Blake Lemmon, the father of our subject, died at Clyde, this State, February 16, 1887, when nearly seventy-nine years old. His wife departed this life July 12, 1860, in Townsend township, Sandusky county.

The present generation can scarcely comprehend the manner in which the early settlers of this and other western States were obliged to live, in those early days. The country was wild and sparsely inhabited. It was miles to the house of the nearest neighbor; the only and chief mode of travel was by ox-teams; no roads were laid out, no bridges built; dense forests surrounded the log cabin of the lonely settler. It depended on his strong right arm to wrest from the wilderness a living for his little family, and too often sickness and death resulted from the too great labor, and on the mother's weaker shoulders was placed the burden of caring for her little ones. The home in which Judge Lemmon opened his eyes upon the world differed but little from those which abounded throughout the West. A log cabin with two rooms, in this case one above the other, through whose chinks peeped the sun by day, and the moon by night; innocent of lath and plaster, the crevices daubed with mud which needed constantly to be renewed to keep out the heat of summer and the chilling rains and snows of winter. The only heat to be obtained was from an immense fire-place in one end of the living room, at which, also, all the cooking was done. It

was lonesome in the little home until the faces of children brightened the bare interior and childish voices rang out among the trees, and doubtless the mother's heart often longed for her girlhood's home while the weary hours stole on, her husband hard at work and often absent for a week at a time. The home place comprised 120 acres of land which our subject's father purchased at a low price, and which was covered with heavy timber. He was a carpenter by trade, and worked at this after he was married, by this means supporting his family, while in the few leisure hours he had he cleared off his farm and prepared it for cultivation. It was a hard life, and involved an amount of labor which few men of the present day would care to undertake. Of such stuff, however, were our pioneers made, and we who reap the benefits of their toil can never sufficiently thank and honor them.

The father of Judge Lemmon was a man of limited education, but of excellent judgment and practical wisdom, and determined that his children should have all the advantages that he could afford them. His wife was well-educated, a great reader, and possessed fine conversational powers. Until he was about twelve years of age Judge Lemmon attended the district school, which was then held for three months in the winter and three and a half in the summer. Soon, however, his help was needed on the farm, and he was reduced to the winter term only. When eighteen years of age he attended a select school for six weeks. These tastes of knowledge only gave the ambitious boy a hunger for more, and he employed all his spare time in studying, so well profiting thereby that at the age of nineteen he secured a teacher's certificate and took charge of a school at Clyde. At the close of this school he entered Oberlin College, remaining there three terms. He then taught school again for several terms, and in the spring of 1859 accompanied an uncle to Missouri, where

he located in Memphis, the seat of Scotland county.

In November of the same year Judge Lemmon went to Jefferson City, Mo., where he took the decisive step of his career, beginning the study of law under James Proctor Knott, then attorney-general of that State. During the time he spent there he met and became acquainted with men who afterward were well-known characters in the Civil war, among them being Sterling Price, Claiborne Jackson, afterward governor, Stringfellow and Acheson. In 1860, owing to the illness of his mother, the young lawyer returned to Ohio, and read law in the office of J. R. Bartlett, of Fremont, and in the winter following took charge of the school in his home district. When news of the firing on Fort Sumter reached Fremont on that eventful April day in 1861, young Lemmon did not hesitate as to his duty. He enlisted in Company F, Eighth O. V. I., for three months' service. Before the company left Fremont, however, he was taken with the measles, and did not rejoin his company until the regiment reached Fort Denison; soon afterward he was again taken sick, and was compelled to go home. In October of the same year, having regained his health, he again enlisted in Company B, Seventy-second O. V. I., which was organized under Ralph P. Buckland, of Fremont. It may be mentioned incidentally here, that at a reunion of this regiment held in Fremont in October, 1893, Judge Lemmon read a most interesting biography of Gen. Buckland, who served throughout the war with great bravery, and who was afterward elected to Congress.

While waiting for this regiment to be completely organized, Mr. Lemmon went over the county making speeches in favor of a vigorous prosecution of the war, and urging his friends and neighbors to enlist. On January 18, 1862, his regiment was sent to Camp Chase, and thence to Cincinnati and Paducah, where it was placed

in a division under Brigadier-General W. T. Sherman. His first fight was on April 2, 1862, two days before the battle of Shiloh, and at that memorable battle his regiment saw hard service. It is a curious circumstance that the only injuries Mr. Lemmon received in his military career, which lasted throughout the entire war, were received on the first two days of the battle at Shiloh. On the first day he was wounded in the left arm by a musket ball, and the next day a ball struck his right arm, benumbing it so that he lost the use of it for a time. In the afternoon of the same day he was disabled by a shell from the Rebel batteries exploding and throwing a heavy piece of timber against him.

Mr. Lemmon was in the expedition under Gen. Grant which started November 26, 1862, and went as far as Oxford, Miss., and on the return accompanied his regiment to Moscow, Bolivar and Corinth. This expedition was full of hardships and privations. After the surrender of Vicksburg, he was in the siege of Jackson under Sherman, and then in the expedition to Brandon, Miss., which to him was the hardest service seen during the war. The weather was exceedingly hot, and he was on provost-guard duty a part of the time. They marched back to Jackson under a burning sun, and he received a sunstroke which affected his eyes so that they were never afterward strong, and also his head, which troubled him in extremely hot weather. In June, 1864, Mr. Lemmon was detailed as judge-advocate of a military commission in Memphis; which was a military court organized for the trial of criminal cases for violation of both common and military law by citizens. Some very important cases were brought before this court, and one man, convicted of being the leader of a band of guerrillas, was hanged. Judge Lemmon served for seven months as judge of this court, and was relieved at his own request, having gained an enviable reputation for the manner in

which he performed his responsible duties. Judge Lemmon participated in the campaign, under Gen. Canby, against Mobile, and in the siege of Spanish Fort, whence his command was marched to Montgomery, Ala., and the welcome news received that the war was at an end. Two hundred guns were fired in honor of the great event. During his service Judge Lemmon, who enlisted as a private, was promoted to a second lieutenantcy, May 23, 1862, and was made captain July 23, 1863.

In June, 1865, the war being over, Judge Lemmon was mustered out of service, and returned home. He had been married, March 29, 1864, to Miss Annie Covell, at Perkins, Erie county, this State, and, as his health was poor on his return from the army, he settled in Clyde, a quiet little place, where he pursued his law studies, practiced his profession, and also carried on the business of claim agent and insurance agent. On June 11, 1886, he was elected the first mayor of Clyde, and in April, 1867, was re-elected to the same position. His law practice now grew so large that he gave up all other occupations, and devoted his entire time to his profession. He became widely known as thoroughly conversant with every phase of legal knowledge, and as a man of unerring judgment and great ability. In 1881 he received a flattering offer to go to New York City and devote himself entirely to corporation law at a large salary, and where he would have undoubtedly made both fame and fortune, but his love for a quiet and retired life prevented his acceptance.

In October, 1866, Mr. Lemmon was appointed, without solicitation on his part, as the successor of Charles P. Wickham, judge of the common pleas court of the First Sub-division of the Fourth Judicial District of Ohio. He had only shortly before declined to accept the nomination for the same office at the hands of his party friends. In 1887 he

was again asked to fill the place, but declined, as he did not then wish to wholly give up his practice.

In the summer of 1887 Judge Lemmon, with his wife, made a tour through France, England, Scotland and Wales, the first vacation which he had enjoyed in twenty-three years of incessant activity, hoping thereby to gain renewed health and strength. In July, 1888, however, he was seriously threatened with nervous prostration if not with paralysis, from which, later, he fully recovered. He died August 17, 1895, at his home in Clyde, deeply regretted by all who knew him. His last days were days of comfort and peace, for he had secured a comfortable competence, and felt that he had completed his part in the busy world. He was a Republican, and though not an active politician did much for the good of his party. His character was above reproach, and his record as a jurist unsurpassed in the State.

WILLIAM H. LACHMILLER, one of the most enterprising and public-spirited citizens of Benton township, Ottawa county, was born in Elmore, same county, April 25, 1858, son of William and Mary (Rohrerd) Lachmiller, who settled at Elmore in the year of his birth.

The boyhood of our subject was passed in attending the public schools of Elmore up to the age of fourteen, when he was confirmed in the German Lutheran Church, of which he is still a member. When fifteen years old he removed, with his parents, to Woodville, Sandusky county, where, for seven years, he assisted his father in the manufacture of wagons, and soon after his marriage, in 1881, he removed to Benton township, Ottawa county, where he has since been identified with business interests, first engaging as clerk in the store of C. F. Frese & Co. At the end of two years he severed his connection

with this firm and embarked in business for himself, engaging in the lumber trade in company with Peter Lickert, under the firm name of Lickert & Lachmiller. On March 1, 1885, Mr. Lickert sold out his interest in the concern to Frese & Co., the name changing to Lachmiller & Frese Bros., and so continuing for four years, when Mr. Lachmiller purchased the Frese Brothers' share, thus becoming sole owner of the business. At the end of one year he sold a third interest to his brother-in-law, John F. Shoemaker, purchasing this share again, however, in 1894, since which time he has conducted the business alone. He carries a stock of lumber, shingles, etc., ranging in value from \$5,000 to \$10,000, and his large and flourishing trade is ever on the increase, the hum of the mill being heard unceasingly from 7 A. M. to 6 P. M.

In 1883, when Mr. Lachmiller ventured into business, he had but \$1,000, which he invested in his plant, going in debt for the remainder, and by diligent attention to his affairs he has not only succeeded in paying that debt, but now has a lumber stock and mill free of all incumbrances, the value of which is not less than \$17,000. Aside from the lumber industry and his large mill Mr. Lachmiller owns property in Graytown, Oak Harbor and Toledo, valued at \$10,000. By the foregoing it will be seen that in the short space of twelve years this comparatively young man has, by his own individual efforts, made for himself the snug fortune of over \$25,000. This is indeed a business record of which any young man would have great reason to feel proud. Many a young man has become wealthy by inheritance; but for a man to start with only \$1,000, and in the short period of twelve years work out a fortune such as he has, is a record of which few can boast. Mr. Lachmiller is very public-spirited, takes great interest in educational matters, having for eight years been a member of the school board

of the village of Graytown, and is justice of the peace in the township where he now lives.

On April 28, 1880, Mr. Lachmiller was united in marriage with Miss Mary Eliza Shoemaker, of Woodville, Sandusky county, who was born in Sandusky county September 18, 1860, daughter of a thrifty farmer of that section. She received a liberal education in the public schools of Woodville, where she spent her girlhood days. At the age of fourteen she was confirmed in the German Lutheran Church, of which she is still a member. To Mr. and Mrs. Lachmiller have been born five children, all of whom are living, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Bertha, January 25, 1881; Achsa, January 26, 1883; Eddie, May 30, 1885; Leah, September 5, 1887; and Emory, January 23, 1892. The eldest, Bertha, has now nearly completed the course in the public school of Graytown; she has a decided talent for music, of which she will make a specialty, it being her parents' intention to give her the advantages of a course in some institution where this—one of the finest of the arts—is thoroughly taught.

William Lachmiller, father of our subject, was born in Germany, February 26, 1827. He served in the standing army of his country two and one-half years, attaining the rank of lieutenant two years before his discharge. In 1854 he came to America, and in 1855 settled in what is now Toledo, Ohio, then but a hamlet, where he at one time owned the block of property between Oak and Adams streets, on Summit street. He purchased this block for \$400, selling it one year later for \$500, and it is now valued at half a million. In 1857 Mr. Lachmiller came to Elmore, where he yet resides, hale and hearty at the ripe old age of sixty-nine years. In 1857 he married Miss Mary Rohterd, who was born in Woodville November 5, 1839, and their entire married life has been passed in Sandusky and

Ottawa counties. Nine children were born to them, eight of whom are still living, the eldest being William H. This record would be incomplete without mention of Mrs. Lachmiller's parents. They were among the earliest settlers of Sandusky county, coming here when the county was a wilderness, and the only path was the Indian trail. Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker cleared for themselves a home in this region, and many a time has Mr. Shoemaker carried a grist on his back to Fremont, a distance of twelve miles. Thus our ancestors labored, and we enter into the fruits of their labors.

GEORGE MYERHOLTS, a substantial farmer of Benton township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, is one of the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Myerholts, and was born November 13, 1865, in Harris township, Ottawa county, where he lived until eighteen years of age. He then started out to seek his fortune, with fifty cents in his pocket. He obtained employment in Sandusky county on a farm, receiving \$18 per month the first season and \$19 the next.

He was employed by his father the next four summers, receiving \$20 a month, and spent the winters "batching in the wilderness," clearing on his father's land in Benton township. As he was now twenty-one years old, and having saved \$500, he and his brother John bought forty acres of timbered land, and they worked diligently, clearing and cutting timber. Two years later forty acres more were purchased, and another two years saw them the owners of 120 acres, one hundred being under cultivation and well underdrained, with a fine house and out-buildings, and an orchard planted. They lived together while clearing their farms, doing their own cooking. During the autumn of 1891 they dissolved partnership, John taking eighty acres and George forty, while George purchased forty acres

near by. He has now a fine farm of eighty acres, well under cultivation and underdrained, with a comfortable house and a fine barn, sufficiently large to hold his hay and grain. In the season of 1895 he raised 100 bushels of potatoes, 300 of wheat, over 2,000 of corn, and fifteen tons of hay. His farm is well stocked with horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. He has a fine orchard and vineyard, while the garden is well supplied with small fruits.

On May 14, 1891, George Myerholts was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ferris, a daughter of James Ferris, of Benton township, and two children have been born to them: A son, born March 21, 1892, and died a week later; and Nellie Elizabeth, born March 1, 1893.

Mrs. Myerholts, when a girl, was obliged to remain at home much of the time to assist in caring for the younger children, and was thus deprived of school advantages that the others enjoyed. She had some opportunity to attend the district school until thirteen years of age, but from that time until she was nineteen she was deprived entirely of every educational privilege. She then resumed her studies at the district school, and so thoroughly applied herself that at the end of eighteen months she obtained a teacher's certificate. She began teaching at twenty-one years, and followed that profession for six years. The worthy example and merited success of such young people furnish great encouragement to the young, as well as to those of mature years, and should prove strong incentives to industry and virtue.

RICHARD BARNES, a thrifty and well-known farmer of Benton township, Ottawa county, is a son of Hamilton and Renew (Sweet) Barnes, and was born July 24, 1840, in Lorain county, Ohio.

Hamilton Barnes, the father, was born

in 1803, in New York, lived there until thirty years of age, and then came to Ohio, where he died in 1893; the mother was born in New York in 1804. They were married about 1825, and ten children were born to them, four now living, viz.: A. H., H. S., E. L. and Richard. Grandfather Barnes was born about 1775, the grandmother about 1783.

Our subject lived in his native county until twenty-four years of age, obtaining his education in the district school, which he attended during the winter until sixteen years of age. From the time he was twelve years of age he was obliged to work on the farm summers, with only a meagre opportunity for schooling even in the winter. At the age of sixteen he struck out in life for himself, and for two years worked on a farm for thirteen dollars per month, at the end of which time he returned home and worked the homestead for two years. Coming to Ottawa county, he worked here on a farm for one summer, and then going to Saginaw, Mich., he worked for one season in the salt works, after which he returned to Ohio. For one year he was laid up with typhoid fever, and on recovering he went to Elmore, Ohio, where, for some time, he was engaged in getting out stave timber.

In 1864 Mr. Barnes was married to Miss Mary Yost, of Elmore, and he then settled on the old farm, buying out the heirs. In July, same year, he enlisted in Company H, First O. V. H. A., remaining in the service until the close of the war; he was in no special battles, his regiment being mainly engaged in foraging. In July, 1865, he returned to his home on the old farm, but after a residence there of two years sold out and settled in Section 14, Benton township; the township was at that time a forest, there being not even a road by which to reach his farm, and a road had to be cut before he could move on to his property. He at once erected a

comfortable house, and settled down to clearing his new land. He remained here for fourteen years, when he purchased a place at Limestone on which he lived three years, and on selling out he came to Section 11, Benton township, where he purchased sixty acres more land. He and his brother now divided up their property, Richard taking the Limestone property and fifteen acres of the first piece purchased in Section 14. In 1882 he sold the Limestone property, and gave his entire attention to the improving of the farm whereon he now lives. The place is systematically cultivated, and a fine orchard, good fences and comfortable buildings add considerably to its appearance and value.

To Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have come two children: Phœbe, born January 14, 1865, died May 23, 1883; and Bertha L., born August 16, 1868, married February 16, 1893, to Oliver Kincaid, of Nevada, and had one child, Leah, born March 25, 1894, died October 25, 1895. Mrs. Mary Barnes was born in Harris township, Ottawa county, December 17, 1846, attended the Portage River schools, obtaining what education could be gained therein in her day, and lived in her native township until her marriage to Mr. Barnes. Her father, John S. Yost, was born in Pennsylvania in 1810, her mother, Phebe Ferris Yost, in Clark county, Ohio, December 25, 1814. There were seven children in their family, six of whom are living—three in Kansas and three in Ohio.

EDWIN H. FALL, member of the enterprising firm of A. Couche & Co., exporters of logs, is one of the prominent and highly respected citizens of Port Clinton, Ottawa county. He is a native of Ohio, born September 5, 1860, in Fremont, Sandusky county, a son of Amos W. and Hannah (Kistler) Fall, who have been

residents of Port Clinton for the past thirty-five years.

Amos W. Fall followed sailing on the lakes for about twelve years or until 1873, when he commenced working for Alphonse Couche in the lumber business, attending to the elevators in shipping grain and lumber, and getting out timber for shipment to Europe. For a number of years he was traveling purchaser for Mr. Couche, and had the management of large shipments of various kinds of timber and lumber to domestic and foreign ports, his wide experience thus acquired having been of great service to him in the conduct of the business of the firm since Mr. Couche's death in 1891. Mr. Fall was married March 8, 1859, at Fremont, Ohio, to Miss Hannah Kistler, and the children born to this union are Abbie E., Edwin H., Jennie E., Mary, Ida B., Josephine, Amos W., Jr., and Alice, all born in Port Clinton, Ohio, except the eldest two.

Our subject grew to manhood in Port Clinton, Ohio, where he attended school during the winter seasons and worked at various jobs in the employ of Alphonse Couche during the summer seasons. He worked for no other man. He began by hauling sawdust, and later, was employed at everything in the sawmill and outside, in regard to the shipment of timber, lumber and grain. He also traveled occasionally, as salesman and purchaser for Mr. Couche. In the month of March, 1882, he commenced working in the office as bookkeeper, which position he has held ever since, and in June, 1887, he became equal owner; he also has charge of business outside the office. From his long acquaintance with the details of the business firm, and his care and fidelity in the performance of his duties, he was entrusted with the general management in the absence of Mr. Couche, who between 1886 and 1891 spent from six to eight months of each year in France, going in the fall and returning in the spring. In

August, 1894, Mr. Fall was appointed guardian for the minor heirs of Alphonse Couche. In November, 1894, he commenced on his own account, and independent of his log-exporting business, dealing in lumber, building material, wood and coal, in which line he is enjoying a lucrative patronage. In fact he is one of the busiest men in Port Clinton, where he is popular in both business and social circles, being a gentleman of pleasing address and genial disposition.

On July 1, 1885, Mr. Fall was married to Miss Emma J. Richardson, who was born December 8, 1863, in Portage township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, daughter of David and Pauline (Adleman) Richardson, and the names and dates of birth of their children are as follows: Clara P., April 1, 1886; Arthur E., December 15, 1887; David W., November 16, 1890; Mable M., November 21, 1892, and Edwin H., June 11, 1895, all born at Port Clinton, Ohio.

JOHAN STANG, contractor of public works—government, railroad, etc.—capitalist, merchant and banker, whose residence is in Lorain, Ohio, is one of the most progressive and busiest of busy citizens in the "Buckeye State."

A native of Germany, he was born February 19, 1836, in Allmershausen, Hessen, a son of Augustus and Margueritha (Herwig) Stang, of the same nativity. At the district school of the neighborhood of his birthplace our subject received a liberal education up to the age of fourteen, when, like all other boys, he was put to learn a trade, the one chosen for him being that of woolen-cloth making—chiefly broad-cloths. There being several branches in that business, it took Mr. Stang five years to complete his apprenticeship, at the end of which time he resolved to turn his face toward the New World, and emigrate to a land where there was more scope for a young man of



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ambition. One of the main reasons for his leaving the Fatherland was his dislike to the system of the German Government in compelling young men at the age of from twenty to twenty-five years to serve for three or four years in the army, and giving for their services only their board and clothing, whether in time of peace or time of war. At the age of nineteen Mr. Stang set sail from the port of Bremen, and after a voyage of fifty-three days—during which long passage the vessel was nearly shipwrecked, the foremast having been completely dismantled by a stroke of lightning—the ship reached New York, a sorry-looking craft, but the passengers were safely landed October 16, 1855. From that city Mr. Stang at once set out for Lorain (then called Black River), Ohio; but on his arrival there he found there were no woolen-mills, and consequently he had to turn his attention to some other trade than the one he had learned. There being a shipyard at Black River, he secured employment therein at seventy-five cents per day, and worked hard to acquire that trade, in the meantime learning the English language. Soon he received more wages, and when the shipyard stopped from the lack of orders for new vessels, he took up house-carpentry (chiefly among farmers); but in 1859, house-building being very quiet, he bought a half interest in a small lake vessel, and went sailing. Now his first serious misfortune happened to him—the breaking of his leg while trying to make port in a storm, which accident laid him up for six months, during which time he lost all his savings, including his interest in the vessel.

On his recovery Mr. Stang commenced business "on his own hook," to use his own expression, as contractor in house and barn building, also sub-contracting for part of vessel work, as well as erecting mills, and whatever came in his way in that line. He found people very kind, all the work he could do being given him, and he was never out of a job. Thus he

continued until 1864, in which year, there being a lively demand for ship timber and plank, he bought oak timber, which he cut, hauled and manufactured into bills such as the United States Government used for gunboats. This he shipped to New York by order of Hiram Smith, who had a contract for supplying an entire shipyard in that city. In 1865, the Civil war having closed, no more gunboats were required, and as the New York parties could not sell the lumber they had not used, they failed, taking down with them the contractor, Mr. Hiram Smith, of whom mention has just been made. Mr. Stang tried to collect from him, but found that Mr. Smith's wife owned all the belongings—the timber on hand, saw-mills, house, horses, mules, wagons, etc.—everything in fact; and as a consequence our subject lost nearly all he possessed, nothing being left him except nine yoke of oxen and two span of horses. As he had no work to occupy the animals on, he had nothing for it but sell them to satisfy his creditors; then getting together his carpenter tools he commenced the world afresh, poor in pocket but rich in experience. Succeeding in getting bridge work, at first in the county, later on railroads, he procured fresh teams and commenced the buying and selling of timber at Lorain, Cleveland and Buffalo, selling also a large amount for export, shipping from Quebec to England, and so securely protecting himself that he incurred no more losses. In this line he continued until about 1885. In 1873 he also constructed pile-drivers, building all the docks at Lorain for the C. L. & W. R. R. Co., as well as bridges on that road as far as the Ohio river. In addition to all this he built docks in Cleveland, and the first 1,100 feet of the breakwater at that city, for the government, which class of work naturally caused him to drift into dredging.

In 1881 he built all the docks for the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad Company, at Huron, Ohio, after which he

constructed the docks, and dredged from Erie, Penn., to Toledo, Ohio. He also built several government piers along the south shore of Lake Erie, and the range-light cribs in Sandusky Bay. For two years he dredged for the government at Bay City, Mich.; built railroad bridges from Cleveland to Akron for the Valley road, at the time of its construction, now some twenty-two years ago; in 1881 and 1882 he built all the wooden trestles, and put in the foundations for the iron and wooden bridges between Cleveland and Ft. Seneca and Wolf Creek, on the Nickel Plate road, putting in over two million feet of pine beside the oak timber, which contract amounted to \$110,000; he put in the foundations for a double-track railroad bridge across the Ohio river, near Wheeling, W. Va. (while this work was in progress the Johnstown flood took place, and Mr. Stang came near losing his pile drivers, caissons, timber, rafts, etc., the water was so high in the river, and the under current so full of large rafts of logs, loose lumber, old bridges etc., the worst sight, he says, he ever set his eyes on, and, he adds, he would rather take his chances on Lake Erie any day). At Cleveland he built a dry-dock for the Ship Owners Dry Dock Co., and in 1885 he built foundations for the Cleveland central viaduct at a cost of \$65,000, for the city, which bridge is nearly a mile in length. In 1879 Mr. Stang bought a tract of timber land in Ottawa county, Ohio, erected a saw and stave mill, and cut off most of the timber, which land his son John J. is now farming. Our subject has also done some wrecking—raising sunken vessels, tugs and dredges, and pulling some off the shore when stranded, which was always hard and incessant work, there being no rest, day or night, till the job, once commenced, was successfully completed. During the past two years he has been busy dredging a harbor and river three miles south of Lorain, and got seventeen feet of water up

to the Johnson Company Steel Plant at Lorain, at which city he this season built the extension on the government pier.

In addition to all the above-mentioned vast amount of contract and other work, Mr. Stang, in 1867, along with another party, built a sailing vessel at a cost of \$16,000, in which he had a quarter interest. She sank or was shipwrecked near Au Sable river, Lake Huron, while on her way to Chicago with a cargo, the captain being drowned. The vessel was raised, however, and Mr. Stang sold out his interest, though at a loss, as soon as she arrived at Buffalo. He built all the docks, for the past seven years, at Fairport, Ohio, and also at Conneaut, as well as the extension docks for the Sandusky & Columbus Short Line Railway Co., at Sandusky, Ohio. Among his commercial interests, he operates a grocery store, and is interested in the Lorain Fish Co., Lorain Lumber & Mfg. Co., of which he is president, real estate and banking, being president of the Citizens Savings Bank Co., of Lorain. He says his health is good, and that he hopes to see Lorain built up to the dignity of a city before he dies.

Mr. Stang has been twice married, first time, in 1861, at the age of twenty-six years, to Miss Mary Brown, of Lorain, Ohio, and by this union his home was blessed with two sons and two daughters, namely: Christina M., wife of H. Little; W. F. and John J., attending to their father's timber interests; and Lizzie, wife of P. Jackson. The son John J. has for the past eleven years operated the saw and stave mill already referred to, and been clearing the land. In March, 1872, the dear mother of these children was called from earth, deeply lamented by all, and mourned to the utmost by her bereaved husband and family. In October, 1872, Mr. Stang became united in marriage with Mrs. Catherine Brown, who had four children—all sons—by her first husband, who had died.

five years before her second marriage. In his political sympathies Mr. Stang is a staunch Republican, and an enthusiastic admirer of Lincoln and Harrison, his first Presidential vote being cast for the former. In religious faith he is a member of the German Evangelical Church, while, socially, he is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum, Knights of the Maccabees and Knights of Honor.

Such is the record of one of the busiest men in northern Ohio, one, who from the commencement of absolutely nothing, a poor immigrant lad, has, by perseverance, assiduous toil, sound judgment and a life of integrity, built up solid enterprises, established businesses on foundations of positive safety, and, withal, made for himself a name second to none in the commercial and social world.

JOHN J. STANG, an enterprising and thorough business man of Benton township, Ottawa county, is the son of John and Mary (Brown) Stang, a biographical sketch of whom appears above. He was born April 20, 1866, in Lorain county, Ohio, where he lived until eighteen years of age, receiving his education in the public schools, which he left just one year before completing the prescribed course of study.

Mr. Stang came to Benton township, May 22, 1884, at the age of eighteen, and took charge of his father's extensive business in that township. He and his father together have 525 acres of land, on which are twelve acres of fruit, consisting of 500 apple trees, 500 pear trees, and 200 quinces. The orchard is young, but bids fair to become one of the best in that section of the county.

On January 17, 1889, he was married to Miss Virginia L. Perry, of Lucas county, Ohio, and to them were born two children: Harvey Edward, October 14, 1890, and John Perry, October 1, 1893. On January 2, 1895, after an illness of two

weeks, Mrs. Stang died, leaving a kind husband and two little children, as well as many friends, to mourn their loss. She was educated in the schools of Lucas county, and made a special study of instrumental music, in which she was proficient, although she studied it only for her own pleasure and that of her friends. Her father, Moses Perry, was born February 9, 1830, and her mother on February 25, 1840, and both are yet living; their family consisted of twelve children: James, Victory, Maryette, Virginia, William, Henry, Napoleon, Georgia, Pearly, Frank, Nelson and Albert, seven of whom are now living.

Mrs. Perry's mother, Maryann Shovar, was born October 3, 1820, and her father, Henry Shovar, was born April 8, 1816; Mrs. Shovar died February 24, 1894, but Mr. Shovar is still living.

DANIEL MUGGY. This gentleman takes prominent rank among the progressive well-to-do farmers of Ottawa county, especially in Benton township, where his industry and public spirit have been no small factors in the advancement of the community and the development of its interests.

John C. Muggy, father of our subject, was born in Germany in 1816, and the mother, Ellen McMahan, was born in Ireland in 1820. They came to America in early life, and not long after settling in this country they both happened to be engaged to work for the same family, the Johnsons, of New York City. Here they met, and they were married in Johnson's parlor about 1840. To their union came ten children, six of whom are living, Daniel being next to the eldest. John C. Muggy was one of the pioneers of Ottawa county. He came here about 1852, and after clearing up one large farm removed to Catwaba Island, where he cleared one hundred acres of land and put out sixty acres to fruit, spending the remainder of

his life on that tract. When he landed in this country he had but fifty cents; at the time of his death his property was valued at \$75,000, all accumulated by hard work and careful attention to business. The result speaks for itself, and our subject has no doubt inherited the energy and ambition of his pioneer father, for like him he is a self-made man, one who has earned his right to that title by hard work and judicious management of his affairs. The paternal grandfather of our subject was born in Germany in 1764, and was a teacher in the public schools of his native country during the later years of his life; he lived to the advanced age of ninety-eight, and his wife, who was born in Germany in 1772, died at the advanced age of ninety-two. Mr. Muggy's maternal grandparents were born in Ireland, and died comparatively young.

Daniel Muggy first opened his eyes to the world December 31, 1845, in New York City, living there until brought by his parents to Danbury, Ottawa Co., Ohio, where he had his home six years. The family then removed to Catawba Island, whence, after a residence of fourteen years, our subject came to Benton township, purchasing a farm in Section 30, whereon he lived one year. He then purchased a farm in Clay township, same county, which he soon sold, and returning to Benton township settled on land in Section 13. Mr. Muggy has cleared up three large farms in Ottawa county, also developing a fruit farm on Catawba Island, and on all these tracts he erected buildings and made other valuable improvements. In 1887 he purchased his present farm in Benton township, which was all timber at the time, and in the eight years of their residence thereon he and his family have succeeded by hard labor in clearing the land entirely of timber, removing all the stumps, etc., and the place has been well fenced and equipped with good buildings—an achievement which is indeed worthy of notice. After

the Civil war Mr. Muggy engaged in fishing for a time on Lake Erie, and, besides attending to his general agricultural interests, he has for the past several years been extensively engaged in fruit growing, having twelve acres in fruit; he has also for some time dealt in nursery stock. His business ability has never been allowed to rust for want of use, for since his removal to his present farm he has, in addition to all his other interests, been engaged in handling farm machinery, and the prosperity which has attended his labors is only the reward which is sure to follow persistent energy and attention to business. There is probably no man of his age who has aided more in the development of Benton township than Daniel Muggy, and he is now reaping the fruits of his toil in the enjoyment of the home which he and his estimable wife have, by their care and labor, converted into one of the finest farms in the vicinity.

On December 23, 1868, Mr. Muggy was married to Miss Susan E. Tillotson, of Catawba Island. Roy, the eldest child is now in Lima, Ohio, engaged in the insurance business. George, another son, by profession a school teacher, was born on Catawba Island, where he lived until four years of age; his education has been obtained in the same manner that his father obtained his handsome farm, by "hard digging;" he attended the district schools in Clay township until fifteen years old, then in Benton township for three years, when he began teaching, a profession he has since followed; though yet young he is regarded as a leading educator. Unlike many young men he does not waste his summer vacations, but has helped his father on the farm. In addition to his study in the common schools he attended the Ohio Normal University, at Ada, Ohio, where he thoroughly fitted himself for his chosen calling. He is now in St. Louis, Mo., as agent for the Oak Harbor File & Sup-

ply Co., for the present season, but he will resume teaching in September. In his own neighborhood, where he is best known, he will probably have the same distinction as his father and grandfather before him, that of being a "self-made man," and he has a bright outlook for the future.

Mrs. Susan E. Muggy was born December 11, 1847, on Catawba Island, where she attended the public schools, acquiring a liberal education, and remained in her native town until her marriage to Mr. Muggy. She is the daughter of O. Tillotson (who was born in Cleveland in 1805) and Elizabeth Wonnell (who was born in Maryland in 1817); the father died May 25, 1873, and was buried in Shook cemetery, Ottawa county, by the side of the mother, who had passed away on Catawba Island January 1, 1858. They were the parents of three children—one son and two daughters.

Mr. Muggy's history would not be complete without some mention of his long service in the Civil war. When eighteen years of age he enlisted in the battalion of sharpshooters formed at Cleveland by G. M. Barber, and he participated in many skirmishes and hard-fought battles, seeing active service at Chickamauga, Ringgold, Dalton, Resaca, Big Shanty, Kenesaw Mountain, Look-out Mountain, Missionary Ridge, siege of Atlanta, Nashville and Atlanta. Though always in front and in the hottest of the fight, he went through the war without a wound or any sickness, a record equalled by few soldiers of the Rebellion.

JOHN E. MYERHOLTS, an enterprising and prosperous young farmer of Benton township, Ottawa county, was born January 22, 1864, near Elmore, Harris township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, where he spent his boyhood days, and received his education.

Grandfather Myerholts was born No-

vember 1, 1794, and died July 2, 1857, at the age of sixty-three years; his wife was born December 18, 1797, and died March 21, 1892, aged ninety-five years. Grandfather Dusing was born July 18, 1804, and died April 1, 1880, aged seventy-six years; his wife was born February 1, 1809, and died June 24, 1892, aged eighty-three years.

Henry Myerholts, the father of John E., was born in Germany in 1832, and when two years old came to America with his parents, who settled on the pike near Woodville, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Henry Myerholts started out for himself in Harris township, Ottawa county, when twenty-five years old, cleared the farm where he now lives, and in 1856 was married. His wife, the mother of the subject of this sketch, was born in Germany in 1836, and when a year and a half old came to America with her parents, who settled in Wood county, Ohio, where she was reared, receiving her education in the district schools of the township where they resided. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Myerholts had children as follows: Clara, born in 1857; Henry, in 1858; Ricca, in 1859; Fred, in 1861; John, in 1864; George, in 1865; Amelia, in 1867; Mary, in 1869; Louisa, in 1871; August, in 1875; and Lucy, in 1879. One daughter lives in Michigan, a son in Wisconsin, and the remainder in Ohio. The mother of Henry Myerholts Sr. was born in Germany, March 21, 1797, and died in Sandusky, Ohio, at the age of ninety-five years.

When a young man John E. Myerholts came with his father to Benton township, where they purchased quite a tract of land, and he now has a fine farm of his own of eighty acres near that of his father. When he purchased the farm, it was nearly all timber, but by hard work he has cleared this away, and erected a nice frame house, a barn and outbuildings for his stock. The farm is now fenced, under good cultivation, and in every way shows the

care and industry of the owner. For several years prior to his marriage he and his brothers "bached," as they call it, cutting timber and clearing their farms in the winter, and at times having several men helping them. They worked in the woods until noon, then came up and cooked their own dinner. They did their own baking and cooking, John being a general cook and able to bake bread, pies, etc., and, in fact, do any kind of housework. Thus he worked on until the time of his marriage, when he had his farm well cleared and under cultivation, buildings completed, and all in readiness. On September 8, 1892, John E. Myerholts was united in marriage with Miss Emma Libba, of Sandusky county, Ohio, who is to him a faithful wife and helper, and they have one child, Mabel Hazel, born October 20, 1894.

Mrs. Myerholts was born April 28, 1873, in Sandusky county, Ohio, where she was educated, and where she lived until her marriage. Her father, Mr. Libba, was born in Germany in 1833, came to America when quite young, and settled in Sandusky county, near Woodville, where he cleared a farm, making a pleasant home for himself and family. His wife was born in Germany in 1843 and came to America when sixteen years of age. Their children were: Henry, born in 1864; John, in 1866; Flora, in 1868; Anna, in 1870; Emma (Mrs. Myerholts), in 1873; William, in 1875; Edward, in 1878; Carrie, in 1880; and Rica, in 1884. All but one are living and are residents of Ohio.

Mr. Myerholts has set out a nice orchard of apple trees, and before long will have an abundance of fruit for his own use and to spare. He is also somewhat engaged in the stock business. It is just to him to say, that, as a young man, he has made his mark in the world, securing a nice farm well cultivated, fenced and under-drained, with good team and tools with which to work. His record as a young farmer is one worthy of emulation.

LOUIS WILSON WALKER SPOHN, a representative farmer and highly-esteemed citizen of Washington township, Sandusky county, Ohio, was born January 31, 1864, on the farm which is still his home, and is a son of David and Catherine (Spohn) Spohn. They were both natives of Pennsylvania, and, emigrating westward in 1854, took up their residence in Sandusky county, Ohio, where the father secured from the government forty acres of land in Washington township. This was a wild tract, on which not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made; but it had not long been in his possession when it was transformed into rich and fertile fields. Success attended his well-directed efforts, and as his financial resources increased he added two hundred acres to his farm. The improvements he placed upon it and the care and attention which he gave to it made it one of the most desirable properties in his section of the country, and the owner was ranked among the leading farmers. His death occurred in 1871, when he was aged fifty-seven years, and his wife, who survived him several years, passed away in 1885, willing the old homestead to her son, Louis.

Our subject is one of the three living children in a family that once numbered thirteen members. The educational privileges which he received were those afforded by the common schools, but through contact with the world, experience and observation he has added greatly to his store of knowledge, and is today one of the well-informed men of the community. A well-spent life has also made him highly esteemed, and gained him the confidence and good will of many friends. An interesting event in his life occurred on the 4th of October, 1884, when was celebrated his marriage with Miss Mary Shenfield, a daughter of a well-to-do farmer of Washington township, Sandusky county. One child now graces

this union, a daughter, Bertha, who was born February 21, 1890.

Mr. Spohn votes with the Republican party, and, as every true American citizen should do, manifests an interest in political affairs, but has never been an office seeker. He belongs to the Methodist Church, and his life is in harmony with his professions, while his upright, honorable career has gained him a wide circle of warm friends. He is a worthy representative of a family that has been connected with the history of Sandusky county since its pioneer days, and manifests a deep and abiding interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the community, and its upbuilding.

EDWARD STONE, of Benton township, Ottawa county, is to-day one of the active men of Benton. He was born in Canada July 4, 1860. His father J. B. Stone, was born in 1804, in Canada, died in 1874, in Irondale, Clinton county, N. Y., and is buried in the cemetery at Redford, in the same county. His widow was born in Cork, Ireland, in 1824, and is still living in Boston, Mass. They were the parents of six children—three sons and three daughters, as follows: Edward, our subject; Henry, who is employed as a lumber contractor in Harriettstown, Franklin Co., N. Y.; John B., a resident of Boston, Mass., a competent engineer, and at present running hydraulic presses; Jennie, living in Cambridge, Mass.; Anna, in Chelsea, Mass.; and Rosa, in Kittery Point, Maine.

When Edward Stone was seven years of age, his people moved to New York State, where they lived until 1873, when, at the age of only thirteen years, he struck out in life for himself. His first move was to Cleveland, Ohio, where he worked in a meat market for two months. He then went to Toledo, remaining only a month; was office boy in Deshler, Henry Co., Ohio, for two months; took

charge of a machine in the hoop factory there, where he remained one year; then went into a machine shop, at the same place, and was there fifteen months. He then went to Sandusky City, Erie Co., Ohio, where in 1875 he embarked as a deck hand on the steambarge "Yosemite," running on the lake between Sandusky and Bay City, Mich. At the close of the season on the lake Mr. Stone went to Mooretown, Canada, engaged as clerk in one of the hotels, remained there two months, was on a farm for a short time, and then returned to the lakes, on the steamer "Huron City," running between Alpena and Buffalo. At the close of the season Mr. Stone made a visit of two months in Toledo, Ohio, and then went to Harris township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, where he spent the winter cutting timber on Joseph Terault's farm. He then returned to the lakes again, making his headquarters at Cleveland, remained during the sailing season, returned to Benton township as hoop worker for the winter, and in the spring went back to the lakes. At the close of that season Mr. Stone went to Lindsey, Sandusky Co., Ohio, as fireman in a stove factory, remaining six months, and then engaged as engineer in a tile yard, and remained one year. He next worked by the month for two years on a farm in Sandusky county, and was engaged in hoop working for a year in Paulding county, Ohio. For six months he was employed in the cambric mill at Boston, Mass.; worked also at East Brookfield, Mass., in a wheel factory, and as engineer in a pottery at Spencer, Mass.; also drove a 'bus in Providence, R. I., four months, and from there went to a summer resort at Saranac Lake, N. Y. Mr. Stone then returned to Ohio by way of Canada, and began farming. After about eight months, and while at Peter Lickert's, he was united in marriage, March 17, 1888, with Miss Kattie R. Harman, of Harris township, Ottawa county, and they have had two

children, namely: Jennie May, born December 30, 1888; and Daniel Edward, born September 20, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Stone remained one summer at Mr. Lickert's where he was employed in clearing and getting out timber. They then came to the farm on which they now live, containing eighty acres, fourteen of which Mr. Stone has cleared himself and fenced and tilled. In addition to his farming, he deals in all kinds of stock, selling to local dealers.

Politically, Mr. Stone is a Democrat. His estimable wife is the daughter of Jacob and Martha (Randall) Harman, and was born in Harris township, Ottawa county, received a literary education in the public schools of that township, and lived there until her marriage. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harman, are now living in Harris township.

ELI LA VIGNE, general merchant and postmaster at Martin, Ottawa county, well worthy of representation in this volume, is numbered among the most prominent and influential citizens of the county, and belongs to that type of representative Americans who advance the public welfare, while promoting individual prosperity.

A native of Michigan, he was born in La Salle township, Monroe county, February 7, 1847, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Jenaur) La Vigne, both of whom were natives of Michigan, and were of French-Canadian parentage. The father followed the occupation of farming in that State, but both he and his wife are now passed away. Their family numbered eleven children, six of whom are still living, namely: Joseph, a resident of La Salle township, Monroe Co., Mich.; Eliza, wife of Samuel Arguett, of Wayne county, Mich.; Eli, subject of this sketch; Dolphus, who is living in Wayne county; Moses, a resident of Monroe county,

Mich.; and Rosaline, wife of Charles Bomier.

In taking up the personal history of our subject we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known in Ottawa county. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges, and to his father he gave the benefit of his services until twenty-six years of age, working on the home farm. In 1872 he came to Ohio, and has since been a continuous resident of Martin. For a few years he was in the employ of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company, and in 1875 he embarked in business as a general merchant at Martin, and is still conducting one of the leading establishments of the kind in the county. His genial and affable manner has won for him the esteem and patronage of the residents of Martin and the surrounding locality, and he carries a large stock of goods to meet the growing demand of his trade.

In Erie township, in his native county, on August 8, 1876, Mr. La Vigne was married to Agnes Baron, who was born May 18, 1858, and is a daughter of Noel and Margaret (Moinnee) Baron, natives of La Salle township, Monroe county. Five children have been born to our subject and his wife, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Gertrude, born in Martin, May 26, 1877; Clarence, March 9, 1879; Mary Ettie, November 17, 1881; Alice, April 21, 1884; and Bessie, April 24, 1890.

Mr. La Vigne is now serving his second term as postmaster of the village of Martin, having first been appointed by President Cleveland to a second term. He is a sound Democrat in his political views, and the religion of himself and family is that of the Roman Catholic Church. He possesses business ability of a high order, and his keen discrimination, enterprise and sound judgment have brought to him success. He is one of the most popular and influential citizens of his



Eli La Nigue



adopted county, and is public spirited in an eminent degree, taking an active interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the community and its advancement. A pleasant, genial gentleman, his circle of friends is limited only by the circle of his acquaintances, and all who know him have for him the highest regard.

JOHN YOUNG, owner of a fine farm in Allen township, Ottawa county, is one of the many German settlers who came to Ohio in an early day, bringing with them the habits of industry, thrift and perseverance acquired in their native land, and which have enabled them to become important factors in the growth and progress of the State of their adoption.

Our subject was born in Spiesheim, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, April 10, 1838, and is the son of John and Catherine (Young) Young, both natives of the same province as their son. His boyhood days were spent in school and upon his father's farm, and in 1856 he came with the family to America. They settled in Lake township, Wood Co., Ohio, and here, when old enough, he carried on farming until February 13, 1865, when, on the last call for men to take arms against the Rebellion, he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Eighty-ninth Ohio Infantry, under command of Col. Henry Kingsbury. He served in this regiment for eight months, and on September 28, same year, received his discharge at Nashville, Tenn. He then returned to Wood county where he worked on his father's farm for upward of twenty years, at the end of which time he went to Hillsdale county, Mich., where he bought land and farmed two years. In 1886 Mr. Young returned to this State, and purchasing fifty-three acres of partially-cleared land in Allen township, Ottawa county, began the improvements, which have made it such a valuable piece of

property. He now has a comfortable dwelling, etc., and is regarded as one of the solid, thorough-going and intelligent men of the county. Mr. Young was married July 30, 1871, at Genoa, Ohio, to Katie, daughter of John and Susanna (Bihn) Young, who were farmers of Ottawa county, and of this union there are seven children, as follows: Matilda, born August 20, 1872, was married March 29, 1894, to John Vogelpohl, a farmer of Lucas county, Ohio, and has one child—Willie, born April 15, 1895; Charles J., born June 29, 1874, is farming in Ottawa county; while Magdalena, born April 26, 1876, Mary E., June 3, 1879, Lewis J., November 25, 1882, and Katie E., July 18, 1889, are all at home with their parents. One child died in infancy.

John Young, the father of our subject, was born in Germany in 1802, and was a farmer by occupation. He was there married to Miss Catherine Young, who was born in 1800, and they emigrated to this country when their children were quite young. They at first settled in New York State, near Niagara Falls, where they remained for three years, then came to Ohio and made their home in Lake township, Wood county. They were the parents of seven children, all born in Germany, of whom the following record is given: Philip, the eldest, is a farmer in Wood county; Charles is a stone mason, and lives in Toledo; Elizabeth married Joseph Kapp, a farmer of Wood county, and both are deceased, the former dying September 2, 1891, the latter on August 26, same year (they left five children); John, our subject, is the fourth in order of birth; Andrew is married, lives at Toledo, and is the father of four children, two of whom are living; two died in Germany. The parents of this family died in Wood county, the father in August, 1866, and the mother in September, 1862.

It is a curious coincidence that the names of the fathers of both Mr. and Mrs. Young should be John Young, and that

those of our subject's mother and his wife should both be Catherine Young. The father of our subject's wife was also a native of Germany, his birth taking place in Spiesheim, Hesse-Darmstadt, February 21, 1819. He followed farming in the old country, until his emigration to America, in 1857. He settled in Clay township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, where he carried on farming for a number of years; he now resides in Genoa, that county, where he is a mail carrier. He was married in 1843, in Germany, to Susanna Bihn, daughter of Peter Bihn, and to them have been born six children: Mary E., born January 22, 1844, now the widow of Jacob Long, a farmer, and residing in Michigan; Katie, born August 6, 1848, now the wife of our subject; Jacob, born January 28, 1854, married, and living in New York City; Phillipina M., born December 31, 1856, now the wife of John Ernst, a jeweler, residing in Genoa; John, born August 4, 1858, a butcher by trade, and living in Huntington, Ind.; Matilda, born October 24, 1862, died at the age of eleven years, in Ohio.

Mr. Young is highly esteemed by his fellow citizens, and held the office of school director in Lake township, Wood county, for two years, and in Allen township, where he now resides, for the same length of time. He is a strong Republican, and has the best interests of his community at heart. He and his family are regular attendants at the Lutheran Church.

WILLIAM ERNSTHAUSEN is the owner of one of the fine farms of Ottawa county—a tract of land of 100 acres on which stands a comfortable and commodious brick residence, and substantial barns and outbuildings for the care and shelter of the stock and grain. Well-kept fences divide the land into fields of convenient size, and the place is under a high state

of cultivation and improved with all modern accessories. The owner of this desirable farm is recognized as one of the most successful agriculturists of the community, and is well deserving of mention in this volume.

He was born in Genoa, Ohio, December 31, 1862, and is a son of Casper and Dorothea (Gerwin) Ernsthausen. The father was born in Germany, June 15, 1826, and was a son of Henry Ernsthausen, who was born in the same land in 1790, and was by trade a carpenter. The great-grandfather, Fred Hunter, was born in 1779, and his wife, Sophia, was born in 1786. He served in the German army from 1803 until 1812, and was instrumental in saving the life of Prince Bismarck, the father of Germany's late chancellor, and in recognition of this service was presented with a tea-set by the Prince. The ancestry of the Gerwin family can be traced back in the following manner: The grandfather of our subject, Lewis Gerwin, was born in Germany, August 15, 1798, and was a wagon maker by trade. In 1826 he married Sophia Hunter (who was born in Hanover, Germany, March 11, 1803), and to them were born seven children, of whom five are living, all residents of America. His father, Henry Gerwin, was born in Germany, in 1762, and wedded Clara Brightholdt, who was born in 1767. The mother of our subject was born in Germany, November 12, 1827, and there resided until she was nineteen years of age, when in 1847 she crossed the Atlantic to the New World, and after two years spent in New York became a resident of Toledo, Ohio, where her marriage with Casper Ernsthausen was celebrated.

We now take up the personal history of their son William, in whom the citizens of Ottawa county are deeply interested. When he was only a year old his parents removed to Ohio, where they lived five years, when they came to the farm which is now his residence. His

youth, therefore, was largely passed within its boundaries, and he early became familiar with all the duties that fall to the lot of an agriculturist. To his father he continued to give the benefit of his services until twenty years of age, when he started out in life for himself. He is now the owner of one hundred acres of the old home place, and is surrounded by all the comforts and conveniences that go to make life worth living. In addition to his own farm he controls and operates sixty acres of land belonging to a sister-in-law. He employs two hands upon the place to aid him in the cultivation of the various crops adapted to this climate, and his average yearly yield of grain is one thousand bushels of wheat, one thousand six hundred bushels of corn, and seven hundred bushels of oats. He also deals quite extensively in stock, making a specialty of the raising of horses and hogs. The excellence of his farm, its highly-cultivated appearance and the modern accessories, all together make it one of the most valuable places in the county, and give the owner rank among the most prominent agriculturists.

An important event in the life of Mr. Ernsthausen occurred December 8, 1886, when was celebrated his marriage with Miss Carrie E. Otto, daughter of Ludwig and Margaretta (Schafer) Otto. Her father lost his parents during his early life, so we have no account of the family. He was reared in Germany, became a shoemaker by trade, and served for one year and six months in the war of the Rebellion. He was married January 16, 1856, to Miss Otto, whose father was born in Germany in 1803, and whose mother, Margaret Korb, was born in the same year. They had five children, three of whom are now living. Great-grandfather Schafer was born in Germany in 1770, and his wife was born about the same time. Mrs. Otto was born in Prussia April 12, 1832; at the age of nineteen came to America, locating in Clyde, Ohio, which was her

place of abode for twelve years. Mr. Otto died in 1864, leaving three children—May Jennie, born August 14, 1859; Matilda, born July 26, 1861; and Carrie E., born February 2, 1864. The last named is now the wife of our subject. Her birth occurred in Elmore, and she acquired her literary education in its public schools, and also received superior instruction in instrumental music. She is a lady of culture and refinement, presiding with grace over her home, which is noted for its hospitality. Four children bless this union: John F., born January 15, 1888; Bertha E., born August 8, 1889; Clarence W., born October 11, 1891; and Mabel M., born July 21, 1894.

In his political views Mr. Ernsthausen is a Republican, taking an active interest in the growth and success of his party, and doing all in his power to advance its interests. For some time he has been president of the school board of his district, and the cause of education and all other interests calculated to promote the general welfare find in him a warm friend.

CHARLES H. GRAVES, one of the prominent members of the Ottawa county bar, was born June 6, 1872, in Clay township, Ottawa Co., Ohio. He was reared amid pleasant surroundings, and his childhood was similar to that of other boys of the period, he thoroughly enjoying and participating in the sports of the time. He is a son of John H. and Mary (Joseph) Graves, residents of Harris township, Ottawa county, the father a native of Prussia, the mother of Baden, Germany.

Our subject received his early education in the public schools of Oak Harbor, Ohio, where he was graduated in 1889. He then taught school two years in Salem township, and at the same time pursued the study of law under the tutorship of Charles I. York, of Oak Harbor, Ohio. In 1891 he entered the Law Department

of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, where he took a thorough course in law, being graduated from that institution in 1893 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor at law in the State of Ohio, on June 9, 1893, at the age of twenty-one years. Returning to Oak Harbor, he at once embarked in the practice of his chosen profession, and today, although a young man, enjoys a large and lucrative clientage, and ranks among the leading members of the bar.

Politically, he is a Democrat. Socially, he is a member of Oak Harbor Lodge No. 495, F. & A. M., and formerly he belonged to Fremont Chapter No. 64, R. A. M.; at present he is a member of Oak Harbor Chapter, U. D., Royal Arch Masons. He possesses a keen analytical mind, is quick to grasp a situation, and his abilities, both natural and acquired, lead one to predict that his career as a lawyer will be one of marked success. In social life he has the respect of all who know him.

FERDINAND L. MILLER. Among the prominent and well-to-do farmers of Salem township, Ottawa county, who can now look back nearly half a century to the days when that township was nothing more than a vast unbroken wilderness, and recall the many dangers and hardships experienced by them; the discouragements incident to an early life on the frontier; and who, as the reward of many years of hard, honest labor, have now acquired a comfortable competence to tide them over the balance of life's journey, there is probably no one deserving of a more prominent place in this biographical record than the gentleman whose name introduces this brief sketch.

Our subject is a native of the Fatherland, born in Baden March 16, 1834. His parents, George and Lena Miller,

also natives of Germany, emigrated to America in 1857, locating in Danbury township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, of which township, they were honored and respected citizens for many years. They have both long since passed away from earth, the father dying in 1864, the mother in 1874.

Ferdinand L. Miller received his preliminary education in the public schools of his native land, and since early youth he has constantly been engaged in agricultural pursuits, his long experience in this honorable branch of industry making him one of the most practical farmers of the county, his well-tilled fields, comfortable home and barns bearing striking evidence of this fact. In 1854 Mr. Miller crossed the ocean to the "New World," locating first in Sandusky county, Ohio, thence, in 1859, moving to Ottawa county, same State, locating in Danbury township; in 1865 he settled on his present farm in Salem township, of which he has since been a continuous resident, honored and respected by all who know him for his thrift, honesty and many other sterling qualities.

Mr. Miller was united in marriage in April, 1865, with Miss Mary Wiganist, of Riley township, Sandusky county, a native of Germany. To this union were born six children, five of whom are living, viz.: Amelia, born January 27, 1867, now the wife of Henry Godeman, of Toledo, Ohio; Elizabeth, born August 17, 1868, wife of J. F. Mylander, of Salem township; Ellen, born October 26, 1870; John, born February 21, 1874; and Katherine, born August 16, 1877, the latter three residing on the homestead farm in Salem township. In 1880 the father was called upon to mourn the demise of his faithful wife, and the children that of a kind and loving mother, Mrs. Miller passing away during that year. In 1881 Mr. Miller was again united in marriage, his second wife being a Miss Rosina Koser, a native of Germany, born October 24, 1844. To

this union have been born three children, viz.: Rosa and George (twins), born February 20, 1882, the latter of whom died in infancy; and Matie, born August 17, 1886, died September 23, 1890.

Mr. Miller has ever taken an active interest in the welfare and progress of his township; but although he has frequently been requested, by his many friends, to accept positions of trust, he has never been an office seeker, always refusing to accept them, recognizing the fact that the duties in connection with his home and farm commanded his unremitting time and attention. In his political views our subject votes with the Democratic party. The family are strict adherents of the Evangelical Church.

JACOB S. STEWART, one of the earliest pioneers of Allen township, Ottawa county, and a brave soldier in the Civil war, was born in Vinton county, Ohio, August 6, 1844, a son of John N. and Letitia (Sain) Stewart, both also natives of this State.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the public schools of Sandusky county, on leaving which he worked on a farm for six months. The Civil war breaking out, he felt called to go to the defense of the old flag, and, although only a boy, offered his services, enlisting July 24, 1862, in Company F, One Hundredth Ohio Infantry. He took part in the siege of Knoxville, Tenn., and in the battle of Strawberry Plains, in the same State. His regiment was then sent back to Knoxville, and was placed among those who went with Sherman on that famous "March to the Sea," near Atlanta. Mr. Stewart received a severe wound in his right leg, from the effects of which he suffered for six months. In that engagement he saw men fall all around him, and out of a force of 309 men, over two hundred were killed, or died from the effects of their wounds. When Mr. Stewart had par-

tially recovered, he rejoined his company, which was then a part of Twenty-third corps. They left Atlanta and marched to City Point, North Carolina, and then to Goldsborough, where they met General Sherman. Mr. Stewart received his final discharge at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1865, and coming to Allen (then Clay) township, Ottawa county, purchased sixty acres of unimproved land. On this he built a log cabin, in which he lived for twenty-five years, in the meantime being diligently at work clearing off the timber and cultivating the soil, and to-day he is the happy owner of one of the most productive and best improved farms in the township, with a comfortable residence and all necessary attachments, the result of his untiring industry and perseverance.

Mr. Stewart was married, March 12, 1879, to Minerva C., daughter of Oscar and Philindia (Baldwin) Billings, of Woodville township, Sandusky county, and they are the parents of four children: Rollin L., born December 26, 1881; Oscar T., April 12, 1886; Dasey M., December 23, 1890; and Harley, born June 12, 1880, died February 25, 1883. John N. Stewart, the father of our subject, was born in Ohio, May 6, 1815, and was of Scotch and English descent. His father fought against the English in the war of 1812 at Fort Stevenson, in Fremont. John N. was a tanner and currier, and assisted his father for a time at his trade. He afterward worked in the flour-mills, and was also in the employ of Carder & Fuller; in his later years he returned to farming. Mr. Stewart was married to Letitia, daughter of Jacob Sain, a farmer of Vinton county, this State, and by this marriage eight children were born, three of whom still survive: Jacob S., our subject; Spencer, a mail carrier at Toledo; and Emma V., wife of Stephen Heckathorne, of Toledo. Levi S. was killed during the Civil war, in 1862, in the skirmish on Cheat Mountain, West Virginia. Oscar Billings, father of Mrs. J. S. Stewart,

was born in the State of New York in 1824, where he was a farmer for many years. He came to Ohio in 1841, where he was engaged at his trade in Woodville, Sandusky county. At the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in the three-months' service, after which he removed to Minnesota, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. His first wife was Mary Boose, who died two years after marriage, leaving one child. He subsequently married Miss Philindia Baldwin, October 27, 1858, and of this marriage there were nine children: Minerva C., born in Elmore, Ottawa county, July 3, 1859, became the wife of our subject; Sarah J., born in Woodville, Sandusky county, June 22, 1862, married Bradford Lindsey, a farmer of Allen township, and of this marriage four children were born, viz.: Orvil, Clarence, Leroy and Edith; Nelson O., born March 10, 1863, is a barber in Genoa, Clay township (he married Annie Fuller, of that township, and they have one child named Harold); Arthur T., born August 31, 1864, is unmarried and lives in Allen township; Lorenzo A., born March 3, 1868; Leonard G., born December 11, 1871, in Woodville township, Sandusky county; Casper A., born July 23, 1874, in Harris township, Ottawa county; Mirtie B., born August 29, 1876, in Harris township, and Laura born May 28, 1880, are all single. The mother of these children was born in Woodville, and was a daughter of Nelson and Catherine E. Baldwin.

The subject of this sketch is a Republican, a member of the G. A. R., and with his family attends the Church of the United Brethren. He still suffers from the effects of a wound received while in the army, and is obliged to use crutches a part of the time. In his noble wife he finds a true helpmate, and she has been of inestimable service to him. In 1889 she began the weaving of carpets, and she has made many thousand yards, adding materially in this way to their income.

BARNEY VALIQUETTE is one of the young and progressive farmers of Carroll township, Ottawa county, of which township he is native born, his birth having occurred September 28, 1870, and he is a son of James and Elizabeth (Doroucher) Valiquette. The early life of our subject was spent upon the homestead farm, and in the public schools of the neighborhood he acquired his education. In connection with his farm duties he also assisted his father in mercantile pursuits. On February 6, 1895, he was united in marriage with Miss Dora Pickard, a daughter of Andrew and Serdelia (Moore) Pickard.

James Valiquette, the father of our subject, was born in Monroe, Mich., November 23, 1823, and is a son of Joseph and Monique (Ganier) Valiquette, both natives of Monroe county, Mich., and of French-Canadian ancestry. In their family were nine children, four of whom still survive, namely: James; T. Isadore, a resident of La Crosse, Wis.; Henry, of Toledo, Ohio; and Matilda, wife of Raphael Navare, of Toledo. The father of this family served with distinction in the war of 1812, and was a prominent farmer of his native county, where his death occurred in February, 1861. His faithful and devoted wife survived him for some years, and passed from earth in Carroll township. Like the majority of the youth of his day, James Valiquette received only such education as could be obtained in the primitive log schoolhouse, and only at such times as he could be spared from the farm duties, which in those days took precedence to education. In 1846, he came to Ottawa county, the trip from Michigan being made by way of the canal, and on his arrival made his home in Carroll township, which at that time was a vast forest, inhabited principally by Indians. Here he has since resided and to-day ranks among the oldest living pioneer residents in the county. In 1848 he began merchandising, which he

continued in connection with agricultural pursuits until 1885, since which time he has lived a comparatively retired life, resting in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.

In Monroe county, Mich., May 26, 1850, was celebrated the marriage of James Valiquette and Elizabeth Doroucher, daughter of Lawrence and Monique (Saucombe) Doroucher, who were the parents of nine children, six of whom are still living: Lawrence, Saucombe, Luke, Cleopha (widow of Anthony Miltz), Marie (wife of Henry Latour), and the mother of our subject. Mrs. Valiquette was born in Monroe, Mich., July 22, 1829, and by her marriage has become the mother of children whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Elizabeth, April 11, 1851, died April 25, 1879; Caroline, April 15, 1853, died April 25, 1861; Saucombe, July 29, 1855; Clara, October 7, 1859, now the wife of D. M. McLean, of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Annie, July 10, 1861; and Barney.

FREDERICK COOK is a native of Germany, born June 18, 1852. His father died a few months prior to the birth of his son, and when Frederick was three years old he was brought by his mother and a friend of the family to this country. Mrs. Cook remained in New York, and gave her son to one of the friends that accompanied her on the voyage in order that he might have a good home and education. With his foster-parents he went to Sandusky county, Ohio, and by them was reared on a farm, where he worked from early age until he had attained his majority. For his services he received only his board and clothing, being granted no educational privileges, and the only knowledge he acquired during this period was through experience and observation.

When he had attained his majority, Frederick Cook left his foster-parents,

and for a year and a half worked as a farm laborer. He then took up the trade of carpenter and joiner, which he followed some five years, and he afterward was employed for several years as a journeyman in the same line of business. After saving enough money from his meager earnings he went west to the State of Kansas to visit his mother, who had married in New York and was then living upon a farm in the "Sunflower State." He spent a year or more in that place, working on farms until he had obtained enough money to take him to Ohio again, when he once more settled in Sandusky county, working at carpentering two years. Abandoning that pursuit, he then rented a farm in that locality, which he operated until 1887, when he removed to Ottawa county, and purchased a farm in Clay township, containing seventy acres, most of which was improved. He then cleared the remaining eleven acres, and transformed the whole into rich and fertile fields. He has made many improvements upon the place, planted an orchard, erected a good barn and other necessary outbuildings, and to-day has one of the best cultivated farms of the neighborhood.

On September 5, 1876, in Woodville township, Ottawa county, Mr. Cook wedded Mary Blausey, daughter of Henry Blausey, a farmer of that township. Nine children came of that union, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Henry, who was born in Woodville township, January 5, 1877, and now aids in the operation of the home farm; Rieke, October 8, 1878; Minnie, September 27, 1880; August, May 11, 1882; Caroline, September 5, 1884; Lucy, September 25, 1886; Lena, January 18, 1889; Julia, April 1, 1891; and Lewis, December 18, 1893. Mrs. Cook died December 20, 1893, and Mr. Cook was again married July 5, 1894, his second union being with Tillie Zesing, who was born May 5, 1872, daughter of Charles and Minnie (Tropp).

Zesing, farming people of Wood county, Ohio.

In his political views, Mr. Cook is a staunch Democrat, has held the office of school director for several years, and is a warm friend of the cause of education. He is numbered among the leading agriculturists of Ottawa county, and his straightforward, honorable life well entitles him to representation in its volume.

JAMES PALMER, M. D. That a smooth sea never made a skillful mariner is fully realized by all who have successfully carried to completion any undertaking on the sea of life. The world is indebted to-day for its greatest achievements to men who have come upward through adversity; to men who are self-made; to men who from early manhood have been compelled to stand alone and fight single-handed for what they believe to be true, and for their own best interests.

The subject of this sketch is one of Ottawa county's self-made men. He is a native of England, born December 9, 1832, in the Parish of Harlington, some thirteen miles west from London, and is a son of Thomas and Ann (Palmer) Palmer, the former of whom was born in 1801, and lived to be ninety-three years of age; the latter was born in 1803, and died in 1887. Seven children—six sons and one daughter—were born to them, one of the sons being now a shoemaker in Saginaw, Mich.; another (our subject) a physician in Oak Harbor, Ohio; the other three being farmers; the daughter resides in Canada. Robert Palmer, the maternal grandfather of this family, represented the fifth generation of Palmers who rented the same farm in England. One of Dr. Palmer's uncles served in the ever-memorable Crimean war of 1854-56, in which the quadruple alliance—England, France, Sardinia and Turkey—was engaged in a sanguinary struggle with Russia.

When our subject was nine years old (1841) his parents emigrated to this country, bringing their family and settling in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, where for four years they made their home, the father following his trade, shoemaking. It was here our subject received his first schooling, only three months in all, the rest of his time being occupied in farm labor, he working by the day or month as occasion presented. In 1845 the family moved to Canada, settling on a farm in that portion of Middlesex county that is now included in Elgin county, and here our subject had his home until he was twenty years of age, his time and energy for the most part being devoted toward assisting in the clearing up and developing of a homestead for his parents, although for nearly three years (owing to illness which seized him when eighteen years old, through exposure in the timber) he was unable to do much hard work. In 1852 he went to live with his brother, Thomas R., of Port Burwell, now in Elgin county, Ontario, but soon afterward moved with him to St. Thomas, a few miles northwest of Port Burwell, and here he was converted to Christianity, uniting with the Baptist Church. At the same place, and through the kindness of his brother, he received another three-months' schooling, making in all six months' education up to the age of twenty-one.

From early boyhood Dr. Palmer had looked forward to the possibility of the practice of medicine being his life work, such being his devout wish; but lack of means all along stood in the way of his accomplishing his desire in that respect. Moreover, more money would have to be earned, to accomplish which he commenced, after leaving school the second time, to learn the trade of carpenter, which he continued several years, among other work assisting in erecting all the Great Western railroad buildings, including docks, at Windsor, Canada. About the year 1858 our subject moved to



Dr James Palmer



Painesville, Lake Co., Ohio, where he began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. R. F. Dow, and with him diligently pursued his preliminary readings, completing same with a three-years' course at the Medical Department of the Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, where our subject was graduated with the degree of M. D. Immediately thereafter he opened an office in Cleveland, where for six months he enjoyed a good practice; his business relations in Painesville, however, were such that he deemed it advisable to remove thither. In 1893, after building up an extensive practice in that city, the Doctor, for reasons that will presently be explained, transferred his practice to Oak Harbor, Ottawa county, where he has since remained.

Dr. James Palmer has been twice married, first time at St. Thomas, Canada, January 1, 1857, to Miss Margaret L. Card, of that city. In 1883, while they were on a visit to Canada, Mrs. Palmer was taken ill, and died there before she could be removed to her home in Painesville. On November 22, 1887, Dr. Palmer was wedded to Miss Mary B. Beatty, of Butler county, Penn. In 1893, as already related, the Doctor removed from Painesville to Oak Harbor, hoping that his wife's health would be improved by the change, for she had been unwell for some time. Only temporary relief, however, was secured to the patient, for on April 2, 1894, she passed to the home beyond. Her brothers are the proprietors of one of the largest rose gardens in the world, same being located at Oil City, Penn., and their productions received first premium at the World's Columbian Exposition, held at Chicago in 1893. Dr. Palmer is a typical self-made man, and the enviable position he now holds in his chosen profession is conclusive proof that "where there's a will there's a way." Let every young person who may read this sketch remember that what has been accom-

plished under adverse circumstances can be done again, and that a man with energy, perseverance and application will, in any sphere of life in this wide country, always find "room at the top." The Doctor attributes his success in life to his adherence to the principles of rectitude instilled into him by his mother, whom he remembers with true filial devotion and loyalty.

NATHAN PIERSON. The splendid farm of this gentleman in Carroll township, Ottawa county, is a standing monument to his industry, perseverance and good management, and he is numbered among the prominent representative agriculturists of the community. He was born on the homestead farm where he still resides, November 18, 1845, and is a son of Alfred and Mary C. (Lindsley) Pierson. His elementary education was obtained in the common schools of the district, after which he attended a commercial college in the city of Sandusky, Ohio. After completing his education, Mr. Pierson followed the vocation of teaching for ten years, being employed in the schools of Harris, Carroll and Clay townships, Ottawa county; but since the expiration of that time, he has devoted his whole attention to agricultural pursuits.

On October 15, 1871, Mr. Pierson married Miss Lucinda Moore, a daughter of Cyrus and Esther Moore, who were early residents of Erie township, Ottawa county, where the widowed mother is still living, the father having gone to the final home. Around the domestic hearth of our subject and his wife are gathered their little family of three children—Stella M., born September 4, 1872; Ethel M., born May 19, 1875; and Alfred F., born November 26, 1879. For two terms Mr. Pierson held the position of trustee, and is now serving as township treasurer. He has been clerk of Harris township, and

also of Elmore corporation. He has been quite prominent in local affairs, and in politics is an earnest advocate of Democratic principles, of which party he is a stalwart supporter. Surrounded by his interesting and intelligent family, Mr. Pierson is a thoughtful and devoted husband, and a kind, indulgent father. Among men he is genial and companionable; manly and fearlessly independent in thought and character, and consistent and temperate in all respects. His social standing is high and his integrity incorruptible. As a friend he is true and loyal; a man of taste and culture, with broad and liberal views; and a man, all in all, of large body, soul and mind.

The father of our subject, Alfred Pierson (deceased), was one of the prominent farmers of Carroll township, as well as one of its pioneers. His birth occurred in New Jersey in March, 1815, and he was a son of John and Elizabeth (Miller) Pierson, who were of English and German ancestry. He was reared and educated in his native State, where he also learned the trade of blacksmith and buggy-spring maker, and there followed those pursuits until 1838, when he came to Carroll township, at that time still a part of Sandusky county, Ohio. For a number of years he worked at his trade in connection with farming, but in later years abandoned the former, and devoted his time entirely to agricultural pursuits.

On October 16, 1837, in New Jersey, Alfred Pierson was united in marriage with Mary C. Lindsley, who was born in Chatham township, Morris Co., N. J., February 17, 1819, a daughter of Luther and Nancy (Lacey) Lindsley, natives of that State, coming to Ottawa county in 1838, where the father engaged in farming. His death occurred March 31, 1858; the mother departed this life March 25, 1850. They had a family of nine children, of whom Mrs. Pierson is the only one now living. To Mr. and Mrs. Pierson were born six children, namely:

Elizabeth, born July 22, 1838, died March 29, 1856; Lewis, born October 9, 1842, is living on the old homestead; Nathan is next in order of birth; Phœbe, born December 22, 1848, died December 11, 1862; Alfred, born November 25, 1855, died June 1, 1856; and Hetta, born March 3, 1857, is the wife of R. B. Sonocrant. The eldest son, Lewis, received his education in the district schools, and since early life has been principally engaged in farming. On December 10, 1864, he married Lucina Davenport, a daughter of Edson and Jane Davenport, and to them was born one child, who died in infancy; the mother departed this life October 29, 1869. In his political views, Lewis Pierson is a Democrat, and has served as assessor of his township two terms. He always takes an active part in all measures tending to advance the welfare of the county, where he is highly respected, and is a practical and progressive farmer.

The father was also a strong Democrat, and held several important positions of honor and trust, being county commissioner several terms, infirmary director five years, treasurer of the township sixteen years, and also filled other township offices. Locating in Carroll township in an early date in the history of the country, he and his faithful wife experienced all the hardships and trials incident to pioneer life. Here in the dense forest, by which they were surrounded for miles on every side, Mr. Pierson carved out a home for himself and family, subsequently clearing up and improving an excellent farm. In this home the family also experienced some of the hardships of pioneer life, mitigated, however, by various pleasures common to backwoods life in those early days. In the vast forest around them was game of all kinds, and though their white neighbors were few and far between, a warmhearted neighborly feeling existed among them, and their social intercourse at the frequent

house and barn raisings and quilting bees, was of the most friendly character. In after years Mr. Pierson devoted close attention to his agricultural interests, and was considered one of the most industrious citizens, as well as one of the most systematic and intelligent farmers of the district. He was deservedly popular among all classes in the community, and his demise left a blank not easily filled.

LAURENCE D. RYAN, one of the most prominent and successful farmers of Carroll township, Ottawa county, and a gentleman honored and respected by all who know him, was born February 18, 1851, in the township where is still his home, and is a son of Edward P. and Monique (Du-Ruchie) Ryan. His father was for many years engaged in the grocery business and in trading in furs, but the greater part of his life was devoted to agricultural pursuits. He served as auditor of said county in 1860 and 1862. He was born in Detroit, Mich., October 31, 1816, of Irish descent. His father was a bricklayer and mason by trade, and put up the first brick building ever erected in the city of Detroit. Edward Ryan married Miss Du-Ruchie, a lady of French lineage, born in Monroe county, Mich., December 22, 1826. They came to Ohio in 1846, locating in Carroll township, where Mr. Ryan purchased land and transformed it into a fine farm. They went through all the experiences and hardships incident to pioneer life, and were honored and respected residents of the township. The father died June 20, 1867, the mother July 10, 1875, and their memory will long be cherished by those who knew them in life. They had a family of twelve children, as follows: Luke P., the eldest, was born at Sandy Creek, Monroe Co., Mich., June 1, 1842, and is now residing in Toledo. William, born at Monroe City, August 5, 1844, enlisted

in 1861, in Company I, Forty-first O. V. I., and served through the war of the Rebellion; on October 31, 1867, he accidentally shot himself while duck hunting. Elizabeth was born at Locust Point, Ottawa county, February 26, 1847, and died in infancy. Laurence D. (1), born at Locust Point, March 7, 1849, died in infancy. Laurence D. (2) is the next younger. Clarissa was born in Carroll township, May 31, 1853. Edward was born April 13, 1855. Napoleon B., born July 29, 1857, resides in Allen township, Ottawa county. Clement V. is also living in Allen township. Josephine was born in Carroll township, Ottawa county, July 4, 1859, and died August 6, 1881. Eugenie, born March 20, 1861, died September 8, 1872. Dean Richmond, born June 3, 1867, died February 2, 1868.

Laurence D. Ryan was reared to manhood on the old homestead farm, and received the advantages of a fair education in the district schools of Carroll township. Within its borders he has spent his entire life, and from early youth has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is an enterprising, progressive citizen, always taking a leading part in interests that are calculated to improve the county and community in which he resides. He is an industrious and practical farmer whose busy and well spent life commands the respect of all, and his character is beyond reproach. In Carroll township, Ottawa county, July 15, 1873, he was married to Miss Lucina A. Gyde, who was born in Carroll township, August 14, 1850, a daughter of William and Harriet B. (Meeker) Gyde. The marriage has been blessed with four children: Hattie, born March 20, 1876; Ernest, born July 3, 1878; Elva L., born April 30, 1883; and Nellie E., born August 15, 1889.

Mr. Ryan has frequently been solicited to accept official positions of trust in his township, but having no aspirations in that direction he has always declined to become a candidate, believing that in

order to achieve success it was necessary for him to give his entire time and attention to his farming interests. This he has done, and his well-directed efforts have brought to him a comfortable competence.

HENRY ANDERSON. Each community has its representative citizens, men who are devoted to its best interests and to the advancement of all that pertains to its welfare. Among this class is numbered Mr. Anderson, and the record of his life is as follows.

He was born in Auburn, N. Y., September 18, 1835, and is the son of William and Sarah (Sanders) Anderson, the former born in Pennsylvania, in August, 1800, the latter born September 16, 1806. They were married in 1823, and had a family of nine children, of whom eight are now living. The family is of Scotch origin, and the great-grandfather of our subject, John Anderson, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1771. He was a farmer by occupation, for many years served as justice of the peace, and died in 1846. His wife was a Miss La Bruer. The maternal grandfather, Henry Sanders, was born in Pennsylvania, in 1766, and his wife was born in 1763. He owned and operated a distillery, and died in 1841.

During his infancy, Henry Anderson was brought by his parents to Sandusky county, Ohio, where he made his home until seventeen years of age. He then went to Fremont, and he was a resident of that place until 1866. His education was acquired in Woodville, Ohio, where his childhood and youth were quietly passed. When President Lincoln issued his first call for 75,000 volunteers to crush out the Rebellion in its infancy, Mr. Anderson was among the first to enlist, and after serving for three months he entered the mechanical department of the army, where he continued some eighteen months. He then joined the navy, and for fourteen

months served as steward on one of the boats engaged in the Union service. When the war was over and the country no longer needed his aid, he returned to Ohio, and settled in Fremont. For a year thereafter he was engaged in clerking, and in 1868 he went to Elmore, where he began business as a dealer in harness and saddlery, carrying on operations along that line for about six years. In 1874 he began the development of a farm which had been inherited by his wife from her father's estate. This farm he cleared of timber, fenced and drained it, and soon, where once were wild forest trees, appeared waving fields of grain, a substantial residence, barns and outbuildings, a good orchard, containing a variety of fruits, the latest improved machinery, and all other accessories of a model farm of this latter part of the nineteenth century.

In 1874 Mr. Anderson was united in marriage with Miss Mary C. Nellis, of Elmore, and their union has been blessed with a son, George A., who was born May 10, 1875. Her father, David Nellis, was born August 6, 1806, and her mother, Caroline Nellis, was born October 22, 1809. They had a family of six children, of whom three yet survive. Mrs. Anderson is second cousin to Commodore Perry of naval fame, and is also a distant relative of Gen. Anderson. Her grandfather, John Nellis, was a native of Germany, born in 1786, and his wife was born in the same country in 1787. Her maternal grandfather, Mr. Stedman, was born in New York, in 1783, and his wife was a native of the Empire State, her birth occurring in the same year. Her great-grandfather on her father's side was born about 1764.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are pleasantly located in Elmore, in a fine home on Main street, and he is now doing a thriving business in the harness and saddlery trade. He is energetic and enterprising, and his success has come to him through labor, constant and concentrated. His

son George is a young man of high ambitions, of superior intellect and business ability. He completed a course of study in the Elmore High School in 1893, and then took a thorough business course in a commercial college of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He has since been engaged in business with his father, aiding in the labors of the farm and of the store, and both Mr. Anderson and his son have the confidence of the public, and the esteem of the social world.

HENRY O. MYLANDER, a carriage maker and blacksmith of Oak Harbor, and a popular and progressive citizen, was born upon the old homestead farm in Salem township, Ottawa county, February 27, 1864, and is the eldest son of Casper and Flora (Brinkmyer) Mylander. The public schools of the neighborhood afforded him his educational privileges, and he spent the days of his boyhood and youth upon his father's farm until eighteen years of age; but not wishing to make agriculture his life work he then began to learn the blacksmith's trade in Oak Harbor. A few years later he embarked in business for himself, and carried on operations for about eight years, when he found that his health was failing. This necessitated a change of employment, and selling out, he accepted a position on the steamer, "Frank E. Kirby," plying on the lakes. He continued in that employ for three summers, working at the blacksmith's trade during the winter. On the expiration of that period he returned to Oak Harbor, and in December, 1894, again began business for himself in that place.

Mr. Mylander was married in Port Clinton, Ohio, March 17, 1885, to Miss Annie Holder, daughter of Christian and Mary Holder, who was born in Wittenberg, Germany. They now have two interesting children: Eleanor F. R., born November 24, 1885; and Clara Lucilla

Mary, born July 27, 1889. They gladden the home with their presence, and the little household is noted for its hospitality which is cordially extended to the many friends of our subject and his wife. In his political views, Mr. Mylander is a Democrat, but has had neither time nor inclination for public office, although he faithfully performs every duty of citizenship as it comes to him. He is now doing a good business as the leading carriage maker and blacksmith in Oak Harbor, where by courteous treatment, fair dealing and an earnest desire to please his customers he has built up an excellent trade. He is enterprising and progressive, and well deserving of the success that may come to him.

JACOB HARMON, who is numbered among the native sons of Ohio, was born in Pickaway county, January 18, 1835, and is a son of Jacob and Susan (Peer) Harmon. The father was born in Knox county, Penn., in 1790, and died in 1853, his remains being interred in the cemetery of Elmore, Ohio. The mother was born in Virginia in 1800, and in their family were two children—Jacob, subject of this sketch, and Mrs. Dorothea Schafer, of Toledo, Ohio. The paternal grandmother of our subject was born in 1772, and little else is known concerning the ancestry of the family.

During the infancy of Jacob Harmon, his parents came to Ottawa county, Ohio, locating in Harris township, where they spent their remaining days. Upon the old homestead he was reared to manhood, and his early life was very similar to that of farmer boys of the neighborhood. At the age of twenty-three he was united in marriage with Miss Martha Randall, of Benton township, Ottawa county, who was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, March 9, 1837. Her father, Daniel Randall, was born in Allegany county, N. Y., in 1800, and her mother's birth occurred in 1812, while her maternal grandmother was born

in 1791. Her paternal grandfather was born in 1790, his wife in 1793. They became the parents of eight children, six of whom are now living. Of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Randall, six yet survive. During the early girlhood of Mrs. Harmon, the parents removed to Lorain county, where she attended the public schools of Pittsfield, concluding the prescribed course of study there. She then lived in Benton township until her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon began their domestic life on a farm on the old river road, where they lived some three years, after which they removed to Minnesota, where our subject was engaged in the manufacture of potash for a year, returning then to his father's farm in Harris township, Ottawa county, where he remained until 1875, when he became owner of forty acres of timber land in Section 5, same township. This he at once began to clear, and as the trees were cut and the stumps removed he plowed and planted the land, till now he has it under a high state of cultivation. He also planted a fine orchard, and the place is to-day one of the best improved farms in his part of the county.

The home of our subject and wife has been brightened by the presence of seven children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Daniel, March 18, 1859; George, July 11, 1862; John, July 6, 1864; Elizabeth, April 26, 1867; Ephraim, October 22, 1871; Katie, November 5, 1869; Jacob, July 13, 1874; they lost two children—Daniel, who died October 23, 1861; and John, who died November 7, 1892. For many years Mr. Harmon has served as supervisor of Harris township, and has also been school director of his district five years. He has experienced many of the hardships and trials of a pioneer life, and for some years after locating upon his present farm, he expected each spring that his home would be flooded as the river rose. He has ridden on

horseback from Portage river to Toussaint creek when the water was deep enough to wet his feet as the horse made its way through the woods. The cabin home stood in the midst of a dense forest, and it seemed to Mrs. Harmon that the trees could never be cleared away so that she might look across the country to her neighbors.

This has happened, however, and as the years have passed advancing civilization has done away with the trials of frontier life, and to-day Mr. and Mrs. Harmon are the owners of a fine and valuable farm. The success which has crowned their efforts is well-merited, and their lives are busy and useful. Their son, Jacob, now operates the home farm, and cares for those who cared for him during his childhood, relieving them of much labor and anxiety.

DANIEL M. LOWE, a farmer and wholesale butcher of Allen township, Ottawa county, was born in Franklin county, Penn., March 16, 1845, and is a son of Philip and Mary Nancy (Lowery) Lowe, of the same place. He received his early education in the district schools of his native county, and for sometime worked by the month on various farms, afterward returning home and learning the blacksmith's trade with his father, which occupation he followed some three years. At the expiration of that time he became overseer of slaves on a plantation in Maryland, remaining there two years, or until the beginning of the Civil war in 1861.

On leaving Maryland, Mr. Lowe returned home and assisted his father upon the farm for about four months, when he went to Somerset county, Penn., and worked in a tannery for the same length of time. Although he did not enlist as a soldier, Mr. Lowe had some exciting experiences during the war. While in Somerset county, the Rebels crossed the Po-

tomac and the owner of the tannery with his employes were obliged to leave their occupation. They fled to Yorktown, with a string of twenty-two six-horse teams, with neighbors and people from different parts of the country. There they remained three weeks until the enemy was repulsed, when they returned to their work. The calm, however, was of short duration, as the Rebels again came upon them, and forced our subject and his employer to take refuge in the mountains, with the same stock. There they hid for three days, and then once more returned to the tannery, only to be driven out the third time, the Rebels this time carrying off the best of the farm stock, including his father's. Discouraged in his attempts to go on with his work at this point, Mr. Lowe again returned to his father's home, but even here his ill-luck pursued him. One day while out on a creek near his home, he was seized by a party of the enemy and forced to drive the stock belonging to his neighbors to their camp across the Potomac. Here he was kept as a prisoner four days, herding cattle. Watching his opportunity, he got away one dark night and reached his home in safety. He worked on the farm some six months when he was again surprised by the Rebels which invaded our country, this time taking with them the remainder of the farm stock.

Mr. Lowe remained on the old homestead until his marriage, March 30, 1865, to Miss Susan A. Talhelm, daughter of William and Susan Talhelm, of Washington township, Franklin Co., Penn. He then came to Ohio, locating in Sandusky county in 1866, and for two years worked by the month on a farm, at the end of that time renting a farm for himself. In 1878 he removed to Clay (then Allen) township, and in addition to farming took up the business of a butcher, in both of which pursuits he has been successful, having a good trade in the surrounding county, and a fine, productive farm. Mr.

and Mrs. Lowe are the parents of ten children, of whom the following record is given: Susan A., born April 9, 1866, is the widow of Charles Brown, and the mother of two children, one of whom lives with his grandfather, our subject, the other at Lulu, Mich.; Emma C., born September 18, 1867, is the wife of Jacob Youncker, a farmer in Allen township, and they have three children; Clara E., born October 18, 1869, married William Jacobs, and resides in Coleman, Mich. (she is the mother of five children); Albert, born June 4, 1871; William C., June 15, 1873; John P., March 24, 1875; Franklin D., January 3, 1877, died May 12, 1882; Herman E., born October 18, 1878; Jessie B., born July 14, 1881; Myrtle M., born January 3, 1884, died May 6, of the same year.

Philip Lowe, grandfather of our subject, was of Scotch nativity. His son (also named Philip), the father of our subject, was born in Franklin county, Penn., where he carried on farming and also blacksmithing. He married Nancy Lowery, who was of Pennsylvania birth, and ten children were born to them, viz.: William, Philip, John, Martin, Daniel, Josiah, Henry, Jacob, Barbara and Susan. The wife of our subject was born in Pennsylvania. Her parents were natives of Pennsylvania, the father born October 5, 1845, and they are still living in Pennsylvania. Her grandparents were born in Germany. Mr. Lowe is an ardent Republican, and with his family attends the Church of the United Brethren.

WILLIAM J. BAKER, one of the prominent agriculturists of Allen township, Ottawa county, was born in Devonshire, England, February 28, 1847, and is a son of James and Eliza (Bailey) Baker, the former a native of Devonshire, the latter of Cornwall, England. He received a limited education in the schools of his native coun-

ty, attending to his studies during the winter seasons and working upon his grandfather's farm in Cornwall, in the summer, until he was sixteen years old. He then learned the trade of a carriage maker, spending five years as an apprentice and one year afterward as a journeyman.

On February 20, 1869, Mr. Baker left the home of his birth for America, finding his way to Ohio, and locating in Woodville township, Sandusky county, where he followed carpentering and painting some eight years. He then married and moved to Allen (then Clay) township, and began work on a farm of seventy-five acres owned by his wife, the larger portion of which was unimproved. He did much hard work on this place, letting not a moment go to waste, and succeeded in clearing the land, erecting a large, comfortable dwelling house, barns, outhouses, and making other improvements which to-day testify to his industry and enterprise. The marriage of our subject took place September 13, 1877, when he was united to Miss Mary E. Kent, daughter of Anson and Mercy (Wood) Kent, farmers of Allen township. To them has been born a family of five children, as follows: Della P., born June 24, 1878, was educated in the schools of Allen township, and is housekeeper for her widowed father; Eliza M. was born July 29, 1880; Mary E. on April 1, 1884; Florence M. on August 2, 1886, and Dorothy H. on August 14, 1891. All the younger children are attending school in Allen township. Mrs. Baker, the wife of our subject, was born in Clay township, Ottawa county, August 21, 1856, and there obtained her education. Her father died April 28, 1864, and her mother was again married, this time in December, 1869, to John Tiplady, of Allen township. He died January 5, 1892. The mother is still living, and resides in Allen township with her daughters, Carrie, who was born October 31, 1870, and Inez, born October

27, 1874. Mrs. Baker passed peacefully away March 13, 1894, leaving a devoted husband and five young daughters to mourn the loss of a faithful and loving wife and mother.

