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## HON. JACOB P. McINTOSH.

The subject of this biographical review, a representative of one of the early pioneer families of Greene county, was born in Marion county, Indiana, November 17, 1835, and he is a son of William J. and Sarah (Negley) McIntosh. (The sketch of his father appears more fully on another page of this work.)

Jacob McIntosh became a resident of Greene county at the age of two years, when he was brought here by the removal of his parents from Marion county. Being reared on a farm, his early life was devoted to agricultural pursuits and in attending the pioneer schools of his day. Like other youths of the early times, his educational opportunities were limited, principally to the most elementary branches of learning, and this at considerable sacrifice. His means being limited, he was unable to avail himself of the advantages of higher education until later in life, though he was always a student, and read everything calculated to broaden the sphere of his intellect. He has been twice married, first in 1857 to Nancy Kelley, who died March 20, 1872. She was the mother of six children, three of whom survive; three died in infancy or early childhood. The living members of this family are Martin F., Mary Hannah and Nathaniel Greene. Mr. McIntosh was married the second time on the 26th day of June, 1873. His present wife was Nancy Ann Crawford, daughter of William B. and Elizabeth (Brooks) Crawford, natives of Ohio. Her father was a soldier during the Civil war and served as a member of Company I of the One Hundred and Forty-sixth Indiana

Infantry, Volunteers. He died in 1900. His widow is a resident of Greene county. There are ten living children of this union, of whom Daisy, wife of Walter G. Hudson, a printer at Bloomfield, is the eldest. Miss Nora is a popular and successful teacher, having been engaged in that laudable work for a number of years. William resides upon and operates the parental farm near Worthington. He is married and has one child. Bessie M. is the wife of S. O. Gallup, of Indianapolis. O. G. is at home. Daniel C. is a graduate of the Worthington high school and is also a graduate in pharmacy. He is a student in third year's work in the State University. Lalla R. and Frances Maude, both graduates of the Worthington high school, are still under the parental roof, though the last named is now a student at the State Normal School. Lyman T. and Moore C. complete the family circle. They are students in the Worthington high school. The two sons and daughter mentioned as the issue of the subject's first marriage are prominent in business and social relations, the sons being merchants and the daughter, now Mrs. A. J. Peck, resides in Topeka, Kansas. Early in life the subject of this sketch chose the medical profession as his life work, and after attending the Eclectic College of Medicine at Cincinnati he began practice, and continued that profession for about twenty years, then for ten years only part of the time in connection with superintending his large and varied farming interests throughout his active business years. He owned and operated a farm of six hundred and twenty-five acres, upon which his family lived until 1900, and gave special prominence to the growing and marketing of domestic stock. Since the date above written he has retired to a

less pretentious farm of fifty-nine acres adjoining Worthington, but has relaxed none of his interest in general farming and stock growing.

Dr. McIntosh recites with much interest and enthusiasm the story of pioneer life in the wilderness of Greene county when he was a boy. He says that his mother, whose memory he reveres, was, in combination with all womanly virtues of her day, an expert at the wheel and loom, and that for many years she spun the flax and wool-yarn, and wove the cloth with which to clothe the family, taking the former from the matured stalk and the latter from the sheep's back. Nothing was then known of the wonderful machinery which has revolutionized manufacturing in all lines of human industry. The application of steam power was then in the experimental stage, while electricity as a motive power was then not dreamed of by the most advanced scientists.

The ancestral history of Dr. McIntosh is traceable in this section of Indiana, and mostly in Greene county, to the year 1821, when the founders of the family came from Kentucky. But as this feature of the family life is brought out more fully in the sketch of his father, William Jefferson McIntosh, the interested reader is referred to that article for further information.

Dr. J. P. McIntosh has been pre-eminently a busy and useful man. His life has been spent in an effort to render good to his fellow men, and in whatever sphere his labors were directed, he has discharged his duties conscientiously and well. He has been an ardent supporter of the principles of Democracy, and has been zealous in the furtherance of party interests, whether as a standard-bearer seeking support for political honors or as a pri-

vate citizen seeking the general welfare of his chosen party. In political affairs he has always been prominent and influential. In 1874 and again in 1876 he was the nominee of his party for legislative honors, going down with the defeat of his party. In 1880, however, he was more successful and was elected as joint representative from the counties of Greene, Knox and Sullivan. His administration of the affairs pertaining to this exalted position no doubt led to his selection as state senator in 1882 for Daviess and Greene counties, though Greene county was then considered almost hopelessly Republican. But the personal popularity and careful, systematic work of Dr. McIntosh carried it for the Democratic candidate by the narrow margin of eleven votes, and for the district one hundred and seventy-one. While in the legislature Mr. McIntosh was the author of a number of wholesome and popular laws which remain on the statute books as a monument to his memory, and as a convincing proof of his sterling good judgment.

In the affairs of private life the doctor has been successful beyond the average attainments of men. He was a partner in a profitable mercantile business for many years, and his professional life was proverbially a success, especially in the correct diagnosis and treatment of disease. He was a justice of the peace for four years, and has always taken an active interest in local affairs of whatever nature. He is an affable and agreeable gentleman, universally esteemed, and favorably known to almost every family in Greene county. The record of such a life is a stimulus to the rising generation, whose desires and ambitions are largely influenced by the achievements of others.





*McINTOSH PLACE,  
Residence of Hon. J. P. McIntosh.*



## A. F. WILSON.

Prominent among the active business men of Greene county is the name of A. F. Wilson, who was born at Ladoga, November 28, 1861. His parents, P. H. and Arthuria (Dixon) Wilson, were both natives of Indiana. Mr. Wilson's paternal grandfather was a Virginia farmer, and on leaving that state came to Kentucky, from whence he removed to Indiana, where he lived out the remainder of his days. Grandfather Dixon was a merchant tailor by trade. His three sons were all soldiers of the Civil war.

Our subject's father was reared in Indiana, receiving his early education in her public schools. He later graduated from the Louisville Medical College, and practiced medicine at Ladoga for several years. He then removed to Worthington and took up dentistry, continuing in that profession until his death, March 4, 1890. The family consisted of six children, enumerated here in order of birth: India, now deceased; A. F., our subject; Frank, now a successful business man of Salt Lake City; Ida, wife of W. E. Mason, now of Mississippi; Martha, unmarried; Charles, carpenter at Danville, Illinois.

Our subject has had a wide business experience. He was educated in the Worthington public schools, and after reaching maturity began railroading, following this for seven years. He then became deputy postmaster, following this by engaging in the livery and grocery business. He then served one term as postmaster, after which he engaged in managing a meat market. Next he assumed the control of the Commercial Hotel, later han-

ding patent rights, after which he dealt largely in live stock. Following this he purchased the Williams House, which he still owns, but whose management is leased to other parties. He is at present engaged in handling a patent wire stretcher, patented May 22, 1906.

Mr. Wilson was married on January 25, 1890, to Lille Griffith, who was born at Worthington, being the daughter of George and Jane Griffith, both highly respected residents of the town. Two children have graced this union, viz.: Lee, born in 1895, and Guy, born in 1897. Mrs. Wilson is a member of the Christian church and is an admirable mother and companion.

Mr. Wilson has been equally alive to his social obligations and has taken an active interest in many of the fraternal organizations of the community. He gives his hearty support to the Elks, Red Men, Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen.

Politically he is a Democrat, but has demonstrated that public service can be easily coupled with straightforward business methods, having, as mentioned before, served as postmaster for one term, and also for three years as sheriff of Greene county.

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#### FRED ROSCOE CROMWELL.

One often hears nowadays the remark that this is the age of young men, and it would seem to the most casual observer that a great portion of the world's work requiring prompt decision and quick judgment combined with the energy and staying qualities necessary to insure

tained in the following record of the young man whose success, is carried on by those young in years, consequently, we are not suprised at the splendid showing con-name appears above; for although Fred R. Cromwell has scarcely passed the quarter century mark, he has shown by his vigilant energy and untiring zeal that he possesses a nature that will undoubtedly crown his age with splendid achievement. Relying entirely on his own resources, this young man has so well performed every task that has been assigned him that he now holds the responsible position of chief of the fire department at Linton, Indiana, a position that is usually tendered to the experienced veteran. However, that city feels that it can safely trust its property to the protection of this young man.

Mr. Cromwell was born in Clay county, Indiana, June 13, 1882, the son of Albert and Emma (Fields) Cromwell, the former a native of Clay county, while the mother was born and reared in Ohio. The latter was called from her earthly labors in Colorado, whither she had gone in an effort to recover her failing health. The subject's father is a successful farmer in Clay county. He has a family of five living sons. Fred R., the subject of this sketch, is the eldest; Charles is a farmer in Clay county; Albert, Jr., is employed in a hotel at Terre Haute; George is a farmer in Clay county; Rue has remained at home working on the parental place; Guy and Fay died in childhood. The habits of industry which the father instilled in his home from early life have remained as dominating factors and they are all known as men of thrift and energy.

Fred R. Cromwell was raised on his father's farm and there learned much of the management of agricultural

land, while not in school, which he attended during the winter months until 1900, when he came to Linton and was employed in connection with the racing stock of Dr. Sherwood and others, having learned to successfully handle horses while on the old homestead. He was then in the employ of the Terre Haute Brewing Company for more than a year. In 1907 he was elected driver in the fire department, and appointed chief of the department in this city April 1, 1908. Three men are embraced in the payrolls of this department, which is made up from volunteers, picked up as occasion demands. These are entitled to pay for their services, although claims are seldom filed, the fire fighters being willing to contribute their services to their city when it is in need of them. The equipment of this department embraces a hose wagon and two chemical tanks, an abundance of hose, ladders, etc. This department has attained great efficiency in the matter of getting out when an alarm is given. The employs can take the horses from the stalls, hitch them to the apparatus and be on the street in twenty seconds.

The subject was married January 24, 1908, to Ora Robison, daughter of James and Fanny Robison, of Linton. Mr. Cromwell is a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Politically Mr. Cromwell is a Republican, but does not take a great deal of interest in politics.

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#### ELI STALCUP.

This subject, who is one of the most industrious farmers and stock raisers in the vicinity of Worthington,



Eli Staley

80 years

Clara A. Staley





Greene county, Indiana, never had the roaming disposition that characterized so many of the young men with whom he was reared, and he has preferred to test the advantages of his home county rather than risk his fortune elsewhere, having been born at Bloomfield, January 4, 1829, and he is now living one mile north of Worthington on a fine farm.

Mr. Stalcup's father was Stephen Stalcup and his mother's maiden name was Mary Underwood. Grandfather Eli Stalcup, a native of Tennessee, came to Indiana long before our subject was born, settling in Greene county on a farm, where he spent the remainder of his life. Stephen Stalcup was brought to Indiana when a young man, where he soon began farming and trading, having received his early education in Tennessee. Purchasing a good farm in Greene county he remained here during the rest of his life, rearing ten children, all grown to maturity, the subject of this sketch being the third in the order of birth. He attended subscription schools during a part of several years, but his father was in close circumstances and it was necessary for his son to help on the place when there was work to be done. The country school houses in those days were of the most primitive sort, being built of logs with puncheon seats and greased paper for window panes.

Eli was always called upon to take the lead in all kinds of heavy work about the place owing to his unusual physical strength, so he did the major part of the work in clearing the heavily timbered land where his father settled and with whom he remained until maturity, then he went to work as a farm hand, for which he received

only seven dollars per month, but which he continued working at for a period of five years, during a part of which time he was employed on a shingle machine, being associated with his brother, Wesley. Then he bought a house and lot in Worthington, where he lived for several years, renting land and tilling it, in that neighborhood. In about three years he traded his town property in part payment on a farm, on which he has since lived. This farm at first consisted of eighty acres in the forest, upon which was a small log cabin, in which the subject lived for a short time, then building a log house, in which he lived for ten years, which he regards as the happiest days of his life. He cleared most of the land himself, hiring a few hands to assist. He has added to his original piece of ground until he now owns over four hundred acres, seventy-six acres of which are in the Eel River bottoms, which is fertilized by overflow, but the overflows are not of a nature to be of serious injury to the land or the crops on it, for it produces immense crops of corn. He raises corn crops on his upland fields, usually follows them by crops of oats and clover, but he uses no commercial fertilizers, being able to keep his land in good productive condition by other methods.

Mr. Stalcup feeds nearly all the corn the place produces to hogs and cattle, which he turns on the pastures in summer. He handles Poland China hogs exclusively, and he has the largest drove of sheep in the vicinity of Worthington. His farm is fenced mostly with woven and barbed wire. His house is commodious, convenient and in good repair, and his outbuildings are well kept.

Eli Stalcup was married the first time in 1853 to Mar-

garet J. Brookbank, of Sullivan county, Indiana, and six children were born to this union, all of whom died young, except Sarah Ellen, who is the wife of Levi Swango, now living on a farm in Greene county. They have seven children, six of whom are living. Mr. Stalcup's first wife died August 18, 1868, and he was again married May 16, 1869, to Clara Terhune, a native of Ohio, but who was reared in Greene county, Indiana. Four children were born to this union, namely: Nettie, the wife of Grant Fulk, living in Greene county, to whom four children have been born; Harry E., who is married and has two children, lives on the home place, working with his father; Lena May is single and lives at home; Elza B., is living at home working with his brother on the farm.

The subject of this sketch enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Fifteenth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in 1863, and served eight months, having been in Rosecrans' army. He enlisted for six months, but served two months over time, having been at Cumberland Gap when his time expired. His two cousins, Stephen and Calvin Stalcup, were also soldiers.

Eli Stalcup's wife has been twice married, first to James E. Terhune, who was a soldier in the Thirty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, having served with this regiment for four years, being in all the battles in which the regiment was engaged. He died one year after his marriage from a disease contracted in the line of duty as a soldier.

Both the subject and his wife were members of the Protestant Methodist church.

Mr. Stalcup is a loyal Republican, but he always desires the best men in any public office, not caring to support "political rings" of questionable standing. He was constable for two terms and has been supervisor, but was never a candidate for important public offices.

The subject is a plain, honest citizen, who has won his success by hard work and habits of industry in whatever he undertook, and the record of his family is one that cannot be questioned.

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#### DR. GEORGE B. GRAY.

The subject of this sketch has not yet entered the realm of the aged, but his experiences are ripening to a full development, and he is now at the zenith of his powers. Dr. George B. Gray was born July 16, 1863, at Solsberry, Greene county. He is the son of William and Anna (Henderson) Gray, the former a native of Crawford county, Pennsylvania, and the latter a native of Morgan county, Ohio.

William Gray was educated in his native state in the best schools that the country afforded at that time. He came to Ohio when fifteen years old and settled in Morgan county, where he remained until 1864, where he engaged in farming and stock raising, which pursuit he continued through life. He married when nineteen years old. Mr. Gray moved to Greene county, near Solsberry, in 1864, buying a farm which he continued to conduct until 1880, when he moved to Worthington, where

he remained ten years, then moving to Bloomington, where he is still living. He has been retired for some time. His wife died in 1873, having given birth to eleven children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the youngest.

Dr. Gray was educated in the public schools in his native community and in the State University at Bloomington, Indiana. He worked on his father's farm until he entered the university. He commenced reading medicine under the direction of his brother, Dr. O. F. Gray, of Spencer, Indiana, which he continued for one year, when he entered the Medical College of Indiana at Indianapolis, from which he graduated in 1884, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He began practicing medicine at Paragon, Indiana, where he remained for one year; he then came to Worthington, in which city he has been engaged in the practice of his profession and in the drug business for a period of twenty-two years. Dr. Gray also graduated at Bellevue in 1889, taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and he took a post-graduate course in Chicago in 1907.

Dr. Gray was married December 26, 1890, to Myrtle Young, of Worthington, Indiana. She is the daughter of Joseph and Ella Moses. There has been no issue from this union. The subject has an adopted daughter, Beulah, who is eight years old (1908).

The subject is a Republican. He was coroner of Greene county for two terms, or four years, and he has been secretary of the board of health in Worthington during the greater part of his residence in that city. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also of the Red Men.

## BENJAMIN BACH.

The subject of this biographical review is a native of Frauenburg, Kurland, Russia, born on the 12th of October, 1876. He remained in his native country until twenty years old, being educated in Russia and at Berlin, Germany. In 1896 he embarked for the "new world," and located in Louisville, Kentucky, during the first five years of his sojourn in America. The succeeding two years were spent in Chicago, in both cases being engaged in the mercantile business. Others of the family followed until there are four of his brothers conducting a large mercantile house in Chicago, and three of his sisters reside in that city. The parents, Meyer and Zesne (Zesner) Bach, are also residents of Chicago. The father is a retired merchant. These members of the family came to this country from Berlin, Germany, in 1905. The eldest brother and eldest sister are residents of Berlin, while the parents and eight sons and daughters are in America.

Ben Bach came to Linton, Indiana, in 1903, and here established one of the leading clothing stores in the city. He has a large and carefully selected stock of clothing, gents' furnishing goods, shoes, trunks, suitcases, etc., combined with jewelry appropriate to men's wear. Though a comparatively recent acquisition to the business circles of Linton, the house is well and favorably known throughout a large area of country. Ben's motto has been "A square deal to all," and this policy has given him a prestige in business second to none in the city. Conspicuous in the affairs of this popular house is Charles

B. Bach, a younger brother, who is manager of the business, and a most pleasant and accommodating young man. He was born in the same province as the elder brother, received a good education in his native land, and in the Business University in Chicago. Previous to leaving the continent of Europe he traveled extensively, thus familiarizing himself with the conditions and customs of that land, and finally went on a prospecting tour into South Africa. He came to Linton, in his present capacity, in 1904. He is a Royal Arch Mason, an Odd Fellow and a member of the Encampment of the last named fraternity.

Benjamin Bach, the subject of this article, was married in Louisville, Kentucky, May 29, 1898, the lady of his choice being Pauline Lurie, a native of Schaulen, Russia. Her parents lived and died in their native land. Three children have been born to this union, the eldest of whom is Helen T., a little miss of six years; Ephraim Leo is three years old and Cecilia, an infant of one year in 1908.

Mr. Bach is prominently identified with a number of fraternal lodges and societies, the most important of which are: Linton Lodge, No. 560, Free and Accepted Masons; Linton Chapter, No. 132, Royal Arch Masons; Unity Lodge, No. 637, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Encampment connected therewith; Linton Camp, No. 100, Woodmen of the World, and the Knights of Pythias fraternity. The brothers are Republicans in political views, though not aggressive in politics. They adhere to the religious faith of their ancestors, being believers in the doctrines and active members of the Jewish church.

## JAMES JEFFERSON LANGTON.

Greene county is characterized by her full share of the honored and faithful element who have done so much for the development and upbuilding of Indiana and the establishment of the institutions of civilization in this fertile and well favored section. In this work are comprised many biographical sketches of this class of citizens, and it is not too early to record in print the principal items in the lives of these honest people, giving honor to whom honor is due. Among these honored and sturdy pioneers the subject of this review is properly installed, his life having been worthy of commendation and admiration, as a host of people in this county who knew him well can testify.

Mr. Langton was born in Wooster, Ohio, April 30, 1837, but spent most of his life in Indiana. He is the son of David and Mary (Black) Langton, natives of Pennsylvania, who moved to Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio, early in life. Later moving to the Hoosier state, David Langton enlisted his services in the defense of the Union at Logansport, but before he could see active service at the front fell sick and was discharged for disability, thus being deprived of his desire to render service to his country. He and his wife were the parents of three children, namely: James J., the subject of this sketch; Martha, the wife of James Denney, of Scotland, Indiana; Bruce, who gave his life for his country, having been killed in battle during the Civil war. David Langton passed away at his home in Logansport in December, 1865. Mrs. Langton's death occurred in her native community—Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio.



James Jefferson Langton received what education he could from the rural schools. He was left motherless when a small boy and later lived with his aunt, Jane Russell, with whom he remained until the feeling that his country needed his services in her dark days of trial, consequently he enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Seventeenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, on August 1, 1863, and efficiently served as a teamster until he was honorably discharged February 27, 1864, not having taken part in any battle, somewhat to his regret, but he felt that his work was just as essential as that of the man behind the gun, and, indeed, he should receive the same honor. After the war Mr. Langton settled on a farm near Scotland, Greene county, Indiana, later buying forty acres of land in Daviess county, this state, and while he never farmed on an extensive scale, he did in a most praiseworthy manner what tasks he found to do and was reasonably successful throughout his life. On February 14, 1866, he was united in marriage with Rachel M. Garrett, daughter of Andrew and Jane (Walker) Garrett, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Ohio with their parents, marrying in the last named state, and where, in Athens county, the wife of our subject was born. Mr. Garrett was a cooper by trade, which he plied in Marion county, Ohio, until the spring of 1864, when he moved with his family to Taylor township, Greene county, Indiana, where he continued his trade. He was a staunch Republican, and both Mr. and Mrs. Garrett were members of the United Presbyterian church. They raised the following children: Nancy, who married An-

drew Brown, both deceased; Margaret, who married James Wallace, both deceased; Mary Ann, who became the wife of William Baird, is dead, as is also her husband; Rachel M. is the wife of the subject; John W., who makes his home with Mrs. Langton, and has been engaged as a farmer and nurseryman, married Martha Hand, of Ohio, after which they came to Greene county, Indiana, where she died. He was a gallant soldier in the Federal ranks in the sixties, after which he made his home in Martin county and in Scotland, this state. John W. has the following children: Mary A., William, Frank, Calvin, Minnie and Allie. Jemima Garrett was first married to Barney Rienhart. Her second husband was William Jackson and her third marriage was to F. Hall. She is now living in Boulder, Colorado. Mr. Garrett passed away in Martin county, Indiana, in 1868. Mrs. Garrett was called to her reward from Ohio.

After 1866 James J. Langton and wife lived three miles west of Scotland, Indiana, for a period of seven years, and then moved to Scotland in 1873, where he engaged in the broom making business until his death, which occurred January 27, 1907, after having made a comfortable home for his family and gained the honor that all such well ordered lives should receive. Mrs. Langton lives at Scotland.

Mr. and Mrs. Langton had but one child, Bruce F., now a well known merchant in Bloomfield, this county, being a dealer in dry goods and gents' furnishings. He was born November 6, 1871, and educated in the common schools, also took two courses in normal work, and taught music for seven years with marked success. He

subsequently engaged in business in Scotland, and later lived in Indianapolis for eighteen months, where he clerked for William H. Block & Company, and where he increased his knowledge of this line of business. In 1903 he purchased an interest in the business of F. R. Van Meter, and under the firm style of Van Meter & Langton conducted a successful business for two years, when the junior member of the firm retired, but only for a month, when he opened up with an entirely new stock, and has since conducted a thriving business entirely on his own account, showing that he has pronounced innate business traits that make for success in the business world. In 1894 he chose a life partner, Anna B. Ingles, and one bright and interesting child, Marian Lillian, has blessed their home as a result of this union. Bruce Langton is a loyal Republican and he and his estimable wife are members of the United Presbyterian church.

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#### CHRISTIAN DANIELSON.

The present efficient superintendent of schools in Greene county was born in Denmark, November 16, 1853, the son of Johan and Anna (Lillianskjold) Danielson. The father of our subject was attorney general of Schleswig and died in 1873. His wife, mother of our subject, died in 1859. They were both earnest, consecrated Christians, members of the Lutheran church. Two children were born to them—Christian, the subject of this sketch, and Secelia, wife of a Mr. Lever, now living in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Our subject graduated with honors from the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1873. Though only twenty years of age when he graduated, yet, as is the custom in Denmark, he had devoted himself closely to his student life, resulting in an education of the highest type.