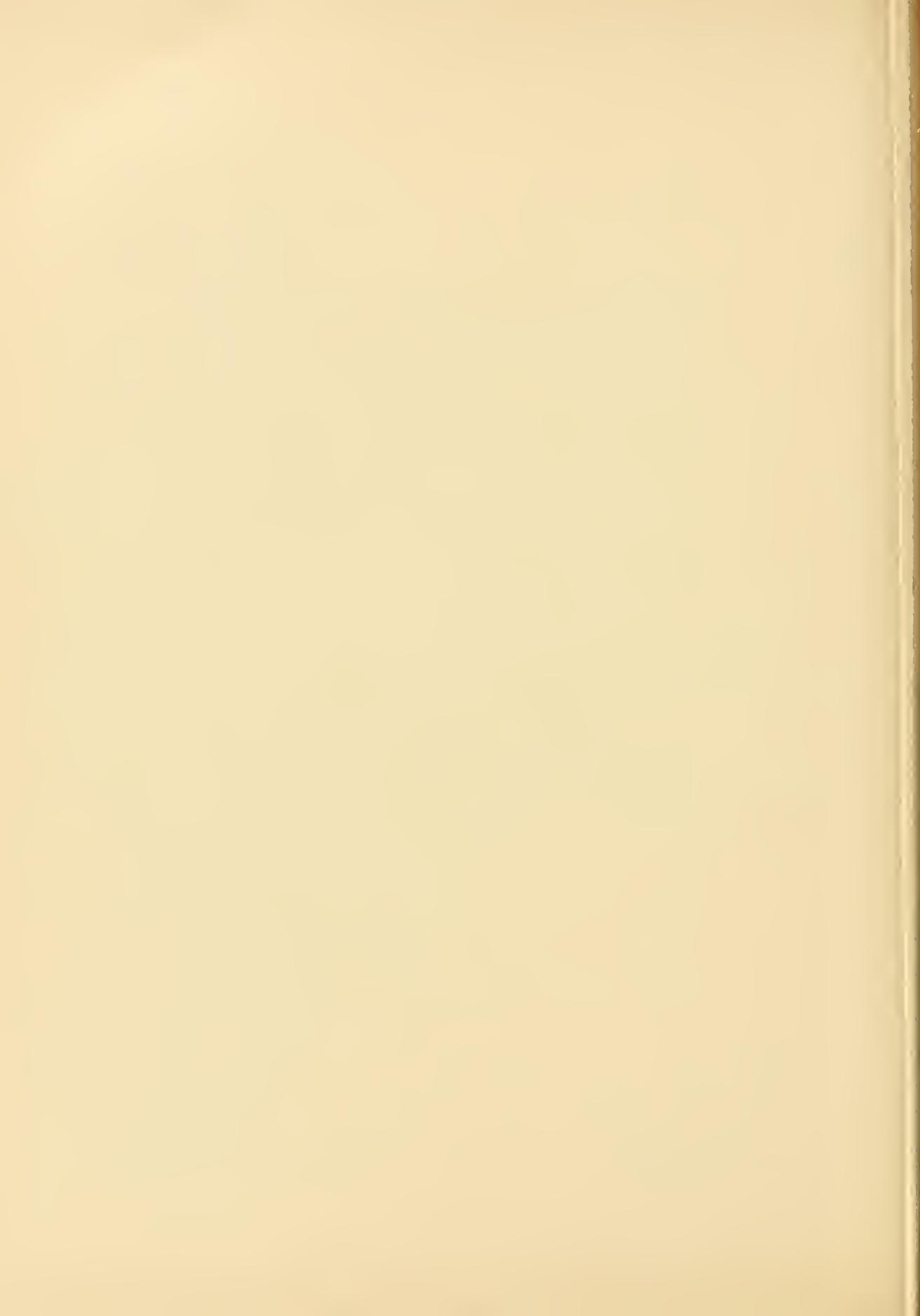
James Baker, the father of our subject, was a native of Devonshire, England, where he was a farmer. He was married in 1845 to Eliza Bailey, and a family of twelve children was born to them, of whom the following record is given: William J. is the subject of this sketch; Annie M. is the wife of Walter Hewitt, of Islandville, Mass.; Eliza, wife of Francis Bailey, is residing in California; Rachel is the wife of Dr. Hobert Hewitt, of Glenwood Springs, Garfield Co., Colo.; Richard is a school teacher and farmer, residing in Allen township; Frances resides in Morrison, Colo.; Elizabeth is the wife of Francis Monroe, owner of a coffee plantation in San Jose, Costa Rico, Central America; John H. is in the United States mail service at Toledo; Thomas sleeps in the Denver (Colo.) cemetery, and the three younger children sleep in the old home churchyard in England. Mr. Baker, in his political views, affiliates with the Prohibition party. In religion he and his family are in sympathy with the Disciples Church, the services of which they attend at Genoa. Mr. Baker is looked upon as a man of principle, upright in his business relations and a good citizen.

CHARLES R. TSCHUMY, a representative citizen, and a leading watchmaker and jeweler of Oak Harbor, Ottawa county, is a native of Sandusky county, Ohio, having first seen the light August 21, 1858, in Fremont.

His parents, Frederick and Marie (Birmley) Tschumy, were both born in Baden, Germany, the former December 25, 1823, the latter August 10, 1825. They were married in the Fatherland, and in 1849 immigrated to America, lo-



Yours Sincerely
C. R. Tschumy



cating first in New Orleans, La., where they resided several years, the father working at his trade, that of a cabinet maker, at which he was an expert. From New Orleans the family moved to Fremont, Sandusky Co., Ohio, afterward, in 1863, to Port Huron, Mich., where Mr. Tschumy engaged in the manufacture of pumps. In 1864 they removed to Napoleon, Henry Co., Ohio; thence, in 1866, to Oak Harbor, where they continued to reside for many years, enjoying the love and respect of all who knew them. The father's death occurred March 10, 1874, his faithful and loving wife surviving him until December, 1886, when she, too, passed away. The Tschumy family consisted of eleven children, five of whom are yet living, viz.: Frederick J., a marine engineer, residing in Cleveland, Ohio; Emma, the wife of Ira Neville, a resident of Teegarden, Marshall Co., Ind.; Louis H., a prominent builder and contractor of Toledo, Ohio; Charles R.; and Louisa, now the wife of William Heminger, of Oak Harbor.

Charles R. Tschumy, whose name introduces these lines, received his preliminary education in the public schools of Oak Harbor, on leaving which he was apprenticed to the trade of watch-making, entering the employ of Otto Brown, a practical watchmaker from Germany, who was at that time doing business in Oak Harbor. After completing his apprenticeship our subject worked, at intervals, for James Moore, of Toledo, and gained further information regarding the details of his trade, more especially the use of tools for manufacturing the finer parts of watches, though it is mainly through his own energy and skill as a mechanic that he has attained the thorough knowledge of and perfection in his business he to-day possesses. From his early boyhood Mr. Tschumy has been of an inventive turn of mind, and when but eleven years of age he modelled and built, unaided, a miniature engine, the

parts being composed principally of wood, the motive power being compressed air instead of steam; and possessing these inventive faculties to so great a degree, he has become a thorough master of the many technical details of his business. Mr. Tschumy has been engaged in watch-making since 1872, and his reputation as a practical, thorough watch-maker and business man is recognized far and near, work being sent him from many places outside of the State in which he lives. The jewelry department of his large and handsome store is well stocked with the finest quality of goods, and his promptness, strict integrity and skill as a workman have established for him a reputation and trade not excelled, if equalled, by any firm in the county.

In 1884 Mr. Tschumy was united in marriage, at Oak Harbor, with Belle Vining, who was born in Bellevue, Huron Co., Ohio, May 8, 1858, daughter of Calvin and Harriet (Cronney) Vining, natives of Virginia. The family consists of six children, viz.: Ina and Edna (twins), Beulah Marie, Grace, Florabell, and an infant yet unnamed, besides a daughter, Lula, by a previous marriage of Mrs. Tschumy. Our subject is a member of Lodge No. 516, K. of P., also of Oak Harbor Lodge No. 735, I. O. O. F., and in his political views he favors the Democratic party. The family are consistent members of the M. E. Church. A biographical sketch of Mr. Tschumy, to those who know him, would be incomplete were mention of his musical abilities omitted. In his home life he has always found relief from his routine of duties in literature and music, and for a number of years he has been leader of the Oak Harbor Band, and his assistance in all social and Church gatherings has added much to his popularity and success. He is also an ardent lover of the science of astronomy, and he is the possessor of a small telescope, with which he spends many a pleasant evening in the contemplation of

different heavenly bodies, especially the planets. He renders much aid to the astronomy classes in the public school by kindly illustrating to them the various systems treated in their text-books. He is regarded as an honorable man, above reproach in all things, kind to everyone, generous to those who are in need, a man of strong convictions of right and wrong, and ever fearless in upholding that which he knows to be right.

SAMUEL MINIER is a native of Salem township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, his birth having occurred July 15, 1847, on the old homestead farm, the third farm which was opened up in the township. It is still his home and has been his place of abode through childhood and manhood. He received such limited educational privileges as the district schools of that day afforded, and from early youth has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. As soon as old enough to handle the plow he began work in the fields, and it was not long before he was familiar with farm work in all its departments. The pursuit to which he was reared he has made his life work, and today he is one of the enterprising agriculturists of the community, the owner of a highly-cultivated tract of land, which in its neat appearance indicates the careful supervision of the owner. His business transactions are conducted with the utmost fairness, and his industry and honesty have won him the respect and confidence of all who know him.

Mr. Minier has been twice married; first time to Miss Rachel Beard, a resident of Stark county, Ohio, and they became the parents of two children—Joseph, who is residing in Salem township, Ottawa county; and Flora Belle. The mother of this family, who was a most estimable lady, passed away February 5, 1877, and one year later, December 19, 1878, Mr. Minier married Miss Susanna Kleinhans,

who was born September 5, 1847, daughter of John and Maria (Himeline) Kleinhans, well-known people of Ottawa county. Five children grace this marriage—four sons and one daughter—their names and dates of birth being as follows: Claude A., October 5, 1879; Gwendolen, February 27, 1881; George S., August 3, 1883; Orville Earl, May 6, 1885; and Lloyd D., June 4, 1890. The family are well-known in this community, the household is the abode of hospitality, and our subject and his wife hold an enviable position in social circles. Mr. Minier is a member of Lacare Tent, Knights of the Macabees, and in his political views is a staunch Democrat, having supported that party since attaining his majority. He is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family, and well deserves representation in this volume.

ALBERT A. CLEMONS, a leading fruit grower of Danbury township, Ottawa county, and a son of Alexander Clemons, was born on the old homestead at Marblehead, Ohio, April 9, 1840. Since infancy he has been a resident of that community, where by his good qualities and genial disposition he has endeared himself to the residents of that as well as other sections of the county, and, throughout, his friends are legion. His education was acquired in the public schools of Marblehead, and from early boyhood until 1862 he was engaged in farm work.

In August, 1862, Mr. Clemons enlisted in Company G, One Hundredth O. V. I., with which regiment he participated in numerous engagements, including the siege of Knoxville, and the battles of Franklin, Resaca, Atlanta and Nashville. He was a faithful soldier, always found at his post of duty, and at the close of the war was mustered out and discharged at Goldsboro, July 20, 1865. On returning to his home in Marblehead

he became connected with his brother in the quarrying business, being owners of one of the largest quarries in the State. They carried on operations under the firm name of Clemons Sons until 1890, when business was discontinued, and the partnership dissolved, since which time our subject has devoted his entire attention to fruit growing.

At Sandusky City, Ohio, in 1875 Albert Clemons was united in marriage with Miss Josephine Catherman, a daughter of Samuel and Clarissa Catherman, the former a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of Ohio, both now residents of Sandusky City. To this union has been born one child, Georgie D., who is still with her parents. Mr. Clemons is a member of Peninsular Lodge, No. 607, K. of P., and of R. B. Richardson Post, No. 454, G. A. R., while in politics he is an ardent supporter of the Republican party. As a citizen he is broad guaged and enterprising, and can worthily be accredited with having done his share in developing the interests of the county. While not a Church member, he is a supporter of all religious efforts, and gives liberal financial aid thereto. The family hold prominent place in social circles.

HERMAN W. ENGLEBECK. Of German descent, this gentleman was born in Portage township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, December 23, 1836, a son of Herman and Caroline (Fechtler) Englebeck, natives of the Fatherland. Leaving their old home they crossed the Atlantic to America, and about 1835 located in what is now Portage township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, which was then a part of Sandusky county, there continuing their residence until called to the home beyond. Of their family of nine children, six are still living, namely: William, who resides in Weston, Wood Co., Ohio; Herman W., in Portage township, Ottawa county; John R., a resident of Denver.

Colo.; Henry J., who is living in Lakeside, Ohio; Katherine, wife of Capt. William Slackford, and a resident of Portage township; and George, who is located in Des Moines, Iowa.

Our subject was reared in the usual manner of farmer lads, receiving such educational advantages as were obtainable in the district schools of the neighborhood, and from his boyhood days up to the present time has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, winning a well-merited success, and becoming the owner of one of the most fertile farms and productive orchards of the township. He enjoys the reputation of being a thorough and practical agriculturist and fruit grower, and his well-tilled fields and fruit-bearing orchards indicate his care and supervision. His handsome residence and neat surroundings bespeak thrift, and the home is noted for its hospitality.

The lady who presides in the Englebeck residence, was, in her maidenhood, Nancy Wonnell, and in Port Clinton, on the 18th of December, 1859, she became the wife of our subject. Her parents were early settlers of Portage township, Ottawa county, where she was born April 17, 1838. The children of this marriage are six in number: Oscar W., born September 18, 1861, was married July 3, 1883, to Lizzie Lickfelt, and has one son, Arthur; Charles Grant, born December 6, 1864, married Jennie Fall, and with his wife and two children, Amos and Helen, resides in Port Clinton; Effie Josephine, born July 3, 1863, was married April 9, 1887, to Burton Elwell, and died January 25, 1893, leaving a daughter, Florence E., who is still living; Carrie Leah was born March 7, 1871; Bertie Hayes, born June 6, 1875, died March 8, 1876; Nannie Belle, born July 20, 1879, completes the family.

In all the duties of husband, father, neighbor and citizen, Mr. Englebeck is found faithful, and occupies a high place in the esteem of those who know him.

He is a representative farmer, one whose example may well be followed, for his character is above reproach and he is worthy of the highest respect. For almost sixty years he has resided in Ottawa county, and well deserves mention among the honored pioneers.

HENRY BOWE, one of the descendants of George Bowe, Sr., a well-known pioneer of Sandusky county, was born June 6, 1843, in Scott township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where he still resides. He lived with his parents on the old farm in Scott township until he was twenty-one years, when he began life for himself, working the old farm on shares.

In 1864 Mr. Bowe took a trip to Green Bay, Lake Superior, and Ft. Wayne, Ind. In the following year he again visited Ft. Wayne, Ind., where he remained a few months, and then returned home and worked on the old farm one year. He then again went to Indiana, returning, in 1867, to the old farm where he remained until his marriage, January 27, 1847, to Catherine Fry, of Jackson township, Sandusky county. To them have come four children: Sarah A., born August 31, 1878, died August 14, 1887; Mary Annie, born April 11, 1880, at the present time studying music; Roulif, born August 10, 1883; and Lulu L., born January 27, 1889.

A part of the farm, where Mr. Bowe now resides, he obtained from his father. To it he has added forty acres more, erected substantial buildings, and now has the place under good cultivation. In addition to his farming he is engaged in the oil business. His first lease was in 1886, and provided that Mr. Bowe should have one-eighth of the oil, \$300, and an oil well in five years. The wells were not drilled, nor were they expected to be—hence the lease practically amounted to very little. In 1887, he leased his farm again, this time for one year, he to

have one-eighth of the oil, but no wells were put down. In 1888 another lease was drawn, but nothing was done. On April 8, 1895, the first real business for oil began on Mr. Bowe's farm. According to the lease he is to have \$300, and one-sixth of the oil, besides which a well is to be put down every sixty days until there are six wells in all. In addition to this Mr. Bowe has at the present time just drilled and shot a well of his own which promises to be a very good one. The wells now running are producing about twenty barrels each per day. One-sixth of the oil, together with the well owned by himself, returns a fine income from the oil business.

Mr. Bowe's father, George Bowe, Sr., was one of Sandusky county's pioneers. He relates a striking incident in his own life while living in Scott township. One day, about the year 1843, while laboring on his farm, there suddenly appeared before him an image of his father, as natural as life; he spoke and the vision vanished. He at once went to the house, related the incident to his wife and family, and after a little consultation it was decided that he had better go to Buffalo and visit his father. Accordingly he left at once for that city, and on coming there he found his father a corpse. At that time the old gentleman was about seventy-five years old, thus making the date of birth of our subject's paternal grandfather about the year 1768. The father of our subject was born in France in 1802, and came to America in 1832, settling in New York State, where he remained three years. Thence he came to Ohio, and in Scott township entered 210 acres of land, one-half for himself and the other half for his sister. In 1834-35 he married Catherine Wegstein, daughter of Michael Wegstein, born in Baden, Germany, in 1813. To them were born ten children, three of whom died in infancy, the others being: George, Jacob, Frederick, Henry, Michael, David and Mary C. Of these, Fred-

erick and Mary C. died some time ago, while the remainder are yet living. The father of our subject acquired a large property in Scott township, owning at one time 600 acres of land. He died June 3, 1872, and was buried in the Bradner Cemetery.

Our subject's maternal grandfather, Michael Wegstein, was born about 1779, in Baden, Germany, where he was married, and had a family of six children. In 1832 he started for America, but on the voyage his wife took sick, died, and was buried in mid-ocean. Of his family only two are now living. One son, Michael, was captain of Company H, Seventy-second Ohio Volunteers, and was killed at the battle of Shiloh.

Mrs. Bowe, wife of our subject, was born June 7, 1849, in Jackson township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where she lived until her marriage. Her father, George Fry, a pioneer of Sandusky county, was born in Westphalia, Kingdom of Prussia, in 1798, came to America in 1835, and in 1843 was united in marriage with Miss Mary Gust, who was born March 14, 1821, and died in 1880. They had nine children, five of whom are living. He died November 26, 1890. He helped to construct the Maumee pike, the famous Ohio road. Mrs. Bowe's maternal grandfather, Casper Gust, was born about 1790, and his wife about 1799. They were the parents of ten children.

JEPHTHA L. OGDEN, one of the most successful farmers and fruit growers of Carroll township, Ottawa county, was born in Morris county, N. J., November 28, 1827, and is one of a family of six children, only two of whom now survive, our subject and his sister Ruth, wife of Henry Jide.

Their parents, Jephtha and Rachel (Munson) Ogden, were also natives of New Jersey, the father born July 24, 1795, the mother on June 12, 1788. They

came across the mountains from New Jersey with teams to Ottawa county, the trip occupying a month, and reached Port Clinton, May 25, 1838. After resting a few days in that city they proceeded in a scow by river to Carroll township, where they located on the land now owned by our subject. The farm was then a perfect wilderness, but they at once began to clear and develop the land, which has now been placed under a high state of cultivation. In the log house which was there erected the deaths of both parents occurred, the mother dying February 23, 1874, the father on May 15, 1877.

The subject of this sketch passed his boyhood and youth after the manner of most farmers' sons, acquiring his education in the old log schoolhouse of the district, at an early age being trained to those habits of industry and economy which have proven the secret of his success in life. In connection with general farming he is also engaged in fruit growing, in which he is meeting with a well-deserved success. In Ottawa county, on November 28, 1852, Mr. Ogden was married to Miss Margaret Cover, a daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Cover, and they became the parents of six children: Saphroni, born September 26, 1853, now the wife of John Meeker; Reuha, born September 18, 1855, was married February 11, 1874, to Charles Humphrey, and died July 19, 1882; Philina, born February 8, 1857, now the wife of Daniel Day, of Port Clinton, Ottawa county; Rachel E., born April 14, 1862, now the wife of Charles Humphrey; Jephtha William was born September 29, 1864; Alice, born April 6, 1871, is the wife of Edward Jide; and one child died in infancy. The mother of this family died February 18, 1879, and February 8, 1881, Mr. Ogden was again married, this time to Mrs. Mary Giger, widow of Henry Giger, and sister of his first wife, and her death occurred November 19, 1888. On February 13, 1892, Mr. Ogden wedded Mrs.

Clemenza Almira (Mattock, Conn, widow of Philip Conn. She was born in Coshoc-ton county, Ohio, June 5, 1842, and is a daughter of Isaac and Matilda Mattock, the former of whom now makes his home in Adams, Defiance Co., Ohio. By her former marriage Mrs. Ogden became the mother of five children: Emma, born August 1, 1863, died August 11, 1866; Matilda, born December 11, 1865, married January 8, 1884, to William Schmaltz, of Defiance county; Mary, born March 19, 1873, married April 28, 1889, to William Tittle; Euphema, born April 22, 1881; and Theodocia, born June 16, 1883.

In his political views Mr. Ogden is a Democrat, and in religious faith the family attend the services of the United Brethren Church. From his early boy-hood our subject's life has been spent in Carroll township, and from a wilderness, inhabited mostly by savages with only a few white settlers, he has seen the coun-try converted into finely-tilled land, dotted with handsome residences, in which work he has contributed his share, and he enjoys and respect of all who knew him.

FREDERICK HOLTKAMP, who is successfully engaged in farming in Harris township, Ottawa coun-ty, was born in Prussia, June 26, 1846, a son of Frederick and Angeline (Schope) Holtkamp, also natives of Prus-sia. They were both born in 1815, and the father, now at the age of eighty years, a hale and hearty old man, is living with our subject; they were the parents of three children, Frederick being the only survivor. The paternal grandfather, who also bore the name of Frederick, was born in Prussia, in 1775. He was a liter-ary man, highly educated, and spent the greater portion of his life in Germany. His wife was born in Prussia in 1786, and they were the parents of seven children. The great-grandmother of Mr. Holtkamp

was born in Prussia, in 1755, but further than this the ancestry of the family can not be traced.

During the first fourteen years of his life, Frederick Holtkamp, the subject proper of this review, remained in the land of his birth, and then accompanied his parents on their emigration to the New World, the family locating at Elmore, Ohio, where the father purchased a tract of land and began farming. Our subject remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, when he started out to make his own way in the world. As a helpmeet on life's journey he chose Miss Mary Huber, of Monroe, Mich., who was born in Hessen, Ger-many, March 23, 1835, and is a daughter of John and Agnes (Lisben) Huber, na-tives of the same locality, the former born November 11, 1805, and the latter in 1806; of their eight children, four are now living, all residents of the Buckeye State. Her paternal grandmother, Helen Pricker, was born in Hessen in 1778, and her maternal grandmother, Maria Hoff-spier, was born in 1773, while the great-grandmother was born in 1749, nearly one century and a half ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Holtkamp began their domestic life upon a farm near Elmore, Ohio, where they lived for some years, and then removed to the village of El-more, which was their place of abode six years, and where he was in the tailoring business. In 1875 he purchased the farm which he yet owns, and at once began to clear and develop it, placing it under a high state of cultivation. The excellent buildings which he has erected, the fences always kept in good repair, the well-tilled fields, and the fine orchard with its va-riety of fruits, all indicate the care and supervision of a painstaking owner. He also devotes some time to stock-raising, selling to local dealers, and has made this a profitable part of his business. He and his family are all members of the Meth-odist Church of Elmore, and are people

whose well-spent lives have won them the respect and confidence of all with whom they have come in contact. In his political views Mr. Holtkamp is a Republican, but has never sought or desired the honors or emoluments of public office.

To Mr. and Mrs. Holtkamp have been born children as follows: (1) Mary, the eldest, married O. O. Overmyer, a wealthy farmer of Lindsey, Ohio. (2) Angeline married A. Coleman, of Genoa, Ohio, who lives on a farm which he bought of Mr. Holtkamp. (3) Lizzie married Rev. P. S. Ingersoll, of Norwalk, Ohio, who is at the present time in Minnesota. (4) John H., who is a graduate of the German Wollace, of Berea, Ohio, is now minister at McKeesport, Penn. (5) Henry C., is an expert upholsterer in Toledo, Ohio. (6) Frank E. is a printer, at the present time in Cairo, Ill., where he has an interest in the Cairo *Daily People*. (7) Caroline is one of Elmore's noted dressmakers. (8) Daniel Webster H., who is in his "teens" yet, is still at home on the farm with his father; during spare time he devotes himself at his desk writing; he is correspondent for the *Cleveland Press*, which work he likes and takes much interest in, and some day expects, when old enough, to follow; he is a bright and energetic young man, standing high in society; he is a member of the Elmore Band, in which he plays cornet; he and his little sister Emma, who is but sixteen years old, and a graduate of the Elmore High school, play cornet solos. (9) Emma is a remarkable musician, being especially a very fine piano player.

HENRY DIERKER. Among the worthy citizens that Germany has furnished to Ohio, to become prominent in her agricultural interests, is the gentleman whose name opens this review, and who was born in

Hanover, Germany, on the 8th of July, 1851.

The father of our subject died during the early childhood of the latter, after which the mother, whose maiden name was Gertrude Buck, came to America. In the family were eleven children, six of whom are now living. Mrs. Dierker spent her remaining days in Ohio, and her death occurred in Wood county, March 24, 1879. Henry Dierker remained in his native land until nine years of age, and then came with his mother to America. His first home in this country was in Sandusky county, Ohio, and in 1863 he removed to Wood county, where he spent the succeeding ten years of his life, coming to Ottawa county in 1873, at which time he located in Section 6, Harris township, where he has since made his home. Mr. Dierker here cleared a farm, fenced and tiled it, and has made all the improvements that are found upon a model farm of the 19th century. The land is highly cultivated, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place indicates the careful supervision and systematic management of the owner. He is also successfully engaged in stock raising, making a specialty of cattle and hogs.

On April 6, 1873, Mr. Dierker married Miss Mary Zilch, of Lorain county, Ohio, where she was born January 28, 1854. In 1860 her parents came to Harris township, Ottawa county, and here she was educated. Her father was born in Hessen, Germany, February 18, 1809, and came to America in 1851, his death occurring in Harris township, Ottawa county, in 1892. Her mother, who bore the maiden name of Gertrude Schuch, was born in Hessen, Germany, October 27, 1816, and their marriage was celebrated in that country in 1838. By their union was born a family of eight children, only two of whom are now living—Mrs. Dierker and Mrs. Konetzka.

Our subject and his wife are the parents of nine children, namely: Henry,

born January 21, 1874, died February 8, 1874; Anna, born February 8, 1875, died March 2, 1875; Emma, born August 17, 1876, died August 10, 1888; Eliza, born July 15, 1878; Mary, born December 9, 1880; Louisa, born July 4, 1883; Gertrude, born December 30, 1887; Frederick, born December 5, 1890; and Clara, born January 24, 1893. The family is widely known in Ottawa county, and Mr. and Mrs. Dierker have the warm regard of many friends.

GEORGE E. POST. This prominent and enterprising gentleman, who is extensively engaged in the manufacture of lumber, at Martin, Clay township, Ottawa county, was born in Twinsburgh, Summit county, Ohio, March 28, 1844, and was one of seven children composing the family of Eben and Maria (Davis) Post, the former of whom was a native of Ohio, the latter of Connecticut.

Zina Post, paternal grandfather of our subject, was born about the year 1775, and was a pioneer of Hudson, Summit county, Ohio, where he was engaged in farming. His wife, Rena Post, was about ten years younger than he, and survived him several years. They had a family of eight children of whom are living the following: Aurelia, married to Augustus Foote, for many years connected with the Second National Bank of Cleveland, Ohio; Alvira, married to Chauncy Fowler, a carriage trimmer at Hudson, Ohio; Ann, married to Horace Chamberlin, a farmer, also living at Northfield; Cynthia, wife of Nelson Wate, a miner in California; Bradford, who for several years was a farmer, and is now a retired merchant. William, one of the sons, lived on the old homestead, taking care of his parents to the close of their lives. He bought up all the shares in the property, and when he died, about nine years ago, he was worth some \$30,000. His death was caused by

blood poison, the result of a wound he received in one of his fingers, a common table-fork having struck it.

Eben Post, the father of our subject, was born in 1816, in Ohio, and was a farmer in Twinsburgh township, Summit county. He died in Hudson June 5, 1887, aged seventy-one years; his wife, who survives him, is living on the old homestead at Hudson. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Lewis A., born June 20, 1842, at Twinsburgh, Summit Co., Ohio, is now in the cheese business in Andrew county, Mo. (he married Miss Mary Pease, and they have had three children, of whom two survive); George E. is our subject; William, of Hudson, Ohio, married Cora Morse, of the same place; Aurelia was also born and educated in Hudson, and married Lyman Laudenslager, a liveryman of that place; the remaining children were Clark, Zina and May, the latter of whom died at the age of seventeen, in Hudson. When a young man, Eben Post bought an eighty-acre lot in Twinsburgh township, Summit county, a portion of which he cleared, and getting it well cultivated, and converted into pasture land, he commenced keeping a dairy, and making cheese. Prospering in this, he bought two more forty-acre lots, and in the spring would go west to purchase cows for dairy purposes, and then sell to the farmers, in which line he continued year after year. Later in the season he would buy cattle for the Standard Packing House Co., at Cleveland. He then bought a farm, near Hudson, of 125 acres, to which he moved, and afterward he would buy cows by the car-load, in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Missouri, shipping them by rail instead of driving them by road.

Georg E. Post, the subject proper of these lines, remained at the place of his birth until he was seventeen years old, receiving all his education at the schools of the neighborhood, with the exception of two or three terms attendance at the



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schools of Hudson, Summit county, whither the family had removed in 1860, when our subject was sixteen years old. His first work was as a farmer boy upon his father's farm, and in 1866, when twenty-two years old he went south with his uncle, Bradford Post, traveling through Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia, the uncle buying a farm east of Chattanooga. Our subject remained with him all winter, selling a few lots of cheese in Atlanta, Ga., then in the spring returned home, remaining there until he came to Clay township, and took up work in a lumber mill at Martin, which was then owned and operated by H. W. Salisbury. He worked in this mill for a year, learning all branches of the business, and the following year bought a half interest therein, the name and style of the new firm being Salisbury & Post. Being a man of good executive ability and progressive ideas, Mr. Post soon succeeded in acquiring control of the business, bought out the interest of his partner, and for fourteen years has operated it in his own name, building up an extensive trade and giving employment to a large number of men. By his strictly honest and enterprising business methods he has made of it a financial success, and to-day is the only lumber manufacturer in Martin, which heretofore has continued several similar industries. Not contented with his work at Martin, Mr. Post has pushed his enterprises as far as Cleveland, where he has purchased a building lot in the southern portion of that city, on which he is erecting, at a cost of upwards of \$3,000, a fine business block, 20 x 65 feet, which will be an ornament to the city, and no doubt, will prove a good investment. The building and lot are valued at \$5,000.

Mr. Post was married, at Kent, Ohio, November 11, 1865, to Miss Frances Brewster, who was born in 1844, daughter of John Brewster, a prominent farmer, of Stow township, Summit county,

and one child has come to this union, Clarence, born July 2, 1875, at Martin. He received his education in the public schools of Martin, Ohio, also attending for one term the high school at Hudson; he is now in Hudson, Ohio, with his uncle, in the livery business. Mrs. Post, who was a devoted wife and mother, and a woman of most estimable character, passed away March 26, 1891, having fallen a victim to that dread complaint, Bright's disease, and her remains were deposited in the cemetery at Hudson, Ohio. Her memory will long be cherished by her bereaved husband and son, and the hosts of friends who have enjoyed her hospitality and friendship.

Mr. Post is a man of genial disposition, a pleasant conversationalist, very popular with and highly esteemed by his fellow citizens. He is a Republican in political views, and votes from principle, being in no sense an office seeker, and is interested in whatever tends to the development or progress of the community in which he lives.

JOHAN L. WHEELER, a well-known highly-respected resident of Oak Harbor, is a native of Ottawa county, Ohio, born in Salem township August 22, 1857, a son of Charles and Mary (Fought) Wheeler.

The father of our subject, a retired agriculturist of Salem township, first saw the light near Bridgeport, Conn., April 27, 1827, being a son of John and Mary (Wheeler) Wheeler, both natives of Connecticut and very early settlers of Ottawa county, they having located near Elmore in 1833, and they were highly-respected residents of that township up to the time of their decease. Mr. Wheeler's educational advantages were confined to those afforded by the old log schoolhouse of half a century ago, his early life being spent in acquiring a thorough knowledge of the many duties in connection with the farm.

When a lad six years of age he came with his parents to Ottawa county, and has been a continuous resident thereof for nearly fifty years, honored and respected by the entire community as a man of sound character and many other excellent qualities.

Mr. Wheeler was married in Hessville, Sandusky Co., Ohio, July 13, 1847, the lady of his choice being a Miss Mary Fought, daughter of George and Mary Fought, early settlers of Sandusky county. To this union were born seven children, as follows: Samuel, Levi, John L., Albert, Laura E. (wife of George Fry), Mary Melissa (wife of George Gordon) and Harvey. The mother passed to the home beyond November 16, 1888. In 1864 Mr. Wheeler enlisted in Company I, Fifty-fifth O. V. I., and served until the close of the war, being mustered out near Cincinnati in June, 1865, shortly afterward returning to his home in Salem township. Our subject is one of the few old pioneer settlers who have lived to see what was at one time a vast, unbroken wilderness transformed into thriving towns and prosperous villages. In his political preferences Mr. Wheeler is a staunch supporter of the Republican party.

John L. Wheeler, the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch, received his preliminary education in the public schools of his native township, on leaving school served an apprenticeship term to the trade of a plasterer, which vocation he has followed throughout his entire life, and his reputation as a workman and as a citizen who has ever been found willing to do all in his power to advance any cause which has had for its culmination the welfare of his town and county, is a most enviable one indeed. He was united in marriage, August 22, 1892, with Mrs. Angeline Alice (Young) Smith, widow of Duncan Smith, whose death occurred November 16, 1883, and a daughter of George Young, of Carroll township, Ottawa county. This union has not been

blessed by the birth of any children. Mrs. Wheeler had three children by her former marriage, viz.: George D., a prominent photographer of Oak Harbor, born October 16, 1874; Alice M., born October 18, 1876, and Emma Jane, born January 1, 1881. The family enjoy the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends. Mrs. Wheeler has conducted a millinery bazaar and fancy-goods business ever since her first husband was drowned, some seven years ago; in fact she raised her family in business, and is one of Oak Harbor's brightest and most industrious women.

George Young, an enterprising agriculturist, trapper and lumber manufacturer, of Carroll township, father of Mrs. J. L. Wheeler, is a native of Center township, Berks Co., Penn., born November 30, 182-, a son of John and Susannah (Keen) Young, natives of Pennsylvania, of German ancestry. When a lad six years of age Mr. Young came with his parents to Stark county, Ohio, where he received his primary education. When twenty years of age he left the parental abode and went to Harrison county, Ohio, where he found employment at his trade, that of a carpenter, remaining there about six years. He then moved to Sandusky, Erie county, where he remained until 1850, being employed in the car shops. In 1851 he embarked in the fishing industry at Port Clinton, Ottawa county, and has since been a continuous resident of that county, for the past twenty-five years extensively engaged in the manufacture of lumber and also in the building of bridges. He was united in marriage April 28, 1846, with Miss Maria Jane Zouvers, daughter of Solomon and Susannah E. (Hoy) Zouvers, born October 2, 1828. To this union have been born nine children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: John, May 15, 1847; Angeline Alice, January 6, 1850, now the wife of John L. Wheeler, of Oak Harbor; Susanna E., March 26, 1852, wife of George Reid, of Oak Harbor;

Mary Jane, May 15, 1854, wife of Morgan Sharpe; Catherine E., September 3, 1856, wife of Louis Daly, of Havana, Huron county; Enma P., October 20, 1858, wife of Martin Smith, of Toledo; Marian A., March 18, 1861, wife of H. C. Mylander, of Oak Harbor; George D., April 26, 1863; Robert Eugene, October 6, 1865. Mr. Young has been a member of the board of directors of the Oak Harbor Infirmary for the past six years.

LYSANDER CURTIS BALL. The subject of this sketch was born in Rockingham county, Vt., March 26, 1795. His father, Eusebius Ball, a native of Massachusetts, served in the war of 1812, and died in the State of New York at about the age of sixty years. When eighteen years old, Lysander C. Ball went to Trenton Falls, N. Y., where he learned the trade of blacksmithing. At twenty-three, he moved to Boston, Mass., and soon after started westward for Detroit, on foot, arriving at Lower Sandusky, Ohio, in April, 1818. He saw but one house on the present site of Cleveland when he came through there, and on reaching the Sandusky river there was no way of crossing it but in little Indian bark canoes. At Fremont there were but three or four log cabins, and very little enterprise, yet he found employment with Thomas L. Hawkins, who owned a good pair of oxen, and Mr. Ball, being very skillful in the management of them, helped to build the first dam across the Sandusky river, his compensation for one month's labor being a pair of shoes.

The roads westward through the old "Black Swamp," as it was then called, being perfectly impassable at the time, Mr. Ball was persuaded to establish himself in business at Fremont, and like many others with small means took "Hobson's choice." He placed his little

blacksmith shop on ground now occupied by State street, between the Croghan House Block and Buckland's corner.

Mr. Ball was married, February 23, 1823, to Miss Eveline Patterson, daughter of Reuben and Eunice (Danforth) Patterson, and took up his residence in a log cabin adjoining the back part of what is now "Croghan House" lot. In this cabin two children were born to them, the first dying in infancy. He afterward built and for many years occupied a residence and shop on Front street, north of the Wheeling depot, which property was in later years purchased by the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad Company. In 1853 he moved thence to a farm north of the city, but adjoining the corporation, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred March 21, 1877, when he was at the age of eighty-two years. His residence was on high ground overlooking a bend in the river from which the scenery is delightful. Being a lover of the beauties of natural scenery, he employed his sound, well-balanced mind and his industrious hands in working a magical change in his home surroundings.

In the life and character of Mr. Ball, the virtues of industry, temperance, frugality, truth and integrity, order and peace, were conspicuously displayed. A model husband and father, a good and generous neighbor, carried away by no excitement, misled by no shams or false appearances, loving his home and family so that except on duty he was seldom away from it, he led that peaceful and complete life which entitles him to a lasting and honored remembrance.

Mrs. Eveline Ball was born February 15, 1800, in Onondaga county, N. Y. At the age of sixteen she came with her parents, in large moving wagons, to Ohio, and in 1818 they located at Lower Sandusky, and spent the first winter in one of the block houses of Fort Stephenson. Mrs. Ball then Eveline Patterson taught

a small school in one of the block houses, and one of her best and most capable pupils was an Indian boy. Mrs. Ball was a most excellent and highly-respected lady, who, with her husband, embarked in married life and bravely met their many trials with womanly fortitude, until separated by death. She passed away December 25, 1883. Their children were—(1) Eveline and (2) Alvira, the eldest of the family, both unmarried, who reside on a part of the old homestead, where they wish to remain during their natural life. (3) Thaddeus Ball, born November 9, 1830, who was reared and educated in the best schools and society the country afforded in pioneer days. In 1860 he married Sarah E. Kelley, formerly of Fostoria. His occupation was farming and fruit growing, in which he took much pleasure, until he became broken down in health. He died November 2, 1886. Their children were—Katie E. Ball, Thomas L., Frank I., Emma A., and Hattie, all of whom now reside in Oregon. (4) Oscar Ball, born April 4, 1833, rose from the humble occupations of farm life to positions of honor and trust in his community. In 1862 he became auditor of Sandusky county, and held the office until the fall of 1865, when he was appointed to fill an unexpired term as treasurer. He is now postmaster in McMurray, State of Washington. On October 11, 1858, he married Miss Ella Amsden, of Fremont, and their children are—Edward A., Jennie E., Sarah D., and John R., all living at home. (5) Sarah Danforth Ball, born June 23, 1836, was for a number of years a teacher in the country and in the city schools. She married, October 26, 1859, Stephen M. Emerson, attorney at law, Ballville township, who died in Kansas, August 12, 1863. Mrs. Emerson passed away in Fremont, April 7, 1886. They had a son who died in infancy, and a daughter, Jessie Eunice Emerson, whose home is at Green Spring Sanitarium, Ohio. (6) Ly-sander Curtis Ball, Jr., was born in Lower

Sandusky, December 3, 1839. He lived on the farm with his father and family until the fall of 1862, when he spent some time in Kentucky, having, in company with many other citizens of Fremont, responded to the call for troops to defend his native State from invasion. On October 20, 1863, he enlisted in the navy of the United States, as master's mate, to perform duty in the Mississippi squadron. He was in several engagements along the Mississippi river and on the Yazoo, and in the one which occurred April 22, 1864, our vessel, the "Petrel," was captured and destroyed by the Confederates. Mr. Ball was then ordered to the ram "Vindicator" for duty, where he served until March 16, 1865, when he was promoted to acting ensign, and sent to the U. S. steamer "Juliet" for duty, where he remained until the close of hostilities. He reached home July 12, 1865, and was honorably discharged November 1, 1865. In the same year he married Miss Hannah Morrison, and is now living on a farm in North Dakota. Their children were—Eva, Charles, Alma and Ball. In 1893, the eldest, a most lovable daughter, was taken from them by death. A son and a daughter are now clerking in a dry-goods store in Jamestown, North Dakota.

REUBEN PATTERSON. The early settlement of Sandusky township, Sandusky county, was not so rapid as that of the eastern part of the county, because the land was more low and wet, the timber more dense, and the air more full of malaria, which caused fever and ague. Such was the condition of the country when Reuben Patterson and his wife, Eunice (Danforth) Patterson, and family, in the fall of 1816, came in wagons from the State of New York to the wilds of Ohio. They located first at Huron, in Erie county, which was then the stopping place of many western immi-

grants. The following spring they removed to the Peninsula, in Ottawa county, but here sickness so afflicted them that their new home with improvements had to be abandoned. In the spring of 1818 they moved to Lower Sandusky, and found temporary shelter in a small log house in the old fort, which had been used during the war of 1812-13 by U. S. military officers. Comforts and conveniences were out of the question, and the floor of the house was made of clay. There was but one bedstead, in a corner, and during the day all the clothing was piled upon it. At night the beds for eight persons were made mostly on the bare ground. One gate of the fort served as a part of the floor. Mr. Patterson and his sons during the winter cleared a piece of land on the west side of the river, and in the spring of 1819 the family moved into the log cabin they had constructed on this place, which is known as the Whitaker Reserve, in Sandusky township. In the meantime his eldest daughter, Eveline, taught school in one of the block houses of the fort, having some Indian as well as white children under her care.

About the year 1821-22 Mrs. Eunice Patterson, being well provided with purchase money, mounted her horse and, in company with Lysander C. Ball and James Whittaker, traveled through the wilderness, one hundred miles, to attend the government sales of public lands at Delaware, Ohio. She there bought the tract which became their homestead, and it has for many years been known as the Patterson Farm, on the east side of the Sandusky river, just north of Fremont. The incidents of this heroic trip were often related by her to her grandchildren. She was remarkably determined and courageous in business matters, but kind and generous to a fault in her home.

The children of Reuben and Eunice Patterson were: (1) Sear Patterson, who retained his residence in the State of New York. (2) Alvord Patterson, who married

Miss Julia Webb, in New York State, and subsequently came to Lower Sandusky, where he died; their children were—Eveline Patterson, who married John Shannon, and died at Fremont in 1893; William Patterson, now married and living in South Dakota; Fanny Patterson, who married, lived and died in Iowa; Cordelia Patterson, who died in childhood at Lower Sandusky. (3) Eveline Patterson, married to Lysander C. Ball, whose sketch appears above. (4) Danforth Patterson, who married Miss Sarah Perry, and for a number of years lived on the Patterson farm, where each passed away, leaving no children. (5) Harriet Patterson, married to James Moore, whose sketch is given elsewhere. (6) Julius Patterson, married to Miss Margaret Leary, by whom he had eight sons and two daughters—Robert C., Danforth, Rodolphus D., Sardis B., John P., Rawson, Oscar, Charles M., Sarah and Juliette. Julius Patterson was for many years a successful farmer, also a contractor on public works. He led an honest and temperate life. He was born May 17, 1808, and died at his residence in Fremont May 23, 1887. (7) Caroline Patterson died at the age of twelve years from the effects of a fall on the ice in the river, which she crossed in attending school. The death of Reuben Patterson occurred June 1, 1840, at Lower Sandusky, and that of his wife, Eunice Patterson, December 17, 1839, the latter at the age of sixty-five years.

Mrs. Eunice Patterson was a daughter of Gen. Asa Danforth, who was born July 6, 1746, at Worcester, Mass.; he entered military life at fourteen years of age, served in the war of the Revolution, was at the battle of Lexington, and distinguished himself by many brave and patriotic achievements. He was one of the first to begin the manufacture of salt at Onondaga, N. Y. He died September 2, 1818, at the age of seventy-three. The stories of his eventful life are stranger than fiction.

JOHN W. WORST. Prominent among Sandusky county boys, who, by their own exertions under difficulties, worked their way up from the comparative obscurity of life on a farm to that of holding responsible offices at the county seat for several successive terms, and retired from the same with a clean record and the good will of their fellow citizens, is the subject of this sketch.

John W. Worst, attorney at law, of the firm of Meek, Dudrow & Worst, Fremont, Ohio, was born in Ballville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, September 3, 1847, a son of Jacob and Hannah (Parks) Worst. Jacob Worst was a native of the Keystone State, and when a young man in pioneer days, came to Lower Sandusky. He grew up on a farm and learned the trade of shoemaker, at which he worked for some time in Lower Sandusky. In 1845-46 he served as a soldier of the Mexican war, under Gen. Zachary Taylor. He located on a farm in Ballville township. In November, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Seventy-second Regiment, O. V. I., for three years or during the war, and served under Gen. U. S. Grant, in the Western Department. He was killed at the battle of Shiloh, or Pittsburg Landing, on Sunday morning April 6, 1862. His widow is still living on the family homestead.

Our subject was one of a family of nine children, and fifth in the order of birth. He was reared on a farm, educated in the public schools, and graduated from the Fremont High School with the class of 1872, having worked his way chiefly by teaching country schools for twelve successive terms. He had also during this time read law as he had opportunity. Having finished his course of study, he next served as superintendent of the schools at Green Spring, Seneca county, two years, and at Elmore, Ottawa county, eight years. From 1882 to 1885, Mr. Worst served as school examiner of Sandusky county, and in the

fall of 1887 was elected county clerk, which office he held six years. Unlike many other teachers, he did not confine his mind solely to school matters, but during these years became interested financially in the timber and lumber business in Paulding county, Ohio, where he has for a number of years been engaged in the manufacture of stave heading and lumber. He has, more recently, in connection with other parties, opened up an extensive lumber interest in Missouri. Having had a good opportunity, during his service as Clerk of Courts, to observe the practice of law, he continued to read on that subject, under the tuition of B. R. Dudrow, and was admitted to the bar at Columbus, Ohio, on December 6, 1894.

Mr. Worst is a member of the Sons of Veterans, and of McPherson Post, No. 367, I. O. O. F. and Encampment, and has passed all the chairs in each. In 1872, he married Miss Calista S. Long, daughter of Rev. M. Long, an early pioneer of Sandusky county, and an United Brethren divine for more than fifty years, whose death occurred November 18, 1891. To our subject and wife were born three children: M. Le Clare, Cleo G. and Vonnieda Grey.

BF. JACKSON, editor of the *Clyde Enterprise*, Clyde, Sandusky county, was born June 17, 1861, in Chester county, Penn. After securing the rudiments of a good education in the common schools of the county, he learned the printer's art in Downingtown, Pennsylvania.

In 1881 he came to Clyde, and began the study of law, teaching school during the winters in order to pay expenses. In 1884 he bought a half-interest in the *Enterprise*, which was then in bad financial condition. A year later he became sole proprietor, and began a series of improvements and a systematic pushing of the business that soon placed the paper on a

paying basis, so that it is now a most valuable property and an influential family journal. Meantime Mr. Jackson found time to pursue his legal studies, and in 1894 was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of Ohio. He does not practice law, however, but devotes all his energies to his newspaper business.

Mr. Jackson was married November 20, 1884, to Miss Margaret Taylor, and they have two sons—Howard H., born December 7, 1885, and Arthur Taylor, born May 31, 1894.

CASPER H. MEILANDER, one of the most progressive and prosperous farmers of Ottawa county, was born in Prussia, Germany, and is a son of William and Anna Louisa (Speakamon) Meilander, both of whom were also natives of Prussia. In November, 1854, they emigrated with their family to America, locating in Pemberville, Wood Co., Ohio, where the mother passed away in September, 1855. The father afterward removed to Salem township, Ottawa county, where he resided until his death, which occurred January 16, 1887. In the family were seven children, five of whom are living at the time of this writing (summer of 1895), namely: Henry, residing in Bedford, Cuyahoga county, Ohio; Casper H., the subject of this sketch; Mary, wife of Martin Seberlin, a resident of Cleveland; Louisa, wife of Dr. L. Schimansky, a physician of Oak Harbor; and Ann, wife of Frederick Hagemyer, whose home is in Pemberville, Ohio.

The subject proper of this record obtained his education and was reared to manhood in the land of his birth, and in April, 1854, left his home in Germany for the United States. His first location was in Cleveland, Ohio, but after a few months he removed to Pemberville, Wood county, where he made his home for a year, and then, returning to Cleveland,

was a resident of that city until 1861. On April 16 he located in Salem township, Ottawa county, where for the past thirty-four years he has been one of the most honored and respected citizens. He devotes his time and energies to agricultural pursuits, and his good management and business ability have brought to him success.

Mr. Meilander was married in Cleveland, April 16, 1861, to Flora Brinkmyer, who was born in Prussia, Germany, September 4, 1836, daughter of Herman and Margaret (Grotthouse) Brinkmyer, and their family numbered seven children: William, born in January, 1862, died June 3, 1876; Henry Otto, born February 27, 1864, is doing business in Oak Harbor as one of the firm of Meilander & Williamson, blacksmiths and wagon makers; Louis F., born January 20, 1866, aids in the operation of the home farm; Clara, born May 7, 1868; Mary, born January 31, 1871, is the wife of John Hanson, a resident of Clay Center, Ohio; Flora, born February 27, 1873, is the wife of Henry Longanbach, and they reside near Freinont, Sandusky Co., Ohio; and Louisa, born September 12, 1875, is the wife of George Glaser, of Carroll township, Ottawa county.

Mr. Meilander has served as township trustee for three years, and was treasurer for twenty years. What higher testimonial could be given of his faithful service than his long continuance in office? His public and private life are alike above reproach, and his example is well worthy of emulation. In political views he is a Democrat, and the family attend the Lutheran Church.

GABRIEL DUBRIE, a prominent and progressive farmer of Carroll township, Ottawa county, was born in Lucas county, Ohio, September 4, 1846, and is a son of Gabriel

and Cleophe (Page) Dubrie, the former of French ancestry, the latter of German.

Our subject's mother died when he was but two years old, and he was only four when his father also departed this life, after which he was adopted by January Valiquette, of Carroll township, by whom he was reared to manhood. In the district schools of the neighborhood he acquired his education, and at a very early age began to assist in the labors of the fields. With the Valiquette family he remained until he had reached the age of seventeen years, and on February 26, 1864, he enlisted in Company I, Forty-first O. V. I. For two years he remained in the service of his country, during which time he participated in numerous important engagements. At the close of the war he was mustered out and discharged at Columbus, Ohio, in 1865, and returned to Carroll township, where he has since made his home.

On November 15, 1870, in Fremont, Sandusky Co., Ohio, Mr. Dubrie was united in marriage with Mary Jane Sonocrant, who was born in Lucas county, Ohio, August 20, 1849, a daughter of John and Matilda Sonocrant. Mr. and Mrs. Dubrie have three children: Gabriella J., born August 16, 1871, now the wife of Daniel O'Hearn, of Sandusky City, Erie county; and Lester J., born June 4, 1876, and Stanley R., born October 2, 1877, still at home. At the time of his parents' death, Mr. Dubrie had a baby sister, but since then he has heard nothing of her.

Both our subject and his worthy wife were reared in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church, and in his political views Mr. Dubrie is a stanch Republican, always advocating the men and measures of that party. He may truly be said to be a representative self-made man, being left an orphan almost in infancy, he has from a small beginning, by dint of indefatigable energy, coupled with sound judgment and good management, attained a

comfortable competence. He is now the possessor of a fine farm, well equipped with commodious buildings, and is a thoroughly practical as well as theoretical agriculturist, one who has proven himself as capable as he is popular.

DAVID GILLARD, M. D. This well-known physician and surgeon of Port Clinton, Ottawa county, was born at Venice, Erie Co., Ohio, July 30, 1852, and is the son of John and Margaret (Hynes) Gillard. His mother died when he was thirteen years old, after which he went to live with his brother, Dr. Edwin Gillard. He attended the public schools in Sandusky for one year (1866), and then entered Oberlin College. After leaving college he took a course of reading in medicine with his brother, which he supplemented with a course in Hahnemann Medical College at Cleveland.

Dr. Gillard began the practice of medicine in Port Clinton on March 6, 1878, which he has carried on very successfully ever since. He is widely and favorably known throughout this section of the country, and has gained the confidence of the people, both by his undoubted skill in all branches of his profession and by his integrity of character. He has a very extensive and constantly increasing practice, often more than he can attend to, and, while being a general practitioner, he has made a specialty of surgery, in which also he has been remarkably successful. He has held the position of surgeon for the L. S. & M. S. Railway Company since 1890, and is major surgeon of the Fourth Ohio Regiment, Patriarchs Militant. He is also a member of the encampment and canton of the I. O. O. F.; of the Maccabees and of the Knights of Honor. He was brought up in the faith of the Episcopal Church, but is not exclusive in his views on relig-

ious subjects. In politics he is a Republican.

Mrs. Clara H. Gillard, M. D., wife of Dr. David Gillard, was born April 4, 1862, in Bay township, and is a daughter of Edward and Mary (Lattimore) Hyde. Her father is a retired farmer, living, with his wife, at Port Clinton, Ottawa county. Their children are: John, Elizabeth, Alice, Olive and Clara. John married Lucy Park, and is a farmer in Bay township, Ottawa county (they have six children); Elizabeth is the wife of Roswell Robinson, and lives in Port Clinton; Alice married David McRitchie, who is in the meat business at Port Clinton, and has one child; Olive is the wife of Charles Freer, a fish dealer, and lives in Port Clinton.

Mrs. Gillard grew to womanhood in Port Clinton, Ottawa county, attended the public schools in that place until 1879, and taught school one year in Bay township. After her marriage to Dr. Gillard, November 22, 1881, she became interested in the study of medicine, and, after completing a course of reading with her husband, went to Chicago, where she became a student in the Hahnemann Medical College, from which she graduated in 1889. Returning to Port Clinton, she opened an office in connection with her husband, and has been practicing ever since. She has a large clientele, and is very popular with all classes. She is an enthusiast in the Hahnemann methods of treatment, and has been unusually successful therein. Mrs. Gillard is a lady of culture and refinement, always interested in whatever tends to the advancement of her sex and the general good of the public. She takes an active part in the studies of the Chautauqua Circle, of Port Clinton, from which she was graduated at Lakeside, August 21, 1895, and is a valuable member of that organization. She served one year as president of the Ladies' Literary and Social Club, and this year is corresponding secretary of the same.

A sketch of the parental family of Dr. Gillard may not be out of place in the biographical record, and is herewith given. John Gillard, the father of our subject, was born October 30, 1814, at Londonderry, Ireland, and was of Scotch and Irish descent. His father, whose name was Richard, was a native of County Donegal, Ireland. His people went from Scotland to Ireland, and were linen dealers. He learned the trade of a flax dresser, and subsequently owned mills of his own and prepared flax for the market. He also carried on the business of a commission merchant, dealing in yarn in the city of Londonderry, Ireland. He afterward went to Scotland, settling in the vicinity of Glasgow, near the same mill to which he had formerly shipped yarn. He lived to an advanced age. Nothing further is known of this branch of the family as the father of Dr. Gillard came to this country before his parents removed to Scotland. The Gillard family were members of the Scotch Presbyterian Church, until some trouble arose between our subject's father and the minister, after which he united with the Episcopal Church.

John Gillard, the father of our subject, grew to manhood about a mile and a half from Londonderry, Ireland. He attended a subscription school until fourteen or fifteen years of age, working meanwhile upon his father's farm, and learned the trade of wagon maker. Afterward he went to Londonderry and entered the service of a gentleman, as coachman; he had the reputation of being the best coachman in the city, and received the munificent sum of four dollars a week and his board, which was considered good wages in those days. In the employ of this man he remained for some four or five years, and then having determined to try what the New World held in store for him, set sail on May 1, 1833, for America. It was a comparatively serious matter to make a voyage across the Atlantic in those days, as steam had not come

into general use for traveling purposes and the sailing vessels were very slow. He was just two months making the voyage, which was rendered not only more tedious, but even dangerous, by the breaking out of typhus fever, from which fifteen passengers died. They were quarantined for two weeks at Quebec, Canada, where they landed. Mr. Gillard at first worked in a livery stable in Quebec, then went into the country two and a half miles from the city, entering the employ of a Mr. Hunt, with whom he remained four years. He was married to Miss Margaret Hynes, a daughter of John Hynes. She was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1821, and died December 1, 1864, at Venice, Ohio. After his marriage Mr. Gillard, with his wife, went to Buffalo, N. Y., where he worked for a short time in a quarry for the government, which was then building the Erie canal. Leaving Buffalo he came to Venice, Erie Co., Ohio, and for a while worked on a farm. He then began hauling flour and carrying the mail between Venice and Sandusky, which occupation he followed some eleven years. At the expiration of that time he went into partnership with Mr. Haywood, for whom he had formerly worked, in the sheep business, at which they made a great success, owning at one time about five thousand sheep. This occupation he followed for five years, but the price of wool fell, under a Democratic administration, and he disposed of his sheep, selling them at a low price. He then bought a farm near Venice, and carried on farming until 1874. In the meantime, his wife having died, Mr. Gillard was married, the second time, September 18, 1866, to Miss Ida Matt, who was born in Baden, Germany, March 30, 1846. By his first marriage he had seven children, as follows: William, who was born July 3, 1840, enlisted in 1861 in the One Hundred and Twenty-third Ohio Infantry, and was made corporal of his company (he was killed at the battle of

Winchester, Va., in June, 1863); James was born May 17, 1843; Edwin, June 20, 1845; Samuel, December 11, 1847; David, July 30, 1852; Louisa, January 28, 1859; and Martha, April 11, 1862. By his second marriage Mr. Gillard had six children: Mary W., born September 5, 1867, wife of Duglass Borden; John W., September 28, 1870; Belle O., August 8, 1872; Stella A., January 16, 1876; R. H., January 9, 1879; and Ann L., January 5, 1881. John Gillard was a Whig in the olden times, and remembers helping to build a log-cabin for a demonstration during the log-cabin and hard cider campaign, and also remembers shaking hands with President William Henry Harrison in Sandusky, Ohio. After the formation of the Republican party he joined its ranks, and has always been an ardent advocate of its principles. He hauled the first engine used on the old Mad River railway at Sandusky, when it was carried from the boat on the lake to the main train on the track. In addition to his other occupations Mr. Gillard for many years practiced as a veterinary surgeon, in which he was very successful. He is postmaster at Rocky Ridge, having served under Harrison's administration, and so far under that of Cleveland. Although arrived at a good old age, Mr. Gillard is hale and hearty, with a clear head, has never used tobacco, and is strictly temperate. He once suffered an attack of Asiatic cholera, which was the worst illness he ever had. He has the respect and esteem of the entire community, and in peace and prosperity is passing the closing days of a well-spent life.

FREDRICK JORDAN. Among the progressive farmers of Salem township, Ottawa county, none are more deserving of representation in this volume than the gentleman whose name begins this sketch. He is one of the worthy citizens that Germany

has furnished to Ohio, his birth having occurred February 10, 1845, in Baden. His parents, Christopher and Barbara Katherine (Walter) Jordan, were also natives of the same country, and when their son Fredrick was a year old came to America.

Our subject obtained his education in the district schools of Erie county, Ohio, and since his youth has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1861 he accompanied his parents on their removal to Ottawa county, the family locating in Salem township, where he has since made his home. To-day he ranks among the most popular and progressive farmers of his time, taking an active part in all matters tending to the advancement of the township and county. On April 27, 1870, in Salem township, Mr. Jordan was united in marriage with Miss Rachel Lapp, daughter of Henry and Doratha (Draves) Lapp, who were both natives of Mecklenburg, Germany, the former born August 18, 1824, and the latter August 20, 1823. Mr. Lapp is still living, but his wife departed this life November 9, 1893, in Oak Harbor. They emigrated to the United States in 1852, and located in Sandusky, Erie Co., Ohio, where the father engaged in agricultural pursuits. After a two-years' residence there they removed to Salem township, Ottawa county, locating about a mile south of Oak Harbor, where they made their home until 1883, when Mr. Lapp abandoned farm life. He has since lived retired in Oak Harbor, and is one of the most highly-esteemed residents of that town. The family numbered four daughters, but only two are now living—Rachel, who was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, and is the wife of Fredrick Jordan; and Amanda, who was born April 21, 1854, and is the wife of Frederick Beck, a resident of Salem township, Ottawa county.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan have an interesting family of seven children, all of whom are living, namely: Charles H.,

born April 26, 1872, who is now studying dentistry in Chicago; Julia A., born September 10, 1874, who is now the wife of Carl W. Sperling, of Oak Harbor, their wedding having been celebrated September 4, 1894; Fredrick P., born September 23, 1876; Emma Magdalena, born October 6, 1878; Albert Franklin, born October 28, 1880; Odessa Regina, born November 21, 1882; and Paul Grover, born November 5, 1884. Mr. Jordan is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, and with his family attends the Lutheran Church. In his political views he is a Democrat, but has neither time nor inclination for public office. His life work has been that of a practical farmer, and he is one who has found pleasure in the performance of his duties and in leading an upright, honest life. He holds to the theory that whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well, and his aim has been to put this principle into effect. As a result success, not only in material things, but in the higher walks of life as well, has crowned his efforts.

The Jordans have long been prominently connected with the history of Ottawa county, and this work would be incomplete without further mention of the parents of our subject, Christopher and Barbara K. Jordan, both of whom were natives of Baden, Germany, the former born July 6, 1809. They emigrated to America in 1846, locating first in Crawford county, Ohio, where they resided one year, removing thence to Margaretta township, Erie county, where they resided fourteen years. In 1861 they came to Ottawa county, locating on the farm which is now the home of their son Fredrick, and until 1870 Christopher Jordan was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. He has since lived a retired life, making his home with his son Fredrick, who manages the farm. His is now in his eighty-sixth year and is the oldest living resident of the township, if not of Ottawa county. He has retained his mental and physical

vigor to a remarkable degree, but during the past few months has been suffering from cancer of the throat.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan had a family of seven children—Jacob, who was born April 3, 1843, and is living in Astoria, Oregon; Fredrick, mentioned above; Christopher, who died in infancy; Katherine, wife of Albert Bichalmyer, of Cleveland, Ohio; Magdelene, who was born December 18, 1848, became the wife of Frank Stang, and died in Denver, Colo.; Caroline, born May 3, 1852, died July 6, 1894; and Peter, born April 5, 1859, who is now living in Astoria, Oregon. The father of this family served as trustee of the township for one term, but was never a politician in the sense of office-seeking. For thirty-five years he has been a constant resident of Salem township, and those who know him best know how much his strong arm and tireless industry have done toward the removal of the primitive forest and the development of the material prosperity of this section of the county. But never in his devotion to material things has he forgotten the higher duties of life, for whatever tends to promote moral or intellectual culture and social reform has found in him a ready helper. He is always to be found on the side of whatever is true and honest, whatever is just and pure. He is one to whom the hand of deserving charity never appealed in vain. Whatever tends to elevate humanity in the social, moral or educational scale receives his support. He has been a devoted husband and father, attentive to all home duties, and as a friend and neighbor has always been held in high esteem.

WILLIAM KING. This prominent agriculturist, who is closely identified with the interests of Allen township, Ottawa county, of which he has been a resident for the past twenty-eight years, is a native of

New York, having been born in Niagara county, that State, January 11, 1837. His parents were Sherman and Rebecca (Benedict) King, the former a native of Connecticut, and the latter of Massachusetts, of English descent.

Mr. King was brought up on a farm in the State of his birth, receiving his education in the district schools. In 1856 he came to Ohio, and locating near Fremont was for some time employed by Mr. Samuel King, a farmer of Sandusky county. For ten years he remained in that county, engaged in farm work, and in 1867 came to Clay township, Ottawa county, settling in that part which has since been set off and named Allen township. Here he has continuously carried on agricultural pursuits, and has done much toward the improvement and up-building of his community. Mr. King was married January 11, 1858, to Mary, daughter of George and Sarah (Lones) Roberts, both of whom were natives of Perry county, Ohio, and of German ancestry. The father was born March 22, 1807, and passed away July 7, 1880; the mother was born February 1, 1810, near Rushville, Perry county, and died at her home in Sandusky county, August 10, 1887. Their marriage took place in February, 1834, and for nearly half a century they fought life's battle together. They were among the very earliest settlers of Sandusky county, having come there when that section of the county was a vast wilderness. They cleared away the forests and planted orchards, sowed the grains, tilled the soil, made for themselves and children a comfortable home, and lived to see towns spring up around them, churches and schoolhouses built, and all the comforts and conveniences of civilization brought within their reach. For forty-seven years they were valued members of their community, and they died honored and respected by all.

Mrs. King, the wife of our subject, was born in Sandusky county August 24,

1840, and to her and her husband seven children have come, namely: S. Ervin, born August 21, 1859, resides in Saunders county, Neb.; Sarah P., born January 17, 1861, is the wife of Herman Bunte, and resides at Curtice, Allen township, Ottawa county; Rosie E. married William Gerkensmyer, and also lives at Curtice; Solomon P. resides in Allen township; Viola R. is the wife of Robert Oberst, and lives in Jackson township, Sandusky county; Mary M. and Cynthia Edna live at home with their parents. Mr. King has always been a firm adherent of the Democratic party, and is looked upon as one of the intelligent, reliable men of the county. His family are faithful attendants at the Methodist Protestant Church in Curtice.

LAURENCE WEATHERWAX is one of the oldest residents and leading farmers of Ottawa county. He was born in New York, October 3, 1813, and comes of an old American family. His grandfather, John L. Weatherwax, was born April 18, 1764, and married Anna Williams, who was born September 14, 1763, and they became the parents of Andrew Weatherwax, born September 28, 1788. His business was that of a glass blower. Having arrived at years of maturity he married Lydia Fulton, who was born in 1780, and among their children was the subject of this review.

Lawrence Weatherwax spent the first eight years of his life in the State of his nativity, and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio, remaining with them until his marriage. April 2, 1837, with Nancy M. Weatherwax. She was born March 1, 1821, in New York, where she acquired her education, coming to Ohio with her parents in 1836. Her father, Adam Weatherwax, was born February 1, 1793, in Albany, N. Y., and her mother, who bore the maiden name

of Elizabeth Fulton, was born in 1796. They were married in 1816, and had a family of three children, of whom two are living. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Weatherwax were John L. and Anna (Williams) Weatherwax, the former born in Holland, April 18, 1764, the latter on September 14, 1763. Their family numbered twelve children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Catherine, July 28, 1785; Elizabeth, October 28, 1787; Andrew, September 28, 1788; Jacob, May 26, 1790; Adam, February 7, 1793; Sebastian, December 30, 1795; George, May 7, 1797; Leonard, February 22, 1799; Anna, March 1, 1801; Maria, in 1803; Anna, February 16, 1805; Magdalene, December 28, 1807; and Abraham, February 27, 1810. Mr. Fuller, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Weatherwax, was born in 1756, and his wife, Olive, was born in 1759.

Soon after their marriage Lawrence Weatherwax and his wife located on the farm where they now live, in Harris township, Ottawa county, and their home has been blessed with six children, viz.: Elizabeth, born June 13, 1838, is now Mrs. Paden, of Nebraska, and has four children: Lydia, born April 2, 1840, is the wife of S. P. Klotz, of Lenawee county, Mich., and has one child; Nancy, born August 28, 1842, is the wife of Ira Mannahan, and has five children; John, born May 20, 1844, died October 30, same year; Maria Jane, born July 18, 1855, is now the wife of L. F. Leedore; Martha, born July 23, 1859, is the wife of Mr. Wotring, who operates the old home farm.

During the greater part of his life, Mr. Weatherwax followed agricultural pursuits, but is now enjoying a well-earned rest—the deserved reward of a useful life. His career has always been an honorable and upright one, and to-day he is one of the most highly esteemed as well as one of the oldest residents of his adopted county.

PETER R. KLEINHANS, son of William and Alzada Kleinhans, and the only one surviving of their children, is a substantial farmer of Erie township, Ottawa county, residing on the homestead farm there. He was born in Erie township, November 1, 1846, and has been a resident of same all his life.

William Kleinhans, now deceased was one of the pioneer settlers of Erie township, and one of the successful and progressive farmers located there. He was born in Williams township, Northampton Co., Penn., October 16, 1810, son of George Henry and Elizabeth (Richardson) Kleinhans, who were of German and Irish ancestry, and was reared a farmer's boy. He lived in his native township until he was twenty-one years of age, in 1832 removing to Ohio and locating in Erie township, Ottawa county, where he cleared up the land and made himself a home, in which he resided the remainder of his life.

In 1839, at Port Clinton, Portage township, Ottawa county, William Kleinhans was united in marriage with Alzada Deer, and they had five children, of whom only one, Peter R., survives. William Kleinhans was one of the progressive residents of the township, and took an active part in all movements tending toward the advancement of the interests of the community. He died June 3, 1893, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. Mrs. Kleinhans, who was the daughter of Timon and Melinda (Russell) Deer, was born in Onondaga county, N. Y., became one of the pioneers of Erie township, having settled here about 1834, and was an esteemed and honored resident of same for over sixty years. She passed away at the home of Timothy Perry, in Port Clinton, August 24, 1894, at the advanced age of seventy-six years and seven months, her husband and four of her five children having preceded her to the other world. Her life was a continuous career of mercy and benevolence, and she will long be remembered by her friends and neighbors, to

whom she was always ready to administer aid in sickness or in want.

Peter R. Kleinhans was reared to manhood on the homestead farm, educated in the district schools of the township, and since early life has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. Since the death of his father he has been managing the home farm. In Sandusky township, Sandusky county, Mr. Kleinhans was united in marriage, May 11, 1873, with Rachel T. Tucker, daughter of Nelson R. and Miranda (Bergoon) Tucker, and born in Sandusky township November 20, 1853. They have had four children: William Nelson, born March 20, 1875; Sarah Elizabeth, born June 30, 1876; Rodney O. Dell, born July 23, 1878, and Bessie Miranda, born February 2, 1885. Mr. Kleinhans has efficiently filled several township offices, is a member of the Grange, and politically has affiliated with the Democratic party. The family attend the United Brethren Church.

FRANKLIN H. MARTIN, who is numbered among the native sons of Ottawa county, and now living in Clay township, was born in Elmore, Harris township, November 8, 1856.

His parents, John C. and Eva (Brandt) Martin, were both natives of Fairfield county, Ohio, the father born June 22, 1818, and son of William Martin, who followed the occupation of a day laborer. John acquired but a limited education, for the schools of those days were not then free, and followed the occupation of farming, working by the month until the spring of 1850, when he removed to Ottawa county, purchasing 111 acres of land in Harris township, which was covered with timber. For four years he lived on that farm, clearing thirty acres, which he placed under a high state of cultivation and paying off the taxes and mortgages which the original owners failed to do. He was making preparations for securing

a full title when the first owners, in an underhand way, bought the place which left Mr. Martin without a farm and without any profit for his four-years' hard labor. He also lost seven horses and four head of cattle which died in a mysterious way. Going to Elmore he then embarked in the livery business, which he followed until 1859, when he rented a farm near that place, continuing its cultivation for seven years. His next removal took him further down the Portage river, where he bought eighty acres of land, entirely covered with timber. During his seven-years' residence thereon he cleared and cultivated a considerable portion, built a log cabin and outbuildings, and otherwise improved the place. On selling he came to Clay township, where he purchased eighty-three acres of land, two miles east of the town of Martin, near the boundary line of Benton township. Having built a log cabin into which the family moved, he began the arduous task of improving the land, and in course of time accomplished the work by the aid of his sons. The log cabin was replaced by a substantial frame residence, good barns were built for the shelter of his stock and grain, a fine orchard was planted, and other improvements added until the farm became one of the valuable properties of the county. The trials and difficulties which Mr. Martin had to bear in those days were of a self-sacrificing nature. He frequently had to take his grain to the mill on horseback in order to supply his family with bread—two days being consumed on the trip—during one of which trips he contracted cholera, and had to lie in the woods all night, for if he sought shelter in a home he would probably have given the disease to some member of the family. He returned to his own home, and one of his own children was stricken with the contagion and died, and his wife almost lost her life.

On November 24, 1842, in Fairfield county, Ohio, Mr. Martin married Miss

Eva Brandt, who was born in that county, November 5, 1823, and they became parents of nine children, four of whom are living, as follows: (1) Adam W., who was born October 14, 1843, in Fairfield county, and acquired his education in Elmore, Ohio, is now a butcher and farmer; in April, 1871, he wedded Ammesta Hurlburt, of Canada, and is living near the old homestead, operating half of the original farm. (2) John Wesley, born December 26, 1846, in Fairfield county, was educated in Elmore, and is now farming in his native county. (3) Rachel was born May 14, 1854, in Harris township, Ottawa county, was there educated, and is now the wife of James Brownlo. They became the parents of ten children—four sons and six daughters—their names and dates of birth being as follows: Eva, October 27, 1874; Lillie, December 30, 1875; Lizzie, February 1, 1877; Emma E., January 1, 1879; Sarah, January 4, 1882; Annie, May 19, 1884; James, June 23, 1886; John, in June, 1888; William, August 31, 1891; and an infant, who was born April 2, 1893, and died unnamed. The parents of this family reside in Toledo. (4) Franklin H. is the next child of John C. Martin. Those of the family who have passed away are James E., born August 2, 1844, and died October 2, 1845; Jacob, born October 2, 1848, and died April 30, 1850; Sylvester, born October 4, 1850, and died October 1, 1852; and twins, born April 1, 1852, died unnamed.

John C. Martin passed away on the old home farm, April 18, 1892, leaving many friends and a loving family to mourn his loss. He was well-known throughout the county as an honest, industrious man, attending strictly to his own business, was esteemed as a good neighbor, and was a friend to the poor and needy. His circle of friends was limited only by his circle of acquaintances. He was always a staunch supporter of Republican principles, but never sought political office, preferring to

devote his time and attention to the interests of the farm and the enjoyments of his home. His widow now resides with her son Franklin at a ripe old age. She belongs to the class of worthy pioneer women who with their husbands shared in the labor of developing the county, and to whom great credit is due for the efforts they put forth. She has now reached the ripe old age of seventy-two years, and for more than half a century she traveled life's journey by the side of her late husband, sharing with him in all the joys and sorrows that fell to his lot.

Franklin H. Martin, whose name opens this record, has spent his entire life on the old homestead, and upon his father's death assumed the management and care of the farm. On June 6, 1880, he was joined in wedlock with Mary E. Deal, daughter of Samuel and Jane Deal, of Iowa, and children as follows graced their union, their names and dates of birth being: Jane H., May 29, 1881; Pearl L., March 11, 1884; John D., March 23, 1887; Katie E., August 31, 1889; Alice M., April 18, 1892, and died July 3, same year; and Ruth L., born April 21, 1894. Mrs. Martin was born in Emmet county, Iowa, June 4, 1854. Her father died when she was quite young, and her mother when she was only eight years of age. She has two brothers and one sister, as follows: John S., who was born April 19, 1852, and is a fruit grower of Oregon; Matilda, who was born July 30, 1860, and became the wife of Frederick Simmons, died in Iowa, June 30, 1889; and George Deal, born December 27, 1862, is farming in Nebraska.

Mr. Martin is numbered among the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of Ottawa county, and is now extensively engaged in market gardening, in which he is meeting with good success. In his political views he is a Republican, but has never sought or desired public office, although he faithfully performs all duties of citizenship.

MICHAEL PUTMAN, JR., son of Michael and Elizabeth (Bates) Putman, was born in Hancock county, Ohio, January 16, 1851.

When he was a year old his parents moved to the farm where they now live, in Section 29, Scott township, Sandusky county. It was heavily timbered, no roads had been made, and in fact the country was practically a wilderness. He remained at home until he was twenty-three years old, receiving his education in the college at Tiffin, Ohio, where he made a special study of surveying. Shortly after his return from college he was married to Miss Melissa Inman, of Scott township, and moved to the home of his father, working his farm for one year. He then bought eighty acres in Section 21, Scott township, where he now lives.

At the age of twenty-five years Mr. Putman was elected county surveyor of Sandusky county. He then moved his family to Fremont, the county seat, where he remained eight years, at the expiration of which time they returned to the farm where he now resides. Mr. Putman has been township clerk for two years, and justice of the peace for one year. When he came to his farm it was in a wild state, but he has cleared it, erected substantial buildings and made a comfortable and pleasant home there. The present system of ditching in Sandusky county was originated with Mr. Putman when he was county surveyor, the law providing that the county surveyor shall have charge of the ditching. In 1880 \$62,000 was expended in Sandusky county, under Surveyor's Putman's direction, in putting in suitable ditches, and so carefully had he estimated the cost of the work that when completed it was entirely free from debt, and a credit to his business ability.

In 1892 the oil industry was begun on Mr. Putman's farm. The first lease gave him \$180 every six months, until wells were running, and he then received one-eighth of the oil. This well was located



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on Section 21, and is producing eight barrels per day. Other wells are being sunk on the farm, for each of which Mr. Putman receives \$100 royalty and one-sixth of the oil, which is pumped through pipes to Cleveland, over one hundred miles. Mr. Putman now has a fine farm of 160 acres, and, in addition, works his father's farm of eighty acres.

To him and his wife have come three children: Alfred, born February 11, 1876; Lewis, born August 10, 1881, and Hazel Maudolin, born October 26, 1882. Alfred received his early education in the district schools, later attending the academy at Fostoria, and began teaching at the age of sixteen years, an occupation which he has followed several terms; his attention is to law or medicine.

The father of our subject, Michael Putman, Sr., was born December 22, 1815, in Pennsylvania, and when four years old, came to Wayne county, Ohio, where he lived until he was twenty. Thence he removed to Hancock county, where he remained one year, at which time he was married to Miss Elizabeth Bates, on March 23, 1837. For many years they have been residents of Scott township, and were among the pioneers of that part of the county, coming hither when all was a wilderness, and clearing a comfortable home. Mrs. Putman was born October 22, 1816, in Stark county, Ohio, and when a girl came to Hancock county, where she remained until her marriage. To them have been born children whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Alpheus, November 10, 1837; Mary Ann, April 29, 1839; Sarah Ann, March 9, 1841; Eliza Jane, August 16, 1842; Jacob, May 22, 1844; Andrew, October 20, 1848; Hannah, September 8, 1850; Michael (our subject), January 16, 1851; Sophronia, March 6, 1854; Fanny, August 15, 1857; and Amanda, July 6, 1859.

The paternal grandfather, Jacob Putman, was born in 1783 in Pennsylvania, and was one of the early settlers of San-

dusky county. His wife was born in 1789, in Pennsylvania. To them were born ten children, three of whom are living—one in Ohio and two in Indiana. The maternal great-grandfather, Jacob Gross, was born about 1750. The maternal grandfather, Andrew Bates, was born in Pennsylvania in 1787, and was a farmer. He served in the war of 1812. His wife, Anor Homon, was born in 1790. To them were born ten children, of whom are living: Mrs. D. Phillips (of Scott township), Adam and William Bates, Susan Strouse, Anor Smith, Louisa Miller, and Mrs. Elizabeth Putman. Great-grandfather Bates was a soldier in the Revolution. Alpheus was a captain in the Civil war, and was wounded in the battle of Shiloh; Jacob served in the Rebellion, and was shot at Vicksburg, and Andrew was also in the Civil war.

Mrs. Melissa Putman, wife of Michael Putman, Jr., is a daughter of William and Calista (Barringer) Inman, and was born on a farm in Scott township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, April 27, 1850. Her education was obtained at Tinney, Scott township, where she lived most of the time until her marriage. Her father was born February 14, 1816, in New Jersey, and when a boy removed with his parents to Sandusky county, the family settling on a large farm of 400 acres near Fremont. Here he went to school, and at the age of twenty-two years was graduated from the public schools of that place. He was then married to Miss Calista Barringer, of Fremont, and they shortly afterward, about 1844, purchased a forty-acre farm in Scott township, to which he added until at one time they owned 200 acres. He made two trips to California in the interest of gold mining, in which he was successful, making quite an amount of money. He died in 1892, and was buried in the Metzger Cemetery. Mr. Inman's father, Brazil C. Inman, was born about 1785; his mother was born October 15, 1816, about nine miles from Col-

umbus, Ohio, where she lived until she was fifteen years old, and where she attended school. She then came to Sandusky county, remaining there the greater part of her life. Her father, William Barringer, was born about 1791, and was a farmer by occupation; he was killed by a falling tree. His wife, Sarah Cammell, was born about 1793. To them were born four children—two sons and two daughters. Mrs. Putman's paternal grandfather was born about 1759; her maternal grandmother, Jane Cammell, was born about 1760.

HENRY BREDBECK, who occupies a prominent position among the prosperous fruit growers and agriculturists of Danbury township, Ottawa county, was born in New York City, September 7, 1842, of German parentage.

He is a son of Gerd and Martha Bredbeck, both natives of Hanover, Germany. The paternal grandparents, John H. and Martha Bredbeck, were also born in the Province of Hanover, and continued to reside in the Fatherland until they crossed the dark river of death. At the age of nineteen the father of our subject went to London, England, where for a number of years he worked in a sugar refinery, but emigrated to this country at an early date, and for some time was engaged in the grocery business in New York City. In 1847 he came to the Buckeye State, locating in Danbury township, Ottawa county, where he resided until his death in March, 1883. He was a wide-awake and enterprising citizen, highly esteemed by all his friends and acquaintances for his many sterling qualities. His wife still makes her home in Danbury township.

In 1847 Henry Bredbeck came with his parents to Ohio, where his father engaged in agricultural pursuits up to within a short time of his death. After leaving the district schools of Danbury township,

where his education was begun, our subject entered Oberlin College, at Oberlin, Ohio, and continued his studies for two terms. Being familiar with farm duties from his early boyhood, he decided to make that his life work, in which he has been very successful, and has also been extensively engaged in fruit growing, one of the important industries of Ottawa county. He was married in Danbury township, February 26, 1867, Mrs. Sophia Wedekind, a daughter of Frederick and Martha Schraeder. They became the parents of seven children, but only four of them are still living, their names and dates of birth being: Herbert, June 10, 1871; Minnie, December 19, 1875; Frederick, February 26, 1877; and Estella, March 20, 1879.

Mr. Bredbeck has been called upon to fill in several positions of honor and trust, having served as township trustee and school director two terms each. He has been the efficient president of the Ottawa County Agricultural Society, and for fifteen years has been a member of the board of Erie County Agricultural Association. He is a stockholder and director of the German American Bank of Port Clinton, Ohio, and for many years has been a director of the Erie County Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, and a member of the Grange. His residence is one of the finest in the township, and all its surroundings bespeaks care and culture, while he owns and operates most successfully one of the best fruit orchards in the vicinity.

In the career of Mr. Bredbeck, we find one of the best examples of what may be accomplished by industry and perseverance, and although he disdains the possession of any qualities that entitle him to the mention which his many friends believe him to be worthy of, yet it is in no spirit of adulation that we say of him that his life is illustrative of the success that attends honest, well-directed endeavor and conscientious adherence to duty. Al-

though unassuming in manner, he is a very popular man, and his friends are numbered by the score. He devotes to agriculture and fruit growing the care and attention that warrants success, and to-day he ranks with the leading business men of Ottawa county. His life might well serve as an example worthy of imitation by the future generations, as the valuable property which he now possesses is the direct result of his own industry and good management.

I SAAC M. FLORO is numbered among the native sons of Ottawa county, his birth having occurred in Erie township, April 28, 1848, a son of John and Lydia Floro, well known and esteemed people of the community. In the usual manner of farmer lads he was reared, obtaining his education in the district schools of the neighborhood, and aiding in the labors of the farm as soon as he had reached a sufficient age. The occupation to which he was reared he has made his life work, and to-day he is ranked among the progressive and prominent farmers of the township. He is thorough and painstaking in all his work, and his home place, with its neat appearance and good improvements, indicates the sagacious supervision of a careful owner.

On June 6, 1873, at Locust Point, Ohio, was celebrated the marriage of Isaac M. Floro and Miss Mary Finkin, who was born in Erie township, March 16, 1854, and is a daughter of Martin and Elizabeth (Sinclair) Finkin. Her father has now departed this life, but her mother is still living in Carroll township, Ottawa county. Mr. and Mrs. Floro are the parents of children, as follows: Martin, born April 12, 1874; Henry, born June 8, 1876; Nana, born September 25, 1878, now the wife of William Dewitt, a resident of Carroll township, Ottawa county; Hattie, born June 12, 1881; George W., born Decem-

ber 27, 1886; and Calvin L., born July 8, 1892, died August 21, 1893.

Mr. Floro is a justice of the peace in Ottawa county, and has efficiently filled various township offices, discharging his duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. His political support is given to the Democracy, and he is an enterprising citizen, deeply interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the community. He was deputy master of the Ohio State Grange for Ottawa county for twelve years, having been appointed by Col. J. H. Brigham, then master of the Ohio State Grange.

ALEXANDER SCRYMGER, a representative agriculturist, and one of the most popular men in Clay township, Ottawa county, was born in the State of New York, November 26, 1839.

Our subject grew up on the farm, obtaining what meagre education could be derived from the district school of those days, and assisting his father, until the Civil war broke out, and the youth of the country responded with alacrity to the call for help. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company K, One Hundredth Ohio Infantry, in which regiment he served three years, during which time he took part in the battles of Franklin, Nashville, and Limestone Station, all in Tennessee, besides in several minor engagements. He spent six months in the terrible prison of Belle Isle, enduring many hardships and sufferings. In 1865 he received his discharge, and, returning to Ottawa county, resumed the peaceful occupation of a farmer. In 1867, Mr. Scrymger was married to Miss Alice Frayer, and three children have come to them: William, born February 16, 1869; Ida, born January 4, 1872; and Maud, born August 1, 1878. Mr. Scrymger remained in Bay township until 1877, when he came to Clay township, and purchased fifty-three acres of

land. This he has brought to a high state of cultivation, having a fine orchard, fruitful fields and a fine dwelling house, with all necessary barns, outbuildings, etc.

Mr. Scrymger is widely known throughout the county as an able business man, progressive in his ideas, with a fund of sound common sense, and withal as a man of genial disposition. His popularity with all classes of men is well-known, and has been shown by his election, in the fall of 1886, to the office of county commissioner, on the Democratic ticket, by a large majority of the popular vote, and his re-election on the same ticket. During his administration several important public works were carried through such as the building of bridges, dykes, and other much-needed improvements, on which achievements Mr. Scrymger is entitled to a large share of the credit. He also held the office of trustee of the township, for three years, and has filled other minor positions. He is an active member of his party, and in every respect is one of the leading men of his township.

NICHOLAS FOX is a fruit grower and proprietor of a flour and feed store at Put in Bay, Sandusky county. Among the most prominent and influential residents of this locality there is probably no one more worthy of mention in this volume than the gentleman whose name is here recorded.

Mr. Fox was born in Bavaria, Germany, September 22, 1839, and is a son of John Adam and Eva (Parr) Fox, who were also natives of that country, and there spent their entire lives, the former dying in January, 1871, while the latter survived until April 24, 1878. By occupation the father was a farmer and weaver, and these two pursuits he successfully followed in his native land. In the family were ten children, five of whom became residents of the United States, namely:

Andrew, who died in Brenham, Texas, in 1878; John A., who resides on Middle Bass Island; Nicholas, subject of this sketch; George A., who died in Texas, in 1887; and Catherina, who died in Brenham, Texas, in 1886; of the remaining five members of the family two died in infancy, and the others reside in their native land.

Nicholas Fox was reared and educated in Germany, and resided upon his father's farm until twenty-four years of age, aiding in the labors of the field and becoming familiar with farm work in all its departments. In 1863 he bade adieu to home and friends and crossed the broad Atlantic to America, reaching New York City on the 29th of December. After a month he pushed on toward the West, and selecting Put in Bay as a suitable place to make his home purchased a good farm, and at once began the cultivation of grapes, having had considerable experience in that line of business in his native land. He now has extensive and valuable vineyards, and by energy and perseverance has acquired the success which crowns his efforts.

In Sandusky City, Ohio, November 9, 1869, Mr. Fox married Miss Wilhelmina Buddenhagen, a daughter of Charles and Marie (Wardo) Buddenhagen, and born in Mecklenburg, Germany, July 15, 1851. To this marriage have come four children, as follows: Henry, born August 2, 1870, is the present mayor of Put in Bay Island, a notary public and agent for the Detroit & Cleveland Steamship Line; George A., born April 19, 1872, is also a member of the firm of Fox & Sons, of Put in Bay Island; Louisa, born November 28, 1875; and Andrew N., born January 28, 1885. In his political views, Mr. Fox is liberal, voting for the man rather than for the party, and he has never sought office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business interests. In addition to his vineyards and store he is the owner of the finest dock and warehouses on Put in Bay Island,

and he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He would be a desirable acquisition to any community, and Ottawa county numbers him among its valued citizens.

HENRY SETHMAN, a successful and enterprising fruit grower of Danbury township, Ottawa county, is a native of that township, having first seen the light of day in the old log house which stood on the land now occupied by his handsome and imposing residence. His birth occurred September 18, 1856, and he is a son of Carsten Henry and Mary (Muller) Sethman, both now deceased.

The father of our subject was born in the Province of Hanover, Germany, September 12, 1822, and there he was reared and educated. Besides being engaged in farming, he carried on a hotel, and also operated a distillery. In 1847 he emigrated to the New World, and after reaching New York City there engaged as a clerk in a grocery store for about a year and a half, when he embarked in the grocery business for himself. On disposing of his store in 1855 he located in Danbury township, Ottawa county, in September, and followed farming with good success. He here made his home until within a few weeks of his death, which occurred January 12, 1890, at the residence of his daughter Sophia—Mrs. Charles A. Smith—of Lansing, Mich. The mother of our subject was born in Hanover January 9, 1830, and in 1847 came to the United States. For a year after her arrival in this country she made her home in Baltimore, Md., but at the expiration of that time she went to New York City, where she married Mr. Sethman. She passed away at her residence in Danbury township November 1, 1886. In the family were seven children, as follows: John H., born January 31, 1853, died February 14 of the same year; John

D., born October 5, 1854, died December 26, 1867; Henry is the next in order of birth; Diedrich, born January 9, 1858, died May 27 following; Claus D., born July 9, 1860, died January 26, 1876; Sophia, born June 29, 1867, is the wife of Charles A. Smith, of Lansing, Mich.; and Mary M., born April 8, 1870, died April 15, 1870.

Henry Sethman remained under the parental roof, assisting in the labors of the home farm, where he has spent his entire life engaged in the cultivation of the land, but now gives his attention more particularly to fruit culture. His education was acquired in the district schools of the neighborhood, and by subsequent reading and observation he has become a well-informed man. On November 15, 1887, he wedded Miss Henrietta Weigman, daughter of James and Mary E. (Smith) Weigman, the marriage ceremony being performed in Holt, Ingham Co., Mich. By this marriage there is one son—Clarence Henry, born March 4, 1890. Mrs. Sethman's father was born at Mud Creek, Sandusky Co., Ohio, and her mother on the Sethman homestead. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Weigman resided for a number of years in Sandusky county, and later removed to Lansing, Mich., where they and the grandparents of Mrs. Sethman now reside. She is the eldest in their family of four children, and was born in Holt, Mich., July 14, 1870; the others are Charles A., born June 29, 1873, and died June 29, 1888; Henry, born September 21, 1875; and an infant yet unnamed.

Mr. Sethman is a valued member of Oliver H. Perry Lodge, No. 341, F. & A. M., of Port Clinton, Ohio. In politics he is an earnest supporter of the principles of the Democratic party, and he and his family are Lutherans in religious belief. He is a typical illustration of a practical farmer, his well-tilled fields and well-kept fruit orchards showing thrift and a thorough acquaintance with his oc-

cupation. His residence is one of the finest and most attractive in the county, and after a day of toil in his extensive orchards he knows how to enjoy an evening of rest amidst his home comforts, brightened by his faithful and loving wife and their little, interesting son. [Since the above was written we have received the lamentable news of Mr. Henry Sethman's accidental death, which occurred on Thanksgiving Day, 1895. He was handling a revolver in the kitchen of his own house, and by some means one of the cartridges exploded, the bullet entering the left side below the heart. He screamed, "Oh, Will, I'm shot!" and fell to the floor a corpse. The funeral was held on the following Sunday afternoon, under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity of Port Clinton.—Editor.