He immigrated to America in 1874, landing first in New York, but afterwards settling in Baltimore, Maryland. Here he labored at anything he could get to do, and business was at a low tide on account of the severe panic of 1873. He remained here about two years, when he went to Lynchburg, Virginia. Being full of energy and grit, he willingly turned his attention to anything that would give him honest employment, so he engaged as a farm hand, other kinds of labor being scarce. In this capacity he labored for about seven years before a change came. Besides the hard times, he encountered the difficulty of learning a new language, which to one whose mother tongue is not English is no easy task. Continuing his labors on the farm, he came to Indiana in 1878, and to Greene county in 1881, working on a farm in Highland township for two years. His first and only change was to teaching, and in this, like every other work to which he applied his head and hand, success came to him in an eminent degree. For four years he taught in Marco, and Bloomfield, seeing his ability and success in this rising young man, sought his service in their public schools. He was made principal of their high school, in which capacity he continued for seven years. He then went to Owensburg, having been elected to the superintendency, which he held for three years; thence to Switz City, where he served in the same capac-

ity for seven years. In June, 1907, he was elected to the office of county superintendent, which office he now holds, and is praised by all for his efficiency and energy in trying to raise still higher the already high standard of Greene county schools.

While in Bloomfield he was married to Susan Fuller, daughter of David and Elizabeth Fuller. She was born in Smith township and her parents are now both dead. Her father was an early settler of the county and at the time of his death owned a large farm.

To Mr. and Mrs. Danielson were born three children—Olaf Hogarth, born at Bloomfield, July 30, 1890; Rolf Segurd, born at Owensburg, June 13, 1896, and Harrold Fuller, born at Solsberry, June 16, 1898.

The family seems to be true to their early training. Mr. Danielson is a member of the Lutheran church, while his wife continues true to the Baptist faith. He is a member of the Masonic order, and a Republican in politics. His first vote was for Hayes and Wheeler.

The success attained by our subject is a lesson to all—an illustration of what can be done when determination and grit get behind a purpose in life to push it along. Other honors are yet in store for him. He has won for himself the confidence and high esteem of the people of the entire county.

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#### WILLIAM L. HERRINGTON.

William L. Herrington is among the few who find their native community good enough to spend their lives

in, so he has remained in Richland township, Greene county, since his birth, November 7, 1860. After receiving a common school education and living at home until he was twenty-two years old, he located two and one-half miles northwest of Bloomfield, Indiana, where he farmed for seventeen years. In 1901 he was appointed superintendent of the Greene county poor asylum, and is now serving his fourth term. He is generally popular in his native county, being an active worker in the Democratic party, a Presbyterian and a member of the Order of Red Men, Lodge No. 230, of Bloomfield. It is said by many that no other man has filled the office he now holds so well as he.

The subject was married on March 18, 1844, to Camma Workman, of Highland township. They have no children. His wife is the daughter of Henry and Sarah (Buckner) Workman, of Highland township, Greene county. Mr. Workman married the second time, choosing for a wife Mahela Buckner, who is still living in Bloomfield. He was a farmer. Both he and his first wife are now deceased.

Lewis Herrington, father of the subject, lived in Monroe county, Indiana, and married Caroline Miller, of near Dayton, Ohio. He had little chance to go to school and at the age of fourteen years went to live with George Bradford, where he remained for nine years, after which he took up farming in Richland township, Greene county. Later he went to Illinois, but returned to his old community in Greene county, Indiana, where he continued farming. He was a Democrat and a Presbyterian. He died about 1887 and his wife died in 1895. They are

survived by four children—the subject of this sketch, Samuel H., a farmer in Fountain county, Indiana, who married Martha Bailes; Thomas N., now in Los Angeles, California, formerly of Colorado and Kansas. He is an express messenger and married Prudence Thompson. Pearl is the wife of Harry Doyle, of Richland township, Greene county.

James Herrington was the subject's grandfather. He was a native of Kentucky and married Sarah Underwood, of Lawrence county, Indiana. He came to the latter state and settled in Greene county, where he managed a farm for many years. He married a second wife, Elizabeth Scott, and they moved to Clark county, Illinois, where they both died. James Herrington had six children, three by each wife. They are Lewis, John, Perry, George, James and Mary.

John Miller was the subject's maternal grandfather, a native of Philadelphia. He married Elnora Imboden and they went to Ohio, settling near Dayton. Later they came to Richland township, Greene county, Indiana, and secured two hundred and forty acres of land, where they lived for eleven years. He was a farmer and blacksmith. He retired in 1890 and moved to Bloomfield, Indiana, where he died in 1902. His second wife was Elizabeth Barton, of South Carolina. She died in 1904 in Worthington. He had nine children, all by his first wife. They were: Mariab, living near Tulip, Indiana; Catherine, living in Highland township; Elizabeth, living in Bloomfield; Leah lives in Bloomington; Caroline, mother of the subject; Mary lives in Bloomfield; Henry lives near Tulip; John, deceased; David.

## WILLIAM L. SLINKARD.

Men of general excellence in every station of life—men of industry, of integrity, of high principle, of sterling honesty of purpose—deserve and command the spontaneous homage of their fellow men.

Notably conspicuous among the learned and distinguished men of Greene county is William L. Slinkard, of Bloomfield, a lawyer of repute, whose brilliant success has given him a state reputation. Gifted with talents beyond the measure of that given to the average individual, he has acquitted himself with exceptional honor as an advocate before judge and jury, and in those other spheres of duty and usefulness which the highest citizenship entails he has gained for himself the confidence and esteem of all who know him. Possessing a strong individuality, unimpaired vigor, discreet judgment and generous impulses, qualities that lead to positions of honor and trust—he has discharged the important public and private trusts that have come to him with marked devotion and absolute fidelity.

Coming from a long line of honorable ancestry, whose early training inculcated a strict devotion to life's plain and simple virtues, he has struggled from humble surroundings to a commanding place in the world of affairs, and by his own achievements has gained a competency before reaching the meridian of life.

William L. Slinkard is a native of Cass township, Greene county, Indiana, where he was born February 10, 1864. He is a son of Nathan V. and Sarah E. Slinkard, an appropriate sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. He was reared and worked on the farm, spend-





*V. L. Skinkard*



ing his boyhood amid the environments of rural life. He attended the village schools, completing the entire course, and later attended the normal school at Bloomfield, after which he taught school for several years. He then took up the study of law, reading with Rose & Short, of Bloomfield, and attended law school at the University of Virginia. When twenty-one years old he was admitted to the Bloomfield bar, and has ever since been one of its leading members. He was appointed deputy prosecuting attorney for the fourteenth judicial circuit in 1886 and his diligence in prosecuting offenders gained for him his party's nomination for prosecuting attorney in 1890. He was duly elected and re-elected in 1892. His administration of this office and his zealous regard for the public morals gained for him a wide reputation as an able and fearless lawyer, and when he retired from office he easily secured a clientele second to none in the county. Mr. Slinkard is a Democrat of the progressive type, and served as presidential elector in 1896. He was his party's nominee in 1906 for joint state senator from Monroe, Owen and Greene counties, and reduced the Republican majority from twelve hundred to seven hundred. 1212271

William L. Slinkard was married on June 2, 1897, to Pearl Cravens, daughter of Dr. Samuel C. and Mary L. Cravens. She was born and raised in Bloomfield, is a graduate of the Bloomfield high school, and is a social favorite in the best circles of society. Born to this union are three daughters, Esther, Ruth and Naomi, all living, and one son dead, William Cravens Slinkard.

Faternally Mr. Slinkard is a member of the Masons, Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, Red Men and Encamp-

ment, and Elks, having been through all the chairs except those of the Masons and Elks. He is a member of the Lutheran and his wife of the Presbyterian church.

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### EMERY F. HAXTON.

Emery F. Haxton was born in Owen county, Indiana, in 1859, and was educated in the public schools of that county, working on his father's farm until 1892, when he came to Worthington, Indiana, and entered the hardware business, which he worked at for over two years. He was then in the drug business and later a traveling salesman. He later entered the hotel business and has been proprietor of the Williams House in Worthington since April 9, 1907. He was married in January, 1882, to Mary McClarren, a native of Greene county, and the daughter of John F. and Elizabeth (Williams) McClarren. They have one child, Estill R., who is a merchant in Jasonville, Indiana. E. F. Haxton is a Republican and was township trustee for six years. He is an Odd Fellow, having filled all the chairs in the local lodge, and is a member of the grand lodge and grand encampment. Mrs. Haxton is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Alexander C. Haxton was the father of the subject, a native of Ohio, who married Mary Harstine, a native of Pennsylvania. They had four children, namely: E. F., subject of this sketch; Laura, wife of Albert Daller, of Indianapolis; Harvey D., now a real estate and insurance dealer in Worthington, Indiana; Catherine, wife

of Merton C. Bentley, of Chicago. A. C. Haxton was a soldier in the Civil war, having enlisted in 1861 in Company F, Ninety-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was in many of the hardest-fought engagements of the war—Gettysburg, Shiloh, Missionary Ridge and Look-out Mountain. He was badly wounded at the last named battle and was never again able to go to the front, but was on detached duty at Indianapolis. He was mustered out in March, 1865, and is now living in Indianapolis, an invalid, being absolutely helpless from the effects of his wounds. However, he does not regret his service to his country.

The grandfather of the subject, Richard G. Haxton, was of Irish descent. He came to Ohio and later to Owen county, Indiana. In 1842 he entered land there, where he farmed the remainder of his life, and died in 1890. The subject's grandfather Harstine was a native of Pennsylvania, who moved to Owen county, Indiana, about 1840, where he spent his life and died in 1877.

The subject has always been regarded as an honest, upright and industrious citizen.

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#### WILLIAM ALEXANDER TERRY.

Some very interesting historical facts are brought to light by taking a glimpse into the ancestral records of William A. Terry, one of Worthington's representative citizens. He was born in Muhlenberg county, Kentucky, being the son of George W. and Nancy A. (Shel-

ton) Terry. His father was born in Virginia, having come to Kentucky with his parents when fourteen years of age.

William's great-grandfather, Miles Terry, was practically one of the colonial settlers, locating first in Connecticut, coming later to Virginia, and there ended his days. His nephew, Eli Terry, and his son were the old original clock makers of the time. He took part in the Revolutionary war, and was with Washington at the surrender at Yorktown, where he was wounded, from the effects of which he afterward died. The following alludes to George Terry, grandfather of the subject. It was at his home church that the association of the Baptist church met when that denomination became divided, and it was there that Alexander Campbell withdrew from the association. In his home were drawn up the resolutions denouncing the church doctrine of Alexander Campbell.

William's grandfather, Thomas Terry, born in 1791, was a soldier in the War of 1812. Out of a family of nine children, four are still living, in 1908, the oldest of whom is Rev. George W. Terry, father of our subject. Another, one of the four, Azel M., was a soldier in the Civil war, and was a member of the Eleventh Kentucky Infantry. His home is still in that state. Thomas G., another of the family, was also a member of the Kentucky regiment of mounted infantry, and here contracted a disease from which he died.

The Rev. George W. Terry has had a most commendable career as a minister, being ordained in 1857, and is a graduate of the old Baptist University at Chicago. In July, 1907, he preached his fiftieth anniversary

sermon, and is still filling his pulpit, at the age of eighty-three. He too, was a soldier in the Civil war, having enlisted in 1862, in the Ninety-seventh Indiana Infantry and later became regimental chaplain. He participated in the battles of Missionary Ridge, Jackson, Mississippi; Resaca, Chickasaw Mountain, Atlanta, Savannah, Bentonville and others. He was mustered out in July, 1865. He has preached over eleven thousand sermons and has baptized about fourteen hundred persons. In his younger days he practiced law, having been licensed as an attorney while in Kentucky, in 1854.

On the maternal side we find also some interesting records. Grandfather John Shelton came from North Carolina and settled finally in Kentucky. He followed farming and owned some slaves. He gained a wide reputation as a hunter, and took active part in many Indian wars. While at Point Commerce, he was sent with his command to re-inforce General Harrison at Tippecanoe.

William, our subject, was educated in the public schools of Monroe county, and remained upon the home farm until twenty-four years of age. He then rented a farm for himself, continuing thereon for ten years, after which he purchased a farm of eighty acres, operating it in connection with a sawmill. In 1894 he disposed of these and removed to Worthington. He then bought some coal land and for three years gave this his attention. Upon disposing of this, he went into the marble business, and was joined later by his brother. The firm is now enjoying a very satisfactory volume of business.

On March 4, 1877, Mr. Terry was united in matri-

mony with Mary Teague, who was born in Morgan county, Indiana, and is the daughter of Solomon and Melinda (Duckworth) Teague. At the time of her marriage to Mr. Teague, the latter was the widow of John Dittemon.

Our subject and wife have the following children: Estella, wife of Scott Dodson; Mamie, born in 1884 and wife of Marion Mast. Miner, twin brother to Mamie, died in infancy; Lennie, born in 1887, is the wife of Henry Goens, and is the mother of two children.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry are members of the Baptist church, of which Mr. Terry is both deacon and trustee. He has also been a teacher and superintendent of the Sunday school for many years. He is an active worker in the orders of Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen, in both of which he has held important offices. He is a Republican, and Mr. Terry has demonstrated his patriotism by an upright career and loyalty to the principles of brotherhood in his daily contact with men.

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#### DAVID SANDERS FAULK.

Among the representative men of Greene county who have added character and stability to the community and contributed largely of means and influence to its material advancement, the name of David S. Faulk is deserving of especial mention. Broad minded and liberal in his views of men and things, he has made his presence felt for good, and now after a long and useful career he can look back over his past life and find little therein to contrast



and much to commend. Mr. Faulk's ancestors were among the early pioneers of North Carolina, in which state his grandparents on both sides of the family were born. Grandfather Faulk spent his entire life in his native commonwealth and died there many years ago. Charles Faulk, the subject's father, also a Carolinian by birth and a farmer by occupation, married Mary Fiscus, whose parents moved to Indiana as early as 1826 and settled in Owen county on a quarter section of land which Mr. Fiscus purchased from the government. In due time this land was cleared and improved, and on it Mr. and Mrs. Fiscus made their home until their deaths which occurred in the years 1872 and 1873, respectively.

Charles Faulk spent the greater part of his life in Owen county, where he owned a farm of one hundred and twenty-six acres, which he cultivated until called to the other world in the year 1848. He and his good wife, zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church, did much to introduce religion into the community they assisted in founding, and are remembered as a most excellent and God-fearing couple, many of whose virtues have been reproduced in their descendants.

David S. Faulk is a native of Indiana and dates his birth from August 20, 1840, having first seen the light of day on the family homestead in Owen county. He attended the schools of his neighborhood as opportunities permitted, but when a mere youth, was obliged to assume the responsibility of the farm's management by reason of the death of his father and to this he devoted his attention until his mother's second marriage, when, at the age of seventeen he began working for himself as a farmhand.

Two years later he purchased his first real estate, consisting of twenty acres, on which he erected a small house and commenced improving, until, in due time, he had the entire area reduced to cultivation and here he lived until responding to the President's call for volunteers to assist in putting down the rebellion, enlisting August 13, 1862, in Company F, Ninety-seventh Indiana Infantry, with which he served until mustered out June 9, 1865, and during the time experienced in full measure, the vicissitudes and horrors of warfare, taking part in a number of noted battles in Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi and other states, including the engagements at Jackson, Knoxville and Missionary Ridge and various other actions of the Atlanta campaign, among which were Resaca, Dalton, New Hope Church and Kenesaw Mountain, where he became physically disabled, resulting from vaccination which necessitated hospital treatment of a number of weeks' duration. When sufficiently recovered to rejoin his command he again saw active duty at the battle of Griswoldville, Georgia, where he was twice wounded, and also participated in the engagement of Savannah, Georgia, in the reduction of Columbia, South Carolina. After being mustered out of service on the date above indicated, Mr. Faulk returned to Owen county, Indiana, and resumed the pursuit of agriculture, but, within a short time sold his little farm and during the following nine years tilled the soil as a renter. He then purchased five town lots in Forsyth, Illinois, and ten acres of land nearby, also a farm of one hundred and forty-nine acres in Greene county, to which he subsequently added forty acres and moved to this place where he continued to reside until 1894, when

he disposed of the place and bought a sixty acre tract which he improved and erected good buildings, making it his home until retiring to Worthington three years later. Since 1897 he has not actively been engaged in business of any kind, having a sufficiency of the world's goods to insure ease and comfort for the remainder of his days. Surrounded by this evidence of his industry and thrift and in the midst of a host of friends, he is spending his time in the enjoyment of that peace and content which have come to crown a long and strenuous career, and standing high in the esteem of the public and making his influence felt in behalf of all that tends to its advancement, he may truly be regarded as one of the leading and enterprising men of the community which he honors with his residence.

Mr. Faulk was first married in 1859, to Malona Pearce. After her death he chose a second companion and helpmate in the person of Margaret Stanley, daughter of John and Mary (Ball) Stanley, who has presided over his home from that time to the present, and contributed not a little to his success in life. Two children were born to the former union, the second being without issue.

Mr. Faulk is a Republican in politics, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and for many years has been a leading and influential communicant of the Baptist church. He has ever manifested a lively interest in behalf of all lines of good work under the auspices of the Baptist denomination, contributing liberally to its educational and benevolent institutions, the endowment of Franklin College especially profiting by his benefactions, and to him more than to any one man is due the erection

of the house of worship known as Mt. Vernon church, near his farm home, having personally gotten out all the timber for the building, besides raising the greater part of the funds necessary to its construction.

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### JAMES M. McDOWELL.

James M. McDowell, hotel proprietor of Linton, Indiana, was born July 11, 1843, at Springville, Lawrence county, and after attending school there for a number of years engaged in teaching in the public schools of his native county for three years. He was elected sheriff of that county in 1883 and served two years. In 1885 he purchased a stock of hardware, also a hotel at Owensburg, and conducted these for a period of fifteen years. He left his property there and went to Oolitic, Indiana, later selling his holdings at Owensburg and operated a hardware business together with a hotel at Oolitic, and was postmaster of the place for three years, beginning in 1902, but he resigned the office in 1905, sold his business interests and purchased the Remington hotel, which he now conducts. He served as justice of the peace and notary public in Lawrence county, and as census enumerator in 1880. He is a Republican, and has been a member of the Christian church for more than forty years. He married Ellen Armstrong on March 1, 1874. She was the daughter of Ari Armstrong, of Perry township, Lawrence county. Seven children have been born to this union as follows: Edith, deceased; Winnie, deceased; Gail, wife of Homer Thrasher, of Bloomington; Lena, Nellie, Ari C. and Paul, all living at home. All are graduates from the common

schools except Paul, who is now in the eighth grade work. Ari is a civil engineer in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad Company. Nellie attended Valparaiso Normal College. She and Lena also attended the Danville, Illinois, normal school, where they took the teacher's course.

The subject was a charter member of the Hardinsburg Lodge, No. 23, Knights of Pythias, organized in February, 1872. He has since transferred his membership to the Bloomfield, Acolade Lodge, No. 63. He is also a member of the Old Fellows Lodge, No. 545, at Owensburg, having joined it in 1885.

The subject is the son of John and Ann (Owen) McDowell, the former was born in North Carolina, in 1809, and the latter in the same state, in 1811. They married in Lawrence county, where they spent their lives. They had nine children, namely: Sallie, Elizabeth, Mary, William H., James M., Milton P., Nancy A., Jennie and Lucinda. The parents of the subject both died in Monroe county, Indiana, in their seventieth year. William H. McDowell, the subject's brother, was a private in Company H, Third Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Milton B., a brother, was also a soldier in the Civil war. Both saw hard service. The former was wounded at Pittsburg Landing. The latter was wounded at Raleigh, North Carolina. Both are still living. William is a physician in Iola, Kansas.

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#### WARREN CLYDE TINSTMAN.

Among the progressive young business men of Linton, Indiana, is Warren C. Tinstman, who was born in

Butler, Dekalb county, this state, January 19, 1880. He attended school at Butler, graduating from the high school there when fifteen years of age. He was engaged in the laundry business for many years, beginning as an employe in his home town. He purchased a laundry plant at Garrett, Indiana, which he operated for one year. Then he sold out and leased a plant at Bloomfield, for eight months, pending negotiation to purchase his present business. This was culminated in August, 1903, when he purchased a half interest in a laundry and continued in a partnership business for two years, when he bought the entire plant, which has a capacity of doing about three hundred dollars' worth of business each week. He employes an average of nine people. It is equipped with modern machinery and appliances and is perhaps the busiest place in Linton. It turns out first class work and Mr. Tinstman enjoys a very liberal home patronage.

The subject was married September 17, 1903, to Lillian R. Roberts, daughter of Charles H. and Catharine Roberts, of Fair Play township, Greene county. Mrs. Tinstman was born on a farm where her parents now live. They have a fine farm and are among the prosperous families of the community.

The subject is the son of John W. and Sarah (Gunsenhauser) Tinstman, the former being born in 1858, in Elkhart county, Indiana, and the latter in Dekalb county. John W. is a contractor and builder. He is now promoting a patent right business. He is the patentee of the Tinstman Concrete Block Machine, and he has discontinued contracting to devote his attention to the sale of his patent machine. He is living at Butler, Indiana. He had

two sons, of which the subject is the eldest. John Henry, the other son, is a locomotive engineer, employed on the Pennsylvania Railroad. He is unmarried and lives at Carnegie, Pennsylvania. The father of the subject has been very successful in his business career. Both he and his wife are descended from German ancestors, who first settled in Pennsylvania. John Jacob Gunsenhauser, the subject's grandfather, was a tailor in New York City. He later came to Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, dying in Dekalb county.

The subject is a Republican, a member of the Elks and also Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias. He is also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

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#### LEWIS R. HALL.

Among the highly respected citizens of Lyons, Greene county, Indiana, none stand higher in popular regard than does the subject of this brief sketch, which should have a tendency to inspire the ambitious, though poor, young man, who chances to read it, for this biography has to do with a man who was handicapped in his boyhood, but who did not permit poverty to down him. On the contrary, he believed with Shakespeare that "sweet are the uses of adversity; though, like the toad, ugly and venomous, yet wears a precious jewel in their head," and, having this conception of his early lack of opportunities, Mr. Hall set out on life's pathway with fortitude and his efforts have been crowned with abundant success.

The subject was born in Bloomfield, Indiana, in 1861, the son of Albert and Jennie (Fox) Hall, the father of the latter having come to Bloomfield as a pioneer from North Carolina. He was always identified with the mercantile business. Grandfather Fox was a Revolutionary soldier. The father of the subject came from North Carolina when a young man and settled in Bloomfield, where he followed his profession as tailor, dying there in the early sixties, when only middle aged, his wife having preceded him by several years, leaving two children, a daughter and Lewis R., the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Hall attended the public schools for a short time in Bloomfield, and later came to Lyons when but a boy with no one to care for him or to assist him in any way, but the fact that he was thus early in life thrown upon his own resources, developed in him that independence of nature and self-reliance that have made for success, without which no one succeeds to any marked degree. He attended school in Lyons for a short time, but he was compelled to work at whatever odd jobs could be picked up, and for several years he hired out as a farm hand. By habits of economy he was able to save enough to take part in a company organized to mine coal, and known as the Island Valley Coal Company, with headquarters at Linton, which continued for many years until sold to the trust. Our subject was very successful in this venture. He then identified himself with another company with offices at Terre Haute, known as the Sugar Valley Coal Company, in which he still owns an interest, but does not give his personal services to the work. This company is incorporated and doing an extensive business.



In September, 1905, Mr. Hall bought a hardware store in Lyons, in partnership with J. W. Sappinfield, under the firm name of Sappinfield & Hall. They gradually built up a trade sufficient to greatly increase their original stock until now it is doubled. They maintain a high grade store, carrying a general line of hardware and farming implements of all kinds. Their business is at present very large; in fact, it would compare very favorably with similar lines of business in larger cities. The trade of this well established firm is not confined to the community in which their store is located, but it extends to remote parts of the county.