FRANCIS M. O'CALLAGHAN, a well-known farmer and trader of Allen township, Ottawa county, and a veteran of the Civil war, is a native of the Emerald Isle, having been born in Dublin April 4, 1840. His parents, William and Henrietta (Walker) O'Callaghan, were both born in Ireland, and his paternal grandfather, Andrew O'Callaghan, was a clergyman of the English Church.

William O'Callaghan was what is known in the old country as a country gentleman, and was the owner of a large estate in and near Dublin. He was the father of fourteen children. In 1850 he emigrated to this country, when our subject was a lad of ten years of age, but the climate not agreeing with him he returned to Ireland and from there went to Liverpool, England, at which place he died. Francis M., our subject, was one of the family who decided to remain in America, and he lived for eight years in Detroit, Mich., earning his own livelihood, and at the same time attending school and fitting himself for business. About this time a

tumor made its appearance on his face, causing him great suffering, and he concluded to go back to Dublin, and have an operation performed. This he did, and after remaining abroad one year returned to this country, coming to Ohio and entering the brewing business at Toledo, at which he worked for three years, for the next three years engaging in the confectionery business. In the spring of 1861 the call to arms was heard, and all over the North volunteers gladly sprang to the defense of the "stars and stripes;" our brave young Irishman was not lacking in love for the country of his adoption, whose institutions he appreciated, and on October 5, 1861, he enlisted in the Sixty-seventh Ohio Infantry, and took part in many desperate conflicts. Among these were the battles of Winchester, Deep-bottom and Fort Wagener, S. C. In the latter engagement he was severely wounded, being shot through the neck, and was sent to a hospital, where he remained for a year. He received his discharge January 17, 1865, after a service of over three years. When the war was over Mr. O'Callaghan spent several years as a sailor on the great lakes. He helped to construct a vessel called the "Rough and Ready," of which he was mate for about two years, and then built the "Raven," which he commanded for five years, carrying freight, etc. Giving up his life on the water, our subject next turned his attention to trading in Lucas county, this State, and also farmed to some extent. After two years of this occupation he came to Williston, Ottawa county, where he bought twenty acres of land, built a comfortable residence and other buildings and made numerous improvements. Here he has since made his home and is known as a successful trader and prosperous farmer.

Our subject was married October 31, 1867, in Lucas county, this State, to Elizabeth H———, and to them have come fourteen children; Olivia G., born

May 12, 1869, is the wife of Charles Fishback, an employe of Harte & Co., Cleveland; Frances, born November 12, 1870, married William Rath, of Williston, and has one child, Eddena S.; Edith May, born May 25, 18—, is the wife of Francis Watson, of Williston, and has one child, Freddie; Julia E., born August 18, 1876; Henry M., born April 30, 1878; Edward F., born March 1, 1881; Arthur W., born December 18, 1882; Agnes H., born December 29, 1884; Laura B., born March 4, 1889; Marion, July 21, 1892. Those deceased are Robert C., born February 15, 1872, died May, 1872; Maudie C., born January 2, died in June, 1876; Geneva, born September 3, 1891, died April 30, 1894. Mr. O'Callaghan is a Democrat and a warm supporter of President Cleveland. The family are all members of the Episcopal Church, and are well and favorably known throughout the community.

WILLIAM GRANT ELWELL, of Erie township, Ottawa county, a thorough and experienced railroad man, is a son of Thomas Franklin and Ellen (Mananay) Elwell, and was born in Ottawa county, Ohio, July 22, 1862.

Thomas Franklin Elwell was born in New York State March 30, 1822, was married September 5, 1841, and died October 22, 1866. His wife was born September 26, 1824, and died September 27, 1893. They had ten children born to them, as follows: Arthur, June 20, 1842; George F., January 22, 1844; Angenette, March 12, 1846; Alice E., October 23, 1848; Amanda L., July 18, 1851; Rosetta, June 26, 1854; Ross J., June 26, 1854; Martha E., August 19, 1858; William Grant, July 22, 1862; and Zelpha, September 2, 1864. All but two are living; Zelpha, who died August 8, 1887; and Amanda, March 24, 1893.

William G. Elwell lived in Ottawa

county until his marriage. He received a liberal education in the public schools of Lacarne, Erie township, Ottawa county, and in 1879 began the study of telegraphy with C. F. Hosford in the Lake Shore railway office at Lacarne, where he remained for one year. He was then baggageman at Oak Harbor, Salem township, Ottawa county, for one year, after which he returned to Lacarne and completed his study of telegraphy in 1882, accepted the position of night operator at Marblehead Junction, in Danbury township, Ottawa county, which he held for some time, and then for eighteen months was out of office work. From Marblehead Junction Mr. Elwell went to Rocky Ridge, Benton township, where he was night watch for two years. He then accepted the position of night operator at Shawville, in Ridgeville township, Lorain county, which he held some six months, after which he went to Lacarne, and was night operator there for four years. He was next promoted to the position of station agent at Lacarne, Ohio, and continued in that capacity for two years, being further promoted to be station agent, operator, and agent of the United States Express Co. at Rocky Ridge, which positions he now holds. For about fifteen years Mr. Elwell has been connected with the Lake Shore road as an efficient operator and a thorough railroad man in all lines of his work.

On July 26, 1892, William G. Elwell married Miss Lena E. Beebe, of Lakeside, Danbury township, Ottawa county, the ceremony being performed by Rev. T. S. Ayers, in the auditorium at Lake Side. Since their marriage they have resided at Lacarne and Rocky Ridge, and they have had one child, Lucy Maude, born October 6, 1893. Mrs. Elwell is a daughter of Bela B. and Lucy (Farnsworth) Beebe, of Lakeside, where she was born December 14, 1869. When she was one year old her parents moved to Defiance county, Ohio, where

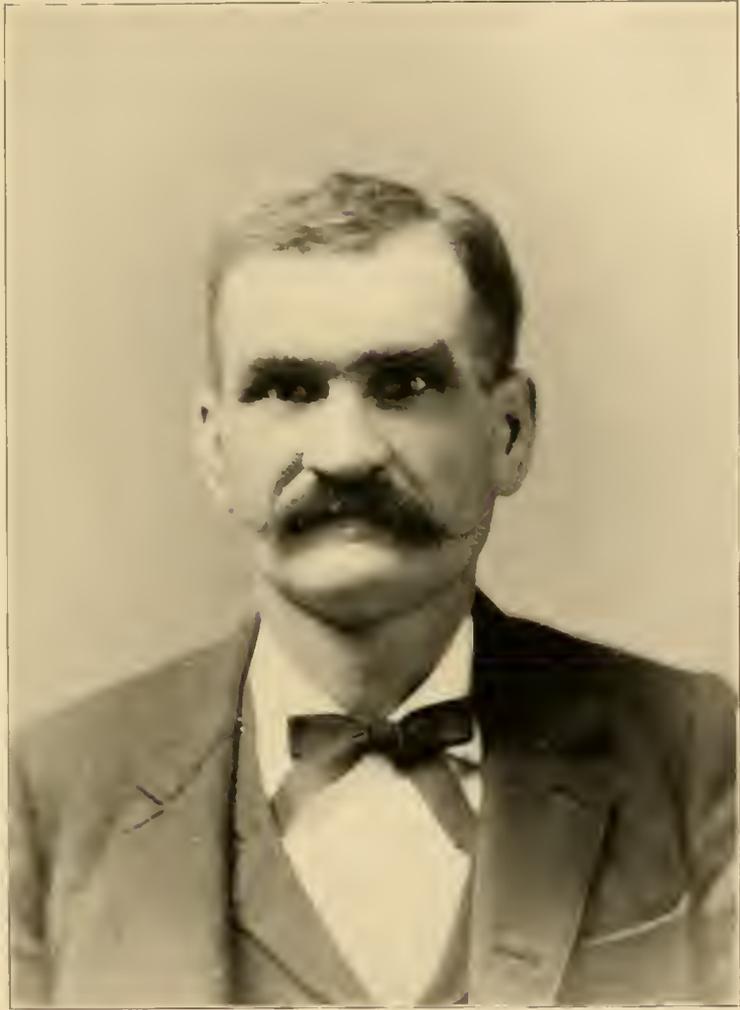
they lived four years. They next removed to Seneca county, and after living there six years returned to Lakeside. Mrs. Elwell obtained her education at Lakeside and at Ada, completed her literary work at the latter place in 1888, and in the fall of the same year began teaching at Catawba Island, Ottawa county, where she remained eight months. In November, 1889, she took charge of the school at Lacarne, and held that position four months, after which she went to Lakeside as clerk in the Cobb Bazaar, remaining there through the summer vacation. In the fall of 1890 a position in the public schools at Lakeside was offered to her, which was accepted, and she remained three years, during which time she was married to Mr. Elwell.

Mrs. Elwell's father, Mr. Beebe, was born in December, 1833, in Lorain county, Ohio, where he lived until 1865. On May 1, 1860, he was united in marriage with Lucy Farnsworth, who was born January 15, 1843, in Defiance, Ohio, and they had three children and adopted one child. The names and dates of birth of the children are as follows: Miles H., April 1, 1861; Charles L., August 26, 1866; Lena E. (Mrs. Elwell), December 14, 1869; and Bertha Belle, December 2, 1878. They are all living. Charles is in Detroit, Mich., and Miles is in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Beebe served three years in the war of the Rebellion, from 1862 to 1865, and after returning from the war located for a time on Catawba Island, Ottawa county, thence going to Lakeside, where he now lives. Mrs. Elwell's mother married William Jackson, November 12, 1891; and lives in Allegan county, Michigan. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Elwell, Oliver Farnsworth, was born June 18, 1796, and died in 1882. His wife, who was Edna King, was born in 1810, in Vermont. They were married in Boston about 1825, and had twelve children, nine of whom survived them.

RODERICK MORRISON. Among the prominent men of Gibsonburg, or, indeed, of Sandusky county, as well, stands Roderick Morrison, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Morrison is of Scotch parentage, and a Canadian by birth, having first seen the light October 22, 1855, in Oxford county, Ontario.

George and Henrietta (MacIntosh) Morrison, his parents, were born in Scotland in 1809 and 1819, respectively. They were married in 1841, came to Canada from Scotland on their wedding tour, and locating in Oxford county remained there until 1883, when they removed to Bruce county, where they died, the mother in 1885, the father on December 9, 1893. They reared a family of seven children: Elizabeth, Catherine, Hector, Donald, Hugh and Mary, of whom, Hector is a resident of West Virginia; Donald is a Presbyterian minister in Michigan; Hugh is an attorney in Ontario.

R. Morrison, the subject proper of this review, grew to manhood on the home farm in Canada. In 1877 he came to the United States, entering the oil business in Butler county, Penn., but soon turned his attention to the lumber business, in its relation to the oil industry. After continuing in this business in Butler and McKean counties for ten years, he moved to Findlay, Ohio, where for four years he continued his business in connection with the oil and gas interests of that section. In 1893 the great oil fields of Sandusky county were being opened, and Mr. Morrison, with a keen eye to business, settled in Gibsonburg, where he has since done a large business in the lumber trade. In addition to his home interests he also carries on the same business in Woodville, Sandusky county. He is also connected with the Gibsonburg Banking Co., of which he is the vice-president, and is everywhere known and esteemed, not only as a thorough business man, but also as a Christian gentleman. Politically, he is a Democrat, in religion a Presbyterian.



P. Morrison



In Bradford, McKean Co., Penn., on August 22, 1882, Mr. Morrison was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Casey, who was born in Roulette, Penn., September 26, 1861, a daughter of Joseph J. and Honora (Moran) Casey. She received her education in part in her native town, in part in the public schools of Coudersport, and after completing her schooling was for four years a successful teacher in the public schools of Potter county, Penn. Mrs. Morrison's father was born, in 1833, in Ireland, came to America when eighteen years old, and was married in 1860 to Miss Honora Moran, of Pennsylvania, who was born in July, 1839. To this union were born eight children: Catherine (Mrs. Morrison); Sarah (Mrs. L. L. Forsyth, of Gibsonburg); William J. (deceased); May B. and Alice, both of whom are teachers in Pennsylvania; Anna F., for sometime a teacher, now bookkeeper for the Gibsonburg Banking Co.; Lawrence D., a teacher in Pennsylvania; and Iva F., a student. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Morrison (James Casey), was a native of Ireland, born in 1796, and about 1820 wedded Miss Belle Canon. For many years they lived in Ireland, where they reared a family of seven children, two of whom are now living. Later they moved to Scotland, and thence emigrated to America, settling in Pennsylvania, where Mr. Casey died in 1868, Mrs. Casey surviving until 1875, when she too passed away, at the age of seventy-two years. Mrs. Morrison's maternal grandfather, Lawrence Moran, was a native of Ireland, born about 1795, and his wife, Catherine (Moran) Moran, was born about 1805; they emigrated to America and settled in Pennsylvania, rearing a family of nine children, seven of whom are now living.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison have a fine home in Gibsonburg, and are esteemed by all who know them, for their social, business, intellectual and moral worth.

CHRISTOPHER H. DAMSCHRODER, one of the most prominent factors in commercial circles in Elmore, Ottawa county, and an enterprising and wide-awake merchant, was born in Toledo, Ohio, January 1, 1840, son of Christopher and Mary (Myerholts) Damschroder.

The father was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1813, where he was for many years foreman of a large plantation, receiving, however, only \$16 per year. At the age of twenty-one he emigrated to America in order to avoid service in the German army, but during the year after his arrival he had a severe attack of cholera. Later he went to Toledo, and, after working on the Ohio canal and the Ohio railroad for a time, learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for six years. In 1844 he removed to Woodville township, Sandusky county, and engaged in farming, which he followed with excellent success, accumulating a property valued at \$125,000. In 1838 he wedded Mary Myerholts, who was born in Germany in 1818. Her father, John F. Myerholts, was born about 1795, and served in the memorable battle of Waterloo, as did the paternal grandfather of our subject; both spent their last days in America, and were buried in the old Damschroder cemetery. When a young girl, the mother of our subject worked out by the week, and gave her earning for the support of her younger brothers and sisters. On different occasions she walked to Fremont, purchased a bushel of potatoes and carried them home, walking through the mud. Such were the experiences which fell to the lot of the early pioneer. She has lived, however, to see the country develop from a wilderness into one of the best counties of the State, and also to see her children, for whom she struggled hard, now in a prosperous condition.

Our subject was only four years old when his parents removed to Woodville

township, Sandusky county, where he lived until twenty-one years of age. He attended the district schools of the neighborhood, which were held in log buildings, and in this way and through his own efforts has secured a liberal education, which has enabled him to become one of the successful business men of Ottawa county. In 1859 he started in business for himself as a salesman in the store owned by his father and J. H. Blinn. At the end of two years the father purchased his partner's interest and built a store on his farm near Woodville, of which our subject had charge for several years. In 1864 he removed his stock of goods to Elmore, establishing a store in what is now a part of the "Elmore House," there remaining two years. He then spent three years on the opposite side of the street, after which he purchased the stock of Beach & Wilson, where he continued for sixteen years, when he built the handsome brick block that he now owns and occupies, and where he has been located for eleven years. He carries a full stock of general merchandise, and his annual sales amount to \$15,000, being one of the largest trades in the county.

In 1863 Mr. Damschroder wedded Mary Frese, daughter of Henry and Louise (Heilbrant) Frese, and born October 15, 1844, in Woodville, where she lived until her marriage at the age of eighteen years. Her father was born in Germany, in 1813, her mother in 1815, and in 1838 they came to America, locating in Woodville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where Mr. Frese died in 1853. Five years later his widow married R. Berleman, and about 1865 they removed to Toledo, Ohio, where her death occurred April 6, 1893, when she was aged seventy-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Frese had seven children: Henry, Louis, Charlotte, Mary, Augustus, Charles and Louise, all of whom, with the exception of Henry, are living in Ohio, his home being in Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Damschroder have nine children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Henry L., June 5, 1864; John Henry R., October 10, 1866; Clara, April 26, 1869; Dora Louise, January 27, 1871; Bertha H., January 12, 1874; Augusta F., June 24, 1876; Nellie, January 1, 1879; Charles F., May 14, 1881; and Edwin Frese, March 27, 1883. They have a fine home on Main street, and the elder children aid the father in carrying on their excellent store. Mrs. Damschroder is also daily found at the store, and is of great assistance to her husband in his business. He is an energetic and progressive business man, and their success is the just reward of their own efforts. While of German parentage, Mr. Damschroder is a loyal American, believing fully in the principles of our government, and, although his business interests are extensive, he yet finds time to keep well informed on the subjects of the day, and to materially advance the interests of town and county. He is eminently public spirited, and no citizen of the community is held in higher regard or has more warm friends.

AUGUSTUS HELLWIG is one of the most enterprising young men of Benton township, Ottawa county, of which he is a native, having been born September 9, 1870, on the farm which he now superintends, son of Justis and Elizabeth (Lang) Hellwig.

Justis Hellwig was born February 11, 1837, in Germany, where he was educated. In 1854 he came to Canada, where he lived until he was twenty-three years old, in 1860 removing to Benton township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, where, in 1861, he and Mr. Fred Kewit purchased 160 acres of land in Section 19, which they divided equally between them. In 1864 Mr. Hellwig bought the portion belonging to Mr. Kewit, becoming the owner of the entire tract. On March 30, 1862, he was

married to Miss Elizabeth Lang, of Canada, and the young couple settled on their new farm, then a wilderness, on which Mr. Hellwig had worked one year, keeping "bachelor's hall." They moved into a log cabin until a better house could be erected, and, by hard toil, he and his faithful helpmeet succeeded in making for themselves one of the finest homes in Ottawa county. They cleared off the farm, fenced it, put on the buildings, put out fruit trees and made it a really modern farm, continuing its improvement up to Mr. Hellwig's death, which occurred March 19, 1880. Mr. Hellwig was treasurer of the township eleven years, and for several years was township trustee, also serving as real-estate assessor one term. Politically he was a Democrat.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hellwig were born nine children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Anna G., January 21, 1863; Catherine Elizabeth, October 14, 1864; George F., September 15, 1866; John Henry, June 23, 1868; Augustus G., September 9, 1870; John Ernest, October 13, 1872; William E., January 1, 1875; Emma Augusta, December 9, 1876, and Carl F., May 22, 1878. Of these, Emma died May 29, 1877; Catherine on March 23, 1880; Anna on December 9, 1880, and George on November 29, 1887. John H. was married in June, 1891, to Elva Hammond, of Elliston. Mrs. Hellwig was born February 1, 1838, in Canada, where she was educated, living there until her marriage, from which time she was a faithful wife and kind mother. Since her husband's death she has continued to conduct the farm, and has erected a large barn and made other improvements, proving her ability in many ways to manage an extensive business. Her father, Detrick Lang (maternal grandfather of our subject), was born about 1800, in Germany, and was by trade a wagon maker. He was killed at the raising of a barn. His wife, Margaret (Bates), was born about 1805, in Germany, and they were the

parents of four children—two sons and two daughters—Margaret, Casper, Elizabeth and Peter. John Hellwig, paternal grandfather of the gentleman whose name opens this sketch, was born about 1804, in Germany, and married Anna Hetrick, who was born in that country about 1806. They were the parents of seven children, only one of whom is now living. John Hellwig died in 1864, his wife in 1865.

Augustus Hellwig attended the public schools of Elliston, completing his studies at the age of twenty. After his father's death the farm was left to the supervision of the mother and her older son Augustus, who remained on the place, working for his mother until 1893, when he took the management of it himself. He now superintends all the business of the farm, owns horses and machinery, and is carrying on a modern farming business on 160 acres of fine farming land, doing all the work with the aid of only one man, hired by the month. In addition to his farming interests he is also a stockholder in the Graytown Elgin Butter Co., of Graytown, Ohio. His output of crops annually is about thirty-five acres of wheat, forty acres of hay, and twenty-five acres of corn. He is also successfully engaged in raising fruit, principally apples, pears and plums.

On November 28, 1895, Mr. Hellwig was married to Miss Emma T. Krieger, of Graytown, Ohio, who was born July 24, 1868, at Klein Ehrenberg, Province of Brandenburg, Germany, where she was educated. In 1882 she came to America with her parents, locating at Graytown, Ohio, where they moved on a farm and there lived until Mr. Krieger's death, in 1892, after which the family removed into Graytown. In Germany Mrs. Emma T. (Krieger) Hellwig's father, William Kreiger, was a shepherd. He was born at Brandenburg, Germany, September 25, 1825, and was married in 1860 to Louisa Shertz, who was born December 24, 1837, also at Brandenburg. To

them were born five children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Harman G., October 25, 1861; Bertha A., May 2, 1863; Mary L., December 27, 1865; Emma T., July 24, 1868; Augusta W., August 6, 1873. William Krieger died March 24, 1892, near Graytown. Harman G. died, in 1868, at Brandenburg, Germany.

Politically Mr. Hellwig is a Democrat, and a zealous worker for the success of his party. In religious affiliation he is a member of the Lutheran Church of Elliston. In addition to his ability as a business man Mr. Hellwig is also an able musician, and is the leader and instructor of the Elliston Cornet Band, one of the best in the county. The children of this family are all musicians, but at present he is the most devoted to it. He is a highly-respected young man, both in social and business circles, and his uprightness in every way has gained him universal good will.

ALFRÉD G. WITTE, one of the most successful business men of Elmore, Ottawa county, is possessed of the true spirit of Western progress and enterprise. He is numbered among the native sons of Ottawa county, his birth having occurred in Harris township, October 17, 1861, and he has always lived in that locality. His primary education, acquired in the common schools, was supplemented by a course in the high school of Elmore, at which he was graduated in 1878. He remained at home until twenty-one years of age, and on the 31st of October, 1882, went to a home of his own.

Ludwig Conrad Adolph Witte, paternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Guitersloh, Germany, in 1783, and in 1813 he was married to Katherine Osthaus. They had a family of eight children—five sons and three daughters:

Henry, Ludwig, Fred, William, Charles, Johanna, Dora and Katherine. Charles Witte, the father of our subject, came to this country in 1854, and was married at Elmore, Ohio, in 1858, to Fredericke Frank, by whom he had eight children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Clara, January 9, 1859; Alfred G., October 17, 1861; Emma, October 26, 1863; William, January 4, 1865; Ernst, March 23, 1870; Bertha, February 5, 1873; Edmund, March 12, 1878, and Franciska, September 9, 1880, died December 30, 1881.

William Godfrey Frank, maternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Oren, Germany, January 6, 1792, where he was reared. At the age of twenty-one he joined the German army, and served as a sergeant of riflemen in the struggle against Napoleon Bonaparte. He participated in four battles, namely, those of Strassburg, Sens, Montereau and Epinal, receiving medals for bravery, all, however, on account of his political opinions, being subsequently taken from him except one, which his daughter still has in her possession. At the battle of Epinal he was captured, and was held prisoner one year, when he was released, the war having ended. During the time he was in the army he was married to Regina Kober, and three daughters were born to them: Caroline, Louisa and Fredericke. The last named who is the mother of Mr. Witte, was born July 13, 1836, in Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, Germany, where she lived till sixteen years of age, at which time she came to America. In 1858, at Elmore, Ohio, she married Charles Witte, as above related.

On October 31, 1882, Alfred G. Witte, our subject, married Miss Evelyn Pratt, of Elmore, daughter of Kellogg and Cordelia (Billings) Pratt. She was born November 14, 1859, in Harris township, Ottawa county, and completed a course in the Elmore schools in 1877. Her father was born in New York, August 18,

1819, and was married March 31, 1847. For three years they lived in New York, after which they spent a year in Pensaukee, Wis., whence they removed to Sandusky county, Ohio. Two years later they came to Ottawa county, and the father purchased a farm in Harris township. About 1870 he bought a home in Elmore, where he lived until his death, December 14, 1878. Mrs. Pratt was born in New York, April 10, 1830, and by her marriage became the mother of four children: (1) Emma, born July 18, 1851, was married in May, 1878, to Arthur Harrison, and they have one child—Ellen, born November 3, 1878. (2) Mary Eliza, born March 9, 1858, has for seventeen years been a successful teacher, and for the past four years has taught in Elmore; she obtained her education in the Normal School at Ada, Ohio, and in Oberlin College. (3) Mrs. Witte is the next younger. (4) Elnora, born October 17, 1870, is a graduate of the Toledo Music School, and is now teaching music.

Abner Pratt, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Witte, was born in 1788 and died in 1850. His wife, Rhoda (Billings) Pratt, was born in 1786 and died in 1864. They had twelve children, of whom ten reached mature years. Augustus Billings, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Witte, was born about 1773, and was the eldest in a family of six children. When a young man he went on a whaling expedition and was taken as a prisoner to France, where he remained two years. In 1803 he was married to Clarissa English, of Medina county, N. Y., who was born in 1781, and they became the parents of seven children—six sons and a daughter—two of whom are now living. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Witte's mother was born about 1748, and married Lucina Farrington, who was born about the same time. Her grandfather, John English, served for three years in the Revolution, and was with Gen. Washington during the memorable winter at Valley

Forge. During the war for Independence he married Desire Bagley.

Mr. and Mrs. Witte, for five years after their marriage, lived upon a farm, our subject purchasing a tract of land and also operating that which belonged to his father. He then rented his place and removed to Elmore, where he is engaged in the meat business. He runs two wagons in the country, supplying the Genoa market and also an extensive home market. In addition to his business in dressed meats, he buys and ships cattle, sheep and hogs, and has an extensive trade. He is a lover of a fine horse and a dealer in thoroughbreds. His business has been a very profitable one, and in addition to his farm and market he owns a fine home on Toledo street. Four children came to bless the home, of whom Jack, born May 23, 1877, died March 19, 1891, and was buried in the Gus cemetery; the others are Bertha, born August 24, 1883; Florence, born November 3, 1884; and Carl, born March 6, 1886. The parents are widely and favorably known in the locality where they live, and have a large circle of warm friends. Mr. Witte is a member of the Knights of Pythias. In politics he is a Democrat, and is serving as a member of the council of Elmore, while as an official and private citizen he gives his support to all interests that are calculated to prove of public benefit.

HART BEARSS, a leading and influential citizen of Ottawa county, residing on Catawba Island, claims New York State as the place of his nativity, where he first opened his eyes to the light of day, in Putnam county, October 14, 1840. He is descended from one of the early families of that region. His grandparents, Joseph T. and Annie Bearss, had a family of thirteen children, of whom eight are still living, namely: Mary, widow of George W. Bailey; Gid-

eon H.; Louisa, widow of William Shepherd, and a resident of Wood county, Ohio; Joseph T., of Ottawa county, Ohio; David, who is living in Lucas county, Ohio; Orson, a resident of Bureau county, Ill.; Lucinda, wife of Ashabell Burke, of Portage township, Ottawa county; and Flora, widow of Wheeler Porter.

Gideon H. Bearss, the father of our subject, is a retired fruit grower, and the oldest surviving pioneer settler of Catawba Island—a man honored and revered by all who know him. He was born in New Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., August 3, 1815, and is a son of Joseph T. and Annie (Hubble) Bearss, who were also natives of the Nutmeg State. Like many boys of that day he had very limited advantages for procuring even a primary education, the duties pertaining to farm life requiring all his time in his boyhood days. In 1831, when sixteen years of age, he left home and went to Putnam county, N. Y., where he learned the trade of shoemaking, following that business for thirteen years. In 1844 he removed to Ohio, locating on Catawba Island which at that time was known as Van Rensselaer township, and was an almost unbroken wilderness. Here he entered land and made a home for his family, willing heart and hands soon enabling him to convert the raw land into a fruitful farm. In peace and contentment he has here lived for over fifty years, and now in his declining days he has given over the care of the farm to his children, while he is resting in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. Many a lesson might well be learned from his well-spent life, which shows what can be accomplished by industry, integrity and perseverance in a land where merit is not hampered by caste or class.

Gideon Bearss was married in Putnam county, N. Y., October 6, 1835, to Betsy Turner, daughter of Adam and Eunice (Rockwell) Turner. She was born in that county, July 12, 1809, and died on Catawba Island, March 23, 1878. They

became the parents of five children, two of whom died in infancy; George Henry died at Chattanooga, Tenn., while nobly aiding in the defense of the old flag, and the cause it represented; Clarasia became the wife of Henry Wonnell, of Portage township, Ottawa county, and has also passed away, leaving our subject the only surviving member of the family. The father has served for many years as township trustee, and has acceptably filled other local offices. He cast his first Presidential vote for William Henry Harrison, and was a staunch supporter of the Whig party, until the organization of the Republican party, with which he has been identified since its inception.

When a child of only four years Hart Bearss came with his parents to Catawba Island, whereon he has since resided, and during this period has witnessed its development from a wilderness into fine farms and fruit orchards, dotted with beautiful residences. He received a limited education in the village school of his day, and for over forty years has been connected with the fishing business, but for the past six years has devoted his entire time and attention to the cultivation of fruit. He has to-day one of the finest orchards on the Island, and the excellent variety of fruit which he raises finds a ready sale on the market.

On May 29, 1863, on Catawba Island was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Bearss and Miss Catherine Rogers, who was born in Seneca county, Ohio, February 26, 1844, a daughter of Thomas and Verlinda Rebecca (Wheeler) Rogers, the former a native of England, and the latter of Maryland. About 1859 they located on the Island where they continued to live until called to the home beyond, the father dying in October, 1870, and the mother October 6, 1894. To Mr. and Mrs. Bearss were born five children: Alvertes, born June 29, 1863, married to Kate Gron October 30, 1889; Gusta Amelia, born October 23, 1865, the wife

of Oliver H. Elliott, of Elyria, Ohio; George H., born January 15, 1868, killed August 15, 1887, by a fall from the Poughkeepsie (N. Y.) Bridge; Jennie L., born November 12, 1871, now the wife of William Freer; and Carrie E., born October 26, 1874, the wife of William F. Leinbach, operator on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad, at Marble Head Junction, Ottawa county.

Mr. Bearss has served as trustee of his township for four terms, and has filled other offices. He is a worthy member of Port Clinton Lodge, No. 341, F. & A. M.; Catawba Island Lodge, No. 2783, Knights of Honor; and during the Civil war he joined the one-hundred-day men of Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth O. V. I., doing guard duty at Point Lookout, Md. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, is a wide-awake and progressive citizen, and one of the most esteemed residents of Catawba Island. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which his wife and daughter Jennie are worthy members, and all who know them hold them in high regard. They have just completed their handsome dwelling on the old farm.

ELIJAH LATTIMORE, who is engaged in general farming and stock raising, is a native of the township in which he still resides. He was born February 5, 1833, on the old place in Bay township, Ottawa county, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Stanley) Lattimore, both of whom were natives of England, and located in Sandusky county, Ohio, July 4, 1824. In March, 1829, they took up their residence in Bay township, which at that time was an almost unbroken wilderness.

The father had come to America when a young man, and had settled first in Georgetown, D. C., four miles from the city of Washington, where he fought

the British troops during the war of 1812. After the close of that struggle he engaged in vegetable gardening for about four years. Subsequently he removed to Indiana, where he was married, and in April, 1824, he started from that State on a journey to Ohio, traveling with his own team. During the third day of the journey, while his horses were hitched to a tree by the roadside, eating their noon-day meal, a wind storm arose which blew down the tree and killed both horses. In consequence he was obliged to hire teams to convey himself and family on their way. From 1829 until October, 1857, they were continuous residents of Bay township, Ottawa county, at the latter date removing to Rice township, Sandusky county. The father died there August 29, 1869, and the mother's death occurred in Port Clinton, October 27, 1876.

Our subject received but limited educational privileges, pursuing his studies in an old log schoolhouse, but his training at farm labor was not meagre. From his early boyhood he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, and thoroughly understands the business in all its details. He was married in Port Clinton, April 5, 1860, to Christina McRitchie, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Richardson) McRitchie, both of whom were natives of Scotland, the former born April 13, 1801, the latter in 1809. They located in Bay township, Ottawa county, at a very early day in the history of this locality, becoming residents in 1836. From that date until his death, Mr. McRitchie was prominently identified with its growth and development. He passed through all the trials and hardships of pioneer life, but lived to see this become a fertile region, inhabited by a progressive class of citizens. He died December 15, 1888, and his wife crossed the river of death January 2, 1887. Their family numbered seven children, as follows: George, born November 15, 1839,

was killed in the war of the Rebellion, near Atlanta, Ga., June 14, 1864, while nobly serving in defense of his country; William, born August 29, 1845, died September 22, 1847; John, born January 24, 1848, died September 24, 1850. The other members of the family are still living: Margaret, born in Perthshire, Scotland, April 13, 1834, is the widow of William L. Cole, and is now residing in Port Clinton, Ohio; David R., born in Perthshire, February 4, 1836, is a leading agriculturist of Bay township, Ottawa county; Christina, born in Bay township, February 6, 1842, is the wife of our subject; and Mary E., born in Bay township, September 26, 1851, is the wife of W. A. Wonnell.

Nine children grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. Lattimore, to wit: Robert John, who was born March 28, 1861, and is still living on the old home place; I. Elmer, born February 16, 1863, died February 23, 1865; Mary Ida, born March 26, 1864, died August 10, following; Maggie Belle, born November 18, 1865, now the wife of H. D. Lockwood, of Plasterbed, Ohio; Elizabeth Jane, born January 25, 1868, the wife of H. L. Hinehine, of Port Clinton; Harry E., born June 25, 1871, died August 3, same year; Mattie Adell, born January 16, 1873, now the wife of Frank Mackey, of Bay township, Ottawa county; Addie May, born July 27, 1875; and Amos, born January 16, 1881.

Mr. Lattimore, recognized as a valued citizen, has been honored with a number of public offices of trust. In 1864 and 1865 he served as county auditor; was county commissioner for two successive terms; served as township treasurer some ten years; was township assessor ten years; land assessor one year; and has filled other local positions. He supports by his ballot the men and measures of the Democracy. Socially, he is connected with Port Clinton Lodge, No. 627, I. O. O. F., and Lake Erie Encampment, and has filled every office in both; he is also a

member of the Knights of Honor, and his family attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

RUDOLPH HARTMAN was born in Germany September 21, 1825, a son of John H. and Clarissa Hartman, and died August 28, 1895. He was one of two children, the other being Eliza, who married Henry Myers, and died December 21, 1894, near Elmore.

The father of our subject came to America in 1830, locating in Woodville township, and, having no money, he borrowed a few dollars to buy twenty-five acres of land, which was then worth ten shillings (\$1.25) per acre. The pioneer forests were then unbroken, the streams unbridged, and they had to go on foot to Lower Sandusky for supplies, and carry their articles by hand or on their backs, as the woods were impassable for horses or vehicles. Mr. Hartman bought a large coffee-mill, in which he and the neighbors used to grind their grain into meal for bread. Wild deer roamed at will in the woods, and could be seen in large herds; but those early Germans were not used to firearms, and had neither money nor guns, so the deer were at first left untouched. The simplest fare was then a luxury to these pioneers. Food was often scarce, and it was not an unusual thing for people to go hungry for want of it.

When the father died Rudolph bought his sister's interest in the estate. He learned the trade of carpenter, at which he worked in Wood and Sandusky counties, and in the early days he also operated a threshing machine, and by working over a wide extent of territory made some money. He owned 350 acres of land in Woodville township and eighty-five acres in Wood county, on which there are twenty-five oil wells in operation. He received \$10,000 for the oil lease of his land, besides one-sixth of the oil. Mr. Hartman



Rudolf Hartman

fully appreciated the abundance of wealth that had been placed at his disposal, and he thoroughly educated his family, and started his children well in life. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious faith a member of the Lutheran Church. He always took an active part in developing the educational interests of his community.

On February 2, 1851, Rudolph Hartman married Miss Anna Marie Louisa Sielschott, who was born September 10, 1834, in Germany. Their children were: John, born June 12, 1853, died May 1, 1864; Henry, born February 19, 1856, died April 22, 1864; Mary C., born December 25, 1851, died January 2, 1852; William, born August 25, 1859, died October 22, 1860; Frederick, born September 22, 1861, married Miss Lizzie Bruns, and they have two children—Oscar and Lydia; Louis, born July 21, 1864, married Minnie Bruns, and they have three children—Otto, Carl and Alna; Louisa, born July 18, 1866, married John Swan, and has three children—Lydia, Mabel and Clarence; Sophia, born July 1, 1871, married William Leopold, and has one child—Arthur; George, born July 3, 1874, has been educated in the German and the public schools; Henry, born February 28, 1880. Mr. Hartman was a man of intelligence and moral worth, a kind husband and father, an enterprising citizen and an obliging neighbor.

Mrs. Hartman's parents, Garhard and Mary (Wilker) Sielschott, also natives of the Fatherland, were born in 1806 and 1805 respectively, and they both died in May, 1882, the mother on the 6th, the father on the 24th. They were married in about 1830, and were pioneers of Wood county, Ohio, where they spent their days, and where, in Troy township, they now lie buried. To them were born four children: Engel, widow of Harmon Schroeder, of Wood county, who has had five children; Anna Marie Louisa, Mrs. Hartman; Mary, Mrs. Henry Frier, of

Wood county, who has seven children; and Fred, who has been twice married, first to Julia Mirosey, who had seven children, and died March 20, 1882, after which he married Mary Welling, by whom he had five children. Mrs. Hartman's paternal grandmother, Mary Otten, was born about 1760 in Germany, and was the mother of four children, all of whom are now deceased.

CARMI G. SANFORD. One of the pioneer families of Sandusky county is represented at Clyde by an individual whom all delight to honor—the venerable Carmi G. Sanford, first president of the People's Bank.

Mr. Sanford was born December 28, 1818, in Ontario county, N. Y., son of Zachariah and Mary P. (Mantor) Sanford. The father was born near Saybrook, Conn., in 1790. In 1808 he left Connecticut with his widowed mother, and settled on a farm in Madison county, N. Y. There he married Mary P. Mantor, who was born in Massachusetts in 1798, and had migrated with her parents to central New York. After their marriage Zachariah and Mary Sanford moved to the western part of the Empire State, settling on a farm in Ontario county. On the farm a family of children was growing up about them, and again the spirit of migration moved the pioneer. In the fall of 1832 the father brought his family to Townsend township, Sandusky county, where he purchased an eighty-acre tract entirely covered with forest. With the aid of his half-grown boys Mr. Sanford built a cabin, and during the winter made a clearing for the spring crops. Gradually the wilderness was converted into fertile fields, and here the peace-loving father concluded his life's history. His death occurred May 6, 1862, and the wife survived until March 17, 1868. It has been said that Zachariah Sanford died without an enemy. He had brought with him from New En-

gland the gentle but invincible spirit of the Puritan. He was unobtrusive in manner, and hospitable. His neighbors always spoke well of him. The wife and mother had deep religious convictions, and sought to impress the habit of piety upon her children. Carmi G. remembers that in his boyhood days he was presented by his mother with a sheep as a reward for having read the entire Bible. Seven children were born to Zachariah and Mary Sanford, as follows: Elias M., who was born July 17, 1817, and died in Townsend township, May 31, 1843, leaving a wife and one child; Carmi G., subject of this sketch, born December 28, 1818; Henry A., who was born March 4, 1820, married Mary, daughter of Daniel Rice, and now lives on the home farm; Sally M., born December 27, 1826; William B., born April 7, 1828; Almira, born July 10, 1832, married Samuel H. Tibbals, and died leaving no children; George W., born February 2, 1839, a resident of Townsend township.

Carmi G. Sanford was fourteen years of age when he came with his parents to Sandusky county. He had attended the public schools in New York, but in the pioneer Ohio home educational facilities were few, and the work of clearing the farm was imperative. He was an industrious and willing worker, and remained on his father's farm until after he reached his majority. Then he purchased for himself a forty-acre wooded tract, which he afterward traded for another. He was married, March 9, 1844, to Lydia Allyn, daughter of Isaac and Permelia (Downing) Allyn. Isaac Allyn was born in Connecticut, September 21, 1786, and at the age of eighteen years left home for the West. After traveling from place to place for several years, he settled in Erie county. About 1820, in company with Jonas Gibbs, he settled on the prairie in the northern part of Riley township, Sandusky county, and there engaged extensively in stockraising. He raised horses and cattle,

and was a primitive porkpacker on a large scale. For a few years he lived at the Gibbs cabin, then kept bachelor's hall until his marriage, June 12, 1827, to Mrs. Permelia Daniels. She was born June 24, 1795, in Windom county, Conn., daughter of Cyrus Downing, who, with his family, migrated in 1797 to New York, and in 1809 to Erie county, Ohio, settling near Huron. He was then in hostile Indian territory, and prior to the outbreak during the war of 1812 was compelled to abandon home and seek refuge in the fort at Cleveland. Permelia was married in April, 1813, to Jeremiah Daniels. At that time about twenty families lived at Huron, and so active were Indian depredations in the vicinity that they were compelled to leave their homes nine times during one year. After the death of Mr. Daniels, the widow married Isaac Allyn. The latter died January 30, 1839, and Mrs. Allyn survived until September 18, 1874, living during the last eighteen months of her life with her daughter Lydia. Mrs. Allyn was a woman of considerable business ability and very industrious. One year with her own hands she salted more than one hundred barrels of pork. To Isaac and Permelia Allyn three children were born: Lydia, born March 20, 1828; Isaac M., of Riley township, born February 8, 1832; Permelia, born November 6, 1837, died June 25, 1881.

After his marriage to Lydia Allyn, Carmi G. Sanford began housekeeping in a small cabin in Townsend township. It was made entirely of logs and puncheons, except the door, which was fashioned from the boards of a store box. In this cabin Mr. Sanford lived for about ten years. Only a small part of his little farm was cleared, and he had an abundance of work before him. He kept pace with the new methods and machinery for farming, and by economy and industry added to his possessions until he owned 400 well-improved acres. Like his father,

he was a Whig in politics, and in later years became a Republican. Sostrong were his political convictions that he quite naturally became a leader in the community in which he lived. During the war he was active in encouraging enlistments and in caring for the families of soldiers, spending time and money freely. When the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth O. V. I. was formed he was chosen captain of Company C, composed of volunteers from Riley and Townsend townships, and at the regimental organization in Fremont he was chosen lieutenant colonel, Nathaniel Haynes being elected colonel. Lieut.-Col. Sanford had charge of the regiment on its march from Fremont to Sandusky, but through the caprice of Col. Wiley he was relieved from service before he had been mustered in, much to the regret of the regiment, which had become very much attached to him. Mr. Sanford has served Townsend township as clerk and justice of the peace, and his county as infirmary director and as county commissioner. He was a member of Clyde Lodge F. & A. M., and of Erie Commandery No. 23. In 1882 he removed to Clyde. He was one of the organizers of the People's Bank, and was elected its president, a position he held until his death which occurred September 13, 1894. He was also a member of the marble firm of Sanford & Hughes, one of the largest and most active business houses of the kind in this part of Ohio.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sanford seven children were born, as follows: Mary P., born April 24, 1846, died in infancy; Winfield Scott, born August 16, 1847, who married Eliza McCartney, by whom he had three children—Carmi G., Jr., Cora and Charles F.—and who died September 8, 1889; Flora A., born February 3, 1850, who married James Gaw and died February 28, 1872; Morgan C., born July 25, 1861, who married Ida White, and has three children—Blake, John H. and Flora;

Kate L., born November 7, 1864, died March 1, 1868; Hattie M., born January 24, 1868, and married to W. E. Hughes, of the marble firm of Sanford & Hughes; Charles G., born January 24, 1871, died October 6, 1872. Mrs. Lydia Sanford died February 11, 1893. She was a whole-souled woman, happy and cheerful in temperament, and deeply devoted to her husband and children. She made her home one of the most attractive in the county, and was beloved by all who knew her. Her death was a severe blow to her husband. Carmi G. Sanford inherited the gentle and courtly manners of his father, and by his ever-present consideration for others he seemed a survivor of an earlier type of men. No man speaks unkindly of Carmi G. Sanford, and no man in Sandusky county ranks higher in public esteem than did he. He had a striking individuality, and such a whole-souled, good-natured disposition that all knew him and none knew him but to like him. He was a friend of the people—the capitalist, the business man, the laborer and the street urchin.

CAPTAN JOHN L. COLE, a pioneer of Sandusky county, was born at Greenbush, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., in 1807. He was a son of Lucius and Esther Cole, who died about the year 1815, leaving three children—John L., Mary and Lima—who then became separated and were reared by strangers. It fell to the lot of our subject to be bound out to a sea captain by the name of Tift, and to spend his time from the age of eight to twenty-one years on a sailing vessel in the New York and Liverpool trade; so that he did not have the privilege of attending school a single day. After he had served his time with this salt-water captain, he went to visit his sister, Lima, at Cortland, N. Y., and wintered there. In the following spring he returned to New York City, married Miss

Elizabeth French, daughter of a Baptist minister, and took a position as captain on a packet boat on the Hudson river, where he remained until he was twenty-four years of age.

In 1830 Mr. Cole was solicited to come to Buffalo, N. Y., to rig out a brig. This he did satisfactorily, and subsequently sailed as master of the vessel, for several seasons, on the upper lakes, his intervening winter seasons being spent in rigging out other vessels for similar service. He sailed for several seasons as captain of the "Wabash." About the year 1833 he made his first voyage to Lower Sandusky, in quest of pipe staves for the Southern sugar trade, and in the fall of that year laid up his vessel at that port to await its spring cargo of staves. While here he made the acquaintance of Sardis Birchard, a leading merchant and a large land holder, and bought of him a tract of 480 acres of land in Scott township, on which he made a temporary settlement a few years later. In 1842 Mr. Cole and Mr. Birchard went to Huron, Erie county, and built the schooner "Sardis Birchard." On this vessel, owned by these two men, Mr. Cole sailed as captain, hailing from the port of Lower Sandusky and running the chain of lakes for a number of years, until he abandoned the business. He carried many cargoes of grain from the port of Chicago when the site of that city was little better than a malarious marsh.

□ About the year 1850 Capt. Cole sold his land in Scott township and bought upwards of three hundred acres of the Whittaker Reserve, to which he added by later purchases from other parties until he had six hundred acres. This tract, which was then a dense forest, he cleared up and improved, and it remains to-day a fine monument to his industry and skill. He was a man of small stature, but possessed of untiring energy, practical tact and good common sense. Though cast upon the wide world without book learning, he learned to read men instead, and

later mastered the rudiments of English by the aid of his intelligent and helpful wife, so that he could manage his large business interests with marked success. He was a Republican in politics, and his wife was a member of the M. E. Church, Fremont. The children of Capt. J. L. and Elizabeth Cole were: Frances M., wife of J. C. Barnes, of St. Lawrence county, N. Y., a student five years at Oberlin College (their children were John, Arthur, Charles, and Frank); John W., who died at the age of fifteen; Sardis B., sketch of whom follows; Hannah E., wife of George W. Stull, residing on the Cole homestead (their children were—Ida, Elbert, Frank, Robert, Eva, Claud and Fanny); Mercy, wife of Judge William F. Bailey, of Armenia, N. Y., who removed to Eau Claire, Wis., where she died, leaving no children. Sarah L., wife of A. L. Dodge, druggist, of Eau Claire, Wis., whose children were—Bert, Sadie, Jessie and Jamie; Emma, wife of S. J. Ludwick, of Fremont, Ohio (she died without issue); and Evaline, wife of L. G. Hamilton, jeweller, Fremont (they have one child—Mildred).

After the death of his wife, Elizabeth (French), June 3, 1872, Capt. Cole married on January 14, 1875, Miss Sarah A. Hine, a daughter of Hugh B. and Rebecca (Lattig) Hine. His death occurred March 18, 1889, and he was buried in Oak Wood Cemetery. His widow resides in Fremont, Ohio.

SARDIS B. COLE, retired farmer, of Fremont, Sandusky county, was born in Scott township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, September 8, 1842, a son of Capt. J. L. and Elizabeth (French) Cole. His early life was spent in the heart of the Black Swamp, in his native township, and when eight years of age he came with his father's family to live on the historic Whittaker Reserve, about two miles north of Lower Sandusky.

Here he grew to manhood amid the cares and labors of farm life, and attending the homeschools and those of Fremont village.

In the year 1860 he entered Oberlin College with the object of taking a course of study, but on the outbreak of the Civil war, when farm laborers became scarce, he was obliged to abandon his books and assist his father on the home farm. He afterward took a commercial course at Oberlin, Ohio, and served as bookkeeper for I. T. Lyon, of Cleveland, Ohio. He retained his home with his parents until 1866, when he married Miss Margaret E. Hyatt, daughter of J. W. Hyatt, of Sandusky township. They settled upon a farm in that township, comprising about 240 acres of choice land, where they lived about twenty-two years. Their children were: Charles W., a banker at Hartford City, Ind., who married Miss Elizabeth Winning, of that city; John B., a farmer who married Miss Mattie Ernst, and lives on the Sardis Cole farm; Grace E., who died at the age of seventeen, just after having completed a course of study at St. Paul, Minn.; Sardis B., Jr., a grocer of Hartford City, Ind.; George D., and Jessie, attending the Fremont city schools.

Sardis B. Cole is a Republican in politics, and a member of the M. E. Church. He is also an active member of Croghan Lodge, No. 77, I. O. O. F.; a member of the Pioneer and Historical Society of Sandusky county; president of the Agricultural Society, and a liberal contributor to various benevolent enterprises. In 1892 he removed to Fremont, and now occupies a residence near the M. E. Church, on Main street.

JAMES ROSENBERGER, a prominent farmer of Sandusky township, Sandusky county, was born in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, near the famous battle-ground, January 1, 1819, a son of Henry and Jane (Shawl)

Rosenberger, the former of whom was born in Virginia, and was a farmer. His parents came from Germany.

Grandfather Henry Rosenberger came to this country in early life, and was married in Virginia. The grandfather of our subject, on mother's side, was bound out to work for payment of passage to this country; he settled in Virginia. Grandfather Nicholas Shawl came to Seneca county after our subject's father came here. Both grandfathers came to Seneca county in 1818, bought land, and returned to Virginia. The paternal grandfather died in Virginia, the maternal grandfather in Seneca county, Ohio. The father of our subject came to Ohio in October, 1823, locating in Seneca township, Seneca Co., Ohio, on land his father had bought. Our subject's uncle John was a distiller and a miller in Virginia, in the Shenandoah Valley, which occupations he gave up, entering a quarter section of land in Seneca county, Ohio, in 1822. The nearest neighbor the Rosenberger's had at that time was four miles distant. When going to see their neighbors they were guided by blazed trees along the way. Uncle John lived there about twenty-five years, and then moved to Iowa. The father of our subject was one of three sons who went there. There were six children by the first marriage, two by the last: Our subject's father lived in Seneca county until 1853, and died in Tiffin, aged eighty-nine. Our subject's mother was born in Virginia, and died at the age of seventy-four. The father was a Republican in politics, originally a Whig. They were members of the M. E. Church. James Rosenberger was one of eleven children: Subject, Elizabeth, William, George, Harriet, David, Martha, Jolin, Eliza, Jacob, and Anna, who died in infancy. Ten of these grew up to maturity.

Our subject attended school in a log schoolhouse which had a chimney built of sticks plastered with mud or clay mortar. In 1843 he married, in Sandusky

county, Miss Mary Ramsberg, who was born in Maryland, November 3, 1817. She is yet living. There were eight children born to this union: (1) Mariba M., born January 10, 1845, married Silas Saffel, and had children—William, Gustave, Jennie, George, Bertie, and Pearl. (2) Lucinda, born April 13, 1848, married Wallace Knight, whose children were—Oliver, Bertha, Clara, George, Robert and LeRoy. (3) Perry F., born March 15, 1850, married Anna Hummel, whose children were—Arthur, Burt, Ermie, George, Ollie, and Willie. (4) Amos E., born June 17, 1852, died in infancy. (5) John A., born June 28, 1854, died when twenty-one years old. (6) Theodore, born July 12, 1856, by his first marriage had one child—Clarence—and by his second marriage had two children, LeRoy and one whose name is not given; they live in Kansas. (7) Mary Jane Rosenberger, born January 24, 1859, married David Burgoon; they have no children.

In 1846 our subject came to Sandusky township, locating on Muskallonge creek, and he has been on his present farm since 1854. It was then all woods. He cleared it up himself. He remembers distinctly the political campaign of 1840, known in history as the "Log Cabin and Hard Cider" campaign, which resulted in the election of Gen. William H. Harrison to the Presidency. Mr. Rosenberger helped to build a log cabin out of all buckeye logs, at Tiffin, Ohio, on which they put a clapboard roof, a barrel of hard cider on top, a flagstaff with the United States flag, and on top of the pole a live raccoon.

JAMES H. McRITCHIE, postmaster at Port Clinton, Ottawa county, was born in Bay township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, September 24, 1854, a son of David and Jane (Yule) McRitchie, who were married in Forfarshire, Scotland.

The parents of our subject emigrated to America in 1832. After arriving in New York City they journeyed westward to Buffalo, there taking passage on a vessel, bound for Chicago, where they expected to meet some friends. The vessel, however, was wrecked in a storm near the harbor of Port Clinton, and they were taken ashore at that place, stopped at a brick hotel that now forms part of the "Lake House," kept by John Mitchell. This was in August, 1832. Mr. McRitchie relinquished his plan of going to Chicago, and instead bought a farm of 120 acres of timbered land in Bay township, Ottawa county, which he cleared and which served him and his family as a home for many years. The country was then almost a wilderness, and the pioneers endured many privations. There was no work for laboring people at which they could earn money, except in the quarries at Plaster Bed, and that was seven miles from his farm. He was accustomed to go to his work on Monday morning, returning on Saturday evening, carrying provisions with him for a week, and was often obliged to take his pay in dry goods and groceries and such like, in lieu of money. As soon as he was able to purchase an ox team he got his supplies from Lower Sandusky (now Fremont), which occupied two days—one to go and one to return. Having received a fairly liberal education in Scotland, Mr. McRitchie was well qualified to fill various positions of honor and trust to which he was afterward elected. He held the offices of township clerk and justice of the peace; later (1848) was elected auditor of Ottawa county, which office he held nine years, and in 1874 was elected county treasurer, in which incumbency he served four years. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was an enterprising and public-spirited citizen. He died April 7, 1883, after which his widow remained on the homestead until 1888, when she went to live with her son James

H., at Port Clinton. Their children were: Jeannette, William, Maria, Ellen, John D., Jane, Nancy. David and James H., all born in Bay township, Ottawa Co., Ohio. Of these, Jeannette died in childhood; William died at the age of twenty-six; Maria married Darwin Hyde, and lived on Catawba Island, where they both died, leaving three children—Homer, Ora and Lemuel; Ellen married Charles Darr, and lived in Bay township, where they both died (one of their sons, William, lives on the family homestead, the other, Frank, died at the age of sixteen); John D. married Sarah Legget, lived on a farm for a time, then moved to Port Clinton, and followed butchering (their children were—Emma, William, Mary, Charlotte, Ida, Ora, Clara and George); Jane married J. W. Mizner, hardware merchant, Port Clinton (their children were—James H., Clara, Edward and Grace); Nancy married James L. Mackey (they lived on a farm in Bay township, where he died, after which she moved to Port Clinton; their children were Pearl, David and Alma); David married Alice Hyde, and follows the butchering business in Port Clinton (they have one child, Charles S.). In politics Mr. McRitchie was a Democrat and all his sons are Democrats.

James H. McRitchie, the subject proper of this sketch, was raised on his father's farm and attended country schools during the winter seasons. In 1888 he commenced the butcher business, and so continued until May 22, 1893, when he was appointed postmaster at Port Clinton by President Cleveland. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 627, and passed all the chairs of Lake Erie Encampment, No. 232, and of Canton Ottawa, No. 60; also the National Union, No. 60. On November 6, 1879, he was married to Miss Clara E. Lattimore, who was born September 25, 1854, daughter of John and Mary (Park) Lattimore, and their children are: Irma A., Mack A. Mc-

Ritchie, Hattie A. and Mabel. Mr. McRitchie is a typical self-made man, one whose record is without a stain, and, whether in prosperity or adversity, he has ever been upright, conscientious and honorable.

DENNIS FAMILY. Arthur Nelson Dennis and his wife were both born in Maine, and in their native State eight children were born to them, one son and seven daughters, as follows: Lucy, who became the wife of a Mr. Churchill, and after his death wedded Elder Wire; Polly; Sarah; Hannah, who wedded Horace Flower; Betsy, who married Alpheus Barber; Fanny, who wedded Solomon Drown; Rebecca, who married John Kilbourne; and John. Of this family two came to Ohio—Mrs. Drown and John.

Arthur Dennis moved into New York State, locating in the vicinity of Lyons, but later in life moved to Erie county, Penn., where he spent the remainder of his days. His occupation was that of shoemaker. Politically he was a Whig.

John Dennis followed farming all his life; after leaving the Keystone State he located, in about 1845, in York township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, and he owned 160 acres of land in Lucas county, Ohio. In New York State he married Malinda Hatch, a native of Maine, to which union came thirteen children, namely: Alvira, who became the wife of Washington Collom; Hiram; John; Hatch; Spellman; Malinda, who was the wife of William McLain; Arthur Nelson; William George; Syrenus; two who died in infancy; Flavel; and one unnamed, a twin to Malinda. All are now deceased except William. The mother of this family died August 10, 1854, and the father in September, 1864.

William Dennis was born in Erie, Penn., November 28, 1833. When seventeen years of age he entered upon an apprenticeship to the blacksmith trade, in

learning which he spent three years, and which he pursued until September, 1862. At that time he enlisted, serving until the close of the war; he participated in many skirmishes, and was in the engagements at Nashville, and with his command made a thirty-one-days' march with but six hours rest. On April 3, 1855, Mr. Dennis wedded Jane Nottage, a native of Ashtabula county, Ohio, who died in South Dakota November 3, 1885. Three children came to bless this union: Clara, wife of Foster Thompson, of Stillwater, Minn.; Flora, wife of James May, of Seneca county, Ohio, and William N., foreman of the old White Lime Co., Bowling Green, Ohio. For his second wife William Dennis wedded Ella Hinton, and to this marriage was born one child, Harry B. William Dennis is engaged in dealing in horses.

Arthur Nelson Dennis (brother of William Dennis) came to Sandusky county, Ohio, in 1845, in the earlier days following farming; just before the outbreak of the Civil war, and also during the conflict, he was in the livery business. For a short time, however, he gave this up, having enlisted, but he was discharged on account of disability after eight months' service, and returning to Clyde resumed the livery business, continuing to follow it for two years. Selling out, he subsequently bought a hotel and livery barn in Green Spring, which he conducted for about fifteen years, or until his death, which occurred December 3, 1892. Mr. Dennis married Mary Jane Whiteman, who bore him seven children, viz.: Marcellus, a drayman of Green Spring, Ohio; Willie, who died when four years old; Net E.; George, a conductor on the "Big Four" railroad; Bert, yard master in the Short Line, at Sandusky, Ohio; "Pet," who died at the age of nine years; and Mack Charlie.

NET E. DENNIS is one of the hustling young men of Clyde, popular in both business and social circles. He is the owner of some valuable property there, and he

also pays considerable attention to good horses. He married Alice Reed, of Green Spring, and two children—Lela and Jimmie—have blessed their union.

MICHAEL D. THIERWECHTER (deceased) was born June 5, 1831, in Jackson township, Lebanon Co., Penn., a son of Samuel and Mary (Groh) Thierwechter. At about the age of twenty years he came to Shelby, Ohio, where he began an apprenticeship at the brick-making business—manufacturing by hand—at the same time learning the trade of blacksmith.

In 1854, he came to Sandusky county, Ohio, and after his marriage, which event will be more fully spoken of farther on, he settled on a 142-acre farm in Sandusky county, near the "Four-Mile House." The place at that time was a dense wild forest, but by hard labor and assiduous toil he succeeded in converting it into one of the fine farms of that county. In an early day he also followed the business of auctioneer, during the war acting in that capacity in the counties of Sandusky, Ottawa, Huron, Erie, Hancock and Wood. About the year 1867 he rented his farm and moved to Elmore, Ottawa county, where he embarked in a general mercantile business. Here he remained until April 6, 1877, when he removed to Oak Harbor, in which then rising little village he continued in the same line of business occupying a store rented of Judge Kraemer, his son Emery being associated with him. In 1882 the latter was taken into full partnership with his father, and during the same year they built the spacious structure, now owned and occupied by Emery Thierwechter & Co. (Emery and A. D. Thierwechter), and the amount of business done within the first twelve months in Oak Harbor amounted to between \$25,000 and \$30,000; but under the able management of both father and son the business grew so rapidly that by the



M. D. Thiernecker



Emory Shierwechter



time of Mr. Michael D. Thierwechter's decease the business had reached the enormous figure of \$225,000 annually. From 1882 to 1890 the firm was known as M. D. Thierwechter & Son, but in the latter year the father divided his personal interest in the concern with his son A. D. Thierwechter, the firm name then becoming M. D. Thierwechter & Sons, and since the death of the senior member the style of the firm has been Emery Thierwechter & Co.

On November 29, 1855, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Waggoner, who was born June 29, 1839, daughter of George and Margaret (Klinger) Waggoner, old pioneers of Sandusky county. To this union were born one daughter and three sons, as follows: Alice (Mrs. H. L. Miller, of Tampa, Florida), born September 12, 1856; Abraham D. and Emery (sketches of whom follow), born September 19, 1858, and July 5, 1860, respectively; and George, born May 18, 1862. The father was called from earth April 27, 1891, and in his death the community lost a valued and progressive citizen, his neighbors a faithful friend, his wife a devoted husband, and his family a loving, indulgent father. The widowed mother still makes her home in Oak Harbor.

Michael D. Thierwechter was an energetic, hardworking man all his lifetime, by his straightforward business and social life winning the confidence of all who knew him. His political interests centered in the Republican party, and he was once a candidate for the Legislature. In civic affairs, having been elected a member of the city council, he held that position several years with characteristic fidelity and loyalty. In religious faith he was a member of the Lutheran Church.

EMERY THIERWECHTER, proprietor of a large mercantile business, is a son of the late Michael D. Thierwechter and his wife Caroline (Waggoner) Thierwechter.

He was born July 5, 1860, on a farm near the "Four-Mile House" in Sandusky county, Ohio, and was some seven years old when his father moved with his family to Elmore, Ottawa county, as related in the sketch of Michael D. Thierwechter. Here Emery's education was received, and here was laid the foundation of his future business career. During school vacations he worked in his father's store, and for a time was engaged in the retail grocery store of Louis Avers. In November, 1876, Mr. Thierwechter entered the business college of Spencer and Bigelow, at Cleveland, Ohio, where he received a thorough business training. In 1877 his father and he rented a room of Judge Kraemer, at Oak Harbor, and on April 7 they embarked in a general mercantile business. Since the death of the latter the style of the firm has been Emery Thierwechter & Co., Emery and A. D. Thierwechter being the sole representatives.

That Mr. Thierwechter is a man of consummate business ability is proven by the fact that he has made a most phenomenal success in his business, and has established for himself a highly enviable reputation for integrity and probity in all his dealings.

In September, 1880, Emery Thierwechter was united in marriage with Miss Luella Bruner, a native of Fremont, and daughter of David and Sophia (Faust) Bruner, to which union have come three children: Caroline, born July 7, 1881, died September 24, 1889; Edgar Weed, born July 20, 1887; and Morton Emery, born February 13, 1889.

Mr. Thierwechter in his political predilections is a pronounced Republican, and in the fall of 1895 he was nominated by acclamation, by the Republican Convention of Ottawa county, for the State Legislature. Although the county is largely Democratic, he ran far ahead of his ticket, and was defeated by a very small majority. With all his business cares and re-

sponsibilities he has not been unmindful of his duty to the town of his adoption. He was twice elected to the city council, and it was during his administration as councilor that the city was paved and other improvements were made. Being a friend to education and progress, he served on the school board, and was treasurer thereof three years. Socially he holds membership with the I. O. O. F., also the F. & A. M., Blue Lodge at Oak Harbor, and is a Knight Templar, Toledo Commandery No. 7. He is a stockholder in the Oak Harbor Oil Co., in the Oak Harbor Natural Gas Co., and in the Oak Harbor Basket Factory. In his many business responsibilities he has displayed marked ability, in that and in all other respects sustaining the high reputation the name has for so many years enjoyed.

ABRAM D. THIERWECHTER is a member of the firm of Emery Thierwechter & Co., prominent and progressive merchants and extensive grain and produce buyers and shippers, of Oak Harbor, Ottawa county, and was born in Washington township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, September 19, 1858, being the eldest son of Michael and Caroline (Waggoner) Thierwechter.

Our subject spent his boyhood days in Elmore, Ottawa Co., Ohio, receiving a good business education in the schools of that town. On leaving school he entered the employ of the Union Pacific Railway Co., with which he continued some years. After severing his connection with that line he engaged in the baking business, and also in a livery until 1883, in which year he entered his father's store, being made a member of the firm in 1891. Mr. Thierwechter is a man of recognized ability, an active, enterprising citizen, commanding the respect of every one with whom he is brought in contact.

Mr. Thierwechter was married at Fremont, Ohio, in January, 1883, the lady

of his choice being Miss Caroline Vogel, whose parents, Christian and Salome Vogel, were both born in Germany, and crossed the ocean to this country at an early date, settling in Ottawa county. The mother passed from earth some years ago; the father still survives, and is now an honored resident of Oak Harbor. To Mr. and Mrs. Thierwechter have come four children to brighten their home, viz.: Mildred, Luella, Homer and Pauline, all of whom are yet living. In his political affiliations Mr. Thierwechter is an ardent supporter of the Republican party; Mrs. Thierwechter is a member of the Church of the Disciples.

SD. ALLEN, M. D., a popular citizen and a leading physician and surgeon of Oak Harbor, Ottawa county, was born in New Castle, Lawrence Co., Penn., March 26, 1852.

His parents, Zebina N. and Mary A. (Van Eman) Allen, were born in Beaver county, Penn., the father August 23, 1821, the mother April 20, 1828, and for many years have been honored and respected residents of Scott township, Lawrence Co., Penn. Mr. Allen is a cabinet-maker by trade, but for a number of years he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, and in teaching school. He has also served two terms as auditor for his county. Their family consisted of seven children, three of whom are yet living: Our subject; John, residing in New Castle, Penn., and Amos, living at home.

Dr. S. D. Allen, the subject of this sketch, received his primary education in the public schools of his native State, and subsequently became a student in Western Reserve College, at that time located at Hudson, Ohio. On graduating from this institution he studied medicine with Dr. J. W. Smith, then police surgeon of Cleveland, now a resident of Wellington, Ohio, taking a two-years' course under his tui-

tion in Wooster University, Cleveland, and graduating from "the Cleveland University of Medicine" in 1885. He then spent a year in Europe, making a special study of surgery, and upon his return to America, in 1886, commenced the practice of his profession in Oak Harbor, where he has since resided. By a life of hard study and devotion to his profession Dr. Allen has been eminently successful as a practitioner, and has succeeded in winning the confidence and respect of the entire community in which he resides.

The Doctor was united in marriage at Oak Harbor, October 21, 1881, with Miss Augusta Franck, a daughter of 'Squire Ernst and Louise (Frank) Franck, and to this union came five children, viz.: Mary A., born September 10, 1882; Frederick S., born August 8, 1884; E. Arvilla, born May 18, 1886; Laura L., born August 18, 1888; and Clara E., born August 10, 1890. Dr. Allen is an honored member of the following societies: The Northwestern Homeopathic Medical Society; Oak Harbor Lodge No. 495, F. & A. M., Forest Chapter No. 64, R. A. M., and Forest Council. The family are members of the Lutheran Church. In his political views our subject is a Republican.

NATHAN F. PIERSON. The early history of this section of the Northwest can easily be read in the lives of the men of whom these biographical sketches are written, and there is but little variety in the stories. The trials and privations of the pioneers in any new country are about the same; the wresting of fertile farms from the virgin soil, the clearing of vast forests, the bridging of streams, making of roads and building of log cabins are common experiences, and the success or failure in life due to the same causes, practically, as in the older and more civilized communities; but we are glad to know just how

our early settlers fared, and how they reached their present enviable condition.

Nathan F. Pierson, one of the oldest pioneers and a prominent agriculturist of Clay township, Ottawa county, was born in Morris county, N. J., June 13, 1821. He is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Miller) Pierson, natives of Connecticut and New Jersey respectively, the former of whom was born February 22, 1777. Their marriage took place in New Jersey June 19, 1800, and to them were born ten children, as follows: Jacob, June 2, 1801; Lewis, in 1803; Stephen, in 1805; Frederick, in 1806; Sarah, in 1808; Moses, in 1811; Nathaniel, in 1813; Alfred, in 1815; Catherine, in 1817; and Nathan F., in 1821. The father died July 14, 1825, and the mother died July 14, 1834.

Our subject received a limited education in the country schools of that day, and began active life on a farm, also working in a blacksmith shop, where he remained for three years. He also learned the trade of a wagon-maker, at which he continued for several years, and alternated this with work in a sawmill, farming, carpentering and millwrighting for a period of seven years. He then spent eight years in one of the largest factories in Newark, N. J., bending rims, spokes, etc., after which he went to Michigan, where he spent three years working at his trade of a carpenter and joiner. Returning now to Ohio, he located in Harris township, Ottawa county, where he bought land, a part of which was under cultivation. He worked this farm for two years, but, not liking the location, he sold out and came to Clay township in 1866, buying a tract of eighty acres, a portion only of which was improved. It was in the midst of a forest, with few neighbors within a mile, the land swampy and the roads muddy. It was enough to appall the stoutest heart, but our subject was equal to the task, and with indomitable will and energy went to work, clearing

the land, planting an orchard, building a dwelling house, barns and other outbuildings, and in the course of time bringing the land into a high state of cultivation and making of it a valuable property, on which he is spending his last days in the peaceful enjoyment of the fruits of his labors.

Mr. Pierson was married at Newark, N. J., September 20, 1847, to Sarah E. Brush, of New York State, and this happy union has been blessed with six children, namely: Henrietta, born January 26, 1850, at Newark, N. J., died July 30, 1850; George W., born August 29, 1851, at Newark, was educated in the public schools of Ottawa county, this State, and worked at the cooper's trade for several years; he then went on the railroad as brakeman, and worked his way up to the position of conductor, during which time he met with several accidents, finally meeting his death in the company's yards at St. Louis, Mo., July 17, 1892, where a train of eighteen cars ran over his body, killing him instantly; his remains were brought back to his home in Clay township, and there buried; he was married and left one child, a daughter, Lillie, who is a school teacher at Port Clinton; Franklin, born June 5, 1853, died in infancy; Morris M., born September 20, 1855, also died in infancy; Andrew, born November 15, 1859, died July 29, 1860; Francis Marion was born November 30, 1857, and was educated in the public schools of Ottawa county; he learned the trade of a barber and worked in Nebraska for several years, and also in Kansas, going from there to Colorado, where he now resides; he was married in 1882 to Miss Minnie Comstock, and they have one child.

Mr. Pierson held the office of school director for two terms in Clay township. Socially he belongs to Genoa Lodge No. 433, F. & A. M. He has been a Republican ever since the formation of that party, having formerly been a Whig. He

and his wife are in good health, and enjoy the blessings of a well-spent life. Elisha Brush, the father of Mrs. N. F. Pierson, was born in June, 1796. He was in the general merchandise business at Nelson, N. Y., where he was married April 29, 1819, to Chloe Crisby, whose birth occurred July 11, 1796. They had five children: Mary, born May 9, 1820; Sarah, November 11, 1821; Maria, August 20, 1823; Caroline, July 11, 1825; and John, January 2, 1829, all of whom are living.

L EVI H. THRAVES, ex-county treasurer of Sandusky county, was born in Washington township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, March 2, 1847, a son of William and Marilla (Graves) Thraves, whose sketch appears elsewhere.

Our subject was reared on a farm, and educated in the common schools. At the age of nine he came with his parents to Ballville township, Sandusky county, where he grew to manhood, finished his common-school education and attended the Fremont city schools. Being the youngest son, he remained with his parents, and carried on farming and stock raising for several years, afterward purchasing the family homestead. For ten years he taught school in the winter seasons, principally in Sandusky county. An ardent Democrat, he held the offices of township trustee and justice of the peace. In 1889 he was elected treasurer of Sandusky county, rented his farm and moved to Fremont.

In 1875 L. H. Thraves married Miss Loretta Sendelbauch, daughter of John and Frances Floretta (Baumgardner) Sendelbauch, natives of Germany, who had moved to Fremont, Ohio, in an early day. Mr. Sendelbauch was an undertaker and a teacher of music. He taught the first band of music in Fremont. His death occurred in 1873, and his widow lives on

their old farm homestead, east of Fremont. They were members of the Roman Catholic Church.

The children of L. H. and Loretta Thraves are: John W., Francis F., and Mary H. Mr. Thraves is a member of Fremont Lodge, 202, Knights of Pythias, also of the Order of Elks, 169. Mrs. Thraves is a member of St. Ann's Church, Fremont.

PHILLIP R. SNIDER, a retired farmer, and one of the pioneer settlers and highly-esteemed citizens of Erie township, Ottawa county, was born in Warren county, New Jersey, March 5, 1821, and is a son of Henry and Margaret (Redding) Snider. They were also natives of that State, the father coming of German, the mother of English, ancestry. In 1835 they migrated westward to Ottawa county, Ohio, when it was still in a wild state. They were honored residents of the community from that time until called to their final rest, the father dying in 1839, the mother in August, 1885. They were the parents of six children, only two of whom are now living: Henry, a resident of Lucas county, Ohio; and Phillip R.

The subject proper of this sketch, Phillip R. Snider, acquired his elementary education in the district schools of his native State, and in the spring of 1835 came with his parents to Ottawa county, where for sixty years he has continuously made his home. He was reared in the usual manner of farmer lads, and throughout his active business life has devoted his time and energies to agricultural pursuits. His industry, perseverance and good management have brought to him a comfortable competence, and now in his declining years he is resting in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. He has been twice married; first time on November 7, 1844, in Erie township, to Octalana Webster, by whom he

had nine children, a brief record of whom is as follows: (1) James H., born September 21, 1846, married June 24, 1866, Mary A. Minier, who was born September 11, 1850, youngest daughter of John Minier, Sr., a pioneer of Salem township, Ottawa county, and the children of this union were as follows: James W., born March 2, 1868, died January 13, 1894; Alverdia B., born November 29, 1870, married September 3, 1890, to W. V. Ruff (their children are Raymond R., born June 6, 1891, and Lina A., born August 19, 1894); Esther N., born April 15, 1871, married William Huber April 15, 1895; Adelia A., born July 12, 1873, married Edward Ream November 1, 1893; Cornelia B., born August 29, 1875; Philip Elsworth, born January 31, 1878; Josephine Mabel, born November 12, 1880, died December 25, 1885; and Hiram Hurd, born May 8, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. James H. Snider live in Toledo, Ohio.

(2) Margaret Ann, born May 8, 1849, became the wife of Benjamin Minier, and had children as follows: Octa L., born July 13, 1869, was married November 12, 1892, to George Stephens; Elva E., born January 17, 1870; Stella M., born March 23, 1873, was married October 12, 1893, to Edward Hendricks; Elmer B., born December 30, 1874; Christopher C., born May 19, 1879; and Clarence J., born March 29, 1881. The mother of these died November 2, 1882.

(3) Theodore L., born July 19, 1852, resides on the old homestead, and will presently be more fully spoken of. (4) Elva M., born March 19, 1854, died October 2, 1894, married Joseph Yeisley, of Erie township, and had children as follows: Edith Bell, born July 27, 1874; George Orvill, born July 10, 1878; Ivy May, born July 19, 1883, and Ralph R., born July 31, 1888. (5) William Henry, born March 16, 1856, wedded Mary Harrison, and they have a family of four children—May, Ellwood, Vernon, and Stan-

ley. (6) Clarissa Jane, born February 2, 1858, is the wife of Ralph Webster, of Defiance, Ohio, and has one child—Phillip H. (7) Abigail L., born January 3, 1860, is the wife of Albert Lewis, of Defiance, and they have a daughter—Nina. (8) Edmund K., born November 22, 1861, married Ozzie Pelton, and with their son, Munson, they now reside in Toledo, Ohio. (9) George Ellsworth, born February 26, 1864, died October 16, 1886.

Mrs. Snider, the mother of the above mentioned family, died May 18, 1869, and on November 12, 1870, Mr. Snider married Mrs. Mary Webster, widow of James H. Webster, and a daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Ann (Ballard) Tucker. She was born in Pitcairn, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., September 11, 1824. By her first marriage she had ten children, seven of whom are still living, namely: Jason, born January 16, 1845; Herbert T., born October 14, 1847, now living in Oakland, Cal.; Henry Howard, born July 30, 1849, residing in Brooklyn, Ohio; Ella Ann, born February 18, 1853, now the wife of William Laidler, of Cleveland, Ohio; Ralph D., born March 9, 1855, residing in Defiance, Ohio; Israel J., born April 10, 1858, living in Paulding, Ohio; and Nelson R., born June 25, 1862, a resident of Riverside, California.

Mr. Snider has served as county commissioner for six years; was a director of Ottawa County Infirmary six years; has served as justice of the peace twenty-nine years, and has honorably and acceptably filled all township offices. In politics he has been a life-long Democrat, and he and his wife are worthy members of the United Brethren Church. His life has been well spent, and during his residence in Ottawa county he has won the respect of all with whom he has come in contact.

THEODORE L. SNIDER, second son of our subject, was born July 19, 1852, and since his infancy has been numbered among the residents of Erie township, Ottawa county. Its district schools af-

forded him his educational privileges, and from early life he has followed the vocation of farming. After arriving at years of maturity, he was married in Sandusky City, July 12, 1877, to Sarah Pickard, who was born in Carroll township, Ottawa county, August 12, 1850, daughter of George and Abi (Moore) Pickard. Six children have been born to this marriage: Grace, July 28, 1878; Clayton, October 9, 1879; Pearl, March 18, 1881; Zehnr, November 12, 1883; George D., September 7, 1887; and Hazel Jeanette, February 6, 1893. Mr. T. L. Snider is one of the young and progressive farmers of his section of Ottawa county, an enterprising and industrious citizen, popular and highly esteemed by all who know him.

SAGISHMAEL BARNES, an enterprising, progressive citizen of Oak Harbor, Ottawa county, and proprietor of one of the best equipped and most extensive flour mills in the county, was born in Monroeville, Allen Co., Ind., July 20, 1850.

Henry and Mary (Curtis) Barnes, the parents of our subject, were both natives of the State of Vermont, and honored and respected citizens of Allen county, Ind., for over thirty-five years. Their family consisted of nine children, five of whom still survive, viz.: Sarah, widow of Henry Stevens, residing at Fort Wayne, Allen Co., Ind.; Sagishmael; Garmiel, residing in Oak Harbor; Annie, wife of Charles Swede, residing in Paulding, Ohio; and William A. Mr. Barnes' death occurred in June, 1881, Mrs. Barnes dying in March of the same year.

Sagishmael Barnes, the subject proper of this sketch, received his education in the district schools of his native town, and early in life was trained to farm work. On attaining the age of seventeen years he began his career as a miller, working first as an apprentice, then as a journeyman, until 1873, when he entered into

partnership with Daniel Shank in the milling business, under the firm name of Shank & Co. In 1878 Mr. Barnes disposed of his interest in this mill, and removed to Paulding, Ohio, operating a mill at that place until his removal to Oak Harbor, where he purchased the mill which he still continues to run, having fitted it up with the most modern machinery. Mr. Barnes, possessing a thorough knowledge of his business, and by a life of energy and perseverance, has succeeded in building up a large and rapidly increasing trade, ranking to-day among the most prominent and influential business men of Oak Harbor.

Our subject has been twice married, first time to Miss Mary Calvert, of Pennsylvania, to which union were born five children, one of whom, Harlan, still survives. On March 3, 1888, Mr. Barnes was again united in marriage, this time with Miss Maria Welden, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Stewart) Welden. There are no children by the second marriage. Politically, our subject has always been a Republican. The family are members of the Methodist Church, and socially they enjoy the respect of a wide circle of friends.

EDWARD WEDEKIND is one of the wide-awake, "up-to-date" pushing young business men of Port Clinton, Ottawa county,

He is a native of Ohio, born October 12, 1863, in Danbury township, Ottawa county, son of Edward and Sophia (Schroeder) Wedekind, well-to-do farming people of Danbury township, where the father died in 1863, leaving one son, Edward. His widow afterward married Henry Bredbeck, farmer and fruit grower of Danbury township, and they became the parents of seven children, four of whom are yet living, viz.: Herbert, born June 10, 1871; Minnie, December 19, 1875;

Frederick, February 26, 1877; and Estella, March 20, 1879.

Edward Wedekind, our subject, grew to manhood on a farm, and attended country schools until he was about eighteen years of age; also Port Clinton Normal School. In 1884 he attended the Spencerian Business College, Cleveland, Ohio, one term, and in 1885 entered into partnership with H. J. Rohrs, in the hardware business, at Port Clinton. In July, 1887, he bought out his partner.

On December 26, 1888, he was united in marriage with Mary J. Richardson, of Port Clinton, Ohio, daughter of David and Pauline (Adelman) Richardson, and their children are: Jessie Rhea and Ralph, born in 1889 and 1891 respectively. Socially, our subject is a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of P. (in which he has passed all the Chairs) and National Union. Politically he is a Democrat.

DAVID B. LOVE, member of the firm of Buckland & Love, Attorneys at Law, Fremont, Sandusky county, is a native of Ohio, and was born January 15, 1859, in Harrison county.

George Love, his father, was a native of Belmont county, Ohio, born in 1827, and while a mere boy removed with his mother to Harrison county, where, after receiving all the educational advantages of the common schools, he followed farming, and in 1856 was married to Barbara Barclay, daughter of David and Elizabeth Barclay, who were among the early pioneers of Harrison county. Both are members of the United Presbyterian Church, and still reside on the old homestead in Harrison county, where the father has held and filled various offices of public trust. His father, Capt. George Love, served with distinction in the war of 1812 under General Harrison.

David B. Love, the subject of our

sketch, was reared amid all the experiences of farm life, which, from the rolling surface and varied and fertile soils of his native county, afforded ample opportunities for acquiring not only a general knowledge of this, but also of all kindred industries. He received his elementary education at the common schools of the neighborhood of his boyhood home, and the village schools of Moorefield, Ohio, working on the farm during the spring, summer and fall seasons, and attending school in the winter until he was nineteen years of age. He then attended Franklin College, at New Athens, Ohio, for two years, teaching school between terms in his home district, in order to pay for his college instruction. For the purpose of specially fitting himself for the profession of teaching, he later entered the Ohio Normal University at Ada, where he spent four years, completed the University course, and graduated with honor, with the class of '85, receiving the degree of M. A. Before completing his course of studies, however, he decided to take up the study of law immediately after graduation; but upon the unsolicited recommendation of the President of the University, he was elected to the superintendency of the public schools of Oak Harbor, Ohio, which position he accepted and filled for two years, during which time he reorganized and graded the schools, outlined and secured the adoption, by the Board of Education, of an advanced course of study, and graduated the first class therefrom in 1887. To the credit of Mr. Love it can be said that the educational interests of Oak Harbor received an impetus in the right direction. Having decided to make the legal profession his future life work, he then removed to Fremont and renewed his legal studies, to which he had given considerable attention while teaching, in the office of Finebrock & Dudrow. In December, 1890, he was admitted to the bar, and at once opened an office for the practice of law, in which he continued

alone until October, 1892, when he became associated with Horace S. Buckland, under the firm name of Buckland & Love. This firm will be dissolved in May, 1896, by reason of the election of Mr. Buckland to the office of Common Pleas Judge.

Mr. Love in his political preferences is a Republican, but does not court political distinction; he has been for two years Chairman of the county Republican Executive Committee. In 1894 he was elected a member of the city Board of Education for one year, and in 1895 was re-elected for two years. He still retains his interest in educational matters, and this, coupled with his former experience as a teacher and superintendent of schools, has rendered his counsel valuable in the recent educational reforms instituted by the Board of Education.

In 1888, at Mt. Gilead, Ohio, Mr. Love was married to Miss Josephine S. Wood, daughter of Asa M. and Eliza J. Wood. Four children have been born to them: D. Ewing, Esther Josephine, Anna Maree and C. Wendell. Mrs. Love graduated from the Mt. Gilead public schools, and afterward attended the Ohio Normal University, and graduated in the classical course in 1883. Possessed of superior scholarship and ability, she was employed there as a teacher of Latin and mathematics until her marriage, when she resigned. During her career as a teacher at the University she acquired the reputation of being most thorough and successful, and received the degree of A. M. in 1886.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Love are members of the Presbyterian Church, of the Sunday-school of which he was Superintendent for four years. In his profession Mr. Love's course is marked by caution, always advising settlements rather than suits, and at all times making his client's interests his own; and blessed with a genial disposition, a high sense of honor and correct habits, we predict for him a successful professional career.

HERMAN BUNTE. Among the enterprising and prosperous citizens of Allen township, Ottawa county, is found the gentleman whose name here appears, and who, besides carrying on farming, is engaged in the manufacture of tiles and also coopers' material.

Mr. Bunte is a native of the "Fatherland," having been born in Hanover, Germany, October 18, 1849, a son of William and Mary (Hebbeler) Bunte, both also natives of Hanover, who had a family of nine children, six of whom are living, as follows: Mary, wife of Henry Gerkensmyer, residing in Clay township; Henry, who lives in Woodville, Sandusky county; Herman, our subject; William, who lives at Curtis, in Allen township; Annie, wife of Herman Strautman, residing in Clay township; and Louis, who lives in Allen township. The father is still living, near Williston, Allen township, but the mother passed away July 26, 1891. Our subject received his education in the district schools of his native county, and spent his boyhood upon his father's farm. In 1866 he accompanied the family to America, where they settled in Woodville township, Sandusky Co., this State. Here he was engaged in farming for thirteen years, and in 1879 removed to the section of Clay township which is now Allen township, where he has since carried on agricultural pursuits. Not content to confine his energies to one branch of business, Mr. Bunte entered upon the manufacture of tiles, in which he has been so successful as to place him among the leading manufacturers of this part of the county. Later he still further extended his operations by going into the lumber business in Centre township, Wood county, where he owns and operates a mill for furnishing boards and other material for the use of coopers. In this as well as in other ventures he has been remarkably successful, a result due to his industry, progressive

ideas and excellent judgment. Mr. Bunte was married in Covington, Ky., December 18, 1884, to Sarah Philena, daughter of William and Mary (Roberts) King. No children have been born of this marriage.

Mr. Bunte is a stanch Democrat, and is interested in all that pertains to the growth and upbuilding of the community in which he resides. He and his wife are worthy members of the Lutheran Church, and command the respect and esteem of their neighbors.

CYRUS ELLITHORPE, a fruit grower of Catawba Island township, Ottawa county, was the first white child born on Kelley's Island, the date of his birth being October 15, 1832.

When about three years old, he removed with his parents, Henry and Elizabeth (Neal) Ellithorpe, to Danbury township, Ottawa county (then a part of Huron county, however.), and four years later came to what is now Catawba Island township. Here he received such a limited education as was obtainable in those days in the old log schoolhouse with its slab seats, and like the majority of boys of that date was early inured to the arduous duties of farm life. He has always devoted a portion of his time to agricultural pursuits, and during the spring and fall for fourteen years was also engaged in fishing on Lake Erie, but of late years his chief occupation has been fruit culture.

On September 10, 1867, Mr. Ellithorpe was married on Catawba Island to Miss Emma Reynolds, born August 23, 1850, a daughter of Andrew S. and Adeline (Stevens) Reynolds, who located on Catawba Island in 1855, where the mother still resides; the father passed away June 20, 1892. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Ellithorpe have come ten children, namely: Cora I., born July 7, 1868, now the wife of Thurman Leslie, of Toledo, Ohio; Orrin

A., born April 11, 1870, was married October 25, 1894, to May Tompson, of Port Clinton, Ohio, and they reside on Catawba Island; Marion R., born February 5, 1872, now the wife of Herman Mierke, of Fremont, Ohio; Myra E., born April 10, 1875, wife of William Hyde, residing near Lacarne, Erie township, Ottawa county; William P., born June 16, 1877, still under the parental roof; Asa A., born January 10, 1881; Charles R., born February 23, 1883; Pearl B., born March 4, 1885; Lloyd R., born April 22, 1889, died January 31, 1892; and Mildred A., born May 28, 1892.

In May, 1864, Mr. Ellithorpe enlisted in the service of his country as a one-hundred-day man and was attached to Company K, One Hundred and Thirtieth O. V. I. He did guard duty at Point Lookout, Md., and on the expiration of his term of service received an honorable discharge; he now holds membership with George H. McRitchie Post, No. 524, G. A. R. Politically he is an ardent Republican. Mr. Ellithorpe can well be classed among the most prosperous and successful fruit growers of the Island, his orchards being among the best cultivated and most productive in his section of the country. He is a man of unassuming manner, and he and his family are held in high esteem as neighbors and friends.

PETER BETTS devotes his time and energies to fruit growing on Put in Bay Island, where he is a highly-esteemed citizen. His name is almost a household word, so widely is he known and so highly is he respected. He was born in Lycoming county, Penn., April 20, 1832, and is a son of the late Peter and Mary (Stinger) Betts, who were also natives of the Keystone State. There they spent their entire lives and passed peacefully away at the old homestead in Lycoming county.

Their union was blessed with a family of eleven children, four of whom are still living: Sarah, widow of Joseph Mackey, a resident of Missouri; Charles, who is residing on the old home farm in Pennsylvania; Peter, subject of this sketch, and Ellis, a resident of Kansas.

In the usual manner of farmer lads our subject spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and the duties of the farm left him little spare time in which to procure even a limited education, but in the school of experience he has learned many valuable lessons, and reading, observation and contact with the world have made him a well-informed man, and given him the important position in the community which he now fills. In 1855 he bade adieu to his old home and migrated to Iowa, locating in Chickasaw county, where he was manager of a saw-mill for more than four years. In 1859 he left the Hawkeye State, and took up his residence in Huron county, Ohio, where for three years he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. In the fall of 1862 Mr. Betts removed to Put in Bay Island, and for thirty-three years has been a constant resident of that place, extensively engaged in the cultivation of fruit. He raises fine varieties, and the care and labor which he bestows upon his orchard command for its fine products a good price on the market.

Mr. Betts has been twice married, first time to Mary Jane Mackey, the marriage being celebrated in Lycoming county, Penn., December 1, 1854. Of the four children born of this union, two died in infancy; Sarah Catherine is now the wife of J. V. Hitchcock, a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, and Oscar resides on Put in Bay Island. Mrs. Betts died August 20, 1862, in Huron county, Ohio, and Mr. Betts, for his second wife, married, on Put in Bay Island, March 17, 1864, Miss Saphroni Hughes, who was born in Lexington, Mich., a daughter of Capt. James and Helen (Ellsworth)

Hughes. When Mrs. Saphroni Betts was about seven years old her father removed with his family from Lexington, Mich., to Manitowoc, Wis., to make their home there, and Mrs. Betts resided there until 1863, when she came to Put in Bay. Capt. James Hughes, father of Mrs. Betts, sailed on the lakes for about twenty-five years, and most of the time sailed the *Transit*, one of the Goodrich steamers. His residence was at Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Mr. Betts is a progressive citizen, manifesting a commendable interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community and its upbuilding. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and for eleven years has efficiently served his township in office. He and his wife are members of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who hold them in high regard.

DAVID LONG. None but the old pioneers and their families know of the toil and the hardships undergone by the early settlers of the country, and none have experienced more of these than the subject of this sketch, who is the oldest settler in Clay township, Ottawa county.

Mr. Long was born in Medina county, April 24, 1830, whence he moved with his parents, in 1836, to Hardin county, where he attended school for a few winter terms in the log schoolhouse of that day, with its punchon floor, slab seats, and greased paper for windows. The schools were few and far between, and the advantages for learning very limited. In the summer seasons he assisted his father upon the farm. When he was fourteen years old, his father purchased a farm in Clay township, all of which was covered with timber. Here the young lad worked with his brother and father, until attaining his majority, when he started out for himself,

buying eighty acres of timber land. He at once set to work clearing off the trees, planting corn and sowing wheat as fast as the soil was prepared. For many years he had to carry his grain a long distance by ox-team to be ground. After several years of hard struggle and toil, Mr. Long managed to bring his land up to its present high state of cultivation, and is now reaping the benefits of his early labors. On February 20, 1865, he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Eighty-ninth Ohio Infantry, under the command of Col. H. D. Kingsbury and Capt. Lakeman, and was at Nashville, Tenn., when he was made cook for his company. He received his discharge September 13, 1865, and returned home, resuming work upon his farm and building a fine residence, barns, and making other needed improvements. On March 13, 1853, Mr. Long was married, at Genoa, this State, to Miss Abbie, a daughter of Andrew and Margaret Snider, of Clay township, and of their union seven children have been born, of whom the following record has been given: (1) David S. was born August 11, 1855, in Clay township, where he received his education; he was married to Miss May Sheets, August 11, 1893, and resides at Coleman, Mich., where he is engaged in the manufacture of potash; they have one child. (2) Sarah A., born January 31, 1858, was educated in Genoa; in 1875 was married to A. Shantan, and they had one daughter, Priscilla Shantan; after three years' married life Mr. and Mrs. Shantan separated, and September 4, 1895, she married Charles Reef, who is doing business in Toledo. (3) Harriet A., born November 28, 1862, was married April 24, 1882, to John Englehart, a manufacturer of potash at Woodville, Sandusky county; they are the parents of six children—Lizzie, Laura, Frederick, Charles, Clarence and John. (4) Mary S., born February 5, 1866, was educated in the public schools of Clay township, and was married December 23, 1886, to Edward

Schneider, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, March 7, 1864; he is a son of Frederick Schneider, a cooper, and after attending school there for some years, learned the coopering business, afterward taking up that of stave cutting; he is now working his father-in-law's farm; three children have been born of this union—Frederick D., born May 6, 1888; Abbie C., born December 8, 1889; and Earl C., born January 21, 1894. (5) Charles A. Long was born August 8, 1870, in Clay township, where he attended school; he was married, March 12, 1895, to Miss Rosie Sheffield, at Coleman, Mich., where he resides, being employed as engineer in a factory. (6) William Edward was born September 22, 1865, and died in January, 1867; one child died in infancy.

Louis Long, father of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania in 1803, came to Hardin, Ohio, and located in Medina county, where he was married to Julia De-long, who was also a native of Pennsylvania. Twelve children were born to them, as follows: David, Jacob, Powell, Catherine, Lewis, May, Joseph, Andrew, Julia, and three who died in infancy. Mr. Long removed to Hardin county, and afterward to Ottawa county, in March, 1846, settling in Clay township, where he carried on farming until his death, in 1874. His wife died four years previous. They were beloved and respected by all who knew them.

Andrew Snider, father of Mrs. David Long, was born in Pennsylvania, where he carried on farming and also weaving. He married Margaret Laudensline, and to them eight children were born—five sons and three daughters, viz.: Eliza, Sophia, Daniel, Andrew (a sketch of whom is given elsewhere), Henry, Edward, Hannah and Abigail, the latter becoming the wife of our subject. Mr. Snider farmed for several years in Medina county, this State, afterward coming to Clay township, where he died in 1876, his wife passing away in 1882.

Francis S. Lutman, nephew of our subject, and who is at present residing with his uncle, was born in Mulberry, Wood Co., Ohio, September 23, 1862, and is the son of the late George L. Lutman, a merchant at Mulberry. Francis studied for the ministry under the tutorship of the Rev. D. Calkins, of Mulberry, but on account of ill health has had to give it up for a time. He hopes soon to be able to resume his studies, and in the meantime has a license to perform ministerial duties.

The subject of this sketch held the office of school director for thirty years, and was one of the few who helped to establish his neighborhood. He helped to form the church at East Toledo, and worked for several years in Toledo when it had but a few houses. The family belong to the Lutheran Church, and in politics Mr. Long is a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Long are both enjoying a hale and hearty old age, surrounded by their children, able to look after their own affairs, and proud of the development of Clay township in which they have borne an important part.

CHARLES F. HOLDER, land-owner and agriculturist of Allen township, Ottawa county, was born in Wittenberg, Germany, December 31, 1847. He was a son of Christian and Annie (Miller) Holder, both natives of that country, and who with their family emigrated to America when Charles was ten years old, locating on a farm at Fremont, Sandusky county, Ohio.

Here the boy assisted his father in farm work, during the summer, and in winter attended the district school, carrying on the studies begun in the public schools of his native land, until he was thirteen years old. Then, becoming tired of the monotonous life of a farmer's boy, he determined to see something more of the great world, and shipped as a cabin

boy on one of the lake vessels. For eighteen years he followed the life of a seaman during the summer season, spending the winter months in cutting railroad ties, staves, spokes, etc., during which years he worked his way up from a cabin boy to captain. During the last three years of his sea-faring career, he commanded the schooners "Heatherbell" and "Bessie," sailing on Lakes Erie, Michigan and Huron. By industry and frugality, Mr. Holder acquired enough money to purchase, in 1881, a tract of forty acres of land in Salem township, Ottawa Co., this State, part of which was cleared. This he finished clearing, but the attraction of the water was still too strong for him and he sold the place and again became a sailor, going out as commander of the "Bessie," and taking his wife and three children with him. He remained on this vessel one year, when he came to Allen (then Clay) township, and purchased eighty acres of land, the larger part of which was in a wild state. A small log cabin was on the place, and into this Mr. Holder moved with his family. With the help of his brave wife he went to work with a will to clear off the timber and bring the land under cultivation, succeeding, after years of hard toil, in redeeming it from the wilderness and making it a valuable property. He planted orchards and vines as well as fields of grain, and built a dwelling house, barns and outhouses, all of which stand as monuments to the enterprising and progressive ideas of the man, and to-day he is enjoying the fruits of his labor. He afterward bought thirty-five acres of land, almost cleared, near his first location, for which he paid upward of \$1,500, besides spending hundreds of dollars in clearing and improving it.

Mr. Holder was married June 18, 1873, to Lousia, daughter of Casper and Christiana (Plumkhorne) Whittaker, the former a native of Switzerland, the latter of Germany. To Mr. and Mrs. Holder

have been born five children, all of whom are living; Charles C. F., born August 31, 1874; William J., November 4, 1875; Frank J., January 31, 1879; Ida M., October 18, 1881; and Ella C., June 25, 1885. All the children have been educated in the public schools of Allen township, and the boys assist their father on the farm.

Christian Holder, the father of our subject, was born in Wittenberg, Germany, in September, 1804. He married and became the father of five children, four of whom with his wife died of consumption. He again married, Annie Miller becoming his wife, and to them five children were born. John, the eldest of this union born in Germany, August 15, 1846, was married in Fremont, this State, to Miss Fannie Phiper, and died in April, 1891; he became the father of three children: Albert, Clara R. L., and Lizzie G.

Christian Holder emigrated with his family to this country in 1857 and settled in Sandusky county, where, after undergoing many trials and hardships, he succeeded, with the help of his sons, in bringing his swampy land under a high state of cultivation. Here he lived and worked for twenty-five years, gaining the esteem and respect of his neighbors. On October 10, 1882, while crossing the railroad track near his home, he was struck by an engine and instantly killed. His wife died some four years previous, in 1878.

Casper Whittaker, father of the wife of our subject, was born in Switzerland in 1817, and was a carriage builder by occupation. He came to this country when a young man, and settled in Sandusky county, where he followed his trade for some years, after which he farmed in Riley township, that county, until his death June 15, 1885. He was married to Christiana Plumkhorne, a native of Germany, and to them eleven children were born, of whom the following survive:

John, born April 5, 1857, is a farmer at Fremont; Louisa, born July 24, 1858, is the wife of our subject; Albert, born June 25, 1861, is a farmer of Allen township; Rosa, born in July, 1868, married March 4, 1879, and lives in Wood county.

Mr. Holder is a man who has the welfare of the community at heart, and is deeply interested in the cause of education. He was one of the few who aided in the establishment of public schools in Allen township, and has held the office of a school director for the past twelve years. In his political views he is a Democrat, and, socially, belongs to Genoa Lodge, No. 584, I. O. O. F., and also to the Truants Lodge, a German organization. The family attend the Lutheran Church, and stand high in the estimation of their fellow citizens.

ANDREW FEILBACH is a worthy representative of the business interests of Elmore, Ottawa county, and having a wide acquaintance in the community we feel assured that the record of his life will prove of interest to many of our readers.

He was born in Sandusky county December 13, 1854, and comes of German origin. His father, Philip Feilbach, was born in Prussia, November 11, 1813, and while in that country engaged in the milling and bakery business. The year 1852 witnessed his emigration to America. He located first in Sandusky City, Ohio, where he worked in a lumber yard for a time, and then removed to Sandusky county, where he purchased a farm, cleared and developed the land, and made a valuable farming property and fine home. For six years he was also extensively engaged in the stave business. He passed away at his home in Sandusky county, March 30, 1893, and was buried in the Guss Cemetery at Elmore. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Margaret Steinborn, was born in Prussia,

January 24, 1825; they were married in 1843, and reared a family of nine children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Caroline, January 15, 1845; Margaret, March 16, 1847; Christian, March 31, 1850; Jacob H., December 24, 1852; Andrew, December 13, 1854; Catherine, July 4, 1857; Enma May, October 23, 1859; Charles, August 23, 1862; and Philip, April 17, 1868. All but Margaret are still living. Andrew Steinborn, father of Mrs. Philip Feilbach, mother of Andrew Feilbach, was born in Brumberg, in 1795.

Our subject remained for thirty-four years in the county of his nativity. His educational advantages were limited to the privileges afforded by the district schools, but his training at farm labor was not meagre. At the age of twenty he rented his father's farm and began life for himself, operating that place some fourteen years. As a companion and helpmeet on life's journey he wedded Miss Bertha Beck, who was born in Ottawa county, the wedding being celebrated October 1, 1876. She was born at Port Clinton, September 14, 1857, and when a child her parents went to Sandusky county, where she lived until her marriage. Her father, Joseph Beck, was born in Switzerland, December 14, 1822, and in the city of Sandusky was married. His wife was born in the same country, April 13, 1827, and came to America in 1851. Their children, ten in number, were Emma, Hermina, Bertha, Frank, George, Julia, Edward, Fred, William and Charles. Of the family six are yet living. The parents of Mrs. Beck were both born in Switzerland on April 7, 1804, and were baptised at the same time. Her father was a carpenter by trade, and in 1852 crossed the Atlantic to America, locating in the city of Sandusky, Ohio, where they lived some six years, removing then to Washington township, Sandusky county. There the father died in 1884; the mother is still living on the old home farm. Her

father, John Witmer, was born in May, 1804, in Switzerland, and was a farmer and carpenter; his wife was born in the same country in 1804; they became the parents of six children. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Beck, John Heinger, was born in Switzerland, in 1769, and his wife in 1781. Frank Beck, the grandfather of Mrs. Feilbach, was born in the same country in 1790, and made farming his life work. He married Barbara Weber, whose birth occurred there in 1808, and in their family were ten children.

On March 4, 1889, our subject removed with his family to Elmore, where for a year he conducted a meat market. Selling out, he then joined his brother in the grocery and crockery business, which they still conduct, enjoying an extensive trade. He is an enterprising successful business man, and Elmore numbers him among its respected citizens. In politics, Mr. Feilbach is a Republican, and is now serving his second term as a member of the board of education, taking a deep and commendable interest in all that pertains to the public schools and to the welfare of the community. Our subject and his wife have three children: Clara, born December 29, 1879; George, born March 25, 1882; and Mable, born September 14, 1888, died October 18, 1892, and laid to rest in the Guss Cemetery at Elmore.

DAVID AMES, a son of Lysander Leeds and Mary Ann (Barnhart) Ames, was born June 29, 1853, in Harris township, Ottawa county, where he lived until twenty-one years of age, receiving a literary education in the public school of the district.

At twelve o'clock (noon) of his twenty-first birthday David Ames started in life for himself, hiring out by the month that afternoon to a Mr. Chapman, for whom he worked two months. Mr. Ames was united in marriage April 18, 1875,

with Miss Adella Ingraham, of Sandusky county; then rented a farm in Woodville township, in that county, where they lived until 1879. They then went to Kansas and took 160 acres of land from the government; sold it at the end of two years, and moved to Iowa, where they remained one year. Mr. Ames then returned with his family to his old home, and worked his father's farm two years. They then removed to Elmore, Harris township, Ottawa county, where he engaged in saw-mill work, in which occupation he continued for some time. In 1881 he went to Graytown, Benton township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, and settled on the "Ames farm," owned by his brother, Lyman Ames, which he has worked for the past four years. Mr. and Mrs. David Ames have had seven children, as follows: Welby, born December 8, 1876; Milo, October 2, 1877; Edith, April 6, 1879; John, February 28, 1881; Clarence, February 9, 1883; Ada Belle, October 29, 1888; and Otto George, May 29, 1890. Of these Milo died September 29, 1878, aged eleven months and twenty-seven days; Ada Belle died June 15, 1891, aged two years, seven months and seventeen days; Otto George died July 7, 1891, aged one year, one month and nine days. The other children are at home, and attending the public schools of Graytown and Elliston, in Benton township, excepting Welby, who has been at Elmore, Harris township, for one year fitting himself for the profession of teacher. Mrs. Ames is daughter of Joseph C. and Harriet E. (Morse) Ingraham, and was born September 16, 1858, in Woodville township, Sandusky county, where she lived during her girlhood days, attending the public schools there. Her father was born in 1825; her mother on September 20, 1829, in Pennsylvania, and died September 4, 1878. They had seven children, five of whom are still living.

The parents of David Ames, Lysander L. and Mary Ann Ames, celebrated their

golden wedding March 14, 1889. Lysander L. Ames was born in New York State April 10, 1812; came to Seneca county, Ohio, when nineteen years of age, and three years later moved to Ottawa county, where he afterward lived. On March 14, 1839, he was united in marriage with Mary Ann Barnhart, who was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, February 12, 1820. In Ottawa county Lysander Ames cleared and made for himself and his estimable wife a fine home, at which place they both died. They purchased their home near Elmore, eighty acres of land, for one hundred dollars, and when they died it was worth five thousand dollars. The farm was deeded to Mr. Ames from the government, had never changed hands during his lifetime, and they had made one of the finest homes in Ottawa county.

This sketch would be unsatisfactory to Mr. David Ames and his children without some account of how he once made two dollars and a half. It was before the stone pike was built, and he had gone to Fremont with a wagon and two yoke of oxen to lay in a supply of necessaries for the household. The roads were very muddy, and just this side of Fremont he was overtaken by a man with a team of horses and a loaded wagon. They spoke, and inquired each other's destination, and the man with the horses expressed his regret that his fellow traveler had not horses instead of cattle to his wagon, so that they might bear each other company, but as he had not he must drive on. They bade each other good-bye, but Mr. Ames told the man that he (Mr. Ames) would be far behind by the time they reached Woodville, when he would leave that road for his home. All went well until, nearing the Musalonge creek, the oxen stuck fast in an enormous mud hole, and could not budge an inch. The man ahead with the horses went through all right, and offered to hitch on ahead of the oxen and help them out, which he did. Mr. Ames was about to thank the stranger for his

kindness when he asked for fifty cents to pay for assistance. This being paid, they had not gone far when the horse-team got stuck, and Mr. Ames helped them out, and got back his fifty cents. But before reaching Woodville he was obliged to assist the man with the horse-team five different times, thus receiving two dollars and a half for his labor!

JAMES W. SADDORIS, a well-known, highly-respected and progressive agriculturist of Carroll township, Ottawa county, is a native of the same, having been born February 2, 1854.

Elias and Melissa E. (Root) Saddoris, parents of our subject, were the parents of five children, a brief record of whom is as follows: James W. is the eldest; Albert W. was born January 6, 1856, and still lives in Carroll township; Mary E., born September 6, 1859, is now the wife of James W. Floro, and living at Port Clinton, Ohio; Theodore E., born November 5, 1861, died March 21, 1863; and Eunice A., born February 13, 1864, died February 2, 1867. The father of this family died February 28, 1865, at Savannah, Ga., while in the service of the United States army. George Saddoris, grandfather of our subject, was born in Germany January 22, 1778, and Sarah W., his wife, was born, October 6, 1786. While yet a boy he came to Ohio with his parents and died July 2, 1848, his wife, Sarah W., having preceded him to the grave February 27, 1840.

Our subject received his education in the district schools of the neighborhood of his home. His entire life has been spent in his native township, and since an early age he has been engaged in the honorable occupation of farming. When he was but thirteen years of age he became a farm hand in the employ of Dan and Ozila Davenport (first cousins to the Saddoris family), and remained with them

about seven years, or until his marriage. He says they were very kind to him, as much as if they had been father and mother to him. Mr. Saddoris is now owner of the farm formerly owned by E. P. Ryan. He is a man of sterling integrity, and, though never aspiring to office, takes an active interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of his township and county. In Carroll township, December 28, 1873, he married Miss Mary Rudiforth, a daughter of Michael and Alice (Hornby) Rudiforth, the former of whom was born November 27, 1823, in Holme, Yorkshire, England, son of Robert and Elizabeth (Smith) Rudiforth.

Michael Rudiforth was married July 5, 1850, at Skipsea, Yorkshire, to Miss Alice Hornby, who was born in Barmston, same county, in June, 1831. In 1858 Michael Rudiforth emigrated with his family to the United States and located at Avon, Lorain Co., Ohio. To him and his wife were born twelve children, as follows: Elizabeth, born October 11, 1852, married to John Wilder, and now living in Clinton, Missouri; Robert, born September 9, 1854, his present place of residence not known; Mary (wife of our subject) and Ann Whipple (twins), born July 30, 1856, both residents of Ottawa Co., Ohio; Selena, born August 21, 1858, married to Charles Beinard, of Lodi, Ohio; Eliza, born September 4, 1860; Albert Victory and Alice Victoria (twins), born July 29, 1862, the latter being now the wife of Charles Eglier; Jessie, born October 28, 1864, married to Steven Brisbin; Frank, born October 8, 1869; Jennie Lind, born February 12, 1872, married John Nixon; and Herbert Lincoln, born December 10, 1874. On November 19, 1861, Michael Rudiforth enlisted in the U. S. army; was discharged from the service July 13, 1865, and on the 25th of the same month he settled in Ottawa county.

To James W. and Mary (Rudiforth) Saddoris were born seven children, their

names and dates of birth, etc., being as follows: Alice M., February 8, 1875, now the wife of Solomon King, of Allen township, Ottawa Co., Ohio; Ada M., born August 20, 1876; Eva L., August 20, 1878; Clarence E., February 26, 1882, died December 14, 1893; Robert W., November 19, 1888; Mary, March 18, 1892, died March 4, 1894; and Elias B., June 13, 1884, died November 13, 1893. Socially, Mr. Saddoris is a prominent member of the Knights of Honor, Knights of the Maccabees, and Sons of Veterans. Politically, he is a straight out-and-out Republican, always giving his support to that party, while in religious belief he and his family are identified with the United Brethren Church.

AUGUST BREDBECK, a wide-awake and enterprising fruit grower and stock-raiser of Danbury township, Ottawa county, was born July 17, 1853, on the farm where he still resides, and is a son of Gerd and Marguerite (Busch) Bredbeck, natives of Germany, the father born October 12, 1812, and the mother August 15, 1816.

The mother of our subject was a daughter of Henry Busch, and both her parents died when she was a child. About 1830 she came to America, locating in New York City, where, in July, 1839, she was united in marriage with Mr. Bredbeck, and they became the parents of the following children: Christina, born June 12, 1840, became the wife of F. L. Roth, and passed away January 14, 1888; Henry, born September 7, 1842, is a prominent resident of Danbury township; Anna Marguerite, born December 2, 1844, died August 25, 1847; Mary Ann, born August 6, 1847, is the widow of William Von Sack, and resides in Sandusky City, Ohio; George, born February 13, 1850, also lives in Sandusky City; Edward, born March 10, 1852, died on the 24th of the same month; August is next in order of

birth; and Amelia J., born April 22, 1858, is the wife of Edward Tredor, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Midst play and work the early days of August Bredbeck were passed in much the usual manner of most farmer lads, and his literary education was obtained in the district schools common at that date. Since early life he has devoted his time and energy to general farming and stock-raising, while of late years he has also been interested in fruit culture, and ranks among the most successful and prominent agriculturists of the township. In Danbury township, July 16, 1881, he married Miss Anna S. D. Winters, who was born July 1, 1860, in Danbury township, a daughter of Herman and Ann (Harms) Winters, both natives of the province of Hanover, Germany, the former born October 8, 1830. About the year 1849 her father emigrated to America, and the same year he located in Danbury township, where he has since followed farming. Here, in 1859, he married Miss Harns, who had come to the New World about the same time as her husband, and by their union ten children were born, all of whom are still living, as follows: Mina, wife of George Bredbeck, of Oak Harbor, Ottawa county; Anna S. D., the honored wife of our subject; Mary, wife of Thomas Lanum, of Oak Harbor; Christine, wife of James McCallum, of the State of Washington; Herman, of Toledo, Ohio; Henry, who resides in Danbury township; Emma, wife of William Collins, of Benton township, Ottawa county; and John, Edward and Andrew, all living on the old homestead farm. The mother of this family departed this life in Danbury township, February 9, 1881.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bredbeck were born four children as follows: Walter B., March 2, 1883; Agnes I., September 28, 1886; Ada M., December 3, 1889; and Ralph A., December 10, 1891. In his political views, Mr. Bredbeck is a stalwart Democrat, and he and his family at-

tend the Lutheran Church. He is a public-spirited and progressive citizen, readily endorsing any project calculated to stimulate the development and prosperity of his township and county. He is generous and affable, his sympathies expressing themselves in kindness to friends and in charities where they are merited. It may truthfully be said of him, that in all the relations of life in which he is called upon to act, he is trustworthy and honest. His habits of industry and application to business show themselves in his neat surroundings and well-kept orchards, and he enjoys the esteem and confidence of all his friends and neighbors. On his farm near the shores of Sandusky Bay there are the remains of an old Indian fortification, which he keeps unmolested from the ravages of the plow and harrow, and which is an object of considerable curiosity—one of the old landmarks of the days when the noble Red man held full possession of this section of the country.

T C. WHITEHEAD, one of the honored and respected citizens of Clyde, Sandusky county, was born November 23, 1850, in Gosden, Cambridgeshire, England, and is a son of Joseph and Matilda (Albon) Whitehead, both natives of that locality.

When our subject was four months old he was brought to the United States, by his parents, who located on a farm in Townsend township, Sandusky county, where they purchased the farm later owned by the father of our subject, who there resided until his retirement from active life, when he came to Clyde. Here he died February 10, 1891, at the advanced age of eighty years. The mother's death occurred in Townsend township. Their union had been blessed with seven children: Sarah Ann, who married Herman Howe, and lived in Sandusky county until after the death of her husband; Joseph,

a resident of Townsend township, Sandusky county; Samuel, who was a member of Company K, One Hundredth O. V. I., during the Civil war, was wounded at the battle of Franklin, Tenn., and died soon afterward; William, who was a soldier in the one-hundred-day service, and died below Washington, D. C.; George, who lives in Henry county, Ohio; Bessie, now the wife of James Fuller, of Townsend township, and our subject.

T. C. Whitehead was reared to manhood in Townsend township, where he attended the common schools, later becoming a student in the schools of Hillsdale, Mich., where he pursued his studies for a few terms. He then took charge of the old homestead. For many years he was engaged in dealing in horses, and besides those raised on his own farm he bought and sold others, shipping principally to New York City, Jersey City, and Cleveland; he dealt both in carriage horses and roadsters. He has three stallions and some fine trotters; one trotter, four years old, made a record of 2:25 at Newburg, Ohio, last year, and was sold for \$1,300. He also sold a three-year-old filly, "Josephine," for \$825.00 at public sale in Cleveland; also one team of five-year-old colts for \$700.00 to a party in New Jersey, and one pair of four-year-olds going to Baltimore, Md., besides several other horses at good prices. Mr. Whitehead now has a pacer, "Solarion," which he expects to rival any horse he has ever possessed, already having a mark of 15 $\frac{1}{4}$. He made his home upon the farm until 1891, when he erected his present fine residence in Clyde. He now gives special attention to trotting and pacing horses, and is considered one of the best judges of those animals in Sandusky county.

Mr. Whitehead has been twice married, first time to Miss Zina Gibbs, and after her death to Belle Powell, of Oneida, Knox Co., Ills. Two children blessed their union: Earl Monte, born July 3, 1887,

now eight years of age; and Cleopatra, born in 1892, now three years old. Mr. Whitehead has the reputation of being a strictly first-class business man, reliable and energetic, and is a citizen of whom Clyde may be justly proud. Politically, he gives his adherence to the Republican party; socially, he is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

NICOLAI NISSEN. The success which almost invariably attends the young emigrant from Germany, who comes to our shores armed with good health and a knowledge of some trade, can not fail of remark, and is indicative of the steady habits, economy, thrift and industry of that people. It would be well, perhaps, if the youth of America were to profit by the example set them, and emulate their foreign brothers in some of these traits of character. The cry of "hard times" would surely be heard less frequently, and fewer business failures would occur.

In the gentleman whose name opens this sketch, and who is one of the leading merchants of Port Clinton, Ottawa county, we see one of the men who from a small beginning built up an enviable trade, and who from their merits take a prominent place in the community. Mr. Nissen's father, whose name was Nis Thomas, was a farmer in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, born in 1809, and died in 1876, at the age of sixty-seven years. His mother, born in 1806, died in 1853, at Stadum, Schleswig, Germany, at the age of forty-seven years. Her maiden name was Trinke Dorothea. The family of this worthy couple comprised five children: Matthias, Carsten, Marie, Catherina, and Nicolai.

Our subject attended school in his youthful days, as all children are required to do in Germany, and obtained a good common-school education. He then learned the trade of a shoemaker, and when twen-

ty-four years old emigrated to America, landing at New York, from there coming to Sandusky, and later to Port Clinton. Here he went to work at his trade, and after seven years was enabled to commence business for himself. He lived for one year (1866-67) in Michigan, then returned to Port Clinton. For a couple of years he had partners in his business, but since that time has carried on operations alone. He began in a small way where Payne's drug store now stands. He erected the brick block, that now occupies the place, which he afterward sold, purchasing the building in which his store is now located. Here he carries on an extensive business, and is constantly increasing his facilities for trade. Mr. Nissen was married, October 18, 1870, to Miss Theresa Eybsen, who was born in New York City, April 2, 1853. Seven children were born to this union, four of whom are living—August, Frank, Charles and Rosa—and three are deceased—William (who died when two years old), Julia and Matilda. Of this interesting family, August, the eldest, born September 5, 1872, is now an United States army officer. He was a cadet at West Point, and after hard study succeeded in graduating on June 12, 1895, standing No. 20 out of a class of fifty-two. Immediately after graduating he received a furlough of three months, which he spent at his home in Port Clinton, and while there received his commission as an officer, and was assigned to the Sixth U. S. Cavalry, at Fort Myer, Virginia, near Washington, D. C., where at the present time he is discharging his duties. Frank, the next son, who is at home, has assumed the management of his father's business, and in time will, probably, become a partner, and then successor to the present firm. Although at present but twenty-one years of age, he has a thorough knowledge of the shoe business, and has that energy which tends to increase instead of decline. Charles and Rosa, the two younger children, are still

attending school, and Charles will graduate in '96, Rosa in '97.

In politics, Mr. Nissen is a good Democrat, and is active in work for his party. In religious faith, he is a Lutheran, a member of that Church, and takes an interest in whatever tends to upbuild the community in which he lives. He is the leading boot and shoe dealer in Port Clinton, and is highly respected for his integrity and excellent business qualifications.

THEODORE S. PORTER, a thorough and skillful farmer and fruit grower of Catawba Island township, Ottawa county, is a native of Connecticut, born in Bethel December 4, 1860. His parents, Charles J. and Hannah A. (Wilkes) Porter, were likewise born in Connecticut, and still make their home in that State, being residents of Bethel, where the father holds the position of postmaster. In the family were six children, of whom Lewis died when about nineteen years of age; those living are Frederick N., Frank W., Theodore S., George A. and John L., all, with the exception of our subject, residing in Connecticut.

As a farmer boy, Theodore S. Porter was reared to manhood, receiving a fair education in the public schools of his native town, and when he had arrived at the age of twenty-two he left home, going to Dakota, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for about four years. In 1886 he returned to Bethel, Conn., and there learned the trade of a hat finisher, which occupation he followed until 1890. In that year he became a resident of Catawba Island township, Ottawa county, where he is now engaged in fruit growing. On December 23, 1890, on Catawba Island, he was married to Miss Sarah Porter, a daughter of Wheeler and Flora H. (Bearss) Porter, and one child has come to bless their union—Charles Wheeler,

born November 3, 1893. Wheeler Porter was the second white man to settle on Catawba Island, at that time (1833) called Huron township, afterward Van-Rensselaer township. He resided in three townships and three counties, and yet never moved off the farm where Mr. Porter now resides.

Mr. Porter is a thorough Republican in his political views. Though a comparatively recent arrival in Ottawa county, he has made many friends by his straightforward and upright life, and is considered a valuable acquisition to the population. He is industrious and persevering, and at no distant day will rank among the most successful fruit growers of the Island. He has under construction a handsome dwelling, in which we hope that he and his most estimable wife may be long spared to pass their declining years.

HENRY LAUDY. In this region of Ohio, so largely devoted to the growth of fine fruits, lived the gentleman whose name introduces this notice, and who was one of the most prominent and progressive agriculturists of the community. A native of the Province of Hanover, Germany, he was born about the year 1827, and in the land of his birth he passed the days of his boyhood and youth, no event of special importance occurring during that period. At the age of eighteen he bade adieu to the Fatherland, and crossing the Atlantic was for a number of years engaged in the grocery business in New York City. On leaving there he came to Ohio, and took up his residence on Catawba Island, where he spent his remaining days.

Mr. Laudy was married in New York, to Miss Elizabeth Libben, also a native of Hanover, and to their union were born six children (five of whom are still living): Henry, born in New York, July 14, 1856; Annie, born in New York, June 14, 1858,

now the widow of Jacob Pulschen, and a resident of Port Clinton, Ohio; John, born January 24, 1862; George, born June 20, 1863, and died January 25, 1893; Elizabeth, born October 8, 1867, now the wife of Haskel Spies, of Catawba Island; and Amanda, born November 6, 1869. The mother of this family passed away June 24, 1892, having survived her husband several years. Henry Laudy died February 28, 1885. He was a man of no small prominence in the community; served as township trustee and in other local offices, and by his ballot supported the men and measures of the Democratic party.

HENRY LAUDY, JR., who now carries on the farm, was only two years old when his parents made a trip to Europe for his health, there remaining for six months. He afterward returned to New York, and a year later the family came to Catawba Island, where he has since been engaged in fruit growing. He was married in Erie township, Ottawa county, June 26, 1888, to Miss Anna C. Ineichen, who was born in that township, September 29, 1864, and is a daughter of Alois and Mary (Beck) Ineichen, both of whom were natives of Switzerland, and came to America at an early day, locating in Erie township, where the father's death occurred, October 19, 1874; the mother died at Port Clinton, September 17, 1894. Two children grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. Laudy: Leo H., born February 5, 1892; and Florence M., born December 29, 1894.

Mr. Laudy has served as town treasurer for about five years, and proved himself a competent and faithful officer. Socially, he is connected with Port Clinton Lodge, No. 627, I. O. O. F., and with Orchard Lodge, No. 60, Knights of the Maccabees. In his political views he is a Democrat, in religious belief a Lutheran, but his wife is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Laudy is a gentleman of unassuming manner, devoting his whole time and attention to the cultiva-

tion of his fine orchards, which are among the best and most productive in the township. All his surroundings bespeak thrift and enterprise, and he holds a reputation second to none in the community in which he resides.

HENRY AND JOHN AHRENS are two of the most prominent farmers and fruit growers of Danbury township, Ottawa county, the former of whom was born September 22, 1860, on the old homestead farm upon which he still resides. He is a son of Carsten and Elizabeth (Fauble) Ahrens, both natives of Germany, was reared to manhood upon the farm, and received his education in the district schools of the neighborhood. From early boyhood he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, and of late years has devoted a great deal of his time and attention to fruit growing, owning and operating one of the largest and most extensive fruit orchards in the township. Socially he is a member of Peninsular Lodge, No. 607, Knights of Pythias, and, politically, is a stalwart Republican.

Carsten Ahrens, the father, was born in the Province of Hanover, June 5, 1805, and was a son of Adolph and Katherina Ahrens, also natives of the same province. Until the age of sixteen years he remained in his native land, it being about 1821 when he left home, going to England, where he worked in a sugar refinery some seven years. In 1828 we find him a resident of New York, where he engaged in the grocery business. Five years later he came to Danbury township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, where he purchased the land on which he afterward resided, and then returned to New York. Several years later he removed to his farm, but after a residence of a few years rented his land to his brother and again went to New York, remaining there until about 1838, when he returned to Danbury township, and from

that date until the time of his death there made his home. He departed this life May 2, 1883.

The mother of our subject was born in the Province of Hesse, Germany, April 14, 1830, and was a daughter of Wilhelm and Katrina Fauble, both of whose births occurred in the Fatherland. She came to America in 1850, and for about a year made her home in Cleveland, Ohio. On December 6, 1851, at Sandusky City, Erie Co., Ohio, she was united in marriage with Carsten Ahrens, and became the mother of six children, as follows: Katherine, born February 11, 1853, who became the wife of Daniel Finken, and died October 5, 1884; Adolph, born January 23, 1855, died December 17, 1874; Elizabeth, born October 21, 1858, who became the wife of William Hess, of Danbury township, and died suddenly April 13, 1895, at the residence of our subject, leaving a husband and four children to mourn the loss of a faithful wife and loving mother; Henry is the next in order of birth; Anna was born in February, 1862; and John, born April 25, 1864, also residing on the old homestead.

The farm is now under the personal supervision of our subjects, and the neat and imposing appearance of the surroundings are ample proof of their ability as thorough, practical farmers and fruit growers. They take a lively interest in the progress and development of the county, giving their encouragement and more substantial support to those enterprises which are calculated to upbuild the community. The family attend the services of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HETRICK, one of the enterprising and successful farmers of Benton township, Ottawa county, is a son of Daniel and Mary (Siegenthaler) Hetrick, and was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, in 1855.

Daniel Hetrick was born in Pennsylvania in 1832, and came to Sandusky county in an early day, where he has since lived. About 1852 he was united in marriage with Mary Siegenthaler, who was born in Pennsylvania about 1837, B. F. Hetrick being next to the eldest in their family. Daniel Hetrick's father and mother were born respectively in 1810 (in Pennsylvania) and in 1814. The father of Mrs. Daniel Hetrick, William Siegenthaler, was born in 1815, her mother in 1812. Benjamin F. Hetrick received a good education in the district schools of his native county, attending until eighteen years of age. When twenty years old he struck out in life for himself, working four years at the carpenter's trade. At the age of twenty-four he was united in marriage with Miss Maria E. Reed, of Sandusky Co., Ohio, and they had four children, namely: Arthur M., born May 23, 1878; Bert H., January 21, 1881; Lillie M., October 26, 1883; and Alda L., January 21, 1887; they are all living at home, receiving the advantages of a good education and the encouragement of a father who knows well the value of thorough training.

After his marriage Mr. Hetrick rented his farm, which he worked four years, then purchased eighty acres in Section 14, Benton township, which was all timbered, and, like many another man in Benton township, he set to work to clear the land and make for himself a home. In this he has had marked success, the timber is removed and stumps are all out, and fences are in fine condition; there are comfortable buildings, a good orchard, and the farm is well under cultivation and provided with the necessary teams and tools for thorough work. Besides the ordinary farm routine, Mr. Hetrick handles all kinds of stock, and is to some extent engaged in bee-culture. When a resident of Sandusky county he was constable for three years, and he has also held the office of postmaster at Limestone, Ben-

ton township, for the six years from 1888 to 1894. Mrs. Hetrick died March 11, 1889, after a protracted illness of six years. She was born in 1863, was educated in the district schools of Sandusky county, and was well fitted to train her children to become noble men and women. She was a faithful wife and a loving mother. Her father, John Reed, was born in 1837, in Sandusky county, Ohio, where he resided all his life; he died in 1895, at the age of fifty-eight years. His wife, Mrs. Hetrick's mother, was born in Pennsylvania about 1841. John Reed's father and mother were born in Pennsylvania about 1810 and 1814, respectively. Mrs. Hetrick's grandfather on her mother's side was born in 1817, and her grandmother, on the same side, in 1814.

Benjamin F. Hetrick again married on July 16, 1891, taking for his second wife Miss Mary Markley, who was born in Benton township, Ottawa Co., in 1867, and is the daughter of Jacob Markley, one of the oldest settlers of Benton township. Mrs. Hetrick has given some attention to both vocal and instrumental music, and has been a teacher of instrumental music. Mr. and Mrs. Hetrick are pleasantly situated on their fine farm in Benton township, Ottawa county, and are giving their children excellent advantages.

JOHAN MINIER, a prominent farmer and one of the enterprising residents of Erie township, Ottawa county, was born in Salem township, same county, April 23, 1843, son of John and Esther (Whestone) Minier, who were born in New Jersey and Pennsylvania respectively, and were very early settlers of Salem township, where they resided up to the time of their death.

John Minier, Sr., died July 4, 1882, and his wife, Esther, January 11, 1892. They had eleven children, all of whom grew to maturity, seven now living, viz.:

Hiram, residing at Sheldon, Ill.; Elizabeth, widow of Job Kelley, residing at Sheldon, Ill.; Darius, residing in Iowa; John, the subject of these lines; Benjamin, residing in Erie township; Samuel, living in Salem township; and Mary, wife of Harvey Snyder, in Paulding, Paulding Co., Ohio.

The subject proper of this sketch was reared to manhood in Salem township, receiving a very limited education in the schools located there, and his life from early boyhood has been devoted to agriculture, with the exception of the nine months he served in the army. In May, 1861, he enlisted in the Twenty-fifth O. V. I., and nine months later was discharged on account of disability, returning to Salem township. On July 1, 1864, John Minier was united in marriage with Adeline Cairl, who was born in Ballville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, May 16, 1846, and they have had six children, as follows: Josephine, born June 28, 1865, was married to James McCullough May 11, 1882, and is now residing in Toledo, Ohio; Matilda, born March 7, 1867, now the wife of Horace Conkey, and residing in Carroll township, Ottawa county; Rodolphus B., born February 15, 1870, was married to Mary Winters March 4, 1893, and is now residing in Erie township; Samuel W., born January 15, 1872, is living at home; Angie, born October 2, 1874, wife of Louis Ohm, and residing in Carroll township; and Dora, born May 22, 1878, married July 2, 1895, and is now the wife of Harmon Goodknick. The parents of Mrs. Minier, Daniel and Mary (White) Cairl, were from New Jersey and Pennsylvania, respectively. They removed from Sandusky county to Erie township about 1858, and Mr. Cairl engaged in agricultural pursuits there until his death, which occurred in Erie township, December 18, 1872. Mrs. Cairl died in September, 1873.

In 1872 John Minier removed from Salem township to Erie township, where

he has resided ever since. He has served as trustee of the township one term, and also as supervisor. In his political views he is liberal, and he is a member of the G. A. R. The family attend the Methodist Church.

DE WILTON WOOD, son of Amos E. and Parintha (Case) Wood, was born in Woodville, Sandusky Co., Ohio, December 28, 1842. His paternal grandparents were Ephraim and Hannah Wood, the latter of whom was born September 25, 1780, and died in Woodville, Ohio, October 6, 1854. They were the parents of the following children: Parthena, who was born in Ellisburg, N. Y., January 17, 1809, and died in 1890.; Amos E.; Valdi, who married Harriet Cameron; Mrs. Amelia Hubbard; and Sylvia, who died in infancy.

Our subject remained in the place of his nativity until eighteen years of age, obtaining his education in the public schools of Woodville, and at Berea College. In 1861 he responded to President Lincoln's first call for 75,000 volunteers by enlisting in Company I, Twenty-first O. V. I., April 26, 1861, and on his re-enlistment he joined Company L, Third O. V. C., with which he remained three years. He was offered a major's commission in the One Hundredth Ohio Regiment, but declined and entered the service as a private. A year and a half later, however, he was made sergeant and held that rank until the close of the war, but he cared not for promotion, being content to defend the Union in the ranks. He participated in the battles of Franklin, Stone River, Atlanta and Chattanooga, and was on the march to the sea; was never wounded by ball or sabre, but on one occasion, while hotly pursued by Rebels, his horse, going at full speed, passed under a tree against which he struck, and was torn from his saddle. The animal soon stopped, however, and Mr. Wood remounted and made

his escape, but has never recovered from the injury he then received. He rendered efficient service to the Union until June 26, 1865, when he was mustered out.

Mr. Wood then located in Elmore, and on September 26, 1865, wedded Miss Mary Luckey, of that place, daughter of Augustus W. Luckey. Mrs. Wood's great-great-grandfather, Hugh Luckey, came in 1735 from Londonderry, Ireland, to Chester county, Penn. His son, Rev. George Luckey, was born in 1755, graduated from Princeton College in 1772, and in 1785 settled at Black Horse, Md., where he preached for nearly forty years. He was pastor of Bethel Church, which he built up, and in which he was buried, having continued in his ministerial duties almost until his death, which occurred in 1823. Among his children was John L. Luckey, born near Black Horse, Md., in 1790, and who, in 1815, wedded Anna Wolfly, who was born about the same year. They came to Ohio, and settled in Elmore. In the family were six children: Augustus W., George W., Robert, John, Catherine and Rebecca. Of these, Augustus W. was born March 6, 1817, in Gallipolis, Ohio, and in 1823 came with his parents to Elmore, Ottawa county. He became popular and well-known, and prospered well, at the time of his decease being an extensive landowner and well-to-do farmer, and a director of the First National Bank of Fremont. On March 20, 1881, while in the Disciple Church at Elmore, he was called from earth, his death being caused by apoplexy. The funeral was held from his late residence, and was attended by the largest multitude of people ever gathered in Elmore on a similar occasion. Ex-President Hayes, who was one of Mr. Luckey's intimate friends, was one of the pall-bearers. Augustus W. Luckey married Desire M. Hall, who was born in Clark county, Ohio, March 23, 1818, and died August 4, 1854, leaving three children: Capt. J. B. Luckey, who served three years in

the Third O. V. C., married Retta Borden in 1871, and has one child—Mae, born in 1873; Mrs. Wood and Frank A. Her father, Joseph Hall, was born in Kentucky September 2, 1784, and died June 1, 1859. In 1807 he married Leatha Ferguson, who was born in Butler county, Ohio, March 4, 1785, and died June 4, 1838. She too had six children: James, Samuel, George W., Mary, Nancy A., and Desire M.

In this connection it will not be inappropriate to make further mention of Mr. Wood's father, who was born January 2, 1810, and became a prominent farmer and stock raiser. He served as a member of the Ohio Legislature two terms, as a member of the House of Representatives and of the Senate. He was also twice elected to Congress, and was serving his second term at the time of his death, November 19, 1850. The children of Amos E. Wood and his wife are as follows: Amelia, born August 2, 1836, Victoria, born July 10, 1838; Amos, born October 5, 1839, who died June 16, 1863; Augusta, born April 28, 1841, who died December 5, 1842; De Wilton, born December 28, 1842; Cornelia, born March 20, 1844, who died March 3, 1849; and Eugene, born August 2, 1847, who died in infancy.

Upon his marriage our subject located on a farm near Elmore, which he cultivated some four years, when he accepted a position as clerk in the store of Shaenfeld & Borden, of Elmore, spending one year at that place. He next removed to Fostoria, Ohio, where he engaged in the crockery business for seven years. During that time he served for two years as justice of the peace, resigning his position on his removal to Elmore. Here he purchased the fine home and farm which is still his place of residence, and since his return he has here served as justice of the peace for several years, and for four years was postmaster of Elmore. On April 1, 1894, he embarked in the livery business

in connection with his only son, James L., and they now have a good patronage. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have three children: Emma Marian, born November 9, 1868; James L., born August 11, 1871; and Florence A., born December 24, 1882. The son acquired his early education in Elmore, spent two terms in the Ohio Normal University at Ada, Ohio, and for six months attended Hiram College. After that time he spent four months with a railroad surveying corps in Virginia and North Carolina, and also passed one winter in Florida. He was deputy postmaster under his father for four years under President Harrison's administration.

Mrs. Wood was born in Elmore February 10, 1847, here spent her early girlhood days and completed her education by two years' attendance at Oberlin College. Her elder daughter, Emma, was born on the same farm where her own birth occurred, attended the same public school, and then spent two terms in the college at Ada, Ohio; she also entered Oberlin College, but ill health prevented her from completing the course. She has given special attention to the study of music and painting. The younger daughter is now attending school in Elmore. The family is one of prominence in the community, holding an enviable position in social circles where true worth and intelligence are received as the passports into good society. They have a wide acquaintance, and their friends are many.

JUNE FAMILY. The ancestors from whom are descended the June families in the United States were two brothers by the name of Junett, Huguenot Frenchmen, one of whom settled on the Hudson and the other on the Connecticut river. The June families residing in Sandusky county, Ohio, are descended from the one who settled on the Hudson, Zebbard June by name, and who, becoming disgusted with the religion

of France, dropped the last two letters of his name, leaving it June. His home was at Peekskill, N. Y. He served in the Revolutionary war under Gen. La Fayette, and on account of disabilities incurred in the service was granted pecuniary aid from the U. S. Government. His occupation was that of a farmer in Orange county, N. Y. He had a family of five children: Charity, Stephen, Peter, Cociah and David. Of these—

Charity June married Adam Sales, and lived in Ithaca, Tompkins Co., N. Y., in which county he died. They had five sons and one daughter. After Mr. Sales' death Mrs. Sales moved to Unadilla, Mich., where she passed away. Their eldest son, Benjamin, died at the same place, leaving one daughter.

Stephen June married a Miss Pew, of New York City, by whom he had one son, James Madison June. Stephen June was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was wounded at the battle of Lundy's Lane by a bullet which struck him at one side of the nose and passed out at the back of his neck, on account of which he was considered mortally wounded. He was being carried off the field by an Indian to be burned on a pile of dead bodies, when his struggles to free himself excited the sympathies of a British officer, James Jimmerson, who shot the Indian, and released Mr. June, but was himself arrested for firing his gun during a truce, when both armies were caring for their dead and wounded by torch light. Mr. June recovered from his wound, and lived seventeen years after the battle, but never met or knew his benefactor. The Indian who was shot was of the tribe of Captain Brant, after whom the then village of Brantford, Canada, was named. The British officer afterward received a pension from the British Government, and was sent to take a position as commissary, at Fort Malden, Canada. It was while he was at this place that Mr. David June, of Fremont, Ohio, met him, and

first learned that he was the man who shot the Indian. A warm friendship at once sprang up between them, which continued until the death of the officer, in 1874.

Peter June, born in 1796, for a number of years followed the sea, and later served as a pilot in New York harbor. He was a cavalryman under Gen. Brown in the war of 1812, during which he was wounded by a saber cut at the hands of a member of the Forty-second Regiment, Scotch Highlanders, who were all slaughtered the same day. Peter June was married, at Caldwell's Landing, on the Hudson river, to a lady who was born in 1800, and they lived for a time at New York City. Being a sea-faring man he was absent from his family much of his time, and his wife having prevailed upon him to abandon the sea, he decided to try the western lakes. Moving westward, they lived for several years near Cayuga Lake, N. Y., in 1833 removing to Buffalo, where he shipped as mate on the schooner "Amaranth," and came with his family, on the first day of June, to Sandusky City (then called Portland), Ohio. Here the family lived for upward of seventeen years. Mr. June sailed on the lakes until the death of his wife, in 1835, after which he confined himself to ship-rigging in the vicinity of his home. In 1840 he again married. He died in 1851, at the age of fifty-six. His remains and those of his first wife have been removed to Oakwood cemetery, Fremont, Ohio. The children of Peter June by his first marriage were: Daniel L., born in 1818; Martha, born in 1820; George, born December 26, 1822; David, born May 11, 1824, sketch of whom follows; two who died in childhood; Sales A., born August 2, 1828; and Marietta, born in January, 1830. The sons at different times all became residents of Fremont, Ohio.

Cociah June, another member of the family of Zebbard June, married and had a family.

David June, youngest son of Zebbard June, after whom David June, of Fremont, Ohio, was named, was a soldier in the war of 1812, having entered the service at the age of fifteen, at the request of his father, and serving as dispatch boy. He grew to manhood in the vicinity of Peekskill, N. Y., and married Miss Miami Harrington, at Ithaca, New York.

DAVID JUNE, machinist and engine builder, of Fremont, Ohio, was born May 11, 1824, at Ithaca, N. Y., son of Peter June, who was a sailor and ship-rigger.

In 1833 our subject came with his father's family to Portland, now Sandusky, Ohio, where he attended school a short time, at intervals when he could be spared from work. He remained with his father until about fourteen years of age, when he entered a machine shop to learn the machinist trade. In the fall of 1838 he was cabin boy on the old steamer "Jack Downing," on the Sandusky river, which was his first experience at sailing. In 1839 he was cabin boy on the steamer "St. Clair" until she was laid up by the Combination Line, after which he went on the steamer "Sandusky." In 1840 he assisted his father (who was a contractor on the Sandusky & Mansfield railroad) by driving a team at plow and scraper, in the construction of the road-bed from Sandusky to Monroeville. In the winter of 1840-41, at Sandusky, he attended for a short time a school taught by Mr. Hickox, an Episcopal clergyman. In May, 1841, he began a seven-years' apprenticeship to learn the trade of mechanical engineering with a firm in Sandusky, and during this time he also worked for a while with his brother-in-law, Charles Waterous, on the old Ohio railroad, which was to pass through Sandusky county. This firm was doing the general repairs through the counties of Erie and Sandusky. Mr. June's work

was to look after pile-drivers and saw-mills. A dissolution of partnership of the firm to which he had been bound released him from his apprenticeship, and in April, 1842, he went to Cleveland and found employment in the Cuyahoga Iron Works. Here he remained about ten years, during that time filling the position of engineer on steamers of the Buffalo and Chicago Line during the summer seasons, and working in the shops during the winter seasons. During a part of 1843 he was second engineer on the steamer "St. Clair" and the rest of the year on the "Commerce." In the winter and spring of 1844 he assisted in building the engine of the steamer "Empire," and in August sailed on that steamer as second engineer, remaining on that vessel until June, 1847, when he went on the "Boston." In the summer of 1847 he took charge of the steamer "Detroit," until she was sent to Chicago. In the following winter he put up the engine of the "Monticello," at Fairport, Ohio. In the spring of 1848 he put in an engine for the "Ohio," and fixed engines for the "Republic" in the fall. He was on the "Republic" until July, 1849, when he was employed to fit out the steamer "Globe," at Cleveland, by the American and Liverpool Insurance Company, who were under contract to furnish the railroad iron from England for the C. C. & C. railroad, by January 1, 1850. Their vessels from Liverpool could not pass up the Welland canal, and the iron was unloaded on the banks. Mr. June was employed to deliver the iron for the company at Cleveland, and it took him from July until December 22 to do it. He then returned to the Cuyahoga shops to work for the Lake Superior Line of steamers, in which employ he remained for a period of about eight years. This line extended from Cleveland to Sault Ste. Marie. In 1851 they built the steamer "Northerner," into which Mr. June put an engine and machinery; this was the first steamboat

built for the Lake Superior trade. In 1853 they built the steamer "North Star," which cost \$128,000. Having by industry and economy laid by some money, Mr. June in 1853 came to Fremont to start in business. He and a Mr. Curtis first bought out the plow shop of F. I. Norton, and began to fix it up for the building and repair of engines. Six months later Mr. Curtis sold out to Daniel L. June, and the June brothers continued together under the firm name of June & June until 1856, when Lyman Gilpin bought out D. L. June. D. June and L. Gilpin remained together as partners until November, 1859, at which time D. June became sole proprietor. He again took Mr. Curtis into partnership, but seven years later that gentleman retired, and three years after that a partnership was formed, consisting of David June, Robert Brayton, and O. S. French, under the firm name of D. June & Co.

The completion of the Toledo, Norwalk & Cleveland railroad in 1853 enabled Mr. June to bring engines from Cleveland for repair, and return them for the Lake Superior Company cheaper than the work could be done at Cleveland, and he held their trade. His shops also received many orders for work from the surrounding country. In the winter of 1855 he rebuilt the "Manhattan," whose engines were brought here by rail, and in the winter of 1857 he rebuilt the "North Star" at Fremont. During these years Mr. June was away occasionally on Lake Superior to overhaul steamers and make repairs. In 1858, at the urgent solicitation of the Lake Superior Transportation Company, he left his business at Fremont, Ohio, in care of a partner lately taken in, and went to Cleveland to take charge of all the company's boats and keep them in running order. He remained there until 1860, when he returned to Fremont, bought out his partner, and assumed entire control of the business. He had quit the lakes in 1858, and now

remained in Fremont permanently, in 1861 commencing the erection of new works, which were completed in 1877. After several changes of partners he associated himself with Robert Brayton, an old and skillful machinist with whom he had worked in Cleveland, and who remained nine years and did much to make their ventures successful. Many valuable improvements in the building of engines were made by this enterprising firm. They were the inventors of a self-acting spark arrester in 1875, which has come into general use. The engines built by the firm have a high reputation, and are being shipped all over the country. The firm also has two branch concerns, one at Waco, Texas, which does a business of about \$150,000 a year, and one at Council Bluffs, Iowa, which does an annual business of about \$25,000. They had another at Austin, Texas, which they recently sold to A. R. Gossard. These concerns are all connected with and stocked by the shops at Fremont, Ohio, in which a business of about \$200,000 a year is done. In 1869 Mr. June took O. S. French as a partner, and the firm name became D. June & Co., by which it has been known ever since. In 1886 this firm divided up a one-third interest with S. A. June & Son, Martin Holderman and A. M. June. In 1890 S. A. June and Peter June, his son, surrendered their stock to D. June & Co., since which time the firm has consisted of D. June, O. S. French, M. Holderman and A. M. June.

On November 28, 1844, David June married, at Painesville, Ohio, Miss Caroline A. Owen, daughter of Joseph and Anna (Rantsford) Owen, born in Ontario county, N. Y., in February, 1823. They had two children: Clarissa A., who died in childhood; and Carrie M., born June 12, 1857, who was married September 10, 1884, at Fremont, Ohio, to Martin Holderman, who is now a partner in the firm of D. June & Co., and its worthy

secretary. Mr. Holderman was born in Baden, Germany, August 10, 1852, a son of Frederick and Barbara (Adler) Holderman, who came to America in 1856. Frederick Holderman was a baker by trade, and had preceded his family to this country two years, coming in 1854. He died at Fremont, Ohio, in 1860, and his wife in 1865. Three of their sons, William, George and Frederick, Jr., were veteran soldiers of the Civil war, 1861 to 1865. The children of Frederick Holderman, Sr., born in Germany, were: Frederick, Jr., born in 1840; George, born February 22, 1842; William, born February 22, 1844; Amelia, who died in childhood; and Martin, born August 10, 1852. The children of Martin and Carrie Holderman are: June Frederick, born December 5, 1885; and Clara Marie, born December 12, 1886.

JOSEPH H. HAINES, an honored veteran of the Civil war, now an esteemed citizen of Elmore, Ottawa county, was born in Trenton, N. J., December 17, 1844, and is a son of Willis Parker and Susan (Brooks) Haines. The father was born in Pennsylvania, in 1809, and, during the greater part of his life, sailed the ocean. He died August 16, 1853. His wife, who was born in the same State in 1814, died July 11, 1895; to them were born seven children, all yet living—Edward, Martha, Samuel, Joseph H., Lurania, and Sarah and Mary P. (twins).

When our subject was only two years of age his parents migrated to Huron county, Ohio, and afterward to Ottawa county, where he attended the district schools. His father died when he was nine years of age, leaving seven children to be cared for by the mother, who, by her diligence and earnest effort reared her family to become honorable men and women and useful members of society. Joseph H. began earning his living when

only ten years of age, and also gave a part of his wages to his mother to assist her in caring for the younger children.

Mr. Haines was employed as a farm hand until after the breaking out of the Civil war, when, on the 4th of August, he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in Company L, Third Ohio Cavalry. His first battle was at Shiloh, and for two days he participated in that hotly-contested struggle. He was afterward in the battles of Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Stone River and others. He was twice taken prisoner, but made his escape on the field of battle before being removed to Southern prisons. For more than four years he faithfully followed the old flag, and valiantly aided in the defense of the Union, making an honorable war record of which he may well be proud. When the South had laid down its arms, and peace was once more restored, he was discharged August 17, 1865, and returned home. The following year he started westward and spent six years on the plains of Colorado, Texas, Utah and other western States and Territories, engaged in driving cattle. The company with which he was associated was many times attacked by Indians, and some of the number were killed. On one occasion Mr. Haines was struck by an arrow, but after a time recovered from the wound. The life was often one of excitement, danger and hardship. After six years had passed he returned to Elmore, and has since lived in that locality.

On March 10, 1872, was celebrated the marriage of our subject and Miss Jennie Chapman, of Elmore. She was born October 16, 1853, in Pickaway county, Ohio, where she remained until nine years of age, when her family removed to Oak Harbor, Ottawa county, coming a year later to Elmore, where she has since lived. Her father, James R. Chapman, was born in New York, in 1817, and her mother, whose maiden name was Mary Hardin, was born in 1829. They had ten

children: William, Alanzo, Ira, Lizzie, Jennie, Sarah, Ella, Fannie, Ann and Nancy; those still living are William, Lizzie, Jennie, Sarah, Ella and Fannie. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Haines went to sea when her father was only six months old, and was never heard from again. His wife was born about 1793. The maternal grandfather, William Hardin, and his wife were both born in 1799, and both died in 1885.

Mr. and Mrs. Haines have seven children: Nellie, born December 23, 1872, died September 11, 1873; EDWARD P., born June 3, 1875, completed the course of study in Elmore High School in 1892, and, when thirteen years of age, began the study of pharmacy with Mr. Penfield, a druggist of Elmore, by whom he is employed most of the time, proving a very efficient clerk; Clarence B., born August 15, 1877, died August 10, 1878; George A., born January 23, 1879, is attending the high school of Elmore; Maud, born March 30, 1882, and Alice, born April 1, 1884, are still in school, and are also studying instrumental music; and Glenna L., born June 19, 1893, died April 11, 1895. Mr. Haines is now engaged in the painting business in Elmore, enjoying a good trade, and has the confidence and support of many patrons, and all with whom he has come in contact.

I SAAC F. STROHL, farmer, of Ballville township, Sandusky county, was born June 27, 1848, near his present place of residence, about three miles southeast of Fremont. He spent his childhood and youth on the farm of his maternal grandfather, John Batzole, and attended the district school at the corner of said farm, chiefly in the winter seasons, when work was not too pressing.

At the age of eighteen years he entered upon life for himself, but retained his residence at the old homestead. During the seasons of grain threshing, which formerly

lasted much longer than at present, he operated an old-fashioned horse-power threshing machine for about fourteen years, to the satisfaction of his neighbors. He was the first man in his vicinity to buy and use a steam engine for the threshing of grain, and he made \$1,200 in ninety days with his first engine. In the year 1877 he bought the homestead where he now resides, to which he has made additions. He is progressive and enterprising, and keeps abreast of the times in the use of improved farm implements. He is a member of the United Brethren Church; a Democrat in politics, and has held the office of township trustee several terms, and been an active member of the board of education.

Isaac F. Strohl was married, September 14, 1875, to Miss Hannah M. Worst, who was born in Sandusky county, August 10, 1852, and they had children as follows: Cletus P., Myrle D., Edna L., Bessie and Vinnie.

ANSON ELDRIDGE, a prominent farmer of Ballville township, Sandusky county, was one of those marked characters in the early history of this country to which the trite appellation, "diamonds in the rough," might be aptly applied. He was a short, thick-set, stoutly built man, of Irish descent. He was of a sanguine, nervous temperament, having blue eyes, sandy hair and a florid complexion; he possessed a large fund of ready wit and genuine good humor, and his face was usually radiant with hope and good cheer. Under his rough exterior lurked not only an iron will and nerves of steel, but a kind and sympathetic disposition which led him often to sacrifice his own interests for those of his friends. He often acted the part of a Good Samaritan among his neighbors in cases of sickness, or of mishaps to their live stock. He was the first man in his neighborhood to use a

horse-power mowing machine, and he relieved the tired arms and lame backs of many a hardy pioneer who mowed with a scythe. The merry rattle of his "Buck-eye Mower" astonished the meadow larks, and cheered the whole community as its echoes resounded from the neighboring forests.

Mr. Eldridge came from the vicinity of Massillon, Stark Co., Ohio, about the year 1835, and settled in Riley township, Sandusky county. Here he married a Miss Fronizer, by whom he had one son, who died at the age of sixteen years. Mrs. Eldridge died in 1840, and about the year 1842 Mr. Eldridge married Mrs. Nancy Beaghler (*nee* Bolin), relict of Henry Beaghler, one of the earliest pioneers of Ballville township, who lived near an old Indian trail leading from the Indian village north of Green Spring to Lower Sandusky. Mrs. Eldridge died August 1, 1869. A few years later Mr. Eldridge married a Mrs. Brookhart, relict of a minister of the United Brethren Church, with whom he lived several years in Mercer county, Ohio, and then quietly passed away from the scenes of earth. His memory is kindly cherished by his many former friends and their children in Ballville township. He had for many years been a member of the United Brethren Church.

JOHAN BATZOLE, one of the pioneers of Sandusky county, was born in Frederick county, Maryland, February 28, 1801. His father's name was John, that of his mother being Christina. His early life was spent on a farm where he acquired habits of industry and economy, and learned the rudiments of a common-school education. On September 25, 1824, he married Miss Sarah Ernsperger, and moved soon after to Wayne county, Ohio. They located twelve miles west of Wooster, where

he spent eight years in hard work clearing up a farm.

Here were born to them: John Jacob, February 8, 1826; Lucretia Catharine, March 18, 1828; Mary Jane, April 8, 1830; Maria, February 9, 1832; and here Mr. Batzole and his wife became members of the Reformed Church. In the spring of 1834 the family removed to Ballville township, Sandusky county, Ohio, upon a farm of eighty acres of land which Mr. Batzole had previously bought, to which forty acres more were added later. This was their family home for about fifty years. Their children born here were: Christopher, September 27, 1834; Sarah Ann, February 22, 1838; Susan Martha, October 26, 1840; William Henry, May 23, 1843; and two others that died in infancy. John Jacob died February 25, 1829; Mary Jane, March 1, 1831; Lucretia C., wife of Samuel Strohl, September 8, 1861; and Maria, wife of John Strohl, May 19, 1864. Mrs. John Batzole died at her home March 2, 1878, at the age of seventy-four. John Batzole died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Martha Michaels, December 24, 1887, aged nearly eighty-seven years.

Mr. Batzole was a friend of education and furnished land, labor and material for the erection of the first log cabin school-house in his neighborhood, which was also used as a place of religious worship for many years, chiefly by the pioneer ministers of the United Brethren Church.

JOSEPH RUH, a prominent and highly-respected resident of Put in Bay Island, Ottawa county, who, for the past thirty-six years, has been extensively engaged in the culture of the grape vine, is well and favorably known throughout Ottawa and adjoining counties. He was born in Baden, Germany, January 27, 1830, and is a son of John and Mary Ackerly Ruh.

Joseph Ruh was reared to manhood

and educated in the Fatherland, where in early life he worked at agricultural pursuits, and afterward engaged in the butchering business. In 1852 he embarked for America, crossed the Atlantic, and came to Ohio, settling first in Sandusky, Erie county. About a year later he removed to Plaster Bed, Ottawa county, in 1854 went to Gallipolis, Gallia Co., Ohio, where he resided about a year, in 1855 removing to Kelley's Island, and in 1856 to Put in Bay Island. In 1857 he went to Isle St. George North Bass, returned the same year to Put in Bay Island, and has been a continuous resident there ever since, closely identified with the growing interests of the Island.

At Port Clinton, Ottawa county, on January 7, 1859, Joseph Ruh was united in marriage with Catherine Sullivan, daughter of Michael and Nancy Becker Sullivan, and five children have been born to them, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Rosella, February 2, 1862; Nancy, August 18, 1864; Mary, July 18, 1866; Elizabeth, June 1, 1868; and Charles E., January 13, 1870. The mother passed away February 11, 1891. In politics Mr. Ruh is a staunch Republican, and in religious affiliation his family are identified with St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

HC. MYLANDER, the popular hardware merchant of Oak Harbor, Salem township, Ottawa county, and a prominent and progressive citizen, was born in Oak Harbor, May 22, 1860, the oldest son of H. H. Mylander, also a resident of that enterprising town.

Our subject received his preliminary education in the public schools of his native place, and was employed in his father's store up to 1879, in which year he engaged in the mercantile business at Rocky Ridge, Ottawa Co., Ohio. In 1880 he disposed of this business, and re-

turned to the place of his nativity, of which he has since been a constant resident. Mr. Mylander was united in marriage, at Oak Harbor, June 1, 1880, with Miss Marion A. Young, who was born March 17, 1861, daughter of George and Emma J. Young, of Carroll township, Ottawa county, and to this union came six children, as follows: Pearl, Georgia, Francis, Marguerite, Robert, who died February 17, 1892, and Howard.

Politically, Mr. Mylander is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, and for two years he very acceptably filled the position of corporation treasurer. Socially he is a member of Oak Harbor Lodge No. 495, F. & A. M., Fremont Chapter No. 64, R. A. M., and Fremont Council. But few men have taken more interest in the welfare of the county, and none command more completely the respect and confidence of the community at large than does Mr. Mylander. The family are members of the M. E. Church.

C GERNHARD, the courteous and genial landlord of the well-known popular "Island House," Port Clinton, Ottawa county, is a native of Germany, born November 16, 1851, in Hessen-Cassel.

Matthias Gernhard, his father, was born, in 1810, in the same Duchy, and learned the trade of carpenter. He served in the German army, not only the full time but also extra time, in order to become fully qualified to receive a captaincy; but on account of his name being entered "Liphart," on the roll, by mistake, he lost his promotion, and in consequence at once left the army. He afterward followed his trade in Germany till 1856, in which year, as will presently be related, he emigrated to America. He was twice married, each time in the "Fatherland," on first occasion to Miss Ifland, by whom he had three daughters: Catherine Elizabeth, Martha and Cath-

erine; for his second wife he wedded Miss Anna Catherine Brentzell (who was born in 1826), by whom he had three sons: our subject, George, and one that died in infancy. In 1856, Mr. Gernhard, accompanied by all his family except the two eldest daughters (who came to America later, one before the Civil war and the other after that event), emigrated to the United States, the voyage being made in a sailing vessel, which, becoming infected with yellow fever, was quarantined at Staten Island, New York harbor. Here Mrs. Gernhard, her infant son (born on the ocean) and Catherine (the youngest of Mr. Gernhard's three daughters) died. The two sons, our subject and George where placed in a New York hospital, where George died of neglect. In New Jersey Mr. Gernhard, the father, secured employment, and there remained about a year with his now only son, our subject, when they came to Ohio, making their home at Brownhelm, Vermillion and Birmingham respectively, sojourning about twelve months in each place. While living in Birmingham, in 1859, our subject, then a boy of eight summers, was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blanke, who afterward, fall of 1860, in company with Matthias Gernhard, moved to near Elliston, Ottawa county, settling on a farm in Benton township. After the death of Mr. Blanke, which occurred not long afterward, his widow received her dower, and went to live with friends in Elyria, where she died a few years later.

Matthias Gernhard followed agricultural pursuits in Benton township until 1862, in which year he enlisted in Company E, Seventy-second Regiment, O. V. I., Col. R. P. Buckland, and served in the army fourteen months when he was discharged on account of disabilities contracted while in the service. Returning to Benton township he resumed work on the farm, where he passed the rest of his days, dying June 27, 1890.

C. Gernhard, the subject proper of

this sketch, grew to manhood on his foster-father's farm, where he worked hard in the lumber woods chopping cordwood, splitting rails, making railroad ties and saw-logs, and clearing up the farm, attending country school only a few weeks during the winter season. At the age of eighteen he was given his freedom by his foster-parents, and, in 1869, commencing on his own account, he opened out a saloon business at Elliston, Ottawa county, which he continued until 1882, when he was elected sheriff of Ottawa county, which office he held four years. During the last six months of his term he built the "Island House," at a cost of \$16,000, and after his term expired opened up the hotel of which he has been proprietor since 1887. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F. and K. O. T. M., and is commander of the Sons of Veterans at Port Clinton.

On November 16, 1871, Mr. Gernhard married Miss Augusta Wilke, who was born June 17, 1854, in Prussia, daughter of Gottlieb and Hannah Louisa (Arndt) Wilke; she came to America about the year 1862. Six children were born to this union, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Clara, August 17, 1872; Elizabeth, December 8, 1873; Catherine, February 15, 1876; William, May 1, 1879; Frank, May 9, 1881; Edward, November 19, 1884, all born in Ottawa county, Ohio. Of these, Clara was married December 20, 1892, to William Sowders, member of a mercantile firm in Louisville, Ky. they have one child, Harold, born October 2, 1893; Elizabeth was married September 12, 1893, to William Gordon, attorney at law, Oak Harbor, Ohio, a son of Washington Gordon, ex-county treasurer of Ottawa county; Catherine died in childhood; William, Frank and Edward are living at the "Island House" with their parents, and attend the public schools. The entire family are identified with the German Reformed Church, and are held in the highest respect in the community.

ANDREW SNIDER. This pioneer farmer, and veteran of the Civil war of 1861-65, was born in the Empire State, September 16, 1830, and is a son of Andrew and Margaret (Lendestine) Snider, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. While a mere boy, Andrew was put to work making spools for his father and mother, who were weavers by trade and operated three looms. The little lad was kept almost constantly busy, and consequently his opportunities for gaining an education were very limited. When he was still quite young his parents removed to Ohio and settled in Medina county, where his father farmed and also followed his trade of a weaver, at which our subject assisted until he was twenty-one years old.

On attaining his majority our subject left home and obtained work in the hoop yards, in said county, remaining in that occupation for three years. He then returned home and removed with his father's family to Clay township, Ottawa county, where his father, in 1857, bought eighty acres of land. This was in the midst of the woods, with no improvements, and no road or schoolhouse within a mile of the place. Here the young man worked, in company with his brother, without pay or profit to himself until the land was cleared, and a log cabin and other necessary structures built. He then returned to Medina county and learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner, afterward coming back to Clay township, where he found plenty of employment in this line. Many of the houses he then built are still standing. Mr. Snyder continued working at his trade until the breaking out of the Civil war, in 1861, when he went to Elmore and enlisted in Company I, Twenty-first Ohio Volunteers, in which regiment he served for over three years, under the command of Gen. James Nichols. He took part in the battle of Stone River,

after which he was put, with others of his company, to building bridges. While at this work he was so unfortunate as to severely injure his leg, and the surgeon ordered his discharge at Nashville, Tenn., much to the sorrow of our subject, as he felt that his country still needed his services. After his discharge Mr. Snider returned home and resumed his work as a carpenter for two years, at the end of which time he was obliged to discontinue it, on account of his injured limb. He was married at Genoa, and removed to Michigan, locating at Palmer, where he did farm work for seven years, and afterward was similarly employed at Hastings, that State, for two years. At this time he returned to Palmer, at the request of his former employer, with whom he worked for another three years, when he came back to Ohio, and settled down on the old homestead, where he has remained ever since, with the exception of five months spent in the Soldiers' Home, at Dayton.

The wife of our subject, to whom he was married February 1, 1865, was, in her maidenhood, Elizabeth Bufenton, and was born in Elmore, this State, May 16, 1846. Her father, George Bufenton, married Mary Rose, and they were the parents of ten children. The father died in 1885, the mother in May, 1895. Elizabeth was married in 1860, at Woodville, Sandusky county, to Samuel Kemp, and to them one child was born, March 30, 1861, who died in January, 1892, leaving a family of three children. Mr. Kemp died from disease contracted in camp in 1861, and in 1862 Mrs. Kemp married Elisha Harrington, of Michigan, who was killed in the battle of the Wilderness. One child was born to this marriage, Rosie, wife of Martin Croley, of Toledo. In 1865, the widow became the wife of Mr. Snider, as has been stated. The union of our subject and his wife has been blessed with four children, as follows: Manda E., born March 20, 1866, in Michi-

gan, is the wife of Eli Edenburger, a farmer of Wood county (they have four children); Martha, born February 13, 1868, married Ernest Stoyker, of Genoa, and has four children; Andrew B., a farmer, born March 12, 1870, married Minnie, daughter of Walter Downing, a farmer of Clay township; Abigail, born May 2, 1872, is the wife of Augustus Farr, an engineer at Coleman, Michigan.

Mr. Snider is a good Republican and a member of Gen. Elliott Wyman Post, G. A. R. He and his wife are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and, while not possessed of a great amount of this world's goods, are contented and happy in the consciousness of well-spent lives, and looking forward to a brighter hereafter.

JAMES TITUS, one of the earliest settlers of Kelley's Island, Ohio, was born in New York State, April 15, 1832, and is a son of John and Mehitabel (Chapple) Titus, who were of English and Scotch ancestry, respectively.

John Titus was born in New York State, November 12, 1782, son of Silas and Sarah (Runnells) Titus. In May, 1810, he was united in marriage with Mehitabel Chapple, who was born in New York State, and they had a family of nine children, of whom seven are now living, namely: Zipporah, wife of Joseph Lincoln, residing on Kelley's Island; Justice, residing on Kelley's Island; Nancy C., widow of Edmund Ward, of Kelley's Island; Lydia, widow of Sylvester S. Dewelle, residing on Kelley's Island; Sabria, widow of James Hamilton, of Kelley's Island; Jared, residing on Kelley's Island; and James. John Titus removed, in 1835, to Ottawa county, Ohio, and in 1836 to Kelley's Island, where he was engaged in grape growing. He died June 23, 1858, his wife, Mehitabel, surviving him until August 19, 1880.

When a mere child James Titus came to Ohio with his parents, who located in Ottawa county, and after residing there about a year removed to Kelley's Island, where he has since always lived. He received a limited education here, has been engaged in fishing and farming, and for five years has been night watchman for the Kelley's Island Line Transportation Company. On June 22, 1852, he was united in marriage with Angeline Pickard, a sister of the late George Pickard, of Ottawa county, and they had three children, one of whom still survives, Evaline, Mrs. Till, now residing in Cleveland. Mrs. Titus passed away March 7, 1855, and on April 12, 1862, at Port Clinton, Ottawa county, James Titus was again married, this time to Julia Condon, and they have had one child, Louis C., who was born July 22, 1863, and resides on Kelley's Island. Mrs. Titus is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Condon, of Ottawa, Ottawa county. In his political views Mr. Titus is a Republican; he is not connected with any church, though his parents were Baptists. He has earned success by his enterprise and well-established reputation for integrity, enjoys a very wide acquaintance throughout the county, and has hosts of friends.

Edmund Ward, who married Nancy C. Titus, daughter of John Titus, was born in Essex county, N. Y., June 16, 1812, son of Reuben and Mary D. (Lavinie Ward, who were from Vermont and Canada, respectively. He was reared to manhood and educated in New York State, and in 1844 came to Kelley's Island, Erie Co., Ohio, where he was a constant resident for the remainder of his life, engaging in farming and grape growing. On September 10, 1835, in Rose Valley, Wayne Co., N. Y., Edmund Ward was united in marriage with Nancy C. Titus, who was born November 20, 1817, and they had eight children, namely: Melissa, born June 6, 1838, wife of Frederick P. Waite, residing at Highland

Lake, Weld Co., Colo.; John, born July 21, 1840, who died in April, 1863, from the effects of illness contracted in the army while serving in the defense of his country; Emily, born September 9, 1842, who is the widow of Rev. Martin K. Holbrook, residing in Berlin, Germany; Uriah, born February 27, 1845, formerly State Senator; Hettie E., born February 27, 1847; Mary L., born January 19, 1849, wife of Henry I. Worden, residing in Pittsburg, Van Buren Co., Iowa; and Edward, born January 8, 1853, and Adelbert A., born March 13, 1855, both residing on Kelley's Island. Edmund Ward died in March, 1892.

HON. AUGUSTUS F. FRESE.

This gentleman, who for eighteen years has been the popular postmaster at Graytown, Benton township, is a citizen whose public spirit and influence are felt and appreciated throughout Ottawa county, where he has spent the greater part of his active life.

He is of German descent, his parents, Henry and Louisa (Heilbran) Frese, having been born in Germany in 1813 and 1815 respectively. They came to America about 1838, settling in Woodville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where Mr. Frese died in 1853. After remaining a widow for six years Mrs. Frese married Mr. R. Berleman, by whom she had one son. Six years after their marriage they removed to Toledo, where Mrs. (Frese) Berleman died April 6, 1893. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frese were born seven children: Two in Germany—Henry and Louis; five in America—Charlotte, Mary, Augustus F., Charles F. and Louisa, all of whom are still living, and all residents of Ohio except Henry, who lives in Minnesota.

Augustus F. Frese was born December 24, 1846, in Sandusky county, Ohio, living there until 1859, in which year he moved with his parents to Toledo, where

he lived until 1866. At the age of nineteen Mr. Frese began life for himself; that he has made a success may be judged from the fact that he is now one of the leading business men of Ottawa county. In 1866 he entered the store of C. H. Damschroder & Co., of Elmore, Ohio, as clerk, continuing with them three years, when he returned to Toledo, and for two years had charge of the boot and shoe store of Eversman & Co. From Toledo Mr. Frese went to High Forest, Minn., where he spent one year in out-of-door work, mainly for the benefit of his health, which had been somewhat impaired by long continued confinement indoors. At the close of his year of outing he returned to Ohio, and again began clerking for C. H. Damschroder & Co., of Elmore, remaining in this position until 1876, when he came to Graytown and settled in business for himself in partnership with Mr. Ames, under the firm name of Ames & Frese. In 1881 Mr. Frese purchased his partner's interest and became sole owner of the business, continuing as such for one year, when, in 1882, he was elected to the Legislature of Ohio from Ottawa county, being the first Republican representative from that county. At this time his brother, Charles F. became a partner in the business, and the firm has since been known as C. F. Frese & Co.

In 1882, while in the Legislature, Mr. Frese drafted a bill providing for the construction of free turnpikes in Ottawa county. The bill met with some opposition in the House, but Mr. Frese vigorously defended his ideas, and had the satisfaction of seeing his bill become a law in 1883. The bill provides as follows: "In case any township in Ottawa county desires to turnpike a certain road, the taxpayers in said township shall make such request known by petition. A five-mill tax shall then be levied for the construction of such road." The very excellent roads on the eastern and western ends of Ottawa county are a result of the applica-

tion of the Frese bill. In addition to Mr. Frese's labors as a State officer he has for many years been clerk of Benton township, and for eighteen years has held the position of postmaster in Graytown, discharging all the duties connected with his various incumbencies in a manner which speaks highly for his ability and trustworthiness. Politically he is a Republican, and an earnest worker for the success of his party.

In 1885 Mr. Frese was married to Miss Lena Beck, who was born September 24, 1856, in Port Clinton, in the public schools of which place she received a liberal education, and also made a specialty of music, under the private instruction of Prof. Bonn, of Sandusky, Ohio. For two years she was bookkeeper for the Singer Sewing Machine Co., one year in Detroit and one in Toledo, and since her marriage to Mr. Frese she has rendered him great assistance in his extensive business affairs. To their union have been born four children, two of whom are now living: Florence H., born August 24, 1888, and James B., born October 22, 1890, at Graytown, Benton township, Ottawa Co., Ohio.

Mrs. Frese is the only child of Samuel and Catherine (Kunzman) Beck, the former of whom was born April 5, 1832, in Baden, Germany. At the age of eighteen he came to America, settling at Port Clinton, Ottawa Co., Ohio, where he was engaged in business until the breaking out of the Rebellion. In 1862 he enlisted in the Union army, in which he served for three years, and he is now at the Soldiers' Home in Sandusky, Ohio. His father, Heinrich Beck, was born in Baden, Germany, in 1805, and his mother was born in Germany in 1804; their occupation was hotel-keeping and wine-making. Mrs. Frese's ancestry on the maternal side is as follows: Her mother, Catherine (Kunzman) Beck, was born in Germany April 28, 1834, and came to America when about eighteen years of

age. The voyage consumed thirty-two days, during which time the boat took fire and all came nearly being lost, some even jumping overboard lest they should be burned to death; Miss Kunzman, however, remained on board, and finally landed safely in America. She settled in Sandusky, Erie Co., Ohio, and after remaining there nearly three years with her brother went to Port Clinton, where, in 1854, she was married to Mr. Beck. A woman of remarkable industry and enterprise, she supported herself during her husband's absence in the army by taking boarders, and about six years ago she furnished, opened and for sometime was proprietor of the "Lake House," at Port Clinton. She is still living and is in good health. Her parents, Christopher and Barbara (Ahrheit) Kunzman, were born in Germany in 1806 and 1808 respectively. Her grandfather, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Frese, Christian Kunzman, was born in Germany in 1772; his wife, Doratha (Jordon) Kunzman, the great-grandmother of Mrs. Frese, was born in Germany in 1768. Christian Kunzman was supply agent for the cavalry in the army of King William I, for some forty-two years, and on his death the King sent the royal hearse, drawn by six white horses, and accompanied by the German Military band, to his funeral, which was the grandest ever given a private German citizen. Mrs. Frese's great-grandfather, Zacharia Ahrheit, was born in Germany in 1762; he served under Napoleon the Great in the Russian war, in which he received a severe wound on the skull, in consequence of which a portion of the skull was removed and a silver piece inserted instead.

Mr. and Mrs. Frese have a pleasant home in Graytown, noted for its hospitality, and they are appreciated and highly esteemed by all who know them for their business, social and intellectual worth. Mr. Frese is largely interested in farms and fruit growing, especially plums, having altogether 2,000 trees set out.

EZRA HALL, of the firm of Ezra Hall & Son, proprietors of a wholesale and retail green-house, at Clyde, Sandusky county, was born September 23, 1829, in Vermont, on the New York State line, and is a son of Daniel and Clarissa (Loose) Hall. The father was born in New York State, of an old Massachusetts family, and came west in the winter of 1854-55, locating in Montcalm county, Mich., near Greenville, where his death occurred when he was aged eighty years. He was of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and an old Jacksonian Democrat. His wife, who was also born in New York State, died in Michigan, at the age of seventy-five years. Two sisters of our subject are yet living—Mable, wife of R. Caldwell, of Warren county, N. Y.; and Harriet, wife of David Brice, living in Clinton, Michigan.

The childhood of Ezra Hall was passed in the various localities in which his parents resided, and at the age of twenty years he began railroading, first being employed as a common workman on a road ten miles from Saratoga Springs, N. Y., after which he was engaged at Rutland, Vt. From there he went to Boston, Mass., and later to New York City, where he worked on the Eagle Bridge across the Hudson river, assisting in laying the track. He applied himself diligently to his labors, and won the confidence of his employers, so that he was at that time given charge of a gang of men. He received a proposition to go to the Isthmus of Darien as overseer on railroad construction, which he accepted, and with fourteen men proceeded to that place, but at the end of three weeks only seven were alive, some having been killed by the natives, while others died of fever. The chances of life being so small, Mr. Hall resolved to return home, though in doing so he would have to give up a large salary, and his companions who were still alive followed his example.

On returning to Rutland, Vt., our sub-

ject remained there until 1852, when he came west, being employed by the C. C., C. & I. Railroad Company to take charge of laying the track, and on September 6, 1852, he put in the first switch ever laid in Grafton, Lorain Co., Ohio. During the war he entered the employment of the United States Government, laying track in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Tennessee, Indian Territory and Texas, after which he was similarly employed at Carson, Kans., where he also ran a train. Few men still living are so familiar with the privations, incidents, and history of pioneer railroad life in various parts of the United States, or have had as broad an experience as Mr. Hall. The last railroad work on which he was engaged was the Lake Erie & Western road from Lima to St. Mary's, Ohio.

Mr. Hall was united in marriage with Miss Nancy McMillen, a native of Zanesville, Ohio, born May 14, 1833. She was a faithful wife, and her death, which occurred April 14, 1882, was severely felt by our subject. Two children came to bless their union, the eldest of whom, William E., born May 18, 1857, is now in partnership with his father in the greenhouse business; he married Miss Eva Stark, and to them have been born four children—Ezra Eugene, John B., Emil M. and Lloyd Taylor.

The firm of Ezra Hall & Son were the pioneers in the small fruit business in that portion of Sandusky county. They first began to grow and ship to the city markets strawberries, raspberries, together with other small fruits, and winter lettuce. About thirteen years ago they started their first greenhouse, and to-day are the only wholesale flower dealers between Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio. They have telephone connections with all local towns and business points, and ship flowers as far as Chicago. They make a specialty of a species of pink, and do a considerable business in funeral decorations. They have a large and constantly increasing

patronage, and have been very successful in this undertaking. As business men, the firm ranks high and receive the respect and confidence of all with whom they come in contact.

IAMS BROTHERS. This popular firm, proprietors of the Metropolitan livery stables, at Gibsonburg, Sandusky county, consists of Russell, Frank and Jesse Iams. It is always pleasant to record the history of a family in which a number of brothers, having passed their boyhood happily together, arrive at manhood with the same fraternal feelings and unite together in business pursuits, and side by side fight the battle of life. Their histories up to date are very similar. They are all natives of Sandusky county, born in Washington township.

Frank Iams was born March 17, 1855. His marriage to Miss Emma Saam took place in 1879, and they have one child, Alice. Russell Iams was born February 18, 1859, and was married February 5, 1880, to Miss Ellen Lowe; they have one child, Myrtie. Jesse Iams, born January 15, 1861, married Sevilla Ernst, and they have one child, J. Franklin. As has been said, the earlier careers of these thrifty and "hustling" brothers run in similar channels. All three grew up on the home farm, and each received his education in the common schools, but being endowed with the sterling qualities of integrity and perseverance, supplemented with habits of industry from boyhood, they have had the good fortune to see every enterprise in which they have been engaged crowned with success. On leaving the farm Messrs. Iams engaged in the livery business under the firm name of Iams Brothers, and are recognized as leaders in the business circles of Gibsonburg. They are staunch Republicans, and are ever ready to assist in anything which has for its object the welfare of the community.

The parents of the Iams Brothers, Jasper and Mary Ann (Mooney) Iams, were both born in Pennsylvania, and came to Ohio when quite young. They grew up and were married in Washington township, Sandusky county, where the father carried on farming, and died there when about seventy-one years old. He was a Republican, and served as a one-hundred-days man during the Civil war. The mother, now seventy-two years old resides in Gibsonburg. Besides the three sons mentioned their family comprised the following children: Harriet, who married William Fought, and lives in Gibsonburg; Elizabeth, wife of Frank Fought, residing in Fremont; John, a farmer in Madison township; Mary, deceased wife of John Barman; Minerva, who married Amos Harley; Sarah, who married George Naas; Marcella, who married George Williamson, and Eltie, who married John Valance.

FRED MICHAEL (deceased) was a wagonmaker by trade, and followed the occupation of farming in Madison township, Sandusky county. He was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1817, and was one of the early settlers of Madison township.

At the age of twenty-two Mr. Michael started out alone for America. Coming to Ohio, he located in Lower Sandusky, now Fremont, Sandusky county, where he went to work at his trade of wagon maker in partnership with Ambrose Ochs. After being thus engaged for some time he sold out his interest and moved to Hessville, Washington township, Sandusky county, where he remained about two years, going from there to Madison township, same county, where he followed his trade five years, and then located on a tract of land near Gibsonburg, in Madison township, where he had his home the remainder of his days.

In 1845 Fred Michael was united in

marriage with Sophia Hass, and they had five children, as follows: Mary died in 1869. John married Mary Driftmyer, by whom he has had two children; he is a farmer in Michigan. Levina died young. Fred, who is unmarried, works in the oil fields near Gibsonburg. Joseph was born May 6, 1856, on the old homestead in Madison township. When Mr. Michael moved into the township there were very few families here. At the time of his death he had 120 acres of valuable land. He passed away in February, 1890, at the age of seventy-three years and some months.

Joseph Michael, son of Fred and Sophia (Hass) Michael, attended school where the city of Gibsonburg now stands, at a time when there were only three or four buildings there. When a child he had a paralytic stroke, since which time he has had only partial use of his right side. He has always had to work hard, and since his father's death has had charge of the farm. In 1889 the farm was leased to a Mr. Gilbert, and eight oil wells were put down, all of which have a fairly good flow. Mr. Michael is well liked, and popular in the community, and has declined to accept several offices which have been offered to him. Politically, he is a Democrat.

HON. JACOB DECKER (deceased) was born January 15, 1809, in Union county, Penn. His parents, John and Julia Ann (Royer) Decker, moved to Wayne county, Ohio, in the spring of 1816, remaining there fourteen years, and finally, in 1830, settled in Thompson township, Seneca county. John Decker, who was a farmer and blacksmith, died January 3, 1854, and his widow June 27, 1875, in the eighty-seventh year of her age. They were members of the German M. E. Church. Their children were Jacob, John, Samuel, Adam,

David, Mrs. Elizabeth Heater, Mrs. Sarah Burgner and Mrs. Catharine Harpster.

Jacob Decker's boyhood was spent amid the scenes of early pioneer life in Wayne and Seneca counties, and, while his school days were limited to three months, his active, energetic and persevering nature enabled him by home study to lay the foundation of a practical education which stood him well in hand in after years. Amid his rude environments his observation was quickened, his reason trained, his judgment developed, and a habit of self-mastery attained which made him the man he became in later years. In 1828 Mr. Decker began to learn the carpenter's trade, at which he worked about three years. He then located in Section 21, Thompson township, Seneca county, where he purchased eighty acres of heavily-timbered government land at \$1.25 per acre, on which he erected a hewed-log house. Returning to Wayne county, he married Miss Susan Billman, with whom he returned to his new home in the wilderness. Their union was blessed with six children: Barbara (Mrs. Joseph Sherck), of Bellevue; John, living in Arkansas; David, of Atchison, Kans.; Amos and Milton, of Thompson township; and Jefferson, who died in infancy. Amos Decker represented Seneca county in the Ohio Legislature two terms, during the sessions of 1880-81-82-83.

After a residence of forty busy years on his farm, Jacob Decker retired, in 1871, to his late residence at Bellevue, Ohio. He had been successful in worldly affairs, acquiring 900 acres of land, most of which he divided among his children. Mrs. Decker died March 27, 1872, and Mr. Decker was married on May 23, 1877, to Mrs. Sarah Gardener, who was born in 1829, in Berks county, Penn., daughter of David and Lydia (Fisher) Slanker, who settled in Wayne county in 1832. Her first husband was Joseph Gardener, who died February 15, 1856. They had two sons: Charles D., living in Orrville,

Ohio, who married Miss Mary Hower, of Akron, Ohio; and William H., of Bellevue, who married Alice Kern.