Mr. Hall was married in 1884 to Sallie E. Brinson, daughter of Zebulon Brinson. She is a native of Greene county, her ancestors having come to this state from Kentucky. One child has been born to this union, Lillie Viola, the date of her birth being 1888. She is married and the mother of one child. She and her mother are both members of the Methodist church.

James Hall, an uncle of the subject, was a soldier in the Mexican war and also in the Civil war, later serving as a regular for five years. He is now deceased.

Fraternally the subject of this sketch is identified with the Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having filled all the chairs in the local lodge of the latter. He is a Democrat, but does not have the time nor the inclination to take very active part in politics. However, Mr. Hall can always be depended upon to be on the right side of all questions pertaining to the general public good and the moral uplift of his community.

## JAMES D. ENGLISH, D. D. S.

The professional men of Worthington have done much to promote the best interests of the city, and among those who are well known and have been closely identified with the city's growth, is Dr. James D. English, who was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, March 16, 1858. His father, Jarred P. English, was a native of Ohio, having been born there December 4, 1825. James' great-grandfather came from Ireland in 1795, settled in Delaware and later removed to near Redstone, Pennsylvania. His wife, about whose name subject is not certain, but is either Anna McCollister or Anna (Collins) English, was the mother of six children, viz.: James, John, Patrick, Thomas, Katie and Polly. Thomas, our subject's grandfather, was the father of six children: Mary, Harriet, Jarred P., Nancy, Thomas, William, and John. He had one child, Samuel L., by a second wife.

James' mother, Mary A. (Lyons) English, was born in Ohio February 11, 1829, and died November 1, 1871. Her grandfather, Hugh Lyons, was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1756, and died in Ohio in 1836. Her grandmother, whose maiden name was Arabella Arburthnot, was also born in County Down, Ireland. She died in Belmont county, Ohio, in 1808, at the age of forty-six years. Mrs. English's father was born in Belmont county, Ohio, in 1800, and died in Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1876. He was a blacksmith and edge tool maker, being a skilled workman and a most pious Christian gentleman, having been an elder in the Presbyterian church for over fifty years. At the time of his death he



*J. D. English*



held the distinguished record of being the oldest Free Mason in point of membership in Sullivan county.

Jarred P. English, our subject's father, was an orderly sergeant in the Thirteenth Regiment of the Indiana Light Artillery, having enlisted in 1862 and was mustered out in the fall of 1864. This regiment had a most noted record, and was engaged in some of the most bitter and hard-fought conflicts of the war. To follow this company through its many vicissitudes would consume more space than this limited biography can afford, but reference to any standard chronicle of the Civil war will enable the reader to form an estimate of what the company endured. Just as a suggestion we make reference here to Chickamauga, where the losses to both sides in killed, wounded and missing reached almost 40,000 men. Other conflicts in the list are Chancellorsville, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Perryville, and many others. But in addition to active service on the field of battle Mr. English endured many hardships as a prisoner of war, coming out at the close of the service much weakened in body, but strong in patriotic spirit. After the war he followed the trade of blacksmith and also that of baker, and died October 20, 1897.

James was educated in the public schools of Greene county and worked with his father in the bakery, thus learning the trade, and then followed the business for several years. Having come to Worthington in 1865 with his parents, being then only six years of age, he later took up dentistry, beginning the practice with Dr. P. H. Wilson in 1876. Following this he formed a partnership with W. H. Welch and finally, in 1880, he en-

gaged in business for himself, having a most gratifying patronage.

Mr. English is a Republican, but has taken a stand at all times for fair and honorable discharge of public obligations. He has been chosen a member of the town board and has also served his townsmen on the school board, one term each. He lends his support to the Presbyterian church, having served as deacon and as teacher in the Sunday school. Not only in church life has Mr. English been prominent, but he is a familiar figure in the lodge halls of the city. Among his affiliations are the Odd Fellows, Masons, Modern Woodmen and Eastern Star, in most of which he has filled important offices. In the laying out and platting one of the additions to the city Mr. English has also had a part, as well as in perfecting an addition to the cemetery.

On December 26, 1879, Mr. English was joined in matrimony to Dorcas A. Cantwell, of Worthington, daughter of James F. and Margaret (Harper) Cantwell, both natives of this county. Three children have graced this union: Raymond A., born May 6, 1881, is practicing dentistry at Clay City; Jessie A., born October 15, 1883, is the wife of Fred M. Dyer; Mamie, born in 1887, is a student in the Indianapolis Conservatory of Music and is now acting as assistant instructor in elocution. The subject owns a beautiful home and spent eleven years in the drug business with J. T. Cooper as partner, under the firm name of Cooper & English. He was one of the originators of the local telephone exchange and has been prominent in all local industries.

Mrs. English's father, James F. Cantwell, was a soldier in the Civil war and served three years in the Eighti-

eth Indiana Volunteer Infantry and was a non-commissioned officer, acting as captain for nearly two years, and he now resides at Cambia with his daughter, Mrs. Maggie Beach. He was a farmer in early life and later engaged in the manufacture of brick. Since the death of his wife in February, 1908, he has resided with his daughter. He is a Republican, a Presbyterian, and belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the Grand Army of the Republic, and was one of General Wilder's brigade.

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#### CHARLES E. COMBS.

Charles E. Combs, a real estate and insurance dealer and one of the representative business men and public-spirited citizens of Greene county, is descended from sterling pioneer ancestry and traces both branches of his family to a period when the savages still roamed over Indiana soil, and the few cabins of the settlers were as niches in the dense primeval forests. William Combs, the subject's grandfather, a native of North Carolina, married in that state, Asanath Ellis, and in 1830 migrated to Rush county, Indiana, settling on land about six miles from Rushville, where he remained until removing to Hancock county four years later. Subsequently, about 1838, he changed his residence to Greene county, and purchasing a tract of government land in Taylor township, in due time developed a good farm and became a man of considerable local prominence. Mr. Combs made the long journey from

North Carolina to his new home in the forests of Indiana, by team, cutting no small part of the way through the wilderness, camping out at night and meeting with many stirring adventures en route, to say nothing of the numerous hardships experienced. He was an industrious man, a pious member of the Baptist church and an ardent Whig, although coming to the state where no black man was held in servitude. He reared a family of eight children and died in 1860. The names of his children were as follows: Joel E., deceased; Jabez J., Adoniram P., Martha K., Mary Ann, deceased; Eli S., William H., and Margaret, who died in infancy.

William H. Combs, the youngest living member of the above family, and father of the subject of this review, was born June 25, 1840, on the homestead in Taylor township, and grew to manhood, a tiller of the soil, which honorable vocation, he has since followed. He married in 1860, to Isabella Faucett, whose birth occurred in the above township in 1847, being the daughter of George and Elizabeth Stone Faucett, the father born in Orange county, Indiana, where his family settled many years ago, moving to this state from Kentucky. The family of George and Elizabeth Faucett consisted of ten children, the majority of whom grew to maturity and became well settled in life. Mr. Faucett died of measles while in the army, having been a member of the Fifty-ninth Indiana Infantry, his widow departing this life in Kansas, in 1907, at the advanced age of eighty-three years.

William H. and Isabella Combs have had ten children as follows: Charles E., whose name introduces this sketch; Minnie, wife of Joseph Crabb; James E.; Mar-



garet, died in infancy; Charlotte F., now Mrs. John Devilbiss; Emma E., who married Alfred Isenogle; Mary A. wife of Monzo Carroll; Carrie E., John T., and William H., the last named dying in infancy.

William H. Combs is a practical farmer and a most excellent and praiseworthy citizen. He served two years in the Civil war, in Company H, Eighty-first Indiana Infantry, and was discharged on account of disability before the expiration of his period of enlistment. He is a Republican in politics, and a consistent member of the Christian church, to which his wife and several of his children belong.

Charles E. Combs, our subject, was born on the family homestead in Taylor township, June 25, 1870, and grew to maturity familiar with the rugged duties of the farm, attending at intervals the district schools of the neighborhood. After finishing the common school course he took a business course in the Indiana Business University, at Indianapolis, in addition to which he also attended several normals, thus fitting himself for teaching, a profession he followed for about four years with gratifying success. The inducements of the educational work, however, not being in keeping with his ideas of what a permanent calling should be, he discontinued it at the expiration of the period indicated, and in 1894 removed to Bloomfield, where he served four years as deputy county auditor under H. L. Doney, following which he engaged in the real estate and insurance business, his real estate interests in Greene and neighboring counties, taking a wide range, and he has made as many deals and as many sales as any other agency in the city of Bloomfield, to

say nothing of his large and steadily growing patronage in the field of insurance.

In the year 1892 Mr. Combs was happily married to Isadore D. Edington, the accomplished daughter of William W. and Harriet R. (Hays) Edington (a sketch of whose family history will be found elsewhere in this work). Mrs. Combs was born in Jackson township, Greene county, and enjoyed the advantages of a liberal education, and she possesses those admirable qualities of character which have made her a favorite in the best social circles of the city in which she lives, giving her encouragement and active support to the club movements there, being a member of the Twentieth Century club, which has proven an influential agency both socially and educationally. She is also identified with the Daughters of Rebekah, takes an active part in the deliberations of the organization and for some time past has been recognized as one of its most influential leaders.

Mr. and Mrs. Combs are the parents of two children—Earl a student in the Bloomfield schools, and Eli D., dying in infancy.

In his political views Mr. Combs is a Republican, but not a partisan, and at the present time is serving as the efficient president of the town board of Bloomfield. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

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#### WILLIAM WALLACE TEMPLETON.

The subject of this review is one of the representative men of Greene county, and enjoys the general respect

that comes to those who live clean lives and use their abilities for the betterment of humanity. William W. Templeton is a native of Greene county, Ohio, where his birth occurred July 28, 1837, being the son of William and Ruth (Booth) Templeton, both born in Pennsylvania. The father, a soldier in the war of 1812, and a man of sterling worth, was the son of an Irish emigrant who came to America in 1764, and served with creditable record in the struggle for Independence, subsequently, settling in Pennsylvania. He married Joan Wallace, an aunt of Hon. David Wallace, at one time governor of Indiana, and father of General Lew Wallace, the distinguished soldier, diplomat and author.

William W. was reared on a farm, and continued that kind of life until reaching maturity, and then, in addition to agricultural pursuits, devoted much time to cutting cord-wood, remaining in his native state until 1859, when, with a number of youths as daring as himself, he went to Pike's Peak in quest of fortune and adventure. Returning from the West he resumed his former occupation and was thus engaged until the national horizon became overcast with the ominous clouds of rebellion, at the breaking out of which he responded to his country's call by enlisting in 1861, in Company C, Twenty-first Indiana Infantry, subsequently, the First Heavy Artillery, with which he shared the fortunes and vicissitudes of war in a number of campaigns and battles, including, among others, the actions of Baton Rouge and Port Hudson, Louisiana, Spanish Fort, and Mobile, Alabama. Being promoted to first sergeant shortly after entering the service, he later rose to the

ranks of second and first lieutenant, the former in April, 1864, the latter in March of the year following. After a military career covering a period of four and one-half years, he was mustered out of service at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, January 10, 1866, and eleven days later received an honorable discharge at Indianapolis, Indiana, after which he engaged in the manufacture of lumber in Greene county, purchasing a well equipped mill which he operated with encouraging success during the thirty-five years ensuing. While thus engaged he met with several reverses in fortune, not the least of which were the two fires in which his mill was completely destroyed, entailing severe losses from which he did not immediately rally. Later he operated lumber mills for other parties for a period of five years, at the expiration of which time he discontinued active pursuits and has since been living in retirement in Bloomfield, where he owns a comfortable and commodious home, and enjoys the respect and confidence of the large circle of friends and acquaintances with whom he mingles.

Mr. Templeton has ever manifested a lively interest in the affairs of his city and county, gives encouragement and support to all measures for the public good, and wields a wholesome influence in behalf of every enterprise calculated to promote the moral welfare of the community. Religiously he is an active and consistent member of the Christian church, of Bloomfield, in which he is deacon, and for a number of years has been identified with the Masonic fraternity, the sublime principles and precepts of which he exemplifies in his relations with his fellow men. Mr. Templeton has held no public office but has al-

ways kept in close touch with public affairs, being a Republican in his political affiliations, but in no sense of the term a partisan or seeker after official preferment.

The domestic life of Mr. Templeton dates from 1867, on May 22d, of which year he was united in the bonds of matrimony to Loretta Rosecrans, daughter of Oliver and Mary J. (Kirk) Rosecrans, the father a native of Ohio and a nephew of General W. S. Rosecrans, one of the distinguished Federal leaders in the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Templeton are the parents of eleven children, whose names are as follows: Elmer, who died in 1898; Samuel Wallace, superintendent of mines, at Joplin, Missouri; Mary E., a member of the home circle; Sarah Bell, deceased; Zella May, deceased; F. M. D., deceased; Ellen, wife of Thomas Talbott, of Joplin, Missouri; Flora M., now Mrs. William Talbott, of the same place; Grace R., bookkeeper in the Bloomfield State Bank; Bessie L., who lives with her parents; and Wilhemina, student in the schools of Bloomfield. Mr. Templeton's oldest son, whose death is noted above, was a popular young man of exceptional ability, high moral worth, and at the time of his decease held a responsible position with the Denver State Savings Bank, Denver, Colorado. The managers of that institution reposed in him the utmost confidence. The career of Samuel Wallace, the second son, presents a series of continued successes, such as few in a much longer life seldom attain. His position as superintendent of the mines is one great responsibility, but he discharged the duties of the trust in an eminently satisfactory manner, and occupies a high standing among the enterprising men of his adopted city.

## JOHN DAVIDSON.

The biographical annals of Greene county, Indiana, would be incomplete were there failure to make specific mention of Mr. Davidson, who has long been prominently identified with the industrial, material and civic progress of this section, having been concerned in various enterprises and having ever stood for loyal and public spirited citizenship.

A glance at Mr. Davidson's ancestry will be necessary in order to get an idea of where his own sterling qualities came from. His grandfather, George Davidson, was a native of Kentucky, having spent his early life there on a farm, being contemporary with Daniel Boone, but he finally came to Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1825, in the earliest days of white settlements, where he entered wild land and soon had a good farm. The first log house he built was the one in which the subject and father of our subject were born. George Davidson and wife lived and died on this farm, rearing nine children, two of them, George and John, having been soldiers in the Union army. Grandfather Davidson died in 1830, at the age of forty-five. His widow survived him many years. The subject's great-grandmother Davidson was in the fort at Boonesborough, Kentucky, when the Calloway girls were stolen by the Indians, the chronicle of which has been well known for a century, but a brief statement of the story will not be amiss here. It will be remembered that Daniel Boone was in charge of this fort when the three beautiful Calloway girls were wooed by young men of that vicinity, but their parents

objected to the young men becoming husbands of their daughters. However, when the Indians surprised the girls while rowing on the river near by, and carried them away as captives, the parents of the girls told the young suitors that their consent to the triple marriage would be given if the boys would recapture the girls. This was accomplished after an exciting chase and the marriages were duly solemnized. William Davidson, an uncle of the subject, was one of the heroic characters that braved the perils of crossing the plains to California in 1852, having made the trip on horseback, driving three hundred head of milch cows across a country where there were no roads for hundreds of miles and where hostile Indians harrassed the party of travelers.

The subject's father, Dudley Davidson, spent his early life in Sullivan county, his schooling being very limited. He worked on the home place, which consisted of one hundred acres, until maturity. Being the youngest son he purchased the interest of the other heirs to the place and operated it until 1872, when he went into the distilling business, which proved to be an unfortunate venture from a financial standpoint. He then came to Greene county, Indiana, in 1874, and rented land, also engaged in carpenter work. He is still living there at the age of seventy-one (in 1908), and his wife, who was Elizabeth Hauck, is sixty-six. She was formerly a Presbyterian, but she was one of the principal organizers of the Methodist church in the vicinity of Lyons, in 1878, which has grown into a strong organization, in which her husband was trustee for a number of years. Grandfather Hauck was a native of Germany, who settled in Buffalo, New York,

later coming to Columbus, Indiana, where both he and his wife died of cholera in 1850, leaving three children.

John Davidson, the subject of this sketch, came with his parents to Greene county, Indiana, in 1874, having attended public school in Sullivan county, he continued his school work in Greene county for a short time, remaining with his father and assisting him in farming until he entered the Bloomfield Normal, from which he graduated, and, after which, he successfully taught school for six years in this county. In 1886 he saw an excellent opening in the undertaking business which he entered, having had some former experience in this line, and which he worked at exclusively until 1896, when he added a furniture business, at which he is still engaged. It is the only business of this character in Lyons. Something of the able manner in which our subject has conducted this business will be shown by observing the rapid growth of his business. When he first started as an undertaker, he had one room of his dwelling set apart for an office; now he owns a large two-story brick building in which his stock is located. His enterprise and ability are further shown by the fact that he was the organizer of the Lyons Co-operative Telephone Company, of which he is now president and manager.

Mr. Davidson was married in 1886 to Effie Aikman, daughter of Archibald and Mary (Plummer) Aikman, a native of Daviess county, her grandfather, Hugh Aikman, having been the first white male child born in Daviess county, Indiana. Seven children have been born to the subject and wife as follows: Earl, a telegraph operator; Lloyd, who is in the undertaking business with his father;



Edna, who is living at home and attending school; Roxie is attending school, both she and Edna devoting part of their time to the duties of the telephone office; Ada, Lessie and Harriett are still living at home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Davidson are members of the Methodist church, the former having been trustee of the same for many years and is now superintendent of the Sunday school. Five of his children are members of the same church. He is also treasurer, and was delegate to the church conference. Mr. Davidson is a strong and popular lodge man, being a Mason, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen of America, Knights of Pythias, Encampment of Rebekahs and Ben-Hur. He has filled the chairs of all these lodges except the Masons, and is now in one of the principal chairs of that society. He was a representative to the grand lodge of Odd Fellows and a delegate to the state meeting of the Modern Woodmen, treasurer of the Odd Fellows and scribe of the Encampment. Politically he is a Democrat, and was the candidate of his party for county auditor. He was defeated with his party, although the county went seven hundred majority, he reduced the vote to three hundred majority. He has been president of the town board ever since Lyons was incorporated, eight years ago. The town is in good financial condition, not owing a cent, due very largely to Mr. Davidson's splendid executive ability.

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#### BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CHAMBERS, M. D.

He whose name heads this sketch enjoys the distinction of being one of the leading physicians of this part

of the country, having one of the largest surgical practices in the vicinity of Lyons, Greene county, Indiana. To natural abilities of a high order he unites a careful preparation and a genial and sympathetic temperament, which go far to lighten the efforts of the successful physician. Dr. Chambers is a descendent of the sterling stock from the land of the "blue bells and heather," the land of Robert Bruce and Walter Scott, and a study of the innate traits of this man will show that he has inherited much of those rare qualities that make for success in as trying a profession as that which our subject has chosen; for his grandfather Chambers was born in Scotland and brought by his parents to America when seventeen years old. He felt the call of the sea and always had a tendency to lead the life of a sailor, leaving home several times without first gaining the consent of his parents, and engaging with various ship crews. Later in life he located in Knox county, Indiana, becoming a farmer, buying land and establishing a mill, bought and trafficked in produce on flat boats to New Orleans, being a general trader, and he also owned a store. He died in 1850, at the age of ninety-one, leaving four sons and two daughters, the former, all farmers in Knox county, some of them still owning the old Chambers farm. Both Grandfather Chambers and his wife were ardent workers in the Baptist church. The subject's maternal grandfather, Mr. Bower, came from Germany and settled in Kentucky, where he entered government land.

Eli Chambers, the father of the subject, who was a native of Knox county, this state, died August 15, 1885, at the age of seventy-one years. He married Sarah

Bower, who died in February, 1903, at the age of eighty years. To them were born five sons and three daughters; all the sons are living, but the daughters are all deceased. John L., the oldest son, was a soldier in the Union army, in the Fifty-first Volunteer Infantry of Indiana, having served under Sherman and was in all the great battles fought by his regiment. He came near losing his eyesight as the result of hardships of the service. He is still living in 1908.

Dr. Benjamin F. Chambers, our subject, was born in Knox county, Indiana, in 1868, and received his early education in the common schools there, working on a farm until he was twenty-eight years old. In the winter time he attended the Central school, at Danville Indiana, from which he graduated in 1893, after which he ably taught school for four years and attended a medical college, graduating from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in Indianapolis, in 1897, taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After practicing for three years he took a post-graduate course at the Chicago Post Graduate School. He first located at Westphalia, where he built up a good practice, which he enjoyed for six years, when he came to Lyons, where he has been practicing with pronounced success ever since. The fact that he has been president of the Knox County Medical Society is enough to show with what high regard he is held among members of his profession. He has been surgeon for the Vincennes branch of the Vandalia road.

Dr. Chambers was married September 5, 1896, to Nellie Virtue, of Noblesville, Indiana, the daughter of Henry and Angelina (Stevens) Virtue, both natives

of Hamilton county, this state, and Quakers in their religious belief. The father is living in 1908, having survived his wife. Mr. Virtue is superintendent of Indian schools in Idaho, and teaches agriculture.

Two children have been born to Dr. Chambers and wife, namely: Laurel Lee, whose date of birth was November 5, 1901, and Glen Galen, who was born November 25, 1904. The Doctor is a Mason, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen and Ben-Hur lodges, in all of which he has taken a great deal of interest. Politically he is a Republican, and he and his wife are affiliated with the Methodist church.

Dr. Chambers devotes practically his undivided time to his professional work, his popularity having increased to such an extent that he has time to do little else than look after his practice. However, he is vice-president of the Bank of Lyons and has considerable business interests. He is held in highest esteem by all who know him.

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### HENRY WILLIAMS.

Clearly defined purpose and consecutive effort in the affairs of life seldom fail in attaining a due measure of success. In following the career of one who has achieved success and high standing among his fellow men there came into view the intrinsic individuality which makes such accomplishment possible. The greater qualities that have made Henry Williams one of the prominent and



*MR. AND MRS. HENRY WILLIAMS.*



successful men of Greene county have also won for him the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens, for his career has been characterized by well directed energy, strong determination and honorable methods.

Mr. Williams is a native of Putnam county, Indiana, and a descendant of two old and eminently respectable families that figured in the early history of Maryland, Virginia and Kentucky, his paternal ancestors coming from the former states and his mother's people from the latter. His grandfather Williams, a native of Maryland, migrated in quite an early day from Virginia, then moved to Kentucky, and after a residence of some years in the latter state moved his family to Montgomery county, Ohio, where he followed his chosen calling of farming until becoming a resident of Putnam county, Indiana, over eighty years ago. He entered land in that county, cleared and improved a good farm, and raised a large family, representatives of which are now scattered over the various parts of Indiana and other central and western states. Robert Williams, the subject's father, was born in Kentucky and there married Angeline Hutchison, a native of that commonwealth. He came to Putnam county, Indiana, when that part of the state was new and took an active part in the development of the locality in which he settled. He also reared a large family, and, after performing well his part in life, was gathered with his good wife to his fathers, both having been long sleeping the sleep of the just.