Mr. Decker was a lifelong, earnest Democrat, and took an active part in public affairs. He served his township in nearly all the civil offices, including that of justice of the peace. He also took a deep interest in the educational affairs of the community. He held the office of county commissioner two terms, and was twice called upon to represent Seneca county in the Ohio Legislature—in 1849 and the session following, the last under the old constitution and the first under the new. His opposing candidate for the second term was Gen. William H. Gibson. Mr. Decker was well informed in the history and politics of his country. He was a ready debater on the questions of the times, a man of wonderful will power and force of convictions. The last fifteen years of his life were spent in the quiet and retirement of his home, and were comparatively uneventful, owing to his advanced years.

While residing in Seneca county, Mr. Decker was for twenty years a member of the Methodist Protestant Church; but on his removal to Bellevue he became a member of the M. E. Church, and was faithful in attendance so long as his health permitted. He died at his home, November 7, 1894, in the eighty-sixth year of his age, and was laid to rest in the family burial lot, which he had graced with a fine marble monument, in Bellevue Cemetery. Mrs. Decker retains the family homestead. Amos and Milton Decker are joint executors of their father's estate.

WILLIAM P. NAYLOR, one of the most prosperous and progressive agriculturists of Madison township, Sandusky county, was born April 24, 1839, in Medina county, Ohio, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Uhler) Naylor.

Samuel Naylor, father of our subject, was born in what was then known as Little York, Penn., a son of Jacob Naylor, who was a farmer and distiller. Samuel was reared on a farm, and when a young man followed teaming, hauling whiskey from his father's and other distilleries to Baltimore, Md., where was found the best market for that commodity. In those days it took six horses to haul thirty barrels of whiskey. Samuel was married in Cumberland county to Elizabeth Uhler, a native of that county, born of German ancestry, and after marriage the young couple located on a small farm in Cumberland county, which he rented. In Pennsylvania children as follows came to them: Mary, born December 6, 1820, now the widow of Amos Fritz, residing at Medina, Ohio; Samuel, born February 27, 1823, a farmer of Lorain county; Benjamin K., born February 25, 1825, a farmer and blacksmith, now of Lucas county, Ohio; Jacob, born September 7, 1826, a farmer of Medina county, Ohio; and Ann Eliza, born September 20, 1829. In the fall of 1829 the family came to Ohio over the Alleghany Mountains in a covered two-horse wagon, bringing with them considerable household effects, including their bedding, which they found of the greatest use during their two-weeks' wearisome journey. Mr. Naylor, the father, had previously visited Ohio, and in Guilford township, Medina county, had selected land then looked after by Judge Heman Ely, of Elyria, Lorain county. On the occasion of that visit Mr. Naylor had hired a man to build a log house for the convenience of the family when they should arrive, but they found it in such an unfinished state that they had to rent another cabin in the neighborhood, wherein to pass the winter. In the meantime their own was made habitable, and the following spring they moved into it. While the family were en route one child, named Ann Eliza, was born September

20, 1829, at Lancaster, Penn., which interesting event delayed them three days. In Medina county the family was further increased by the following children: Rebecca, born December 18, 1831, now Mrs. W. W. Hutchisson, of Sandusky county, Ohio; Sarah J., born December 24, 1833, deceased; John, born February 10, 1838, who died at the age of twenty-one; William P., born April 24, 1839, our subject; and Henry F., born July 9, 1842, of Sandusky county. On this farm in Medina county the mother of these children passed from earth, and the father then moved into the village of Seville, same county, having purchased in that vicinity a farm of thirty acres, and also a residence in the village.

In Guilford township Mr. Naylor married, for his second wife, Miss Harriet Sheldon, and one child was born to this union August 19, 1856, Harriet, now Mrs. James Ross, who is at the frontier teaching Indians. Samuel Naylor died at the age of seventy-three, and lies buried in the Lutheran cemetery, Guilford township. Politically he was originally a Whig, and after the formation of the party was a staunch Republican. He had traveled all through the Southern States, and, from observations he made during his visit, predicted the Civil war many years before it broke out. Of his family Samuel Naylor, who is one of the most extensive landholders and wealthiest farmers of Penfield township, Lorain Co., Ohio, was born February 27, 1823, in Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Penn. He was married in August, 1845, to Miss Barbara Long, and some time later they settled on a farm in Litchfield township, Medina Co., Ohio, at the end of three or four years moving to Penfield township, Lorain county, where he bought a piece of wild land. They had a family of children as follows: Jacob, who enlisted in the Civil war before he was seventeen years old, and died at Camp Dennison, while in the service; Henry, who died young; Elizabeth, wife

of Stewart Long; Rebecca, deceased wife of Andrew Sigourney; Harriet A.; Lany E., who died at the age of seven years; Emma, wife of William Bradstock; Mary, deceased when seventeen years old; Harvey G., a farmer; and Dora, wife of William Hower. The mother of these died January 7, 1874, and for his second wife Samuel Naylor married Miss Nancy E. Yocom, who died in 1882 without issue.

William P. Naylor, the subject proper of this memoir, received his education at the common schools of Guilford township, Medina county, and worked on his father's farm until he reached the age of seventeen years, when he hired out as a day laborer by the month until he was twenty-one, at which time he came to Madison township, Sandusky county, and here continued in similar employment until the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion. He then voluntarily proceeded to Fremont and enlisted in Company C, Seventy-second O. V. I., under Col. R. P. Buckland and Capt. Samuel A. J. Snider, which regiment was sent to Camp Chase, thence to Pittsburg Landing, participating in the battle fought at that place April 6 and 7, 1862. Here our subject was so severely wounded in the leg that he had to be sent to the hospital at Covington, Ky., whence, after convalescing, he returned home to his father's farm, and there spent the succeeding six months. At the end of that time he received orders from his regiment to report at headquarters, Camp Chase, whither he at once proceeded, and from there was sent to Camp Dennison, where he remained until receiving his discharge on account of disability, November 5, 1862.

Returning to Medina county, Mr. Naylor passed a year at his father's home, and then once more came to Madison township, Sandusky county, where he rented a farm which he worked on shares with his brother-in-law for a year. In 1865 he secured a farm of his own, eighty acres in extent, which, with the excep-

tion of a space where stood a log cabin, was covered with timber. Into this rude dwelling he and his wife removed, the walls of which were bare and unplastered, the furniture being of the same primitive character; in the provision line they had sufficient flour to last them a year, and they also had a couple of cows and some poultry. But, better than all, they were possessed of stout hearts and willing hands, and the one cheering the other they resolutely set to work to clear the land, after much labor succeeding in getting a couple of acres under cultivation, which they sowed to wheat, yielding at the harvesting twenty bushels. This they took to mill to be ground, the grist giving them enough flour for another year, and in this way they managed to exist and rear their family of children. After fifteen years passed in reducing this eighty-acre tract to cultivation, Mr. Naylor purchased an additional forty acres of timber-covered land, which in course of time he also succeeded in clearing, and bringing to a high state of fertility. In 1886 he erected a fine dwelling, second to none in the township, and built commodious barns and outhouses, planted an orchard, put up substantial fences, laid tiles, and in many other ways improved the property, till it became one of the most complete farmsteads in the county—a practical illustration of what can be accomplished by industry and enterprise.

On August 7, 1865, Mr. Naylor was married in Madison township, to Miss Elizabeth J. McCreary, daughter of James McCreary, a prominent farmer of that locality, and five children were the result of that union, as follows: Mildred R., born April 7, 1866, married to William Plantz, a farmer in Scott township, Sandusky county; Winnie E., born November 6, 1867, died July 13, 1880; Arthur, born July 3, 1870; Phinncous M., born August 31, 1872, working on his father's farm; and John A., born April 28, 1875, died September 2, 1875. The mother of

these was called from earth August 6, 1879, and December 31, 1882, Mr. Naylor married Miss Catherine Slates, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Fleck) Slates, a sketch of whom follows. By this marriage there is no issue.

In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Naylor and family are adherents of the Church of the Disciples, attending service at Gibsonburg. In his political preferences he is a staunch Republican, has never sought office, and has never accepted any, as he finds that his own affairs too closely occupy his time. He was school director of his district nine years, and has always taken a deep interest in educational matters, in fact in everything tending to the improvement and advancement, social or otherwise, of the community in which he lives.

JOSEPH SLATES, father of Mrs. William P. Naylor, was born February 16, 1812, in Carroll county, Md., son of John and Catherine (Keselring) Slates, both also natives of Maryland. When Joseph was a twelve-year-old lad the family removed to Pennsylvania, where on the home farm he worked during the summers, his winter months being passed at the schools of the neighborhood, he paying for his education out of money earned during the busy seasons on the farm, and he remained in Pennsylvania, working in the capacity of farm laborer, until 1854, when he came to Sandusky county, Ohio, in Jackson township, renting a farm which he operated three years. He then removed to Washington township, same county, also renting a farm there four years, and later buying eighty acres of land in Madison township, part of which was improved, although there was an overplus of water, and there were as yet no roads. Here, in a rude hut, they made their new home, but Mr. Slates became so disgusted at the prospects that he was about to give up farming altogether, when his heroic wife assured him of her willingness to remain where they were, and

render him all the assistance in her power. With this noble encouragement he concluded to remain, and he and his faithful life partner set to work with earnest endeavor, soon having nearly all of eighty acres cleared, whereon they erected a comfortable home surrounded by substantial barns and outhouses. In the course of time Mr. Slates added by purchase other eighty acres, thirty of which he brought under cultivation; then sold this eighty-acre tract, retaining the first one, which he rents, as he is now living retired, passing his declining years with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Naylor. Notwithstanding his years he is still active, and is a very interesting conversationalist.

In 1832 Joseph Slates was married in Huntingdon county, Penn., to Miss Elizabeth Fleck, and a brief record of their children is as follows: William, born August 3, 1837, who is a farmer of Indiana, is married and has a family; Catherine, born August 6, 1839, Mrs. Naylor; Elizabeth, born April 6, 1842, wife of Jacob Snider, a farmer of Washington township, Sandusky county (they have two children); Liddie A., born April 5, 1844, who died in 1886, leaving four children (she first married John Lance, a farmer of Madison township, who was in 1870 burned to death at Gibsonburg, his death being caused by the explosion of a can of coal oil; she subsequently married Ira Krotzer, of Woodville township); Jacob, born April 7, 1846, a prominent farmer of Michigan, who is married and has seven children; Rebecca, born April 13, 1848, who married Samuel Garns, a farmer of Williams county, and died June 6, 1895; Mary Jane, born September 8, 1851, wife of Watts Allen, a farmer of Isabella county, Mich. (they have four children); Lucinda, born October 19, 1853, wife of David Klutz, a farmer of Eaton Rapids, Mich. (they have two children); and Ellen, born July 20, 1858, wife of Frank Klutz, an oil man (they have

one child). The mother of these was called to her long home in 1878, leaving a sorrowing husband and sons and daughters to mourn the departure of a loving and affectionate wife and mother. She was an estimable lady, affable and kind, and ever ready to sacrifice the smallest or the greatest pleasure for her husband and family. Mr. Slates, during his active life, took a deep interest in educational affairs, and for several years was school director, also clerk of the board, and he was elected township trustee on the Democratic ticket, of which party he has ever been a staunch adherent, his first vote being cast for Gen. Jackson. In religious faith he is an adherent of the Lutheran Church.

PETER DOELL, retired farmer, Ballville township, Sandusky county, was born in Hessen, Germany, April 20, 1819, a son of Henry and Clara (Cobbler) Doell, natives of Hessen. Her parents were Adam and Ann Cobbler, the father a blacksmith by trade, and they both died in Germany. Our subject was one of four children, viz.: Adam Doell, a wagon maker, who married Catharine Sheffel; Catharine, wife of George Fath, a weaver and farmer, who had three children, and died in Germany; Mary, wife of Peter List, a weaver and farmer, who had two children, and died in Germany; and our subject.

Peter Doell landed in America August 2, 1838, came to Ohio, and settled in Ballville township, Sandusky county. Here he worked out by the month among the farmers for about three years, and saved his earnings. On August 29, 1841, he married Miss Margaret Resch, who was born November 2, 1816, daughter of Lewis Resch, a native of Germany. He continued working by the month two years after his marriage, then bought a farm of forty acres for \$210. Having cleared nearly twenty acres of it, and lived on same twenty years, he sold it to

his son George; then for \$1,800 bought the forty-nine acres where he now lives. The children of Peter and Margaret Doell were twelve in number, four of whom survive: (1) Mary, born October 6, 1842, married April 30, 1873, by Rev. H. Lang, of Fremont, Ohio, to C. L. Rearick, who was born April 29, 1833, a farmer and Democrat, son of John and Elizabeth Rearick, natives of Pennsylvania (their children were—Minnie May, born May 25, 1874; Arthur, born January, 1878; and Burdett, born December 29, 1880); (2) George Doell, born January 26, 1843, farmer, Democrat, member of the Lutheran Church, who married Miss Mary Parks; (3) Catharine, born March, 1845, wife of Jacob Groff, farmer, Democrat, living in Jackson township, whose children are—Emma, Nettie, Ida, and Hattie; (4) Joseph, born January, 1847, a Democrat and member of the M. E. Church, who married Miss Mary Aguge, of Fremont, Ohio. Mrs. Margaret Doell died July 17, 1892, at the age of seventy-six years, since which time Mr. Doell has rented his farm to others, and lives with his daughter on the old homestead. He is a Democrat in politics, and a man highly esteemed by his neighbors.

WILLIAM LORENZO STIERWALT, M. D., one of the most successful and prosperous medical practitioners in northwestern Ohio, now located at the flourishing little village of Lindsey, Sandusky county, was born in Sandusky township, about two miles east of Lindsey, April 30, 1859, son of Moses and Elizabeth (Lay) Stierwalt.

Moses Stierwalt, the father, was a farmer by occupation, and a native of Allentown, Ohio, and in an early day he came with his father, Henry Stierwalt, to Sandusky county, where he has ever since remained, he and the mother now liv-

ing in Rice township. William L. remained at the home of his parents, working on the farm and receiving a common-school education, until he was fifteen years old. He was a lad of keen perceptions, and early in life he became fitted to teach a district school. For twelve years he successfully taught in country schools, and in 1881 he was appointed superintendent of the Lindsey High School. There he remained two years, and, in order to more thoroughly fit himself for the work of education, he went to the Ohio Normal University, at Ada, and took a scientific and pharmaceutical course. He became so deeply engrossed in the subject that the whole current of his life was diverted to a new aim. He concluded to take up the profession of medicine.

After his marriage, March 28, 1883, to Ida E. Hineline, daughter of Theodore and Hannah (Rafferty) Hineline, farming people of Sandusky county, he returned to Ada and completed his studies. Going to Toledo, he remained there three years, taking a thorough course in medical science and surgery, and then, in 1888, returning to Lindsey, he engaged in practice in partnership with Dr. Woland, with whom he continued until July 1. Dr. Woland then retired, and Dr. Steirwalt has since built up one of the largest and most successful practices in Ohio. He now owns eighty acres of choice farming land in Washington township, besides property in Lindsey. As a diversion from his professional work he is greatly interested in the breeding of fine horses, and is secretary of the Lindsey Coach Horse Association. He owns a one-fourth interest in the coach horse Marschall, purchased at the World's Fair for \$2,500. Dr. Stierwalt was, in 1890, elected city councilman, on the Democratic ticket, by a majority of forty-four, when the township was conceded to be Republican. No happier home can be found than that of Dr. Stierwalt, graced as it is by an affectionate and devoted wife, and two

bright children—Howard L., born November 12, 1888, and Mildred M., born May 31, 1894.

CA. KELLOGG, a prosperous retired farmer of Woodville township, Sandusky county, was born in Wood county, Ohio, April 30, 1845, son of Elijah and Mary W. (Ballard) Kellogg, and grandson of Elijah Kellogg, Sr. The latter was a native of the Green Mountain State, and at the early age of eight years migrated to Canada with his parents, who settled there upon a new piece of land. The boy grew up in Canada, and married Lavinia Hall, who died October 1, 1819. For his second wife Elijah Kellogg, Sr., married Maria Wells, by whom he had six children. She died in Illinois in January, 1882.

Elijah Kellogg, Jr., a child by the first marriage, was born September 16, 1819. When a young man he came to Ohio, and on October 8, 1842, in Wood county, he married Miss Mary W. Ballard, who was born September 3, 1819, in Georgia, Franklin Co., Vt. A brief sketch of the six children of Elijah and Mary W. Kellogg is as follows: (1) Thomas H., born July 29, 1843, enlisted in the fall of 1861 in Company I, Sixty-eighth O. V. I., and re-enlisted for three years; while in the service he contracted a cold at Vicksburg, which became severe and developed into consumption, and he was discharged for disability. He died at Vicksburg, Miss., October 4, 1864, and his remains were brought north and interred in Woodville cemetery. (2) C. A. is the subject proper of this sketch. (3) Theresa was born October 8, 1847. (4) Flora L., born February 16, 1850, was married June 21, 1882, to Harry E. Hudson, a farmer of Coldwater, Iowa; they have four children: Burney V., born May 8, 1883; Oscar, born December 5, 1884; Terrence E., born December 26, 1886, died August 27, 1887, and Lepha H., born November 18,

1888. (5) Mary Lavina was born August 6, 1851. (6) Charles S., a physician of large practice at Austin, Ill., born September 23, 1858, was married December 20, 1884, to Alice Pauline Riley, who was born October 24, 1859. They have three children, Marie, born January 1, 1886; Erma, born June 6, 1890, and Chester, born September 21, 1892.

Our subject, C. A. Kellogg, at the age of seventeen enlisted at Woodville in Company I, Sixty-eighth O. V. I.; at Memphis, Tenn., he was taken sick with rheumatism and lay in the hospital for five months, after which he was discharged for disability. Mr. Kellogg has ever since suffered acutely from the disease thus contracted. It was in 1847 that our subject was brought to Woodville township, Sandusky county, by his father, Elijah Kellogg, who first purchased sixty-four acres of land, later seventy-two acres, and later still 160 acres. He also bought 160 acres of land located in Wood county. In May, 1892, he leased this land to the Standard Oil Company, who put down nine wells, most of which proved good producers. C. A. Kellogg in the year 1890 retired from active business life. He has leased the old homestead, for the infirmities consequent upon his military service have made it impossible for him to longer attend to the farm work.

HENRY FARK, a well-known and popular pioneer farmer of Woodville township, Sandusky county, was born in Hanover, Germany, December 15, 1823. His parents, John and Mary (Westerfeldt) Fark, were born in 1788 and 1796 respectively. Of their eight children five died young. Frederick, Henry and John grew to maturity and married. Frederick was born in 1815, and in Germany married Charlotte Tickmeyer, by whom he had five children, as follows: Mary, wife of Charles Brown, of Toledo; Angeline, wife of George Dietz,

and mother of five children (they are residents of Michigan); Frederick, a farmer and painter, of Wood county, Ohio; Eliza, wife of Henry David, a farmer of Wood county (she is the mother of six children); and Henry, a Wood county farmer, who married Lottie Brown, and has two children. John was born in 1829, and married Katie Yaunsmeier, who bore him two children: Harry, who is married to Lydia Heiser, and has two children; and Nellie, wife of William Dipp, a miller by trade, who also has two children.

In 1844 our subject, then twenty-one years of age, came with his parents to America in the German sailing vessel "Louisa," which was thirty-three days on the water. After remaining a short time in New York the family came to Ohio, and in Woodville township, Sandusky county, the father purchased fifty-two acres of land, paying for the same \$400. Henry remained with his parents until their decease in 1866, and for his care and attention to them in their old age the father had given him a deed for the place which he had helped to clear. On March 6, 1847, Mr. Fark married Mary Borcherdling, born December 15, 1822, by whom he had two children: Caroline, who was born December 14, 1847, and married Henry Ernsthouse, by whom she had eight children; and Eliza, who was born May 30, 1850, and married Henry Hartman, of Lucas county, by whom she has five children. The mother died November 10, 1853, and Mr. Fark subsequently married Louisa Miller, who was born in Hanover, Germany, January 6, 1835, and when two years old came with her parents to America. This union was blessed with eleven children, as follows: John, born December 3, 1855, married Louisa Havercourse, and became the father of six children; he is a farmer of Wood county. Henry, born November 27, 1856, died March 4, 1859. John, born October 3, 1859, is living at home.

Mary and Sophia (twins), born September 11, 1858, died young. William, of Toledo, born July 31, 1864, married Anna Havercourse. Mary, born May 2, 1862, died December 18, 1884. Katherine, born August 21, 1866, married Frank Afterheader, of Toledo, and they have one child, Mabel. August, born December 3, 1868, lives in Toledo. Emma, born June 10, 1871, is at home. Frederick, born November 5, 1873, is also living with his parents.

Mr. Fark in 1891 leased his land to the Ohio Oil Company, which put down five producing wells. He also leased land to M. Harris, who put down two wells. Our subject is one of the pioneers of the township. When his parents first came here the family had only one ox, but fortunately a neighbor had another, and by borrowing and lending alternately each had a team. The pioneers were obliged to travel eighteen miles to mill. Wages were low, and Mr. Fark worked for five dollars per month, and accepted part of his wages in trade at the store. He has been honored with various local offices during the past thirty years. He contributes liberally to the Lutheran Church, and is one of the most substantial and prosperous citizens of the township.

JAMES WASHINGTON LONG (deceased) ranked among the leading and valued citizens of Ottawa county. He was born in Pickaway ty, Ohio, August 22, 1824, and died at his home three miles from Elmore, May 22, 1890, respected by all who knew him. He was a son of Maxwell and Elizabeth (Reynolds) Long, the former of whom was born about 1797, and became one of the pioneer settlers of the Buckeye State.

Amid the wild scenes of frontier life James Long was reared, and after arriving at manhood's estate he married So-

phronia Thompson, of Harris township, Ottawa Co., Ohio. To this union came four children—Philander, who was born April 4, 1845; Diana Elizabeth, born January 5, 1847; Maxwell, born March 19, 1849; and Harvey, born March 3, 1850. Of these two are deceased—Maxwell, who died April 19, 1849, and Harvey, who passed away March 12, 1889. The mother of this family died November 20, 1851. On April 12, 1854, Mr. Long was again married, his second union being with Mary Wainwright, of Harris township, Ottawa county. They became the parents of nine children—Ellen H., born February 16, 1855; Napoleon, born September 6, 1857, died April 15, 1877; Cora M., born May 19, 1859; Frank E., born February 28, 1860, died May 22, 1880; Dora E., born May 28, 1862, died January 17, 1889; Thaddeus J., born June 18, 1866; Lulu M., born June 19, 1869, died November 4, 1889; Edgar, born January 21, 1872, died on the 16th of May following; and one who died in infancy in 1874.

James W. Long came to Ottawa county when it was almost an unbroken wilderness and settling in the midst of the forest cleared and developed a farm three miles from the village of Elmore, making for himself and family a pleasant home on the south bank of the Portage river. From the days of his earliest residence here he was prominently identified with the development and progress of this region. He had charge of the erection of the bridge over the Portage river at Elmore, and was for two terms a trustee of Harris township, while for several terms he served in the position of justice of the peace. As county commissioner of Ottawa county he was for some years prominently identified with the work of public improvement, and was always interested in everything pertaining to the general welfare. Various business enterprises occupied his time and attention. In his earlier years he was engaged in the

manufacture of staves in connection with a firm in Cleveland. He was also employed as overseer of a gang of men on the construction of the Lake Shore railroad through northern Ohio, but he devoted the best ten or fifteen years of his life to agricultural pursuits, carrying on that business with the same progressiveness and enterprise that characterized all his dealings. His life was ever a busy and useful one, indolence and idleness being utterly foreign to his nature. His political support in his younger years was given to the Whig party, but he afterward joined the ranks of the Democrats. He was a fluent speaker, fond of debate and could hold his own in argument against many able speakers. He had a clear, comprehensive mind, and could present his side of the question with force, at the same time never losing sight of the most assailable places in an opponent's argument. He was laid to rest in the Guss Cemetery, near Elmore, and the community mourned the loss of one who had been an important factor in Ottawa county's history.

MRS. DIANA E. BINKLEY, the daughter of James W. and Sophronia (Thompson) Long, was born January 5, 1847, and completed her education at St. Johns, Mich., after which she was for several years successfully engaged in teaching. On October 7, 1869, she became the wife of Amos Binkley, of Fremont, Ohio, who was born June 30, 1847, in that city, and there obtained his education. His father, Samuel Binkley, was born in October, 1822, and married Christiana Albert, who was born September 1, 1823, and died April 10, 1869. His paternal grandparents were John and Mary (Fisher) Binkley, the latter born in Northumberland county, Penn., October 15, 1802. Their marriage was celebrated in 1819, and they became the parents of fourteen children, six sons and eight daughters, nine of whom were living at the time of the mother's death, which occurred April

25, 1895, when she had reached the advanced age of almost ninety-three years. She left ninety-eight grandchildren, two hundred and thirty great-grandchildren, and twenty-five great-great-grandchildren, making a total of three hundred and fifty-three descendants living, probably more than any other woman in the county. She was buried in Muskallonge Cemetery, near her father and mother, while her husband was buried in Allen county, where he died.

Shortly after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Binkley removed to Benton township, Ottawa county, where they lived for twelve years. The succeeding eight years were passed at Rocky Ridge, and they then returned to her father's old farm, where they now live. They have four children—Althie May, born July 26, 1870, who was married May 18, 1888, to Gilbert Gee, of Rocky Ridge, by whom she has two children, Diana and Lula; Alma Maud, born August 28, 1874, who died in infancy; Leno a Louisa, born March 4, 1876, who was married April 18, 1894, to Oscar Hess, and has one child, Willella; and Willella Zula, born June 2, 1883. The family is one of prominence in the community, being both widely and favorably known.

AMOS FOUGHT is a prominent merchant and grain buyer of Oak Harbor, Ottawa county, one of the early settlers of the community, and one of the successful business men, who by his energy and enterprise has added largely to the prosperity of the city with which he is connected.

He was born in Perry county, Ohio, June 26, 1839, and is a son of Paul and Mary (Hedrick) Fought, who were early settlers of Sandusky county, locating there about 1844. The father is now living a retired life in Lindsey, where the mother passed away in 1864. Ten children were born to them, seven of whom are living,

namely: Amos, of this sketch; Eli, a prominent farmer of Washington township, Sandusky county; Eliza, wife of Allen Anspach, a leading manufacturer of Oak Harbor; Jeremiah; Sarah, wife of Jacob Cunningham; Mary, wife of Amos Notestein; Lucy, wife of Joseph Blocher; and Alice, wife of Joseph Brennamen, postmaster of Lindsey. With the exception of those whose business is definitely mentioned, all are successful agriculturists of Washington township, Sandusky county, as was also Israel, who is deceased. After the death of his first wife, Paul Fought was twice married, and by the second union were three children—John Wesley and Otto, prosperous farmers of Washington township; and Ella, who resides with her father.

When Amos Fought was only four years of age he removed with his parents to what was then called the "Black Swamp," in Sandusky county. There he resided until twenty-three years of age, acquiring his education in the old log schoolhouse of the district, and afterward working upon the homestead farm. In 1862 he began farming on his own account in that county, and in 1866 came to Oak Harbor, where he has made his home continuously since, being extensively and successfully engaged in mercantile pursuits and in grain buying.

Mr. Fought was married in Fremont, Ohio, on March 26, 1863, to Miss Eliza Auter, who was born April 13, 1840; her parents, Christian and Mary (Siedenthaler) Auter, were also early settlers of Sandusky county, having located there in 1836. This marriage has been blessed with five children, namely: Cora, born November 18, 1865, who is now the wife of George Deal, a resident of Oak Harbor; John O., who was born November 17, 1869, and is living in Oak Harbor; Chester L., who was born December 13, 1871, and is now attending Western Reserve Medical College, Cleveland, Ohio; Rozelia E., born November 5, 1876; and

Edna Gertrude, born March 22, 1880. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Fought has filled the offices of clerk and trustee of Salem township, Ottawa county, has been treasurer of Oak Harbor, and is now serving as a member of the council and clerk of the school board. He is master of Oak Harbor Lodge No 495, F. & A. M., at present filling that honorable position for the third term. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party. Our subject is much respected in the community for his moral worth, while his name is associated with all enterprises undertaken for the advancement of the county's interest. He is regarded as one of the most popular and valued citizens of Ottawa county, and is a solid, progressive business man, whose character is above reproach, and whose success in life is the reward of his own efforts.

PATRICK C. CULLENEN, a retired farmer of Oak Harbor, Ottawa county, was born July 3, 1817, on board his father's ship, the "Titus," in the Bay of Biscay, within twelve miles of the coast of Portugal, and is a son of Capt. John and Mary (Connors) Cullenen, both of whom were natives of County Clare, Ireland. The father was a sea captain during the greater part of his life, and died at the home of his mother, in the county of his nativity, from injuries received on board his vessel, while making a voyage from the East Indies to London, England. His wife also died in County Clare.

After the death of his father Patrick Cullenen, then but two years old, was adopted by his grandparents, and he remained with them until eleven years of age, at which time he went to sea with his uncle James, and the following five years remained on board ship with him. In 1832 they arrived in Montreal, where his uncle sold his ship. Our subject, con-

cluding to remain on shore, for the following three years continued to reside in the Province of Quebec, where he was employed at farm labor and teaming. In September, 1836, he removed to Buffalo, and was engaged on board the steamer "Saratoga," then running on Lake Erie, being thus employed some three years. At the expiration of this time he went to Sandusky, Ohio, where he resided until 1854, conducting a butchering business. On November 19, 1854, he removed to Ottawa county, locating in Salem township, where he engaged in the manufacture of lumber and staves. Subsequently he turned his attention to farming, which was his business until his retirement to private life. On August 7, 1864, he purchased the first vessel ever owned by an Oak Harbor resident, and the first of any size to enter the harbor. This vessel he ran some fourteen years, at the same time conducting his farm. In November, 1861, he came to Oak Harbor, where he has since made his home. He has led a busy and useful life, and now, in his declining days, is enjoying the rest which he has truly earned and fully deserves.

Mr. Cullenen has been twice married, first time on October 20, 1847, in the town of Peterborough, Ontario, to Elizabeth Metcalf, a native of the city of London. They became the parents of children, as follows: John, the eldest, was born in 1848, died at Lexington, Ky., January 11, 1863, from typhoid pneumonia, contracted while acting as nurse in a hospital during his service in Company G, one Hundredth O. V. I., in which he enlisted August 7, 1862; his remains were interred in a cemetery at Lexington. Eliza is the wife of Alex Gillespie, a resident of Carroll township, Ottawa county. Mary Ann became the wife of James Herold. William is now living in Carroll township. Margaret is deceased. James is living in Oak Harbor. Two died in infancy. The mother of this family was called from earth August 14, 1879. Mr. Cullenen's

second marriage was solemnized in Salem township, Ottawa county, January 5, 1886, with Mrs. Eliza Adams, who was the widow of Isaac Adams, of Oak Harbor, and was a most estimable lady. She was born May 9, 1816, daughter of John and Catherine March, and died July 6, 1895, at the age of about eighty years, her remains now resting in Oak Harbor cemetery.

Mr. Cullenen is a man of sterling integrity, noted for his straightforward business methods, and is a highly esteemed and respected member of the community. His success in life demonstrates what can be accomplished in this free land of ours through enterprise, energy and perseverance, and to-day he is the possessor of a comfortable competence as the reward of his own labors. He now resides in his Oak Harbor home, purchased for himself and wife wherein to pass their declining years in comfort and peace.

GEORGE WOODWARD, M. D. (deceased), who at time of his death was the oldest and most widely known physician not only in Ottawa but also in adjoining counties, was born in Logan county, Ohio, May 24, 1840, and was a son of Jonathan and Sarah Woodward. The former was a descendant of one of four Woodward brothers who came from England to America in 1804. He was born in Chester county, Penn., and his wife was born in the State of Delaware, where her father, who was the owner of the famous Brandywine Springs, kept hotel. In their family were five children, but only one is now living—Charles, a miller, who resides in Lima, Ohio.

The Doctor spent his early life in Logan county, and first attended the schools of Bellefontaine, after which he entered college at Kenneth Square, Penn., where he completed the classical course. He then determined to take up the study of

medicine, making its practice his life work, and entered the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1870. Immediately thereafter he began practice, locating in Castalia, Ohio, where he remained for more than a year. In 1872 he removed to Oak Harbor, where he successfully continued the practice of his profession until within a short time of his death. He was a skilled physician, and the liberal patronage which he received was proof positive of his ability.

The Doctor was married in Auglaize county, Ohio, September 30, 1863, to Samantha Pepple, a native of that county, who was born in May, 1844, daughter of Maurice R. and Sarah (Richards) Pepple. They became the parents of five children—Sarah R., who was born July 13, 1864, and is the wife of Elmore E. Gill, a resident of Port Clinton, Ohio; Charles J., born October 9, 1867, a prominent stock farmer of Auglaize county; Horace S., who was born March 27, 1871, and is a medical practitioner of Oak Harbor; Olive, born September 7, 1874; and George, who was born April 5, 1876, and died July 23, 1880. Dr. Woodward belonged to the Ohio Medical Association, and the Ottawa County Medical Association, and his ability was everywhere recognized by the public and his professional brethren. He was very successful in his chosen calling, winning a high and well deserved reputation and building up an extensive practice, and he held the office of coroner for over fifteen years. Socially he was a valued member of the Odd Fellows society at Rocky Ridge. He passed away in 1893, and the county lost one of its best citizens, the profession an eminent member and his family a devoted husband and father.

Dr. Horace Woodward, who seems destined to occupy the place which his honored father filled, was born in Logan county, Ohio, and when only a year old was brought by his parents to Oak Har-

bor, where he has resided continuously since. He received his elementary education in the public and high schools of that place, and commenced his professional studies by attending Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, where he remained for two years; he then entered the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville, Ky., where he was graduated with the class of 1893. He is still among the noble army of Benedicts. Since his graduation he has been established in business in Oak Harbor, and his ability, both natural and acquired, has given him high rank in the profession and will bring him still greater success in the future. He is a young man of worth, and is very popular in the community.

LW. KASTRUP, a member of the firm of Jacobs, Kastrup & Kirk, the leading merchants of Lakeside, Ottawa county, was born September 20, 1863, in the Province of Nalland, Sweden, a son of Axel W. and Charlotte (Buchwald) Kastrup. The parents were both natives of Copenhagen, Denmark; the mother died in Sweden in 1865, but the father still makes his home in his native land, where he is a prominent merchant.

The primary education of our subject was received in his home in Denmark under the instruction of a private teacher, and he also spent five years in the Soro Academy at Soro, Denmark. After completing his education he served a three-years' apprenticeship to the mercantile business, and then for one year was employed as a salesman in the same establishment, receiving a salary. In 1884 Mr. Kastrup left his native land for the New World, and after reaching New York proceeded direct to Chicago, where he resided for a short time. On leaving that city he went to Milwaukee, Wis., but during the summer of 1884 came to Lakeside, where for two years and a half he was en-

gaged in agricultural pursuits with Joab Kelly. In 1886 he removed to Echo, Minn., remaining there until spring of 1889, when he returned to Lakeside and engaged in business with Bernard Jacobs, under the firm name of Jacobs & Kastrop. They carried on operations under that style until March 1, 1895, when Arthur E. Kirk was admitted to partnership, and they assumed their present title. The firm does a successful and lucrative business, and they well deserve the liberal patronage that is accorded them.

Mr. Kastrop has been twice married, first time in February, 1887, at Redwood Falls, Minn., to Miss Edith Pettibone, a daughter of William and Caroline (Henderson) Pettibone, the former of whom is now deceased, and the latter a resident of Lakeside. Mrs. Kastrop departed this life April 1, 1889, leaving an infant daughter who still survives—Esther, born March 24, 1889. On May 2, 1891, at Lakeside, Mr. Kastrop wedded Miss Lena Ermich, a daughter of Frederick Ermich, of Danbury township, Ottawa county, and by this union there are two children—Marguerite, born May 5, 1892; and Harold, born November 5, 1893. Socially Mr. Kastrop is identified with the Knights of Pythias, belonging to Peninsular Lodge No. 607, and Lakeside Tent No. 81, Knights of the Maccabees. Politically, he uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, while religiously the family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. He and his wife are valuable members of society, their intelligence and pleasant and courteous manners making them welcome guests wherever they visit.

WILLIAM W. RYMERS, a retired merchant and banker, who is one of the early pioneers of Harris township, Ottawa county, as well as one of the most highly esteemed and prominent citizens of Elmore, is a

son of Frederick and Catherine (Williamson) Rymers. He was born in Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland Co., Penn., September 10, 1828, and when a child of four years was brought by his parents to Stark county, Ohio, where he attended the district schools until sixteen years of age. He then pursued his studies in the public and high schools of Randolph, Portage Co., Ohio, and on completing his education learned the trade of plasterer and brick layer, teaching school during the winter months. Later he engaged in stock raising and farming in Erie township, Ottawa county.

On September 16, 1861, Mr. Rymers enlisted in the Forty-first O. V. I., was subsequently elected first lieutenant of Company I, and was promoted to the rank of captain March 1, 1862. During that year he was stricken with typhoid fever, and in consequence was honorably discharged and conveyed to Port Clinton, Ohio, where his wife had removed during his absence. Under her tender and careful nursing he was at length restored to health, and on becoming convalescent returned to his farm, which he sold the following year, removing to Elmore, where he engaged in the hardware business. In the fall of 1864 he was appointed lieutenant-colonel of the One Hundred and Seventy-seventh O. V. I., but owing to his pressing business duties was unable to accept. Selling out in 1871, he took up his residence in Le Mars, Iowa, where for five years he was engaged in the real-estate and banking business. In 1876 he returned to Elmore, and purchasing his former store continued to conduct it until 1882, when he once more sold out, and has since practically lived a retired life.

Mr. Rymers was married in Randolph, Portage Co, Ohio, October 22, 1851, to Isabel Essig, daughter of John and Esther (Spangler) Essig. She was born in Stark county, Ohio, June 12, 1830, and died in Elmore, February 18, 1895. To their happy union came three daughters—

Melissa, born September 2, 1852, who is the wife of E. Seifried; Clara, born December 11, 1854, who died November 2, 1872; and Alice, born October 22, 1856, who died September 11, 1857. Socially Mr. Rymers is a member of Elmore Lodge No. 462, I. O. O. F., and a charter member of the Encampment; he was formerly a member of Portage Lodge No. 365, F. & A. M., and he belongs to Robert H. Caldwell Post No. 439, G. A. R. Previous to the war he affiliated with the Democratic party, but since that time he has been a strong Republican. For many years he has been a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a man of fine, as well as forcible intellectual qualities, an extensive reader and deep thinker, of a remarkably practical cast of mind, and yet possessing a temperament quick to notice the beauties in his surroundings. Of conservative but firm judgment, he is perfectly reliable in all transactions, and is an able business man. He is eminently public spirited and takes an active interest in all enterprises for the benefit of his community. In manner he is social and friendly, and possesses qualities that readily win admiration and respect from his political compeers, as well as from private companions and acquaintances.

Mr. Rymers' parents were both natives of Chambersburg, Penn., the father born May 24, 1790, and the mother October 12, 1790. They were married in the Keystone State, and in 1832 removed to Stark county, Ohio, where Frederick Rymers engaged in agricultural pursuits for four years, removing thence in 1836 to Randolph, Portage county. After about four years' residence there he came to Ottawa county, in 1841, locating in Erie township, where his death occurred in August, 1844, while his wife survived until September, 1864. Their family numbered eleven children, a brief record of whom is as follows: Rebecca, born September 14, 1813, became the wife of

William A. Essig, of Harris township, Ottawa county, and died September 19, 1893. Henry, born October 15, 1815, died in 1834. Harriet, born January 12, 1817, became the wife of Taylor Britten, and died in 1838. Susan, born September 18, 1818, is the widow of Michael Baker, and resides in Wood county, Ohio. Ann, born December 15, 1820, is the wife of Adam Moos, of Rootstown, Portage county. Frederick, born December 6, 1822, is a farmer of Erie township, Ottawa county. Eunice, born May 22, 1825, is the wife of R. T. Kirk, who is living near Port Clinton. William W. is the next in order of birth. John T., born November 10, 1830, is living in Larcane, Ottawa county. Margaret was born January 25, 1834. Henry W., born December 22, 1839, resides near Elmore.

FRANCIS RUTER, one of the oldest pioneers, and also one of the most prominent and prosperous agriculturists of Allen township, Ottawa county, was born at Rorden, Germany, June 28, 1828, and was a son of William C. Ruter, a native of the same city.

Our subject was educated in the excellent public schools of his birthplace, and learned the trade of a miller with his father, who at that time owned and operated several mills in Rorden. Here he lived until eighteen years of age, when he started out for himself, going to Bremen, where he found employment at his trade, and there remained for ten years. In Germany, he was married in June, 1855, to Mary E., daughter of Frederick and Marcie (Bunte) Sheperman, of Hanover, Germany, and a few months afterward Mr. and Mrs. Ruter came to the United States, locating in Woodville, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where for several years he operated a gristmill for Mr. John Elican. By the expiration of this time he had saved enough

money to purchase a tract of woodland in Clay (now Allen) township. Here he began life in earnest. Clearing a little spot in the wilderness, he built a log cabin, to which he brought his family, and with the help of his brave wife toiled day and night for years to bring the land under cultivation, and make it what it now is, one of the best and most highly improved farms in the township. In the meantime Mr. Ruter had quite an unfortunate experience; about nine months after he had settled in his cabin home, which was during the Civil war, he was drafted into the army and assigned to the Thirty-second Ohio Infantry, in which he served nine months. When peace was declared he returned home quite ill, suffering from an old trouble contracted in Germany, only to find his wife and children had left the cabin and gone to the home of his wife's father in Ottawa county, as they were unable to endure the loneliness of the isolated life in the woods. Here, under the loving care of his wife, Mr. Ruter recovered his health, and then returning to his farm again took up the daily toil by which alone the tiller of the soil can accomplish the end desired. As his means increased he put necessary improvements on the place, building a comfortable dwelling, barns, etc., and making a comfortable and pleasant home, in which he is passing his later years in the consciousness of a life well-spent.

To our subject and his good wife nine children were born, five of whom are now living, and a brief record of them is as follows: Livesia was born June 22, 1858, at Woodville, Sandusky county, and became the wife of John Labue, a tinner, in Toledo; she has three children—Cora, born in 1882; Jessie, born in 1886; and Walter. Mary, born December 25, 1861, in Woodville, Sandusky county, was married in 1881 to John Klett, a farmer of Allen township, Ottawa county; her children were born as follows: William, November 19, 1882; Frances, October 16,

1884; Clara, November 7, 1887; Bertia, March 8, 1889; and Frederick, November 24, 1893. John was born June 22, 1863, in Allen township, and was married April 20, 1889, to Calamina Martin; they have three children—Annie, born April 25, 1890; Cora, born May 27, 1892; and Otto, born November 11, 1894. John Ruter lives on the homestead with his parents. Sophia Ruter was born in Allen township June 4, 1867, and married Gustav Shoschin, a farmer of that township; they have four children—William, Eddie, Otto and Frances. William Ruter was born May 6, 1872, and was educated in the district schools of Allen township; he is unmarried and resides with his parents. Of the children who are deceased Lydia, born in July, 1856, was married to Spencer Stewart, of Toledo, and became the mother of four children; she died in 1888 in Toledo. Mena, born June 5, 1865, died in 1872. Frederick, born in May, 1869, died in 1873. Henry died in infancy. Frederick Sheperman, the father of Mrs. Francis Ruter, was born in Hanover, Germany, where he was educated and married. In 1856 he emigrated with his family to this country, and settled in Ottawa county, where he farmed for a number of years. His family consisted of the following named children: Mary, the wife of our subject; Gerald, who died May 29, 1892; Lucia, widow of Christopher Molkinburg, of Sandusky county; Angelina, wife of William Schlaren, of Toledo; and Henry, who is married and resides in Toledo. Peter Martin, the father of Mrs. John Ruter, was born in Denmark, where he was married to Calamina Peterson. In 1888 he came with his family to this country, settling in Ottawa county, this State, where he still resides and carries on farming. The names of his children are Christopher (married), Calamina (wife of John Ruter), Morris, Peter, Nora, Annie, Selina, Ida and Annie.

Mr. Ruter is a man of energy, and still actively interested in all projects for the

welfare and improvement of the community of which he has so long been an honored member. He is a staunch Democrat and every ready to work for the good of his party. He and his family are faithful attendants of the Lutheran Church at Genoa, Clay township.

IRA STERNS, business manager at Williston, Ottawa county, for the Dewey Stave Manufacturing Company, of Toledo, was born in Carleton county, near the city of Ottawa, the capital of the Dominion of Canada. His parents were Ira and Mary (Brown) Sterns, the former of whom was born at the same place as his son, of Scotch descent, while the mother was a native of Scotland.

To this worthy couple nine children were born, of whom seven are now living, as follows: William, a farmer, who is married and lives on the old homestead; Margaret, widow of William Coldrey, living in Canada; Laura, wife of Samuel Nickelson, a blacksmith, in Ottawa, Canada; Ellen, wife of Alexander Kane, a farmer; Ira, our subject; Jennie, wife of Thomas Anderson, a carriage builder, at Ottawa, Canada; and David C., a farmer, living in North Dakota.

The subject of this sketch was born January 11, 1850, and attended the schools of his native place, obtaining a good education. He left school when sixteen years of age and spent three years in the employ of his brother-in-law, Samuel Nickelson, learning the blacksmith trade. At the expiration of this time, in 1869, he came to Ohio, and entered the employ of John Welles, manufacturer, at Martin, Clay township, Ottawa county. After spending several years there he worked for C. H. Sawyer, lime manufacturer at Clay Center, for some years. Subsequently he was engaged by the company for whom he is now manager at Williston as a mechani-

cal engineer, having charge of the machinery and engines of the factory for fifteen years. His long and faithful services were rewarded when, in 1891, he was promoted to the responsible position of business manager, the duties of which he has filled with honor to himself and satisfaction to his employers, and he has also succeeded in gaining the good will and esteem of those under him.

Mr. Sterns was married in Toledo, October 24, 1871, to Miss Maria Peart, of Stark county, this State, and six children have blessed their union, viz.: Frederick, born October 5, 1872, was educated in the schools of Williston and is an engineer, operating the engines and machinery in the factory of which his father is the manager; Annie, born March 18, 1874, was married to Jacob Hartman, a carpenter and joiner, who is at present employed in the factory; Nellie, born August 18, 1877, is at home; Laura, born June 2, 1885, is attending school in Williston; Harley, born November 5, 1880, died March 17, 1881; and Ray, born November 6, 1890, died June 2, 1891.

Mrs. Maria (Peart) Sterns, the wife of our subject, was born October 25, 1849, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Streets) Peart. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania, and when a young man came to Stark county, Ohio, where he was married. He was a contractor and builder, and was for a time located at Martin, Ottawa county, where he built a number of houses, removing thence to Clay Center, where he died June 6, 1886. His wife is still living, and makes her home with her son at Clay Center. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Peart, in Stark county, as follows: Mansford, who is married and lives in Toledo; Sylvester, who is the manager of Mr. Pearce's lime factory at Clay Center; Jones, who is married and is employed in Bailey's mill, Williston; Charles Jerome, who is married and works in Dewey's mill, Williston; Annie, Mrs. Edwin Watson,

who died in February, 1875, leaving two children; Clark, who is married and works in the lime kilns; Leroy, who is married and works in the mills at Williston; and Mary, wife of our subject. Mr. Ira Sterns has held the office of constable for the township of Allen for the past five years, and was recently re-elected for another term. Socially, he is a member of Genoa Lodge, No. 584, I. O. O. F., and in his political views is a Republican. The family attend the services of the Methodist Church. They are held in high esteem in the community.

JOHN LUTZ (deceased) was one of the pioneer settlers of Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, and a prominent and progressive citizen, taking an active part in such matters as would promote the advancement of the interests of his community. He was a son of Christopher and Margaret (Snyder) Lutz, and was born August 15, 1827, near Canton, Ohio, where he was educated and reared to manhood.

In 1851, when it was still in its wild and uncultivated state, John Lutz settled on Middle Bass Island, where for a number of years he followed fishing and farming for a livelihood, and in later years devoted his attention more particularly to the culture of grapes, his extensive vineyards bespeaking good judgment and industry on his part. On July 3, 1860, John Lutz was united in marriage, at Sandusky, Erie county, with Victoria Delauria, daughter of Charles and Florence (Lisperans) Delauria, and seven children have graced this union, viz.: Albert, born February 24, 1862, Julia A., born November 7, 1863; Charles B., born May 18, 1866; Miles B., born February 27, 1870; Arthur J., born August 15, 1873; Sarah M., born November 12, 1877; and Frank F., born December 14, 1879.

Mr. Lutz was a perfect type of man-

hood, possessing unusual physical powers and endurance, and being endowed with mental vigor no less remarkable. Often he went beyond the requirements of the Golden Rule, and throughout his well-spent life was constantly doing for others more than he would have asked others to do for him under similar circumstances. In those early pioneer days, when the struggle for existence was so hard and the opportunities for lending a helping hand were so numerous, he often taxed his physical powers to their utmost in assisting his neighbors and friends, and would not hesitate to give his last dollar in cases of urgent need. He was active and indefatigable in every good work, and contributed his full share toward laying broad and deep the foundations of morality and good society that have given Middle Bass its honorable history. He passed away, honored by all who knew him, and to his life work and to the example of pioneers such as John Lutz Middle Bass Island owes a lasting debt of gratitude.

ALBERT LUTZ, eldest son of John Lutz, resides on Middle Bass Island, close to the homestead farm where he was born and reared to manhood. He is one of the young, progressive men of the Island, and is extensively engaged in grape growing. On December 9, 1894, he was united in marriage with Miss Etta Pelton, who was born in Syracuse, N. Y., daughter of David and Ann Pelton. In politics Albert Lutz is a Republican. He is a man of broad views, keen, quick perceptions, sterling integrity and a spotless reputation, qualities that have gained for him the confidence and respect of all who know him.

PHINLEY L. CUNNINGHAM, M. D., of Graytown, Benton township, Ottawa county, a son of Andrew and Jane (Brewer) Cunningham, was born in Fulton county, Ohio, May 24, 1865.

Andrew Cunningham was born September 10, 1821, in Pennsylvania, and in 1840, at Oxford, Butler Co., Ohio, was united in marriage with Jane Brewer, who was born in Pennsylvania, May 23, 1824. They had ten children, eight of whom are now living, Dr. P. L. Cunningham being the youngest in the family. Three of the sons are physicians, one an attorney at law, one a locomotive engineer on the Ann Arbor road, one a conductor on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern road, one a teacher of twenty years standing, and one daughter has been a teacher of music for twenty years. The father and mother now living in their home in Fulton county, Ohio, have great reason to be proud of the attainments of their children, who are all self-educated, their parents having been unable to assist them in their efforts for success.

Dr. P. L. Cunningham spent his boyhood days at Wauseon, Fulton Co., Ohio, and there attended the public schools, from which he graduated in the scientific course in 1882. After graduating he went at once to Cleveland to accept a clerkship in the firm of Broker & Co., and filled the position for six months, engaging for the remainder of the year in the store of McLyman & Co., and for three months was connected with the brass works of Lorain county, Ohio. He then went to Knox county, began reading medicine with Dr. Robert Putman, and remained with him for four years. Meanwhile, in 1885, he began a course of medical lectures in the Western Reserve University, where he attended two years, and then spent one year in the University of Wooster, Cleveland, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1888 with the degree of M. D.

Immediately after graduating Dr. Cunningham located as a physician in Fulton county, Ohio, where he took the general practice of his brother until 1892. During all this time he fully realized that the road to success lay along the line of

specialism. Thus far he had been a self-made man, and had put himself through his medical course. Now, determining to push his studies further, and in special lines, he made all necessary arrangements, and in the fall of 1892 left for Edinburgh, Scotland, to pursue special work. He entered the old University of Edinburgh, and remained there about nine months, taking a post-graduate course, after which he went to London, England, and entered St. Thomas Hospital, where he remained six months, doing medical and surgical work. He then returned to Ohio, and settling in Graytown continued for a time in general practice here as a physician and surgeon, and then took up his specialties of the eye and ear, in which he is now engaged. Dr. Cunningham spends about one-half of his time in his private office at Graytown, where he is busy continuously, and the remainder on the road. He is a personal friend of and in many ways a co-worker with Dr. Joseph Schneider, the great oculist and aurist of Milwaukee, Wis. Dr. Cunningham visits all the leading cities in Wisconsin and Iowa, where he has a very extensive clientele. His surgical work on the eye in Ohio is mainly performed in Cleveland, where access may be had to first-class hospitals; he has performed many difficult operations, and success has attended his efforts in his chosen profession. He is also a contributor to different medical journals, among which are the International Medical Journal, the New York Journal, Cincinnati Clinic, Journal of Surgery, Medical World, Medical Bulletin and Physicians' Report.

On January 1, 1893, Dr. Phinley L. Cunningham was united in marriage with Miss May Stepp, of Seward, Fulton Co., Ohio. They have no children, and are living in a pleasant home in Graytown. Mrs. Cunningham received her education in the public schools of her native town. Her parents, Frederick and Martha Anna E. (Ottgen) Stepp, came to this country

from Germany, her mother in 1855, and her father in 1865, were married December 1, 1866, and had three children, one son and two daughters. Mrs. Cunningham's sister is with her at Graytown, and her brother is clerking in Toledo. Her grand-parents were born in Germany in 1795, and died in 1852 and 1854 respectively.

C P. ENGEL, who is a retired grape grower, and the oldest living settler on Put in Bay Island, Ottawa county, was born October 5, 1814, in Saxony, Germany, where he was educated and reared to manhood.

Our subject learned the trade of shoemaking in his native country. In 1840 he came to America, on July 27 of that year, landing at Baltimore, Md., whence he shortly afterward proceeded to Pittsburg, Penn., and after a brief residence in that city removed to Sandusky, Erie Co., Ohio, where he resided and followed his occupation of shoemaking for twenty-seven years. In Sandusky, Erie county, on January 3, 1843, Christian Engel was united in marriage with May N. Beylen, who was born in Switzerland August 8, 1819, and they have had eight children, of whom six are living, namely: John, born January 15, 1845; Christian P., born December 10, 1846; Louis; Charles; Emma, widow of Henry Pfeiffer, and Hugo. Two of the sons, John and Christian P., were attached to the Seventy-second O. V. I., and served all through the war of the Rebellion. Louis also served in the United States army for three years. May N. Beylen, now Mrs. Engel, came to America, in 1832, with her parents, Nicholas and Mary Ann (Eagan) Beylen.

In 1868 Mr. Engel removed to Put in Bay Island, of which he has ever since been a resident, and where he engaged extensively in the culture of grapes. He was for two years overseer of Sandusky

Cemetery, and also served as councilor of Sandusky City for one term. In his political views he is a staunch Republican.

On December 11, 1889, C. P. Engel was united in marriage, in Sandusky, with Bina Federsen, who was born in Germany March 31, 1869, and they have had one son, Herbert, who was born February 22, 1891. The parents of Mrs. Christian P. Engel, Christian and Mary Federsen, were born in Germany and are now residents of Kelley's Island, Erie Co., Ohio.

A M. GROVER (deceased) was a native of the Empire State, his birth having occurred September 8, 1822, in Livingston county. There he resided until 1834, acquiring his education in the public schools, and during his early youth he learned the trade of a ship carpenter. In 1834 he came to Ohio, living in Sandusky county, near Clyde, and while there located he frequently worked at his trade on Catawba Island, but not for a number of years later—in 1858—did he take up his residence here. He became one of its valued citizens, and devoted his whole time and attention to the cultivation of fruit, ranking among the most prominent fruit growers of the day. He was an energetic and enterprising man, one whose careful management of his business interest and his honorable dealing won him a well merited success.

While residing in Sandusky county, Mr. Grover was united in marriage, on December 24, 1847, with Miss Lavina Davis, a daughter of Daniel D. and Sarah (Prentiss) Davis. Five children graced this union, of whom four are living: Thoret was drowned while skating on the lake, December 24, 1874. Those who still survive are Archie N., who was born November 4, 1860; Emina T., born June 4, 1865; Ada B., born June 2, 1867; and Herbert D., born July 6, 1873. Mr. Gro-

ver was interested in the welfare of the community, and gave his support to all worthy objects which were calculated to advance the general welfare. His business engrossed much of his attention, and he met with very fair success in his undertakings. His excellencies of character won him the high regard of those with whom he was brought in contact, and his departure was deeply mourned. Since the death of her husband and eldest son, the duties pertaining to the farm and orchard have been ably carried on by Mrs. Grover and her eldest surviving son, ARCHIE N. GROVER, a young man of more than ordinary business tact and enterprise, who is one day destined to rank among the most prominent and influential residents of Catawba Island. The members of the family hold an enviable position in social circles. Their home is noted for its hospitality, and they have gained for themselves a circle of warm friends in the community.

JOHAN J. GEIGER. It is men of like character to John J. Geiger who build up a city. He is pushing, enterprising and aggressive, and sees in the prosperity of the community in which he lives his own prosperity. Of whatever he undertakes he makes a success, because, first, his judgment prevents him from espousing a business that has no possibilities, and secondly, his native energy is sufficient to carry his enterprise to a successful issue.

Mr. Geiger was born in Huron county, Ohio, April 14, 1849, son of John and Catherine (Grabner) Geiger. The father was born in Baden, Germany, May 12, 1819, and at the age of twenty-one emigrated to America. For several years he worked by the month at Milan, Erie Co., Ohio, and during that time he learned to burn brick. Then, starting a yard of his own at Milan, he made brick on an extensive scale, the building material of the

large schoolhouse in Norwalk being of his manufacture. Several years later he farmed a place between Milan and Norwalk for one season, then traded his property for a farm in Sherman township, Huron county, which he occupied for about sixteen years, and where all his children were born. Finally selling out, he moved to Peru township, where he lived twenty-six years. In 1891 he removed to Fremont, his present home. Mr. Geiger in religious faith is a Roman Catholic. His children are as follows: John J., subject of this sketch; Lawrence, a farmer of Brown township, Huron county; Mary, wife of Alvin Smith, for seventeen years a resident of Peru township, and now of Fremont; Frank, a farmer, of Peru township, Huron county; Mathias, a farmer of Sandusky county; one child who died in infancy.

John J. Geiger, the eldest child, grew up on the farm and received a fair education. At the age of twenty-two he started out in the world for himself. He worked out for two seasons by the month. His marriage to Miss Mary Wilhelm occurred in 1873, and for two years he operated his father's farm. Then purchasing a farm of 149 acres, in Riley township, Sandusky county, he there engaged extensively in general farming and was very successful. Each year he raised from 1,000 to 1,500 bushels of wheat, and both for the neatness with which his work was done and for the accruing financial profits he was considered one of the best farmers in the county. In 1881 he moved to Clyde, where he has since resided. He has been engaged in many real-estate operations on his own account, and has been uniformly successful. At present he owns some good property in the city, and his business is now one of the most extensive in Clyde. In connection with a mercantile business he is handling several patent rights, one of which is a "check hook;" but his main patent, and one, perhaps, in which the city is chiefly interested, is a fastening for

steel roofing. It overcomes the chief objection to the use of steel for roofing, the contraction and expansion from changes in temperature. The improvement has been introduced in Clyde, and has satisfactorily withstood the test of time. The work is now being introduced in many neighboring cities, and one of the possibilities for Clyde in the near future is the formation of a stock company for the manufacture of the roofing in that city.

The family of Mr. Geiger consists of five children: Annie, Edward, Alfred, John and Mamie. He owns an excellent home on one of the best streets of Clyde. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious belief a Catholic. He is justly regarded as one of Clyde's best business men.

J M. JONES. This well-known citizen of Gibsonburg, Sandusky county, is of Welsh descent, and possesses many of the traits of that vigorous, level-headed people.

His parents were Benjamin and Hannah (Morris) Jones, and of his father's family the following record is given: Benjamin Jones was born March 9, 1823, in Caermarthen, Wales, and was the son of James Jones, who was born in 1796. James Jones married Hannah Davies, who died in Wales, and, when his son Benjamin was eighteen or nineteen years old, he left his native country and came to America, settling in Morrow county, this State. After he remained here for about eight years he removed to Wistonsin, driving the entire distance with a yoke of three-year-old steers, and locating in Iowa county, their post office being Dodgeville. Here the father died at the good old age of eighty-two years. He was a consistent member of the Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. James Jones were the parents of four children: James, who was born April 1, 1817, came to America and settled in Delaware county, this State,

where he married Miss Williams, and where he still resides. Daniel, born August 6, 1820, is a tailor by trade, and lives in Wales. Benjamin was the father of our subject. John was born October 29, 1815, and when a young man left home and never returned, no direct news from him ever reaching his family, and his fate is uncertain.

Benjamin Jones settled in Morrow county, Ohio, where he lived for six or seven years, and then removed to Delaware county, whence, after a residence of four years, he came to Sandusky county and took up land where the famous "gusher," the Kirkbride oil well, is located. About nine years ago he returned to Morrow county, where he now resides. The mother of our subject was born in Morrow county October 7, 1815, and died October 13, 1882. Their family comprised six children, of whom the following record is given: Morris D. died June 22, 1874, at the age of thirty years and twenty-six days; J. M. is our subject; Sarah A., born February 27, 1848, is the wife of A. B. McCreery, and lives in Wood county, this State; Eliza A., born May 12, 1850, married James Smith and, died July 18, 1878; Joseph Fuller, born May 18, 1853, died March 5, 1862; Margaret, born September 14, 1855, is the wife of Charles Chambers, and lives in Genoa, this State.

Our subject grew to manhood on his father's farm in Sandusky county, and varied his work in the fields with attendance at the district schools. During the Civil war he enlisted with the one-hundred-days' men, in Company H, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment, Ohio State Militia, and was sent to Maryland and Virginia to guard the Capitol at Washington. When his time expired he returned home and took up the trade of carpenter, at which he worked for a number of years. He then engaged in farming in Scott (now Madison) township, leaving this to take charge of a hotel at

Bradner. Subsequently returning to the farm he remained there until four years ago, when he came to Gibsonburg, and since that time he has been engaged in buying and selling stock, building houses and in the insurance business. In addition to these occupations he is carrying on a grocery.

Mr. Jones was married, September 25, 1870, to Miss Mary A. Price, who is a native of Merthyr-Tydvil, Wales, born March 2, 1850. Her parents were Thomas and Ann (Evans) Price, the former of whom was born September 20, 1823, in Gwinther, Breconshire, South Wales, his death taking place in Wood county, Ohio, September 18, 1886, the latter was born August 29, 1827, and is still living at her home in Wood county. They came to America at an early day and settled in Morrow county. Mrs. Jones was their only child. Her paternal grandfather, Thomas Price, Sr., was born in Wales, August 29, 1797, and died April 14, 1881, in Wood county, Ohio.

To our subject and his wife have come two children: Eliza M., born April 27, 1871, and Price, born August 8, 1888. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been fortunate in coming into possession of some of the finest oil-producing property in the State, from which they derive handsome incomes, the Kirkbride well being one of the most wonderful in the country. Mr. Jones is a man of excellent judgment and business ability, as is evinced by the numerous enterprises which he is carrying on with uniform success. Politically he is in sympathy with the Republican party, and socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F., G. A. R., and P. O. S. of A.

A G. RUNNER, a wide-awake and enterprising fruit agriculturist of Carroll township, Ottawa county, has by his natural good judgment and indomitable energy arisen to a promi-

nent position in the community, where he and his family are held in the highest esteem. He is a native of the Buckeye State, born June 9, 1843, in Margaretta township, Erie county. His parents, Michael and Elizabeth Runner, were both natives of Maryland, and located in Erie county among the pioneers of 1830, where they were honored and revered residents for many years, the father dying in 1846, and the mother in 1867. By their union eleven children were born, five of whom still survive, as follows: Caroline, widow of Paul Leidorf, of Venice, Erie Co., Ohio; Isaac, residing on the homestead farm; John, who also makes his home in Erie county; Rebecca, wife of Richard Axton, of Venice; and A. G., the subject of this biographical sketch.

The educational privileges of A. G. Runner were such as the district schools afforded, and at a very early date in his life's history he was instructed in the duties pertaining to a farmer's life. He has followed that occupation from his early boyhood days, and for some few years was also engaged in fishing on the lakes. In 1861 his patriotism prompted him to enlist in Company H, Fifty-fifth O. V. I., in which regiment he served one year, being taken prisoner at the battle of Franklin on April 5, 1862, and detained as a prisoner of war by the Confederates until July 3 of the same year. Upon being paroled Mr. Runner again enlisted, becoming a member of Company M, First Ohio Heavy Artillery, and remained with that branch of the service until the close of the war, being mustered out and honorably discharged at Camp Dennison, Ohio, August 25, 1865, after four years of faithful and valiant service in behalf of his country. On his return to Margaretta township, Erie county, he resumed farming in that section, continuing there until 1882, when he removed to Carroll township, Ottawa county, and has since been ranked among its most

prominent citizens and leading agriculturists.

At Port Clinton, Ottawa county, on April 12, 1870, Mr. Runner was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Elizabeth Sonocrant, who was born in Presque Isle, Lucas Co., Ohio, August 26, 1847, and is a daughter of John and Matilda (Momeney) Sonocrant. Four children have come to bless this union: George A., born November 16, 1871, and Raymond G., born November 1, 1874 (graduate of Oak Harbor High School), are engaged in teaching school in Carroll township; Matilda E., born May 14, 1877, is a graduate of the Oak Harbor High School and is now a teacher; and Karl M., born January 13, 1883, died August 9, 1885. In his political views Mr. Runner is a staunch Republican, and, although not a politician in the sense of office seeking, he has been honored with many positions of trust by his fellow townsmen, all of which he has efficiently and satisfactorily filled. His genuine social and moral worth gives him a high place in the regard of all with whom he comes in contact.

JACOB H. TRUAX. The story of this man, one of the oldest pioneers and a well-known farmer of Clay township, Ottawa county, is full of interest, as showing the grit and endurance of one who, without early advantages, fought his way through toil and hardship to a successful and honorable station in life.

The subject of this sketch was born in Bedford county, Penn., April 1, 1823. His parents, Stilwell and Sarah (Hart) Truax, both of whom were natives of the Keystone State, came to Ohio when Jacob was a lad of ten years, and settled in Wood county, where they bought eighty acres of land, which was covered with a dense forest. Here the father built a log cabin, and with the help of Jacob and

another son commenced to clear away the timber, till the fields, planted an orchard of various kinds of fruit, four acres in extent, and, as his means increased, erected a commodious dwelling house, with all necessary barns and other buildings. To him and his wife came seven children, namely: Abner, born and educated in Bedford county, Penn., was a hotel clerk in Sandusky county, this State, where he died. Jacob H. is the subject of this sketch. John was born in Pennsylvania, and became a farmer, following that occupation seven years, and then going into the manufacture of hoops, in which he is at present engaged, at Genoa; he married and had two children, one of whom is deceased. Mary, Mrs. John Sivalls, is a resident of Woodville. Louis, born in Pennsylvania, is farming in Nebraska. Stilwell, born in Wood county, this State, is also farming in Nebraska; he is married and has two children. One child died in infancy. The mother of this family died in Wood county in 1835. The father married again, his second wife being Rachel, widow of Eben Baldwin, but no children were born of this marriage. The father died at the old homestead in Wood county in 1867, his second wife surviving him for thirteen years, and passing away in 1880. He was an honest, hard-working man, and toiled late and early to provide a home for his family. He was well and favorably known throughout the county, and commanded the respect and esteem of all who had dealings with him.

Jacob H. Truax, our subject, was deprived of all educational advantages in his youth, schools in those days being few and far between, and none being accessible in the new country where he spent his boyhood days. Early in life he contracted a most painful disease, known as "white swelling," from the effects of exposure in the water, and for many years his sufferings from it were extreme, the bones of the leg coming away through

the flesh. In spite of all this torture, he worked side by side with his father in the timber and in the fields, and for eight years endured the terrible pain and hard labor together. His health then began gradually to improve, and on reaching his majority he was able to leave the old homestead and start in life for himself, taking contracts for cutting logs and clearing off timber for other parties. He continued at this work until twenty-five years of age, during which time he endeavored to make up his deficiencies in book knowledge by diligently employing the winter months and every available moment in attending school and studying at home.

After giving up his work at log cutting, our subject was on the canal for three years as steersman, and then went to Sandusky county, where he purchased ninety acres of timber land. On this he built a log cabin and began industriously to turn the wilderness into fertile fields. As fast as the timber was cleared away he planted corn, wheat and potatoes, by which he supported his family. In the course of time the log cabin gave way to a well-built dwelling, and orchards of fine fruit took the place of the forest trees. Mr. Truax remained on this farm for twenty years, when he sold out, in 1873, and came to Clay township. Here he bought 100 acres of improved land, where he has since made his home. He has made many improvements, replanting the orchard, and making of it a valuable property. In his comfortable and convenient home he is resting from the toils of his early life—the days when deer, wolves and Indians were his nearest neighbors, and when the hunter could find plenty of sport close at hand.

Mr. Truax was married in Wood county to Catherine Truax, daughter of Nathaniel Truax (no relative), who was a farmer, and afterward a hotelkeeper in Wood county. To our subject and his wife came nine children, as follows: John,

born August 26, 1851, in Sandusky county, married Elizabeth Wagner and resides at Gibsonburg, that county, where he follows the occupation of drayman. William, born in Sandusky county in 1853, married Mary Lafarerr, and they have one child; he is a cooper, residing at Genoa. Emeline S., born in Sandusky county in 1855, married Charles Prey, an engineer at Genoa; they have one child. Lewis, born in Sandusky county, June 17, 1857, was married February 14, 1878, to Miss Billings, daughter of George Billings, a farmer, and three children have been born to them—Amy, in 1879, in Clay township, Ottawa county, who is living at home; Elida, born July 15, 1882; and Roy, born June 9, 1892; Lewis Truax has been elected supervisor of Clay township, and is farming on the homestead with his father. Sarah O., born in Sandusky county, in 1859, married Adolph Trimer; both are deceased. Mary E., born in Sandusky, in 1862, is the wife of William Snider, a professor of music, and they live at Fort Wayne, Ind.; they have two children. Deo, born in Sandusky county in 1866, died when seven years old. Milo, born in Sandusky county in 1868, is a farmer in that county; he is unmarried. Another child died in infancy, unnamed.

The wife of our subject died in Sandusky county, January 9, 1875, of dropsy. She was a loving and faithful wife and mother, and is still deeply mourned by her husband and family. Mr. Truax held the office of school director for nine terms in Sandusky county, and has served in that position one term in Clay township. Socially he is a member of Clay Lodge No. 584, I. O. O. F., at Genoa; he and his sons belong to the Democratic party. The family attend the Church of the Disciples at Genoa. Mr. Truax is now seventy-three years old, but is hale and hearty, and seemingly as active as ever, going about his farm as readily as he did twenty years ago.

HENRY WITTY, one of the enterprising young farmers of Ottawa county and one of her native sons, was born in Clay township, on the farm which he now owns, November 2, 1858.

His father, John Witty, was born in Germany in 1830, and during his boyhood came to America, locating in Ottawa county, Ohio, on the farm now owned by our subject. It was then in its primitive condition, but he cleared and improved it, converting it into one of the fine homes in this section of the State. He married Elizabeth Hammond, who was born in Marion county, Ohio, in 1826, and they became the parents of six children, as follows: Catherine, Angeline, Ella, Jennie, Henry and Michael. Catherine and Angeline are now deceased; Ella is the wife of Anthony Shantan, of Rocky Ridge, Ohio. The paternal grandfather, Henry Witty, was born about 1797, was a farmer by occupation, and was one of the honored pioneers of Ottawa county. His wife, Elizabeth, was born about 1804, and died July 14, 1893. They had three children—John, Margaret and Martin. The father of our subject died in November, 1890.

Henry Witty acquired his education in the public schools. On December 17, 1886, he was united in marriage with Miss Della Rhodes, of Elmore, and they began their domestic life upon the old home place, which comprises 170 acres of highly cultivated land. Thirty acres are planted annually in wheat, fifteen to hay, thirty-five to corn and twenty to oats. The soil is highly productive, and the abundant harvests garnered indicate the careful labor and supervision of the owner, who is justly numbered among the practical and progressive farmers of the community. Mrs. Witty has been a faithful companion and helpmeet to her husband. She was born in Richland county, Ohio, May 15, 1866, and is a daughter of Jerry Rhodes, who was born in England, in 1822, and served throughout the Civil war. He

married Susan Ealand, who was born in the same country in 1831, and they crossed the Atlantic on the same vessel, first meeting in mid-ocean. The acquaintance thus formed terminated in their marriage soon after their arrival in this country, and they became the parents of six children, of whom Emma, Louis, Clara, Irene and Della are all living; the eldest child, Libby, is deceased.

When only four years of age, Mrs. Witty was brought by her parents to Elmore, where she obtained her literary education. Like her husband, she is a believer in modern progression and modern methods, and their friends throughout the community are many. They have one child, Bessie May, who was born March 6, 1887, and to whom they intend to give every educational advantage. Mr. and Mrs. Witty hold membership with the United Brethren Church of Elmore. In politics Mr. Witty is a Republican, and earnestly advocating the principles of that party, he is one of its able and staunch supporters. He is a worthy representative of the agricultural interests of Ottawa county.

MATHIAS ESKER is one of the worthy German citizens of Sandusky county, Ohio. He was born in the Fatherland February 24, 1824, son of Fred and Mary (Bruch) Esker, farming people, who spent their entire lives in Germany. Their family numbered seven children, namely: Joe, deceased; Fred, Jane, Jacob, George, and Franciscus, who are living in Germany; and Mathias.

Our subject was reared and educated in his native land, and was a young man of twenty-three years when he bade adieu to home and friends and crossed the Atlantic to America. The voyage was made in a sailing vessel and the trip consumed sixty-five days; but at length anchor was dropped in the harbor of New

York, and Mr. Esker landed on American soil. He first made his way to the city of Sandusky, Ohio, where he remained for about five years working by the day. He then removed to Norwalk, Ohio, and secured a position in a planing mill, where he continued for fourteen years, a trusted and faithful employe. At the end of that time he became a resident of Washington township, Sandusky county, and here he invested his hard-earned savings in sixty acres of land, his present farm.

Mr. Esker was united in marriage with Mary Scen, daughter of Khune Scen, and they have had seven children: Fred, born February 22, 1852, married Rose Paul, by whom he has seven children (he resides in Norwalk); Carrie was born May 24, 1853; Frances, born December 16, 1855, is the wife of George Gaver, a resident of Ohio; Mary E., born May 7, 1858, is the deceased wife of John Mink; Cornelius, born February 20, 1860, wedded Mary Bach; Mary, born June 13, 1862, died at the age of seventeen years; and William O., born December 2, 1865, married Ella Kosch. The mother of this family was called to her final rest October 8, 1893.

Mr. Esker is a member of the German Catholic Church. Politically he is a Democrat, and has served as school director and road supervisor, but the greater part of his time and attention is given to his business interests. The work of clearing his farm was all done by himself, and the buildings upon it stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. The well-tilled fields and neat appearance of the place indicate his careful supervision, and he may well be numbered among the substantial farmers and self-made men of Sandusky county.

JOHAN P. WHITMORE is a successful and prosperous farmer, and a well-known resident of Townsend township, Sandusky county, in which township he was born December 25, 1860.

He is a son of William and Ann J. (Whitmore) Rulof, and was adopted in his early youth by his mother's father, John Whitmore, who was a prominent citizen of Townsend township, and he has since borne his grandfather's name, Whitmore. Mr. Rulof died, and his widow, Ann J., mother of the subject of this sketch, married Mr. Derlin.

John P. Whitmore lived with his grandfather Whitmore from the time of his adoption until he was married. On January 1, 1879, Mr. Whitmore was united in marriage with Isabel Dunham, who was born in Townsend township, December 2, 1860, and there have been born to them five children, as follows: Ira D., November 26, 1881; John D., June 12, 1883; Walter D., September 21, 1885; Franklin E., born August 5, 1887, and died July 24, 1894; and Annabel, born February 22, 1894. Mrs. Whitmore is a daughter of Ira and Rebecca (Golden) Dunham. Ira Dunham, who was a prominent farmer, died on September 6, 1863, at the age of forty-one; and his estimable wife, who survived him little more than two years, passed away September 12, 1865. The Golden family came from Pennsylvania many years since, and there are now many of the family in Townsend.

Mr. Whitmore takes no very special interest in politics further than to cast his ballot, which is usually Democratic. He is engaged in farming his one hundred and thirty acres of fruitful land.

ISAAC STROHL, farmer, Ballville township, Sandusky county, was born in Perry county, Ohio, November 18, 1825, a son of Peter and Sarah (Overmyer) Strohl, who were natives of Pennsylvania. They were farmers by occupation, and members of the Lutheran Church. Peter Strohl was born June 22, 1798, and died in Fremont after his retirement from the farm. His wife was born in Northampton county, Penn., in

1804, a daughter of Jacob Overmyer, whose children were: Barbara, Margaret, Catharine, Mary, Maria, Sarah, Peter, Jacob and George.

The children of Peter and Sarah Strohl were: Elizabeth, born in 1822, died in childhood; Isaac, our subject; Margaret, born in 1828, who in 1847 married Enos Osborn, a farmer of Ballville township (now deceased), who had six children, one of whom, James M., was for a number of years editor and proprietor of the *Democratic Messenger*, at Fremont, Ohio, and is at present editor of the *Daytona Messenger*, at Daytona, Fla.; Maria, born in 1831, who died at the age of eighteen, in Ballville township; Catherine, born May 5, 1834, who was married December 6, 1860, to Dr. W. V. B. Ames, of Fremont, sketch of whom appears elsewhere.

Isaac Strohl lived with parents on their farm in Ballville township until his thirty-fifth year. In the winter of 1848 he enlisted as a soldier in the Mexican war, and was at the City of Mexico when it was taken by the U. S. troops. In 1849 he went to New Orleans and engaged as a foreman on a steamer plying between that city and St. Louis, in which capacity he served about one year, after which he returned home. He succeeded his father on the home farm. He is a life-long Democrat, and has held various offices of honor and trust. He is a member of the M. E. Church, and is a Knight Templar. On January 12, 1860, he married Miss Elida Grover, who is one of seven children—Elida, Maria, George, William B., Philip, Sylvester and Mary.

EDGAR KARSHNER one of the popular and well-to-do citizens of Riley township, Sandusky county, was born August 4, 1864, and is a son of Daniel and Lydia Karshner, and a grandson of John Karshner.

John Karshner was born in Pennsyl-

vania, and married Christine Drum. They had three children namely: Magdalena, married to George Broomley, who lives in Indiana, and died in 1890; Sarah, married to Z. Woodford, who is a farmer in northern Ohio, and they have had eight children; and Daniel, the father of Edgar Karshner, the subject of this sketch. John Karshner and his wife lived in Pennsylvania for several years after their marriage, then moved to Tarlton, Pickaway Co., Ohio, and from there to Riley township, Sandusky county, where he settled and bought 480 acres of land. Indians were numerous at that time, and the country was new. He worked hard, cleared the land, and wrought out a home from the wilderness. He was a Whig in politics, and a member of the Lutheran Church.

Daniel Karshner was born September 9, 1822, in Tarlton, Pickaway county. He was reared at home, had a common school education, and worked for his father on the old homestead until he was married. He was united in marriage with Lydia Robinson, who was born January 1, 1830, and they had a family of nine children, as follows: John F. born June 2, 1848; Charles D., November 22, 1851; Albert L., August 27, 1853; Clara A., November 26, 1856; Ellen A., February 4, 1858; Sarah L., August 15, 1860; Annie E., July 16, 1863; Edgar W., the subject of this sketch; and Willis C., born March 27, 1868. Daniel Karshner has held various offices, such as school director and supervisor. He is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Edgar Karshner received a common-school education, and worked on the farm for his father until his twenty-first year. On December 16, 1888, he was united in marriage with Mary Bartis, and three children have been born to them, namely: Mabel E. (born September 20, 1889), Clara E., and Charles. Mr. Karshner inherited 113 acres of valuable land three

miles east of Fremont, Sandusky county, and in 1890 he built a handsome residence which cost him \$1,250.00. He carries on general farming, and gives special attention to fruit and to fine horses and cattle. He is a staunch Republican, and is a member of the Lutheran Church.

JACOB SAMPSEL, an honored citizen of Madison township, Sandusky county, was born in Beaver county, Penn., in 1836, son of Joseph and Mary M. (Beckley) Sampsel, who came from Pennsylvania to Ohio when he was a mere boy.

Joseph Sampsel was a hatter, and followed this occupation up to the time of his removal to the "Buckeye State." When he arrived here he rented a forty-acre tract of land in the vicinity of New Lisbon, Columbiana county, and in proximity to the farm occupied by his father, who had located there a few years before. After retaining this land for a short time, he sold it, and bought a piece of five acres, on which he lived a few years. Selling this he came to Sandusky county, where he passed the remainder of his days, his wife surviving him only a few years.

Jacob Sampsel remained on his father's farm until the age of eighteen, receiving a common-school education, and after leaving home worked at odd jobs. On March 10, 1859, he was united in marriage with Louisa Long, whose parents were of Pennsylvania ancestry, and they have had a family of seven children, as follows: John F. is a farmer in Perry county, Ohio; Samuel is a mason in Clyde, Sandusky Co., Ohio; Jeremiah works in the oil districts in Sandusky county; John is similarly employed; Ella married William Cross; Mary married Frank Adeline, a farmer in Wood county, Ohio; and Cora married Frank Cary, a farmer in Wood county. Mr. Sampsel has several oil wells. In politics he is a

Republican, and in religious affiliation a member of the United Brethren Church. He is well liked in the community where he has had his home so many years.

JOHN MEEKER, one of the highly-esteemed farmer citizens of Carroll township, Ottawa county, is a native of same, his birth having occurred in Carroll township, November 27, 1838, and he is a son of John and Nancy (Lindsley) Meeker.

The father of our subject, who was born December 27, 1802, was united in marriage April 23, 1835, in Essex county, N. J., with Miss Lindsley, who was born in Morris county, that State, January 20, 1814. In 1837 they located in Carroll township, Ottawa county, where they remained honored residents the remainder of their days, the father dying December 31, 1848, and the mother December 16, 1878. To their union came five children—Sarah Jane, born July 11, 1836, who is the wife of Ira P. Russell; John, subject of this sketch; Smith M., born January 1, 1841, who is a resident of Carroll township; Amy, born June 8, 1843, who died September 9, 1874; and Gilbreath, born February 27, 1844, who died January 24, 1845.

Our subject was reared to farm life, and received a limited education in the old log schoolhouse of the district, and he has a vivid recollection of this institution, with its puncheon seats and the hickory rod wielded by the stern-visaged schoolmaster. After completing his school days, which certainly had not been numerous enough to keep him away from the farm to any great extent, he settled down to a practical farmer's life, and in that honorable occupation he has spent his useful life. On November 27, 1872, he was united in marriage with Miss Sophronia Ogden, daughter of Jephtha Lindsley and Margaret (Covers) Ogden. Mr. Meeker and his amiable wife attend the United

Brethren Church, and are honored and respected in the community for their sterling worth and generous hospitality. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party, and is a strong believer in its principles. One great fact is apparent in the history of Mr. Meeker, and that is that his success and prosperity have been accomplished by hard, earnest labor, good management and care, which qualities are numbered among his chief characteristics. In addition to general agriculture, he engages in fruit-growing, and his well-stocked farm and neat and attractive surroundings bespeak industry and thrift, and in all his dealings he is the soul of honor.

IRA P. RUSSELL, brother-in-law of Mr. Meeker, is a prominent agriculturist of Carroll township. He was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., October 15, 1835, and is a son of William Peckham and Sarah Ann (Webster) Russell, both of whom were natives of the Empire State, the father born in Wayne county, February 9, 1810, and the mother in Cazenovia, Madison county, May 22, 1815. They removed to Ohio in 1837, locating in Knox county and there remaining until the fall of 1840, when they came to Portage township, Ottawa county. Here they resided for five years, in September, 1845, returning to New York; but in April, 1847, they again came to Ottawa county, this time locating in Erie township, where the mother died May 11, 1849. In their family were two children—Ira P., and Charity Ann, who was born March 17, 1838, and died in December of the same year. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Russell was again married, and subsequently removed to Carroll township, where he resided until October, 1880, going thence to Sugar Ridge, Wood Co., Ohio, where his death occurred June 15, 1885.

The advantages afforded Ira P. Russell for securing an education were very meagre. At the age of seventeen years he left home, going to Chautauqua, N. Y.,

where he spent three years in mastering the mason and bricklayer's trades, at which he worked in various cities of the Union until 1857. In that year he located in Carroll township, where he has since carried on agriculture with excellent success with the exception of four years spent in Clay township, Ottawa county. On March 19, 1857, in Carroll township, Mr. Russell wedded Sarah Jane Meeker, who was born in Butler county, Ohio, July 11, 1836, and they have become the parents of two daughters. Nancy Elizabeth Ann, born in February, 1859, was married March 25, 1877, to Albert H. Conkey, who died on the 13th of September following; on August 25, 1891, she was united in marriage with Charles H. Veler, and to their union has come one daughter—Lillie A., born January 30, 1892. The second daughter of Mr. Russell, Amy Corena Josephine, was born May 14, 1870, and was married March 17, 1890, to Charles H. Veler; she passed away March 19, 1891.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Russell has been a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, but he is in no sense an office seeker, and, though many times solicited to accept positions of trust in both county and township affairs he has always felt that his time could be best spent in attending to the duties of his home and farm. He is possessed of a most retentive memory, recalling with wonderful accuracy details and dates of incidents which occurred during his lifetime from his earliest days, thus permitting him to live over again the happy days of his past life. Socially, he is liberal, frank and genial, and in business matters is scrupulously honorable in all transactions.

SAMUEL COVERS, a prominent and successful farmer, and the oldest living settler in Carroll township, Ottawa county, was born in Perry county, Ohio, August 14, 1827.

His parents, Adam and Elizabeth (Shoop) Covers, were both natives of Westmoreland county, Penn., of German ancestry, the former born in 1790, and the latter in 1794. In 1834 they located in Carroll township, Ottawa county (which was then a part of Sandusky county), and there made a permanent home, the father dying in 1842, and the mother, who long survived him, passing away in 1880. Of their family of eight children, four are still living—Susan, widow of F. B. Whipple, residing in Carroll township; Sarah, wife of Jackson Shasteen, living in Defiance county, Ohio; Samuel; and Louisa, wife of George W. Green, of Carroll township.

Our subject was only seven years old when he came with his parents to Carroll township, where he was reared in the usual manner of farmer boys, and his limited education was obtained in the primitive log schoolhouse of those early days. Since his earliest boyhood he has engaged in agricultural pursuits, and has made a success of his chosen calling. On December 14, 1849, in Carroll township, Mr. Covers married Betsy Ann Gordon, a daughter of Andrew and Rachel (Meeker) Gordon, who were natives of Butler county, Ohio, where Mrs. Covers was born October 10, 1827. This union was blessed with ten children, of whom John, born August 16, 1850, makes his home in Carroll township; Louisa, born September 10, 1852, married William Fizer, and died November 11, 1891; Maria, born November 4, 1854, became the wife of Hiram Frost, and was drowned in the Tusany river by the capsizing of a boat; Adam, born November 16, 1859, lives on the old homestead; Susan was born August 30, 1864; Sarah was born December 13, 1866; and Samuel was born February 13, 1868. The mother of this family passed away on August 6, 1891. They attend the United Brethren Church. In his political views, Mr. Covers is a stalwart Republican; for the past

fifteen years he has been constable in the township, and for two terms was township trustee. Socially he is a member of the Grange.

JOHAN BOWLAND, mayor of Genoa, Ottawa county, and postmaster at that place, is a man whose life record is proof that a person's environments do not necessarily limit his possibilities, and that the working out of his future, for good or evil, lies in the hands of any young man who possesses brains and strength of character enough to make up his mind what he will be, and to bend all his energies to that end.

Mr. Bowland was born in Harris township, Ottawa county, August 3, 1851, and was the son of John and Diana (Parrott) Bowland, who were also natives of Ohio. His father died a month before our subject was born, leaving the mother with her family of little ones dependent on her for support. When the Civil war broke out in 1861 her three eldest boys enlisted, serving throughout the struggle, and the younger children were obliged to do what they could to earn their daily bread. The mother had in the meantime removed from Harris township to Clay township, and here the subject of this sketch began work on a farm at the early age of fifteen years. His education was necessarily very limited, but his quick intellect gathered up and put to use what book learning he had acquired, and constantly absorbed whatever could be gained from reading and observation. Until the death of his beloved mother, which took place April 17, 1875, he proved a faithful, devoted son, working cheerfully and untiringly, and, with his brothers, ministering to her every want.

After spending a number of years upon the farm, Mr. Bowland went into partnership with his brother Thomas in the manufacture of hoops, carrying on this business both at Martin, Ottawa county,

and in Henry county. He also was in the same business by himself for several years and up to 1890. Mr. Bowland was married August 25, 1875, to Miss Mary Eyre, daughter of George and Sarah Eyre, who now reside in Genoa, and of this union three children have been born: Errett G., March 18, 1877; Bertha M., March 16, 1883; and Walter, September 19, 1889. The eldest son of this interesting family attended the public schools of Genoa, and also attended the High School at Columbus. This was followed by three terms in the High School of Genoa, from which he was graduated with honor June 4, 1895. He is a young man of fine intellect and a worthy son of his father, whose assistant he is in the post office. The family attend the Christian Church.

The early struggles of Mr. Bowland taught him lessons of perseverance, frugality and industry, which have borne fruit in the success that has attended his career. His genial disposition and sympathy with his fellow men have rendered him exceedingly popular with all classes, and they have showed their appreciation of his sterling worth by bestowing on him numerous responsible offices, all of which he has filled with dignity and to the satisfaction of the public. In 1877 he was elected constable of Clay township on the Democratic ticket, holding the position two years. In 1881 he was appointed assessor for the township, the term being one year, and both in 1883 and 1884 was re-elected by a large vote. In 1887 he was elected city councilman for a term of two years and polled a large and popular vote. Mr. Bowland was elected assessor for the third time in 1889. For a term of two years he filled the office of guard of the Penitentiary at Columbus, this State, remaining in that city for two years. At the end of this time he returned to Genoa and was elected mayor of the village by acclamation, his popularity being so great that opposition

was useless. He was re-elected in the spring of 1895, and is filling the office with great ability. On June 20, 1893, he received the appointment of postmaster at Genoa, and merits the high commendations he has received for the manner in which he discharges the duties of that responsible position. On May 6, 1895, Mr. Bowland received his commission from the Governor of Ohio as notary public for Ottawa county, and in addition to his numerous public duties he is carrying on a real-estate and insurance business. He is a member of Clay Lodge, No. 584, I. O. O. F., at Genoa.

With all his energies devoted to the important trusts held by him, Mr. Bowland still finds time to interest himself in anything which will promote the welfare of his town and county, and lends a helping hand wherever needed. He has won the respect and esteem of his fellow men by his integrity of character and his spirit of enterprise, and is well deserving of all the honors received at their hands.

L F. GAHN, M. D., who is successfully and extensively engaged in the practice of medicine in Elmore, Ottawa county, and who is prominently identified with the interests of the town, was born January 15, 1849, in Columbus, Ohio, and is a son of Rev. C. and Margaret (Artz) Gahn.

Rev. C. Gahn was born in Prussia, in 1818, and spent fifty-seven years of his life in the ministry, becoming prominent in the M. E. Church. He held some of the best appointments in the State of Ohio, was located in Cincinnati for six years, was presiding elder of the Cincinnati district for four years, and then again served as pastor in that city for a number of years. He then retired to his farm in Sandusky county, where he died at the age of seventy-five. His wife was also born in Prussia, and their marriage was celebrated in 1836. To

them were born six children, five of whom are living. The ancestors of the family were originally Scotch, and lived on the Isle of Man.

The Doctor accompanied his parents on their various removals during his childhood, and completed his literary education in Cincinnati. In 1871 he began the study of medicine in the University of Michigan, where he remained one year, thence going to the Medical College of Cincinnati, from which he graduated in 1873. On completing his studies he located in Elmore, Ohio, where he has lived for the past twenty-one years, one of its most honored and esteemed residents. The doctor was for two years mayor of the town, was president of the board of education for three years, and a member of the village council for two years, and has always been prominent and active in support of all interests that are calculated to advance the general welfare. In his political views he is a Republican; in religious faith he is an adherent of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Doctor has met with excellent success in his profession, and for several years has given special attention to chronic diseases, having a very extensive office practice. He spends Monday of each week in his office at Elmore, and the remainder of the time in his office at No. 625 Adams street, Toledo, where he has a very large patronage.

The Doctor married Miss Ettie Knight, who was born in Port Clinton, Ohio, in 1848, and who, for several years prior to her marriage, successfully engaged in teaching in Elmore. Three children have come to them—Grace, born November 26, 1876; Harry, born April 26, 1881; and Lloyd, born August 27, 1883. The daughter graduated from the Elmore high school in 1893, and is now one of the promising teachers of Ottawa county, having taught in Harris township for two years with marked success. The other children are now pursuing their studies in

the Elmore public schools. The family is one widely and favorably known in the county, and the Doctor and his wife have a wide circle of warm friends.

FRED TEBBE was born in Hanover, Germany, April 6, 1830, and is a son of John Henry and Inesline (Garager) Tebbe. The father worked as a laborer in his native land, and in October, 1844, emigrated to America, hoping to better his financial condition. He came direct to Sandusky county, Ohio, and secured a position as a farm hand in Washington township, in which capacity he was employed until February 29, 1848, when he was taken ill, and the sickness terminated his life. His first wife died in Germany in 1831, after which he married a lady of the same name, who accompanied him to America, and died in Sandusky county during the Civil war. There was one child by this union, William, who is living in Stony Ridge, Wood Co., Ohio. The children of the first marriage were Fred, our subject, and Mary, who became the wife of John Winkey, and died in Toledo, Ohio.

The gentleman whose name begins this sketch was a youth of fourteen years when he came to America. During the first ten months of his residence in Ohio he was employed in Wood county as a farm hand, by the month. He then removed to York township, Sandusky county, where he worked seventeen years by the month. He was industrious and lived frugally, and with his savings during that period he was enabled to purchase sixty-nine acres of timber land in Washington township, Sandusky county, of which all is cleared with the exception of fifteen acres.

Mr. Tebbe was married November 29, 1860, to Miss Mary Strausmeyer, who was born August 2, 1838, a daughter of Henry and Lizzie (Bushes) Strausmeyer, who were also natives of Germany. To

this marriage have come eight children—Lizzie, born September 18, 1861, deceased in infancy; Eliza, born April 22, 1863, is the wife of Fred Morates, and with their two children they reside in Madison township, Sandusky county; Mary L. was born February 28, 1865; Caroline, born April 5, 1868, is the wife of Henry Stein, a farmer of Wood county, Ohio, by whom she has two children; Isabella, born April 2, 1871, Sophia, born October 28, 1873, Casper H., born February 20, 1877, and Ernest, born April 12, 1880, are still at home. Mr. Tebbe is a supporter of the Democratic party, and a member of the Lutheran Church.

JOSEPH SHERCK, who for four years, or from April, 1882, to April, 1886, served as mayor of Bellevue, was born November 10, 1828, in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania.

John and Magdalena (Kreider) Sherck, parents of our subject, moved from Pennsylvania to Seneca county, Ohio, locating in Thompson township October 1, 1834. In 1868 the family migrated to Michigan, locating in St. Joseph county, where Mrs. Magdalena Sherck died in 1882. The father also died there about the year 1889. They reared a family of twelve children (our subject being the second), of whom five are yet living.

Joseph Sherck received a primary education in the district school of Thompson township, and afterward worked on the home farm, where he grew to manhood. On August 19, 1851, he married Barbara A. Decker, the eldest child of Jacob and Susanna (Billman) Decker, the former of whom was the son of John and Julia Ann (Royer) Decker, who came in 1816 from Union county, Penn., to Wayne county, Ohio, and thence, in 1830, to Seneca county, where Mrs. Sherck was born. To her marriage with Joseph Sherck came two children, namely: Mary A., Mrs. Sherck Miller, of Seneca county, and

Charles M., who is now working with his father, as grain dealer at Bellevue. From the time of his marriage until 1873 Mr. Sherck worked on the farm, and in 1860 purchased the 160 acres in the center of Thompson township, Seneca county, known as the Sherck homestead. While on this farm he was elected justice of the peace, and served in that position for nine years. In 1873 he moved to Bellevue, Sandusky county, and established a saddle and harness house, which he conducted until 1884, when he engaged in the grain trade. To-day he operates the large elevator at Bellevue, and carries on a most extensive business in grain, seed, coal, plaster, salt, water-lime, etc.

Mr. Sherck can trace his ancestry back 300 years, and for a century or more can claim this country as the family home. Prominent in Masonic work, he is a member of the Lodge, Chapter and Council at Bellevue, and of the Commandery, K. T., at Norwalk, Ohio. In religious affairs he affiliates with the Methodist Episcopal Church. An active, enterprising business man, one who has taken a full part in the development of Bellevue, he enjoys, as he merits, the confidence of the community.

STERLING C. LEONARD.

S Among the young men whose steady-going industry and solid worth have contributed materially to the prosperity of northern Ohio, and to their own advancement toward a competence, is S. C. Leonard, of Riley township, Sandusky county. He was born March 31, 1866, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Clark) Leonard, the former of whom was born in New Jersey, October 2, 1833.

Joseph Leonard was for some years in the employ of different railroads in Illinois and Texas. On March 16, 1865, in Illinois, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Clark, who was born in Penn-

sylvania, January 16, 1836, and their children were: Sterling C., the subject of these lines; and Joseph W., born August 27, 1867, and Frederick, born November 10, 1873, both of whom died young. After his marriage Mr. Leonard lived in Illinois for a period of about eight years, until his death, which occurred April 25, 1874. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Joseph Leonard was the daughter of Joseph R. Clark, who was born in Pennsylvania January 27, 1806, and on March 24, 1833, was united in marriage with Emily Welsh, who was born October 2, 1812. They lived in Pennsylvania, and had a family of twelve children, as follows: William, born March 13, 1834, married Sarah Bell, by whom he has five children, and they live in Riley township, Sandusky county; Elizabeth is the mother of our subject; Joseph and Rebecca (twins), born July 16, 1837, died young; Leander; Joseph, born December 25, 1841, died May 6, 1850; Mary, born April 18, 1844, married Henry Heberling, and has had four children (they live in Scott township, Sandusky county); Amelia, born January 4, 1846, married Charles Ralph, by which union there have been seven children; Lucretia, born in July, 1847, died young; Sarah, born November 9, 1849; James, born November 2, 1851, lives in Montana; and Clara, born August 31, 1855. Joseph R. Clark was county commissioner eight years, and justice of the peace for eighteen years.

After her husband's death Mrs. Joseph Leonard moved to Pennsylvania, where she was united in marriage with Nathan Cleaver, a Quaker, and they lived in Pennsylvania until his death, which occurred June 25, 1887. The widow then came to Sandusky county, Ohio, and bought forty acres of land in Riley township, which she now rents to her son, our subject, who works this farm in addition to his own, and has just completed the erection of a fine grain barn and carriage house on same. She

makes her home in Fremont, Sandusky county.

S. C. Leonard worked for his mother until his twenty-sixth year, and then bought ninety-six acres of land in Riley township, which cost him five thousand dollars. The farm was in very poor condition, being badly run down both as to soil and fencing, and he at once set to work to put things in good working order—an arduous task, indeed, but one in which he has succeeded well, his farm being now one of the most productive and valuable in the county. Among the other numerous improvements he has made is the tiling of the land, which makes it first-class for cropping, and he now raises fine crops; he is putting in new fences, and, like the thorough-going, up-to-date farmer which he is, is leaving nothing undone which will enhance the value or improve the appearance of the place. With such a good start Mr. Leonard certainly has a bright future before him, though his evident efficiency and business ability alone would be an assurance of success. He is genial and sociable in disposition, and is well-liked and highly esteemed by all who know him. In politics he is a Democrat.

BM. REED, of Green Spring, now infirmary director of Sandusky county, for many years justice of the peace, and the frequent recipient of electoral favors from his appreciative fellow citizens, was born in Cumberland county, Penn., September 27, 1830, son of John and Mary E. (Mauley) Reed.

John Reed was born in Berks county, Penn., September 4, 1805. His father, John Reed, Sr., was a stone mason by trade and a farmer by occupation, the son of an emigrant from Germany during the last century. John Reed, Jr., was a plasterer by trade. In 1832 he came to Ohio, settling at Huron, Erie county, where his wife and family joined him four years later.

In 1838 he removed to New Haven, Huron county, where he lived until his death, December 31, 1882. In Ohio his principal occupation was farming. In politics he was an ardent Whig and Republican successively. His wife Mary E. (Manley), was born September 18, 1807, and died at New Haven May 1, 1884. John and Mary E. Reed had three children: B. M., subject of this sketch; Margaret E., born May 8, 1841, who married William Hugh, of New Haven, and died there in 1891, leaving three children—Frank, May E. and John; and Samuel F., born May 19, 1848, a farmer at New Haven.

The subject of this sketch in his early boyhood attended the schools at Huron, but from the age of eight to fifteen he was without educational advantages at New Haven. He then attended one year at Plymouth, and the following year, 1846, his father and several neighbors built a log schoolhouse and hired a teacher. B. M. Reed remained at home until the age of twenty-two, in the meantime learning the plasterer's trade. He went to Attica, Seneca county, in 1852, and followed his trade there for three years. Farming for a season in Bloom township, near Bloomville, he followed his trade for a time in Tiffin, and in December, 1857, came to Green Spring, working at his trade at frequent intervals. In 1860, while working in a mill, he lost his arm by a circular saw accident. Though unfitted to himself enter the military service of his country, he was filled with the war spirit, and did great good in arousing patriotic sentiment and procuring enlistments. He returned to sawmilling, crippled as he was, at Green Spring, and in Branch county, Mich.; then followed painting at Green Spring until there elected justice of the peace, in 1881. Mr. Reed is now holding his fourth commission in that judicial capacity, and his third commission as notary. He was elected mayor of Green Spring, and served four terms—eight years—in that magisterial office. He has served three years as

township trustee, and in 1894 was re-elected to that position. In 1893 he was elected infirmary director for Sandusky county, assuming the duties of the office January 1, 1894. In politics Mr. Reed is a Republican.

In June, 1858, he was married to Melissa M. Vail, born in Tompkins county, N. Y., September 26, 1839. To Mr. and Mrs. Reed nine children have been born, as follows: Addie M., born November 3, 1859, wife of Fred Rall, of Green Spring; Mary E., born June 17, 1861, wife of P. W. Hess, of Clyde; Alice, born March 13, 1863, wife of N. E. Dennis, and mother of two children—Lena and Arthur N.; Edward W., born November 4, 1865, now employed at the Insane Asylum, Toledo; Lela M., born December 11, 1867, died March 26, 1868; Steward F., born October 19, 1869, employed at the Insane Asylum, Toledo; John R., born April 30, 1872, cigar manufacturer, Green Spring; Nellie H., born October 8, 1875; Eddie Lee, born July 6, 1878, died November 9, 1879.

JACOB LEJEUNE, an old resident and prosperous farmer of Riley township, Sandusky county, was born in Alsace, Germany, March 29, 1837, and is a son of Michael and Anna (Nye) Lejeune, who were from Germany, and were born in 1801 and 1813, respectively.

Michael Lejeune was a soldier in the old country for seven years. He came to America in 1852, bought forty acres of land in Riley township, and lived here the remainder of his days. In politics he was a stanch Democrat. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lejeune were members of the Catholic Church. His death occurred in 1855, and that of his wife in 1878. They had a family of five children, as follows: Stephen, born in 1830, died in 1836; Peter, born in 1835; Lena, born in 1839, married Ellis Young, and they have had thirteen children (they live in Sandusky City, Erie

Co., Ohio); Anna, was born in 1841, married Peter Bautersall, a farmer of Ballville township, Sandusky county, and they have four children; and John, born in 1843, died in 1879.

Jacob Lejeune had a good German and French education, was early trained to habits of economy and industry, and spent much of the time in his younger days working out by the month. On June 30, 1860, he was united in marriage with Caroline Weber. In 1862 he went to Fremont, Ohio, and was there variously employed for seven years. Going from there to Riley township, he bought forty acres of farm land, on which, with his wife, he made his home, adding then another forty acres. Their children were as follows: Michael, born September 27, 1862, married Caroline Weltine, and they have had four children (they live in Riley township); John, born October 4, 1864, married Elizabeth Weltine, and have had one child (they live in Green Creek township); Anna, born January 5, 1867, married John Schock, a farmer, of Fremont, Sandusky county, and they have had four children; Lena, born June 17, 1869, married George Hemmer, and they have had one child (they live in Riley township); Jacob, born September 23, 1876; Eva, born February 18, 1879; Ludwig, born September 23, 1883; George, born February 8, 1886; Katie, born December 4, 1888, died in infancy; Joseph, deceased in infancy; and Tony and Frankie who both died young.

Mr. Lejeune is a Democrat in politics, was roadmaster for six years, and school director for six years. In religious affiliation he is a member of the Catholic Church.

WILLIAM F. LOCKWOOD, ex-judge of the court of common pleas, who resides on Put in Bay Island, Ottawa county, is one of the most influential residents of

this community. He was born in South Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn., April 1, 1822, and is a son of _____ and Sarah (Daskam) Lockwood, who were also natives of Connecticut. There the father died, in Fairfield county, and the mother's death occurred in Toledo, Ohio, in 1873.

The Judge received a common-school education in his native county, and when fifteen years of age went to New York City, where he became a clerk in a wholesale grocery store, filling that position for a period of three years. He has since been dependent upon his own efforts, and the success of his life is due entirely to his resources. In 1840 he came to Ohio, and the following year settled in Elyria, Lorain county, where he became a law student, in the office of Hamlin & Bliss. In 1842 he was admitted to the bar in Medina, Ohio, and at once commenced the practice of his chosen profession as a partner of his old preceptors in Elyria. During the same year he was a candidate on the Whig ticket for the office of prosecuting attorney, but was defeated by H. A. Lenney, the Democratic candidate. In 1844, however, he was elected to that office, which he capably filled for four years, being re-elected in 1846. In 1852 he was a delegate from his congressional district to the Whig National Convention, which met in Baltimore, Md., and nominated Winfield Scott as a candidate for the Presidency. The same year he was the candidate of his party for Congress, but the Democratic nominee, Harvey Johnson, of Ashland county, won the election. His abilities, however, were recognized in 1854 by his election to the office of probate judge of Lorain county, to succeed Philemon Bliss. In 1856 he was a candidate before the Republican convention for the nomination for judge of the court of common pleas, but Judge Carpenter of Akron became the nominee. By reason of impaired health Mr. Lockwood resigned his office of probate judge,

and in the spring of 1857 removed with his family to Nebraska, locating in Omaha, where he resided for two years. On the expiration of that period he went to Dakota City, where he made his home until his return to Ohio in 1867. Mr. Lockwood was one of the federal judges for the Third District in the Territory of Nebraska, receiving his appointment from President Lincoln, and serving from April, 1861, until its admission as a State into the Union in 1867, when he was nominated by President Johnson as United States District Judge for the district of Nebraska; the nomination, however, was not confirmed by the Senate. In 1867 Judge Lockwood was appointed State Judge by President Johnson, and served eight years. He was the Democratic candidate for Congress in the Toledo district in 1870, but was unsuccessful in the contest, for the Republicans were in the majority there. In 1878 he was recommended by the bar of Lucas county for the office of common pleas judge, and his personal popularity and superior ability was attested by his ratification by both the Republican and Democratic Conventions. He was subsequently elected and honorably filled the position for five years. While engaged in the private practice of his profession he had a large clientage. He is a man of superior legal attainments and more than ordinary mental ability, as the large number of important positions he has so creditably filled well attest. There is little need of comment on such a record as his, as it speaks for itself. It is a record of which he may well be proud, for while his ability excites the admiration, his fidelity to duty commands the respect of all, and he enjoys the esteem of all who know him. In both social and public life he is held in high regard, and deservedly occupies an exalted position. During the past thirty years the Judge has made his home at his beautiful residence close to the shore of Lake Erie, on Put

in Bay Island, where he spends the summer months, and during the past four years he has wintered in Toledo.

Judge Lockwood was married in Elyria, Ohio, December 25, 1848, to Miss Mary A. Nichols, a daughter of Reuben and Asenath Nichols. They have four children—Mary Frances, born November 25, 1849, who is the wife of T. H. B. Davis, president of the Middleton Silver Plate Company, and a resident of Sandusky City, Ohio; Edith, born March 17, 1856, who is the wife of Maj. D. W. Lockwood, of the United States Engineer Corps; Clara E., born October 25, 1858, wife of George Hoyt Pomeroy, a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; and Maud A., born July 28, 1868, died April 1, 1870.

Reuben Nichols, the father of Mrs. Lockwood, was born in Londonderry, N. H., in 1787, and in 1811 married Miss Asenath Center, of the same town. His parents were Jacob and Sallie Nichols, natives of Massachusetts, who had a family of twelve children, seven sons and five daughters, of whom Reuben was the youngest. All lived to be from eighty-four to ninety-six years of age, except one who died in early life from the effects of an injury. In October, 1827, Reuben Nichols left New Hampshire with his family, and started for the wilds of the West to seek a home. On reaching Pike Hollow, Allegany Co., N. Y., the family made a halt, while the father proceeded to Lorain county, Ohio, on horseback, and secured a farm six miles south of Elyria. He then returned to his family, and they reached the new home March 28, 1828. They first located at Butternut Ridge, then a scarcely broken wilderness, where they remained for nearly two years, and in 1830 went to Elyria, where Mr. Nichols purchased the old "Eagle Hotel." In 1832 he began the erection of the "Mansion House," which he conducted until selling out in 1839. At that time it was one of the finest hotels west of Buffalo, N. Y. On disposing of that property he

removed his family to Oberlin, Ohio, in order to better educate his children. In 1842 he returned to Elyria, where he spent his remaining days, passing to his rest in 1871, at the age of eighty-four, an honest, upright and just man. He was a life-long Democrat. His wife died in November, 1870.

FRANK R. LONG, an enterprising young farmer of Ottawa county, was born in Harris township June 11, 1874, and is a son of John Wesley and Caroline (Guernsey) Long.

John W. Long was born in Harking Hills, Logan Co., Ohio, September 8, 1828, and on coming to Ottawa county located on a farm in Section 8, Harris township, where he lived until his death, which occurred April 4, 1892. He here cleared and improved a farm, erected good buildings upon it and made a comfortable home for himself and family. In 1852, he married Caroline Guernsey, of Benton township, Ottawa county, and they became the parents of four children—Arthur Leroy, born February 26, 1855; Irving C., born September 4, 1857; Julia Agnes, born January 25, 1871; and Frank, R., subject of this sketch. Irving and Frank are the only ones now living, and the former resides in Paw Paw, Mich., where he is engaged in painting and paper hanging. He is married and has three children. Arthur died October 26, 1856, and Julia A. passed away March 31, 1872. The children and father were laid to rest in the old cemetery of Elmore.

Mrs. Long was born January 8, 1836, in Lorain county, Ohio, where she spent her girlhood days and obtained her education. At the age of fifteen she came with her parents to Benton township, Ottawa county, and for some years prior to her marriage was there successfully engaged in teaching school. She is now living on the old home place with her son.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, William Long, was born August 15, 1797, of Irish descent, and died in 1884. He married Margaret Smith, who was born February 22, 1803, and died August 7, 1887. The maternal grandfather, David Guernsey, was born in New York July 4, 1810, and at the age of fourteen came to Ohio, where for many years he followed his trade of carpentering. He is now living in Illinois at the advanced age of eighty-five years, and his wife, Achsah (Cross), has reached the age of eighty-one, having been born March 17, 1814. Her parents were Elisha and Susan Cross, the former of whom was born in Vermont in 1781, and died in 1851, while the latter was born in 1778, and died February 22, 1848.

We now take up the personal history of Frank R. Long, who is one of the progressive farmers of his native county. He was educated in the district schools and in Elmore, and completed his education in 1891, since which he has had charge of the old home farm, which is pleasantly and conveniently located a mile and a half from Elmore. He is a young man of good business and executive ability, and his genuine worth has won him a host of warm friends who esteem him highly. His political support is given to the men and measures of the Democratic party.

JOHN SMITH is one of the worthy citizens that the Emerald Isle has furnished to Ottawa county. He was born in County Monaghan, in 1832, and is a son of Patrick and Alice Smith, who, emigrating to America, landed in New York on June 27, 1850. In November of the same year they removed to Ohio, locating in Marble Head, where they spent about a year, and then took up their residence about two miles west in Danbury township, Ottawa county, where the father was engaged in

agricultural pursuits for many years. He passed away in April, 1878, preceded to the grave by his wife, who died about 1866.

The subject of this sketch acquired a common-school education in his native land, and also attended school at Marble Head. His first independent effort in life was work in a quarry at Marble Head and on Kelley's Island, and in this way, through industry and economy, he purchased his present farm with the money obtained at his previous labor. Since his settlement here he has carried on agricultural pursuits, and is now extensively engaged in fruit growing, raising fine varieties of all kinds of fruits adapted to this climate. He successfully manages his business interests, and his enterprise and perseverance have brought him a handsome competence which he well deserves.

Mr. Smith was married in Sandusky City, November 27, 1857, to Miss Ann Rielly, a daughter of Edward and Alice (Burns) Rielly, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father died in the land of his nativity, and the mother, who is still surviving at the age of eighty-three years, makes her home with her brother Patrick, in Danbury township, Ottawa county. Mrs. Smith was born July 20, 1835, in County Monaghan, Ireland. The union of our subject and wife has been blessed with eight children—Mary E., born July 18, 1858, who is the wife of George Julian, a resident of Fremont, Ohio; Edward, born February 2, 1860, who makes his home in Lakeside, Ohio; Thomas, born April 25, 1862, who is living in North Dakota; John G., born July 6, 1864, who died February 18, 1892; Alice J., born January 12, 1867, who is the wife of George Bope, a resident of North Dakota; Francis H., born July 6, 1869, who is located in North Dakota; Hugh P., born August 16, 1872, who lives at home; and Rose A., born July 10, 1877. Mr. Smith affiliates

with the Democratic party, and has several times filled the office of township trustee, discharging his duties in a creditable and acceptable manner. He is a progressive and loyal citizen, actively interested in whatever pertains to the welfare of the community, and is an honored resident of Danbury township, one who justly merits the high regard in which he is held.

SAMUEL BURKETT is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of the Buckeye State. He was born in Sandusky county, on his father's farm in Washington township, January 11, 1860, and is a son of Edward and Catherine (Ockes) Burkett, the former a native of Perry county, Ohio, and the latter of Pennsylvania. Grandfather Burkett was one of the first settlers of Perry county, and secured a tract of government land, upon which he carried on farming. Upon his death, his widow and her son, Edward, then a child of ten years, came to Sandusky county, locating near Hesseville. Subsequently he removed to Madison township, where he purchased forty-nine acres of timber land, the greater part of which he succeeded in placing under cultivation before his death. He was familiar with all the experiences and hardships of pioneer life, and always bore his part in the upbuilding and development of the locality with which his lot was cast. His death occurred April 21, 1884, and his wife, who survived him several years, passed away July 7, 1891, and was laid to rest in Washington township.

Samuel Burkett was one of a family of twelve children, and was born and reared on the farm which is still his home. He received a good common-school education, and early became familiar with the duties of farm life, giving his father the benefit of his services until after he had attained his majority. When quite

young he was obliged to shoulder an axe and help to clear away the timber and prepare the fields for cultivation.

On December 25, 1888, Mr. Burkett was united in marriage with Miss Edith Kuntz, a daughter of David and Eva (Clapper) Kuntz, who were natives of Pennsylvania, and had a family of twelve children, namely: Charles, Henry, Frank, Edith, Emma, Jacob, Evangeline, David, Daniel, Cleveland, Winfield, and one who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Burkett have but one child—William, who was born December 1, 1889, in Madison township, Sandusky county. They are well-known people of the community, and have the warm regard of many friends. Mr. Burkett is a Democrat in politics, and has held the office of road supervisor. His land is now leased to the Ohio Oil Company, and on it are three good wells, which net him a monthly income of \$35.

CHRISTIAN LOSLI. Among the successful young farmers of Sandusky county who have here spent their entire lives is the gentleman whose name introduces this record. Our subject was born in Washington township, Sandusky county, July 13, 1866, and is a son of Christian and Anna (Weber) Losli, both of whom were born in Switzerland, and, in 1854, sailed for the New World, landing in New York City. For about two weeks they remained in the Eastern metropolis, and then came direct to Sandusky county, Ohio, where they are still living. They located upon forty acres of land, upon which their son Christian now resides. At the time it came into the father's possession it was covered by a dense forest, but soon the sound of the woodman's axe was heard, and one by one the sturdy trees fell under his ringing blows, and the land was plowed and planted, until to-day, with the exception of five acres, it is all under cultivation,

and the hard labor of former years is now requited by good harvests. The parents are living with their son Christian in the enjoyment of good health, the father having reached the advanced age of seventy-eight years, while the mother has passed the sixty-sixth milestone on life's journey. They are both members of the Evangelical Church, and since becoming an American citizen, Mr. Losli has been a supporter of the Democratic party.

In taking up the personal history of Christian Losli, Jr., we present to our readers the life record of one who is both widely and favorably known in this locality—a native son of the county, and one that the community numbers among its valued citizens. His educational privileges were limited, but he made the most of his opportunities, and by experience and observation in later years he has become a well-informed man. He possesses good business ability, industry and energy are numbered among his chief characteristics, and he is a wide-awake and progressive man. Since old enough he has managed the home farm, and yet devotes his energies to its further cultivation and improvement.

On March 20, 1886, Mr. Losli was joined in wedlock with Miss Louisa Seabert, a native of Germany, who came to America with her mother when a child of four summers, her father having died in his native land. Two children now brighten the home of this worthy couple, and are the delight of parents and grandparents. They are Freddie, born March 18, 1887; and Emma, born June 18, 1890. Mr. Losli is a member of the Evangelical Church. Politically he follows in the footsteps of his father, voting the straight Democratic ticket, and has been honored with the offices of road supervisor and school director. He is a loyal citizen, devoted to the best interests of the community in which he makes his home, and he well deserves representation in this volume.

JAMES BAKER, a prominent and successful agriculturist of Green Creek township, Sandusky county, was there born August 28, 1840, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Cleveland) Baker, both of whom came to this county during childhood, and were married in Green Creek township. The father, whose birth occurred in Seneca Flats, N. Y., in 1802, was a son of Samuel Baker, with whom he came to this county, where they are numbered among the pioneer settlers. The mother of our subject was born in Seneca Flats in 1803, and by her parents was brought to Sandusky, where she made her home until her death which occurred March 13, 1889, when she was aged eighty-five years, four months and four days. She was a member of the Mormon Church. Mr. Baker departed this life April 3, 1880, at the age of seventy-seven years, four months and twenty-two days. In their family were eight children who grew to maturity—four sons and four daughters—namely: Samuel (deceased), who was a farmer of Green Creek township, Sandusky county; Clark C., who also died in that township; Keziah, who was the wife of William Hoel, and died in Green Creek township (she had been twice married, her second husband being Edwin Gittins); Sarah Ann, who became the wife of Solomon Knauss, who died in 1865 (she lives in Coldwater, Mich.); Napoleon, who passed away in Green Creek township (he was twice married, and left a widow and children); Abigail, who was the wife of Franklin Short, died in 1864, leaving one child; James is the next in order of birth; and Jemima, wife of Norman Ellsworth, of Clyde. One child died in infancy.

In Green Creek township, Sandusky county, James Baker passed the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, and was able to attend the common schools of the neighborhood, where he acquired a good education. On attaining man's estate he was united in mar-

riage August 17, 1868, with Miss Alice Hayes, who was born on Christmas Day, 1842, in Ballville township, Sandusky county, Ohio. Unto this worthy couple have been born eight children, one of whom—Samuel—died in childhood; those living are Ella, born January 27, 1871, became the wife of Elmer Hughes April 11, 1889, and they have two children—Alice and Lloyd; Mr. Hughes was born in Green Creek township, September 3, 1866, and in that township still resides; in politics he is a Republican. Joseph, the next of the family, was born February 17, 1873. The others are: Elizabeth, born March 27, 1875; Ellsworth, born December 16, 1877; James, born January 7, 1879; Anne, born January 30, 1881; and Clarence, born January 3, 1883.

Mr. Baker is the owner of a good farm of eighty acres in Green Creek township, where he is engaged in general farming, raising all kinds of produce, including melons. He has the place brought under an excellent state of cultivation, improved with all modern conveniences and accessories, and he is accounted one of the leading farmers of the community. He has always taken a prominent part in educational matters, and has given his children good school privileges. He is a worthy representative of one of the prominent families of the county, where he has many warm friends. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party.

HENRY BOWLUS. The great ancestor from whom are descended the Bowlus families of Sandusky county, Ohio, was a native of Germany, who came to America in the Colonial period, about 1735, and settled in the Middletown valley, Frederick county, Md. He had four sons—Jacob, George, Valentine and Nicholas—the youngest being then but five years of age.

Nicholas Bowlus was reared on a farm in Frederick county, Md., where he be-

came the head of a family of eight children—Jacob, John, Henry, Nicholas, Jr., Mrs. Beckabach, Mrs. Floyd, Mrs. Haller and Mrs. Christ. Of these, Jacob, a distinguished pioneer minister of the United Brethren Church, and Henry, a farmer, came to Ohio, about the year 1828, and settled in Sandusky township, Sandusky Co., Ohio. The children of Rev. Jacob Bowlus were: Jacob, David, Mary, Elizabeth, Margaret and Susannah, all of whom became heads of families in Sandusky county. Henry Bowlus located on a farm of 320 acres, which was then an unbroken forest, and helped clear up the far-famed "Black Swamp." He had a family of six children, namely: (1) Magdalene, wife of Daniel Young, who lived and died in Maryland. (2) Adam, who married Elizabeth Krohn, and remained in Maryland. (3) Sophia, wife of Jacob Thomas; she died in 1895, at the age of eighty-eight years. They had nine children—John H., Richard, Joseph, Lizzie, Maggie, Amanda, Charles, Alice, Anna; of these, the eldest, John H. Thomas, a millionaire, was the competitor of Calvin S. Brice, for U. S. Senator, in 1893. (4) Henry Bowlus, our subject, comes next. (5) Nicholas, who married Margaret Donnell, and lived in Madison township, where he died in 1893. (6) Mahala, wife of Jesse Dorcas, living at Lisbon, Iowa.

Henry Bowlus, our subject, one of the early pioneers of Sandusky county, was born in Maryland, September 27, 1810. On November 20, 1833, he married Miss Catharine Keller, of Lancaster, Ohio, who was born February 14, 1811, and died October 20, 1848; their children were—Hanson R., Mahala, Martha, Catharine, Elizabeth, and Caroline. These all became heads of families in Sandusky county. On September 27, 1849, our subject married Mrs. Rebecca C. Bowlus (*née* Williamson), of Maryland, born July 4, 1824, and died January 28, 1891; their children were—Warren, Anna, Henry

F., and Robert, all of whom became heads of families and live in their native county.

Henry Bowlus, our subject, has lived to see a mighty change in the valley of the Sandusky. When he first came here there were more Indians than white people. The Wyandots and Tawas lived here, and used to assemble in great numbers every year when they went to Malden to draw their annuity from the United States government. There was no end of squirrels and other wild game. Mr. Bowlus followed farming and stock raising. He still owns 160 acres of land on Muskallonge creek, two and a half miles west of Fremont. About the year 1868, in company with his son, Hanson R., he operated a sawmill, furniture shop and planing-mill, about sixteen years at Fremont. In politics he was first a Whig, then an Abolitionist, and later a Republican. Before the Civil war he kept a station of the "Under-ground railroad," and assisted runaway slaves from the Southern States to escape to Canada. He has for many years been a member of the M. P. Church, at Fremont. Though now (1896) past eighty-five years of age, he enjoys life among his children and grandchildren, with a mind still active and a memory undimmed.

AMBROSE MEYER, one of the steady-going, industrious, and substantial citizens of Riley township, Sandusky county, is a native of the same, born December 16, 1859, and is a son of Jacob and Jane (Ziegler) Meyer, who were born in Alsace, Germany.

Jacob Meyer came with his wife to America in 1838, and located in Seneca county, Ohio. In 1849 with money he had saved during a period of ten years in this country he bought a farm of eighty acres in Riley township. In 1889 they removed to Fremont, Sandusky county, and are now living there retired after a life of dil-

igent and self denying industry, both at the age of seventy-five years. They had a family of five children, as follows: Louise married Andrew Remelspacher, a farmer in Ballville township, Sandusky county, and they have had twelve children; Jane married Sebastian Wallby, and they live in Millersville, Ohio (they have a family of thirteen children); Joseph is a farmer in Riley township; Mary lives in Fremont, Sandusky county, Ohio; and Ambrose is the subject of this sketch.

Ambrose Meyer had only a common-school education, but was reared to habits of diligence and economy. On January 23, 1888, he was united in marriage with Anna Koch, and three children have been born to them, namely: Laurence, January 6, 1889; Josephine, June 20, 1892; and Walter, August 28, 1893. Mrs. Meyer's parents, Valentine and Barbara (Riffer) Koch, had a family of eight children, namely: Mary, Lorenz, Jane, Andrew, Tracy, Louise, George and Anna (Mrs. Meyer). Mr. Meyer now works and practically owns the farm where his parents reside. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious affiliation he is a Catholic.

JOSEPH HENRY is numbered among the native sons of Sandusky county, his birth having occurred on the old Henry homestead in Rice township, near the village of Kingsway, March 16, 1851. He is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family. His father, Christian Henry, was for forty-eight years a well-known and respected resident of Rice township, and at the age of fifty-six years departed this life, his remains being interred in the cemetery at Lindsey. His wife bore the maiden name of Maggie Strawker, and by their marriage they became the parents of ten children: Maggie, born in 1842; Fred, born in 1844; Joseph, subject of this sketch; Albert, who is living in Nebraska; Chris-

tian; Nelson; Mary, wife of John Fokom; Sarah, wife of John Overmyer; Emma, wife of Dr. Keller; and Ettie, who is living in Lindsey, Ohio.

No event of special importance occurred during the boyhood and youth of our subject, who was reared upon the old home farm. In his earlier years he attended the district schools of the neighborhood through the winter seasons, and worked upon the farm during the summers. On arriving at years of maturity he was married July 6, 1872, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary Artz, who was born June 9, 1852, in Rice township, and has passed her entire life in Sandusky county. Mr. and Mrs. Henry now have a family of six children—five sons and one daughter—in the order of their birth born as follows: Mary A., July 6, 1874; John, November 15, 1876; Joseph F., March 1, 1881; Simon H., January 22, 1885; and Albert, July 18, 1893.

Upon the death of his father, Joseph Henry purchased the old home farm of the other heirs, and is now the owner of 140 acres of rich and arable land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation. He has there a model farm, upon which in 1888 he erected a new barn. He makes a specialty of the raising of fine horses and cattle, and has some fine stock upon the place. He possesses good business ability, and his well-directed efforts merit the success which has come to him. His political support is given to the Democracy, and he attends the Catholic Church.

HIRAM RANSOM, a retired stock breeder and agriculturist, and one of the most popular representative men of Erie township, Ottawa county, was born in Riley township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, October 31, 1827, and is a son of Hiram and Sarah (Stull) Ran-

som, who were born in Sandusky, Erie county, and in Pennsylvania, respectively.

The grandparents and parents of the subject of this sketch were pioneer settlers of Riley township, Sandusky county, his grandfather Stull being the first settler in the east half of Riley township. The parents had two children, of whom one died in infancy, and Hiram, of whom we now write, is the only surviving member of the family. His mother died when he was only two years old. In 1844 his father was married again, this time to Emeline Lindsley, but there were no children by that union. He passed away in Riley township May 11, 1856, after a useful and well-spent life. He had resided in that township for over forty years, and was identified with its early days, with trials and hardships, as well as all movements tending to its advancement and welfare.

Hiram Ransom, whose name introduces this sketch, was reared a farmer's boy, and received such limited educational advantages as the old log schoolhouses of his boyhood days afforded. He has been engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life, and was a resident of Sandusky county until 1861. On January 1, 1852, in Riley township, he married Nancy Jane Parks, who was born in Mifflinburg, Penn., August 18, 1830, daughter of James and Mary (Boyer) Parks, the former of whom was at one time sheriff of Sandusky county, and also a representative of the county in the Legislature. Mr. and Mrs. Ransom had three children, as follows: Burton, born September 17, 1854, is a marine engineer, and now resides in Toledo; he was united in marriage, September 17, 1877, with Grace D. Poole, of Fulton county, Ohio, and they have had two children—Parks, who died in infancy, and Maude, living. Clara, born December 6, 1857, was married, on January 6, 1880, to William D. Van Rensselaer, son of Peter S. and Mary J. (Depew) Van Rensselaer, of Erie township, and they

have had two children—Hiram Saunders and Hazel Pearl, both of whom are living with their parents in Fulton county. Mary, born August 11, 1862, was married October 1, 1884, to J. R. McRitchie, son of David R. and Lucy (Lattimore) McRitchie, of Bay township, Ottawa county, and they have had five children, namely: Ada, Burton, Harry, Earl and Lucy Jane. On August 13, 1895, the mother of this family died, at their home in Lacarne, Ottawa county, after a prolonged illness. She was buried in Lacarp cemetery, Erie township.

In 1861 Mr. Ransom removed to Fulton county, Ohio, where he remained for ten years, and in 1871, settled in Erie township, Ottawa county, where he has since resided. He has taken an active part in matters connected with the growth and welfare of the township and county; for six years he served faithfully as county commissioner, has been a justice of the peace for nine years, and has efficiently filled various township offices. Mr. Ransom and his family attend the United Brethren Church. In politics he is a staunch Democrat. His kindness of heart and unselfish generosity are proverbial wherever he is known, none appeal to him in vain for aid in a worthy cause, and, by his courtesy, ability, unquestioned integrity and high character, he has gained the confidence of the citizens of his township and county, who hold him and his family in high esteem.

JOSHUA E. CURTICE, agriculturist and lumber manufacturer, who is widely known, not only in the neighborhood of Allen township, Ottawa county, but throughout this section of the State, has played a prominent part in building up great industries and promoting the advancement of the country. A short sketch of his busy and useful life will prove interesting to the readers of this volume,

Mr. Curtice was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., in 1832, son of Joel and Annic (Freeman) Curtice, who were also born in the above-named county and State, of English descent, the father being the son of Hosea Curtice, of New York. In May, 1833, when our subject was quite young, his parents removed to Ohio and settled in Lagrange township, Lorain county, where they remained five years. There he obtained a fair education in the public schools, and on arriving at manhood found employment as construction boss on what is now known as the "Big Four" railroad. He spent several years in the employ of this company, and then worked as section boss for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company for about fifteen years. At the end of this time he was employed by the Atlantic & Great Western Railway Company on construction work, remaining with them for upward of two years at Springfield, Ohio. During these years, by industry and frugality, Mr. Curtice had managed to save enough money to buy a farm, and coming to Allen (then Clay) township, Ottawa county, he purchased 160 acres of timber land, very soon after setting to work to clear it. He employed eighty men to cut the timber, which was then made into railroad ties and fuel, built a saw and planing mill, in which he made boards, etc., and besides using the timber off his own land he purchased large quantities on surrounding tracts and carried on an extensive business there in lumber for eighteen years. He then removed his mill five miles farther north, and bought 500 acres of land, from the timber on which he made staves, lath, etc. Here he established the prosperous and growing town of Curtice, in which a number of factories are now in operation, and also built a sawmill in Lucas county. After remaining in Curtice for a year or two, our subject removed to Martin, also in Ottawa county, where he built a sawmill and a stave factory, and also en-

gaged in general merchandising, at the same time cultivating his large tract of land. In 1892 he removed to Coleman township, Midland Co., Mich., and there erected saw and planing mills, and a stave and barrel-heading factory. With all these enterprises on hand he also carries on general merchandising, and gives employment to a large number of men. A few miles from Coleman Mr. Curtice built other mills and founded another town, named after himself, which is equally prosperous with its sister town, in this State, and he has done much to aid its progress. He was the means of having a schoolhouse built, in which religious services are held every Sabbath, and a post office, also called Curtice, established and carries on a large general merchandise store, in which his son is a partner. Mr. Curtice makes his residence chiefly in Midland county, Mich., in order to look after his extensive business enterprises there, while his wife remains in Allen township, Ottawa county, in this State, in charge of their interests in that community.

Our subject was married May 28, 1851, to Mary E., daughter of James K. and Sarah E. (Loomis) Pelton, and to them have come two children: Alice M., born at Painesville, Ohio, May 6, 1852, died September 8, of the same year. James E. Curtice, the only living child of our subject, was born September 18, 1854, and after attending the public schools of Allen township, and high school at Genoa for two years, went to school at Tiffin, Ohio, for six months; he then entered a college in the State of New York, pursuing his studies there for a year and a half, and graduating with honor in 1877. Not having any desire to follow a profession he took an interest in his father's numerous enterprises, and today is managing partner of the branch of the business at Coleman, Mich. He was clerk of the schoolboard in Allen township for a number of years prior to his

removal to Michigan, and is a member of Genoa Lodge, F. & A. M. James E. Curtice was married January 14, 1878, to Lizzie, daughter of George D. Littlejohn, of Baltimore, Ohio, and two children came to them: Eugene, born March 11, 1879, died December 22, 1881; Ethel, born September 13, 1885, is residing at present with her grandmother, Mrs. Curtice, in Allen township, and is attending school at Toledo. The mother of these children died October 20, 1887, and Mr. Curtice was married the second time, in 1892, at Toledo, to Miss Bella Green; one child has blessed this marriage, Lucile, born August 22, 1894.

Dr. James K. Pelton, father of the wife of our subject, was born in Watertown, N. Y., in 1810, son of James Pelton, of Watertown. He attended the common school and also took a college course. After farming for a while he went to New York and studied medicine, and he practiced that profession for more than a quarter of a century in Lagrange, for ten years at Toledo, and for five years at Columbus Grove, Putnam Co., this State. He was married, March 11, 1834, to Sarah, daughter of Russell Loomis, by whom he had six children, viz.: Mary E., born May 11, 1835, wife of our subject; James, born in 1838, at Lagrange, who was a manufacturer there, and died October 22, 1893 (he married and became the father of six children); Lucy, born August 31, 1841, married John Ryan, of New York, who died in 1877, and she married for her second husband Mr. W. N. Albertson, of Toledo; David C., born in Lagrange March 11, 1844, married Maggie Sadler (he is proprietor of a hotel at Trombley, Wood Co., this State); Richard F., born September 6, 1846, is a manufacturer at McComb, this State (he is married and the father of three children); Erastus L., born April 9, 1849, is farming at Fruitport, Mich. (he is married and has two children). Dr. Pelton, the father of this family, died at La-

grange, February 9, 1886, his wife departing this life four years previously.

Joshua E. Curtice, the subject of this sketch, was a trustee of Clay township for a number of years. Socially he is a member of the Good Templars Lodge and of Genoa Lodge, F. & A. M. In his political views he is a Republican; his wife is a member of the Evangelical Church. They are highly esteemed, and are popular with all classes in the community.

I H. ELLSWORTH. This gentleman has for some years been prominently identified with educational interests in this section of Ohio, and he is also known, in Benton township and vicinity, as an energetic business man, one who, though yet young, is making an enviable record for himself and winning his way to a place among the best men of Ottawa county.

He is a son of Elijah D. and Nancy J. (Overmyer) Ellsworth, the former of whom was born in Sandusky City February 24, 1836, and when seven years old came with his parents to Sandusky county, where they settled and cleared up a fine farm. At that time—1843—the county was a forest-covered wilderness, and the Ellsworths were among the early pioneers. Grandfather Ellsworth was born in New York about 1787, and served in the war of 1812, during which he was held prisoner on Lake Erie. He died in 1861. Elijah D. Ellsworth first wedded Miss LaRoe, of Sandusky county, who died in 1862, only a year after her marriage. Shortly after this Mr. Ellsworth inherited a large landed property from his father's estate, near Clyde. In 1864 he was again married, and his children by this union were Eugene E., born February 5, 1865; Irving H., born February 25, 1866; and Ettie A., born February 20, 1872, all living in Ohio. In 1893 Elijah D. Ellsworth went to California, where he now owns 160 acres of land. Our subject's maternal

grandfather, Jacob Overmyer, was born in Pennsylvania in 1806, and came to Ohio in 1854, settling in Sandusky county, where he cleared up a farm from the forest; his wife was a Miss Hammel, of Uniontown, Penn., born about 1805. The great-grandfather, Jacob Overmyer, Sr., was born in 1756 in Philadelphia.

L. H. Ellsworth was born February 25, 1866, near Tontogany, Wood Co., Ohio, where he spent his boyhood days. His early education was obtained in the country schools and at Tontogany, the schools of which place he attended for a time. Some years afterward he took a normal course in Toledo, which he completed in 1893. In 1885, at the age of nineteen, he began his career as a school teacher in the public schools of Wood county, where he taught for four years. Unlike many young men engaged in teaching, he did not waste his summer vacations, but employed himself during the time in selling carriages and harness, deriving from that business a snug income. In the spring of 1889 his health failed, and he accepted a position as traveling salesman for a wholesale saddlery hardware company of Cleveland, traveling more or less until September, 1894, when he was sufficiently improved in health to again return to his chosen profession. Meanwhile, in 1890, he came to Ottawa county, and settling in Rocky Ridge engaged in the carriage and harness business, in which he continued four years. During two years of this time he engaged as teacher in the public schools of Rocky Ridge, the second year as principal of the high school. In 1894 he took charge of the public school at Limestone, where he still lives. About three years ago Mr. Ellsworth and a Mr. Olsen formed the Ellsworth & Olsen Co., of Oak Harbor, Ottawa Co., Ohio, for the handling of harness and carriages, and the business having proved a very successful one Mr. Ellsworth contemplates giving his entire time to it and retiring from his profession. During the

summer of 1894 he handled different makes of bicycles for the Columbia Carriage & Bicycle Co., of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

On September 25, 1889, Mr. Ellsworth was married to Miss Anna J. Mawer, of Tontogany, Ohio, and this union has been blessed with one child, Irvin C., born December 25, 1890. Mrs. Ellsworth was born October 27, 1868, on a farm near Tontogany, Wood Co., Ohio. Her early education was received in the district schools near her home, and she then attended the public schools of Waterville for a time. On completing her studies at Waterville she returned home, where she remained until her marriage. Her father is a native of Canada, born in Quebec in 1833; her mother was born in 1843 in New York State. Immediately after their marriage they moved onto a tract of new land in Ottawa county, Ohio, then a forest, where they cleared up a fine home of 140 acres—one of the fine farm homes of Ottawa county—on which they now live. They became the parents of four children, as follows: Vinton J., born May 24, 1867; Anna J., born October 27, 1868; George Clifford, born October 18, 1871, and Elbert C., born December 8, 1879. In 1861 Mrs. Ellsworth's father entered the army, becoming first lieutenant, and was promoted to the rank of captain, serving as such until the war closed, mainly in Kentucky. At the battle of Guntown he was taken prisoner, and was held for fifteen months. Mrs. Ellsworth's maternal grandparents were born in 1817 in New York State, and the grandfather died in 1890, the grandmother in 1891. In their family were four children, two of whom are living, Mrs. Ellsworth's mother and William Bott.

JOHN WILLIAM HURDELBRINK was born in Woodville township, Sandusky county, in 1841, son of Armon Henry and Elizabeth (Wilner) Hurdelbrink, both of whom were

born in Hanover, Germany, in 1811, the former in November of that year.

The parents of our subject had three children, as follows: Henry, who lives in Toledo, Ohio, married Angelina Stieger, by whom he had eight children; she died April 2, 1887. Mary married Louis Linke, a farmer of Woodville township, and they had eight children. John W. is the subject of this sketch. In 1840 Mr. and Mrs. Hurdelbrink came to America, landing in New York, where they remained but a short time. They then moved to Wood county, Ohio, and after about two months bought twenty-five acres of land, the greater part of which they cleared, and put up a log cabin and other buildings. After living there over nine years they sold this place, and moved to what is now the old family homestead, where Mr. Hurdelbrink passed the remainder of his days. At the time of his death he had 160 acres of valuable land, of which he had cleared about eighty acres himself.

On November 1, 1867, John W. Hurdelbrink was united in marriage with Louisa Coleman, who was born March 19, 1850, in Hanover, Germany, and seven children were born to them, namely: Minnie, born July 25, 1868, married John Stine, a farmer of Woodville township, by whom she had three children—Ella, Lizzie and Etta; H., born July 17, 1870, was married to L. Cole, and they had one child (they live in Gibsonburg, Sandusky Co., Ohio); August, born December 25, 187—, is single and lives at home; Louis, born February 17, 1875; Charles, born March 2, 1880; George, born March 18, 1884; and Augusta, born September 25, 1885. Mrs. J. W. Hurdelbrink's brother William and sister Lizzie live in Ottawa county, Ohio. Their father died September 12, 1868.

John W. Hurdelbrink always remained at home, and on the death of his father the estate was divided. In 1885 he bought eighty acres of land, partly cleared, which cost him \$3,200, and here he car-

ries on general farming. He is a Democrat in politics, and in religious connection is an active member of the Lutheran Church in Woodville, Sandusky county.

AARON BECKER was born in Germany, June 5, 1834, son of Christopher and Maria (Bushman) Becker, who were also natives of Germany, and came to America in 1841, settling in Washington township, Sandusky Co., Ohio. Here the father rented a farm of forty acres, on which he lived for one year, then removing to Madison township, same county, where he purchased eighty-six acres of rough timber land. He at once began clearing up the place, and acre by acre it was put under the plow until the once wild land was transformed into rich and fertile fields. Good buildings were erected, and the home of Christopher Becker became one of the finest farms of the neighborhood. His life was well spent, and his death, which occurred in 1886, was mourned by many friends. His wife passed away in 1884, and they were laid to rest in the cemetery in Madison township. In their family were seven children, as follows: Florence, Mary, Casper, Aaron, Fred, Martin and Henry. While in his native land Mr. Becker had served for three years in the German army.

Aaron Becker was only seven years of age when he came with his parents to the United States. As soon as old enough he began to earn his living by work as a farm hand, but continued to make his home with his parents until his twenty-fourth birthday, when he was united in marriage with Jane Heisen, the wedding being celebrated June 5, 1858. He then removed with his bride to Washington township, where he purchased thirty acres of land, the greater part of which was covered with timber. He worked early and late in order to clear this for cultivation, and when he had greatly improved it sold at

a good profit. Then investing his money in 120 acres, for which he paid \$40 per acre, he began the cultivation of the farm which has since been his home. The place has doubled in value, owing to the care and labor he has bestowed upon it. He has erected new barns, made other excellent improvements, and now has a model nineteenth-century farm, an ideal country home, the neat and thrifty appearance of which indicates his care and supervision.

To Mr. and Mrs. Becker have been born children as follows: Mary, wife of William Myerholtz, a farmer residing in Woodville township, Sandusky county (they have seven children); Jacob, an agriculturist residing in Washington township, Sandusky county; Lizzie, wife of William Amsted, a farmer residing in Michigan, by whom she has two children; John; Sophia, wife of Neal Wilson, a resident farmer of Michigan, by whom she has one child; Phoebe, wife of Frank Schock, a farmer of Washington township, who has one child; William, at home; George; Christina, wife of John Yeasting, of Woodville, and the mother of one child; Emma and Louis, at home; and Ellen who died in 1882.

Mr. Becker votes with the Democrats, and for two years has served as road supervisor, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, preferring to give his time and attention to his business interests. He holds membership with the Lutheran Church. A man of good business ability, of sound judgment, enterprising and progressive, he has through his own efforts worked his way upward to a position of affluence, and may truly be called a self-made man.

GEORGE MILLER has been an eye witness of the greater part of the development of Scott township, Sandusky county. He has seen the forest trees fall before the wood-

man's axe, and in their place spring up fine fields of golden grain. The oil industry has also been largely developed, and the work of progress and improvement along various lines has been carried forward until the county to-day ranks among the best in the State.

George Miller, who is numbered among the representative citizens of Scott township, was born in Stark county, Ohio, October 5, 1820, and is a son of Peter and Eleanor (Stoaks) Miller, pioneers of Sandusky county. His maternal grandfather was born about 1750 and died in 1826, the grandmother, who was born about the same time, passing away a few years previous. The father of our subject was a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1783. He was numbered among the early settlers of Hancock county, Ohio, and his death occurred in 1858, that of his wife in 1840. They were parents of seven children: Jacob, Elizabeth, Catherine, Peter, Mary, George and John, of whom George (subject of this sketch), Mary and Catherine are the only ones now living.

When our subject came to Scott township, Sandusky county, no roads had been made or fences built. He followed a trail which led him near his farm and than carried his household goods on his back to the log cabin in which he and his wife, who is still living, began life in the west. He cleared forty acres of land, erected good buildings upon his farm, and as the years have passed acquired a competence which now places him in comfortable circumstances.

Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Miss Lavina Bates, of Scott township, whose father was born in Stark county, Ohio, about 1785, and her mother, Mrs. Hannah Bates, in 1793. They had eleven children, six of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have three children, the eldest of whom, Susan, died about 1881; she married John Thompson, by whom she had two children, and after his death

she became the wife of Jesse Miller. Adam, the second of the family, was born October 19, 1844, and on February 3, 1866, wedded Miss Catherine Miller, daughter of William and Harriet (Stine) Miller; her father was born August 26, 1820, on the old Gettysburg battleground, was a minister of the United Brethren Church, and died in Kansas, January 23, 1880; her mother, who was born December 29, 1819, died January 23, 1895. Adam Miller enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Forty-fourth Ohio V. I., in 1864, and served until the close of the war. He is now for the third term serving as trustee of the township; in his political views he is a Democrat, and he is numbered among the highly-respected citizens of Sandusky county. To him and his wife have come two children—Emma, born October 3, 1868, now the wife of Thomas Earl, of Scott township, and Maggie, who was born November 17, 1870, and is the wife of Fred Hummell, by whom she has three children.

Mr. George Miller has passed the age usually allotted to man. His life has been a busy and useful as well as a long one, and all who know him have for him the highest regard.

REUBEN KELLER, a substantial farmer of Riley township, Sandusky county, was born December 13, 1838, and is a son of Joseph and Lydia (Owner) Keller, who were born in Pennsylvania in 1806 and in 1800, respectively.

Joseph Keller was united in marriage with Lydia Owner in Pennsylvania, and was the proprietor of a saw-mill there which he operated until 1835, when he moved west, settling in Sandusky county, Ohio, and buying eighty acres of land in Sandusky township. There were born to them eleven children, as follows: Elizabeth, who died young; Philip married Susan Olmstead, they have had three

children, and live in Michigan; John married Phœbe Bashier, they have had three children, and live in Illinois; Peter died young; Julia married Jacob Shannon, they have had five children, and live in Toledo, Ohio; Zerechia died young; Elida married Martin Siegler, they have had two children, and live in Sandusky county; Joseph and Susan died young; Reuben is the subject of this sketch; and Henry married Miss Wolcott, they have had three children, and live in Toledo, Ohio.

Reuben Keller was early trained to habits of perseverance and industry, received a common-school education, and worked for his father until he was twenty years of age. He was drafted into the Southern army in 1863, and served two years, ran away at Vicksburg and returned home. In 1866 Mr. Keller was united in marriage with Miss Bauman, and they had one child, Clarence, born in 1867. Mrs. Keller died the same year. In 1871 Mr. Keller for his second wife married Sarah Cherry, after which he settled in Riley township, bought eighty-two acres of land and engaged in general farming. They have had six children, as follows: William (born November 22, 1870), Emma L. (deceased in infancy), John, Nellie C., Nettie L., and Jennie.

Mr. Keller is a Democrat in politics, and has been honored with public office, having been school director for three years, and supervisor three years. In religious affiliation he attends the Lutheran Church.

GEORGE T. DANA, farmer, Green Creek township, Sandusky county, was born in Genesee county, N. Y., December 4, 1829. He was a son of Daniel H. and Philinda (Tiffany) Dana.

Daniel H. Dana was a native of Vermont, and early in life he moved to New York State, where he was engaged in the

lumber business. In 1832 he made a trip west, looking up lumber and other interests, in his travels discovering what is known as Green Spring, and on account of the favorable location, he determined to make it his home. He took up land, and owned a large tract now occupied by the village of Green Spring and vicinity. He cut the first road near Green Spring, put up the first log house in the place, engaged in mercantile business, and built up a large trade. He owned three stores at different points, the main one being located at Green Spring. He was an Old-line Whig in politics, and a sturdy pioneer. He was born in 1797, and died in 1881. He was a man of remarkable physical strength and endurance. He was an uncle to Charles A. Dana, the far-famed editor of the *New York Sun*. His father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and was at one time minister to Spain.

Our subject is one of six children: Marian, single, living at Green Spring; George T.; Sarah, who died young; Jane, maiden lady, living at Green Spring; and Harry and Franklin, who both died young. Mr. Dana is highly-esteemed and regarded for his intelligence and business ability. He was a child when he came with his parents into the forests of Ohio, grew up to manhood at Green Spring, and received meagre educational advantages. Being the only son he engaged in business pursuits at an early age, and became disciplined in a variety of occupations. He married on November 23, 1868, Miss Sophia Abels, who was born in Easton, Penn., December 7, 1846. Their children are: (1) Philinda, a popular and bright young lady of that vicinity, who graduated from the Fremont public schools, and has been a teacher in the same for the past four years; she is regarded not only as an estimable woman in society, but as one of the most successful teachers; she is a member of the teachers' reading circle. (2) Grace Tiffany, wife of Scott Stahl,

an attorney at law, of Port Clinton, Ohio. (3) Maud, living at home, and (4) Marian, born August 10, 1876, died July 27, 1877.

Since the early days in this region Mr. Dana engaged in stock buying for a number of years, and, in this capacity, was located at Bellevue for three years. He next managed the grain warehouse of Mr. Woodward, at Clyde, for one year. From 1862 to 1876 he was engaged in the lumber business in Fremont and vicinity with N. C. West. They had several sawmills, and did an extensive business in the way of buying up timber land and sawing and shipping lumber, operating in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. On account of failing health, Mr. Dana finally withdrew from this business, and located on his farm in Green Creek township, where he still resides. In politics Mr. Dana was originally an ardent Whig, and since the organization of the party has been an uncompromising Republican. His family are members of the Presbyterian Church, while the ladies are members of the Foreign Missionary Society.

CYRUS HINELINE is one of the native sons of Sandusky county, his birth having occurred July 3, 1868, on the old home farm of his father, Theo. Himeline. The latter was born October 26, 1831, in Pennsylvania, where he was united in marriage with Hannah Rafferty, who was born July 24, 1832.

In 1853 they came to Ohio, locating in Rice township, Sandusky county, where Theo. Himeline purchased 136 acres of land, for which he paid \$3,010. He was a generous man, deeply interested in the welfare of the community, and gave land on which was erected a schoolhouse, and also a tract for cemetery purposes. In 1892 he erected a new residence, and still makes his home upon a farm where he first located, and where he is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. He

makes a specialty of raising wheat, and has a yield averaging about eight hundred bushels each year. He is an enterprising and progressive farmer, and his well-directed efforts have brought to him merited success. During the Civil war he was drafted into the service, but being in ill health, and in consequence unable to go, he sent a substitute. He was a poor man when he came to Ohio, and in his earlier years, in connection with farming, he followed plastering and brick laying. He worked hard to secure a start, and his life has, indeed, been a busy and useful one, characterized by honorable dealings in all transactions. He served as constable for two terms, was township trustee for nine years, and was school director for the long period of twenty years. He was also elected justice of the peace, but after serving for a short time resigned. He is recognized as one of the most prominent and influential farmers of the neighborhood.

In the Hine line family were four children: (1) Maggie E., born November 24, 1854, is the wife of Henry M. Hetrick, and they have four children—Lottie, born December 1, 1880; Clarence, born March 4, 1883; Gertrude I., born in 1887; and Oscar T., born in 1889. (2) Mary E., born January 30, 1860, died in childhood, and was buried in Fremont, Ohio. (3) Ida E., born March 19, 1865, is the wife of Dr. W. L. Stierwalt, and they have two children—Hannah E., born in 1888; and Mildred M., born May 3, 1894. (4) Cyrus, subject of this sketch. The father of this family also has three brothers who are yet living: Henry, born January 4, 1827, married Sarah Blocker, and they had a son, Morgan, now deceased; Rudolph, born May 10, 1830, married Anna Nulf, and had three children—Elrin, Freeman, and one that died in infancy; and Carlie P., born July 15, 1835, married Catherine Reed, and had three children—Henry, who died in childhood, Frank and Mary.

Cyrus Hine line, whose name opens this record, spent the days of his boyhood and youth upon his father's farm, attended the district schools of the neighborhood, and to his father gave the benefit of his services until his marriage. He wedded Miss Sarah Garn, who was born in Rice township, Sandusky county, in 1869, and their union has been blessed with two children—Oliver, born June 12, 1888; and Rudolph R., born April 7, 1892. Mr. Hine line has always followed the pursuit to which he was reared. At the time of his marriage he purchased half of the old home place, and built thereon a good residence. He now carries on general farming and raises mixed stock. His business is well conducted, and the neat and thrifty appearance of his place indicates his careful supervision. He takes no active part in public affairs, aside from faithfully performing his duties of citizenship, giving his political support to the Democracy. In religious belief he is a Catholic.

PHILO S. PEARCE. Among the representative and honored citizens of Catawba Island township, Ottawa county, none stands higher than does the subject of this record. He is a New Englander by birth, having first seen the light in New Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., and is a son of Ambrose and Evaline (Barnum) Pearce.

Ambrose Pearce was born in New York City, October 20, 1805, and was a son of David Pearce, whom he accompanied to Connecticut when about twelve years of age. There he followed farming in New Fairfield township, Fairfield county, until his death, which occurred at his home June 22, 1879. His wife was a native of that township, born January 14, 1808, and they became the parents of seven children, only four of whom are still living: Harriet Ann, born April 26, 1828, is the wife of Eli Jennings; David,

born May 21, 1832, died October 8, 1867; Ira, born December 13, 1835; George N., born December 17, 1838; and Philo S., our subject. The family is of English ancestry.

In the usual manner of farmer boys Philo S. Pearce passed the days of his boyhood and youth, during which time he attended the district schools of his native township and county, and, with the exception of the four years spent in the Union army during the late Rebellion, he has followed farming throughout his entire life. In September, 1861, Mr. Pearce enlisted in Company A, Eleventh Connecticut V. I., and served until December, 1865, during which time he participated in eighteen engagements, among which was the second battle of Bull Run, Antietam, Petersburg, New Richmond, Wilderness, Roanoke Island, Newbern, N. C., Cold Harbor, Va., South Mountain, Fredericksburg, and Gettysburg. He was mustered out December 21, 1865, and finally discharged at Hartford, Conn., a few days later. He then returned to Danbury, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he remained for about eighteen months, at the end of which time he went to New York, locating in Allegany county, and was there engaged in the mercantile business until 1875. In March of that year he sold out and came to Catawba Island township, Ottawa county, where he has since made his home.

Here Mr. Pearce was married October 27, 1869, the lady of his choice being Miss Ora L. Barnum, who was born on Catawba Island September 5, 1849, and is a daughter of John and Jane (Ramsdell) Barnum, who were among the very earliest settlers of Danbury township, Ottawa county, having come here when it was a part of Sandusky county. Mr. and Mrs. Pearce became the parents of five children, of whom one died in infancy. Those living are Thaddeus B., who was born September 6, 1870, and resides in Bay township, Ottawa county; Arthur

D., who was born October 2, 1873, and is still under the parental roof; Lena J., who was born December 3, 1882; and Ambrose, who was born January 19, 1886.

John Barnum, the father of Mrs. Pearce, was born at New Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., May 31, 1822, and was a son of Eben and Rebecca (Meade) Barnum, also natives of the Nutmeg State. He became one of the first settlers of Catawba Island, then known as Van Rensselaer township, in 1843, and was one of its prosperous farmers for forty-two years, until his death occurred, March 21, 1885. In Danbury township, Ottawa county, in January, 1847, he married Jane Ramsdell, a daughter of Jacob and Sallie Ramsdell, and a member of a pioneer family of the county. They had two children—Jacob, born October 12, 1847; and Ora L., the wife of our subject. Mrs. Barnum died on Catawba Island, May 6, 1872.

Mr. Pearce is one of the most highly esteemed residents of Ottawa county, and by energy and perseverance has accumulated a fair share of this world's goods. His orchards are among the best cultivated and most productive, and by his sterling ability and amiable disposition he has won for himself a host of friends.

WILLIAM A. GREGG is a native of New Hampshire, born in Hillsboro county, August 11, 1825, and is a son of William and Sophia (Weston) Gregg. His paternal grandfather was born about 1765, reared a family of four children, and passed away in 1830. The maternal grandfather was born in 1750, and died in 1825, while his wife, who was born about 1757, was called to the home beyond in 1832, both reaching an advanced age. The father of our subject was born in 1794, the mother in 1800, and in their family were five children. He was a drover by occupation.

Our subject spent the first thirteen years of his life in his native place, and then removed to the southern part of New Hampshire, where he remained until the discovery of gold in California in 1849. With the hope of securing a fortune on the Pacific slope he made his way to the Golden State, and embarked in mining, which he followed with success for eighteen months. Then, tiring of the wild life of that far western country, he returned to the old Granite State, and learned the machinist's trade, which he followed for some time.

In 1851 Mr. Gregg was united in marriage with Miss Nancy J. Foster, of Vermont, and with his wife he came to Ohio, locating in Scott township, Sandusky county, which was then a comparatively new region, in which the work of progress and development had not long since begun. One child came to bless their home, Frank, who was born in 1852, and is now married and living in Indiana. In May, of that year, the mother died, and in 1854 Mr. Gregg was again married, this second union being with Miss Harriet Henline, of Freeport, Ohio. Nine children were born of this union—Charles E., who is a resident of Pennsylvania; Elsie, wife of D. Peterson, of Bradner, Ohio; Hattie, wife of T. Lake, of Pemberville, Ohio; Sadie, deceased; William, who married Kate Ashbrook, of Bradner, Ohio; Lettie, wife of L. Keller; Schuyler, who is engaged in the oil business; Grace, and Roscoe, at home. The mother of this family was called to her final rest in June, 1884, and the daughter, Miss Grace, is now keeping house for her father.

In February, 1864, Mr. Gregg responded to the country's call for troops, and continued in the service until the cessation of hostilities. He participated in the battles of Selina and Columbus, and has ever been a true and loyal American citizen, whether in times of peace or war. On his return he resumed farming, and to-day is the owner of a valuable

property which is under a very high state of cultivation, and yields him a handsome income as the result of his arduous toil in earlier days.

A WEHRLE, the most extensive grape grower, and the proprietor of one of the largest wineries in Ohio, as well as the oldest settler on Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, was born in Baden, Germany, December 8, 1831.

The parents of our subject, Andrew and Mary (Mueller) Wehrle, were born and died in Germany. They had a family of seven children, three of whom are living, namely: Andrew, the subject of this sketch, who is the only one of the family who came to America, and Rosa and Monica, who still reside in their native land. Andrew Wehrle was reared to manhood on his father's farm, received his education at the public schools in the neighborhood of his early home, and in 1852 came to America. On reaching New York he at once proceeded to Sandusky, Erie Co., Ohio, where he resided for about two years, and in 1854 removed to Middle Bass, engaging in farming and fishing.

In July, 1854, at Sandusky, Erie county, Andrew Wehrle was united in marriage with Miss Mary Mueller, who was born in Baden, Germany, in November, 1832, and they have had four children (three of whom are now living), as follows: Andrew, born March 9, 1855, now a wholesale coal dealer in Sandusky, Erie county; Louisa, born October 2, 1856, wife of George W. Reibling, residing in Detroit, Mich.; Charles, who died in infancy; and Herman, born December 19, 1858, who is a partner in his father's business.

In 1859 A. Wehrle, Joseph Mueller, William Rheburg and George R. Caldwell purchased all of Middle Bass Island and planted it in grapes. In 1865 Mr.

Wehrle built a winery and engaged in wine making, in 1871 building the large and commodious premises to which he has been making additions year by year, until now his winery has reached a capacity of five hundred thousand gallons, and ranks among the largest in Ohio. Besides this he has a large and spacious hall which is liberally patronized during the summer months by pleasure parties from all portions of this and adjoining States. His residence, situated on a slight eminence, and fronting on the lake, is one of the handsomest and most imposing in Ottawa county; the grounds are tastefully laid out in lawns and flower gardens, and all the surroundings betoken culture and refinement. Mr. Wehrle became a citizen of the United States October 16, 1857, and in his political views is a Republican. For twenty-nine years he has held the position of postmaster, having been appointed October 21, 1866, and having served efficiently ever since, and for twelve years he also held the office of township trustee.

In addition to his grape-growing interests Mr. Wehrle is identified with several concerns. He is president of the Sandusky and Island Steamboat Company, a large stockholder in the steamer "Arrow," manager and part owner of the steamer "American Eagle," and owns extensive wharf and warehouse premises. He stands prominent among the enterprising and most prosperous business men of Ottawa county, and has been so intimately connected with all enterprises, not only of Middle Bass Island, but of the county generally, that his name is closely identified with it; in fact very little has been planned or projected by the community without his counsel and aid. He is a man of remarkable vitality and strong and robust constitution. With willing heart and hands he has made a success of life, and accumulated a snug fortune, and his many sterling qualities have won and retained for him the respect and esteem of his

neighbors and large circle of acquaintances.

HERMAN WEHRLE, youngest son of A. and Mary Wehrle, and a partner in his father's business, was born December 19, 1858, and was educated in the public schools of Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, and in the Buckeye Business College, Sandusky, Erie county. Since completing his education he has been connected with his father's business, and in 1888 was admitted as a partner. On June 6, 1892, in St. Louis, Mo., Herman Wehrle married Katherine M. Rauer, who was born in St. Louis June 27, 1860, daughter of Jacob and Kunigunde Rauer, who were both born in Germany. No children have been born to this marriage. In political affiliation Mr. Wehrle, like his father, is a Republican.

ROBERT RICHARDSON. Among those who devote their time and energies to farming and fruit growing in Portage township, Ottawa county, and have attained success in their undertakings, is this gentleman. He was born in Bay township, that county, November 2, 1844, and is a son of Robert and Mary (McRitchie) Richardson, who were natives of Dundee, Scotland, the father born May 12, 1803, the mother August 10, 1803. They were married near Dundee, Scotland, and became the parents of five sons and one daughter: Jane, born in Scotland, in August, 1832, married Samuel Farsht, who was killed in the Civil war; she is now living in Toledo, Ohio. David and Robert, twin brothers, were born March 11, 1835, at New Tyne, Scotland; the latter died in infancy, while the former resides in Portage township, Ottawa county. George, born in Paterson, N. J., about 1838, died in childhood. William, born in Nyack, N. Y., about 1840, died at the age of three years. Robert is the subject proper of this sketch.

In September, 1834, Mr. Richardson crossed the Atlantic to America, and in August, 1836, was joined by his wife and their two children. They continued to reside in New York until 1840, the father working at his trade, that of stone mason. The family, on coming west, located in Bay township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, where Mr. Richardson engaged in agricultural pursuits for about six years, also working at his trade at intervals, and erecting the first stone house ever built in Portage township, for Col. Lockwood, of Plasterbed. This house is still in a good state of repair, and is now occupied by the Colonel's son, J. W. In the spring of 1847 Mr. Richardson purchased 180 acres of land in Portage township, where he erected the first log house built between Lake Erie and Sandusky Bay, making it his home up to the time of his death February 28, 1855. His faithful and devoted wife, who survived him twelve years, passed away March 31, 1867. They were among the early settlers of the township, and endured many of the trials and hardships incident to pioneer life.

When in his fourth year, Robert Richardson was brought by his parents to Portage township, Ottawa county, where he has resided continuously for the past forty-eight years. He received his education in the common schools of Port Clinton, and with the exception of three years spent in sea-faring life on the lakes, he has been continuously engaged in agricultural pursuits. On January 3, 1864, Mr. Richardson responded to the country's call for troops, joining the "boys in blue" of Company G, One Hundredth O. V. I., and with his regiment participated in all the battles of the Atlanta campaign, as well as the engagements of Franklin and Nashville, Tenn. The regiment was afterward taken on transports to Fort Anderson, N. C., proceeded thence to Wilmington, and on to Goldsboro, where they joined Sherman's army,

continuing their march to Raleigh, N. C., where the campaign virtually ended. At Greensborough, N. C., Mr. Richardson was mustered out and received a final discharge on July 11, 1865, after which he returned to his home and once more resumed farming.

In Fremont, on November 18, 1869, was celebrated the marriage of our subject and Miss Harriet E. Magruder, daughter of James H. and Elizabeth (Hollingshead) Magruder, and a native of Port Clinton, born July 11, 1847. Three children grace this union—James Franklin, born October 6, 1870; Charles B., who was born February 15, 1872, and died August 27, 1874; and Clara May, born June 19, 1875. Mr. Richardson was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, while his wife attends the Roman Catholic Church.

Our subject has filled the office of infirmary director for six years, and was township trustee for twelve years, discharging his duties with a promptness and fidelity that won him high commendation. His political support is given the Democratic party, and socially he is connected with George A. McRitchie Post, No. 524, G. A. R., of which he served for two years as commander. He is one of the progressive and successful farmers and fruit growers of the township, giving his attention largely to the cultivation of peaches and grapes, and his comfortable surroundings bespeak thrift and industry. As a friend and neighbor he is held in the highest esteem throughout the community in which he resides.

DAVID RICHARDSON, eldest son of Robert and Mary (McRitchie) Richardson, was born in New Tyne, Scotland, March 11, 1835, and came to America with his mother in 1837. Five years later his parents removed to Bay township, Ottawa county, and in the district schools of the neigh-

borhood he acquired his education, taking advantage of such limited opportunities as were then afforded. As soon as old enough to follow the plow he began work in the fields, and his entire life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits. Since 1847 he has been a continuous resident of Portage township, and he is still living on the old homestead farm which his father secured nearly fifty years ago. He has his land all under a high state of cultivation, and to-day ranks among the most popular and prominent farmers of the township, highly respected by all who know him for his integrity and straightforward dealing.

Mr. Richardson was married, in Fremont, Ohio, December 16, 1862, to Miss Paulina Adelman, who was born in Germany, May 8, 1843, daughter of Christian and Catherine (Moos) Adelman, natives of Germany, who became residents of Fremont. The father passed away March 12, 1892, on the eighty-fifth anniversary of his birth, and the mother died in August, 1864. By this marriage there are five children—Emma J., born December 8, 1863, who is now the wife of Edward J. Fall, a resident of Port Clinton; Mary J., born September 14, 1865, wife of Edward Wedekind, of Port Clinton; John R., born April 2, 1867; William A., born February 17, 1869; and Anna E., born October 6, 1871, the last named three still living with their parents. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are widely and favorably known throughout the community. Mr. Richardson is a member of the Port Clinton Lodge No. 627, I. O. O. F., and in his political views is a Democrat.

AUGUST HEILEMAN, a son of Gottlieb and Henriette (Black) Heileman, was born in Germany, August 29, 1839. His parents were also natives of the same country,

and the father followed the blacksmith's trade.

Our subject spent the first fifteen years of his life in the land of his birth, and in July, 1854, sailed with his mother for America. Upon their arrival here they received word that the father and husband had died. They did not return, however, but at Quebec, where they had landed, took a canal boat for Buffalo, N. Y., and thence came by steamer to Sandusky, Ohio, and on to Fremont. There our subject secured work as a farm hand and the mother as a domestic. A few years later she was married to Solomon Bowman, an agriculturist, residing in Washington township, Sandusky county. In 1860 August Heileman began working for Mr. Bowman, with whom he remained until the latter's death. From the guardian in charge of the property he then rented the farm, comprising 154 acres, and in 1869 purchased two of the quit claim deeds. In 1871 he purchased the other one, and thus came into possession of one of the best farms in Sandusky county. He has since devoted his time and attention exclusively to agricultural pursuits, and is recognized as one of the leading farmers of the community, for his fields are well tilled, the place improved with good buildings, and everything kept in good repair.

During the Civil war Mr. Heileman was drafted and on September 24, 1864, joined the Thirty-third Ohio Infantry, which went first to Columbus, thence to Kentucky, and on to Kingston. In the battle of Bentonville, N. C., he was wounded, a rifle ball striking him between the eyes. He was taken to the hospital in Newark, N. J., and on his partial recovery was sent home on a furlough. While here the war ended, and on July 29, 1865, he received an honorable discharge.

Mr. Heileman was united in marriage, February 19, 18—, in Fremont, with Miss Mary Elizabeth Bowman, a daughter

of his stepfather, and by their union they have become the parents of ten children, namely: Henry A., born June 10, 18—, who died April 22, 1868; Louisa, wife of Theodore Kerns, a farmer of Ottawa county, Ohio; Simon, born January 18, 1871, who died November 27, 1873; John B., born July 22, 1873, who died November 27, following; Charles, born September 8, 1874; Clara, born in February, 1877, wife of William Foreman, a farmer of Ottawa county; Emma K., born April 19, 1879; William, born August 22, 1881; Hattie L., born December 10, 1883; and August C., deceased.

Mr. Heileman is a member of the German Lutheran Church. He came to this country a poor boy of fifteen years, and was from that time dependent upon his own resources for a living. He worked long and earnestly before he was able to secure a farm, and his life has ever been a busy and useful one. Thus, through his own enterprise and energy, he has gained a comfortable competence, and to-day is numbered among the substantial agriculturists of Washington township.

JOHN H. FRY, retired farmer, of Ballville township, Sandusky county, was born February 28, 1810, in the Province of Westphalia, Germany, a son of L. H. and Mary E. (Schulte) Fry.

L. H. Fry was also a native of Westphalia, born in 1770, and was a cabinet maker by trade, following farming as well. He died at the age of eighty-four years. The mother of our subject lived in Germany all her days, dying there at the age of seventy-three. His paternal grandfather, L. H. Fry, Sr., a farmer by vocation, died at the age of eighty-four; the maternal grandfather, John H. Schulte died at the age of eighty-five. All were members of the Reformed Church. Our subject was one of five

children: Lambert H., who died in Germany; Mary E., who died when thirteen years old; John H., whose name opens this sketch; Henry, who lives in Ballville township; and Elizabeth, wife of L. C. Speller, of Ballville township.

Our subject learned the trade of a cabinet maker in Germany. When twenty-five years of age he came to America, landing in New York July 4, 1835, and went at once to Ohio. He came up the Sandusky river on the old steamer "Jack Downing," of pioneer fame, and locating in the village of Ballville, Sandusky county, worked at his trade there for about six years. In 1839 he bought 106 acres of land about three and a half miles from Lower Sandusky, and engaged in agricultural pursuits, living on his farm for more than twenty years, and doing all his own farming. At one time he was the owner of as much as 240 acres, the greater part of which he has willed away.

Mr. Fry was married to Miss Julia W. Miller, who was born in Lycoming county, Penn., June 15, 1815, and died May 9, 1892, without issue. Our subject is a Republican in politics, and, in religious connection, a member of the Reformed Church. He is a typical, old-style gentleman, a good citizen and a kind neighbor. He could not speak a word of English when he came here, but he patiently contended against difficulties, and has made his life a grand success.

WILLIAM GERWIN, a substantial farmer of Woodville township, Sandusky county, was born in Hanover, Germany, March 14, 1839, son of Louis and Sophia (Hunton) Gerwin.

Louis Gerwin, who was a wagon-maker by occupation, came to America in 1853. He located in Woodville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, and bought seventy-two acres of timber land, the greater part of which, with the help of his

children, he succeeded in clearing. He died in May, 1861, and his wife who survived him, died in June, 1877, at the age of over seventy-seven years. They were the parents of six children, viz.: Dora married Casper Anthonson, and they have had seven children; they live in Ottawa county. Henry died at the age of sixty years. Sophia married Henry Schumberg, a carpenter, and they live in Toledo, Ohio. Fred lives in Toledo. William is the subject of this sketch. Harmon is a farmer in Madison township, Lake Co., Ohio.

William Gerwin received his education in the Fatherland, and was fourteen years of age when he came to America. During his early life he remained under the parental roof, and on April 28, 1866, was united in marriage with Elizabeth Falling, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Cook) Falling. Ten children have blessed their union, as follows: Sophia, born November 27, 1865, married William Schmitt, and they live in Gibsonburg, Sandusky Co., Ohio; Henry L., born February 21, 1867, died March 5, 1867; Ludwig H., born March 29, 1868, lives in Woodville township; Henry G., born January 6, 1870, lives in Ottawa county; Maria Louisa was born January 14, 1872; Herman, September 20, 1873; Louisa M., March 14, 1875; William Henry, August 1, 1877; Johanna F., January 14, 1879; and Fred, October 3, 1881. Mr. Gerwin has seven good oil wells on his place. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious affiliation a Lutheran.

WILLIAM ZIMMERMAN, widely known as one of the substantial and progressive farmers of Green Creek township, Sandusky county, is a son of John and Rebecca (Fisher) Zimmerman, and was born in Stark county, Ohio, March 23, 1825.

John Zimmerman's father came to Pennsylvania from Germany with his

parents when but two years old. The family located on a farm, and by industry and frugality succeeded in accumulating a sufficiency of this world's goods. John Zimmerman and his wife were born in Pennsylvania—in 1800 and 1802, respectively. They were married in 1821, and in the following year came to Ohio, settling in Stark county. A farm was purchased, and the work of clearing away the primitive forest was begun and continued among many hardships, as any pioneer can tell. Here life's battles were fought and won, till, after about thirteen years, the family found a new home in the wilderness where now are seen the fruitful farms of Seneca county. In 1847 a new location was sought, and the farm which William Zimmerman now occupies was purchased. Here, in 1850, Mrs. Rebecca Zimmerman passed away. John Zimmerman continued to live here for several years, and then returned to Seneca county, where he died in 1878.

On July 5, 1847, William Zimmerman was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Brownell, who was born in New York State, April 20, 1830. The following children were born to them: (1) Charles W., a boilermaker by vocation, lives in Dayton, Ohio, and his children are—William, Carrie, Eddie and one whose name is not given. (2) John F., a photographer, formerly had a studio at Clyde, Green Creek township, is at present at home working at his profession and helping his father; his children are—Mary E., William H., Carroll, and Charles L. (3) Electa A., wife of Harvey Gray, of Green Creek township, has six children—Fannie, Jesse, Flora, George, Charles and Elijah. (4) James A., a boiler maker at Dayton, Montgomery county, has children—Fay and Mary E. (5) Elijah H., for several years a barber and bandmaster in Green Spring township, later went west, but returned and went to Canada, where he died in 1890.

William Zimmerman did not serve in the Civil war, but two of his brothers—Benjamin and Franklin—did. Although Mr. Zimmerman has espoused the principles of the Democratic party, and affiliated with that political organization, he has no scruples against voting for the best man even though his name is found on another ticket.

GEORGE FETTERMAN, farmer of Rice township, Sandusky county, was born in that township, March 28, 1843, and is a son of John and Catherine (Daniel) Fetterman, who were born and married in Pennsylvania.

John Fetterman was born in 1809, married Catherine Daniel, and they came to Ohio in 1860, settling in Rice township, where he bought forty acres of land. Mr. Fetterman died March 18, 1892, his wife April 30, 1892, and they were both buried in Sandusky township. They were the parents of eleven children, as follows: Lima married Michael W. Walter, and they had seven children (they live in Indiana); Mary married William Overmeier, and they had one child, Ellen, who married John Hess, a farmer of Sandusky county, Ohio, by whom she had four children; Daniel died in 1892, and was buried in Henry county; Amanda was born in 1834, and lives in Lindsey, Washington township, Sandusky county; Sarah married John Taking, and they have five children, of whom Isadore lives at home, Monroe lives in Wood county, Ohio, and Emma, Alice and Ida live at home; John, who is a farmer, married a Miss Prince, and lives in Michigan; Solomon, who is single, lives in Oak Harbor, Ottawa Co., Ohio; George is the subject of this sketch; Jacob died September 7, 1889, and was buried in Sandusky county; Romanzas married Amanda King, and they had four children; and a son, whose name is not

given, a farmer by occupation in Sandusky county, married Catherine Artz, and they had four children.

In 1850, George Fetterman was united in marriage with Elizabeth Fought, in Rice township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, and purchased 180 acres of land, where he now lives. They have three children, as follows: Ernest, who is a farmer in Rice township, married to Almeda King; Frank, also a farmer in Rice township, married to Mary Benter; and Westley, living at home. Mr. Fetterman was constable in Rice township for two years, was engaged in railroading on the Wabash for about two years, and was then married and went to farming. He is a Democrat in politics, and a Catholic in religion.

WA. COLLIER, owner of one of the finest fruit farms in Benton township, Ottawa county, is a native of Ohio, born February 18, 1849, in Licking county, and is a son of Aaron and Catherina (Grove) Collier.

Aaron Collier was born March 21, 1822, in England. He enlisted in the British army, but deserted because he could not eat the hard tack furnished the soldiers, and coming to America commenced peddling pills, in which he engaged on his journey from New York to Licking county, Ohio, walking all the way, and going from house to house. On arriving in Ohio, he learned the trade of blacksmith from Stephen Grove, father of the lady he afterward married, and he followed same some twelve years. On June 12, 1847, he was married in Ohio to Miss Catherina Grove, and they had a family of ten children, nine of whom are living. Mrs. Collier was born November 20, 1829, in Virginia, daughter of Stephen Grove, who was born in 1782 in Germany, came to America in his youth, and served in the war of 1812. As above intimated, he was a blacksmith by trade, and fol-

lowed this occupation for many years on a slave plantation. His wife was born in 1801 in America, and died in 1856.

W. A. Collier lived in his native county until he was nine years of age. His parents then removed to Wood county, Ohio, where they resided eight months, at the end of that time taking up their residence in Ballville, Sandusky county, where they lived four years. From that place they removed to Riley township, Sandusky county, and there remained three years. So far as attending school was concerned, Mr. Collier's education was completed when he was ten years of age. His father died in 1865, and the then sixteen-year-old lad was obliged to work out, and also on the home farm, in order to assist his mother in caring for the family of ten children. For ten years he faithfully rendered all the assistance in his power, until his younger brothers and sisters were able to care for themselves.

At the age of about twenty-seven our subject started out in life for himself, embarking in the sawmill business, in which he continued until the spring of 1875, when he turned his attention to agriculture. After engaging in farm work two years he resumed sawmilling, in partnership with John Woodcott, at Hickory Island, Erie Co., Ohio, remaining there about one and a half years, and then came to Benton township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, settling on fractional Section 30, where he purchased a farm of ninety acres, all covered with timber and entirely unimproved. On his first coming to the farm he lived in an old trapper's shanty until he could build a more comfortable home, the upright to the house in which they now live. Having made a comfortable abode Mr. Collier commenced getting out stave bolts, saw logs, etc. In the fall of 1880 he put up a sawmill across from his house for John Stang, of Lorain county, Ohio, who owned a large tract of land in that section, and operated it for that gentleman some three years, during

which time he disposed of much of the timber on his farm. Returning now to his farm, he removed the rest of the timber, blew out the stumps, and put up good buildings and fenced the farm neatly, also thoroughly underdraining the greater part of it. In addition to all these improvements he put out 600 pear trees, 200 quince trees, 1,800 gooseberry bushes, 500 grape vines, and 100 apple trees, all of which are now producing nicely, and Mr. Collier has one of the finest fruit farms in Benton township, if not in the entire county.

On April 18, 1877, Mr. Collier was married to Miss Louisa Robinson, who was born February 10, 1849, in Erie county, Ohio, where she received her education. She is the only child of Harrison and Elizabeth (Austin) Bowles, Pennsylvanians by birth, the former born in 1824, of Irish descent, the latter in 1830. They were married in 1848, and the father died in 1849, the mother surviving until 1883. Mrs. Collier's maternal grandfather was born about 1798, in Vermont, of Scotch descent, and died December 27, 1860; he served in the Mexican war. The maternal grandmother was born February 25, 1802, and died July 7, 1892. They were married October 26, 1829, and their union was blessed with four children—two sons and two daughters—all of whom are now deceased. The family made the journey from Pennsylvania to Knox county, Ohio, with a team, and settled in Sandusky about 1816, when it was a mere village. At the age of fourteen Mrs. Collier went to Sandusky county, where she lived up to the time of her marriage.

To Mr. and Mrs. William A. Collier have come five children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: George Aaron, June 4, 1878; John William, January 6, 1882; Lester Arthur, November 19, 1884; Harrison O'Neill, September 8, 1888; and Foster, June 25, 1892 (he died February 5, 1893, and is buried in Elliston

cemetery). Politically, Mr. Collier supports the Republican party; socially he is a member of Graytown Lodge No. 599, I. O. O. F.

WILLIAM PECK is numbered among the successful agriculturists who have transformed tracts of wild land into rich and productive fields. Where once stood the forests is now seen the waving grain, giving evidence of abundant harvests. Mr. Peck is a wide-awake and progressive man, and is a worthy representative of the agricultural interests of Sandusky county. He was born in Scott township, that county, March 14, 1841, and is a son of William and Luna (Cole) Peck, who were pioneer settlers of Ohio. The grandfather of our subject, and his parents, who were natives of Holland, emigrated from that country to America in an early day, locating in Connecticut, where the father of our subject was born March 29, 1800. He followed farming through the summer months, and in the winter engaged in teaching. In 1840 he left his native State, and with his family came westward, taking up his residence in Scott township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where he spent his remaining years. He passed away at the advanced age of eighty-nine. His wife was of German lineage, her parents having emigrated from the Fatherland to the New World. She was born in Albany, N. Y., in 1810, and passed away in July, 1888. The subject of this review is the youngest of four children, the others being Nelson, a resident of Madison township, Sandusky county; Catherine, who became the wife of George Spayde, and died, leaving two children; and Jason L., a resident farmer of Kansas.

William Peck spent his early boyhood days on the home farm, continuing to give his father the benefit of his services until twenty-two years of age, when

he began farming in his own interest. For five years he cultivated a tract of land in Madison township, and during that time was married. On July 4, 1869, he wedded Armena Fairbank, of Madison township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, who was born September 3, 1851, a daughter of Josiah and Sovina (Bowman) Fairbank, residents of Washington township, Sandusky county. Her father is a carpenter by trade.