Henry Williams, whose name introduces this article, was born August 24, 1832, in Putnam county, Indiana, and grew to mature years on the family homestead, re-

maining with his father until reaching maturity, meantime, in such subscription schools as the country afforded, he received the rudiments of an education, subsequently adding to his knowledge of books, attending at intervals the free schools which were introduced into the state during his boyhood. After attaining his majority he labored as a farm hand for several years and then as a renter until the breaking out of the War of the Rebellion, when he exchanged the implements of husbandry for those of war, enlisting in October, 1861, in Company D, Fiftieth Indiana Infantry, with which he served until the consolidation of the Fiftieth and Fifty-second, with which he remained until the close of the struggle. Mr. Williams' military experience was strenuous in all the term implies, and throughout the four long years he was at the front his conduct was ever that of a brave and gallant soldier who shirked no duty or danger. Among the battles in which his command took part were Mumfordsville, Kentucky, Parker's Cross Roads, Tennessee, the various engagements in Steel's campaign in Arkansas, including thirty-one days of continuous fighting, in one of which, the action at Jenkin's Ferry, he was severely wounded and left on the field, where he fell into the hands of the enemy, remaining a prisoner from that time until released at the close of the war.

After his discharge Mr. Williams resumed the pursuits of civil life and for a period of nine years served on the police force of Indianapolis, at the end of which time he engaged in butchering in that city, following the same for a limited period. Disposing of his interests in the capital city, he came to Worthington and built the



Williams House, of which he was proprietor during the twenty years following, and which, under his excellent management, became widely and favorably known as one of the best and most popular hostelrys in the south central part of the state. Mr. Williams spared no pains nor expense to make his house meet the most critical demands of the traveling public, proved an ideal host, and during the years spent in ministering to the needs and comforts of his numerous guests there were few places in Indiana where the name of "Uncle Henry" was not known and respected. The Williams House, which represents an investment of twenty-five thousand dollars in Worthington, in addition to which he contributed largely to the advancement of the town in various other ways, besides taking an active interest in behalf of all measures and enterprises for the public good. A few years ago he disposed of all his real estate except his residence, one of the most beautiful and attractive rural homes in Indiana, and now is living a life of honorable retirement. By diligent attention to his business affairs and good management he succeeded in amassing a handsome competency and is now one of the substantial and well-to-do men of Greene county, with ample means to insure an easy and prosperous future. Although past his seventy-sixth year, he is still hale and hearty, remarkably well preserved for one of his age and possesses much more vitality than many whose span of life has not yet touched the half century mark. Being genial, he is a favorite in social gatherings, and in view of the universal esteem in which he is held it is safe to say that the town of Worthington has never known a more popular or praiseworthy citizen.

On July 11, 1852, in Macksville, Indiana, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Williams and Mary E. Raper, daughter of Jesse and Sarah E. (Downey) Raper, the union resulting in the birth of six children, namely: Sarah E., deceased; Thomas, born December 4, 1856, a traveling salesman, living at Worthington; the third in order of birth died in infancy; Ida, born in 1861, also died in early childhood; Lena Alice, deceased, and one that died before being named.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams have lived to see their descendants to their fourth generation, having one great-grandchild who was born in the year 1908.

In matters religious Mr. Williams subscribes to the plain, simple teaching of the Christian church, with which he has been identified for many years. His wife is also active in all lines of good work under the auspices of the local congregation to which she belongs. Mr. Williams is a Mason and for over thirty years has been a member of the Pythian Brotherhood, having united with the Indianapolis lodge in 1856, the largest organization of the kind in Indiana. He is also identified with the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to Post No. 91 at Worthington, which he has served as commander and in various other official capacities. In politics he is a pronounced Republican, but not a partisan in the ordinary meaning of the term, nor has he ever aspired to leadership in the party or public position at the hands of his fellow citizens.

Mrs. Williams owns five acres of land just at the edge of Worthington and their home is a beautiful place.

## BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WINTERS.

Agriculture has been an honored vocation from the earliest ages and as a usual thing, men of honorable and humane impulses, as well as those of energy and thrift, have been patrons of husbandry. The free outdoor life of the farm has a decided tendency to foster and develop that independence of mind and self-reliance which characterize true manhood.

Benjamin F. Winters, living near Lyons, is a farmer and a son of a farmer. He was born in Owen county, this state, October 8, 1848. A history of his ancestors will show their sterling worth, and will give an explanation of where the subject got his nobler qualities of mind and heart. Grandfather Obediah Winters was born near Buffalo, New York, having been brought to Ohio and later to Indiana by his parents in a very early day, settling in Owen county, later moving to Greene county, where the subject's father, William C. Winters, was born, one of a family of fourteen children, but one of whom is now living in 1908. The subject's maternal grandfather, Willis Barton, also had fourteen children, only two of whom are now living, one Leonard Barton is nearly ninety years old; the other living child is the subject's mother, Mrs. Anna (Barton) Winters, who is eighty-one years old. She is a native of Randolph county, North Carolina, and was brought to Indiana by her parents when nine years old. Like all old pioneer women, she knew the art of weaving flax into clothing, carding wool and other similar work. John, Amos, Obediah and Isaiah Winters were all soldiers in the Union army, having en-

listed from Owen county, Indiana. They all died of disease, with the exception of Amos, while in the line of duty. Absalom, Leonard and Nathan Barton were also soldiers, having enlisted from Greene county, Indiana. The last named died while in service.

William C. Winters, father of the subject, was born in Greene county, and raised in Owen county, Indiana, where he attended the primitive schools and worked on his father's farm until attaining his maturity, when he went to farming for himself in Clay county, and later settled in Greene county. He was a consistent member of the Christian church and a Democrat, having been assessor for a number of years, and county commissioner for one term. He died when fifty-three years old, leaving three sons.

Benjamin F. Winters, our subject, spent his early youth, like many another young man, attending the public schools and working on his father's farm until he was twenty-two years old, when he went to farming on a forty acre piece of wild land, heavily timbered. It was soon improved through the efforts of Mr. Winters, and his untiring activity has enabled him to purchase other land until he now has a splendid farm of one hundred and sixty acres of good ridge land, which he keeps in highly productive condition by rotation of crops, skillfully managed, and by raising clover. He is making an effort to get all his land in good grasses. Most of this farm is well enclosed by wire fencing. In addition to his farming, Mr. Winters finds time to successfully operate the elevator at Lyons, which he owns, dealing extensively in grain.

The subject was married three times, first to Sarah Caroline Vanduser, who had two children. He married his present wife June 19, 1896. She was Florence Frye, daughter of Henry and Margaret (Layman) Frye. Three children have been born to this union, namely: Benjamin F., Sussie Anna, and Charles Verlon. Mrs. Winters' father, Henry Frye, came to this country from France, when a young man, first settling in Missouri, later coming to Greene county, Indiana, where he followed the blacksmith's trade.

Mr. Winters is a Democrat in his political belief, but he is an independent voter, always preferring to be counted on the right side and supporting the best man. He is regarded as being a man of strict honesty and sobriety and is held in the highest regard by all his neighbors.

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### CHARLES CARTMELL KIRK.

Among the well known and highly respected citizens of Greene county none stand higher in popular regard than does the subject of this sketch, who, for over a quarter of a century has faithfully labored along his line of industry, setting a worthy example for persistency and honesty. Mr. Kirk is a native of Mason county, Kentucky, where he was born July 25, 1857, a son of Benedict and Hannah (Williams) Kirk. Grandfather George Kirk was reared in Maryland, having migrated to Kentucky in 1809, remaining there until his death, leaving a widow and six children, who came to Rush county, Indiana, after George Kirk's death, the widow dying in about 1862.

Benedict Kirk, father of the subject, was born May 21, 1808, and brought to Kentucky when one year old. He spent his boyhood days in that state but did not have very good advantages of early schooling. However, by self-study and close application, he became well read and was a fluent and interesting conversationalist. When he became a man he traded in produce on flat boats, and was engaged in buying and selling slaves; but the last years of his life were spent on a farm. He was a member of the Christian church and a loyal union man, an abolitionist and a strong Republican, and he was generally regarded as a man of high moral principles. He died in 1887, at the age of seventy-nine years. His widow survived him until 1896, when she died at the age of sixty-nine years.

Charles C. Kirk, our subject, spent his early life in Kentucky, where he attended subscription schools for about five months each year; but he is an educated man having studied all his life and been a close observer, gaining knowledge first handed from those with whom he comes in contact. As a boy he worked on a farm and quarried stone, cut cord-wood and did manual work in general until he was about thirty years old. After the death of his father he went to McLean county, Illinois, where he rented a farm and worked it continuously for five years. Then he moved to White county, Indiana, and purchased eighty acres, which he improved until it was in most excellent condition, having successfully worked it for nine years. He then came to Greene county, and in March 1902, bought two hundred acres of improved land which he worked for two years and then traded it for an elevator at Sandborn, Knox county, which

he successfully managed for four years. Then Mr. Kirk came to Lyons, Indiana, as cashier of the Bank of Lyons, where he has since remained. After selling the elevator he purchased two hundred and twenty acres adjoining the town of Bicknell, Knox county, which he still owns, renting it out. This is a high class, level farm and highly improved, well fenced with wire. About half of the land is kept in clover and the crops rotated under Mr. Kirk's direction, all clover, grass and straw being turned under, which keeps the soil in fine condition, constantly improving it. Mr. Kirk has a large share in the bank of Lyons, also a fine residence in town. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist church in which he has been a trustee. He is a Republican of high grade and takes an active part in all elections, being a public spirited man and desiring to see fair play upon all occasions.

Mr. Kirk was married in McLean county, Illinois, to Stella Chase, the daughter of Jacob and Eleanor (Blasdel) Chase. They are the proud parents of the following children: Euphrasia, who is attending high school; Chase died in childhood; Earl is attending school; Lloyd is also in school; Alma is a student; Ruth, Mary and Mildred are little girls (1908). These children are all bright and promising and the pride of their parents, making their home a place of cheer and sunshine. The Kirk family is regarded as among the very best in Greene county.

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#### PROFESSOR VASSALL E. DILLARD.

Music is one of the highest of the fine arts, and to be a recognized master of this branch of the aesthetics

is to be among the few "favored by the gods," as a Roman would have said. The subject of this sketch evidently possesses this rare gift to a high degree, as a perusal of the following paragraphs, which touch briefly on his career, will show. Coming from a musical family, Professor Dillard could not well be anything but a musician, being at present not only a teacher of the violin and other instruments and director of the Citizens' Band at Linton, Indiana, but he is looked to for practically all the music furnished to that populous community. He was born March 14, 1878, in Washington, Indiana, the only child of John W. and Miranda E. (Weddell) Dillard, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Indiana. The father, who has been a dealer in marble and granite work almost all of his life, is now retired, he and his wife living in Washington, this state.

The mother of the subject being an accomplished musician, Professor Dillard's early studies in this fascinating branch were encouraged and brought into prominence under her tuition and his early educational advantages were most excellent, having attended the Washington schools and the College of Music in Cincinnati, where he studied under such noted masters as Marriem and Terrendella, under whom he made a brilliant record. Since completing his studies he has been a member of the C. Z. Bronson Concert Band of the Great Wallace Shows. Then for two and one-half years he was instructor and bandmaster of the Dana Band, of Lima, Ohio. Giving up his work there he came to Linton, this county, and after a year's rest at home took charge of the Citizens' Band of twenty pieces, then known as the



Archibald Band. Professor Dillard was the originator of a system of weekly concerts which have become a feature of great interest to the music-loving public. He also has charge of the opera house orchestra of eight pieces.

Professor Vassall E. Dillard was happily married to Georgia Estella Talbott on November 14, 1906. She is the daughter of A. G. and Rachel Pauline (Nation) Talbott, natives of Bowling Green and Patricksburg, Indiana, respectively. The former is a barber in Linton and the two families occupy the same home there. The Talbott family consists of three sons and two daughters, namely: Lulu, wife of Robert Clements, a coal operator of Linton; Howard is in the United States regular army; Georgia E., wife of the subject; Edward O. and Herbert E. are both living at home.

A son, Byron Amadeus, was born to Professor and Mrs. Dillard May 24, 1907. Fraternally the subject is a member of the Modern Woodmen of the World. He is independent in politics. Mrs. Dillard is a member of the Christian church.

Everybody in Linton and vicinity knows Professor Dillard, either personally or by reputation, and he is honored and respected by all, not only for his professional work but also for his upright life.

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#### GEORGE B. McCLELLEN EASTON.

The subject, who is one of the most prominent business men of Linton, was born February 24, 1864, at

Stinesville, Monroe county, Indiana, of English and Irish lineage, being the son of William G. and Virginia (Williams) Easton, natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. Mr. Easton being born during the stirring time of the Civil war, was named in honor of the beloved commander of the Army of the Potomac and presidential candidate in 1864. William Easton was left an orphan in early youth, consequently he knew but little of his parents or ancestors except that he was a cousin of Mrs. William H. English, among the best known pioneers of Indianapolis. He was a shoemaker and proprietor of a hotel in Stinesville during the major part of his life, and died at the age of sixty-eight years, survived by a widow, who still lives there.

George B. Easton was married June 29, 1884, to Margaret Elizabeth McCown, daughter of Elijah and Nancy (Williams) McCown, and she was born near Stinesville. Her father, who is still living, was born in 1818. Mr. Easton's family consists of the following children: Jean I., bookkeeper and assistant cashier at the First National Bank of Linton; Nancy D., assistant in a store; Jennie B., Cecil M., Margaret E., Marie and Mary, in school, except the last named.

Mr. Easton received his education at Stinesville and early in life launched in business there as a merchant, also conducting the old home hotel. He moved from Stinesville in 1896 to Spencer, Owen county, where he was engaged in the mercantile business for a period of three years. He then went to Bloomfield, where he was in the same business for an equal number of years, and came to Linton in 1900, where he was in partnership

with his brother, W. P. Easton & Company, for five years. He was also in the real estate business, which was combined with a general merchandise business. He assisted in opening up a large coal field west of Linton. Soon after this enterprise was started he disposed of his store and soon afterward opened a grocery and provision market at his present location, 359 A street, Southeast where he carries a full line of groceries, fresh and canned meats, notions, etc.

The subject of this sketch is a Mason, being a member of Spencer Lodge, No. 95. He is also an Ancient Odd Fellow and was the first noble grand of Oolitic Lodge, No. 682, at Stinesville, of which he was a charter member. Four of the first members built the lodge room, the first story of which was occupied by Mr. Easton, who conducted a hardware business in it. The building was destroyed by fire and the loss to the stock of goods was four thousand dollars.

Mr. Easton is a Democrat and he has always been a public-spirited man, but has been too busy to devote much time to politics. However, he was postmaster at Stinesville until he resigned when he moved from that place. Success has always attended his business career and he now owns a handsome home and a substantial store building, both built of concrete blocks. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church and is regarded as one of Linton's most progressive citizens.

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#### ERNEST K. CASWELL.

Ernest K. Caswell, who is engaged in the insurance, real estate and loan business at Linton, is a native of On-

tario, Canada, born in the county of Minton, September 9, 1878. He is of Scotch-Irish extraction, his mother's people coming to Canada many years ago from Scotland, while his grandfather was a native of Ireland. Both branches of the family settled in Canada. The subject's ancestors, both paternal and maternal, were long noted for physical vigor and longevity, several of the two families nearing the century mark in age, while one member reached the remarkable age of one hundred and thirteen years.

Rev. Alexander K. Caswell, the subject's father, was a prominent Presbyterian clergyman in Canada for a number of years, but is now on the retired list, spending the evening of his life in California. Fannie Baird, who became the wife of Alexander K. Caswell, and, like him, a native of Ontario, died in the year 1897, the mother of six sons and two daughters, Ernest K. being the only representative of the family in Indiana. The others—Bessie, Andrew Baird, Arthur M. L., Clarence A., Gordon S., Nellie M. and Francis—live in different states of the Union, the majority of them attending school.

Ernest K. Caswell, our worthy subject, at an early day accompanied his parents to Iowa, where he spent his childhood and youth, entering the public schools of Cherokee, that state, and in due time finishing a high school course at the same place. Subsequently he received a business education in a commercial college at Storm Lake, Iowa, and having decided to devote his life to the medical profession he took a two years' course in Brown's College, Philadelphia, later finishing his professional training by a full course in the S. S. Still Col-

lege of Osteopathy in the city of Des Moines, where he was graduated in 1903. Immediately after receiving his degree Dr. Caswell located at Linton, Indiana, but after a year's practice he discontinued professional life and took up business pursuits, giving his attention to insurance, real estate and loans, in which he soon built up an extensive and very lucrative patronage. At the present time he is a leader in the lines of business he represents, handling as much real estate perhaps as any man in the county, and in addition thereto is local and district agent for a number of the largest insurance companies in the United States, including, among others, the Equitable Life Insurance Company of New York, the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company of Baltimore, besides holding the position of secretary of the Home Loan and Savings Association, a local enterprise of large and growing interest. Mr. Caswell is a thorough business man of progressive ideas, whose practical experience has made him familiar with every phase of the various interests with which he is identified, and whose continued success has won for him a conspicuous place among the enterprising, public-spirited men of the thriving city in which he resides.

Although a young man, Mr. Caswell's life has been one of activity and strenuous endeavor. He has traveled extensively over Canada and the United States, visiting the leading cities and places of interest in both countries, and coming in contact with all classes and conditions of people, this experience tending to broaden and strengthen his mind. He has always been a close observer as well as careful student, and he is thoroughly informed on

many subjects. In fraternal and secret benevolent work he is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Unity Lodge, No. 637, at Linton, and in religion he holds membership in the Presbyterian church.

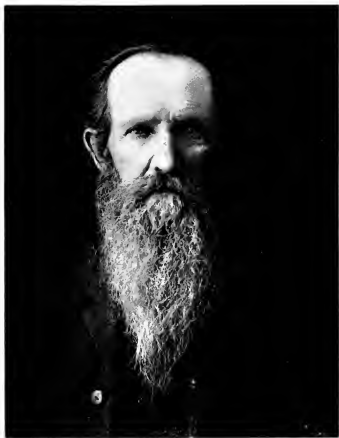
Mr. Caswell and May Stull were married on June 14, 1905. They have two daughters, Catherine Francis and an infant.

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### JOHN MILTON HARRAH, M. D.

In the planning and conduct of public affairs the leaders are supposed to inspire confidence in their ability to promote the best interests of society. This confidence can only be obtained by association with constituency on the highest moral plane. When obtained on such grounds success comes to the one who proposes to help and aid in the development of the best side of human life. Dr. John M. Harrah always extended the helping hand toward the friend who needed counsel and advice, doing it in the spirit of humanity and kindness, thus wending his way into the love and esteem of his fellow men. He was born in Stockton township, Greene county, January 24, 1837. His parents were William and Mary J. Harrah, natives of Kentucky, the former coming from Montgomery county, while the latter was born in Fleming county.

William Harrah was the son of John Harrah, who came from Greenbrier county, West Virginia, into Kentucky in an early day, and in 1821 migrated to Greene county, Indiana, settling in Wright township and later



*Geo. W. Harris*





moved into Stockton township, where he ended his days at the end of seventy years. He was one of the early tillers of the soil, driving out the wildness from before the onward march of civilization and culture. John Harrah's wife was Margaret Harrah, and came from the same community in West Virginia, and was his companion in those pioneer days. She died at the age of seventy-five, but being several years younger, time lengthened out to her until 1871. They had nine children—William, James, Robert, John, Daniel, Mary Jane, Sarah S., Eliza and Rebecca. None of them are now living. The parents were members of the Presbyterian church.

His son William, the father of our subject, was born in 1815, and was only six years of age when the family moved to Indiana. He grew up to manhood on his father's farm and learned the trade of a tanner, following it for several years. Death came to him early in life, the summons reaching him in 1842, when he was but twenty-seven years of age. In a few years his wife married again and she lived until 1893. They had three children—Dr. John M., Daniel L., who died in 1877, and William, who died when only sixteen years of age. William and wife were both members of the Christian church. Her second marriage was to Frederick Himelbrook, and the result of this union was six children—Rebecca, Joseph W., Stephen, Mary, deceased; Marshall and Ella.

Our subject was reared on a farm in Stockton township, and he obtained his education as best he could, as pioneer methods were still in use during his youthful days; but he was an inveterate reader, and did much to educate himself. In 1858 he read medicine with Dr.

Abraham J. Miller and first practiced at Jasonville in 1860; then he went to practicing in Warren county, Illinois, where he remained until 1862, when he enlisted in the Union army. In 1865 he graduated from the Rush Medical College in Chicago, and afterwards practiced for a while in Henderson county, Illinois, and in 1868 he returned to Greene county, Indiana. He first located in Linton and afterwards in Bloomfield, where he practiced for three years. He then went to Solberry and remained at this place twelve years. After short stays at Switz City and Bloomfield again, he finally came to his present farm in Fair Play township, where he has made his home since 1880.

In 1855 he married Mary Owen, daughter of John S. and Sarah (Daugherty) Owen. John S. was one of the early settlers in Greene county, and also one of the first county treasurers. His wife died in 1887. They had nine children: Eva, who married Frank Glover, is now a widow; Julia, wife of Benton Glover; Norma, wife of Wesley Anderson, now living in Spencer; Minnie, who died in childhood; Frederick, who also died in infancy; Lillie, wife of Ziba Fitzpatrick, now living in Bloomfield; Mary, principal of the high school in Brownstown, Indiana. She is a graduate of the State Normal at Terre Haute, also a graduate of the State University at Bloomington. They had two other children, who died in infancy.

The second marriage of our subject was with Mrs. Mary Klinger (nee Motz), born in Monroe county and daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Harvey) Motz. He came to Greene county in an early day and built the first

house in the town of Worthington, and for several years he ran a tanyard. He died in 1893, his wife preceding him in 1872. He was also a Methodist Protestant minister for a number of years. To them were born nine children: William H., Ananias W., Permelia, Sarah, Mary, wife of the subject; Della, and three died young. He was always an active man in public affairs. Dr. Harrah also took an active part in all the public questions of the day, and, being an ardent Republican, it was natural for him to be forced to the front as a candidate for public offices several times. But he was defeated both for sheriff and for clerk. He is an active member of the Greene County Medical Association, and also a member of the pension board, receiving the appointment from President McKinley. Mrs. Harrah is a member of the Methodist Protestant church.

The war record of Dr. Harrah is brief, not from choice, but failing health compelled his relief, and he was sent home. He enlisted in Company B, Ninety-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and went to the front, but only remained there about eight months, and most of that time in the hospital. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

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#### ELMER S. BENJAMIN.

The subject, who is a prominent dealer in general merchandise in Linton, was born in Owen county, this state, August 9, 1862, where he grew to manhood and was educated, having begun teaching there in 1880 and

continuing for three terms in his native county. Then he went to Bloomfield in 1883 and taught in the public schools of that city for five consecutive years. In August, 1888, he moved to Dugger, Sullivan county, and entered the employ of the Dugger & Neal Company in the capacity of bookkeeper, remaining with this firm for eight years. In 1896 he moved to Linton and was bookkeeper for Dugger & Neal, doing business there as the Summit Coal Company, in which capacity he remained for six years. He resigned that position to accept that of assistant cashier in the Linton Bank, which he held for two years. In 1904 he purchased a stock of merchandise and engaged in his present business, having at all times a large and carefully selected stock of general merchandise. He requires the services of six employes to assist in conducting his store, handling a full line of dry goods, shoes, hats, ladies' cloaks, groceries and provisions.

The subject was married October 14, 1885, at Bloomfield, to Ella Fitzpatrick, daughter of Henry and Mary A. Fitzpatrick, of that city. Her father died in 1882. Her mother is living in the subject's family. Seven children have been born to this union, namely: Lava, Mary, Blanche, Glen and Donald, living at home; two children, Mildred and Roy, died in infancy.

The subject and wife are members of the Christian church. The former is a Democrat in his political beliefs, and he served for some time as an influential member of the Linton city council. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Linton lodge, having joined several years ago at Bloomfield.

The father of the subject, David J. Benjamin, was a native of Coshocton county, Ohio, where he was born in February, 1840, and the subject's mother, whose maiden name was Mary E. Vaughan, was born in Owen county, Indiana, where they are both living at Middleton, the father being a retired farmer.