After his marriage Mr. Peck removed with his bride to Wood county, where he remained for two years engaged in farming. Subsequently he rented a tract of land in the northern part of Scott township, Sandusky county, which he cultivated for three years, when he again changed his residence, locating upon a farm that adjoins his present home. There he lived for four years, and then purchased 160 acres that has since yielded a golden tribute in return for the care and labor he has bestowed upon it. At the time of his purchase much of the land was under water, and could be used for boating in the summer and for skating in the winter; but by persistent effort Mr. Peck has tiled and thoroughly drained the place, which he now has under a high state of cultivation. He has also given considerable attention to the buying and selling of stock, being especially interested in raising sheep and cattle, and this branch of his business yields to him good returns. Well-kept buildings add to the value and attractive appearance of the place, and to-day Mr. Peck is the owner of one of the finest homes in Scott township. His sympathy is with the Democratic party, and whenever possible he aids that party, but has never sought or desired official preferment.

Five children grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. Peck—Charles William, who was born September 21, 1870, and is now engaged in the oil business; Vinnie, who was born November 6, 1873, and is the wife of Frank G. Keenan, who is

interested in the oil business in Scott township (she has one child, Bernice); Ida, who was born January 2, 1879, and is now studying music; Mattie, born February 5, 1884; and Goldie, born December 8, 1887.

JESSE B. VANTINE. Although for many years the flowers have bloomed and faded over the grave of this well-known pioneer and agriculturist of Clay township, Ottawa county, his memory is still fresh in the hearts of his family and of those who knew his sterling worth, and appreciated the work he had done in the improvement and progress of the community in which at an early day he made his home.

Mr. Vantine was a native of the Empire State, born in Cayuga county, December 5, 1821. His school days were over at a tender age, and he commenced to do farm work, at which he continued several years, and also for a number of years worked upon the canals. In 1851 he came to Ohio, and purchased eighty acres of woodland in Clay township, Ottawa county. We of the present day cannot realize what this meant. It meant living in a rudely-constructed log cabin, without a single comfort or convenience, surrounded by dense forests, where the howl of the wolf and the hoot of the owl were nightly heard; where the timid deer and the skulking Indian threaded their way through the underbrush, and where roads, neighbors, and post offices were things unknown. Here the young pioneer built himself a cabin, and while clearing his land depended upon his trusty rifle for his subsistence. But one day, on returning from hunting, nothing remained but the ruins of his rude home, which with its contents had been burned. He was not discouraged, however; another cabin was constructed, and then, realizing more than ever the truth of the proverb that "it is not good for man to be alone," he re-

turned to the East, and on October 16, 1851, was married in Cayuga county, N. Y., to Almira Rodgers, daughter of Joshua and Jerusia (McKee) Rodgers. With his young bride Mr. Vantine once more took up his abode in the wilderness, and together they worked with willing hands to make for themselves a comfortable home. It is hard to conceive of the trials and hardships endured by the young wife so far from the accustomed comforts of the East, with no companions to share her solitude and recall pleasant associations; yet these sacrifices were cheerfully made for the sake of the husband whose inspiration she was, and to whom she was not only a helping hand, but a constant encouragement and sustainer. In time children came to fill their humble home with laughter and song and make the days less lonely, and as the years rolled on the forests disappeared and broad fields of waving grain, fine orchards and a handsome dwelling, took their place. The log cabin, the scene of so much sacrifice and yet of so much true happiness, is gone forever, but the lessons there learned have borne their fruit in the busy useful lives of its occupants.

The children of these worthy pioneers, all of whom were born and educated in Clay township, were five in number, and a brief record of them is as follows: (1) Ellie J., born September 3, 1852, was the first white child born in that part of Clay township; she was married in 1871 to George White, a manufacturer of lime in Genoa, and they have five children—Mary, Bertha, Otto, Henry and Almira. (2) James B., born April 16, 1854, is a lime worker at Marblehead, Ottawa county; he was married in October, 1884, at Genoa, to Miss Carrie Walker, and they have two children, Elsie and Ray. (3) Maryetta, born April 10, 1860, is the wife of Taylor Hofman, a farmer in Clay township; they have two children, Pearl and Jay. (4) J. Frank, who was born April 24, 1871, followed the occupation of a farm-

er for a number of years, and is now in Toledo; he was married at Martin, in 1891, to Henrietta, daughter of John Beedee, a farmer of Clay township, and they have one child, Nettie May, born October 13, 1892. (5) Charles F. Vantine, the youngest, is living at home.

John Beedee, the father of Mrs. J. Frank Vantine, died in 1879, from the effects of an accident, his leg having been broken by a falling tree. His wife died December 9, 1891. Their family comprised five children, of whom the following record is given: John Beedee is married and works in a mill; Martin Freeborn lives in Lorain county, and works in the bending shops (he has one child); Loren is a cooper, living at Clay Center (he is married and has four children); Mary is the wife of Mr. Downing, who is a conductor on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railway at Toledo (they have one child); Henrietta is the wife of J. Frank Vantine.

During his busy life Jesse B. Vantine was very popular and highly respected by his fellow citizens. He was a stanch Democrat, and was for a number of years a trustee of the township, and was a commissioner when the town was first formed. He was also school director for several years, and served for some years as a constable. He died March 27, 1893, of consumption, contracted during the hardships of his early life. He was a faithful and devoted husband and father, and will never be forgotten by his family, who owe so much to his precepts and example. His wife survives him and makes her home on the old farm,

WILLIAM AMES, son of Deckerman C. and Rebecca (Purdue) Ames, was born on his father's farm in Harris township, Ottawa county, November 13, 1843.

The father of our subject followed agricultural pursuits all his life, coming to

Ohio during his boyhood. His father purchased land of the government, and he continued to operate a portion of that property until his death, which occurred in 1885. He was buried in the Guss Cemetery at Elmore, and many friends mourned his decease. In 1841 he had married Miss Purdue, who was born in 1822, and their family consisted of six children—William, Alfred, Silas, Sarah, Nancy Ann and Mary Ellen, of whom Nancy Ann was drowned in Portage river, near Elmore, while bathing; Alfred is also deceased; and Mary Ellen is now Mrs. Drake, of Michigan. The maternal grandfather of our subject, James Purdue, was born in 1787, and was a farmer and great hunter; his wife was born in 1790, and they had a family of ten children. The paternal grandmother was born in 1781, and her children were eight in number.

William Ames spent his boyhood days on the old homestead, attended the district schools of the neighborhood, and at the early age of nine years began working with a team, plowing, harrowing and doing other work on the farm. When the call for 75,000 men was issued by President Lincoln he eagerly and quickly responded, anxious to aid in the defense of the Union, but on account of his youth his father would not let him enlist. A second time he offered his services, and a second time his father prevented him from becoming one of the boys in blue, but finally, in 1863, he became a member of Company G, One Hundredth Regiment, Ohio Sharpshooters, with whom he served until the end of the war. He took part in the battles of the Wilderness, which continued for seven days, Cold Harbor, Weldon Railroad, and assisted in the destruction of Petersburg, where four thousand were killed in a half hour, aiding in making the three-mile tunnel under the city. He served in the army of the Potomac under Gen. Grant, and witnessed the grand review of the victorious troops in the Capitol City. He was also in Ford's

Theatre at the time of President Lincoln's assassination, and saw Booth jump upon the stage after firing the fatal shot which ended the life of one of the most honored and distinguished men this country has produced.

Upon the close of the war Mr. Ames returned home, and on August 14, 1865, he was married in Elmore to Miss Emma J. Essig, of Stark county, Ohio, who was born March 10, 1838, in that county, where she lived until her marriage. She obtained her education in the public schools, and then engaged in teaching in Portage county, and for one term in Ottawa county. Her father, John Essig, a mason by trade, was born June 3, 1784, and died September 30, 1854. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Esther Spangle, was born May 4, 1792, and died September 23, 1877. Twelve children bless their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Ames have always resided in Elmore, where they have a pleasant home and many friends. Their only child, Birdie, was educated in the public schools here, and for two years was a successful teacher of Ottawa county. In 1888 she became the wife of John Schling, and they now reside in Oak Harbor. William Ames is engaged in the raising of horses, and is well-known in Ottawa county, where he has spent his entire life, as a straightforward business man. He has the warm regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

VALENTIN MILIUS, a retired harness dealer, of Hessville, Sandusky county, was born in Nordheim, Germany, November 29, 1827, and is a son of Francis and Johanna (Fox) Milius, who spent their entire lives in that country. The father was a farmer and teamster, and died a few months after his son, Valentin, sailed for America. Our subject is the eldest in his parent's family, and of the others, Eliza-

beth is the wife of Adam Vance, a basket maker of Cincinnati, Ohio, and has five children; Katie is the widow of Adam Bellow, and a resident of Cincinnati; Jacob is engaged in basket making in that city; and Della is the wife of Charles Calt, living in Newport, Kentucky.

Mr. Milius was reared under the parental roof, and his educational privileges were those afforded by the common schools. He remained in the Fatherland until twenty-five years of age, when in 1852 he bade adieu to family and friends, embarking on an ocean vessel for the New World. Landing safely on the shores of this country, he proceeded at once to Fremont, Ohio, where he began work with a Mr. Gredler in the harness business, continuing with that gentleman for several months. Going then to Cincinnati, Ohio, he worked in that city for two years, after which he spent six months in Cleveland. His next place of residence was Canton, Ohio, where he remained for four years, and in 1859 he came to Hessville, Sandusky county, where he embarked in business for himself as a harness maker. He was a good workman, and this fact soon becoming known to the public he received a liberal patronage, which steadily increased and brought him a good income. For thirty-four years he followed the business in Hessville, and then, his health failing him, he was obliged to retire from active life in 1893.

Mr. Milius was united in marriage, in 1856, with Miss Catherine Klaser, who was one of a family of five daughters, namely: Margaret, wife of Fred Nichols; Josephine; Catherine (Mrs. Milius); Mary, wife of Jacob Frick; and Phœbe, wife of John Bowler. To Mr. and Mrs. Milius have been born five children. The eldest, Julius C., was born in Canton, Ohio, July 3, 1857; John, born in that city, February 18, 1859, was brought by his parents to Hessville during his infancy, and there received the educational privileges of the

district schools; at the age of twenty-five he left home, and was employed in various ways until 1891, when he established a general store in Hessville, and on April 17, of the same year, was appointed postmaster there; he was married November 18, 1886, to Miss Cora Artz, and they have two children—Goldie, born March 16, 1888; and Ruth, born February 11, 1890; John Milius is a Democrat in his political views, and is a member of the Reformed Church. Harmon, the next of the family, was born September 16, 1861, and is a farmer of Hessville. Louis, born February 16, 1864, died in infancy; Edward, born September 10, 1867, is engaged in blacksmithing in Chicago.

Valentin Milius has led a life of activity, and as the result of his energy and enterprise is now the possessor of a comfortable competence, which enables him to live retired. He owns a farm comprising forty acres of valuable land, and in addition has thirteen town lots in Hessville. By his ballot he supports the Democratic party, and in religious belief he is a Lutheran. His hope of bettering his financial condition by emigrating to America has been realized, and now he is numbered among the substantial and valued citizens of his locality.

CASPAR MULLER, a farmer, of Ballville township, Sandusky county is a native of North Germany, born January 18, 1841.

John P. Muller, father of our subject, was born in June, 1801. He sold his farm of twenty-five acres in Germany, and in 1854 emigrated to America. After an ocean voyage of seven weeks he landed in New York, where he remained but a short time, then came to Ohio and settled in Ballville township where he bought fifty acres of land and followed farming pursuits about thirty-five years. His death occurred in 1889, and his wife died at the age of seventy-seven years.

They had a family of six children: Caspar; Mary, born May 29, 1844, unmarried; Susan, born December 29, 1846, is the wife of Fred Weldon, a farmer and resident of Seneca county, Ohio (politically he is a Democrat, and in religious belief a Catholic); Catharine, born February, 1848, became the wife of George Buchman, a farmer and resident of Washington township, in politics a Democrat, and in religious belief a Catholic; John P. (a farmer), born January 18, 1849, married Mary Foes (in politics he is a Democrat, and in religious belief a Roman Catholic); Annie, born April 9, 1852, married C. Schneider, a farmer, and they have a family of children as follows—Frank, Susan, Albert, Robert, Sarah, Edward and Hannah (politically Mr. Schneider is a Democrat, and in religion is a Catholic).

Caspar Muller remained with his parents until he was twenty-three years old. He then went to Pittsburg and worked eight years as a coal miner, saving \$800. On returning he worked two years on a farm for Peter Kirsch, and also for other parties, and later he worked his father's farm five years. Mr. Muller then bought forty acres from N. Buchman for \$3,000, and kept it three years, sold it to his brother, and bought the place he now occupies, paying for same \$3,850. He is highly respected by all who know him. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party, and in religion he is a Roman Catholic.

JOSEPH WOLF, the popular treasurer of Sandusky county, was born in Baden, Germany, March 18, 1852, a son of Bernhard and Regina (Wottle) Wolf.

The parents who were also natives of Baden, came to America in 1865, locating in Sandusky City, Ohio, where they remained one year, then removing to Fremont, where they made their permanent residence. The father of our subject,

born in 1819, died May 30, 1892; the mother, born in 1828, is still living at their residence in Fremont. Six children were born to them, five of whom are living, at Fremont.

Joseph Wolf attended school one year at Sandusky City, while living with his parents, and soon after coming to Fremont, in 1865, entered a newspaper office and learned the business of compositor so thoroughly that he finally had the mechanical work of the paper under his charge. He subsequently engaged in the barber business, and finally embarked in the retail liquor trade, in which he remained until elected to the office of county treasurer, in September, 1892. He was re-elected to the office in 1894. He has served as a member of the Fremont city council two terms, and was for two years president of that honorable body. He is a Democrat in politics, a straightforward progressive citizen, a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and socially, of the Catholic Knights of America. Mr. Wolf married Miss Catharine Moore, and they have six children: Frank, Carl, Mary, Urban, Catharine and Barnhard.

ADOLPH HALBEISEN. Riley township, Sandusky county, includes among its successful citizens a number of industrious and prosperous farmers, one of whom is Mr. Halbeisen. He was born August 12, 1845, and is a son of Nicholas and Caroline Halbeisen.

Nicholas Halbeisen was born in Germany August 12, 1802, and was there united in marriage with Caroline Geshie, who was born April 8, 1814, also in the Fatherland. They came to America in 1844, and located in Ohio, in Riley township, Sandusky county. Here for ten dollars an acre they bought land which at the present time is valued at one hundred dollars an acre. They had the following children: Barney married Millie House,

and they have had five children; they live in Ballville township, Sandusky county. Caroline married Casper House, by whom she had four children; she died in 1871, and was buried in Ballville township. Lewis is a farmer in Michigan. Adolph is the subject proper of this sketch. August, who is a farmer, married Ellen McDonald, and they live in Michigan. Lucy comes next. Amelia married Michael Bundschner, a farmer in Sandusky township, Sandusky county, and they have had five children. Nicholas Halbeisen died November 12, 1861.

Adolph Halbeisen was reared to habits of industry and economy, and received a common-school education. He remained at home on the farm until the death of his father, then had the management, and saved his money. On November 12, 1880, Adolph Halbeisen was united in marriage with Helen Beansack, and they have had eight children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Clara, January 26, 1882; Caroline, April 10, 1883; Joseph, April 11, 1885; Arnold, July 7, 1886; Henry, May 23, 1888; Frank, May 23, 1889; Augusta, December 10, 1890, and Ellen, September 8, 1891. Mr. Halbeisen bought seventy-two acres of land at \$110.00 per acre, as a homestead. He has held the office of school director for three years. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious affiliation a Catholic.

WILLIAM GORDON is a worthy representative of one of the prominent families of Ottawa county. He is engaged in the practice of law in Port Clinton, where he now resides, and is serving as prosecuting attorney for Ottawa county. He is a deservedly popular man, and a rising member of the bar.

Mr. Gordon was born in the county which is still his home, having first opened his eyes to the light of day in Salem township, near Oak Harbor, De-

ember 15, 1862, his parents being Washington and Margaret (Rymers) Gordon. His elementary education was obtained in the public schools of Oak Harbor, and he also attended the business college of Toledo, Ohio, graduating from that institution May 7, 1880. He then returned to his home, and during the following seven years was employed as a book-keeper by his father, also teaching school during the winter months in the townships of Carroll and Erie, Ottawa county. In 1886 his father was elected county treasurer, and on entering upon the duties pertaining to that office, in September, 1887, his son William became his deputy and efficiently served in that capacity until September, 1891. Meanwhile he devoted his leisure time to the study of law, preparatory to entering the legal profession.

On October 1, 1891, William Gordon became a student in the Law Department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and after completing the prescribed course was graduated at that institution with the class of June, 1893, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Returning at once to Oak Harbor, he has here since engaged in the practice of his chosen profession, and through his ability and popularity he succeeded in building up a large and rapidly increasing patronage. The people of Ottawa county attested their appreciation of his worth by electing him, on November 6, 1894, to the honorable and responsible position of prosecuting attorney, he being the only county official elected on the Democratic ticket in Ottawa county. He is an earnest and able advocate, and thorough preparation of cases is manifest in the ease with which he meets an opponent and the success which attends his efforts. He was admitted to practice before the supreme court of Ohio, June 8, 1893.

Mr. Gordon is a member of Oak Harbor Lodge, No. 495, F. & A. M., and Fremont Chapter, No. 64, R. A. M. He

is also a member of the board of school examiners of Ottawa county, and is deeply interested in the cause of education, and all that pertains to the welfare of the community. His political support has always been given to the Democratic party, and by voice as well as ballot he advocates its principles. In both public and private life he is an exemplary citizen, holding an enviable position in the esteem and regard of the community in which he resides. In September, 1893, Mr. Gordon was united in marriage in Port Clinton, with Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Conrad Gernhard, proprietor of the "Island House," a leading hotel of Port Clinton. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gordon attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Gordon has spent his entire life in Ottawa county, and his genial and pleasant manner and genuine worth have made him very popular with a large circle of friends.

LOUIS NICKEL, a successful farmer and honored citizen of Rice township, Sandusky county, is a native of same, having been born April 12, 1850, and is a son of Fred and Maggie (Glaser) Nickel, who were born in Hessen, Germany.

Fred Nickel was foreman on a farm in Germany, saved his money, and at the age of twenty-two came to the United States, settling in Rice township, Sandusky county, Ohio, where he worked out one year. He was then united in marriage with Maggie Glaser (who was born July 1, 1827); bought forty acres of timber land, and later sixty-seven more. In 1863 he built a new house and barn. Mr. and Mrs. Nickel became the parents of ten children, as follows: Mena, born May 10, 1848; Louis is the subject of this sketch; Julius C., born December 20, 1852, married Katie Keiser, and they had four children (she died March 9, 1891, after which he married Rosie Niskey, and

they live in Rice township); John H., born July 2, 1854, married Lizzie Hoot, by whom he had four children, and died April 4, 1888; William P., born November 6, 1856, married Ida Gessner, and they live in Ballville township, Sandusky county; Charles, born May 8, 1857, died young; George, born September 14, 1862, died September 30, 1875; May L., born November 4, 1864; Amelia M., married John Klein, and they had six children; and Katie, born March 21, 1870, died October 1, 1875.

Louis Nickel received a common-school education, remained at home until his twenty-fifth year, and then bought a thresher, which he ran several seasons. In 1876 he bought fifty-nine acres of land, for which he paid \$110 an acre. On May 18, 1876, he was united in marriage with Caroline Smith, who was born September 5, 1857, and they have six children, as follows: Eliza H., born May 29, 1877; Frank E., November 18, 1880; Edwin E., December 26, 1881; Reuben F., August 9, 1885; Warren, July 18, 1888; and Ruth J., October 8, 1892. In 1892 Mr. Nickel built a new house, which cost \$2,100, and in 1886 built a barn which cost \$1,300. He has a fine herd of Durham cattle. Mr. Nickel is a Democrat in politics, and attends the Lutheran Church. He has held several public offices, was trustee eight years, school director three years, supervisor four years, and constable three years.

JOHN GOATE, who is carrying on agricultural pursuits in Scott township, Sandusky county, was born in Cambridge, England, October 16, 1860, and is a son of Robert and Eliza (Lee) Goate.

The father of our subject was born in Cambridge, December 25, 1839, and in 1866 came to America, locating in the State of New York, where he still resides, engaged in general farming. His wife

was born in England in 1837, and they are the parents of six children, namely—John; Elizabeth, wife of F. Lord; Smith; Emma; William, who married Jennie Blodgett (she is a member of the famous Blodgett family of the Empire State, numbering four hundred living members, who were present at the last re-union of the family, which traces its ancestry back to the time of Columbus); and Annie, who married William Lee. The paternal grandfather of our subject, John Goate, was born in England in 1805, and was killed near Cambridge City, while rescuing ten intoxicated men, who were upon the railroad track just as the limited express passed by. He succeeded in saving the lives of the others, but lost his own in the heroic action. His widow is now living in New York, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years, and four of her five children yet survive. The great-grandfather, Robert Goate, was born in England in 1753, and died at the advanced age of one hundred and twelve years. Great-grandfather Smith was born in 1759, and died at the age of one hundred and eight years. It will thus be seen that our subject comes from a family noted for longevity. His maternal grandparents, Henry Lee and wife, were also born in England, and are now living in New York. They had a family of eight children, all of whom are living. An uncle of our subject, Dr. Henry Lee, was for many years principal at Cambridge College, and a very scholarly gentleman.

John Goate was a lad of six summers when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the New World. He lived in New York until he had attained his majority, and has since been a resident of Sandusky county. In 1883 he was united in marriage with Miss Alice Bowser, of Helena, Ohio, who was born in Scott township, Sandusky county, July 7, 1864, daughter of Frederick Bowser, and completed her education in the schools of Clyde. For six years after their marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Goate resided in Helena, and then the city property was exchanged for a part of the old Bowser farm, to the cultivation and improvement of which our subject has since devoted his energies. He now has an excellent home, pleasantly situated a few miles from Gibsonburg, and is numbered among the leading farmers of the community.

To Mr. and Mrs. Goate came two children—Ethel, who was born September 15, 1886, and died at the age of eleven months; and Violet, born September 15, 1887. The mother died on the 28th of December, following, and in 1888 Mr. Goate wedded Miss Maggie Bowser, a sister of his first wife. They have three children—Glenn, born in 1890; and Eleanor and Laurel, born August 11, 1893. Mr. Goate is a practical and progressive farmer, a wide-awake and enterprising man, and Sandusky county numbers him among her representative young farmers.

FREDERICK MYLANDER is one of the sturdy, substantial farmers of Salem township, Ottawa county, who have endured the trials and hardships incident to a pioneer life, and been instrumental in converting what was at one time a vast unbroken wilderness into well-cultivated, productive farms; and under whose strong arm the noble giants of the forest have given place to beautiful fields of waving grain, and the old log houses of a quarter of a century ago to homes of comfort and architectural beauty.

He was born in Prussia, Germany, August 23, 1823, to Henry C. and Elizabeth (Kelling) Mylander, and received his preliminary education in the schools of his native land, during his early life being trained to the duties of the farm. In 1846 he emigrated to America, locating first in Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained until 1853, in which year he pur-

chased some eighty-two acres of land in Salem township, Ottawa county, upon which he erected a log house, and set to work clearing a portion of the land for his crops; and, being a young man of great energy and determination, he made great progress in this work. At the end of four years Mr. Mylander returned to Cleveland, where he remained some five years, at the expiration of that time once more taking up his residence in Salem township, Ottawa county, of which he has since been a constant resident. By a life of hard, honest labor our subject has added considerably to his worldly possessions, and is now the owner of one of the most attractive and productive farms in the county.

Mr. Mylander has been thrice married, the first time to Miss Anna Maria Frieze, of Cleveland, Ohio, to which union were born eight children, only three of whom are now living, viz.: Henry, John Frederick, Jr., and August, all residing in Salem township. Our subject's second wife was Mrs. Anna Marie Summenmeyer, widow of Fred Summenmeyer, and in 1877 he was again united in marriage, this time with Mrs. Anna Marie Tousing, to which union one child, Louis T., was born August 3, 1878. The family are strict adherents to the Lutheran Church, taking an active interest in all church work, and socially they enjoy, to the fullest extent, the respect and esteem of the community.

John Frederick Mylander, a son of the subject of this sketch, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, December 31, 1862, and came with his parents to Salem township, Ottawa county, when but one year old. His primary education was received in the district schools of the township, and until reaching manhood he remained at home assisting his father in the care of the farm. In 1893 Mr. Mylander left the paternal abode, going to Kansas, where he remained about fifteen months. Then returning to Salem township he engaged in

agricultural pursuits for a number of years. Later he spent three years in Toledo, Ohio, in which city he worked as a carpenter; but always having a preference for the place where he had spent his boyhood days, he again returned to Salem township in 1894, and has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits. Our subject has inherited all his father's good qualities, and as a consequence is a man of indomitable perseverance and of upright character. On March 12, 1891, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Miller, a daughter of Ferdinand and Mary Miller, and to this union have come two children: Gertrude L., born May 7, 1892, who died July 28, 1892; and Lester R., born December 16, 1893.

GEORGE F. WILT, farmer, and late proprietor of the "Germania House," of Fremont, was born in York township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, June 28, 1844, a son of Harrison and Hannah (Good) Wilt.

Harrison Wilt was born in Pennsylvania, and came to Ohio when a boy, in company with his maternal grandfather, John Bunn, who located in Seneca county, near Flat Rock, on what was then called the Oak Openings, and followed farming. Mr. Wilt afterward bought a valuable farm in Sandusky county, on the line of the Kilburn road, near Bellevue, where he devoted himself chiefly to grain farming, and making substantial improvements in the erection of stone buildings. His death occurred at his home in 1876. His wife was born in Pennsylvania in 1821, came to Seneca county at the age of ten years, and grew to womanhood in the vicinity of Flat Rock. Her death occurred June 27, 1893. Both were members of the Reformed Church in Thompson township, Seneca county.

George F. Wilt was the eldest of a family of eight children, and grew to manhood on his father's farm. After receiv-

ing an ordinary common-school education, he spent one year at Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio. He continued to follow farming, with the exception of one year, previous to the age of twenty-four, when he engaged in the sale of farm implements in the State of Michigan. Returning to Ohio, he settled on a farm near Bellevue, where he followed agricultural pursuits, and continued the sale of farming implements for about twenty years. He then sold his farm in York and bought another in Jackson township, near Millersville, where he remained until 1892, the year of his removal to Fremont. He still retains possession of his choice farm of 156 acres, lying in the oil and gas region. Mr. Wilt has always been a staunch Democrat in politics, and has held various offices of honor and trust in his community. He served as clerk of York township three terms, and as commissioner of Sandusky county two terms, his last term expiring in January, 1892. He is a member of the Reformed Church, of the Knights of Honor, and of the Knights of the Golden Cross.

In 1868 he married Miss Armena Smith, who was born in York township in 1848, daughter of Frederick Smith, of that township, and the children born to this union are: Aletta L., wife of Rev. Irwin Beaver, of the Reformed Church, at Marion, Franklin Co., Penn.; William H., a school teacher, of Fremont, Ohio; Luella, a medical student, of Toledo, Ohio; Emma Belle, attending the Fremont schools; and Georgie Florence, living at home.

BYRON HARTSHORN was one of the prominent stock dealers, fruit growers and agriculturists of Ottawa county, and in his death the community lost one of its valued citizens.

Our subject was born January 1, 1829, at Plasterbed, Danbury township, a son of Wyatt and Jane (Kelly) Hartshorn. He

received his elementary education in the schools of the community, and also pursued his studies in Sandusky City. From early life he engaged in stock buying and in butchering, and also followed fishing to some extent. Later he formed a partnership with Milo Clemons in the quarrying business, at Marble Head, and continued in that line for a number of years. He possessed good business ability, was enterprising and progressive, made the most of his opportunities, and by his well directed efforts achieved a fair success.

On July 28, 1853, in Portage township, Ottawa county, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Hartshorn and Miss Mary Dwelle, who was born in Portage township, near Plasterbed, December 16, 1828, a daughter of Elijah and Clarissa (Woodford) Dwelle, the former a native of Massachusetts, and the latter of New York. They located in Portage township at a very early day in the history of the county, and there spent the remainder of their lives. To our subject and wife have come nine children, of whom Clarissa, born May 27, 1854, died August 16, 1856; Wyatt, born June 7, 1857, died February 7, 1861; Alta, born September 3, 1859, is now the wife of M. E. Hettrick, a resident of Lakeside, Ohio; Lydia, born June 25, 1862, is the wife of William Hocke, a resident of Sandusky City, Ohio; George B., born December 5, 1864, makes his home in Lakeside; Everett, born November 18, 1867, is at home; and Nellie was born October 27, 1870.

The Hartshorn family were among the earliest settlers of Danbury township, Ottawa county, and during his entire life our subject was one of its most prominent and progressive citizens. He was public-spirited and enterprising, and readily endorsed any project calculated to stimulate the development and prosperity of his native township and county. He was generous and affable in manner, his sympathies expressing themselves in kindness to friends and family. He was a man of

broad charity and noble impulses, and when called to his final rest, December 12, 1894, he left to his family the priceless heritage of a good name. At the old home place resides his faithful wife and her children, Everett and Nellie, and all their surroundings bespeak taste and culture.

HENRY BURGGRAF. In a work devoted to the representative citizens and early settlers of Ottawa county none are more deserving of mention in this volume than the gentleman whose name begins this review, and who is one of the wide-awake and progressive fruit-growers on Put in Bay Island.

Mr. Burggraf was born on Kelley's Island, Erie Co., Ohio, June 2, 1859, and is a son of Mathias and Anna Marie (Schmidt) Burggraf. He was only a little more than a month old when his parents removed to the Island, and here he has resided continuously since. Its public schools afforded him his educational privileges, and from his boyhood days he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was early introduced to the labors of the farm, and has led a busy and useful life, until to-day he is ranked among the leading fruit growers and wine makers on the Island. On November 22, 1887, Mr. Burggraf was united in marriage with Miss Anna Marie Miller, who was born on Middle Bass Island, February 10, 1862, and is a daughter of Joseph and Helena (Rehberg) Miller. Three children grace their union—Carl H., born December 4, 1888; Frederick A., born November 28, 1890; and Ruth Helena, born May 19, 1894.

It is interesting in this connection to note something of the family to which our subject belongs. His father, Mathias Burggraf, retired fruit raiser and wine manufacturer, is now living on Put in Bay Island. He was born June 2, 1825, in

the town of Wolfenweiler, Baden, Germany, and is a son of Mathias and Anna Marie (Kuechlin) Burggraf, both of whom were natives of Germany, where the father died in 1847, and the mother in 1876. Their son was reared and educated in the land of his nativity, and there carried on agricultural pursuits and grape growing until twenty-seven years of age. He then determined to try his fortune in America, crossed the Atlantic in 1852, and for thirty-five years has made his home on the Island, which is still his place of residence. He was married in Baden, Germany, June 2, 1847, to Anna Marie Schmidt, whose birth occurred there June 20, 1820. To this union came five children, namely: Caroline, born in Baden, May 18, 1848, who is now the wife of Frederick Bretz, living on Middle Bass Island; Mathias, born April 2, 1850; Frederick W., born in Huron township, Erie county, November 20, 1856; Henry, born on Kelley's Island, June 2, 1859; Anna Marie, who was born February 14, 1863, and died September 1, 1870.

When Mr. Brugggraf came to this country he left his family in Germany until he could make preparations to bring them to America. In 1853 he took up his residence in Sandusky, Erie Co., Ohio, where he was joined by his wife and two children. The following year he removed to Huron county, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until the spring of 1856. During the succeeding three years he was employed in the stone quarries on Kelley's Island, and in July, 1859, he took up his residence on Put in Bay Island. It was thus he got a start in life, and by earnest labor, perseverance and good management he acquired a handsome competency, which now enables him to live retired. His wife died January 11, 1893, and her departure was deeply mourned by many friends as well as her immediate family. The Burggraf family is one of prominence in the com-

munity, widely and favorably known, and well deserve mention in this volume.

When excavating for the cellar of his residence, Mr. Burggraf dug into what he supposed was a burial place of the Indians many hundred of years ago, and unearthed the skeletons of some extraordinarily large (supposed) warriors which were in a fair state of preservation. Curiosity seekers have carried away most of the remains, but Mr. Burggraf still has in his possession some very interesting relics.

FREDERICK W. ROOSE, a prominent and progressive citizen, and a leading merchant of Salem township, is a native of Ottawa county, having first seen the light in Salem township, about two miles from Oak Harbor, in January, 1855. He is a son of Charles and Maria Roose.

Our subject's preliminary education was received in the public schools of Ottawa county, and his early life was spent assisting his father in the care of the farm. On attaining manhood he engaged in agricultural pursuits for three years in Carroll township; but, not liking the work in connection with the farm, he decided to sever his connection with it and to devote his time and talents to a mercantile life. Consequently, in 1882, he returned to Salem township, and embarked in a general merchandise business, which he still continues to carry on. Being a man of great energy and indomitable perseverance, and having given faithful attention to his business, Mr. Roose has been very successful, and is now in most comfortable circumstances.

Our subject was united in marriage in Salem township, in 1879, with Miss Lena Seemann, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Seemann, both natives of Germany, who emigrated to America at an early date, and for many years were honored and respected residents of Salem township. The father still survives; the

mother died some years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Roose have no family. Politically Mr. Roose is a staunch Democrat, and has ever taken an active interest in public affairs. The family are members of the Lutheran Church, and enjoy the respect and confidence of the entire community in which they reside.

MATHIAS BURGGRAF, JR., an enterprising and energetic fruit raiser and wine maker, living on Put in Bay Island, Ottawa county, is a native of Baden, Germany, born April 2, 1851, and is a son of Mathias and Ann Marie (Schmidt) Burggraf, who were also natives of that country. The father is still living and resides on Put in Bay Island; the mother passed away January 11, 1893.

In early life our subject obtained a limited education in the district schools, but subsequently availed himself of the advantages of a select school, and through study, observation and experience has become a well-informed man. He was only two and a half years old when he came to America with his parents, and at the age of eight years he became a resident of Put in Bay Island, where he has since made his home. Here he grew to manhood, and to-day he is one of the most influential and prosperous men of the locality. When his school life was ended he gave his time and energies to work upon the home farm, where he continued until he had attained his majority. In 1874, with the capital he had acquired through industry and prudence, he purchased the good farm upon which he now resides, and here he devotes his labors to the cultivation of fruit, in which work he is quite successful.

Mr. Burggraf was married, in Sandusky City, Erie Co., Ohio, November 16, 1876, to Miss Louisa Sherer, a daughter of George Jacob and Louisa (Wagoner) Sherer, both of whom were natives of

Bavaria, Germany. The father died March 9, 1886; the mother is still living and resides in Sandusky City. It was there that Mrs. Burggraf was born, on March 4, 1858. Our subject and his wife have one son, George J., who was born in Put in Bay, December 7, 1878. They also have adopted a little niece (a daughter of Mrs. Burggraf's brother), Louisa Sherer, who was born in Sandusky City, July 5, 1882. Her father died May 3, 1890, and her mother's death occurred May 20, 1894.

Our subject has efficiently served as school director in Put in Bay township for twenty-one consecutive years, and has done much toward perfecting the school system on the Island. He has also been a member of the township board for several terms, and in office, as well as in all the other relations of life, he is true to every trust reposed in him. His character is above reproach. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the Democratic party. He and his wife attend the Reformed Episcopal Church. Mr. Burggraf is one of the progressive young men of the township, enterprising, prudent and industrious, and is ever ready to lend a helping hand to all matters calculated to benefit the community and advance the best interests of the township. His surroundings indicate taste and good judgment, and are a credit to the owner.

LORENZ MILLER (deceased) was a son of Lorenz Verena Miller, and was born September 11, 1831, at Schopfheim, Weisenthal, Baden, Germany. In his native land he acquired his education, grew to manhood, and learned the trade of a watchmaker. On attaining his majority he sailed across the briny deep to the New World, and two years later, in 1854, located on Put in Bay Island, Ottawa county, where he resided until life's labors were ended. He was extensively engaged in the cultivation

of a fine vineyard, and his business ability and sound judgment won him a creditable success.

Mr. Miller was married May 26, 1860, to Henrietta Foy, a daughter of Henry and Henrietta (Myer) Foy, who were natives of Germany. There the mother died during the infancy of her daughter, and the father afterward married Dorothy Myer, a sister of his first wife. In 1854 the family came to America and the following year settled on Put in Bay Island, where Mr. Foy died December 9, 1859, his wife surviving him until August 15, 1879. By his first marriage there were two children, Henrietta, Mrs. Miller, and one who died in infancy. By the second marriage there were six children, of whom five are still living, namely: Marie, wife of Jackson Fullington, chief of police of Santa Barbara, Cal.; August C., who resides at Put in Bay, and is chief officer on the steamer "Arrow;" Louis T., who resides at the same place; Anna, wife of August Renderly, who is living on North Bass Island; and Henry, a resident of Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. Miller was born in Braunschweig, Germany, June 30, 1842, and came with her parents to America. Since 1855 she has lived on the Island, and is now residing at the beautiful home which was left her by her husband. Their union was blessed with four sons, as follows: George Frederick, born May 2, 1861; Frank Joseph, born September 1, 1862; Henry Theodore, born October 11, 1873; and Lorenz, born October 26, 1875. The last two are still on the old home farm. The father of this family passed peacefully away at his home, February 26, 1875, after a twenty-one-years' residence on Put in Bay Island. He was, however, cut off in the prime of life, when it seemed that he had much yet to live for. His whole career was a practical commentary on the noble virtues of an upright man. He commenced his course at the bottom round of the ladder, and by honesty and industry worked

his way upward and acquired a handsome fortune. Although it was his desire to gain wealth for himself and family, there was nothing sordid in his nature and he followed the golden rule, doing unto others as he would have them do to him. No one could say that he acquired his fortune through unfair means. His honesty and liberality were among his most marked characteristics, and no man seeking to rise by his own endeavors ever asked assistance of Mr. Miller in vain, while many a one has received aid without even soliciting it and owes his success in life to Mr. Miller's helping hand. In his death the community lost one of its most prominent and progressive men, his wife a loving and devoted husband, and his children a kind and indulgent father.

ALLEXANDER McDONALD (deceased) was one of the early settlers of Portage township, Ottawa county, and many years of his well-spent life were passed in that locality, where he was numbered among the successful agriculturists. He endured all the trials and hardships of pioneer life, and was actively interested in all that pertained to the welfare of the community. A native of Banffshire, Scotland, he was the only child born to Louis and Janet McDonald. His childhood days were passed upon a farm, and he acquired his education in the common schools of the home neighborhood.

In 1832 Mr. McDonald sailed for the New World, embarking on the 20th of July from Greenock, on the ship "Roger Stewart," which reached Quebec forty-five days later. He was not accompanied by his wife, who remained in Scotland two years longer, she sailing from Greenock on the vessel "Frances," August 24, 1834, and arriving at New York after a voyage of forty-one days. She was met by Mr. McDonald in Buffalo, N. Y., and together they proceeded to the

home which he had prepared in Sandusky county, Ohio. In 1836 they removed to Plasterbed, Portage township, Ottawa county, where he spent his remaining days. On October 14, 1827, Mr. McDonald had married, in Banffshire, Scotland, Miss Marjory McDonall, who was born in Perthshire, Scotland, and was a daughter of Ronald and Margaret (Carmichael) McDonall. She became the mother of nine children—Ronald, born January 8, 1829, who is deceased; Janet, born January 15, 1830, who became the wife of Caleb Cooper in 1846, and died at their home in Portage township; Lewis, born October 14, 1835, who resides in Sandusky City, Ohio; Charles, born June 1, 1838, residing at Plasterbed; Margaret, born July 4, 1840, who is the widow of Aaron Gow, a resident of New Jersey; Elizabeth, born June 20, 1843, who died February 14, 1844; Annie, who was born June 9, 1845, and died March 25, 1855; John, born April 16, 1848, living at Marblehead, Ohio; and James, born April 15, 1851, who is living in Portage township. The father of this family passed away February 14, 1891. His faithful and devoted wife, with whom he had traveled life's pathway for sixty-three years, survives him, and has now reached an advanced age. He was one of the valued and representative pioneers of this locality, and a well-spent life won him the esteem of all.

JAMES McDONALD, the youngest child of the family, acquired his education in the district schools near home, and since early boyhood has been engaged in agricultural pursuits in Portage township. On July 3, 1886, he was married, in Monroe county, Mich., to Miss Elsie Watson, a daughter of Peter and Isabel (McDonald) Watson, who still reside in Banffshire, Scotland, where their daughter was born February 14, 1854. Four children grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. McDonald—Alexander, born June 11, 1887; Lucy, born April 19, 1889, died March 1, 1891; Cecelia, born January 15, 1891; and

Ronald, born March 31, 1893. In his political views James McDonald is a Democrat. He was reared in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church, while his wife was reared in the Presbyterian Church. He is a wide-awake, progressive agriculturist, an honorable, upright man, and is highly esteemed by his friends and neighbors.

JOSEPH MILLER (deceased) was, during his busy lifetime, one of the prominent and successful grape-growers of Middle Bass Island, Ottawa county, and was one of the four original purchasers of that Island. He was born March 23, 1823, in Baden, Germany, son of Joseph and Anna Marie (Locherer) Miller, who were also born in the Fatherland, where they died.

The subject of this sketch was reared to manhood and educated in the Fatherland, where from early life he was engaged in grape growing, an industry followed by his father and grandfather before him. In 1854 he came to America, settling in Erie county, Ohio, where he resided three years, and in 1857 removed to Middle Bass Island, of which he was a continuous resident from that time for the remainder of his life. On May 14, 1861, in Sandusky, Erie county, Joseph Miller was united in marriage with Helena Rehberg, who was born at Plau, in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, April 8, 1843, daughter of John and Christina (Bohndorff) Rehberg, and their children are as follows: Anna, born February 10, 1862, is the wife of Henry Burggraf; they have three children—Carl, born December 4, 1888; Arnold, born November 28, 1890; and Ruth, born May 19, 1894. Mary, born March 30, 1864, was united in marriage with Ferdinand Sloat on September 4, 1888; they have had two sons—Gregor J., born June 11, 1889; and Frank Clyde, born July 25, 1892; they reside in Sandusky. Eliza, born Septem-

ber 4, 1868, was married to Charles Bretz, November 12, 1890, and they have had two sons—Sherman Carl, born August 25, 1891; and Leslie Joseph, born December 25, 1893. Nellie J., born January 1, 1877, and Herman Joseph, born July 30, 1878.

The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Miller were as follows: William, who resides on the Island; John, who passed all his life there, dying May 5, 1888; Mary, wife of Albany Kubagh, of Sandusky; and Helena (Mrs. Miller). Mr. John Rehberg was again married, taking, for his second wife, Mary Prool, who was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, March 4, 1813, and they had children, as follows: Frederick, who lives in Sandusky; Henry, born October 4, 1854, who was united in marriage April 9, 1876, on Middle Bass Island, with Mina Kapphengst, who was born in Mecklenburg, May 7, 1853, and they have had one child—Clara, born February 22, 1889. Henry commenced in the hotel business in Middle Bass, in 1890; and Louis, who was born February 9, 1858, and died December 11, 1882.

Mr. Miller passed away June 24, 1884. In his political views he was a Democrat. He was repeatedly called to offices of responsibility and trust in his township, which he filled with fidelity and acknowledged ability, and the memory of his noble character will long be cherished. His widow, who is regarded highly in the community and admired for her many virtues, is now residing on the homestead.

RUSSEL ELLITHORPE, one of the well-known and enterprising farmers and fruit growers of Catawba Island township, Ottawa county, is a representative of one of the honored early families of the county, and his brothers, George and Cyrus, are also extensive fruit growers of the vicinity. The latter was the first white child born on Kelley's Island, where our subject's

birth occurred September 22, 1834, and he is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Neal) Ellithorpe.

When about two years of age Russel Ellithorpe went with his parents to Danbury township, Ottawa county, but in 1840 located in Catawba Island township. His advantages for securing an education were quite limited, he only being able to attend school during the winter seasons, as his services were required in assisting in the cultivation and improvement of the farm during the summer months, and the schools of that early day were not as good as they are at present. Besides his farming interests, for twenty years he engaged in fishing on Lake Erie during the spring and fall, but of late years his chief occupation has been that of fruit growing, his time being mostly taken up in the cultivation of his extensive and productive orchards. For over forty-seven years he has been a constant resident of Catawba Island, during which time he has achieved an enviable reputation for honesty and fair dealing, and his pleasant, genial temperament has made him hosts of friends.

At Fremont, Sandusky Co., Ohio, November 10, 1856, Mr. Ellithorpe was united in marriage with Almeda Tilliton, a daughter of Obdie and Lydia (Wonnell) Tilliton, the former of whom was a native of New York State, and the latter of Maryland; they became early settlers of Danbury township, Ottawa county. Two children were born to our subject and his worthy wife, one of whom still survives, namely: James, born March 10, 1857. Eugene died at the age of two years, four months. For ten years Mr. Ellithorpe had served in the capacity of trustee of Catawba Island township, and is an active worker in the ranks of the Republican party, which he always supports by his ballot. Socially he belongs to Catawba Island Lodge No. 2783, Knights of Honor. He and his brothers are among the few remaining pioneers of Catawba Island who have been spared to see the

primitive forests and log cabins give way to the productive orchards and beautiful homes that now adorn this picturesque section of Ottawa county.

James Ellithorpe, the only surviving child of our subject, is one of the ambitious and energetic agriculturists who are doing much to still further improve the great fruit-growing interests of Catawba Island, and ranks among the prominent and respected citizens of the community. His boyhood days were spent upon the homestead farm, and he now lives near the home of his father. He was married in Michigan October 8, 1886, to Miss Lydia Burns, and four children blessed this union—Leavitt, born July 12, 1887, who died February 6, 1888; Vernon R., born October 30, 1890; Ettie M., born January 28, 1893; and Eola A., born July 21, 1894. Mrs. Ellithorpe was born in Wood county, Ohio, April 30, 1858, and is a daughter of Andrew and Rosena Burns, who were early residents of Port Clinton, Ottawa county, and passed away when their daughter was but a child.

HENRY BORDT. Among the younger members of the sturdy farming population of Riley township, Sandusky county, is Henry Bordt, who was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, October 18, 1873, and is the son of August and Mina Bordt.

August Bordt was born in Germany, February 18, 1843. In 1866 he was united in marriage, in the Fatherland, with Mina Mikewilt, who was born March 3, 1841, in Germany. In 1872 they came to America, locating in Townsend township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where they lived some seven years. They have had two children, namely: Carrie, who was born October 25, 1869, married Christian Olmes, and has had three children—Alma, Otto, and Laura (they live in Riley township); and Henry, the subject of this sketch. From Townsend township Au-

gust Bordt moved to Riley township, where he bought forty acres of land, and in 1885 he built a new house and barn.

Henry Bordt was reared in Townsend township, always lived at home and received a common-school education. He was early inducted into the pleasant paths of industry, frugality and virtue, and in 1890 he bought forty acres of land adjoining his father's farm. He attends the Lutheran Church, and is a Democrat in politics.

BF. ROGERS a well-known shoemaker of Clyde, Sandusky county, where he is now serving as justice of the peace, was born in the town of Lyons, Wayne Co., N. Y., August 3, 1830, and is a son of Joel and Betsy (Ellis) Rogers. His father's birth occurred in Phelps, N. Y., near Bulltown Springs, and by occupation was a farmer, also carrying on carpentering and joining. In 1830 he came to Ohio, it requiring three weeks to make the trip from Buffalo, N. Y., to Huron, Ohio, by water. He located at Hartland, Huron Co., Ohio, twelve miles east of Norwalk, where he engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1854, when he was aged sixty-one years. In politics he was a supporter of the Democratic party. The mother of our subject, who was born in 1798 in New Canaan, Conn., died on the 4th of July, 1888. She had a sister who died a year later at the remarkable age of 103 years and one week. At the age of ninety-nine years she did the cooking for a reunion, and our subject has a piece of poetry she recited when a centenarian.

The paternal grandfather was a shoemaker of New York. He wedded Mary Kuntz, a native of Germany, and he served through the Revolutionary war under Gen. Washington. One of his sons was the father of Randolph Rogers, the famous sculptor. He died in Rome, leaving a son and daughter, who are both at-

tending college at Ann Arbor, Mich. The Rogers family is of English descent, the great-grandfather of our subject having come from England to the New World. The maternal great-grandfather was also a native of England, and the grandfather, who was a great jumper and athlete, and was a soldier during the struggle for independence.

In Hartland, Huron Co., Ohio, B. F. Rogers, subject of this sketch, spent his boyhood days, attending the public schools. At the age of seventeen years he began learning the shoemaker's trade with his uncle, A. G. Ellis, at Fitchville, Huron county, where he remained for nine years. He then for one year had a shop of his own in Wakeman, that county, but at the expiration of that time again worked for his uncle, with whom he remained for a year, but the following winter was employed at his trade in Clarksfield, Huron county. He then entered a drug store, and for one year studied medicines and drugs, after which he went to Michigan, where he continued his studies with the brother of the professor of surgery in the Homeopathic College of Cleveland, Ohio. He was there prepared to enter college, but, becoming tired of the profession, he returned to Clarksfield, resuming work at his trade.

In that place Mr. Rogers was united in marriage with Miss Myra Buck, who was reared in Norwalk, Ohio, and to them were born four children: Emma, who married Alfred Barber, of Norwalk, and has one child—Florence; Belle, wife of E. M. Keller, of Pomona, Cal.; Hattie, the widow of I. Boone, is a resident of California, and has two children—Effel and John B.; Grant C. died in 1877, at the age of eleven years. In 1876 the mother of these children passed to her final rest, and September 1, 1877, Mr. Rogers wedded Miss Belinda Malcom, of Ruggles, Ashland Co., Ohio. Her father is a native of Aberdeen, Scotland. By her marriage she has three children—

Malcom, Lillie and Archie. After his first marriage Mr. Rogers removed to Norwalk, Ohio, where he worked at his trade during the Civil war, but later became a resident of New London, Huron Co., Ohio. In 1869 he located in Clyde, where he deals in shoes, and is also engaged in their manufacture. He does general repairing, and all the work which he turns out is of first-class order.

For the last five years Mr. Rogers has served as justice of the peace, and during the entire time has never had a case reversed in common pleas court. In politics he is deeply in sympathy with the Republican party. He has been a member of the Masonic fraternity since November 16, 1855, and is now a Royal Arch Mason, while he has been connected with the I. O. O. F. since February 16, 1870. He is liberal in his religious views, and is a member of the Universalist Church. Mr. Rogers is practically a self-made man, well endowed mentally, and by his own physical exertions has made his life a success.

JANSTED, one of the prosperous representative farmer citizens of Washington township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, is a native of same, born March 15, 1855.

His parents, John and Mary (Upp) Ansted, were of Pennsylvania birth, from which State they migrated to Ohio, settling on a farm in Sandusky county, where the father died when their son Jacob was fourteen years old. The latter had then to assist in the support of his widowed mother on their eighty-acre farm, and when he came of age he purchased forty acres from her, in the cultivation of which he has since devoted his care and attention. His mother for her second husband married Absalom Dank, a native of Germany, and they are living on the remaining forty acres of the original eighty-acre farm in Washington township.

Mr. Ansted is still single, is a Democrat in politics, in religious faith a member of the Lutheran Church, and enjoys the respect and esteem of the community in which he lives.

JOHN BENDER, who owns and operates a fine farm in Sandusky township, Sandusky county, was born in Rice township, that county, March 29, 1846, a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Druckmiller) Bender.

Daniel Bender came from Perry county, Ohio, and settled in Rice township, Sandusky county, in 1844, where our subject was born, and when the latter was one year old the mother died. Daniel Bender for his second wife married Miss Caroline Honeywell. The family afterward removed to Branch county, Mich., settling near Coldwater, where the father died at the age of fifty-seven. On account of the early death of his mother, John Bender, being then an infant of one year, was placed, for rearing, in the hands of Peter Albert and wife, who were cousins of his father. Here he received loving care and grew up to manhood, attending the district schools at intervals, and he remained with his foster parents until eighteen years of age, when he went to work on a farm by the month. He saved his money, and a few years later married Miss Caroline Kiser (a sister of Christian Kiser), a native of Germany, born June 6, 1848. They settled on land Mr. Bender now owns, commencing in a small way; but success smiled upon their efforts and they were soon able to purchase more land. Mr. Bender is now recognized as one of the leading, successful agriculturists of the township, owning 279 acres of land as good as any other in the State. In December, 1894, he sank an oil well on his farm, and the company to which he belongs have put down three wells, all of which are producing and promise to be fairly successful ventures. He and his

wife have nine children: Christian, who married Rebecca Engler; Saloma E., wife of Frank Stine (they have one child); Charles; Ella, now Mrs. John Mairer; Lavina, who was married July 3, 1894, to Frank Fetterman; Emma; Frank, and Wesley.

Mr. Bender started in life with no endowment save a strong pair of hands and his own good judgment; to-day he is independent. Much of the land he now owns cost him \$100 per acre. He is an unofficious, unassuming man to meet, but his worth as a neighbor, friend and citizen is well appreciated in the community. In 1889 he was elected township treasurer, and has held that office by re-election to the present time. Politically he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM CANTY. Among the business men of Gibsonburg, Sandusky county, who have made a reputation for straight dealing and honest work, will be found the subject of this sketch, who is the proprietor of the boiler shops in that city.

Mr. Canty is a native of Illinois, having been born at Pana, that State, June 8, 1862. He is the son of Thomas and Julia (Fogerty) Canty, the father being born in County Limerick, the mother in County Kerry, Ireland. Both emigrated to America when young, and settled in Pana, Ill., where they married. The father died in that city when fifty-eight years of age, and the mother, who survives him, makes her home in Tiffin, this State. This worthy couple were devoted members of the Catholic Church, as are their children of whom the following record is given: John is the owner of a boiler shop in Tiffin, Ohio; Thomas, who makes his home in Chicago, Ill., is a traveling agent for the Hartford Life Insurance Company; William, our subject, comes next; Edward, a machinist, lives

in Chicago; James is a foreman in the Big Four shops at Milton, Illinois.

William Canty grew up to manhood at his home in Pana, Ill., and when nineteen years old went to Maryville, Mo., where he worked as an engine wiper for six months. He then moved to Tiffin, this State, and learned the trade of a boiler maker with his brother. He was then for six months fireman on the Wabash railway. Returning to Tiffin, he worked in the boiler shop for a year when he again went to Pana and worked at his trade for five months. Alternating between this place and Tiffin for some time, he fired on the Ohio & Mississippi Valley railroad one year, and worked in the boiler shops in Tiffin for three years, when he was married, in two years thereafter, August, 1890, moving to Gibsonburg. Here he opened up a boiler shop with a partner, but in April, 1893, purchased the whole concern and is now carrying it on himself. He has established a good business and a reputation for industry and honesty, and has the confidence of the community as a skilled workman.

Mrs. Canty, who before her marriage was Miss Agnes Cathcart, was born in Tiffin, December 21, 1863. Mr. Canty is a member of the Catholic Church, and of the Catholic Knights of St. John, at Tiffin; in politics he is a Democrat. He is a fine specimen of physical manhood, strong and muscular, and will probably live to a good old age as his maternal grandparents both lived to be over one hundred years old.

C B. WHITE, M. D., physician and surgeon, Fremont, Sandusky county, is a native of Ohio, having been born in Bellaire, Belmont county, December 11, 1839, a son of R. B., and Eliza A. (Ray) White, both of whom were of Irish descent. The father, who was also a physician of prominence, practiced in Monroe (of which county he

was a pioneer), Washington and Noble counties, Ohio, and died in the latter county in 1878. The mother, who came to Ohio from Lancaster county, Penn., is still living, and makes her home in West Virginia.

The subject proper of this review was reared in eastern Ohio, receiving his education in the public schools of Monroe and Noble counties. In August, 1861, he enlisted in Noble county, Ohio, for three years' service, in Company K, Twentieth O. V. I., was mustered in at Columbus, Ohio, and assigned to the army of West Virginia. He participated in some important battles, among which may be mentioned those of Carnifax Ferry, second Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Haines' Bluff, Jackson and siege of Vicksburg, at which latter he received a severe scalp wound. After an honorable discharge at Columbus, Ohio, our subject returned to his home in Noble county. In 1865 he re-entered military service, and held the rank of second lieutenant of Company E, One Hundred and Ninety-fourth, O. V. I., until the close of the war, receiving a final honorable discharge in June, 1865, and again returning home, after which he was engaged for some time, along with his brother, in a general mercantile business at Flint Mills, Washington Co., Ohio.

Later he began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Henshaw, of Ellenboro, W. Va., and after taking a course of clinics in the Cincinnati General Hospital, he, in 1873, entered the Eclectic Medical Institute of that city and attended a course of lectures. After practicing at a distance for a time, he returned to Cincinnati in 1878, took a full course at the Eclectic Medical Institute, graduating with honor. The Doctor has practiced medicine in Pleasant Valley (W. Va.), Clayville (Va.) and Salineville (Columbiana Co., Ohio), at which latter place he was associated with Dr. Sutzer, and thence came to the Western Reserve. He also practiced

three years in Ringgold county, Iowa, in the city of Fremont since 1880, and altogether has built up an enviable reputation in his profession, in which he has shown a commendable interest. He studied and practiced under a general allopathic practitioner, three years. Dr. White holds and has held various positions of honor and trust in the community. He is a member of the Sandusky County Board of Pension Examiners, medical examiner for the National Union, and surgeon for the Union Veterans Union; is one of the commissioners for visiting the charitable institutions of the county. He is a member of the National Union, of the State Eclectic Society, and holds certificates from the National Eclectic Society and from the Iowa Eclectic Society, also from the Hospital of Clinics, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr. White was married in Wood county, W. Va., in 1871, to Miss Elizabeth Ullum, and their children are: John, a plumber, who is married and has two children; Eliza Ellen, wife of Philip Lowry, of Huron county, Ohio (they have one child); Willie Delilah, wife of James Powers, East Prairie, Mo.; and Thomas, who at present is attending Fremont High School. Mrs. White died at Mt. Ayr, Iowa, December 30, 1885, and in 1888 Dr. White married, at Fremont, Ohio, Miss Hortense Ickes, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Ickes, the former of whom is deceased, the latter residing on the old homestead north of Fremont. Mrs. White was elected National President of the Women's Veteran Relief Union. The Doctor, in his political preferences, is a Democrat, and he is held in the highest esteem and regard.

ADAM MAURER, proprietor of a livery and feed stable at Helena, Sandusky county, where he also conducts a thriving teaming and draying business, is a native of that coun-

ty, born September 19, 1858, in Washington township.

Up to the year 1888 our subject continued to reside with his parents, James and Marie Maurer, and then, his mother having sold the farm of 120 acres in Washington township, which had been left her at the death of her husband, she and her son Adam moved into the town of Helena, same county, where Mr. Maurer established his present business. He is also to some extent interested in oil wells, and by diligence and close attention to business has succeeded in securing a wide patronage for his livery, etc. Mrs. Marie Maurer, mother of the subject proper of these lines, was born in Germany of well-to-do and respectable farming people, who came to the United States several years ago.

In his political preferences our subject is a staunch Democrat, but is no office seeker, preferring to devote all his time to his business. He is a man of good standing in the community, and although popular and well-liked is still living in a state of "single blessedness."

BENJAMIN EPLER. Among those steady-going, hard-working men who are pillars of strength in the community in which they live, and, by their lives, set before the young examples of temperance, industry, frugality, virtue and faith, is Mr. Epler.

Benjamin Epler, Sr., father of the subject of this sketch, married Barbara Smith. They were both born in Pennsylvania, and lived and died there, leaving two children to mourn them, namely: Henry, who married Emma Fought, by whom he has one child, and is a farmer in Pennsylvania, and Benjamin, Jr., who was born July 3, 1839. Our subject was united in marriage October 11, 1851, with Elizabeth Unger, who was born in Pennsylvania December 21, 1828, and they have had seven children, of whom we

have the following record: Rosie married Joseph Slates, a farmer in Michigan; they had six children. George is a farmer in Michigan; he married Frances Callahan, and they have had three children. Sally married David Witzler, and has had three children; they live in Helena, Sandusky Co., Ohio. Samuel, who lives in Michigan, married Etta Ring, by whom he has had two children. John married Hannah Ickes, and they have had one child. Henry died at the age of nineteen years. Katie is unmarried and lives at home. Mrs. Epler's parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (Schneider) Unger, were farming people, and lived in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Epler came to Ohio in the early times, and bought eighty acres of timber land, in Madison township, Sandusky county, all but ten acres of which he has cleared. He has worked hard, early and late, and has to-day a beautiful home wherein to pass his later days. He is a strong Republican, and in religious connection is a charter member of the United Brethren Church at Helena.

JOHAN ANDREWS, farmer, was born in Ballville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, March 12, 1839, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Indes) Andrews. Jacob Andrews was born in 1801, and his wife in 1807, in France; and she died May 15, 1892. They had five children: (1) Joseph Andrews, born in 1837, a farmer of Millersville, Ohio, who married Anna Young, and has a family of seven children; (2) John Andrews, our subject; (3) Mary Andrews, born in 1841, wife of Lewis Baungardner, a farmer, of Michigan, whose children are Frank, John and Mary; (4) Jacob, born in 1845, married to Mary Riley, whose children are Ulliah, Georgiana, Claude and James; (5) David, born March 11, 1843, married in 1868 to Julia Scanlan, who was born March 7, 1850, and their children are—

Peter, born September 11, 1870; Julia, born June 7, 1874; Stella, born February 25, 1880; Mary, born January 23, 1882; John L., born May 2, 1884; and Loretta, born September 11, 1891.

Our subject remained at home with his parents until his twenty-fifth year. He then rented some land of his father and farmed on shares. Subsequently he bought ninety-two acres of his father, on which he now resides. He is no office seeker, but has held several offices in his township. He was a soldier in the Civil war, having enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Eleventh Regiment, O. V. I., at Toledo, Ohio, whence he proceeded to Louisville and Frankfort, Ky., and spent the winter at Bowling Green. In the spring of 1863 he marched through Kentucky, back and forth, was taken sick, and lay for a time at No. 7, Louisville Hospital. After convalescence he was transferred to the Seventeenth Regiment, Veteran Reserve Corps, and helped guard Rebel prisoners at Indianapolis, Ind., until discharged. He was married August 20, 18---, to Miss Mary Scanlan, who was born December 25, 1837, and they had seven children: (1) Mary, born June 7, 1862; (2) David, born February 18, 1865, a mason by trade; (3) Elizabeth, born June 27, 1867, wife of Rufus Kelley, whose children are—Anna Marie, born September 18, 1889, and John, born in 1891; (4) John, born September 12, 1869, a stone mason; (5) Frank, born June 12, 1872; (6) George E., born April 23, 1878; (7) Edward V., born March 16, 1880; the last four named are living with their parents.

A record of the family of children, of which Mrs. Mary Andrews is a member, is as follows: John married, and has a family of eight children; Thomas died in childhood; Mary is Mrs. Andrews; John was a soldier in the Civil war, member of Company A, One Hundred and Eleventh Regiment, O. V. I., and died in 1893; Jeremiah; Edward married Julia Leary,

and has eight children (he served five years in the Civil war, and later was a merchant at Toledo, Ohio; he died February 18, 1886); Julia, born June 7, 1852, is the wife of David Andrews; Michael, born in 1854, married Mary Camele, whose children are—Nora, William, Michael and Nellie; David, born May 9, 1857, is a police officer in Fremont, Ohio, married Margaret Donahue, and their children are—Edward, Mary, John and Frank.

ML. HUSS. To this enterprising farmer of Green Creek township, Sandusky county, is due largely the growth of the small-fruit industry in his locality. Mr. Huss lives on the ridge in the township, and was one of its first men to engage in growing and shipping small fruits on a large scale. He has made fruit-growing his chief business for many years.

Mr. Huss was born in Green Creek township, March 31, 1848, son of Christian and Catherine (Rathbun) Huss. Christian Huss was born on Cat Island, on the Susquehanna river, Penn., February 21, 1815. In 1824 he came to Ohio with his parents, Noah and Mary (Burkholder) Huss, who settled on what is now known as the Kernahan farm, in Green Creek township, lived to an advanced age, and left a large family, consisting of John, Noah, Christian, Elijah, Jacob, Ellen (wife of David Hawk), Barbara E. (wife of S. S. Rathbun), Jane (who first married a Mr. Bernent, and afterward wedded Oliver McIntire; she lived on the old Huss farm), Ann (who married George Hutchins), and Martha (who married a Mr. Campbell, and moved to Iowa). Christian married Catherine Rathbun, who was born in Ontario county, N. Y., in 1818, and had twelve children, as follows: Chaplin, of Green Creek township; Eliza, wife of John Morrison, of Ballville township; Shannon, who died young; Noah B.; Darius, who died at the age of four-

teen years; Burr, of Ballville township; Maurice L., of Green Creek township; Jane, who married a Mr. Gleeson, by whom she had two children, and afterward married Dr. McMillen, of Steuben county, Ind.; Oliver P., of Steuben county, Ind.; Barbara, wife of Chauncey Young, of Steuben county, Ind.; Christian E., on the old homestead in Green Creek township; and Saxton. Christian Huss, the father, died February 22, 1864, aged forty-nine years. His faithful and devoted wife survived until August, 1893.

Maurice L. Huss, subject of this sketch, attended the Dawley school, in Ballville township, a joint district, and on the old homestead he learned the practical value and lesson of perseverance and industry. He was married, in 1871, at the age of twenty-three years, to Miss Henrietta Storer, born in Brooklyn village, October 21, 1851, daughter of Samuel Storer, a prominent farmer of Green Creek township. To Mr. and Mrs. Huss have been born two children—Ruth and Dwight. Mr. Huss is regarded generally as one of the leading men of the township, and is essentially a progressive, active citizen. He has for twenty-two years been a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., and is a charter member of Clyde Grand Encampment. He was elected trustee of the township in 1893, and is now serving in that capacity.

LS. MCGORMLEY, contractor and builder, Fremont, Sandusky county, is a native of Ballville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, born May 4, 1850, son of George and Lucy J. (Hampsher) McGormley.

George McGormley was born in Perry county, Ohio, in 1826, came to Sandusky county, when he was three years old, and here remained the rest of his life, dying in 1886. He was a Democrat, and a member of the M. E. Church. His father, William McGormley, who was

born in Perry county, Ohio, of Scotch ancestry, lived in Sandusky county from 1829 to 1872, when he moved to near Lansing, Mich., and there died at the age of eighty-five. Our subject's mother was born in Sparta, near Rochester, N. Y., November 3, 1828, and is still living in Ballville township. The children of George and Lucy McGormley were: Susan, wife of George Cole, of Ballville township; Louis S., our subject; George F., a civil engineer, of Toledo, Ohio; Anna, wife of Andrew Miller, subject's partner in business; and Charles A., a farmer, on the old homestead.

Our subject grew to manhood in Ballville township, where he attended good country schools, and at the age of twenty began to learn the trade of carpenter with Matt Earney. In 1873 he married Miss Martha Harris, of Green Creek township, a member of the Lutheran Church, and located in Ballville, Sandusky county, where he worked at his trade. He was in the employ of A. Foster, builder, about eight years. In 1882-83 Mr. McGormley became a contractor and builder on his own account, and has followed that vocation most of the time since; he built the residence of Dr. R. H. Rice, and several other fine structures. In April, 1893, he was elected a member of the city council on the Democratic ticket. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., Subordinate Lodge and Encampment, and of the daughters of Rebekah; also of Canton, Uniformed Rank, K. of P. His children were: Chester, who died in 1893, aged twenty; Edith, a graduate of the high school, 1893; and Lucy Jane, at home.

WILLIAM BLECKNER, a popular, representative citizen, and postmaster at Oak Harbor, Ottawa county, was born February 14, 1853, at Fremont, Sandusky Co.,

Ohio, to Adam and Christina (Lenhardt) Bleckner.

His early education was received in the public schools of his native town, and when but twelve years of age he engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he continued to follow in Sandusky county for eight years. In 1873 he entered the employ, as clerk, of J. Aixter & Co., leading druggists of that county, at the expiration of three years (in 1876) purchasing the business, and from that date until 1886—when he admitted his brother Charles as a partner—he conducted same on his own account; in 1885 he established a branch store at Rocky Ridge, Ohio, and four years later he established another branch store at Port Clinton. In 1891 Bleckner disposed of his interest in the business, his brother becoming sole proprietor, and during the years 1892-93 he was engaged in mercantile pursuits, having a large and extensive trade; but in the latter year he met with a serious loss, his large store and entire stock being totally destroyed by fire. He was then extensively engaged in the manufacture of bricks and tiles for three years. In 1893 our subject, having proved himself a man of high standing and of more than ordinary ability, received (in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the community in which he resides) the appointment of postmaster at Oak Harbor, which incumbency he continues to hold, in an efficient manner and to the satisfaction of all. Mr. Bleckner is a director of and one of the largest stockholders in the Oak Harbor Natural Gas Co., and also a stockholder in the Savings Bank at Lorain, Ohio; he is largely interested in timber lands in the State, and in real-estate in Lorain county, and the characteristic zeal with which he discharges the numerous arduous duties in connection with these, as well as other enterprises, denotes him to be a man of consummate energy, and has won for him the re-

spect and confidence of the entire community.

In 1884 Mr. Bleckner was married to Miss Elva Gordon, who was born in Oak Harbor, January 31, 1865, a daughter of Washington and Maggie (Rymers) Gordon, and this union has been blessed with three children, viz.: Donna, Lillian and Margaret C., all of whom survive. Mr. Bleckner in his social affiliations is a member of Oak Harbor Lodge No. 495, F. & A. M.; Fremont Chapter No. 64, R. A. M., and Toledo Commandery No. 27.

MICHAEL BOWE is one of the enterprising and thorough business men of Scott township, Sandusky county, and he is a brother of Jacob, Henry, David and George Bowe.

Mr. Bowe was born January 28, 1845, in Scott township, Sandusky county, on his father's old farm on the "pike." On January 6, 1866, he was married, at Freeport, to Miss Rachel Bordner, daughter of Michael and Leah (Buchtel) Bordner, and the young couple resided on the old home farm for one year, after which they lived two years in Wood county, and then, until 1876, made their home on Section 16, Scott township. In 1876 they moved to Section 30, there purchasing 160 acres of land which they have cleared and put under the finest cultivation; they also have erected fine buildings, and their residence would be an ornament to any city in the county. It is of modern architecture, with slate roof and finishings to correspond. A few years afterward Mr. Bowe added to this purchase another forty acres in Section 29, which he has also cleared and put in fine condition. Later he added another eighty acres, making an excellent farm of 280 acres. Mr. Bowe deals in all kind of stock, as a rule fattening and selling about 150 sheep and eighty hogs yearly, be-

sides buying and shipping stock in large quantities.

On January 28, 1891, Mr. Bowe launched his financial boat into the oil sea of Scott township, Sandusky county. At first he struck a "sand bar," or, as the oilers call it, a "dry hole." Not discouraged, however, he continued his work and went into Wood county, Ohio, where he leased forty acres of land, and finished his first well February 29, 1892. Formerly he had a partner, but he bought his interest, and now owns and operates the field himself. Mr. Bowe has, at this writing, eight wells in operation, which at first produced 100 barrels each per day, and now produce eight barrels each daily, or sixty-four barrels in all, worth eighty cents per barrel—making an income of over \$50 per day. The expense of operating is small, there being only one man in charge of all the wells. He also has a lease in Sandusky county of thirty-five acres, on which two wells have been made and two more are to be drilled. Mr. Bowe is a thorough business man, and like all his brothers is a highly esteemed citizen. Politically he is a Democrat.

George Bowe, Sr., the father of our subject, was born in 1802 in France, and came to America in 1832, settling in New York State, near Buffalo, where he remained three years; thence he came to Ohio, where, in Scott township, Sandusky county, he entered 210 acres of land, one-half for his sister and the balance for himself. In the winter of 1834-35 he married Catherine Wegstein, who was born in Baden, Germany, daughter of Michael Wegstein. To them were born ten children, three of whom died in infancy, and the others are George, Jacob, Frederick, Henry, Michael J., David and Mary C. Fred and Mary died some time ago; the others are yet living. Mr. Bowe was an old pioneer of Scott township. He at one time owned over 600 acres of land, which he divided among his children, thus giving each a

start in life, from which they have steadily advanced, and become well-to-do men, highly respected by all who know them. He died June 3, 1872, and his wife, the mother of our subject, died July 9, 1891, and was buried in Bradner cemetery.

The maternal grandfather, Michael Wegstein, was born about 1779, in Baden, Germany, where he was married. In 1832 he started for America, and during the voyage his wife died and was buried in mid-ocean. In his family were six children, of whom only two are living, George and Mrs. Jacob Faler, of Fremont. One son, Capt. Michael Wegstein, of Company H, Seventy-second O. V. L., was killed in the battle of Shiloh. Sarah, Mrs. Dipman, died in Fremont about 1860. Mary A. Grund, of Fremont, died October 3, 1892.

Mrs. Rachel Bowe, wife of Michael Bowe, is a sister of Mrs. George Bowe. She was born August 9, 1846, in Montgomery township, Wood county, remaining with her parents until her marriage, which has been blessed with eight children: Frank E., born March 10, 1867, who now resides in California; Alfred G., born January 9, 1869, who died April 23, 1880; Michael B., born June 14, 1871; Henry J., born December 16, 1873; Lewis D., born May 5, 1875; Lillie, born April 28, 1877; Jessie, born March 12, 1879, and Harry, born July 19, 1886.

As already stated, Mrs. Bowe is a daughter of Michael and Leah (Buchtel) Bordner, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania February 28, 1812, the latter born about 1815. They were married December 11, 1834. To their marriage came eight children: Henry, born September 9, 1836; Mary, born October 11, 1838; Lucy, born January 25, 1841, died September 24, 1894; Calvin, born April 30, 1843, died July 28, 1862; Rachel, A., born August 9, 1846; Ellen, born, September 14, 1848; Alfred, born January 28, 1851; Sarah, born November 24, 1855, five of whom are now living. Henry

and Calvin died in the army during the Civil war. The mother of these died in 1859 and was buried in Bradner cemetery. In 1862 Mr. Bordner married for his second wife Polly Yohe, of Indiana, who died in 1881. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Bowe was Peter Bordner, who was born in Pennsylvania about the year 1776; his wife, Catherine Cotherman, was born in 1770. They had nine children, Michael Bordner being the only one now living. His father died in 1816 and his mother in 1866. Mrs. Bowe's maternal grandfather, Henry Buchtel, was born in 1790 and died in 1875; his wife, Elizabeth Ayers, was a year younger than her husband, and died in 1850. They had fifteen children, two sons and thirteen daughters.

FRANKLIN STOKES, one of the successful farmers of Riley township, Sandusky county, was born June 4, 1864, and is a son of Jacob and Sarah (Steffir) Stokes, who were married in Riley township, and lived there for a short time. Soon after their marriage Jacob Stokes, with his wife, moved to Rice township, Sandusky county, and bought eighty acres of land. Later he moved back to Riley township, and in the year 1875 bought ninety-seven acres there. They had six children, as follows: John married Jennie Axton, and they have had six children (they live in Riley township); Samantha married James Gilbert, and they have had four children (they live in Clyde, Ohio); Andrew married Josephine Bonman, and they have had four children (they live in Riley township); Ella married D. Griggs, and they have had four children (they live near Clyde, Ohio); Franklin is the subject of this sketch; and Elmer married Hannah Huffley, and they have had two children (they live in Riley township).

Our subject was reared to habits of industry and economy, and worked for his father until he was married. On Sep-

tember 4, 1886, in Clyde, Sandusky Co., Ohio, he was united in marriage with Clara Smith, and they then settled in Riley township. They have one child, Crelo, who was born March 28, 1891. Mr. Stokes has thus made his beginning in life on the solid basis of general farming, not venturing his labor on one product alone, or in any one exclusive department of farming. So if one undertaking fails through adverse causes, if the market is overstocked with any one product or falls below a profit-giving figure, then some other way may pay well and keep up the receipts to a living standard. Politically, Mr. Stokes is a Democrat.

JOHAN A. KING, one of the prosperous farmers of Green Creek township, Sandusky county, was born in Union county, Penn., July 3, 1837, the son of John and Margaret (Derman) King. His great-grandfather was an emigrant from England, who settled in Juniata county, Penn., where his son James was born, married, and lived many years, afterward removing to Union county.

John King, his son, the father of John A., was born in Juniata county. He lived for a time in Snyder county, then moved to Union county, where he married Mrs. Margaret Tibbins, *nee* Derman, and where he worked in the mines and on the farm until his death. In religious faith he was a member of the M. E. Church, and in politics a Democrat. The five children of John and Margaret King were as follows: Joseph and Andrew (twins), the former a blacksmith at Bellevue, Ohio, the latter a resident of Center county, Penn.; James, who served four years in a Pennsylvania regiment during the war, and was killed in a steam sawmill accident in Pennsylvania; John A., subject of this sketch; Hannah M., now Mrs. Aaron Waller, of Bellevue.

Her first husband, a Mr. Myers, was killed in the Civil war. Both the parents of these five children had been previously married. By his first marriage John King had two children: Amos, who served in the army during the Civil war and died about two years ago, and Emma, now Mrs. Stittler, of Clinton county, Penn. By her first husband Mrs. King had five children: Samuel, John, Levi, William and Eliza. Her father had been a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

The boyhood of John A. King was spent in Union county, Penn., where he attended the district schools. He learned the blacksmith trade, and in 1859 came to Ohio, settling in Bellevue, where for nearly twenty years he worked steadily at his trade. About 1879 Mr. King came to a farm in York township, Sandusky county. He engaged successfully in agricultural pursuits for five years, and during this time he also traveled. For several years he went on the road, in the southern part of the State, as a salesman of farming implements and washing machines, for Mr. Ranford, of Norwalk, and Mr. Southland, of Clyde. He then commenced business for himself, selling brackets, stationery, etc., traveling through to Van Buren county, Mich. He was there for a part of two seasons, and was quite successful. Mr. King then moved from his farm of eighty acres, which he still owns, to a seven-acre tract at Clyde, where he now lives. He is a member of the A. P. A., and his party affiliations are not strong; in exercising the ballot he is quite independent, and at present rather favors a third party movement. Mr. King married Miss Mary Ann Diment, a native of England, and has three children: Louisa, wife of Allen G. Wimmil; Hannah M., wife of James Vickery, of York township, and Minnie. Mr. King is a prosperous citizen of Sandusky, his success being due solely to his own energy and business ability.

JOHAN G. FISHER, a substantial farmer of Riley township, Sandusky county, was born in Austria September 15, 1849, and is a son of Nick and Anna (Geiger) Fisher, who were both also born in Austria.

Nicholas Fisher was born September 28, 1816; was united in marriage with Anna Geiger in 1840; came to this country in 1853, and settled in Washington township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, and bought a farm. They had nine children, namely: Rosie, Sophia, May, Catherine, Barbara, Anna, Hattie, Gebhardt and John G.

John G. Fisher had a common-school education, and for some time before his marriage was living in Fremont, Sandusky county, where he had a house and lot, and worked by the day. Selling the house and lot in Fremont, he was united in marriage, October 26, 1876, with Victoria Borer, who was born June 4, 1856. They had a family of seven children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: George F., December 30, 1877; Mary L., February 20, 1879, died March 23, 1888; Joseph, July 26, 1880; Elizabeth M., April 18, 1883; Frank D., August 2, 1885; Herman, October 3, 1888; and Albert, October 7, 1892. After his marriage Mr. Fisher moved to Green Creek township, Sandusky county, and bought fifty-four acres of land. Selling this, he moved to Riley township, and bought 104 acres, for which he paid \$4,600.00, and in 1890 built a new house. He carries on general farming, and makes a specialty of raising fine horses. He is a Democrat in politics, and has been honored with public office, having been school director for five years. In religious affiliation he is a Catholic.

MRS. MARY ARNOLD, a most estimable lady, now residing in Washington township, Sandusky county, was one of a family of eight children born to William and Marie

(Hoke) Hay. The parents were both born in Adams county, Penn., the father May 30, 1819, and the mother January 29, 1822. In the year 1863 they settled in Ohio, taking up their residence in Wayne county, where they spent their remaining days.

Mrs. Arnold was reared in her parents' home, becoming familiar with the duties of the household under the careful instruction and guidance of her mother. After she had arrived at years of maturity she gave her hand in marriage to Peter Arnold, son of Joseph and Susanna (Fleckner) Arnold, who were natives of the Keystone State and came to Ohio in 1814, casting in their lot with the early settlers of Wayne county. Their family numbered eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, but only three of the number are living at the time of this writing (1895).

Peter Arnold was reared upon his father's farm and started out in life for himself by working as a farm hand, being thus employed until his marriage. In 1863 he left his old home and removed to Sandusky county, locating in Washington township, where he purchased the forty acres of land upon which his widow now resides. With characteristic energy he began its development, and soon it was all placed under the plow, and made to yield to him a golden tribute in return for the care and cultivation he bestowed upon it. He made good improvements and all was neat and thrifty in appearance, and the owner was recognized as one of the leading agriculturists of the community.

In his political views Mr. Arnold was a Democrat, but had no time nor inclination for public office. In religious belief he was a Methodist, and his life was in harmony with his professions. His death occurred June 30, 1889, and all who knew him mourned his departure, for he was a good citizen, a faithful friend and a devoted husband and father. Mrs. Ar-

nold still resides upon the old home place, which was left her by her husband, and is a lady held in high regard by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. She has reared a large family of children, but only one, Viola, is now at home with her.

JOHAN BINKLEY, farmer, Jackson township, Sandusky county, was born December 23, 1835, a son of John Binkley, Sen., a farmer from Pennsylvania, who moved in pioneer days to Perry county, Ohio, bought 160 acres of land and lived there until his death from apoplexy, in 1878. Our subject's mother was Mary (Fisher) Binkley, born October 15, 1800, and her children were: (1) Michael, born in April, 1819, who married Anna Albert, and had four children. (2) Melanction T., who married George Bixler, and had one child that died in childhood. (3) Charles, who married Annie Pressler, and whose children were Nettie, Clarence, Mary, Jennie, Annie, Irving, Carl, and an infant. Charles Binkley was a soldier of the Civil war in Company K, One Hundredth Regiment, O. V. I., served three years, was in the battles of Limestone Station, Atlanta, etc., was wounded in the right leg and laid up for six months, unfit for duty, was in Libby prison a short time, and after his release returned to Fremont. He is a farmer, a Republican and a member of the U. B. Church. (4) Tena, married George Bixler (a soldier of the Civil war, a Republican and a member of the Reformed Church), by whom she had five children; she died in 1889. (5) Mary Ann married John Surbate (a merchant of Clyde, Ohio, a Republican and a member of the Reformed Church), by whom she had three children; she died in 1884. (6) Samuel, born October 18, 1821, who married Tena Albert, whose children are—Ramanas, Amos, Mary and Tena. (7) Lydia, wife of Daniel Albert, born July 8, 1824, who had twelve children—George

(who married Sarah Coe), Stella, Jefferson, Lillie, James, Claydie, Jennie and five that are dead. (8) Link, who married Hannah Reed, and whose children were—Ida, Tillie, Susie, Alice, Isadore, Emma, Francis, and four that are dead. (9) Peter, who married Jane Rider, and had a family of twelve children. (10) Mary, who married J. Grut, and had nine children. (11) Annie, wife of Peter Binkley, who had eight children, two of whom are dead. (12) Charles, who married Kate Macklin, and was blessed with five children. (13) Ellen, who married Michael Binkley, and had eight children. Margarete, who married L. Carr, and whose first two children—Commodore and Amoretta—were twins, and the others being Mary, William, John, Caroline, Adelina, and Elmer, who was killed in a railroad accident in 1876. Matilda, married Solomon Bauman, whose children are—John, Katie, Betsey, and Lydia; Mrs. Bauman died in 1869, and Mr. Bauman in 1871. Christian married Lavina Kessler, lives near Holt, Mich., and has six children. Aaron married Mary Hensel, who died leaving five children, after which he married Alice Potter, by whom he had six children, living in Ottawa county, Ohio. Hannah married Martin Stainer, and their children are—Edward, John, Levi, Cora and Ellen; he died in the army, of fever, and was buried near Washington, D. C. Sarah, who married John Downie, a soldier of the Civil war, who died at Washington, D. C.; they had five children; she died in 1865. Holly, who married Lewis Hawk, a soldier of the Civil war, who died in Washington, D. C., in 1865, leaving three children—Charlie, Sherman and Fred; Mrs. Hawk is a member of the Reformed Church, and lives near Fremont, Ohio.

Our subject, John Binkley, was married at Fremont, December 23, 1887, to Miss Christena Hensel, the Rev. Heller performing the marriage service. She was born September 17, 1841, and died

August 20, 18—, leaving eight children, viz.: (1) Jane S., born March 14, 1859, and died at the age of three years. (2) May A., born February 25, 1862, wife of John Barnes, railroad agent (they have one child, Lulu). (3) James A., born April 20, 1865, who married Sarah Carter, whose children were—Grace, that died, and Fred, who is clerk in a store at Worstville, Paulding county. (4) Effie I., born June 28, 1867, wife of William Carter, married June 6, 1888. (5) Ella A., born July 25, 1869, wife of John Warren, married in the spring of 1894. (6) Clara A., born November 8, 1872, wife of J. Hardin, married in 1892. (7) Venia M., born November 15, 1878, who attended school in Cleveland (Ohio) and Peoria (Ill.). (8) John S., born May 19, 1881. On June 6, 1886, John Binkley married his second wife, Mrs. Barbara Dost; she had two children—Willie, born April 8, 1878, died April 2, 1888; and Maud, born May 19, 1880.

Our subject has an honorable war record. At the outbreak of the Civil war, in 1861, he enlisted in Company K, One Hundredth Regiment, O. V. I., and went with his command from Toledo to Cincinnati, crossed the Ohio river, met the enemy, routed them, marched to Cumberland Gap, drove them to Knoxville and took possession of the town. After they besieged the place the enemy made an attack on one of their best forts. After the battle the enemy lay dead and wounded three deep. They retreated toward Virginia, and the same night snow fell to the depth of three inches, and their men being barefooted were obliged to remain in camp, and there were about 1,500 captured. After lying in camp until April 1, 1863, they started for the Georgia campaign. After Atlanta was taken Gen. Sherman divided his troops, a part going on to the sea and the rest remaining to protect his rear. The enemy finding they could do nothing with Serman's main army, attacked the forces in the rear.

After long and hard fighting with doubtful results, the Union forces received reinforcements from Gen. Thomas at Nashville, and the tide of victory turned on the side of the Union. After peace was declared our subject returned to his wife and children in Sandusky county, and resumed farming. Himself and family are members of the U. B. Church.

PETER BAKER. The German Fatherland has furnished thousands of immigrants to America, whose habits of industry, economy and thrift have made them model farmers and mechanics, and level-headed citizens. Generally, they are not afraid of hard work, plain food or coarse clothing, and usually make an honest living, pay their debts if they make any, and lay up something for a rainy day. As such an one we present the subject of this sketch.

Peter Baker, farmer, Ballville township, was born in Germany, May 6, 1853, a son of Peter, Sr., and Christena (Mattie) Baker, whose children were: Christian, who married Minnie Brinkman, and had two children; Peter, our subject; and Christina, wife of Martin Gessner, a farmer, of Riley township (they have two children). The father of our subject was a soldier in Germany for seven years, and a police officer some fourteen years. He emigrated to America, and settled in Seneca county, Ohio, where he bought forty acres of land, and lived there until his death.

Our subject, having remained with his parents until his twenty-third year, and saved his earnings, married Miss Lucy Miller, of Riley township, and entered upon life on his own account. Mrs. Miller was born August 18, 1858. The names and dates of birth of their children are Charles P., July 16, 1879; Clara E., May 31, 1881; George C., March 26, 1884; Anna M., June 18, 1886; and William L., September 12, 1891. Our

subject earned his money when a young man by working by the day. After marriage he rented a farm for two years on shares. In 1881 he bought forty acres of land for \$4,000, and in 1893 built a new barn at a cost of \$500. He follows general farming, and raises some fine Jersey cattle. He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Baker takes an active interest in educational matters in his neighborhood.

HENRY H. ALMROTH, postmaster and proprietor of general store at Elliston, is one of the best known young men of Benton township and vicinity, and is recognized by his wide circle of acquaintances throughout Ottawa county as a most able and progressive business man, and a valuable citizen.

He is a native of Benton township, born September 28, 1865, on a farm near Elliston, son of Peter and Anna (Kurth) Almroth, who were among the earliest pioneers of the township. Peter Almroth was born in Germany, in 1831, served three years in the army of his native land, and about 1860 came to this country, sojourning temporarily in Lorain county, Ohio, where he remained about one year. He then came to Benton township, Ottawa county, at a time when the entire region was a wilderness, not even a road crossing the township. He settled near what is now Elliston, where he still lives, and bought forty acres of land, his wife paying down one dollar to bind the bargain, the dollar being a silver pocket piece she had brought all the way from New York. By hard labor they paid for their land, also purchasing an additional one hundred acres, besides which they built a fine house and barns, together with the other necessary outbuildings. The farm is now considered one of the finest in Benton township, and its appearance and fertility speak volumes for those who,

by their economy and hard labor, brought it to this state by their own hands. To Mr. and Mrs. Almroth were born eleven children—eight sons and three daughters—six sons and two daughters still living and residing in Ohio. Mrs. Almroth died June 19, 1895.

Henry H. Almroth spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, and received a liberal education in the public schools of Trowbridge, completing the course at the age of fourteen. Commencing life for himself, he now engaged as clerk in the general store of Magee & Paffenbach, of Elmore, Ohio, where he remained four months. After two months of illness he again took up clerking, this time with G. F. Otten, at Elliston, with whom he continued seven years, without the loss of even a day. Mr. Almroth then spent one summer at home on his father's farm, where he fully recuperated his somewhat impaired health, afterward entering the store of Mr. O'Neil, of Trowbridge, Ohio, for whom he clerked one year. In February, 1887, Mr. Almroth and George Stick opened a general store at Elliston, conducting same in partnership for eight years, when Mr. Almroth purchased his partner's interest, and is now sole owner of the large and growing business. In addition to his mercantile business Mr. Almroth is a dealer in all kinds of grain—the only one in the vicinity—buying at Elliston, Graytown, Trowbridge, and Limestone. A stock company has just been formed at Elliston for the purpose of drilling for oil and natural gas, Mr. Almroth being a charter member of the company, and also its secretary. That his business ability is appreciated by his townsmen is shown by the fact that they have elected him to the office of township clerk for the fourth successive term; he has also been postmaster at Elliston for six years, the only Democratic postmaster in Ottawa county who continued in office through Harrison's administration. Mr. Almroth is now enlarging his store to ac-

commodate his trade in farm machinery, in which branch he does a flourishing business. In fact, he is one of those men who succeed in everything they undertake, but there is no mystery surrounding his success, as it has been accomplished solely by the exercise of his own ability, energy and unceasing activity.

On March 20, 1890, Mr. Almroth was married to Miss Myra Kirk Baldwin, of Elmore, Ohio, and they immediately settled in Elliston, where they have a fine well-kept home, and very pleasant surroundings. To their marriage have come two children: Ruth Ann, born May 10, 1892, and Thomas Kirk, born December 8, 1893. Mrs. Almroth was born December 2, 1867, at Elmore, Ohio, where she received a liberal education in the public schools, at the age of sixteen taking up the profession of teaching, which she followed for six years. She is the youngest of five children—two sons and three daughters—born to Thomas and Sarah (Kirk) Baldwin, of Elmore, the former of whom was born in Greene county, Ohio, June 17, 1832; the mother was born in Maryland June 7, 1832. They were married March 16, 1854, and the greater part of their lives has been spent in Elmore, where they yet make their home. Mrs. Henry H. Almroth is a member of the M. E. Church of Elmore, and Mr. Almroth, in religious connection, is a member of the Evangelical Church of Elliston. Socially he is a K. of P., and in political faith is a staunch Democrat.