The subject of this sketch began life poor, but he has always been a hard worker and self-dependent, and has achieved success in whatever he has attempted. After leaving the common schools he educated himself, and has since looked to no one for aid, always being reasonably prosperous, and he is well liked by all who know him.

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#### LINTON BOTTLING WORKS.

One of the busiest places in the thriving city of Linton, Indiana, is the Linton Bottling Works, operated by the Harting brothers—Fred, William and Otto—all splendid types of the modern business man, and all natives of Westphalia, Germany, having come to America with their parents in 1882, first locating at Edwardsport, Knox county, Indiana, but in the fall of 1887 they moved to Linton, where they have resided to the present time.

The father of these boys was Frederick Harting, who was a miner. His sons also engaged in work about the mines in their early manhood days. The father died as the result of injuries received in a mine January 2, 1888. His wife died June 6, 1897. They reared a family of three sons and three daughters, the latter being

Louisa, Liesette and Emma. The eldest sister lives in Indianapolis. Liesette keeps house for her unmarried brother, William. Emma is the wife of Alfred Froeschke, of Linton.

Fred Harting, the eldest of the family, married Bertha Reimers in 1894, who died a year later. He married a second time, his last wife being Bertha Pohlmeier, a native of Westphalia, Knox county, Indiana. Their wedding occurred October 24, 1897. Four children have been born to this union, namely: Paul, Esther, Gertrude and Hedwig, all living.

Otto Harting was married October 13, 1904, to Belle Reed, a daughter of Daniel Reed, of Linton. They have no children.

The Linton Bottling Works was established by Fred Harting and Fred E. Strietelmeyer in 1895, and was operated under their management for a period of twelve years, when William and Otto purchased the interest of Mr. Strietelmeyer.

They manufacture all kinds of soft drinks and carbonated beverages, and they have built up a prosperous business. Their plant is equipped with modern machinery and all up-to-date appliances for turning out first-class products of that line. They operate four wagons, delivering to Linton customers, railroad stations and to nearby towns.

The Harting brothers are well and favorably known to all residents of Linton, especially to the business world, having always been upright in their dealing with their fellow men.

## JOHN NANTZ GASTINEAU.

The subject, who is a retired farmer, now making his home in Linton, was born in Shelby county, Illinois, December 9, 1857, and received a common school education in Benton county, Arkansas, partly at Pea Ridge, three years of his early boyhood days having been spent away from home in that state.

The subject was married in Stockton township, Greene county, December 11, 1879, to Mary Klink, daughter of John and Martha (Ramacher) Klink. Both parents of the wife of the subject were natives of Germany, who came to the United States early in life and married in Greene county, Indiana, where they spent their youth. John Klink was a cooper and worked in Terre Haute for some time after his marriage, remaining in that city until January 31, 1856. There were six children in the Klink family, four of whom are living. They are: Mrs. Gastineau, the subject's wife, who was the eldest; Frederick, deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of William Heitman, Sr., living in Linton; John, deceased; another child was also named John, who is living on a farm in Stockton township, Greene county; Henry is a hardware merchant in Linton.

John N. Gastineau had always been a farmer until he retired in 1893, and he still owns eighty acres in Grant township. On November 21, 1906, he met with a serious accident by coming in contact with a "live" electric wire, which came very near causing his death. One side has remained partially paralyzed from the effects of the shock, and he lost a finger from his right hand.

Mr. Gastineau is the son of Adam and Elizabeth

(Nantz) Gastineau, both deceased, the former having died near Linton and the latter in Shelby county, Illinois, on the old homestead. The subject's father was a soldier in the Civil war, having enlisted from Illinois, and died of smallpox while at home on a furlough. The subject is the only survivor of a family of five children. Dorcas Jane, the subject's sister, married twice. She was the wife of Laban Greene when she died in Missouri. William, the subject's brother, died in childhood; John N., our subject, James also died in childhood; Andrew J., a farmer, died September 17, 1894, leaving a wife and three children, who still live on the farm he owned in Grant township. The living children are John Francis and Ella, the wife of Claude Long. The widow left by the death of Andrew Gastineau has remarried, now being the wife of Neil Roach.

The subject of this sketch came to Stockton, Greene county, in 1866. His grandparents, the family of James Gastineau, lived there in pioneer days and the father of the subject was visiting his parents when he died. The family came to Indiana from Kentucky in a very early day. The Gastineau family is of French extraction.

John N. Gastineau is a staunch Republican, but he never held public office, and has no lodge connections. However, he is popular among a large circle of friends and acquaintances, as is also his family. Mrs. Gastineau is a member of the German Reformed church.

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#### HARRISON DAVID HUNT.

The subject, who is a leading merchant and one of the most substantial citizens of Linton, Indiana, was born



in Lewis, Vigo county, this state, December 5, 1849, and he was educated in the public schools of Owen county. He operated the home place for ten years and was a successful farmer, but he launched in the mercantile business and has spent the greater part of his life in it, the past eighteen years in Linton, during which time he assisted in the wonderful development of this city, having known the place all his life and always having faith in its future. He carries a large stock of general merchandise, employing four salesmen.

Mr. Hunt was married on February 15, 1880, to Rachael E. Dixon, daughter of Daniel and Mary J. Dixon, of Fair Play township, Greene county, and to this happy union the following children have been born: Harry D., a partner in his father's business, who married Pearl Price, daughter of C. A. and Ida Price; Essie May is the wife of Oliver W. Underwood, bookkeeper for the Linton Gas Company; two children died in infancy, and Clifford died when four years old. Mr. Hunt is a Republican, and he was constable and justice of the peace many years ago. He was also census enumerator in 1880. He is a member of Lodge No. 560, Free and Accepted Masons, and Unity Lodge, No. 637, Odd Fellows, being past noble grand in the latter. He is a member of the Eagle Encampment, No. 222, being past chief patriarch. He and his family are members of the Christian church.

The Hunt family is descended from Irish ancestors, who first settled in the eastern states. The Ingersoll family, the subject's mother's people, came from England and settled in Massachusetts. His father was Nathan D.

Hunt, who was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, and his wife, Mary Ingersoll, was born in Stockton township, Greene county. The family lived in Sullivan, Owen and Greene counties. The subject's father was a physician, but the latter part of his life was spent in the mercantile business at Middleton and Stockton, Owen county. Although he died early, at the age of thirty-seven years, then living on a farm in Owen county, he was very successful in whatever he undertook. His wife never remarried. She died in Linton at the age of seventy-four years. They had a family of seven children, of whom four are now living, namely: Harrison D., subject; Horatio, living in Linton; Mrs. Hannah E. Newman, widow, living in Linton, employed at the postoffice; Phoebe E., unmarried, living at Terre Haute, Indiana, manager of a boarding house at the college; two children died in childhood and one later in youth.

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### JOSEPH EDGAR BEASLEY.

Joseph Edgar Beasley was born in Linton, Indiana, April 26, 1876, and, believing that better business opportunities existed at his own door than elsewhere, remained in his native town. He attended the common schools in Stockton township, Greene county; also the normal school at Danville, Indiana, where he prepared himself for a teacher and successfully followed this profession for five terms, then took a law course in the Uni-

versity of Indiana and was admitted to the bar in 1900, and practiced law for two years, but on account of failing health gave up regular practice and spent two years in outside work, after which he went into the real estate business, in which he is now engaged. He was married in August, 1898, to Mina J. Crabtree, daughter of Isaac and Sarah Crabtree, of Linton. One daughter was born to this union, Theodocia Theresa, who is now (1908) eight years old. Mrs. Beasley was born and reared on a farm in Wright township, Greene county. Her father is deceased; her mother is a resident of Linton. The subject and wife are members of the Baptist church. He is a Democrat in political belief and served two creditable years as city attorney of Linton.

Isaac Beasley, the father of the subject, was born in Lawrence county, Indiana, October 30, 1846, and married Elizabeth Clayton, a native of Greene county. They have spent the major part of their lives in the last named county. Mr. Beasley has been a successful farmer, having spent most of his life on a farm, now owning one hundred and sixty acres of good land and has a beautiful country home. Six sons and six daughters have been born to this union, all living but one. They are: Linus W., Jennie, William, deceased; Martha, Joseph E., subject; Isom, Sarah, Virgie, Nora, Chloë, Isaac, Jr., and Milton. The paternal ancestors of Isaac Beasley were of English and German extraction. Some of them lived in North Carolina. They were engaged mostly in agricultural pursuits. Alexander Beasley, grandfather of the subject, was one of the first pioneers of western Greene county, Indiana. He was an active churchman,

a Missionary Baptist, helping organize and establish a church of this denomination on one corner of the Beasley homestead, which has been perpetuated to the present time. He and his wife are buried in the cemetery near the church. His maternal grandfather, Linus Clayton, came to America from England and was one of the earliest settlers, of whom there are many descendants living in Greene county, Indiana. The parents of the subject and their family and most of the connection are members of the Baptist church and people of the highest integrity.

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#### CHARLES ARRY PRICE.

This sketch tells briefly of the well known liveryman of Linton, Greene county, who has preferred to spend most of his life in the town where he was born September 7, 1859, believing that better opportunities were at home than elsewhere, and success has attended his efforts in his chosen field. He received a good education at Terre Haute, and began farming after he left school, continuing farming and dairying for several years; then he was in the grocery and meat business in Terre Haute for a number of years. He also farmed in Illinois for a period of two years. Returning to Linton in February, 1900, he engaged in the meat business, later adding a stock of groceries, which he continued until 1907, when he engaged in the livery business, now having the largest livery stock in Linton, operating the "bus" lines to the railroad stations and doing a general livery business.

Mr. Price is a Republican, a Mason, a member of the Odd Fellows, Encampment and Canton of Uniform Rank, a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Ben-Hur; also a member of the Retail Butchers' Association of Terre Haute, taking a lively interest in all of these.

The subject married Ida L. Henry on August 20, 1881, the daughter of James and Laura H. Henry, of Terre Haute. Mrs. Price was born, reared and married in the same house. They are the parents of three children, namely: Pearl May is the wife of Harry Hunt, a merchant in Linton; Arthur H. is employed in the electric light plant at Linton; Hazel A. is living at home.

The subject is the son of Wesley H. and Miranda (Harvey) Price, the former a native of Greene county, and the latter a native of Sullivan county. The former moved from Linton, his early home, to a four hundred-acre farm near Terre Haute, which he operated very successfully. The following children were born to this union: Josiah, a farmer, living in Texas; William E., in the livery business at Terre Haute; Fenlon, a merchant at Paris, Illinois; James, proprietor of a meat market at Clinton, Indiana; Wilbush and Lovell both died in childhood; Sarah is the wife of George W. Yeoman, living in Linton; Mattie is the wife of Chauncy Strong, living in Terre Haute; Elizabeth is the wife of Silas Royer, living in California; Charles A., the subject of this sketch.

The subject's father died in Terre Haute in January, 1888, and his mother is living in Linton in 1908. The Price family is one of the oldest and best established

in Greene county, and has always borne an enviable reputation.

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### JESSE F. WEISMAN.

Jesse F. Weisman, attorney-at-law, Linton, and one of the rising members of the Greene county bar, was born May 15, 1881, in Anderson, Indiana, the son of Rev. David M. and Melinda Weisman, natives of Ohio and Indiana, respectively. David M. Weisman, a scholarly and successful minister of the Lutheran church, spent the greater part of his life in the state of his birth, and died at Oxford on the 14th day of July, 1902. His wife, whose maiden name was Melinda Saunders, departed this life at Anderson, Indiana, January 30, 1894. In addition to his general ministerial labors, which took quite a wide range and included some of the best churches of the Lutheran faith in Ohio and Indiana, Rev. Weisman also served as chaplain of the penitentiary in the former state, holding the position during the Civil war period. As the name indicates, the Weisman family is of German origin, the Saunders being of English descent.

The early educational privileges of Jesse F. Weisman were such as the public schools of Anderson afforded, in no sense meager. At a later period he finished a high school course at Oxford, Ohio, and feeling that deeper draughts from the fountain of knowledge were essential to success in the professional life which he had in view, he subsequently entered Miami University, from which he was graduated with a brilliant record on June

15, 1902, receiving the highest honors of his class. Impressed with a strong desire to enter the legal profession, he embraced every opportunity to cultivate those faculties deemed requisite to successful practice in the future, hence, while yet a mere youth, he manifested great fondness for study and painstaking research, also a decided liking for forensic disputation in the usages incident thereto, he early acquired considerable skill. His specific preparation for his life work, however, was made in the Cincinnati Law School, which he attended until completing the prescribed course in 1905, and in which he took high rank as a student, winning the honors of his class. Shortly after his graduation from the above institution on May 20th of the year indicated, Mr. Weisman passed the final test of professional efficiency by taking the state examination, which Ohio requires of law students and without which no one is permitted to practice in that commonwealth. Passing through this ordeal, which was successfully accomplished after three days of arduous effort, in June, 1905, he located at Linton, Indiana, on July 3d following, and engaged in the practice of his profession, his career from that date to the present time presenting a series of successes such as few lawyers of much experience achieve.

Mr. Weisman's scholarly attainments and habits of industry, with other qualities which guarantee ultimate promotion, have tended greatly to enlarge the area of his professional career, and he has a large and lucrative business. As evidence of the confidence reposed in him by the public he was elected in May, 1906, city attorney of Linton, the duties of which position he discharged in

a manner satisfactory to all concerned, filling the office with ability and dignity, looking carefully after the interests of municipality and proving loyal to every trust.

Mr. Weisman's profession, as well as the interest he has ever manifested in public affairs, very naturally led him into politics, a field in which his talents shine with peculiar luster. He is now one of the trusted Democratic leaders of Greene county under efficient service to his party both as an adviser in the councils and untiring worker with the rank and file. He is an enthusiastic member of several secret fraternal organizations, notably the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of the World, in all of which his influence has been strong and salutary.

Mr. Weisman has been married since the 22d day of December, 1906, his wife, formerly Bertha A. Riddle, daughter of Jonathan and Amanda (Carmichael) Riddle, being a native of Greene county and a lady of many admirable qualities, who is popular in the best society circles of the city in which she resides. The subject is the only surviving son of his parents. He has two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Dettmer, of Anderson, Indiana, and Mrs. Oscar B. Phillipy, who also lives in that city.

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#### FRANCIS McDERMONT.

Francis McDermont represents that sturdy, industrious and honest people known as Scotch-Irish, who have





*MR. AND MRS. FRANCIS M'DERMOTT.*



made a success in the United States, the land of their adoption, and are loyal to it. The subject of this sketch is a native of County Antrim, Ireland, having been born there September 6, 1837, the son of John and Jane (McElderry) McDermont. His grandfather, John McDermont, a road contractor, lived and died at the age of eighty years in Ireland, leaving five children. Clark McDermont, an uncle of the subject, came to America when a young man and became a physician, serving as a surgeon in the United States army during the Civil war. He was at the battle of Bull's Run, Richmond and others. He died at Dayton, Ohio, and was surgeon in charge of the National Soldiers' Home.

The father of the subject came to America in 1850 and settled in Pennsylvania on a farm, where he remained until he moved in 1856 to Indiana and purchased a farm in Monroe county, where he remained until he died at the age of sixty years. His wife lived to be sixty-three years old. There were six children born to this union, only three of whom are now living. The subject of this sketch is the second child in order of birth. Clark, a brother, was a soldier in the Civil war, having enlisted from Indiana in the Eighty-second Volunteer Infantry. He was killed at the battle of Chickamauga. William J., another brother, was a member of the same company and regiment and was mortally wounded in the same battle, dying soon afterwards. Alexander, also a member of the same company and regiment, served through the war and was honorably discharged and returned home with the remains of his dead brothers. He afterward re-enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Regiment,

Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until the close of the war. He is still living at Long Beach, California.

Francis McDermont, the subject of this sketch, was also a soldier in the Civil war, serving only a short term of enlistment. His sister's husband, Anthony R. Ravenscroft, was a captain in the Twenty-second Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged. He died at Fort Madison, Iowa.

The subject was twelve years old when he came to this country, and his early schooling was obtained principally in Ireland. He attended school in America for only three months. He worked in Pennsylvania for four years after he first came to that state as a farm hand. He still hired out as a farm hand after he came to Indiana for about five years. Then he rented a farm for two years, then buying the place where he has since lived, which consisted of forty acres at that time. Only a part of the land was cleared, and it had but a small house on it, but the subject cleared the balance of the farm and erected a modern frame residence, also a good barn and convenient outbuildings. Since then he has added to his farm until he now has five hundred acres of well improved land, a portion of which lies in the bottom along a creek, which is very rich soil. When the season is not too rainy this land produces large crops. A part of the upland is prairie and some of it has small timber on it, but it is all level.

The subject engages in general farming, formerly raising and feeding a great deal of stock. He has now put a large part of his place in pasture and meadow. He has been twice married, first to Eliza Ward on February

13, 1862. She was a native of Monroe county, Indiana. Four children were born to this union, as follows: Joseph, who lives at Jasonville, Indiana. He is married and has one daughter, Myrtle; Anna L., deceased, was the second child of the subject. She was the wife of Henry Green and left three children, William, Ward and McHenry; Clark is living in California; Jane, the youngest child, is the wife of Samuel N. Fuller. They have two sons, Fred and Lloyd. Mrs. McDermont died February 16, 1874. The subject was again married June 17, 1875, to Nancy Elgan, of Greene county, Indiana, daughter of Rice and Mary (Ellingsworth) Elgan. Two children have been born to this union, John R., deceased; Benjamin H. is married and living on his father's farm. He has three children, Ralph, Francis and Loraine.

The subject and wife are members of the Patrons of Husbandry, the former having filled all the chairs. He is an elder in the Presbyterian church, of which both he and his wife are members. He is a Republican in political belief, and has been township trustee; also county councilman.

Mr. McDermont and his family are highly respected in their neighborhood and have a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

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#### GILBERT H. HENDREN, JR.

The record of a busy life is usually replete with interest, especially if proper motives have animated the

actor and success and advancement attended his efforts. Such has been the life of the gentleman whose career is briefly outlined in the paragraphs that follow, whose name has been identified with divers vocations and enterprises, and who, after years of strenuous endeavor, is now engaged in one of the most responsible and exacting of the learned professions with encouraging prospects of continuous advancement as the years go by. Gilbert H. Hendren, Jr., is the oldest of a family of eleven children, six sons and five daughters, whose parents, Gilbert H. and Anna M. Hendren, are noted at some length elsewhere in this volume. The names of the subject's brothers and sisters are as follows: Alice J., wife of George W. Cantwell; Seaborn D., O. Herman, William F., Curtis C., Mary M., Edith, Anna C., Robert D. and Marjorie, all living, the five older members of the family making their own way in the world and doing well in their respective vocations, the others pursuing their studies in the public schools.

Gilbert H. Hendren, Jr., is a native of Greene county, Indiana, and dates his birth from the 8th day of April, 1882. He was educated in the public schools, which he attended until graduating from the high school at Bloomfield, after which he began the study of law in the office of Seymour Riddle, of Vinita, Indian Territory, later continuing his legal researches at Linton with John A. Riddle. He was for a while a student in abstracting under Marion J. Timmons, of Bloomfield, subsequently became manager of one of Tom Taggart's hotels at French Lick, and he was also employed for some time in the Grand Hotel, Indianapolis, besides a similar posi-

tion in the Denison House of that city. In addition to the above, his name appears connected from time to time with other positions and vocations, notably the mercantile business at Bloomfield, where he conducted a grocery and notion store, the position of deputy sheriff of Greene county under A. F. Wilson, and for a period of some eighteen months he was manager of an oil company in the Indian Territory, during which time he was also engaged in leasing Indian lands, and for a while served as territorial secretary of the Federal Union Surety Company, operating in the territory.

Mr. Hendren is a pronounced Democrat in his political views and an active worker for his party. He was employed by the Democratic state committee in 1904 as secretary of the speakers' bureau, in which capacity he was untiring in his efforts to disseminate the principles of Democracy throughout the various counties, securing the services of well known speakers and sending them where their labors would prove most effective. While in the Indian Territory he began the practice of law, but his admission to the bar dates from the year 1907, since which time he has followed his profession in Greene county, being associated with John A. Riddle, of Linton, his former preceptor, under the firm name of Riddle & Hendren, and doing a large and satisfactory business.

Mr. Hendren has traveled extensively and in his different lines of endeavor has mingled much with men, this contact with the world tending to broaden his views, enlarge the area of his knowledge and give him a practical business training which he has found very valua-

ble in fitting him for the profession to which his energies are now being devoted. He has a fine legal mind, cultivated by careful study and strengthened by close and intelligent observation, which has enabled him to achieve success in his chosen calling sooner than the majority of attorneys of his limited legal experience, and the especial attention which he gives to the interests of miners has gained him a large clientele among that class of workmen in addition to the general practice of his firm.

Mr. Hendren, on April 26, 1902, united in marriage with Effie E., daughter of David and Catherine Rollison, of Fair Play township, Greene county, the union being without issue. Fraternaly he holds membership with several secret benevolent societies, among which are the Free and Accepted Masons, Order of the Eastern Star, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Loyal Americans and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, including the Rebekah degree, and Knights of Pythias, in all of which he wields a strong, active and potential influence, besides being honored from time to time with important official positions. Mr. Hendren is a member of the Presbyterian church, Mrs. Hendren is a member of the Christian church, and they manifest an abiding interest in all lines of benevolent work under the auspices of the local congregation to which they belong, contributing liberally of their means to the support of the Gospel at home and abroad, and making their lives harmonize with the faith they profess, demonstrating the beauty and value of religion when applied to practical affairs of everyday experience.



## EDGAR HOLMES SHERWOOD.

The subject is one of Linton, Indiana's, most prominent young business men, who seeing the future possibilities and inevitable growth of his native town, for he was born in Linton, on December 7, 1872, preferred to spend his life there rather than take chances elsewhere, and following his early convictions, he has been successful in his business career.

After attending the public schools for some time, he worked in the mines in that vicinity for eight years, finally being badly injured in an accident in a mine, which caused permanent disability, having then been in the employ of the Inland Coal Company which retained his services as bookkeeper after he recovered sufficiently to work again, which position he held for three years. He was elected recorder of Greene county, Indiana, in 1902, and faithfully served the public in this capacity for four years, living at Bloomfield during his term in office. Returning to Linton, January 1, 1908, he established himself in the real estate, loan and insurance business, in which he is achieving success.

Mr. Sherwood is a staunch Republican and he is not only popular with his party, but many Democrats supported him when he made the race for county recorder. He was the only Republican candidate on the ticket to be elected, his plurality being three hundred and eighty-five votes. The highest Democratic majority was two hundred and forty-one votes. There was a tie in the vote for sheriff. This will serve to show the subject's popularity in his own county.

Mr. Sherwood was married December 6, 1903, to Bessie May Sheehy, daughter of John and Margaret E. Sheehy, natives of Mansfield, Ohio. Mr. Sherwood's father was Benjamin S. Sherwood, who was born in Washington county, Indiana, in 1827. He married Sarah E. Holmes, who was born in that county in the same year. They spent their youth there and were married at their old home. Mr. Sherwood, who was a shoemaker, came to Linton in 1854, and was proprietor of the well known Sherwood hotel for a period of twenty-seven years. They were the parents of eight children, five of whom are living, namely: William H., who has spent his life in teaching music and selling musical instruments in Linton; Hugh M. is a hardware merchant in Linton; Daniel A., an attorney, died at the age of twenty-seven years; Betty J. is the wife of Richard Hardesty, who lives at Sullivan, Indiana; James B. is a coal operator and general merchant at Linton; Edgar H. is the youngest of the family; Johnie and Mollie died in infancy. Benjamin Sherwood died January 23, 1889, and his wife died April 7, 1898. Daniel Sherwood, grandfather of the subject, came to Linton in the early forties. The subject is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church; also a member of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 193, Knights of Pythias. He belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, No. 866, both of Linton.

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#### OSCAR FITZPATRICK.

Ex-postmaster of Linton, and one of the enterprising young men of Greene county, Indiana, born at the vil-

lage of Hobbieville, on the 14th day of February, 1871, being the son of Henry and Mary (Oliphant) Fitzpatrick. Henry Fitzpatrick, who died in 1883, when the subject was twelve years of age, was a prominent citizen of this county, a representative farmer, and in connection with agriculture, dealt extensively in grain. He was also a soldier in the Civil war, serving in Company B, Eighteenth Indiana Infantry, until physical disability necessitated his discharge before the expiration of his term of enlistment. His widow, who is still living, belongs to one of the old and prominent families of Greene county and stands high in the esteem of a very large circle of friends.

The educational discipline of Oscar Fitzpatrick was acquired in the schools of Bloomfield, and until attaining his majority he lived on the home farm and assisted in the cultivation of the same. In 1892, he came to Linton and opened a restaurant, which he conducted about eighteen months and then accepted a position with Dixon & Strong, dealers in grain and feed, remaining in the employ of this firm until appointed postmaster of Linton, on February 23, 1903.

Mr. Fitzpatrick served as postmaster from the above date until March 17, 1907, a little over four years, and discharged his official functions in an eminently satisfactory manner, proving a very capable and judicious public servant, whose relations with the people were always agreeable, and such as to gain for him many warm personal friends and the confidence of the populace. Having always lived within the confines of his native county, it is a satisfaction to know that his life is an open book in which his fellow men have found no marred pages, but on the contrary, much there in to be commended.

Mr. Fitzpatrick votes the Republican ticket and is an ardent supporter of the principles of his party. With exception of postmaster, he has held no office nor sought public preferment. He belongs to the Odd Fellows fraternity, the benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America; also holds a membership with the Retail Clerks' International Association and has been honored with official trusts in the two organizations last named.

The married life of Mr. Fitzpatrick began in 1891, on April 26th, of which year Ossie Edwards, daughter of John and (Tilly) Edwards, became his wife and helpmate, the following children having been born to the union. Henry Dexter, Dessie Marie, Lawson Craig and Paul, the last named deceased. Mrs. Fitzpatrick belongs to one of Greene county's old pioneer families; her grandfather, John Tillie, settling in the an early day near the village of Solsberry, where he developed a farm and lived to a great age, having passed the century mark by some years when summoned to the spirit land.

The Fitzpatrick name has long been identified with the history of the county, throughout which it is widely known and universally esteemed, the different members of the family belonging to that eminently respectable and law-abiding class of people, who in a quick way, do so much for the material development of the community and the moral uplift of the populace. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick belong to the Christian church, in Linton. They are not merely nominal Christians, but have always showed their faith by their works.

## ISAIAH MARION PHILLIPS.

The subject, who is among the well known Civil war veterans of Linton, Indiana, was born in Sullivan county, this state, January 22, 1846. Although he was quite a young man when the war between the states broke out, he enlisted as a private in Company I, Seventy-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, June 8, 1863, and two months later this organization became the Sixth Indiana Cavalry, with which he served over two years. The regiment lost heavily in many battles, especially that of Richmond, Kentucky, and it participated in the memorable Morgan raid. The subject was with General Sherman in the Atlanta campaign. His regiment was in General Stoneman's division and participated in the Macon raid, traveling almost constantly for eight days and nights and fighting three battles. He was one of the troops surrounded, but he was one of fourteen hundred who escaped out of two thousand five hundred, the former refusing to obey the order to surrender. By reason of his disabilities he now receives a liberal pension. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and is also a Mason.

The subject attended school after the war and taught for fifteen years in Sullivan, Vigo and Vermilion counties. He also followed farming during this period, continuing the latter until he sold out in 1901. He has not been able to do much work for the past ten years on account of disabilities arising from his career in the army. He came to Linton and purchased a residence in 1901. He remodeled the house which is now known as the Era Hotel, kept by himself and family, and which is known

to the traveling public to be a well managed and comfortable hostelry.

The subject was married to Margaret Emeline Currey on August 2, 1877. She was the daughter of Franklin and Susanna M. (Magill) Currey, natives of Greeneville, Tennessee. The Magill family was represented in the Confederate army and the parents of the subject's wife also had relatives who took active part in the cause of the South. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips had nine children, seven sons and two daughters. The following are the living: Oscar, Arthur, Clara, Paul, Thomas, Emma, Flynn and John.

The subject is the son of Joshua Phillips, who was born in Kentucky, in 1805. He married Sarah McCarty, who was born in Tennessee, in 1806. They were married in Sullivan county, Indiana, and had the following children: Mary Gordon, of Champaign, Illinois; Johannah, who died in Orange county, Indiana, in 1854; Thomas, who died in 1851; Emily Mahan, who died December 22, 1860; Ann Currans, who is the widow of a soldier; John L., a physician at Westphalia, Indiana; Joshua, who died January 31, 1908, at Terre Haute; Lizzie, twin sister of Isaiah, died April 28, 1900. The father of the subject was a farmer in Sullivan county, where he died April 6, 1846. His wife died November 20, 1872.

The Phillips family came from Wales and was established in the eastern colonies before the Revolutionary war. The subject's great-grandfather was killed in that war. His son, Thomas Phillips, lost his right arm as the result of a wound received at St. Claire's defeat in Ohio. The subject's brothers, Perry and Dr. John L., were soldiers in the Civil war.

The subject is a member of the Presbyterian church. He is a Republican, but has never held office.

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### HENRY CLAY MORGAN.

Henry C. Morgan, admittedly the most extensive stock dealer in the state of Indiana, is one of Greene county's native sons and has ever manifested a pardonable pride in the beautiful locality where on the 14th day of August, 1852, he first saw the light of day. In his veins flows the blood of a long line of New England ancestry, also of antecedents that were among the early substantial yeomanry of the good state of Ohio. His father, George C. Morgan, was born in Connecticut, but in early life left his native state to engage in business for himself as a peddler of clocks, in the prosecution of which he traveled extensively over the southern and western states, meeting with encouraging success in the undertaking and later with true Yankee foresight, judiciously invested his earnings in southern Indiana real estate, locating in Greene county, in 1854. Mary Alkire, who became the wife of George C. Morgan, was born and reared in Ohio, in which state her marriage also occurred. It was shortly after taking to himself a wife that Mr. Morgan came to this county, as stated above, and settling in Washington township, purchased a large tract of land and engaged extensively in farming and stock raising, giving special attention to the latter, and in the course of a few years, became not only the leading stock man in the county, but one of

the largest in the state, having been among the first in southern Indiana to buy on an extensive scale for the eastern markets. By close attention to his business interests, he added greatly to his holdings and in time became quite wealthy, owning in addition to real estate and other property elsewhere, a stock farm of two thousand acres in Greene county, every square foot of which was acquired through his persevering industry and successful management.

George C. and Mary Morgan reared a family of five children, the subject of this review being the second in order of birth.

The life of Henry C. Morgan has been devoid of anything strikingly interesting or tragic, having been spent in peaceful pursuit of the honorable calling to which his attention is still devoted, and in which his success has been so phenomenally signal. He was reared amid the environments of the home farm, where he early became familiar with life's practical duties, and in the schools of the neighborhood laid a foundation of an education, which, supplemented and enlarged by intelligent observation and multiform business dealings, has made him one of the widely informed men of his community.

A natural trader, he has made many large deals, and in pursuit of his business enterprises, has traveled extensively, besides having direct communication with all sections of the country in which the live stock interests have assumed respectable proportions. For sometime past he has been associated with his brother, John L., which partnership is known throughout the length and breadth



of the land, and which handles more live stock than any other dealer or firm in Indiana. They buy and ship to all the leading markets of this country, hundreds of car-loads, nearly every month, besides making large shipments at intervals, to foreign ports, among which the name of the firm is extensively known and highly rated.

Mr. Morgan's ability and wide experience gives him precedence in business circles. Nevertheless, his dealings have been characterized by a strict sense of honor, while his reputation has always withstood the most critical test.

Mr. Morgan has amassed an ample competency and is regarded as one of the solid and substantial men of his section of the state, owning, in addition to a large amount of personal property, a valuable stock farm in Greene county, consisting of three thousand acres, conservatively valued at ninety dollars per acre, though really worth considerably more than this figure. Although a business man in all the term implies, he is also public-spirited, ever manifesting a lively interest in the welfare of his county and state and discharging the duties of citizenship as becomes a man of his broad mind and liberal ideas.

He is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Morgan was married in the year 1874, to Mary Baker, of Greene county, who has borne him ten children, six of whom are living, namely: Frederick, of Vincennes, Indiana; Frank, George, Blanche, Phoebe and Bessie, all but Frederick at home. Those dead are Charles O., died aged thirty-two years; Edward died when twenty-two years old; Jesse and Grace died when young.

Mrs. Morgan, a daughter of one of the representative citizens of Greene county, is a lady of gracious personality and popular in the large circle of friends with whom she mingles. Mr. Morgan's preliminary education was received in the public schools, after which he spent some time in Notre Dame University, at South Bend, where he obtained a knowledge of the more advanced branches of learning, together with the personal culture for which that institution is noted.

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#### ALFRED RYORS BUNGER.

In giving the life record in part of the subject of this sketch, no attempt shall be made to give extravagant praise, but simply to note a few of the more important events in the career of one who has at all times and all circumstances endeavored to do his full part in all lines of activity in which he has been a participant. His has been a true, useful and honorable life—a life chartered by perseverance, energy, broad charity and well defined purpose, and he has justly won the unstinted esteem of his neighbors and friends by thus always "keeping the even tenor of his way."

Alfred Ryors Bunger resides on and cultivates a fine farm in section 18, Smith township, Greene county, but Monroe is the county of his birth, which occurred January 24, 1847, the son of Joseph and Magdalene (Walker) Bunger, the father of the former having been a native of Germany, who settled in Virginia in an early day, later



A. R. Bonger Sarah. M. Bonger



moving to Kentucky, where he farmed for six years, when he moved to Monroe county, Indiana, in 1824, entering land on which he spent the remainder of his life, having married a Miss House. He died March 8, 1850. His wife died September 21, 1834. The early life of the father of the subject was spent in Virginia, and in Kentucky, on a farm until his father, Jacob Bunger, moved to Indianapolis, returning to Virginia he became stage driver from Lewisburg to White Sulphur Springs, later coming to Indiana in about 1833, where he took up farming in Monroe county, remaining there until 1848, when he traded his first farm for another in the same neighborhood, on which he spent the rest of his life, leaving the farm as an estate which is now owned partly by William M. Bunger, a brother of the subject of this sketch, and James W. Bunger, a nephew of the subject.

The father of the subject was married to Magdalene (Harvey) Walker March 20, 1834. Both he and his wife were earnest church members, he being an elder. Joseph Bunger died when almost eighty-six years old, January 27, 1896, and his faithful life companion passed away at the age of seventy-three years, February 25, 1880. Nine children were born to them, four of whom are now living.

Michael E., a brother of the subject, was a soldier in the Civil war, having enlisted in Company F, Eighty-Second Indiana Volunteer Infantry, serving from 1862 to the close of the war, having been mustered in as a sergeant, but when he was discharged he ranked as first lieutenant and adjutant of the regiment. John W., another brother, was a member of Company D, Fiftieth Regiment, of this state, having enlisted in September, 1861, and was

discharged on account of illness contracted while in line of duty before his term of enlistment expired. Joseph T. now resides at Midland, Indiana.

The early life of Alfred Bunger, our subject, was spent in Monroe county, on his father's farm, and attending the public schools in which he applied himself most assiduously, and later entered the State University for two years. He taught three terms of school in Greene county, and also taught subscription and public schools in Arkansas, where he spent a year and six months, being successful in all his school teaching. After returning home, he came to Greene county, in the spring of 1869, settling on the place where he now resides, his father having purchased this farm just previous. In 1871 he purchased in part, the farm jointly with his brother, Joseph T., and later William Muir, father of Mrs. Bunger, purchased the interest of Joseph T., and gave the same to his daughter, and thus our subject and wife became the sole owners of this one hundred and sixty acre tract, a part of which had been given to them by Joseph Bunger, and to which they have added forty-one acres. The land is mostly prairie, other parts being cleared, it is all now under cultivation but about thirty acres. An excellent system of tile drainage is being installed, which the owner hopes will render clover growing more satisfactory; as it is, the farm will now produce crops of all kinds equal to the time when Mr. Bunger assumed management of it, which fact certainly speaks well of his ability as an agriculturist, in fact, he has spared no pains to place the farm in a high state of efficiency. Corn is bought and fed on

the place, together with what the farm produces, to cattle and hogs which he prepares for market. He is a breeder of Polled Durham cattle and Jersey Red hogs, sound judgment always being exercised by the subject in the handling of stock of all kinds, as well as in the management of his farm.

Mr. Bunger was married to Sarah Muir, May 8, 1873, the daughter of William and Mary A. (Warman) Muir, the father a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, where he was born in 1818, and came to America when eighteen years old, settling in Indianapolis, when, in 1845, he married Mary A. Warman, a native of Bartholomew county, Indiana, but her family settled in Indianapolis when she was eleven years old. He was a weaver of great skill, and an extraordinary fine coverlet woven by him in 1853 is in possession of the family, said to be a rare piece of workmanship in both design and color, by all who have seen it. But he finally gave up his trade and engaged in market gardening on ground that is now within the corporate limits of Indianapolis. Moving to Clay county in 1864, he remained there on a farm until his death, June 22, 1888, at the age of seventy years, leaving a widow and three children, the mother surviving only a few months.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bunger has been made happy by the birth of six children as follows: Viola May, the wife of James E. Stahl, a farmer of Greene county, who has two children, Frances E. and Alfred L.; Joseph Leroy is in the United States mail service, living in Terre Haute, married and the father of two children, Paul R. and Alfred R.; William Ervin,

who is married and engaged in the real estate business in Terre Haute; Alfred Theodore, who died at the age of sixteen years in 1897; Mary Clarendia, who is single and living at home, now (1908) a student at Brown's Business College, Terre Haute; Estella died in infancy. The children of the subject and wife as they grew up took their place as Sabbath school workers, in fact, this is a characteristic of the family.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bungler are active members of the Presbyterian church, the former having been an elder for thirty-two years, and both diligent workers for many years in the Sunday school, although the church of their membership was four and one-half miles from their home. In politics Mr. Bungler is independent. He was trustee of his township for one term. No people are better known or more highly respected in the community than the Bungler family.

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#### HON. CAMDEN C. RILEY.

The subject, who is mayor of Linton and a member of the Greene county bar, is a native of Montgomery county, Ohio, where his birth occurred on the 17th day of March, 1873. His father, Wilson Riley, also a native of the Buckeye state, was born in Montgomery county, in 1834, and in the year 1854 was there married to Mary Frantz, of Pennsylvania, who first saw the light of day in 1832. Wilson Riley, a farmer by occupation, and an exemplary citizen, died near the place of his birth in the



month of March, 1881, his wife surviving him until 1906, when she too was called from earthly scenes; a coincidence of some interest is that the same minister who officiated at the burial of the husband, performed the last sad office for the wife when her remains were consigned to the dust, twenty-five years later. The subject and a brother, Milton C. Riley, are the only members of the family in Indiana, the others never having left their native state.

After studying in the district schools, Camden C. Riley completed a high school course in Union county, Ohio, and during the three years following taught school in Montgomery county, spending two or three years in charge of the home school, where he pursued his studies when a boy. Later he took a course in bookkeeping and stenography in the Miami Commercial College, Dayton, Ohio, and in April, 1898, came to Linton, Indiana, to accept the position of bookkeeper and stenographer with the Linton Coal Mining Company, which place he held one and a half years with great credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his employers. Subsequently he filled similar positions with different companies and firms in Linton and elsewhere, and while thus engaged, took up the study of law, which he pursued until his admission to the bar shortly after which he was appointed deputy prosecuting attorney, this being his first introduction to the practice of the legal profession. Mr. Riley has been keenly interested in political matters ever since boyhood, and on coming to Linton he at once became an active worker in the Republican party, of which he has been an ardent supporter from the time of casting his first ballot. In recogni-

tion of valuable services rendered the party, as well as by reasons of his peculiar fitness for the position, he was elected in 1905, mayor of Linton, the duties of which office he has since discharged, being now (1908) on the third year of his term of four years. As chief executive of the city, he has conducted himself in a becoming manner that has won the confidence and esteem of the people of his jurisdiction, being able and prompt in the discharge of his official functions and bringing a dignity to the position that proves him to be the right man in the right place.

Mr. Riley was married in 1897, to Nellie, daughter of Barney and Lettie (Simons) Baker, of Dayton, Ohio. His widow is living and spends her time in the home of her children. Mr. and Mrs. Riley are the parents of three interesting children, one son and two daughters, whose names are Granville, Carrie and Mary. In his fraternal relations the subject is a member of the ancient and honorable Order of Masonry and aims to measure his life according to the high standard of excellence as laid down in the beautiful and sublime principles and precepts of this time honored brotherhood. He is also identified with the Modern Woodmen of the World. Mr. Riley is a young man of excellent parts and well defined purposes, and being in the prime of mental and physical powers, doubtless, has before him a promising future. He possesses the faculty of winning and retaining many warm personal friendships and the high regard in which he is held in the city of his adoption, and the honorable post which he has been called to fill indicate on his part a determination to discharge his every duty and obligation as becomes a good man and worthy citizen.

## HON. OSCAR E. BLAND.

The subject of this biography, a worthy product of Greene county, was born on the parental farm in Richland township, November 21, 1877. Senator Bland is the youngest of three sons born to Joseph and Arminda (Shipman) Bland, both natives of Greene county. Joseph Bland was born October 8, 1846, and his wife's birth occurred on the 21st of February, of the same year. They spent their productive years on the farm, which they still own in Richland township, but at present are living retired in Linton, enjoying a well-earned respite from active labors. Both the Bland and Shipman families, as here represented, came to Indiana from North Carolina, where their Welsh ancestors first located on American soil. The paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, Robert Bland, was a Union soldier during the Civil war, and died a few years after his discharge, presumably from the effects of disease contracted in the army. Richard Shipman, the maternal grandfather, was also a soldier for the preservation of the Union, but did not long survive the close of the war.

Oscar E. Bland, whose name heads this article, was reared to farm life, dividing his youthful days between working on the farm and attending the district schools. When he had outgrown the latter, he took a course in the Linton high school, supplementing this with a course at Valparaiso University, and finished his classical work at Indiana University. He also took a law course in the same institution, and was admitted to the bar, and began practice in Linton in 1901. After six years of successful

practice alone, in order to accommodate the increasing patronage of the office, and also because of his elevation to the senatorship, he formed a partnership with Henry Moore, Esq., of Bloomfield, under the firm title of Moore & Bland, and offices are conducted both at the county-seat and in Linton. The Bloomfield office is conducted by Mr. Moore, and that at Linton, by Mr. Bland and his associate, R. H. Neeley, Esq. Mr. Bland is a successful and thoroughly capable lawyer and has established a large and lucrative practice. He is not only well-versed in the intricacies of his profession, but he is one of the most talented and versatile lawyers in the county, both in office counsel and before the bar. He has few peers as a campaign orator, and his services are in demand on all occasions of educational politics. He was a stalwart Republican, thoroughly in touch with the administration at Washington, and a zealous supporter of President Roosevelt's attitude on questions of public policy.

Mr. Bland was elected to the state senate in 1906, and represents the counties of Greene, Monroe and Owen. He was the champion of the two-cent railroad fare bill, which he introduced in the senate, and this, and a few minor measures, was the key-note of his campaign. He also introduced the miners' wash-house bill and championed it to a final issue.

Mr. Bland was married June 18, 1902, to Josephine, daughter of Dr. Jesse and Mary Hama, of Linton. The family are prominent in the social affairs of Linton, and widely and favorably known throughout the county, and senatorial district. They have one daughter, Helen, aged five years, in 1908.

Mr. Bland is a young an of bright prospects for future prominence and usefulness. Few men at the age of thirty have attained to the degree of public esteem and confidence accorded to Oscar Bland. At the threshold of vigorous young manhood, the possibility for future development is not merely conjectural.

He is an ardent participant in athletic sports, and enjoys the solitude of the wilderness in the hunting season, usually making a trip, annually, to the Rockies or elsewhere, in the search for "big game." Recently on his return from one of these excursions he brought with him two fine elk heads, which he presented to the local lodge, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In consideration of this very appropriate gift, and also as a means of showing appreciation of the generous donor, the society voted him an honorary life membership. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World, and Sigma Nu Greek letter fraternity.

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### FRANK SPELBRING.

Frank Spelbring, city clerk of Linton, and manager of the Greene county Loan Company, is a native of Owen county, Indiana, and one of a family of eight children born to John H. and Katherine A. Spelbring, the father of German birth, the mother a native of Pennsylvania. John H. Spelbring, who was born in 1824, in Germany, came to America when young and in 1836 became a resident of Owen county, this state, where he followed agriculture

for a livelihood, until age necessitated his retirement from life's active duties, when he laid aside the implements of husbandry and spent the remainder of his days amid the quiet scenes of home, dying in July, 1906. He was a quiet, unassuming man, successful in his chosen vocation, having accumulated a sufficiency of this world's goods to place him in independent circumstances and as a neighbor and citizen, he stood high in the community and enjoyed the friendship and confidence of all who knew him. The family of John H. and Katherine A. Spelbring consisted of eight children, namely: Jacob died from disease contracted in the army; Katherine, widow of John Altemiller, of Terre Haute; Mrs. Elizabeth Seidmeyer, of Clay county; Dr. Benjamin F., a physician and surgeon of Saline City, Indiana; Henry, a resident of Clay county and a farmer by occupation; Samuel, a farmer and banker of Westfield, Illinois; Malinda, deceased, and Frank, whose name introduces this article.

Frank Spelbring was born on the 22d day of February, 1857, and spent his early life at the home farm in Owen county, where in due time he learned by practical experience, the full meaning of hard work, and it was there also that he developed the habits of industry which have stood him so well in subsequent life. His preliminary training in the common schools was afterwards supplemented by a course in the Northern Indiana Normal University, at Valparaiso, after which he taught several terms of school and earned a creditable record as a capable and painstaking instructor.

Discontinuing educational work, Mr. Spelbring accepted the position of clerk in a mercantile establishment,

and until 1908 this has been his principal vocation, having clerked and sold goods for about twenty years in the counties of Greene and Clay, becoming a citizen of the former in 1888. Since that year he has made his home in Linton, and during the interim between then and now his name has been prominently identified with the advancement of the town along material lines, having always been public spirited and doing all in his power to advance the interests of his city.

During 1907-1908 Mr. Spelbring has had charge of the Greene County Loan Company's office, in Linton, in the management of which he has greatly enlarged the area of the concern's operations and added not a little to its permanence and popularity. In municipal matters, he has also been active and influential, being a member of the city council and the city school board, and in 1903 he was elected city clerk, which office he still holds, having been re-elected in 1905, and the duties of which he discharges in the able and businesslike manner characteristic of the man.

A Democrat in politics, he is a force in his party and makes his influence felt not only in local affairs, but in district, state and national politics as well, always taking an active interest in campaigns, attending many conventions. He belongs to the Pythian Order and the Modern Woodmen of America, and his religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian church, being in 1908, a member of the building committee, having in charge the construction of the beautiful temple of worship for the use of the First Presbyterian church of Linton.