G W. NEFF, who is engaged in farming in Washington township, Sandusky county, is numbered among the native sons of that locality, his birth having occurred in Sandusky county, April 21, 1860. His father was born November 13, 1813, and his mother in 1830. They had a family of four children—Ellen, wife of I. Edwards,

who has one son, William, now a farmer in Sandusky township, Sandusky county; L. W., who for eighteen years has been successfully engaged in teaching in Ballville and Washington townships (he is a Democrat); and Mellisse, born in 1855, who is the wife of C. C. Ludwig, a farmer of Allen county, Ohio, by whom she has four children (her husband is a supporter of the Democratic party).

Upon the home farm Mr. Neff spent the days of his boyhood and youth, no event of special importance occurring during that period. The public schools of the neighborhood afforded him his educational privileges, and he early became familiar with the duties of farm life. As a companion and helpmeet on life's journey he chose Miss Louisa Lautz, who was born August 8, 1860, and is the daughter of Simon Lautz, a well-known and respected farmer residing in Washington township. Four children grace the union of our subject and his estimable wife—Lottie, Mettie, Maud and Elmer—and the family circle yet remains unbroken. The Neff household is the abode of hospitality, and its members occupy an enviable position in social circles. Our subject remained upon the old home farm up to the time of his marriage, when he purchased forty acres of land, his present farm, and his care and labor have transformed this into a richly cultivated tract. He is enterprising and progressive, and upon his place are seen many modern improvements.

Mr. Neff attended Normal school, and in addition to agricultural pursuits he has been engaged in school teaching for a number of years. In 1892 he was elected to the office of assessor upon the Democratic ticket, and filled that position for two years, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. He takes an active and commendable interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community, and his support is given to all worthy enterprises that are calculated to advance the general welfare. He holds

membership with the Lutheran Church, and those who know him have for him the highest regard.

JOHN A. NEIDECKER, proprietor of an extensive furniture establishment, and funeral director, Port Clinton, Ottawa county, was born in Chicago, Ill., May 25, 1859, a son of Peter and Anna A. (Struve) Neidecker.

Grandfather Neidecker was born in Germany in 1776, and died in 1882; his wife was born in 1806, and died December 28, 1880. Peter Neidecker, father of our subject, was born in Baden, Germany, March 21, 1834, and at the age of fourteen accompanied his parents to the United States, they settling in Erie township, Ottawa Co., Ohio, where they passed the rest of their honored lives in agricultural pursuits. Their son, Peter, received a portion of his education in the Fatherland, and after coming to Ottawa county attended the common schools for a time. Removing to Chicago, Ill., he there made his home till 1865, in which year he returned to Ohio, taking up his home in Port Clinton, where in the following year he engaged in a coopering business, which he conducted in that village until 1872, when he opened out an undertaking and furniture establishment. In this line he continued until 1876, when he retired from active life. In the city of Chicago, September 25, 1856, he was united in marriage with Miss Anna A. Struve, and children as follows were born to them: Minnie, wife of George Smith, of Cleveland; George William, who for six years was a printer, and is now a physician in Brooklyn; Frank, who when fourteen years of age commenced in the drug business at Port Clinton, Ohio, and is now a resident of Cleveland; Caroline, at home; and John A., subject of sketch. The father of this family is deceased; the mother is living in Port Clinton with her

daughter Caroline and two little granddaughters—children of our subject.

John A. Neidecker received his educational training at the schools of Port Clinton, learned the furniture and undertaking business with his father, and succeeded to the same at the latter's death. For a time he was in the recorder's and probate judge's office, and in 1876 he was appointed probate judge, filling that position eight months. He is a man of attractive appearance, well adapted for the management of his lucrative and widely-expanding business, and enjoys an enviable popularity.

SCOTT STAHL, junior member of the well-known firm of Finefrock & Stahl, attorneys at law, Port Clinton, Ottawa county, is a native of Ohio, born at Marion, Marion county, December 23, 1866, a son of Benjamin F. and Elizabeth (Finefrock) Stahl.

Our subject received his elementary education at the common schools of his native place, remaining there until he had reached his fourteenth year, at which time the family removed to a farm, where he learned the rural lessons of industry and perseverance that are ever the accompaniments of a successful career. At the country school in the neighborhood of his father's farm he continued his studies, after which he taught school at Prospect, Ohio, preliminary to his legal studies. He began reading law in the office of his uncle, Judge T. P. Finefrock, of Fremont, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar December 3, 1891, after which he located in Port Clinton, where he has built up an enviable practice, and is held in high esteem by his colleagues. He is a young man of liberal views, taking a lively interest in public affairs. A staunch Democrat in his political predilections, he was, but ten weeks after locating in Port Clinton, elected to the office of city so-

licitor; was re-elected at the close of the term without opposition, and is at present filling the incumbency with eminent ability.

On September 8, 1892, Mr. Stahl was united in marriage with Miss Grace Dana, daughter of George Dana, one of the substantial citizens of Green Creek township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, and one child, Kate E., has blessed their union. In his fraternal affiliations Mr. Stahl is a member in good standing of the Knights of Pythias.

JOHN KIRSCH, who owns and operates a good farm of 185 acres in Washington township, Sandusky county, is a native of Germany, born June 13, 1835, and a son of Nicholas and Emma (Vogel) Kirsch. The father was born November 6, 1806, and by occupation was a farmer, following that pursuit throughout the greater part of his life. In 1853 he left his native land, and with his family crossed the Atlantic to America, locating in the Buckeye State, where he and his wife spent their remaining days, her death occurring in 1885, his in 1886. They left two children, Philip and John, the former of whom married Anna Ripper and reared a family of seven children upon his Ohio farm; they are as follows: John; Ralph; Daniel, who married Theresa Hatten, by whom he had nine children, and follows farming in Oregon; Mary, widow of John Hobbart, who died leaving a family of six children; Peter, who died in childhood in Germany; Jacob; and Emma, wife of John Conrad, who is living in Wisconsin.

John Kirsch was reared in his parent's home, and at the age of eighteen came with them to America, since which time he has resided continuously in Ohio. When twenty years of age he was united in marriage with Miss Lena Hobbart, and to their union were born six children, as follows: John, Peter, Tillie (now the wife of William Usher, by whom she has one

child), Josh, Mary (who died in October, 1869), and Clay. On May 8, 1875, the wife and mother was called to her final rest, and her death was deeply mourned throughout the community. For his second wife Mr. Kirsch chose Mary Hass, who died May 18, 1879. For his third wife he married Elizabeth Nickles, and by this union were born six children, five of whom are still living, namely: Mary, Kittie, Robbie, Frankie and Nichols. One child, Frankie, died October 28, 1893, and the mother passed away February 8, of the same year.

Mr. Kirsch came to Washington township, Sandusky county, in 1861, and a few years later purchased eighty acres of his present farm, to which he has added from time to time. His second purchase made him the possessor of one hundred acres, and in 1883 he extended the boundaries of his farm by becoming the owner of an additional tract of eighty-five acres. He thoroughly understands farming in all its details, his land is highly cultivated, and his place is well improved with good buildings, while the owner ranks among the leading agriculturists of the community, with which he has now been identified for a third of a century. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the Democratic party, and in religious belief is a Catholic.

FS. HELLER, M. D., a successful medical practitioner of Oak Harbor, Ottawa county, is numbered among the native sons of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Fremont, Sandusky county, November 29, 1863.

Dr. Heller is a son of George B. and Rhoda (Smith) Heller, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, and was of German ancestry, while the latter was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, and was of Scotch and English lineage. For many years they were honored residents of Port Clinton, this State, and the father effi-

ciently filled the office of auditor of Ottawa county for six years. Upon his retirement to private life he engaged in the boot and shoe business in that place until 1883, when he removed to Oak Harbor, and embarked in the lumber business. He and his estimable wife are still residents of this place and are popular and highly esteemed members of the community. Their union was blessed with a family of four children, three of whom are now living, namely: Roland F., F. S. and Rufus S.

The Doctor obtained his primary education in the public schools of Port Clinton, and completed his literary education by a collegiate course in the Ohio Wesleyan College, Delaware, Ohio. Wishing to take up the study of medicine and make its practice his life work he began reading with Dr. M. A. Hughes, of Port Clinton, with whom he continued for a year, and in 1885 entered the Medical Department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he took a three-years' course, graduating in the class of 1888. On leaving that school he at once began the practice of his chosen calling, establishing an office in Oak Harbor, where he has remained continuously since. From the beginning he has enjoyed a large clientele, and now has a very extensive and lucrative practice, which attests his skill and ability.

In Oak Harbor, in November, 1892, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Heller and Miss E. Gertrude Metzger, daughter of John C. and Emma Metzger. One child graces their union, Louis Wellington, who was born October 17, 1893. The Doctor and his wife attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are most highly esteemed residents of Oak Harbor, occupying an enviable position in social circles. Our subject is a member of the Northwestern Medical Society, and the Ohio State Medical Society, and is also a member of and medical examiner for Oak Harbor Lodge No. 516, K. of P.,

and Oak Harbor Lodge No. 226, K. O. T. M. He also belongs to Alpha Chapter, Nu Sigma Nu Fraternity, of Ann Arbor, Mich. In his political views he is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. He is a deep student professionally, keeping thoroughly informed on everything connected with the science of medicine, and his ability is acknowledged both by the public and the medical fraternity.

CONRAD ALMROTH, one of the popular young men of Benton township, Ottawa county, and one of the most energetic and prosperous farmers here, is the son of Peter and Anna (Kurth) Almroth, and was born September 17, 1870, on the farm where he now lives in Benton township. His parents were among the earliest settlers in Benton township, coming here when it was a wilderness, and, by hard work and the assistance of faithful children, made one of the finest farms in the county.

Conrad Almroth was educated in the public schools of Elliston, Benton township, and completed his course of studies in 1886, after which he worked on the farm for his father until 1894, since which time he has had complete charge of it. He owns the stock and machinery, and, with the assistance of one man, employed by the month, works about 180 acres of land, comprising the homestead. Mr. Almroth attends strictly to business; his farm is kept in fine condition, fences in good repair, land well tilled, and all the surroundings give evidence of a skillful and industrious farmer. His yearly output of grain averages: Wheat, sixty acres; oats, twenty; corn, thirty; and hay (cut), twenty-five acres. In addition to the regular work of the farm, Mr. Almroth is engaged in the stock business, dealing in cattle, sheep, and hogs, which he sells to local dealers. Unlike his brothers, Conrad Almroth has not yet taken unto himself a wife. His sisters Mary (born Feb-

ruary 4, 1876) and Kate (born June 5, 1878) are at home, attending to the housework, while he manages the work on the farm.

The entire family are musicians, and are well known and in demand throughout the vicinity on all social occasions. Conrad Almroth is assistant leader of the Elliston Cornet Band, in which he plays the B-flat cornet. He has a tenor voice, his brother Henry sings second tenor, John first bass and George second bass. The sisters are also musicians, and there is a fine quartet in the family, with Mary for soprano, Kate alto, Conrad tenor and John bass. They are all born musicians, and none of them have neglected their talents in this direction.

DR. L. B. MYERS, retired druggist, Fremont, Sandusky county, was born in Lancaster county, Penn., July 4, 1825, a son of David and Mary N. (Shively) Myers, who were natives of Lancaster county. His mother's father came from Switzerland about the time of the Reformation, and his paternal grandfather was born in Lancaster county, of German descent. David Myers, father of our subject, was a dealer in general merchandise, in Lancaster, for a number of years, after which he sold out and moved upon a farm near Lewisburg, in Buffalo Valley, Union Co., Penn. Here he followed farming until 1828, when he was injured by the kicking of a vicious horse. He was born January 16, 1788, and died January 30, 1833. He married Mary Ann Shively, who was born March 17, 1799, and died November 17, 1869. Their children were: Nathan, born November 29, 1816, died in 1892; Alpheus, born April 23, 1818, died in 1887; Matilda (Fredericks), born September 18, 1819; Elizabeth, born May 26, 1821, died May 13, 1845; Abraham, born September 27, 1822, died March 7, 1848; Susannah (Brown), born February

26, 1824, died February 11, 1846; Lewis B., born July 4, 1825; Ann S. (Spotts), born February 17, 1827, died April 9, 1862; David, Jr., born March 20, 1830; Sarah J. (Dursham, and later McSwartz), born September 17, 1831, died 1886; Henry A., born January 28, 1833, died 1886. Of the six sons, four were physicians and two were merchants. One son-in-law was a physician. All grew to maturity, and nearly all became heads of families. Only two are now living: David, at Lewisburg, Penn.; and Lewis B., at Fremont, Ohio.

Dr. L. B. Myers, our subject, spent his childhood in Union county, Penn., and his mother died when he was three years old. He attended school a few years in Lewisburg, Penn., and at the age of fifteen went to Fairfield county, Ohio, where from the home of his uncle, Adam Sheafer, he attended the Williams Academy. Returning to Pennsylvania, he remained there to teach school until he was eighteen when he returned to Ohio. In course of time he began the study of medicine at Logansport, Ind., in company with his brother, Abraham, in the office of his brother Dr. Alpheus Myers, where he studied about two years. On the removal of Alpheus to Clarion, Penn., his two medical students followed him to continue their studies. Abraham soon after died, and our subject narrowly escaped death from typhoid fever. Having finished his medical reading, and taught school a few terms among the Mennonites where he acquired a practical knowledge of the German language, he went to Union county, and thence to Cincinnati, where after two years of hard study he graduated from the Eclectic Medical College. Here he attended lectures on Homeopathy, and later read extensively standard works on the Old-school practice. Returning to Union county Penn., he engaged in the practice of medicine, and the prevalence at that time of a fatal epidemic, dysentery, which baffled the skill of the home

physicians gave him an opportunity to prove his superior skill in the treatment of that foe of childhood. He had such remarkably good success that his reputation was firmly established in a few short months. Two years later he was induced by his brother Alpheus to settle in Logansport, Ind., where he practiced two years with good success. Intending to remove to Pennsylvania, he got as far as Massillon, Ohio, where he stopped to visit, and remained to practice about five years with the best success of his life. In 1860 he removed to Elmore, Ohio, where he engaged in the drug business. During the Civil war he practiced medicine in the country around Elmore. About the year 1871 he removed to Fremont, Ohio, where he engaged first in the grocery and later in the drug business. He bought out the drug store of C. F. Reiff, now owned by his son. He took in his son, Kelly, first as assistant, then as partner, and later sold out entirely to him, and his son has continued the business ever since. After leaving the drug business Dr. Myers gave more attention to the manufacture of rubber goods, by the Myers Manufacturing Co., which he had previously established, and of which he was chief proprietor and patentee. In 1889 Dr. Myers suffered from a stroke of paralysis which rendered him, physically, unable to attend to business. His son Costa R. then took charge of the business, and has conducted it ever since with good success, and has now a half interest in the concern. Dr. Myers and wife are members of the Christian, or Disciple, Church at Elmore, Ohio. He has been a Democrat and a Republican in politics, and, socially, he is a member of the I. O. O. F.

The children of Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Myers were: Kelly N., born October 2, 1855, who married Lillie B. Ferguson February 17, 1881; David Hammond, born March 23, 1857, deceased in infancy; Laura Ellen, born October 20,

1859; Lewis Oscar, born December 30, 1861; Mary Ann, born February 22, 1865; and Costa Rica, born June 27, 1869, a sketch of whom follows.

CR. MYERS, one of the proprietors of the Myers Manufacturing Co., Fremont, Sandusky county, was born at Elmore, Ottawa Co., Ohio, June 27, 1869, a son of Dr. L. B. and Catharine (Kelly) Myers.

Dr. L. B. Myers was born in Lancaster county, Penn., and was reared at Lewisburg, Penn., where he received a literary education and became a student of medicine, graduating from a medical college at Philadelphia (Penn.) and Cincinnati (Ohio). After practicing at Massillon (Ohio), Logansport (Ind.), and Lewisburg (Penn.), he located, about the year 1860, at Elmore, Ohio. He was an eminent practitioner in his time, but, having an especially strong inventive mind, he turned his attention to the patenting of articles of various kinds. About the year 1871 he located in Fremont, where he engaged in the grocery and later in the drug business, after having bought out the firm of Gurst & Thayer. His son, Kelly N. Myers, was associated with him, first as assistant, and then, in 1882, as partner, and together they built up a successful trade. In the spring of 1887 the Doctor sold out entirely to his son Kelly, who has conducted the drug store during the past eight years.

After retiring from the drug store, Dr. Myers founded and established the Myers Manufacturing Co., at Fremont, Ohio. He was the first man to get out a patent rubber tip on lead pencils, the right of which he sold for a handsome sum, and he also invented and manufactured a patent automatic pencil, a patent sling-shot, and other articles which have been sold all over the country. He has received patents on sixteen different articles, and

his mind is still active in the line of invention.

In 1889 Dr. Myers suffered a stroke of paralysis, which rendered him physically unable to attend to business. From that time his son, Costa R., was manager, and his son, L. O., traveling salesman, until January 12, 1895, when they became sole proprietors of the Myers Manufacturing Co., C. R. Myers being president and treasurer, and L. O. Myers secretary and managing salesman. The Doctor and his venerable wife are members of the Disciple Church, at Elmore, Ohio. In politics he has been both a Democrat and a Republican. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F. His ancestry was Pennsylvania-Dutch, those of his wife being Irish and German. Their children were: Kelly N., born October 2, 1855; David H., born March 23, 1857, deceased in infancy; Laura E., born October 20, 1859; Lewis Oscar, born December 30, 1861; Mary Ann, born February 22, 1865; and Costa R., our subject, born June 27, 1869.

C. R. Myers received his education in the Fremont public schools, and in the Eastern States. At an early age he learned the details of novelty manufacturing, and when his father retired, in 1889, he succeeded him as manager, and in 1895 as proprietor. The concern has been established for more than fifteen years, and is widely known for its production of improved rubber goods and novelty sundries. These goods are handled by the chief wholesale and retail houses of the United States, and are sold in all parts of the world. Three men are kept on the road constantly; the business amounted to \$75,000 last year, and will perhaps run up to \$200,000 during the current fiscal year. Our subject is an unassuming man, one who attends strictly to business, thoroughly understanding what he is about, and he is recognized as one of the pre-eminently successful business men of Fremont. He is non-partisan in politics, but of Democratic proclivities.

Mr. Myers was married to Miss Mary Kennedy, of Sandusky City, Ohio, and they are now occupying their lovely residence at the corner of Washington street and McPherson avenue. The house, which is a noticeable improvement in that part of the town, is a handsome residence, one of the finest in the city, constructed with all modern conveniences, and the interior finishings and furnishings are exquisite in design and appointment.

STEPHEN J. RYAN, a prosperous and popular merchant tailor, of Fremont, Sandusky county, was born December 25, 1857, in Cleveland, Ohio, a son of Patrick H. and Julia (Peters) Ryan.

Patrick H. Ryan was born in Cashel, County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1811, came to America in 1836, and located in New York City, where he followed the trade of merchant tailor, to which he had served an apprenticeship of seven years in Dublin, Ireland. He worked first as a journeyman in this country, later going into business for his own account. In 1854 he came to Cleveland, and located there permanently, dying in 1887. He was a Roman Catholic in religion, and a Democrat in politics. His wife, Julia, was born in the same part of Ireland, in 1831, and is still living in Cleveland. Her father, Stephen Peters, a tailor by trade, married Miss Johanna McGuire, in Thurles, Ireland, where each had been born and reared. Stephen Peters was an only son, and it is not known whether he had any sisters. Johanna McGuire was an only daughter, and had seven brothers. The mother of our subject was one of three sons and four daughters: John, Stephen, Patrick, Bridget, Julia, Ellen and Johanna, Johanna and Bridget being now deceased. Our subject's mother came to New York City in 1848, and was married in 1850, in St. Vincent De Paul's Church, Canal

street. Her sister Ellen was married in St. James' Church, New York City, to John Walker. Our subject is one of five children: William, who died in 1872; Mary Ann, deceased in childhood; John F., a merchant tailor in San Diego, Cal., whither he had gone in 1880; Stephen J.; and Anna, wife of Patrick McGrath, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Our subject grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, where he attended St. John's Cathedral school, and received a good English education. In the fall of 1869 he left school, and served at the trade of merchant tailor with his father until 1877, when he commenced work on the bench. Proceeding to New York, he there took a course in the art of cutting, remaining there two and a half years; then returned to Cleveland, from which city he went to California in 1884. He worked on the bench in San Francisco until November 2, same year, when he returned to Ohio, and located in Fremont city, as a cutter for Dryfoos, Bach & Co., with them continuing until the spring of 1892, at which time he opened his present business. His excellent work and honesty in dealing with the public have secured for him a large and growing trade. As a cutter and fitter he has but few equals, certainly no superiors, and in all that pertains to style in clothing he is always up with the times.

S. J. Ryan was married November 27, 1879, to Miss Catherine Mayes, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in September, 1861, and their children were William H., born August 28, 1884, died November 21, 1886; Vincent Earl, born in 1886; and Marguerite, born August 17, 1889—a bright and intelligent family. Mr. Ryan is now a leading Knight of the B. P. O. E., No. 169, Fremont, Ohio, has passed all the chairs, and is a charter member of the Lodge, which was instituted in 1890. He is a member of the National Union, and has passed all the chairs in that order; is a member of the Christian Mutual Benefit Association, and of the

Emerald Beneficial Association, and is also identified with the Fremont Cycling and Athletic Club. He is a Roman Catholic in religion, a member of St. Ann's Church, and a highly respected citizen.

GEORGE PICKARD, who for many years was one of the most prominent and progressive agriculturists of Carroll township, Ottawa county, was born in the town of Sterling, Cayuga Co., N. Y., September 12, 1826.

He was a son of Frederick and Mary (McGregor) Pickard, the former of whom was a native of Yorkshire, England, and the latter of Ireland. In 1835 they came to Ohio, locating in Maumee, whence after a residence of three years they removed to what is now Carroll township, Ottawa county, here purchasing the land on which our subject now resides, and which at that time was covered with a dense forest. There the father carried on farming until his death, in June, 1861, and the mother, who survived him for several years, passed away December 16, 1878. They were the parents of eleven children, five of whom are still living—Susan, wife of William Sherbrook, of Bay township, Ottawa county; Sarah, wife of Augustus Titus, of Carroll township; Mary, wife of Austin Ellsworth, of Henry county, Ohio; Martha, wife of Orson Barrs, of Bureau county, Ill.; and Jane, wife of Gideon Baker, of Michigan.

George Pickard attended the old time log schoolhouse of the district in Carroll township, having gone there with his parents when only twelve years of age, and has engaged in agricultural pursuits since his early youth. As the country was new and undeveloped at that time, it was no easy matter to place his land under the high state of cultivation we now find it. On February 16, 1849, in Portage township, Ottawa county, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Pickard and Miss Abi Moore, a daughter of Nathaniel

B. and Fidelia (Dwellie) Moore, who were natives of New York and Massachusetts, respectively, and became early pioneers of Ottawa county. To this union came eight children, namely: Sarah Fidelia, born August 13, 1850, wife of Theodore Snyder, of Erie township, Ottawa county; Olive Angeline, who died November 12, 1884; Nathaniel, deceased; Orrison; Jeanette, who resides in Ohio; William, who lives in Lorain county, Ohio; Mary, wife of Samuel Bigelow, of Oak Harbor, Ottawa county; and Gertrude, who died in infancy. The mother of this family was called to her final rest in May, 1868. On December 24, 1870, Mr. Pickard was again married, this time to Melinda Warner, and to this union came one daughter—Maggie Glen, born February 6, 1872, who is now the wife of William Beier, whom she wedded on January 9, 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Beier have four sons—Elmer, born October 22, 1888; Oscar, born October 9, 1889; Hughie A., born May 15, 1892; and George Clifford, born July 26, 1894.

Mr. Pickard ever took an active interest in political affairs; he used his right of franchise in support of the Democratic party, and held several township offices, for three years serving as infirmary director. On May 22, 1895, he passed from earth, deeply mourned by all who knew him. The family attend the Baptist Church.

JAMES S. DUNCAN, proprietor of a flourishing general store at Limestone, and also extensively engaged in the lime business, is a native of Ohio, born July 9, 1858, in Jackson, Jackson county.

His parents, James and Amy (Verner) Duncan, were both born in Armstrong county, Penn., the father in 1827, the mother in 1835. They were married in 1851, and are now living at Powellsville, Scioto Co., Ohio, where the father is a

contractor and builder. To them were born eight children, five of whom are now living, three sons and two daughters; the sons are all married, but the daughters are still with their parents.

James S. Duncan spent his boyhood days at Powellsville, Scioto Co., Ohio, there attending the public schools, from which he graduated in 1877. At the age of nineteen, immediately after graduating, he and his brother formed a supply company for forwarding lime to Means, Kyle & Co., in which business they continued for about five years, when it was suddenly brought to a close by the death of his brother, he being accidentally killed while handling limestone. Mr. Duncan then went to Marion, Ohio, as superintendent of the lime works for John D. Owens & Son, with whom he remained four years, thence coming to Limestone, Benton township, Ottawa county, where for two years he had the superintendency of a similar business for Swayne & Lawrence. He then entered upon a contract to furnish lime to the Genoa and Rocky Ridge Lime Co., of Toledo, Ohio, being thus engaged for four years.

In the meantime, in 1889, Mr. Duncan opened a general store at Limestone, of which branch of his business his wife had charge for a time, but finally it was put into the hands of a clerk, Mr. Duncan of course having the general management and oversight of the business. The Limestone post office is located in the store, and for several years he has held the position of postmaster. In 1892 Mr. Duncan went into partnership with L. W. Buzzard, erecting a large lime plant which they operated together until 1894, at which time they erected a plant at Williston, Ottawa county, for manufacturing lime, crushing stone and furnishing building stone. These two plants they now keep in constant operation, his partner having the oversight of the new one, while Mr. Duncan himself looks after the business at Limestone. The partners are

both members of the Ohio Lime Co., of Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Duncan is a deservedly successful man, and has reached his present position by his own energy and untiring activity.

On June 15, 1881, Mr. Duncan was married to Miss Alice M. Worthington, of Ironton, Ohio, and three children have blessed their union, all of whom are living: Royer E., born June 15, 1882; Cleveland, born December 13, 1886, and Clara E., born December 14, 1888. Mrs. Duncan was born in Kentucky September 5, 1856, and when a small girl removed with her father's people to Powellsville, Ohio, where she attended school, graduating in 1864. She has also given some attention to music, and has given all her children instructions in the principles of that art, especially instrumental music. Her father, Findley Worthington, was killed in the war of the Rebellion, and her mother died some seventeen years ago.

LOUIS SCHIELE, proprietor of free museum, and hotel-keeper, is a prominent and successful business man of Put in Bay, Ottawa county. He was born in Toledo, Ohio, July 2, 1856, and when ten years old came with his parents to Put in Bay Island, of which he has been a continuous resident for nearly thirty years. He has been closely identified with the growth and prosperity of the village, and, by his genial manner and good business qualifications, has won the esteem of all who know him.

Mr. Schiele received his education in the public schools of the Island. In early life he engaged in the butchering business, and followed this occupation for about six years. He then entered the grape-growing industry, in which he continued a few years, and in 1881 commenced in his present business. In 1886 Mr. Schiele purchased the Odd Fellows Block, the

finest business block on Put in Bay Island. On June 15, 1880, on the Island, Louis Schiele was united in marriage with Anna Vandorm, and four children have been born to them, as follows: Andrew M., July 2, 1881; Otto, August 10, 1883; Roland, September 7, 1887; and Ada M., November 14, 1891. Mrs. Schiele is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Vandorm. Our subject has efficiently served as a councillor and constable of the village, and in his political views is Democratic. Socially he is a member of Commodore Perry Lodge No. 730, I. O. O. F., of Western Reserve Lodge No. 128, K. of P., and of Garfield Division No. 273, U. R. K. P.

JW. MUGGY is a representative citizen of Catawba Island, Ottawa county, and like many who reside in this region devotes his time and energies to fruit growing, in which enterprise he has been very successful. He manages his affairs in a systematic, methodical manner, is straightforward and honorable in all dealings, and his labors have brought him a comfortable competence.

Mr. Muggy is one of the sons of the Empire State. He was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., June 10, 1852, and is of German and Irish lineage, his parents being John C. and Ellen (McMahan) Muggy, the former of whom was born July 20, 1817, in Hamburg, Germany, and the latter in Dublin, Ireland. In 1837 John C. Muggy crossed the Atlantic to the New World, locating in Brooklyn, N. Y., where for fifteen years he engaged in the grocery business. In 1852 he brought his family to the Buckeye State, and became a resident of Danbury township, Ottawa county, where he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, living on what is known as the Harrison Wolcote farm. In 1858 he removed to Catawba Island, where he engaged in farming for some years, and

then began fruit growing. He was married, in Brooklyn, to Miss Ellen, daughter of Daniel McMahan, and they became the parents of nine children, five of whom are still living, namely: Christopher, a successful fruit grower of Catawba Island; Daniel, who carries on the same business; Margaret Ann, wife of Calvin Brown; J. W., whose name opens this sketch; and Jane, wife of Louis Demay, of Sandusky City, Ohio. Those who have departed this life are Henry, Martin, John and George Henry.

During his infancy our subject was brought by his parents to the West. He was reared to manhood under the parental roof, becoming familiar with all the duties that fall to the agriculturist. His educational privileges were those afforded by the common schools. He was united in marriage with Miss Matilda Rebecca Miller, a daughter of Claus and Katherine (Buck) Miller, at whose home in Danbury township, Ottawa county, the wedding was celebrated. Their union has been blessed with one child—Florence Estella, born September 20, 1889. Mr. Muggy is a member of Port Clinton Lodge No. 341, F. & A. M. He is a social, genial gentleman, and has many friends throughout the community. He is devoted to the best interests of the county, and belongs to that class of honorable men who do their duty to themselves, their neighbors and their country.

F J. WEIS is a native of Germany, born July 5, 1846, and his parents, Fred and Barbara (Millendor) Weis, were also born in that country, the father in 1818, and the mother in 1815.

In 1851, the family came to America, landing in New York, where they spent a few days ere continuing their journey across the country. Their destination was the city of Sandusky, Ohio, and when they had arrived there the father purchased

a house and lot, continuing to make his residence in that town until 1854, when he sold and removed to Wood county, Ohio. Purchasing a twenty-acre tract of timber land, he began to clear and improve it, and when the work was accomplished, after a space of about three years, he again sold, removing to Washington township, Sandusky county. His next purchase made him the possessor of a forty-acre tract, which became the nucleus of his present excellent farm, to which he has since added 138 acres, and placed nearly the entire amount under a high state of cultivation. Both he and his wife are still living, but only two of their six children survive. Eliza, born in 1842, became the wife of J. Garver, and died in 1892, leaving a family of four children. Andrew, born in 1844, married Katie Schultz, by whom he had nine children; is a farmer of Ottawa county, Ohio. Fred is the next in order of birth. The other three died in infancy—Rosy, born in 1848, Christina, born in 1852, and Rudolph, born in 1855.

Fred J. Weis has always lived with his parents. He acquired a good English education, and his physical training was not neglected, for he early began to aid in the labors of the home farm, and was soon familiar with the arduous task of developing new land. After reaching manhood he was united in marriage with Miss Emma Beck, a daughter of a well-known farmer of Sandusky county, and their union was blessed with two children—Caroline E., who was born September 24, 1874, and is now the wife of William Lohr, by whom she has a daughter, Ellen; and Edward F., born November 22, 1876. In 1876 the wife and mother was called to the home beyond, and her remains were interred in Elmore Cemetery, Ottawa county. On July 11, 1878, Mr. Weis was joined in wedlock with Margaret Upp.

Mr. Weis is the owner of a well-developed farm of sixty acres, upon which

he has erected a comfortable residence, that stands in the midst of well-tilled fields. There are other good improvements upon the place, and, neat and thrifty in appearance, this farm is accounted one of the valuable properties in Washington township. Like his father, Mr. Weis is a supporter of the men and measures of the Democracy, and has served as supervisor and school director, discharging his duties in a prompt and able manner that has won him the commendation of all concerned.

JOHAN P. ANSPACH. In past ages the history of a country was a record of wars and conquests; to-day it is the record of commercial activity, the story of business enterprises and those who successfully conduct them. Mr. Anspach is a leader in the field of activity in Oak Harbor, where he is senior member of the firm of Anspach Brothers, manufacturers of lumber and cooper's stock.

Mr. Anspach was born in Perry county, Ohio, December 24, 1841, and there acquired a portion of his education, completing it, however, in the public schools of Crawford county, Ill., whither he went with his parents. The family is of Pennsylvania-German origin, the great-grandfather and the grandfather of our subject having both been born in the Keystone State. David Anspach, father of John P., was a son of John and Mary (Overmeyer) Anspach, and was born in Perry county, Ohio, in October, 1816. He grew to manhood in that county, and his early life was spent in agricultural pursuits. In 1851 he removed with his family to Crawford county, Ill., where he carried on farming for about five years, and then in 1856 cast in his lot with the early settlers of Sandusky county, Ohio. There he engaged in the manufacture of lumber for some five years, and about 1879 he came

to Oak Harbor, where for a time he lived practically retired. For the past six years he has been an honored resident of Edgerton, Ind. He was married in his native county to Elizabeth, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Fisher, natives of Pennsylvania, and by their union were born nine children, five of whom are living, namely: John P.; Allen; Matilda, wife of Michael Latting, a prominent farmer of Sandusky county; George W., who is living in Edgerton, Ind.; and Rosanna, wife of John H. Murphy, of Louisiana. The mother departed this life in 1861, and for his second wife Mr. Anspach married Mrs. Mary Conachen, widow of Peter Conachen, of Sandusky county. The children of this marriage are as follows: William, who is a resident of Detroit, Mich.; Hosea, of Edgerton, Ind.; Bertha, wife of Henry Hydlebrech; and Lloyd, also of Edgerton, Ind. The oldest member of the family, Henry Anspach, served in the Seventy-second O. V. I., during the Civil war, and died in the hospital, of typhoid fever, his remains being interred in Mississippi.

From Illinois Mr. Anspach returned with his parents to Sandusky county, Ohio, and worked in his father's mill until 1860. His father having sold out his lumber manufacturing business, our subject worked for a short time in Fremont, thence going to Fort Wayne, Ind. where he resided until 1864. Returning then to Sandusky county, he purchased, in connection with his brother Allen, the sawmill which had been previously operated by his father, and under the firm name of Anspach Bros. they continued the business there for four years. In 1868 they transferred their business to Oak Harbor, where they engaged extensively and successfully in the manufacture of lumber and cooperage stock. Their mill was burned September 1, 1895.

On September 15, 1868, John P. Anspach was married in Sandusky county to Miss Emily Henricks, who was born

in Sandusky county, February 10, 1851, daughter of Noah and Elizabeth (Reed) Henricks, natives of Perry county, Ohio; they became early settlers of Sandusky county, and are still living within its borders, being honored and respected citizens of Lindsey. The union of our subject and his wife has been blessed with five children, but only two are now living—William and Rorland. John P. Anspach was one of the first councilmen elected after the incorporation of Oak Harbor as a town, and efficiently filled that office for several years. His political support is given to the Democratic party, and socially he is connected with Oak Harbor Lodge No. 495, F. & A. M. The members of the Anspach family were formerly connected with the Lutheran Church, but at present the majority are members of the Methodist Church. John P. Anspach is a thoroughgoing business man, one of the most enterprising citizens of Oak Harbor, and is popular in both commercial and social circles.

Allen Anspach, who is connected with his brother in business, is the second of the family, and was born in Perry county, Ohio, in October, 1843. He got his education in the public schools near his boyhood home, and since early life he has been interested in the business which now claims his time and energies, and with which he became familiar when his father was a lumber dealer. He was married in Sandusky county to Miss Eliza Fought, a daughter of Amos and Mary (Hedrick) Fought, and seven children blessed this union, only three of whom are now living—Perry, Elmer and Clara.

In 1861 Allen Anspach manifested his loyalty to the Union cause by joining the boys in blue of Company C, Seventy-second O. V. I., but after serving in the army for nearly a year was discharged on account of physical disability and returned to Sandusky county. Progressive and public-spirited, he is devoted to all matters pertaining to the general welfare,

and his career has ever been that of an honorable and just man, whether in business, military or private life.

FRANK J. TUTTLE, attorney at law and notary public, Fremont, Sandusky county, was born in Green Creek township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, April 5, 1852, son of Julius and Eliza H. (Hamlin) Tuttle.

Julius Tuttle was born in 1819, in Livingston county, N. Y., and about 1831 came with his father, Wolcott Tuttle, from that place to Green Creek township, where amid the scenes of pioneer life he grew up on a farm, married, and in his later years removed to Clyde, where his death occurred in 1881. He was a Democrat in early life, later a Republican. His wife, who survived him, died at the family home in Clyde, in 1888. They had two children: Freeman G., who lives at Clyde, Ohio, and Frank J., our subject. These brothers have a half sister at Clyde, Mrs. Eliza H. (Ramsey) York.

Frank J. Tuttle was reared in Green Creek township, and attended the Clyde union schools. In 1868 he left home to engage in the commission business in Cleveland, but returning to Clyde he read law for several years, and was admitted to the bar before the Supreme Court at Columbus, Ohio, December 3, 1878. While living at Clyde he served as township clerk, resigning that office to take a position for several years on the road. In 1884 he returned to Clyde for the practice of law, and did business in Huron and Sandusky counties, in 1886 removing to Fremont, where he has since continued in the practice of his profession, making the handling of patents a specialty. Socially Mr. Tuttle is a member of McPherson Lodge No. 637, I. O. O. F., in which he holds the position of noble grand. He was married, December 30, 1880, to Miss Frances E., daughter of Edward

Loudensleger, ex-postmaster of Fremont, and their children are Howard R., Florence E. and Robert F., all living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle are members of the M. E. Church, at Fremont.

JOSHUA N. PERMAR, D. D. S., the only resident dentist of Elmore, Ottawa county, and one of the most highly respected citizens of that place, was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, near Steubenville, August 1, 1830.

Dr. Permar is a son of John and Margaret (Shaw) Permar, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, of French ancestry, and the latter in Ohio, of German lineage. The father located in Jefferson county, Ohio, at an early date, and became extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits. His death occurred in 1845, and his faithful and devoted wife passed from this earth in 1868. Our subject worked upon the old homestead farm until he had reached the age of sixteen years, during which time he received his education in the old log schoolhouse of the district, with its puncheon floor and primitive benches. He then commenced to learn the trade of marble cutting, at which he worked for several years as an apprentice and journeyman, and later engaged in business for himself in Steubenville, continuing there three years. In 1853 he removed to Minerva, Stark Co., Ohio, where he carried on the marble-cutting business for ten years.

In 1863 Dr. Permar enlisted for service in the Union army, becoming a member of Company D, One Hundred and Sixty-second O. V. I., as a one-hundred-day man, and served for four months. After being mustered out at Columbus, Ohio, he returned to Stark county, but owing to poor health was obliged to close up his business. He then began the study of dentistry, and later, on removing to Medina county, Ohio, there engaged in practice six years. In

March, 1873, he became a resident of Elmore, where he has since been continuously engaged in the practice of his profession, and has met with excellent success.

At Steubenville, Ohio, October 28, 1856, Dr. Permar was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Hall, daughter of Thomas and Nancy Hall, and to their union was born one child, Monroe, who died in infancy. They now have an adopted daughter, Minnie Rossiter, who is a teacher in the public schools of Harris township, Ottawa county. Socially, the Doctor belongs to the Knights of Pythias, being a member of Elmore Lodge, No. 162, and he is also connected with Robert H. Caldwell Post, G. A. R. In his political views he is a staunch Republican, while, in religious matters, both he and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They have many friends in the community where they have so long resided, and are held in the highest esteem by all who know them.

SOLOMON RINEBOLT, a prosperous farmer of Jackson township, Sandusky county, was born in Perry county, Ohio, February 28, 1824. He is the eldest son of Abraham and Susan (Hampsher) Rinebolt, natives of Pennsylvania, who had a family of children as follows: (1) Solomon, subject of this sketch. (2) Lydia, wife of Paul Kline, whose children are—John, Levi, Noah and Mary. (3) John, who married Rebecca Harley, by whom he had a son, Jacob, now living at Kendallville, Ind.; after her death he married Amanda Seltzer, and had children as follows—Abraham, May, John, Mahala, three sons that died in childhood, William Franklin (who died at the age of eleven), Lafayette (who married Anna Fiuk, and has one son—Russell), and Della (who married Birchard Henry, and has two

children—Larry and Glenn). (4) Catharine, wife of George Engler, living in Indiana. (5) Mary, who wedded George Bubb, and has four children. (6) Lovina, wife of David Harley, who had children as follows—Frank, Levi, Emma and Ada.

Solomon Rinebolt, subject of this memoir, grew up to the toilsome labors of farm life in a new country, and developed into a thrifty, successful worker and a good citizen. His sandy hair, ruddy face, piercing eyes, almost hidden under heavy eyebrows, friendly countenance and genial good nature, have long distinguished him among the old-time "Black Swampers." With a keen eye for bargains in real estate, he purchased farm after farm in his vicinity, until he was able to give each of his children a farm, and reserve an eighty-acre lot for himself. He has always been a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1848, when twenty-four years of age, Solomon Rinebolt married Miss Sarah Elizabeth Seltzer, who was born April 25, 1828, in Lancaster county, Penn., daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Miller) Seltzer. The result of their union were children as follows: (1) Susan E., born October 23, 1849, died June 30, 1886; she became the wife of Frank Ventling, who had one son, James, now living at Port Clinton, Ohio. (2) Noah, born March 12, 1851, who married Emma Myers, by whom he had one son, Frederick, who died in childhood, and two daughters, Viola and Lizzie; after the wife's death in 1888, he wedded Helen Dunlap, by whom he had a daughter, Fern, living at home. (3) Harriet, born September 10, 1852, became the wife of David Winchell; their daughter, Myra, married Frank Wagoner, and has two daughters—Stella and Hazel. (4) Adam, born December 16, 1853, married Kate Rigler, and had three children—Arthur, Bertha and Estella. (5) Mary R., born October 25,

1855, married Wesley Hartman, and had two children—Alice, who wedded a Mr. Campbell, and Vernie, living at home; after a legal separation from her husband, Mrs. Mary R. Hartman married David Day, by whom she has one son—Otto. (6) Sarah Ellen, born August 10, 1858, married Frank Chaney, and had four children—Pearl, May, Augusta, and Arthur. (7) Ora Alice, born June 7, 1865, married Frank Ickes, and they have two children—Alpha and Grace.

Mrs. Sarah E. Rinebolt is a lineal descendant of Michael Seltzer, who according to a family tradition starved to death in a church building during the Revolutionary war. He had three sons—Abraham, John and Michael. Abraham Seltzer lived in southeastern Pennsylvania, where he married Miss Catharine, daughter of Philip Faust, and had children as follows: Joseph, Polly, Elizabeth, Michael, Catharine, Rebecca, and Nathaniel. Joseph Seltzer moved to Sandusky county in pioneer days, married Elizabeth Miller, who was born in 1809, and had children as follows: Sarah Elizabeth (wife of Solomon Rinebolt), Joseph, Amanda (wife of John Rinebolt), Nathan, Catharine, Henry, Susannah (wife of Frank Edwards), Mary (wife of L. Donnels), Ella, Emma, and Abraham. The descendants of these families are scattered over various parts of the United States.

JEREMIAH SULLIVAN, Jr., farmer, of Ballville township, Sandusky county, was born January 25, 1852, near the place of his present residence. His father, Jeremiah Sullivan, Sr., was a native of the parish of Eve Lary, County Cork, Ireland, born in 1791, and came to America about the year 1825. He landed in New York City, thence proceeded to Chester and Lancaster counties, Penn., where he spent five years in the management of a public high-

way, and in assisting farmers during the harvesting of their crops.

About the year 1830 he came to Sandusky county, Ohio, and entered 219 acres of government land, in Ballville township, at \$1.25 per acre, a part of which he retained as a permanent homestead. At forty years of age he married Miss Joanna King, at Tiffin, Ohio, and they soon after settled on their farm where he continued to reside during the remainder of his life. Mrs. Sullivan was born in County Kerry, Ireland, and in 1841 emigrated to America in company with a sister and two brothers, coming to Tiffin, Ohio, by way of Sandusky City. Her present residence is Fremont, Ohio. Their children were as follows: Margaret, born in 1842, died at the age of thirteen years; Mary, born January 12, 1844, married J. W. Moore, of Fremont, and died October 27, 1885, leaving one son, William, born April 25, 1874; Florence, a farmer of Sandusky township, born April 11, 1845, who, October 16, 1881, married Miss Mary Quilter, daughter of Daniel and Ellen (Leonard) Quilter (they had children as follows: Nellie Q., Florence J., Marie C., Bessie M., and John Edwin); Timothy, born in 1846, was a soldier in the Civil war, serving in Company F, Seventy-second Regiment, O. V. I., died October 26, 1873, and was buried in St. Ann's Catholic Church cemetery; Della, born in 1848, went to California in 1869, where she married a Mr. Kelley, a merchant at San Francisco; Hannah, born in 1850, is unmarried, and lives at San Francisco; Ellen, born 1851, died in 1864. Jeremiah, Jr., our subject, comes next; Johanna, born in 1853, married T. L. House, editor and publisher of several papers on the Pacific coast, among which was the *Sierra Madre Vista*, at San Francisco, Cal. (he is now connected with the United States Mint in that city); John, born in 1854, a farmer and contractor, married Margaret Carroll, and died May 19, 1886, leaving a daughter,

Florence; Philip, a contractor, was born in February, 1856, and resides at Fremont; Margaret, born in 1857, is unmarried, and lives at Fremont; Lizzie, born in 1859, is the wife of Michael Fitzmaurice, a machinist in the Ohio Central railroad shops, at Bucyrus, Ohio.

Our subject remained with his parents on the home farm until his twenty-first year, after which he served a few years at carpenter work, and later followed county contracting and jobbing. In 1891 he returned to farming on the old homestead, where he still resides. He has held various official positions. On May 2, 1876, he married Miss Ellen Norris, daughter of John and Margaret Norris, of Ottawa county, Ohio, and the result of their union were children as follows: John, who died in childhood; Margaret, who died of diphtheria at the age of two years; James, born March 24, 1881; John V., born January 28, 1883; Francis J., born April 15, 1885; George William, born November 3, 1888; and Mary E., born September 17, 1892.

RUSS J. CHRISTY. Prominent among the few citizens of Fremont, Sandusky county, whose names have become "familiar as household words," not only in every State of the Union but in foreign lands, is the subject of this sketch.

Born and reared in the village of Clyde, in this garden spot of northern Ohio, noted for its fine, choice and large shipments of fruits and vegetables, and honored as the last resting place of Gen. McPherson, who was highest in rank of any general that ever was killed in any battle and in any war of the United States, our subject early caught the spirit of his environments and sought to improve his opportunities by directing his mental activities in the line of machinery and invention. Having demonstrated the utility of several articles of cutlery of his own invention and manu-

facture by actual use in thousands of homes, he extended his facilities for their production in our midst by the erection of an extensive brick block, which is an ornament to the city, keeps capital at home, and gives employment to hundreds of hands. His fellow citizens may well regard him as a public benefactor.

Russ J. Christy, president of the Christy Knife Company, Fremont, Ohio, and patentee of the Christy knife, was born February 10, 1862, son of John and Elizabeth (Ramsey) Christy. John Christy was born in Onondaga county, N. Y., and at an early day located at Clyde, Ohio, where he still resides, being now about sixty-eight years of age. He is a carpenter by trade. His wife, who is a native of Ohio, is now about sixty-five. After finishing a course of study and graduating from Clyde public schools, our subject, in 1879, went to West Salem, Ohio, where he served as an apprentice to learn the trade of machinist. After this he spent some years in perfecting his trade in the machine shops of Massillon (Ohio), Indianapolis (Ind.), Philadelphia (Penn.) and Sandusky City (Ohio). In 1884 he came to Fremont, Ohio, to work in a machine shop, as tool maker, and it was while here that he conceived of and had patented the now famous Christy knife. Being then without sufficient means to push its manufacture on a large scale, he commenced in a small way, and kept on perfecting his methods. After he had by his own energy demonstrated the value of his knife, capital flowed to him, so that he was enabled to enlarge his operations. A company was formed, Dr. R. H. Rice and Mr. L. H. Cress uniting with Mr. Christy, and the manufactory placed in a part of the Tromer Extract of Malt Works; Dr. Rice has sold his interests, and a new building has been erected by the remaining members of the firm. The first knives were made in 1888. Mr. Christy had then but one man to assist him, as he did most of the work himself. He now employs 150

hands per day, and the capacity of the shop is 7,500 knives daily. The trade for the knives has been extended not only to every State in the Union, but to every country on the globe. His patents on knife and improvements are dated "November, 1889," "October, 1891," "November 21, 1893." The last patent is on the latest article of the kind made, "The Improved Bread Slicer."

Mr. Christy is a man of genial disposition and kindly manner. His employes all seem to be his personal friends, and take a special interest in his business. None of them were discharged during the hard times of 1894. Mr. Christy was married, at Fremont, Ohio, to Miss Amelia Myers, and their children are: Fay, Arthur, Lamor and Clyde K.

A H. JACKSON, merchant and manufacturer, Fremont, Sandusky county, was born in Delaware county, N. Y., May 10, 1847. His parents were George W. and Roxanna (Ripley) Jackson, the father a native of New York, the mother of Massachusetts, both of whom are now residing at Ypsilanti, Mich., in the eightieth year of their age. Their children were: Marian, Herbert L., Ellen and A. H., all of whom except the last named now reside in Wayne county, Michigan.

Our subject grew up on a farmer in Delaware county, N. Y., where he attended school until he was about seventeen years of age. He then started west in search of employment, and after having spent nearly all of his hard earned money in trying to get a position, resolved to go into a business venture on his own account by the purchase of a lot of notions for \$17.50, and selling them out on the street. Having succeeded in disposing of them at a profit he kept on in that line until he had gained enough to buy a horse and wagon with which to start out into the country towns with an outfit of goods.

He kept on increasing his stock and his wagons until he had several of the finest outfits for selling goods in America. With these wagons and livery, which were gaudy as the carriage of an Indian prince, and drawn by four fine horses, he traveled over the States of Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and the New England States, and sold more goods upon the street than any other ten men then living. Indeed, he was the father of the idea of street-selling on a large scale. In the latter part of his career as street-salesman he sold all kinds of goods and wares, both by lot and by the single article, and the magnitude of his sales may be imagined from the fact that in one town his sales for five evenings amounted to \$1,750.

In 1872 Mr. Jackson made his home and his headquarters at Fremont, Ohio. About the year 1884 he quit traveling and settled down in a store in the retail dry-goods business. Not long after this he got out a patent on a new bustle which he commenced to manufacture at first in a small way, and later very extensively until those articles went out of style, when he began the manufacture of ladies' underwear, which has steadily increased until now (1894) he gives employment to about two hundred people in his well-equipped factory. He keeps three salesmen constantly on the road, and sells to jobbers and to large retail dealers all over the United States. He has the strongest trade in the Western States. He manufactures his own paste-board boxes for the shipment of his goods. His factory is located in the center of Fremont, and comprises two rooms of 40 x 80 feet each, and two other rooms 35 x 45 feet.

Mr. Jackson is a Republican in politics, and though not a politician is justly regarded as one of the most enterprising and stirring citizens of Fremont, being known as the "hustler" of the city. He built two large brick business blocks on

South Front street, one on the West side, known as the Jackson & Tschuny block, and one on the East side, which is occupied by his factory. He is a member of several societies—the National Union, the Red Cross, the Royal Arcanum and the F. & A. M. He married Miss Mary Sharp, of Fremont, Ohio, and has three daughters—Lulu, Nellie and Edith.

JOHAN FLORO, a retired farmer and probably the oldest living resident of Erie township, Ottawa county, was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, October 7, 1810. He is a son of David and Anna (Leonard) Floro, the former of whom was a native of Kentucky, and the latter of Virginia, and in whose family were twelve children, of whom five are yet living, namely: John E., subject of this sketch; Joseph, who is residing in Carroll township, Ottawa county; David, whose home is in Oak Harbor, Ohio; Jesse, a resident of Oklahoma; and Lucilla, wife of Abraham Stouts, a resident of Benton township, Ottawa county.

When our subject was only three years of age his parents removed to Clark county, Ohio, where he was reared to manhood, and received such limited educational privileges as were afforded the children of those early days in the old log schoolhouse with its slab seats and other primitive furniture. In 1832 he took up his residence in Erie township, Ottawa county, and for sixty-three years has been one of its honored and valued citizens; to-day he is one of the few remaining pioneers of the county who have been spared to see the primeval forest transformed into cultivated farms with their fields of waving grain, while substantial and imposing residences have taken the place of the rude log cabins.

Mr. Floro has been twice married. In April, 1843, in Erie township, he wedded Miss Lydia Deer, daughter of

Lyman and Melinda Deer, who were natives of New York, and early settlers of Erie township, Ottawa county. By this union were born twelve children, and seven still survive, a brief record of them being as follows: Anna, born August 18, 1844, is now the wife of Daniel Sinclair, of Carroll township, Ottawa county; David, who was born January 18, 1846, is residing in Carroll township; Ezekiel, who was born December 10, 1847, is a resident farmer of Benton township, Ottawa county; Isaac M., born April 28, 1848, makes his home in Erie township; Jacob, born August 28, 1857, is located in Lacarne; Esther Ann, born January 1, 1859, is the wife of Henry Fink, a farmer of Carroll township; John E., born February 15, 1861, is living on the old home farm with his father. The mother of this family passed away March 4, 1864, and on November 3, 1864, Mr. Floro was united in marriage with Elizabeth Williams, whose parents were residents of Carroll township, Ottawa county. Two children came to the second marriage, one now living—Frances, born October 15, 1865.

Mr. Floro efficiently filled the office of justice of the peace for three years, and has been called to other positions of public trust in the township, although he has never been an office seeker. Throughout his entire life he has adhered to the principles of the Democratic party, and is one of its stalwart supporters. He has always been highly esteemed for his sterling worth and strict integrity, and his is an honored old age, in which he is surrounded by many friends who respect him in the highest degree.

Jacob Floro, son of this honored pioneer, was born August 28, 1857, and was educated in the district schools of Erie township, where his entire life has been passed. He is numbered among the leading farmers of his locality, and possesses business ability of a high order. In politics he is a stalwart Democrat, and

he is a member of the Grange. His family attend the United Brethren Church. On July 29, 1882, he was married at Locust Point, Ohio, to Julia Finken, who was born in Carroll township, Ottawa county, January 22, 1861, and is a daughter of Henry and Mary (Bauman) Finken. They have two children—Milton H., born August 20, 1884; and Perinthia Mabel, born April 22, 1894.

JOHN E. FLORO, the youngest son in the family, was born on the old home farm, February 15, 1861, and through his youth attended the district schools of the neighborhood, also aiding in the labors of the farm. He early became familiar with agricultural life in its various departments, and now in his father's declining years he manages and operates the old homestead; thus relieving his father of all business care. He was married in Carroll township, Ottawa county, November 19, 1885, to Mary Ann Ballard, who was born February 27, 1867, a daughter of James and Mary M. (Perrey) Ballard. They now have had three children—Pearl May, born January 29, 1886; Estella, born April 8, 1891; and Harvey D., born February 25, 1893. John E. Floro has served as supervisor of his township for four years, and in his political faith is a Democrat. A wide-awake and progressive young man, he is devoted to the best interests of the community, and is a representative farmer and popular citizen, both widely and favorably known in Ottawa county.

FRANK O'FARRELL, member of the firm of McSheehy & O'Farrell, attorneys at law, Fremont, Sandusky county, was born in Sandusky City, Erie Co., Ohio, May 24, 1856, a son of James and Bridget (Conway) O'Farrell.

James O'Farrell was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1824, and died in 1872. Bridget (Conway), his wife, was

was also born in Tyrone, Ireland, and died in 1881. James O'Farrell came to America in 1840 and located in Philadelphia, where he was married in 1851. Immediately after marriage the young couple migrated to Sandusky City, Ohio, where Mr. O'Farrell engaged in farming. In 1859 they removed to Scott township, where their deaths occurred at the dates above named. James O'Farrell had a brother, Patrick, who died in Providence, Rhode Island, and he has four sisters there, three of whom are maiden ladies. The mother of Frank O'Farrell has two brothers, Michael and James, who left Philadelphia and were thought to have gone south; but as the rest of the family removed to Ohio they were unable afterward to find any post office address of each other. The mother of our subject has a sister who married Michael Connelly, and they live in Scott township, Sandusky Co, Ohio.

Frank O'Farrell is one of six children, as follows: (1) Mary A., wife of Martin Murphy. (2) John, who lives in Fremont, Ohio. (3) Our subject. (4) Rev. Thomas, who died in Baltimore, Md., three months before the date set for his ordination as a Catholic priest; he was a member of the Order of Josephites, who devote their lives to the education and elevation of the negroes in the South. (5) Elizabeth, who married Maurice Cummings, and is now deceased. (6) Patrick Henry, single. Our subject grew to manhood in Sandusky county, and attended the district schools. In 1872 he entered the North-Western Ohio Normal School at Republic, Ohio, and taught his first term of school in Montgomery county, that winter. After this he worked his way up, alternating between teaching school and attending college. He taught in all eight terms, and having acquired a high degree of mental discipline, he spent his spare time during the latter period of teaching, in reading law, under the tutorage of Hon. J. L. Greene & Son, Fre-

mont, Ohio. He was admitted to the bar in 1881, and for the first two or three years practiced by himself, in Fremont. He then entered into partnership with Hon. J. T. Garver, and subsequently with Hon. Thomas McSheehy, of Fremont. Mr. O'Farrell is a well-known and popular attorney, and has built up a lucrative practice. He served for seven years as a member of the board of county school examiners, and has been actively identified with the best interests of the Democratic party in Sandusky county, for which he has served as delegate to various congressional and other conventions. He is, as were all his people, an ardent member of the Roman Catholic Church. He is a member of the C. M. B. A., and was State delegate from Ohio to that Association, at their Supreme Council in October, 1894.

Mr. O'Farrell married Miss Catharine O'Connor, who was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, May 23, 1859, a daughter of Bryan O'Connor, a well-known farmer of the county. Their children are James A., Bryan Francis, Henry Vincent, Edward and Thomas.

WILLIAM E. WORMAN, the obliging and efficient postmaster at Vickery, Townsend township, Sandusky county, was born in Riley township, same county, September 27, 1864, and is a son of Conrad and Rosanna Worman.

Conrad Worman was born March 26, 1815, in the State of Ohio, of Pennsylvania parentage. He first married Miss Timmanus, by whom he had two children, one of whom is Mrs. Catherine McCreery, of Riley township. Mr. Worman, for his second wife, was married in 1850 to Miss Rosanna Daniels, born June 11, 1831, and of the children of this marriage—David, who now resides at Amsden, Seneca Co., Ohio, is the eldest; the others being: Flora (deceased);

three who died in infancy; Mary, now Mrs. Dr. H. E. Deemer, of Castalia, Erie Co., Ohio; Irvin, deceased; William E., the subject of this sketch; Eugene, deceased; A. C., of Riley township; and and Alvina, now Mrs. Thomas Graves, of Vickery. The parents of Mr. Worman's second wife came from New York State. Conrad Worman was a frugal, hard-working agriculturist, and his wife a helpmate worthy of the praise so freely bestowed upon her. Mr. Worman ended his labors here in March, 1892, and his wife followed him to the grave on September 1, of the succeeding year.

William E. Worman, our subject, attended the common school until manhood, then taught two terms of school, after which he began farming, which he continued until 1890. He then came to Vickery and opened a general mercantile store. In November, 1893, he was appointed postmaster, by President Cleveland, *vice* Chauncey Daniels. He now has a flourishing trade, besides attending to Uncle Sam's postal matters. On October 14, 1885, Mr. Worman was united in marriage with Nettie May Mosier, who was born February 14, 1866, in Riley township, and they have three children, namely: Howard Lee, born October 14, 1886; Alfred Conrad, April 6, 1890; and Flossie Dell, February 14, 1894. Mrs. W. E. Worman's mother, Mrs. Lottie M. Mosier, resides with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Worman. She was born in Riley township, November 22, 1835, and is a daughter of Jacob and Susan (Story) Stull. In 1855 she was married to Jonathan Roberts, of Huron county, Ohio, and they have one child, Hiram, now living in Vickery. Mr. Roberts died in 1858 from injuries received by a tree falling on him. In 1861 she married James Watson, of New York, who was killed before Atlanta in 1864. Their children were Clara Louise, Conrad and a boy who died. In 1865 the widow was married to Nelson S. Mosier,

of Michigan, and their children were: Nettie M. (Mrs. Worman), three who died in infancy, and Minnie A. (Mrs. John Smart, of Vickery).

HENRY WONNELL, one of the enterprising and successful farmers and fruit growers of Portage township, Ottawa county, was born September 3, 1832, in the township which is still his home, and is a son of Parker and Leah (Pusey) Wonnell, both of whom were natives of Maryland. Migrating westward to Ohio, they took up their residence in Portage township, Ottawa county, in 1822, at which time this region was a vast wilderness. They continued to reside in the township in which they located until called to the home beyond, and were highly respected people. Both are now deceased, the mother passing away in February, 1895. They were the parents of a family of six children, of whom four are still living, namely: Benjamin F., who is residing in Portage township, Ottawa county; Henry, subject of this sketch; Thomas who is living in Lakeside, Danbury township, same county; and Nancy, wife of Herman Ingiebeck.

In presenting to our readers the life record of Henry Wonnell we feel assured that it will prove of interest to many, for he has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in his locality. Amid the wild scenes of the frontier he was reared to manhood, his education was obtained in the district schools, and his occupation since boyhood has been fishing and farming. During the past twelve years he has carried on fruit growing in connection with agricultural pursuits, and this branch of his business has proved a profitable one. He raises fine varieties of fruits adapted to this climate, and his place is neat and thrifty in appearance, indicating his careful supervision. Mr. Wonnell's labors were interrupted in October, 1862, when he was drafted for service in the

United States army, but on reaching Cleveland he procured a substitute and returned to his home. In 1863 he enlisted in the one-hundred-days service, but again procured a substitute.

On December 24, 1859, Mr. Wonnell was united in marriage on Catawba Island, with Miss Clarissa Barss, a daughter of G. H. and Betsy (Turner) Barss. Her father is still living and resides on Catawba Island, but her mother is now deceased. Mrs. Wonnell was born in Fulton county, N. Y., in September, 1837, and died August 19, 1894. She was the mother of three children—Edgar G., who was born October 7, 1860, and resides in Portage county; Otis H., who was born March 24, 1862, and is living in Portage township, Ottawa county; and Etta, born September 10, 1867. Mr. Wonnell is a valued member of several fraternal organizations, being connected with O. H. Perry Lodge No. 341, F. & A. M.; Port Clinton Lodge, I. O. O. F.; the Knights of Honor; and the Sons of Malta. In his political views he is a Republican, and the family attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. A wide-awake, progressive citizen, he manifests a commendable interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the county, and holds a high position in the esteem of his fellow citizens. He is numbered among the honored pioneers of the county, and for over sixty years he has witnessed its growth and development, and aided in its progress and advancement.

WILLIAM SCHROEDER, a prosperous farmer of Woodville township, Sandusky county, was born in Hanover, Germany, April 6, 1832, son of Charles and Julia (Glaiscek) Schroeder.

Charles Schroeder was a shoemaker by trade. He came to America in 1842, and located in Woodville township, Sandusky Co., Ohio, where both he and his

wife died. William Schroeder attended a German school for a short time, then worked out for six years, after which he learned the carpenter's trade and followed same for five years. On February 28, 1857, William Schroeder was united in marriage with Mary Hurrelbrink, who was born in Woodville township, Sandusky county, November 22, 1839, and they have had ten children, as follows: Carl, born January 16, 1858, died March 6, 1858; Caroline, born March 21, 1859, married, and died in 1890 leaving three children; Sophia S., born November 17, 1867, married Henry Creger, of Woodville township; Ricca, born February 27, 1864, married John Bodelhein, and they live in Wood county; Henry A., born October 13, 1866, lives in Woodville township; Frederick H., born January 12, 1859, died January 28, 1869; Lucy, born March 8, 1870, married Joseph Overmeyer, of Wood county; Louis J., born November 22, 1873; John Henry, born October 5, 1875, and Herman J., born July 16, 1877.

Mr. Schroeder has 261 acres of very valuable land, situated in the oil district, on which he has twenty-one oil wells, the entire number giving a good yield. He is a Democrat in politics, and has been school director and road supervisor for several years. He attends the Lutheran Church.

GEORGE J. HUFFORD. In the history of Sandusky county this gentleman well deserves mention, for he is one of the leading and influential citizens of Washington township, and is one of the native sons of the locality. His birth occurred in Sandusky township, Sandusky county, March 29, 1844. His parents, James and Harriet Hufford, came to Ohio from Pennsylvania, and cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Sandusky county, at a day when settlements were widely scattered,

and much of the land was still in its primitive condition, and when the work of progress and civilization seemed scarcely begun. They both lived to a ripe old age and reared a large family of children, most of whom still reside in this section of the State.

No event of special importance occurred during the boyhood and youth of George Hufford, he spending his time in the usual manner of farmer lads, attending the district schools through the winter season and working in the fields during the summer months. Thus he early became familiar with all the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and when he began business for himself his experience was such as to make his career a successful one. He gave the benefit of his services to his father until twenty-three years of age, when he came to Washington township, where he has since made his home, successfully engaged in farming. About the time of his marriage he purchased his land, and his time and energies have since been devoted to its cultivation. The fields are now well tilled, and he has added to the place many improvements, which stand as a monument to his thrift and enterprise.

Mr. Hufford was united in marriage with Miss Sophia Nickles, daughter of Peter Nickles, and their home has been blessed with two children, a son and a daughter: John Franklin, born December 31, 1871; and Rosa Belle, born October 8, 1874. Both are still at home. The Hufford household is noted for its hospitality, and the members of the family have many warm friends throughout the community, holding a high position in the social circles in which they move. Our subject is a member of the Evangelical Church, and his political sympathies are with the principles advocated by the People's party. Such is the life record of one of Sandusky county's native sons, and though it is not filled with events of an exciting nature, it cannot fail to be of in-

terest, as is the history of every man who does his duty to his country, himself and his fellow men.

MHEUMAN, who during his active business career has become well known in Rocky Ridge, Ottawa county, as one of its progressive and esteemed citizens, was born August 5, 1866, in New Orleans, La., of German descent. David Heuman, his father, was born in Germany, October 21, 1833, and in 1857 came to this country, settling at New Orleans, La., where he married Selina Kraemer, who was born in that city in 1844. They lived there until 1872, when they moved to Jackson, Mich., thence removing to Rocky Ridge, Ottawa Co., Ohio, where Mr. Heuman now has charge of his son's business. Mr. Heuman's grandparents were born in Prussia in 1800.

Our subject lived in the South until his seventh year, when he moved with his parents to Jackson, Mich. Here he lived for nine years, attending the public schools of the city, in which he obtained a liberal education. Leaving Jackson in 1882 he came to Rocky Ridge and entered the store of Smith Bros., of Jackson, of which his father was the manager. He continued as clerk until 1889, when he bought out the entire business of the Smith Bros., manufacturers of lime and charcoal, which he now owns and operates. In 1890 Mr. Heuman opened the first livery stable in the place, with a full line of first-class rigs, and the establishment would do credit to a town of much larger proportions. In March, 1893, he sold out his store to L. A. Beatty, in order to take the position of traveling salesman with the Ohio Lime Company, of Toledo, of which he himself is a member. The home business he leaves in charge of his father. The people of Rocky Ridge have shown their high appreciation of Mr. Heuman's

ability as a business man by electing him to various official positions: He was constable in Benton township for seven years, village marshal six years, and street commissioner six years, holding all these positions at the same time; for some time he was clerk of the board of education of Rocky Ridge, and is now clerk of the board of health of the village. At the last village election he was also elected a member of the village council. Mr. Heuman is a member of the following fraternities: I. O. O. F., Daughters of Rebekah (to which his wife also belongs) Knights of Pythias and K. O. T. M., at present holding the position of district deputy grand master of Ottawa county in the I. O. O. F. Politically Mr. Heuman has always been a Democrat. He takes a great interest in base ball.

On October 23, 1889, Mr. Heuman was married to Miss Fanny Weiger, of Jackson, Mich. He had a fine home erected and nicely furnished, to which to bring his bride, and they took up their residence therein immediately after their marriage. To their union has come one child, Leon Russell, born November 25, 1893. Mrs. Fannie (Weiger) Heuman was born at Treves, Prussia, March 26, 1867, and when a child came to America with her parents, who settled in Jackson, Mich., where she lived until her marriage, attending the public schools and obtaining a liberal education. For five years previous to her marriage she was clerk for Mrs. M. Freeman, of Jackson, in the millinery business, where she also learned the trade, and for three years she was also clerk for the dry-goods firm of Toumey Bros., of Jackson. On settling in Rocky Ridge Mrs. Heuman very soon entered into the millinery business, in which she still continues. It may truly be said of Mr. and Mrs. Heuman, "They are business," for both are possessed of remarkable business ability, which they have never allowed to lessen for want of exercise. Mrs. Heuman's parents, Moses and Kat-

rina Weiger, were born in Germany, the father March 29, 1837, the mother January 4, 1840. They are now living in Jackson, Mich., where he is engaged in the jewelry business.

ADAM HUMBURG is one of the worthy citizens that the Fatherland has furnished to Sandusky county. He was born in Hessen, Germany, on September 3, 1856, and is a son of John and Martha (Hoopfelt) Humburg, who were natives of the same country. They were the parents of the following named children: Eliza, deceased wife of Mr. Killen, a farmer of Oklahoma; Adam, whose name introduces this sketch; John, who is engaged in farming in Oklahoma; Marie, wife of J. Brewnor, who is living in Hanover, Germany; Lizzie, wife of H. Weaver, of Oklahoma; and August. The parents remained in their native land until 1886, when they bade adieu to home and friends and crossed the ocean to the New World, locating in Oklahoma. They are still living, now well advanced in years, the father having been born June 6, 1820, while the mother's birth occurred in the year 1828.

Adam Humburg spent the first seventeen years of his life in the land of his nativity, and its public schools afforded him his educational privileges. He then determined to come to America, and setting sail he landed on August 7, 1873, at Castle Garden. His destination was Ohio, whither he immediately made his way, and since that time his home has been in Sandusky county. He had no capital with which to purchase property, and in consequence secured a position with others, working for a few years on the farm of Henry Rowell, for a small salary. He then entered the employ of John Artz, with whom he remained for nine years, a trusted and faithful employe. The succeeding three years of his life

were spent in the service of George King and Mr. Kiser, in the capacity of field hand. On the expiration of that period he paid a three-months' visit to his native land.

Upon his return from Germany Mr. Humburg was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Kiser, daughter of one of the wealthiest farmers of the county, and their union has been blessed with a family of seven children, all of whom are still under the parental roof, namely: Martha, Willie, Emma, Clara, Franklin, Chester and Lucy. Mr. Humburg is an ardent member of the Reformed Church, and does all in his power to promote its growth and upbuilding. In his political views he is a Democrat, but has no time for office-seeking, preferring to give his entire attention to his business interests. He is a wide-awake and enterprising man, and has achieved success by earnest effort.

FRED EMCH, a well-known and popular citizen of Woodville township, Sandusky county, was born in Switzerland September 17, 1831, and is a son of Urs and Elizabeth (Baumgartner) Emch.

Urs and Elizabeth (Baumgartner) Emch were the parents of ten children, as follows: Anna lived in Switzerland and died there; Benjamin died in May, 1884; Elizabeth married Ben Messer, and they had three children (she lived and died in Switzerland); John, a farmer in Wood county, Ohio, married Mary Weiss, and they had thirteen children (he died in 1876); Nicholas, a farmer of Woodville township, sketch of whom will be found at page 319; Urs, Jr., who lives in Woodville township, married Annie Eisch, and they had six children; two children died in infancy; and Fred is the subject of this sketch. Urs Emch, the father, died in Switzerland in 1835, at the age of forty-five years. In 1845 his widow came to America with her children,

and they remained a short time in Buffalo. Then, in June, 1845, they came to Ohio, and located in Woodville township, Sandusky county, being among the first settlers in what at that time was called the "Black Swamp." They bought land, commenced to clear it and put up buildings, and the first year, after hard work, they managed to put in fifteen acres of wheat. There was a good deal of sickness at that time, and one of the children died of dropsy the same season. The mother died in 1854, at the age of sixty-one.

At the age of sixteen Fred Emch started out in life for himself, first going to Toledo, Ohio, where he worked in a wholesale store about one year. In 1850 he went to Tiffin, Seneca Co., Ohio, where he learned the gunsmith's trade, following that for about three years. In 1858 he moved back to Woodville township, Sandusky county, and went into business for himself, and he has made his home here ever since. On September 11, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, Thirty-seventh O. V. I., serving as teamster. They went to West Virginia, where he remained seventeen months, and was in several battles, and later was in Kentucky, for about three weeks, when he was mustered out and returned to Woodville.

On March 17, 1853, he was united in marriage with Margaret Hoffman, and they had two children, namely: Melinda, who was born December 17, 1853, married Joseph McKinley, and had two children; and Amelia, born October 5, 1859, who died at the age of five years. Mrs. Emch died at the age of thirty-one years, and was buried in Woodville cemetery. For his second wife Mr. Emch married Christina Redert, who was born April 28, 1843, and four children have come to them, namely: Mary, who died in infancy; Dora, born February 16, 1865, who married Aaron Unger, a butcher of Woodville township, Sandusky county, and had three children; Etta, born July 2, 1871;

and Fred, Jr., born February 22, 1877. Mr. Emch is a Democrat in politics, was constable for twelve years, assessor three years, and marshal two years.

ALBERT B. ORTH, one of the hustling young business men of Port Clinton, Ottawa county, where he conducts a leading confectionery business, is a native of that city, born December 29, 1860.

Frank Orth, his father, was the youngest of six brothers who emigrated from Germany to the United States, settling in Detroit, Mich., where they organized a musical band known as the "Orth Brothers' Band." John Orth, Sr., one of these brothers, recently died at Detroit, aged eighty-seven years. Frank Orth married Miss Mary Wagoner, and removed to Port Clinton, about the year 1850, where, being by trade a shoemaker and harness maker he worked for several years for Joseph Sylvester. His children were: Frances, John, Louis and Albert B., of whom Frances married Samuel Wisner, a carpenter at Port Clinton, and they have one son living. John is a hardware merchant in Port Clinton, Ohio. Louis, a tinner by trade, married Carrie Andrews, a daughter of Peter Andrews, a pioneer of Ottawa county, Ohio; her father, who had served in the war of the Rebellion, died some time afterward at Port Clinton, where the widowed mother is yet living.

The subject proper of this sketch attended school at Port Clinton until he was thirteen years old, when he began to learn the baker's trade with W. S. Flaughter, for whom he worked thirteen years, at the end of which time, on account of ill health, he was obliged to quit. Two years later he bought out E. I. Root, and opened up a confectionery and ice-cream trade, wholesale and retail, in which he has since continued, a period of about eight years. On September 11,

1882, Mr. Orth married Miss Cora Hollinshead, daughter of Robert Hollinshead, formerly a fish dealer, of the firm of R. Bell & Co., Port Clinton, Ohio, later a resident of Toledo, and now living in Iowa, whose children were: Cora, Harry C., Lester, Clara, May and Eva; of whom, Harry C. is a fish merchant in Port Clinton; Lester, single, is with his brother Harry in the fish business; Clara married John Robecker, butcher, in the employ of Kelley & Wanger, of Port Clinton; Eva married Matthew Hilsenbeck, engineer on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroad, living at Toledo, Ohio. Albert and Cora Orth have no children of their own, but have adopted one little girl, named Bessie Merrill.

JAMES P. VICKERY, farmer and school teacher, York township, Sandusky county, was born March 24, 1864, in Groton township, Erie Co., Ohio, a son of John and Jane (Parker) Vickery, who both came from England.

Our subject came with his parents to Sandusky county, where he grew up on a farm, attended country schools and laid the foundations for success in life. At the age of seventeen he began teaching country schools during the winter seasons, in which he has continued during the past eleven years. His first term was in Seneca county, then two terms in Michigan, and the rest in Sandusky county. He now resides upon and works the homestead farm of his father, comprising 120 acres, in York township. He is a progressive, aspiring, energetic farmer, and takes a lively interest in the Young People's Society meetings at the Mt. Carmel U. B. Church, not far from his home. He is a Republican in politics, but no partisan. On April 2, 1890, he married Miss H. May King, of Clyde, Ohio, daughter of John and Mary (Diment) King, and born in Bellevue, Ohio, October 5, 1866. Her parents were married in 1861, lived in

Bellevue until 1877, then removed to a farm in York township, thence in 1882, to Clyde, Ohio, where they have since resided. Mr. King is a blacksmith by trade. Their children were: Matilda, born in 1862, died in infancy; Louise, born September 22, 1864, married A. G. Winnie, editor of the *Ottawa County Republican*, of Port Clinton, Ohio; H. May, wife of our subject; Minnie Estelle, born January 30, 1876, now a senior in the Clyde High School.

Mrs. H. May Vickery attended school at Bellevue until she reached the A Grammar grade, then five years at Birdseye Corners, then as far as the senior class in the Clyde High School, and later two terms at the Green Spring Academy. She has taught country schools— one term in Erie county, two terms in Michigan, and ten terms in Sandusky county. Her present farm home is a welcome resort for the young people of her neighborhood.

JOSIAH HAGUE, formerly a school teacher, and now engaged in fruit culture and gardening, Fremont, Sandusky county, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, March 5, 1847, a son of Christian and Mary Magdalene (Smith) Hague.

Christian Hague was born in 1803, in Wittenberg, Germany, where his father died, and the lad then came with his mother to America. She and he located in Wayne county, Ohio, and there the mother died. Our subject's father now lives in Burgoon, Sandusky county. The maternal grandparents died in Wayne county; they were Lutherans. The father was one of ten children, and he was the only son who came to America; he was a member of the Reformed Church. Josiah Hague was one of ten children, as follows: Joseph, farmer, in Michigan; Samuel, who joined the Seventy-second Regiment, O. V. I., and was killed on the

way home, after service in the war of the Rebellion; David, who was a soldier during the Civil war, was wounded in Virginia, and died at the age of twenty-three, after the war; our subject comes next; Andrew J., who died one year since; Catharine, who married Lorenzo Abbott; William, who died young; Franklin; Daniel, who died when seven years old; and May, wife of Joseph Doell.

Our subject grew up in Sandusky county, on a farm, attended school in Jackson and Ballville townships, and in Adrian, Mich., one term, then at Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, two years. He taught country school in Sandusky and Seneca counties twenty-six years. He married Miss Antoinette Worst, who was born in Sandusky county, April 22, 1858, and they have three children: Hannah G., William H., and Orella.

Josiah Hague enlisted in 1864 in Company C, One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Regiment, O. V. I., and served in southern Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia. When the war closed he returned home. He taught his last term of school in 1893, and has been in the gardening and fruit-culture business eight years. He operates about thirty acres of ground. He is above the average man in intelligence, a Republican in politics, and takes a broad view of all political affairs.

PROF. W. V. SMITH. This well-known gentleman, who for a time was superintendent of the public schools of Port Clinton, Ottawa county, was born in Wyandot county, Ohio, March 20, 1863. He is the son of W. F. and Elizabeth (Stevens) Smith, both natives of Ohio, the former born in Richland county, of German parentage, and the latter in Fairfield. Mrs. Smith's parents came from the East, the father from New England, the mother from Virginia. The maternal grandmother before her marriage was Miss Sarah Morgan, and

was descended from good old Revolutionary stock, Gen. Morgan, who was famous during that war, being her uncle. W. F. Smith has always followed agricultural pursuits. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The subject of this sketch attended the country schools in boyhood days, and later, in 1887, graduated at Ada (Ohio) Normal University. Previous to this he taught in country schools, but after that he was employed in graded schools. He taught at Rawson, Hancock county, for two years, and was for three years superintendent of schools at Caledonia. For one year he was at Genoa, and in 1893 moved to Port Clinton, Ottawa county, where he held the position of superintendent. Mr. Smith has a high-school life certificate, which was granted him by the State Board of Examiners in 1890. In 1894 he was employed to take charge of the Lakeside Summer School of Methods, Science, Language and Literature, which is held during July and a part of August at Lakeside, on Lake Erie, not far from Toledo. It is an ideal summer resort, the village containing a population of about two thousand inhabitants, and having all the advantages of city life, such as electric lights, water-works, stores of all kinds, etc., with an abundance of beautiful lawns and shade trees. It is within sight of Kelley's Island and Put in Bay, and excursion parties to these historic places are numerous. The school was established for teachers and students who may wish to carry on their work during a part of their vacation, and the best of teachers, lectures, music and amusements are provided. Rest, recreation and study are combined, and the life-giving lake breezes tone up the system so that the tired workers go back to their toil in the school-room refreshed both mentally and physically. Prof. Smith was most successful as manager of this delightful school, he being acknowledged as one of the most advanced educational workers in Ohio, and a man of great ex-

ecutive ability. The Professor is now (December, 1895) manager of the "Central Magazine," Cleveland, Ohio.

Our subject was married, in Wyandot county, Ohio, to Miss Dora Staller, who was a teacher in that county. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious faith he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Socially he affiliates with the I. O. O. F.

WILLIAM SHERBROOK, retired farmer, is numbered among the early settlers of Bay township, Ottawa county, having been identified with its history from an early day. He was born in Devonshire, England, near Exeter, August 19, 1816, and is a son of John and Nancy (Nichols) Sherbrook, natives of the same locality. The father crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1820, and for four years engaged in surveying in what is now Ottawa and Sandusky counties, Ohio, assisting in the first surveys made in these counties. About 1828 he returned to England for his family, and the same year brought them to America. Six weeks were spent upon the water, during which experience they encountered several severe storms, but at length reached Mirimachi, New Brunswick, where they remained until the fall of the same year, when they removed to Quebec, where the father worked on a farm for three years. About 1832 Mr. Sherbrook took his family to Toronto, Canada, and near there purchased a farm which he operated some nine years. In 1841 he again came to Ohio, locating in what is now Bay township, Ottawa county, but was then a part of Sandusky county, and an almost unbroken wilderness, the home of Indians and the haunt of wild beasts. Here the parents spent their remaining days.

Our subject was a child of some five summers when the family came to this country. He went through all the trials and

hardships experienced by frontier settlers, and in the school of experience learned the lessons which have made him a well-informed man, for his educational privileges were extremely limited. Throughout his active business career he carried on general farming, and untiring industry, frugality and perseverance in course of time brought to him a handsome competence which now enables him to live retired, enjoying the rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

Mr. Sherbrook was married in Bay township, Ottawa county, May 6, 1841, to Susan Pickard, who was born in Quebec, Canada, and is a daughter of Frederick and Mary (MacGregor) Pickard. Ten children were born to them, as follows: John, on February 25, 1843, now a prominent farmer of Richfield township, Henry Co., Ohio; Joseph, November 5, 1845, died December 3, 1873; James, August 2, 1847, now residing in Bay township; Jesse, November 25, 1849, also in Bay township; Mary J., August 28, 1851, died July 28, 1854; George, June 26, 1853, died February 28, 1869; Edwin, April 17, 1855, died December 27, 1873; Minerva, May 15, 1856, died May 1, 1859; Harvey, May 29, 1858, died June 24, 1881; and Reuben, June 27, 1860, died in St. Clair, Kans., September 26, 1886. In politics, Mr. Sherbrook is a staunch Republican, and he attends the United Brethren Church. His long residence has made him known to a wide circle of acquaintances, and he has many warm friends.

JOHAN STONE, a very prominent and progressive fruit grower of Catawba Island, was born March 5, 1821, about fourteen miles from Simcoe, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, and is a son of John and Leah (Manuel) Stone, the former a native of Ontario, the latter of Nova Scotia.

When our subject was a child of six years his father removed to Cleveland,

Ohio, where he remained about six years, and then returned to Canada. Seven years later he took up his residence at Vermilion, Ohio. During the greater part of his early life he was engaged in sailing on the lakes, and he placed the first stones of the Cleveland pier in position. Subsequently he abandoned that pursuit and took up agriculture, which he followed at Port Huron until called to his final rest. His wife died in Canada about 1870, at a very advanced age. They had a family of six children, three of whom are yet living: Amelia, widow of the late John McDonald, a resident of St. Williams, Ontario; John, subject of this sketch; and George, a captain and vessel owner, member of the firm of Bradley, Cobb & Co.

John Stone accompanied his parents on their various removals during his boyhood, and when yet a mere lad went with his father on the lakes. In later years he followed sailing, engaging in that pursuit until 1844, when he came to Ottawa county, Ohio. For one year he lived in Marblehead, where he worked at the carpenter's trade, and while there residing was married March 5, 1845, to Mary E. Hanson. In the fall of that year he revisited Canada, but in June, 1846, again came to Ohio, locating this time at Plasterbed, where he worked as a ship carpenter for two years. In 1848 he removed to Port Clinton, where he made his home for about eight years, and during that period served as deputy sheriff some four years. The remainder of the time he was engaged in threshing and fishing. Previous to his permanent location in Put in Bay Mr. Stone rented land, with fishing privileges, on which he built a shanty and began his work, driving his stakes with a maul. He finally purchased a sailboat in which he carried his fish to Sandusky. In 1857 he made a permanent location and continued to follow his chosen pursuit on Lake Erie until 1892. In March of that year, he abandoned all

other work, and has since devoted his attention exclusively to fruit growing.

Mr. Stone has filled the office of county commissioner for some years, and was justice of the peace six years. He is a member of Oliver H. Perry Lodge, No. 347, F. & A. M., and in his political views is a Democrat. His long residence in the locality where his home is has made him widely known, and his genuine worth has won him high regard.

MYRON E. CLEMONS, one of the highly-esteemed citizens of Danbury township, Ottawa county, where he is successfully engaged in fruit growing, was born February 25, 1838, and is a son of Alexander and Almira Angeline (Hollister) Clemons. The district schools of the neighborhood afforded him his educational privileges, and on leaving the school-room he engaged in the business of fishing on the lakes, which he successfully followed until 1862, in which year an irrepressible desire to serve his country caused his enlistment on the 13th of August.

He became a member of Company G, One Hundred and Twenty-third O. V. I., and, with his regiment, participated in many engagements, including the battles of Winchester, Newmarket, Piedmont, Lynchburg, Snicker's Ferry, Berryville,

Opequon, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, Petersburg, High Bridge and Appomattox, all in Virginia. He was wounded at the battle of Thatcher Run, and remained in the hospital for some little time. He was also captured by the Rebels at the battle of Winchester, in 1862, and after about thirty-two days spent in Libby prison was paroled. He then rejoined his regiment, and was mustered out at Columbus, June 12, 1865, at which time he was in the hospital. He was a faithful soldier, always loyally found at his post of duty. On becoming convalescent he returned to Marblehead, and for some years carried on the dual occupation of fishing and farming, but for the past seven years he has devoted his entire attention to farming and fruit growing.

Mr. Clemons was married in Danbury township, Ottawa county, December 16, 1868, to Rena E. Fox, who was there born, June 6, 1844, a daughter of James S. and Anna (James) Fox, both natives of Ontario, Canada. In 1844 they located in Danbury township, where they spent their remaining days, the father passing away February 11, 1884, the mother June 11, 1888. Mr. Clemons has efficiently filled several positions of trust in his township, and is at present acting as a councilman in the corporation. In his political views he is an unswerving Republican, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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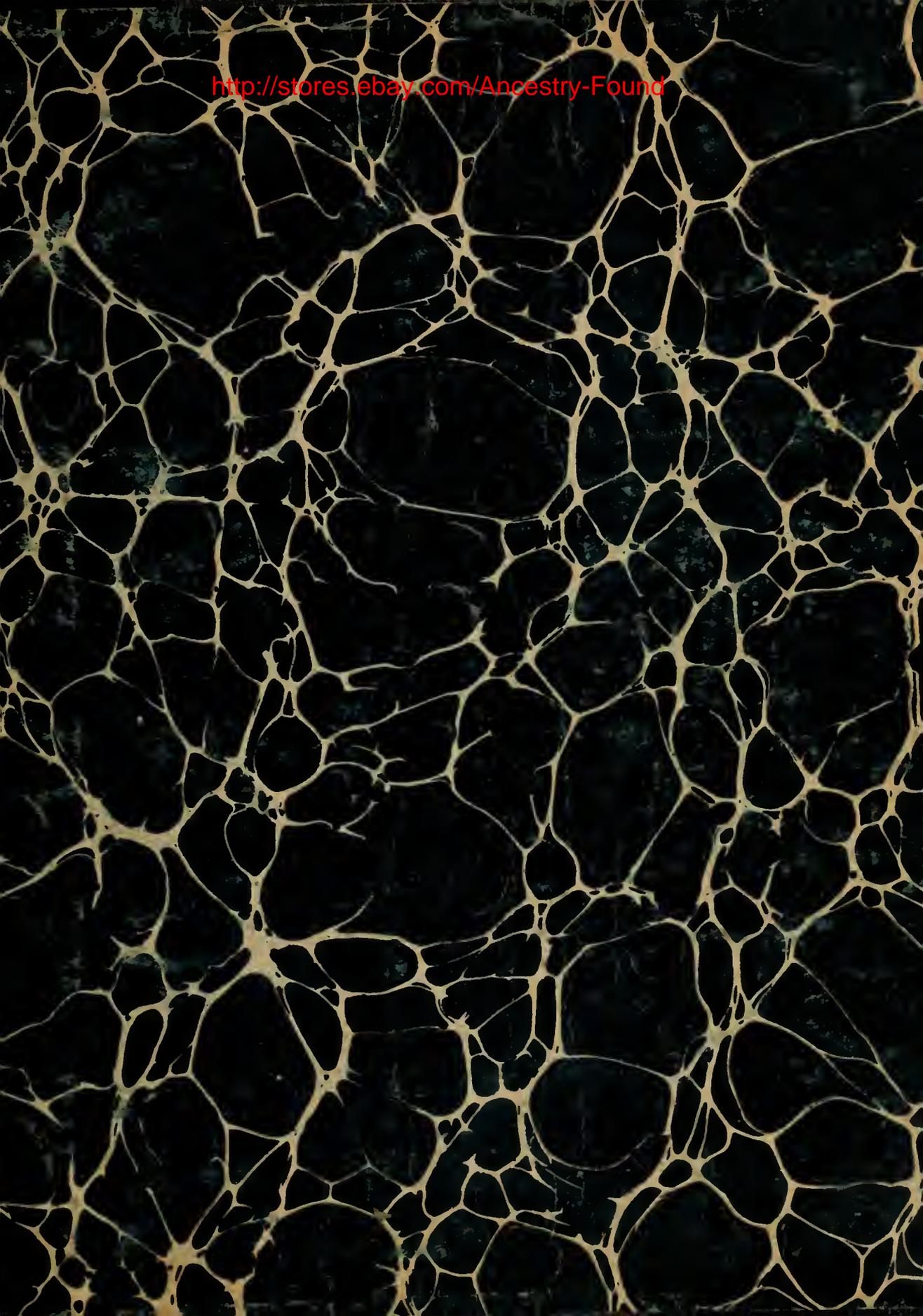
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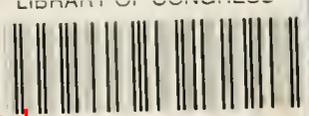
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