Mr. Spelbring was married in the month of August,

1878, to Miss Rose E. Moore, daughter of C. B. Moore, of Clay county, a union blessed with three children: Herbert V.; died in infancy; Stella M., wife of Charles G. Allen, of Linton; and Clara, who is single and a member of the home circle. Mrs. Spelbring died in May, 1880, and on August 27th, of the year 1890, Mr. Spelbring was united in marriage to his present wife, who bore the maiden name of Arabell Buzzard. Mrs. Spelbring is the daughter of William Buzzard, and has borne her husband four offspring, whose names are: Fern, Ruth, W. Henry and Esther, all living.

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#### BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HOLSCHER.

The subject was formerly a member of the firm Holscher & Harris, shoe merchants, of Linton, Indiana, and he was born in Stockton township, Greene county, December 20, 1879, the son of Henry and Anna Mary (Eichin) Holscher. The father of the subject was born in Lockport, Indiana, in 1838, and his mother, who was born in Baden, Germany, in 1840, came to this country with her parents in 1855. Her father, John Eichin, was a minister of the German Reformed church and was engaged in his ministerial labors in Greene county, in the early days. He later moved to Illinois and died at Olney, in 1885. The father of the subject is also descended from German ancestors. His parents, John and Adelheit Holscher, came to Greene county, Indiana, from Germany, in the early twenties and located on a farm in Stockton



township, in 1849. The mother of the subject, and her unmarried son, William E. Holscher, still own and live upon this land. The subject's parents reared the following children: Emily, John H., Henry M., William E., Benjamin F., our subject; Lydia E. All are married, except William E., and all live in Linton. The brothers are all miners.

The subject of the sketch was educated in the public schools, graduating from the township schools in 1893, and he attended the high school in Linton for two years; also spent nearly two years in the State University. He began teaching in 1896 and successfully followed that profession for six years, having been employed all this time in his native township. He became a partner in a shoe store under the firm name of Hedrick & Holscher, in 1901, and the following year purchased his partner's interest and managed the business himself until 1904, when Joseph A. Harris became the junior partner. They dealt exclusively in shoes and "foot-wear," and had a large and carefully selected stock at 189 North Main street, until May, 1908, when a fire damaged the stock and later the firm closed out the business.

Mr. Holscher was married December 25, 1900, to Hattie L. Heltman, daughter of Philip and Laura Heltman, of Olney, Illinois, where she was born, reared and educated. Her father was one of the pioneers of that locality, a large land owner and an extensive stock dealer.

Mr. and Mrs. Holscher have two sons, Donald Carlyle, who was born in January, 1902; and Harry, who was born in February, 1907.

The subject is a member of Linton Lodge, No. 866,

Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He was a member of the German Reformed church, with which he affiliated when he was only thirteen years old, and continued his membership in it until he was married, when he withdrew and joined with his wife as members of the First Methodist church, and is now a teacher in the Sunday school of that church. Mr. Holscher is a Democrat, and he was elected a member of the city council of Linton, from an unexpired term in 1904. In the fall of the same year he was elected councilman-at-large, entering upon the duties of the office in January, 1906, for a four years' term. He is, in 1908, the able president of the city finance board and an active member of the various committees. He is regarded as one of Linton's most industrious and trustworthy citizens.

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### HENRY STEELMAN.

This capable and highly respected business man of Linton, Indiana, was born in Springfield, Ohio, November 8, 1858, but moved to Gibson county early in life and attended the public schools there, working on a farm between terms. He farmed successfully until he was thirty-five years old. In 1893 he entered a drug store to learn the business, and got along so well in his new field of endeavor that he soon opened a store of his own in Patoka, this state. Removing his stock to Linton in 1906, he now owns and operates the well known Owl drug store there, carrying a full line of drugs, patent medicines, toi-

let articles, paints, oils, etc., enjoying a splendid trade with the city and surrounding country.

Politically he is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a member of Columbia Lodge, No. 450, Masonic fraternity, at Patoka, Indiana. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, local lodge at Linton.

Henry Steelman was married November 8, 1882, to Alice Phillips, daughter of Rhoda (Highley) Phillips, of Gibson county, Indiana. To this union one bright son was born, who, in 1908, is a student of pharmacy in Philadelphia College.

The subject's first wife was called from her earthly labors early in life and he re-married November 6, 1890. His second wife was Fannie J. McFetridge, of Gibson county, Indiana, a daughter of John Q. McFetridge, a well known farmer. Two children were born to this union, namely: Eunice, a high school student in Linton, Indiana; Henry, living at home and attending public schools; both giving every promise of bright futures.

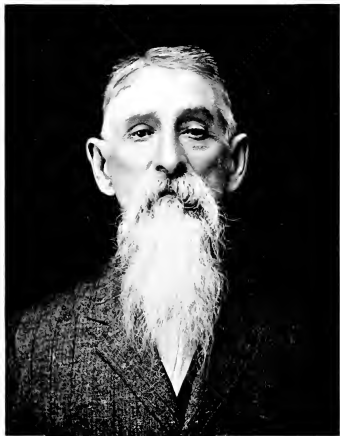
John Wesley Steelman, the father of the subject, was a native of Pennsylvania, where he spent his youth and married Elizabeth Hinckle, who was also a native of that state. He was a farmer, near Springfield, Ohio, until he moved to Gibson county, Indiana, in 1863. The following children were born to this union: John W., Mark Henry, Rebecca, Catharine, Dora, Phoebe, Mary, Charles, William and Amanda all died in early life, Charles and Amanda in childhood, the others were grown and married.

The subject is an influential and much respected man, owing to his honesty and industry.

## STEPHEN ELLIS.

There is no calling, however humble, in which enterprise and industry, coupled with a well directed purpose, will not be productive of some measure of success, and in the pursuit of agriculture the qualities mentioned are especially essential. Among the farmers of Greene county who have attained to a definite degree of success in their line is Stephen Ellis, whose farm is located in section 19, Smith township, nine miles west of WORTHINGTON. He was born June 20, 1842, near Linton, being the son of William and Martha (Robinson) Ellis, the latter a daughter of Stephen Robinson. His grandfather, Robert Ellis, was born in Ireland, immigrating to America in his early youth, and at the age of sixteen years enlisted in the Revolutionary cause, serving four years in a Georgia regiment, after which he moved to Tennessee, ultimately coming to Greene county, Indiana, where he farmed and died at the age of ninety-six years, leaving four sons and one daughter. The subject's grandfather, Stephen Robinson, a native of Tennessee, did not come to Greene county. The subject's father came to Monroe county, Indiana, from Tennessee, and in 1837 entered four hundred acres of land in Greene county, where he made his home the balance of his life, dying at the age of seventy-six. His wife lived to be sixty-two years old. They were Baptists and the parents of nineteen children, thirteen of whom were living at the time of the mother's death and eight are living in 1908.

Stephen Ellis remained at home until his patriotism prompted him to sever home ties and offer his services



Stephen Ellis



to his country, which was threatened with disruption, and in 1864 he enlisted in Company A, Fifty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was in Sherman's army until the close of the war, performing gallant service and never flinching from his duty. His brother Robert, who enlisted at the same time, served through the remainder of the war, after which they both returned home and the former resumed farming, which he has always followed, at present carrying on a general farming and stock raising on his estate, consisting of one hundred acres, producing especially good corn, which is fed to hogs and cattle. Commercial fertilizers are used and in other skillful ways the land is kept in first-class condition. It has a natural drainage, being rolling for the most part, and all the fields are well fenced with wire, principally; in short, this farm is a piece of property which any one might be proud to own.

Mr. Ellis was married in 1861 to Nancy Clark, daughter of Stephen and Rebecca (Ellingsworth) Clark, the former a native of Washington county and the latter of Greene county, Indiana. Three children were born to the subject and wife, namely: Mary, the wife of Tyra W. Bray, who has three children; George W., who lives in Terre Haute, and is the father of four children; Nathan died in childhood. The subject's first wife died in 1866. In June, 1867, he married his second wife, Matilda Butler, who was born in Indiana, the daughter of Edward and Nancy (Holt) Butler, natives of Tennessee. There was no issue to this marriage and Mrs. Ellis died in 1878. The subject was again married in 1880 to Ettie Van Slyke, daughter of Peter C. and Sarah Jane (Boyd)

Van Slyke, natives of Greene county. Four children were born to this last union, namely: Jennie, wife of Edward Robinson and the mother of two children, Laura Belle and Joseph Paul; Joel C., who married Violet Henry and lives in Denver, Colorado; Van and Ruth are living at home. Mr. Ellis has nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren in 1908. He is a strong Democrat in his political belief. He was formerly a member of the Baptist church, but when he moved from his earlier home he failed to take his church letter to his new place of residence. His wife is a member of the Baptist church as was also his first wife. Mr. Ellis is regarded as a plain, honest, sober and industrious citizen, who is honored and respected by all who know him, and his wife and entire family stand well in the neighborhood where they reside.

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### RICHARD THOMPSON JOHNSON.

This well known stock raiser and farmer, of Stockton township, Greene county, was born near Carlisle, Sullivan county, this state, October 28, 1847, the son of Samuel Johnson, who was a noted stock raiser and breeder during the Civil war, having remained in the county where he was born, being the son of Peter Johnson, an honored veteran of the War of 1812, and, like him, a man of many sterling traits, Peter Johnson was also a participant in the bloody Indian wars. The mother of Richard T. Johnson, our subject, was in her girlhood, Amanda Reed, daughter of James Reed, a pioneer mill



man, who lived near Pleasantville, Sullivan county. Four children were born to her union with Samuel Johnson. After her death Mr. Johnson married Ellen Shake, daughter of Christopher Shake. After a well spent and active life, Samuel Johnson died at his home in Sullivan county, in 1886.

Our subject was united in marriage in 1870 to Sarah J. Lisman, daughter of Perry Lisman, a well known citizen of Sullivan county, and as a result of this union the subject became the proud father of two interesting children, Reed and Perry. His first wife was called from her earthly labors in 1879 and Mr. Johnson was remarried in 1882 to Frances Lambeth, daughter of Rankin Lambeth, a native of North Carolina. The children of this last union are: Floyd, Amanda, Grace, Ray and Vernor, all very promising children. Although Mr. Johnson is not a very elderly man, there is a difference in the ages of his oldest and youngest boys of thirty-two years.

The subject remained with his father on his Sullivan county farm, assisting with the work about the place, until he was first married on the date above given, and there learning the fundamental principles of agriculture, he has since developed them to their fullest extent, making farming a success in every particular and bringing his farm up to an equal basis of any in the community where he resides. He has long been known as one of the most extensive wheat growers in southern Indiana, having raised many crops that yielded two thousand and five hundred bushels. Mr. Johnson seems to possess greater skill in the successful planting and handling of wheat

crops than most farmers of his locality. Besides, he makes a pronounced success of his other crops and stock raising, which forms no inconsiderable part of his income, which has increased from year to year owing to his efficient management.

The subject came to Greene county in February, 1806, and purchased the Ora Price farm of seventy-five acres two and one-half miles west of Linton. He has, since his first arrival there, been regarded as one of the community's most accomplished and trustworthy citizens, and at once gained the respect and confidence of all his neighbors and acquaintances.

In politics he is a Republican, but he has never sought an office. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### DANIEL H. FIELDS.

The subject was born in Greene county in the early pioneer epoch, one mile east of the present city of Linton, January 3, 1835, and is the oldest native-born resident of Stockton township, being one of the oldest in Greene county, and who has been prominently identified with the industrial, material and civic progress of this section, having ever stood for loyal and public-spirited citizenship. In November, 1854, he entered the land where he now lives, a little more than three miles southeast of Linton, having gone to housekeeping that year, settling in the woods, which were so thick, he says,

he could see only one way, and that was straight up. Now it is so thickly settled that the neighbors can't raise chickens. In fact, this section was practically an unbroken forest, where Indians and wild animals were still plentiful and when the homes of the pioneers were cabins of the more primitive type. "Uncle" Daniel Fields, as he was familiarly called, harks back in memory to 1843, when there were but three houses in Linton, and he tells many thrilling reminiscences of those pioneer days, recalling how the wilderness thereabout was filled with wild turkey, deer, bear and wolves, many of them falling victims to his long, quaint rifle. He has been a factor in bringing about the transformation which has made this one of the leading counties in the state, with its highly cultivated farms, thriving towns and villages, its schools, houses, churches and all other evidences of progress and culture.

The father of the subject was Stephen Fields, a Kentuckian, who came to Greene county, Indiana, when a young man and, being a Christian preacher, did more than his share of the work in uplifting the moral and religious element of the county, having worked among the people there untiringly, administering to their wants in whatever way he found them in need of help. The maiden name of the mother of the subject was Margaret Harrah, daughter of Daniel Harrah, who settled in Greene county when it was in its very first stages of development, the wilderness still being in evidence on every hand. Daniel, our subject, was the eldest of a family of nine children. The names of the others are: William, Rebecca, Thomas, James, all deceased; Mary, Ella and

Charles—just three—living; two other children died in early life. Stephen Fields' death occurred in 1880 near Edwardsport, Indiana, in which town they lived ten years. He was preceded to the silent land by his wife in 1876.

Daniel Fields lived with his father until he was twenty years old, receiving such schooling as those pioneer times afforded. He was united in marriage with Emily J. Gastineau, of Stockton township, on October 19, 1854. In November of that year he entered eighty acres of government land, on which he has since resided, having long enjoyed a comfortable home there and having made a splendid farm as a result of his hard labor. To this union six children have been born, as follows: Francis, a farmer, living in Stockton township; Myra, deceased; Ida, wife of Thomas Bloomer, living at Lyons; Emma, wife of John Peters, living in Stockton township; Oliver, deceased; Elmer, living in Stockton township. The subject's first wife was called to her reward January 26, 1886, and he was again married in October of that year to Nancy Wakefield, a sister of his former wife, and widow of William L. Wakefield, of Grant township. She is now living at the age of seventy in 1908.

"Uncle" Daniel was one of those loyal sons who could not quell his patriotic ardor when his country was in need of help during those troublous days of the sixties, and, severing home ties for a soldier life, which he believed to be his higher duty, marched away to defend the stars and stripes, being a member of the Fourteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in which he enlisted in August, 1862, and fought gallantly in that bloodiest of all battles of the great war—Antietam—where he was struck

by a shell during one of the hottest moments of that great conflict and slightly wounded. After participating in further work in which his regiment was called to perform, he was honorably discharged at Buffalo, New York, in 1865.

"Uncle" Daniel and his aged companion are highly honored and regarded with the utmost consideration and courtesy by the entire community which they have so long enriched with their presence.

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#### THOMAS J. SHIELDS.

One of the well improved and attractive farms of Stockton township, Greene county, is that owned and conducted by the subject of this sketch, who has long been identified with industrial affairs in this part of the state, having been born in this township and on the place where he has spent his entire life April 7, 1860. His father, David Shields, was a native of Lawrence county, who came to Greene county in 1853, settling on the farm a part of which the subject owns at present. David Shields died in 1894 after a busy and highly upright career, winning friends wherever he went and never losing them. The maiden name of the mother of the subject was Ellen Box, a native of Lawrence county, now an elderly lady of beautiful attributes, who makes her home with her two grandchildren in Linton. David Shields and wife were the parents of eight children, four of whom are living in 1908—Arista, Thomas J., John B. and Ida May, wife of John R. Chapman.

Thomas J. Shields, our subject, spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, attending the common schools in that vicinity until he reached manhood, and gaining a knowledge of agriculture and stock raising from the careful methods employed by his father in these lines.

Our subject was united in marriage in 1884 to Anna Lisman, of Stockton township, and this union has proved a happy and fortunate one, resulting in the birth of the following bright children: Dora, Frank, David and Hazel. The second child born to them died in infancy.

Mr. Shields has been deputy assessor for four years, filling this office in a most satisfactory manner. This office in Stockton township is far more important than in the average township, owing to the fact that many large coal mines are situated here. Mr. Shields increased the assessment of many of the large coal companies, and has been vigorous and outspoken in his determination that these corporations shall be made to bear their just proportion of taxation. The county carried the fight before the state tax commission and won. The splendid administration of this office has earned for him the approval of the people in general and he is recognized as an authority in matters pertaining to taxation.

Mr. Shields resides on his farm, which lies three and one-half miles northwest of Linton. He has one hundred acres of well improved land, richly underlaid with deposits of coal, which will undoubtedly be worked to its fullest possibility in the future. Although considerable time is devoted to his official duties, Mr. Shields spends all the time necessary in keeping his farm up to the standard of the good farms in that locality, being re-

garded as one of the most progressive men in the township. Fraternally our subject is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge at Linton. In politics he is a Republican. Mrs. Shields is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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### ALEXANDER BEASLEY.

The subject of this sketch has well earned the honor to be addressed as one of the progressive, public-spirited men of Greene county, since from the beginning of his career he has been actively engaged in promoting important enterprises, besides laboring for the welfare of his community in other lines of endeavor, the meantime securing for himself the comforts of life and home and an ample competence for his declining years.

Mr. Beasley is a native of the county where he has elected to remain, making it the field of his life work, having been born in Stockton township, June 2, 1854, a son of Alexander Beasley, a hardy Tennessean who came to Indiana when a young man, first casting his fortune with the Hoosiers in Lawrence county, then removing to Stockton township, Greene county. The elder Beasley was a prosperous farmer, which occupation he industriously pursued up to the time of his death in 1890. The mother of our subject was Frances (Nimrod) Beasley, a native of North Carolina. Although twelve children, an equal number of boys and girls constituted the Beasley family, ten of whom are now living, in 1908, these

children received the best home training and careful discipline possible, their home environment having always been wholesome and uplifting, which fact has largely attributed to the praiseworthy moulding of their subsequent characters. The subject's devoted and estimable mother was called from her earthly labors in Stockton township, in 1884. The Beasley family is regarded as constituting one of the most substantial and best known in Greene county, and it forms a conspicuous part in the history of the various communities.

The subject of this sketch was united in marriage with Rebecca Moss, the refined and accomplished daughter of William G. Moss, of Stockton township, the wedding occurring August 14, 1873. Two children born to this union, after cheering the home circle for a brief time, were taken from it by the hand of death early in life.

The boyhood life of our subject was not, generically considered, unlike in the main, from that of other young men of his community, for he attended the neighborhood schools and worked about his father's farm as necessity demanded, ever evincing a willingness to perform his share of the tasks assigned to him, but he was a good student and an industrious and promising boy from the start, and took up active farm work early in life and for a period of thirty happy and eminently successful years lived on the same farm in Stockton township. His farm was always a model in point of systematic management and up-to-date improvement, and much fine stock of various kinds was to be found in its fields.

In 1902 Mr. Beasley moved to Linton where he



soon became one of the leading business men, having trafficked in real estate principally, but after four successful years the love of the rural life called him back to its free and independent domains and he moved to the beautiful suburban home which he now occupies and which is one of the most pleasantly situated and most admirably kept of any like residence in the county. It stands just east of the city beside a natural and most attractive park, known as "Beasley's Park," which is frequently used by the public, in fact the city uses it for all its large public events. He is also the owner of many substantial business houses and much residence property in Linton, which places him among the prosperous and influential citizens of that community, where he is admired and respected by all for his integrity and well ordered life.

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#### AUGUST KRAMER.

It is not only a pleasure but profitable as well to study the life history of such a worthy gentleman as he whose name forms the heading of this review, for in it we find evidence of traits of character that cannot help but make for success in the life of any one who directs his efforts, as he has done, along proper paths with persistency and untiring zeal, toward a worthy goal, and having his concomitant upright principles, which as we shall see, have resulted in ultimate triumph.

August Kramer, while a member of that large class of foreign citizens who have benefited Greene county by

their residence, stands in a comparatively small circle of those who have emigrated from his native country—Persia, where he was born September 15, 1832, the son of William Kramer, who migrated to America in 1838, accompanied by a sister. He was a poor man and selected a home and a few years later his family joined him. The mother of the subject was Minnie (Gershmier) Kramer, who settled in Stockton township where they farmed and died, the father having passed away in 1854, at the age of fifty-two years, buried in the family cemetery near the subject's home, as there was no other cemetery then, and where the widowed mother some years later was laid to rest, dying at the age of eighty-two years.

In 1857 our subject was united in marriage with Ellen Wessel, who came to this country from Hanover, Germany, with her mother and two brothers, now deceased. The following children have been born to this union: Will, a prosperous farmer in Stockton township, who is married and has a family of seven children; Fred, who is also a Stockton township farmer; John, a carpenter, residing at Linton; Minnie, wife of Carl Beggerman, residing near Sandborn, Indiana; Herman, Henry and Gerhart are all living at home with their father.

Mr. Kramer's indomitable courage is shown from the fact that he worked in his native land when a boy, for only five dollars a year and clothes. When he landed in Greene county he was displeased with the county and it was only his poverty which caused him to remain, as he did not have a cent. He now owns one hundred and eighty acres and has a comfortable home.

He has won a competency for himself and family and

enjoys the honor and esteem of all who know him, being a consistent member of the German Reformed church, with which the members of his household are also identified.

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#### PETER STOCKRAHM.

One of the best known and most highly esteemed German-American citizens of Stockton township and one of the most upright of its residents is the gentleman to a review of whose life we briefly call the attention of the reader, Peter Stockrahm, who can point with pride to the fact that he was born near the far famed "castled Rhine river," in Germany, October 16, 1851, having migrated two years later with his father to the land of stars and stripes, to which he has ever been loyal and which he loves equally as well as his fatherland. His parents were William and Catherine (Smith) Stockrahm, who also had two other sons and five daughters whom they brought to America. The brothers and sisters of the subject are John, a farmer in Wright township; Malinda, wife of Robert Ellis, of Wright township; Elizabeth, who was the wife of John Booker, of Stockton township, is deceased; Catherine is the widow of John Wees; William is a prosperous farmer of Stockton township; Christiana Ann is the wife of Alexander Pope; Sophia is the wife of Joseph Rector.

On August 9, 1880, the subject's father and mother celebrated their golden wedding, the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, at which memorable social event in the lives of this family all their children were present.

Mr. Stockrahm lived with his father until he was thirty-five years old working on the home place and enjoying the association of home, which usually characterizes our worthy foreign element, and which is indeed a commendable trait. The subject was united in marriage with Minerva Kendall on October 16, 1887, the daughter of Henry and Mary Kendall, a progressive farmer of Stockton township. The subsequent married life of this couple has been singularly happy and has resulted in the accomplishment of praiseworthy tasks which the subject could not have achieved alone and unaided. The following children constitute their family: Pansy Ethel, Lillian May, wife of Hodson Moss, of Stockton township; Mina Pearl, Lula Patsy, Mary Catherine, Lola Flo, Etta Atha, Hazel Helena, Henry and William, twins, died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Stockrahm reside about three miles north of Linton on a well improved farm. They have a comfortable home, their residence being cozy and nicely furnished, surrounded by all the out buildings necessary to the successful carrying on of farming pursuits, and but few farms in the county are any better managed than that of the subject, who devotes almost his undivided attention to its care.

Faternally Mr. Stockrahm is a Mason and he and his good wife affiliate with the Baptist church.

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#### JAMES A. BEDWELL.

Among those men who by their industry and business activity have advanced the prosperity and wealth of south-

ern Indiana, the subject of this sketch is prominent. A man of forceful individuality and marked acumen, he has had the foresight to take advantage of opportunities which presented themselves and has successfully conducted a well regulated farm.

James A. Bedwell, ex-trustee of Stockton township, Greene county, is a native of Sullivan county, this state, where he was born October 9, 1855. His father, Elisha Bedwell, was also a native of that county, whose parents came from Virginia in the pioneer days, being among the sturdy people who braved the vicissitudes of the primeval forests in the Hoosier state when it was in its infancy. The mother of the subject was, in her maidenhood, Rebecca Jane Corothers, also a native of Sullivan county. Both father and mother passed to their reward long ago.

The subject is one of ten children, eight of whom are living, and all leading well ordered lives, following out the precepts set them by their worthy parents.

Mr. Bedwell was united in marriage to Martha Padgett, February 15, 1874. She is the daughter of Henry Padgett, a highly respected citizen of Greene county where the subject's wife was born and reared, and where she received a fairly good common school education, as did also her husband whose schooling was received in Sullivan county. No children have been to the subject and wife.

Mr. Bedwell came to Greene county in March, 1874, locating on his present farm of two hundred and thirty-one acres, four and one-half miles southwest of Linton, and he has since that time been regarded as a leading

farmer and substantial citizen, having improved his farm up to the standard of those in this thriving community and showing by the careful way in which he has managed its affairs that he is abreast of the times in the matter of agricultural pursuits.

In 1900 Mr. Bedwell was elected by the Democratic party, to which he has always been loyal, as trustee of Stockton township, and he has made a most efficient and praiseworthy official.

The subject and his wife are held in high esteem by all their neighbors and friends in Greene county and elsewhere. Mrs. Bedwell is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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### JOHN B. MORGAN.

The career of the subject of this sketch indicates the clear-cut, sane and distinct character, and reviewing the same from an unbiased and unprejudiced standpoint, interpretation follows fact in a straight line of derivation. In this work it is consistent that such a review be entered and that without the adulation which is sometimes intrinsically distasteful to the man as he stands among his fellows. The city of Linton naturally takes pride in the work performed by Mr. Morgan, who has stamped the impress of definite accomplishment on the public mind, and, through the medium of one of the best local papers in the state, has done much to arouse interest in the material advancement of the community, to say nothing of his in-



*J. B. MORGAN.*





fluence in shaping the policies of the party of which his journal is a recognized exponent.

John B. Morgan, editor and proprietor of the Linton Weekly Record, is a native of Greene county, Indiana, the younger of two children whose parents, Thomas C. and Melissa (McGinnis) Morgan, were both born in Clay county, this state, in the year 1848. Thomas C. Morgan came to Greene county in 1875 and settled near the heart of what is locally known as "Bee Hunters' Marsh," in Stockton township, purchasing a portion of this swamp land, and, erecting his residence on a small hill nearly surrounded by water, at once addressed himself to the task of draining and redeeming his possession. By persevering industry he succeeded in finally accomplishing this undertaking, and where erstwhile was only a dense, marshy waste is now to be seen one of the finest and most productive farms in the township, the soil being of great depth and fertility and producing abundantly all crops grown in this part of the state.

On this farm, June 18, 1882, occurred the birth of the subject of this review, and amid its environments he spent the years of his childhood and youth, assisting his father in the fields when old enough to be of service, and at intervals prosecuting his studies in the district school hard by. His sister, who was his playmate in youth and who shared with him the various experiences of rural life, grew to young womanhood in due time and left the parental roof for a home of her own, becoming the wife of Alf M. Beasley, a well known attorney of Linton, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in these pages. The mother, a most estimable lady of beautiful character, de-

parted this life on the first day of October, 1860. The father, one of the substantial citizens of Stockton township, is still the occupant of the farm he redeemed under such adverse conditions. Although a mere youth at the breaking out of the Civil war, he was early fired with a patriotic fervor to enter the army and do battle for his country, which desire he was finally enabled to gratify. When only fifteen years of age he enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war, and later joined the Nineteenth Kansas Regiment, with which, during the late sixties, he was engaged in numerous operations against the Indians in Kansas, New Mexico and other parts of the west. At one time he was a wagon master and conducted wagon trains from Leavenworth to Santa Fe, several years before the advent of railroads, his western experience both as Indian fighter and freighter being replete with many interesting and some tragic incidents.

That young Morgan took advantage of both time and opportunity to add to his mental discipline is indicated by the fact of his having finished the common school course and received a certificate of graduation at the early age of fourteen, following which he spent three and a half years in the Linton high school, the training thus received being afterward supplemented by a business course in the Indianapolis Commercial College, where, in 1900, he was graduated with honors of his class. While attending the latter institution he was obliged to pay his own way as best he could. The limited capital in his possession being soon exhausted, he afterward had re-

course to waiting on tables in restaurants and doing any other honorable labor he could find, but he never became discouraged, however forbidding the outlook, as is indicated by the successful manner in which he finished his course.

Mr. Morgan also attended several normal terms, and, receiving a teacher's license, devoted about five years to educational work, four of which as principal of the Island City school, and during the sessions of 1903 he pursued the higher branches of learning in the Indiana State University. On the establishment of the rural mail delivery system he saw an opportunity to make some money handling private mail boxes, and, devoting his vacations to this enterprise, disposed of over five thousand in the counties of Greene, Clay and Sullivan during the years of 1905, '06 and '07, realizing a handsome profit on his time and labor. While thus engaged he was also special rural free delivery agent for the Indianapolis News, and in addition to this paper he handled several other dailies, taking over three thousand orders in his territory, besides acting as circulating manager in Clay City for the Brazil Democrat and in the county of Sullivan for the Sullivan Union, meeting with like success in increasing their patronage.

In May, 1907, Mr. Morgan purchased the Linton Record, a weekly Republican organ established in 1806, which he has since enlarged and otherwise improved, increasing the circulation from less than seven hundred to considerably in excess of three thousand, also securing liberal advertising patronage, and in many other respects adding to the value of the property and making the paper

one of the best local sheets in the country. Mr. Morgan has a well-equipped office, in which all kinds of commercial and job work are done with neatness and dispatch, and being an enterprising business man of progressive ideas, it is but reasonable to predict for him a continuance of the success which thus far has signalized his career and to anticipate for his paper a still larger growth in public favor than it now enjoys.

Mechanically the Record is a model of typographical art and editorially it compares favorably with the best local papers of southern Indiana, being clean cut and fearless in discussing the issues of the day, loyally true to the Republican principles and as a family paper filled with the latest happenings at home and abroad and replete with interesting matter for the general reader, its periodical visits are always welcome at the households of numerous patrons. Through the medium of his paper Mr. Morgan has done much to advance the interests of his city and county, and on all laudable enterprises and worthy reforms its voice is heard in no uncertain sound, being ever on the side of right and an earnest advocate of every influence that makes for the social and moral welfare of the community. Since his twenty-first year Mr. Morgan has been a zealous member of the Masonic fraternity and is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he holds high rank in both subordinate lodge and encampment. He is an influential member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Modern Woodmen of the World, having been honored with important official positions in both organizations, and in religion he subscribes to the Methodist Episcopal creed.

of which church his mother was a faithful and consistent member. Mr. Morgan has never assumed the duties and responsibilities of married life, and supports his state of single blessedness with a grace and dignity that have won many warm friends and made him a general favorite in the best society circles of the city in which he resides.

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### GEORGE WASHINGTON BROOKSHIRE.

Our enterprising subject first saw the light of day April 25, 1868, in the county where he has always resided. George W. Brookshire, his father, was a native of the Hoosier state, who passed from his earthly labors three months before our subject was born. The mother of Mr. Brookshire was, before her marriage, Mary Ann Rigel, who was born in Ohio, and who now lives on her farm in Grant township, three miles north of Lyons. Both she and her husband spared no pains in raising their children in the paths of duty and rectitude from which they have not departed in their later years, which fact gives the mother great satisfaction and cheer in her declining age.

The subject of this sketch was united in marriage in 1893 with Rosetta Winters, daughter of Quince B. and Elizabeth Winters, a well known citizen of Stockton township. Constituting Mr. Brookshire's family are the following children: Francis P., Edith M., Walter L., Dorris M.

The subject has devoted his life work to farming

with evident success, having always been a hard worker and a good manager. He came to Stockton township about 1803, when he purchased a farm of eighty acres which he sold and bought a like farm near Switz City, sold out and came to the farm which he now owns, located two miles east of Linton and which is equal to any in his neighborhood in point of improvements and the productiveness of its soil, the owner having been a close observer of the best methods employed by the other agriculturalists of his township, and adopting their plans so far as consistent with his own ideas in bringing his place up to a high standard of efficiency. Considerable attention is devoted by our subject to the care and raising of stock which forms year to year no small part of his income. His barn was destroyed by fire in 1907 and he rebuilt the same year.

Mr. Brookshire is regarded by all who know him as an honest, industrious farmer, a substantial citizen and a kindly neighbor. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church and are known among the best members of the local congregation.

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### LUCIAN GILLET.

One of the most straightforward, energetic and successful agriculturists of Stockton township is the subject, who is thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the welfare of the community, and he has long been one of the honored citizens of Greene county, having

been born in Jefferson county, Indiana, July 8, 1855. His father was William A. Gillett and his mother was Lucy Virginia Comstock before she was married, also a native of Virginia. William Gillett came to Greene county in 1860. He was a plasterer by trade, also gave some attention to farming, having successfully followed both until his death, which occurred in Fair Play township, February 12, 1876. He was known as a man of sterling worth and endeavored to lead a reproachless life.

The subject of this sketch is the oldest of the children. The brothers and sisters are, Mrs. Francis N. Shilkett, Mrs. Lucella E. Bough, Ulysses G., George R., John C., William H., Fred—the last three deceased. Lucian lived on his father's farm assisting in the work on the place until he was twenty-two years old, attending the common schools in the meantime, receiving a fairly good foundation for an education; then he moved on the Shilkett farm near Switz City, where he remained for two years, leaving there to take up his residence on the McConnell farm, northwest of Switz City, where he also remained two years when he bought a farm in Smith township, northwest of Worthington. He spent four successful years on this farm; then he became a citizen of Stockton township, purchasing in 1888, the farm of eighty-three and one-half acres which is now his home and which he has by careful thought and hard work brought up to a high standard of efficiency, making it productive and attractive and causing it to yield a comfortable living.

Mr. Gillett was united in marriage to Mary J. Gilbreath in February 10, 1878. She is the only daughter

of David Gilbreath, a highly respected citizen of Stockton township. This union has been blessed with five children, namely: Anna M., wife of David Rogers, residing in Martin county, Indiana; William, David, Clarence, Charles and Fred. David, the eldest son is now engaged in farming in the new state of Oklahoma. Clarence is in Robinson, Illinois, in the concrete business. The two younger boys, Charles and Fred, remain at home on the farm.

Mr. Gillett is a well informed man, having been a general reader and close observer, and he takes a heart interest in all things pertaining to the public welfare. Something of his splendid business and executive ability is shown by the fact that he has been selected to perform the duties of treasurer for the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 4704, and he and his estimable wife are members of the Baptist church.

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#### WILLIAM STRIETELMEIER.

The United States can boast of no better or law-abiding class of citizens than the great number of Germans who have found homes within her borders, none more willing to stand by the flag in times of national peril than they, and none readier to support her institutions for the public weal, and among this large and highly respected class is the subject of this brief sketch, who was born in Germany, September 5, 1843, in which



country he spent his childhood in the usual manner of assisting his parents in whatever fell to his share of the work about the home and attending the schools in his locality. He felt early in life that larger opportunities lay across the Atlantic in the "land of the free and the home of the brave" for him, and actuated by this belief, he was induced to set sail for America in 1863. After landing in New York he concluded the interior was better suited to his taste and he came to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he engaged as a chair maker, having learned something of this trade before leaving his native land; but in a few years he heard of the opportunities in agriculture that Greene county, Indiana, offered, and he consequently gave up his work in that city and came to Stockton township, settling on a farm of fifty-nine acres where he has since resided, having transformed a practically rough piece of land during that time into a farm, and now owns seventy-nine acres which compare favorably with any in his neighborhood.

The subject's father was Henry Strietelmeier, a native of Germany. The subject's mother passed away when he was young, and of the five children born to his father and mother all are now deceased with the exception of the subject of this sketch.

Our subject was united in marriage in 1882 to Fredericka Hildedeck, also a native of the fatherland across the sea, and their marriage was one of those romantic kind that never fails to bring subsequent happiness. The contracting parties had known each other in their native land from childhood, and vowing there that the fates should not thwart their life paths, causing them to diverge

into separate ways, the prospective groom came to America to get a start in the business world, here to be joined by his bride-to-be, who later sailed from her native shores for the purpose of meeting the subject in this country, where the marriage was solemnized. As a result of this fortunate union the following children have been born, whose ages in 1908 are here given: Henry W., twenty-five; William H., twenty-three; Sophia, twenty-two; Minnie, nineteen; Lena, seventeen; Bertha, fifteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Strietelmeier are consistent members of the German Reformed church at Linton, being generally regarded by the congregation as among its most worthy members.

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### WILLIAM BOVENSCHEN.

A typical specimen of the splendid German-American citizens whose sturdy manhood, thrift and industry have wrought so much for our country's good, and who have ever been among our best class of foreigners, loyal and energetic, is the gentleman whose name forms the caption of this brief sketch.

William Bovenschen belongs to the second generation of Germans in this country, having been born in Wright township, Greene county, May 27, 1866, and spending his busy and useful life ever since within her borders, maintaining that the opportunities offered there for an honest and comfortable living could not be surpassed, not only in this state, but nowhere else in the

Union. He is the son of Didrick and Margaret (Smith) Bovenschen, who emigrated to America from the fatherland in early life, married and settled in Wright township, Greene county, Indiana, where they were soon assimilated with the population they found there and builded a comfortable home. They had twelve children born; three sons and two daughters now living. The advantages and pleasures of his parental home were such that our subject did not care to sever his connection with it until he was twenty-five years old, at which age he went out to battle life alone and with what success he accomplished the feat is attested to by the present prosperity which he enjoys and which he has achieved all by his unaided efforts, having been compelled to rely upon his own decisions for guidance, and his innate ability as an agriculturist, which vocation he has always preferred to follow, seems to have been on a par with that of any other citizen of his community.

The subject has lived for the past sixteen years on his present well kept farm of eighty acres, pleasantly situated two miles northeast of Linton, and only a glance over this place will show that these years have not been given to idleness and inertness, for much careful work has evidently been done here by Mr. Bovenschen, so that his farm is now quite attractive in every respect, and his residence equal to others in the neighborhood.

On March 26, 1891, our subject was happily married to Sena Heitman, daughter of Henry Heitman, a worthy family living in Stockton township, not far from the subject's place of residence. The following children have been born to this union whose ages in 1908

are: Anna, sixteen; Grace, thirteen; Helen, eleven; Tressie, eight; Bernice, six; Ruth, four; Wayne, an infant.

Mr. Bovenschen has the interest of his community and county at heart, is a Democrat in politics, being willing to give a part of his time to the duties of the advisory board of Stockton township, of which he is a member.

Mr. and Mrs. Bovenschen are members of the German Reformed church.

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#### GEORGE HUBBARD SHARP.

The subject of this brief biography is an example of what a man can ultimately do in the world of industry if he has the right conception of life coupled with a determined nature, although his early environments were somewhat nonconducive to enterprises of great magnitude, for Mr. Sharp was born of poor parents in a little log cabin in Grant township, Greene county, and he is now the owner of a rich farm of sixty-six acres and a comfortable and nicely furnished home. The date of his birth occurred on September 26, 1861, his father, Joseph R. Sharp, having been a native of Monroe county, Indiana, who came to Greene county in the early forties and engaged in farming with reasonable success all his life. The mother of the subject was Amanda (Rader) Sharp, also a native of Monroe county, and like her husband, a type of the sturdy and strictly honest pioneer element. George H., our subject, is one of a family of nine children, and his father was also a member of a family of nine chil-

dren. Eight of the children born to Joseph and Amanda Sharp are still living. They are, Mary J., the wife of Joseph Moyer, residing in Clay county; David O. is a resident of the Sun Flower state (Kansas), where he has successfully engaged in business for twenty-two years; Belle, the third child in the order of birth, is deceased; Eva is the widow of Samuel Simons; Mattie is the wife of Cass Terhune, of Grant township; Louise is the wife of Theodore Riley, also of Grant township; Joseph E. and William H. reside with their mother who still lives on the old home. Joseph R. Sharp, the father, passed away in 1900 after a useful and successful life, conscious of the fact that he had done all that could be done to train his children in the way they should go and to give them a start in life.

George H. Sharp, our subject, after spending his boyhood days working on the old homestead until he was twenty-six years old and attending the rural schools, married October 24, 1887, Jane Nolting, daughter of Charles and Minnie Nolting. She was born and reared in Stockton township. The home of the subject and wife has been made brighter by the birth of the following children: Minnie Amanda, who in 1908, is eighteen years old; Claudie Ethel is sixteen; Joseph Earl is fourteen; William Lester and Lillie Lessie, twins, are eleven years old.

Mr. Sharp moved on his present farm, located about two miles northeast of Linton, immediately after his marriage, twenty years ago, and has since resided there. This farm consists of sixty-six acres of land that has been growing richer from year to year, and in 1905

erected a comfortable dwelling which is the best in the neighborhood, through the skillful management of the owner who is familiar with all the details of fertilizing his fields by the proper rotation of crops and other methods known and employed by the best agriculturists. He not only makes a comfortable living off this farm, but is able to lay up a competency all the while to insure a life of rest and freedom from anxiety in his old days. Mr. Sharp enjoys the reputation of being scrupulously honest in all his dealings.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharp are members of the Methodist Episcopal church in which Mr. Sharp is an official. Politically he is a Republican.

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#### REV. ALEXANDER R. EVANS.

One of the most useful men in Greene county is the Rev. Alexander R. Evans, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Linton, who is a native of Scotland, having been born in Renfrewshire county May 1, 1878. His parents were Arthur Benjamin and Edith Evans, of Celtic origin. They died when the subject was five years old and he was soon afterward brought to Ontario, Canada, by his elder brother, Arthur Benjamin, where he grew to manhood, taking the high school course in Omeenee, Canada. He entered Queen's University at Kingston City, Ontario, in 1900, and in 1904 completed a full four years' course. In that year he went to Louisville, Kentucky, and entered the Louisville Theological Seminary,

where he spent two years. While in college he supplied a congregation at Elizabeth, Indiana, spending one year in that work. He was called to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church at Linton in March, 1907, in which capacity he is now serving (1908). This congregation embraces one hundred and eight communicants. A handsome church edifice is in course of construction, to be occupied the latter part of 1908, and to cost twenty-two thousand dollars. The present pastor was very active in making the new structure a possibility. The Sunday school of this church has an enrollment of over one hundred members. It has a violin class of twenty-two pieces, composed of both boys and girls, which adds to the interest of both the church services and the Sunday school. The youngest member of the class is a lad of but eight years. However, he reads music readily. Professor V. E. Dillard is the instructor of the class, which is under the general management of the pastor.

Another interesting and helpful department of the church work under Rev. Mr. Evans' supervision is the Boys' Brigade, in full uniform, consisting of sixty members, each fourteen years old or under. This organization was established looking to the development both of the physical and moral nature of the youth of the church, as well as the spiritual side of the members. The boys who have affiliated with this society are supplied with equipment and are drilled in military tactics. This proves to be a very interesting as well as popular feature of the church work and the young boys are all enthusiastic over it. The musical class is also a feature of

very great interest and helpfulness. Coupled with this are the Advisory Ladies' Aid Society, the Missionary Society, and others of a similar nature.

Rev. Mr. Evans' church is regarded as one of the most modern and most systematically conducted in Greene county, and the young pastor is fast winning the love and respect of the entire community.

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#### WILLIAM R. CRAVENS, M. D.

Among the physicians and surgeons of Greene county who have achieved success in their profession and attained to more than local distinction is Dr. William R. Cravens, of Bloomfield, a man widely and favorably known not only for his efficiency as a healer, but for his many admirable traits of character and sterling qualities of citizenship as well. Dr. Cravens is a native of Greene county, and the oldest of a family of four children born to Samuel C. and Mary L. (Routt) Cravens, the former for many years one of the representative medical men of southern Indiana, but now deceased, the latter still a resident of Bloomfield. (See sketch of S. C. Cravens.)

The subject's birth occurred in Bloomfield on November 25, 1868, and he spent his childhood and youth in his native city, entering at the proper time the public schools, where he pursued his studies until being graduated from the local high school in the spring of 1885. The training thus received was afterward supplemented by a full course in the Indiana State University, from





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which he was graduated with the class of 1890 and subsequently he took up the study of medicine, becoming a student in the Kentucky School of Medicine, Louisville, Kentucky, where he prosecuted his researches until receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine in the year 1892. Actuated by a laudable desire to add further to his professional discipline, he was afterward graduated from the Central College of Physicians and Surgeons, in Indianapolis, receiving his degree from that institution in 1896, and still later in 1906, completed a post-graduate course in the Polyclinic Medical College and Hospital, New York City, thus thoroughly fitting himself for the arduous calling to which his energies are being devoted.

Meanwhile Dr. Cravens entered upon the practice of his chosen profession in Bloomfield, and in due time forged to the front among the successful physicians and surgeons of the city, as was indicated in the rapid growth of his professional business. It was while thus engaged that he acquired the additional standing and efficiency by the special courses referred to, and in addition to his training in the school he has ever been a close student and tireless investigator, keeping abreast of the times in all the late researches and discoveries in medical science and in close touch with every phase of current professional thought. As a physician he ranks with the most learned men of his profession in Greene county, and his skill as a surgeon has been no less marked, as the number and nature of the various operations which he has performed will sufficiently attest. The doctor's trained perceptive faculties enable him readily to apply his knowledge obtained from books to the particular cases

in hand, and as a result he has already a large and lucrative practice, which is steadily growing in magnitude and importance. His success financially has kept pace with his professional advancement and he is now comfortably situated as concerns material wealth, being the recipient of a liberal income and the possessor of means which place him among the well-to-do men of his city and county.

Dr. Cravens holds membership with the Greene County Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the Illinois Central Railroad Surgeons' Association, and in addition to these organizations he is also local surgeon for the Cincinnati, Indianapolis & Louisville Railroad Company and the Indianapolis Southern Railroad, besides being the medical examiner for several of the leading life insurance companies doing business in Bloomfield and the contiguous territory. His fraternal relations are represented by the Phi Delta Theta Greek Society, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen, and in politics he wields strong influence for the Democratic party, but never permits political matters to interfere with his professional duties.

On December 6, 1893, Dr. Cravens was united in marriage with Belle Danks, of Patoka, Indiana, daughter of the Rev. T. C. Danks, a well-known Methodist divine, at one time pastor of the church in Bloomfield. Dr. and Mrs. Cravens have one child, a daughter by the name of Mary Helen, whose birth occurred on April 26th of the year 1897.

Dr. Cravens possesses a fine personal presence and pleasing address, is an affable gentleman whose friend-

ships and popularity are only bounded by the limits of his acquaintance. Genial and pleasant in manner, with many estimable qualities of mind and heart, he has made his influence felt in social as well as professional circles, and few men of the city in which he resides have more strongly stamped their individuality upon the community. Public-spirited in the full sense of the term, he lends his aid and influence to whatever tends to the betterment of his fellow men, and all worthy enterprises and local industries have found in him a friend and patron.

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#### WILL H. SHERWOOD.

The artistic temperament took possession of Will H. Sherwood early in life, and that rare quality, which the ancients believed was given only to those favored by the gods, has been the dominating factor in his life ever since, causing him not only to devote hours to music for pleasure's sake, but to turn it into more practical use, and he is at present a dealer in musical instruments in Linton, Indiana.

Mr. Sherwood came from a family that was musically inclined. However, his ancestors, of course, did not have the opportunity to develop the taste for music that he has had, owing to the early days in which they lived in this state. He was born May 29, 1850, in Washington county, Indiana, being the eldest of a large family of children born to Benjamin S. and Sarah A. E. (Holmes) Sherwood, both natives of Washington county, Indiana.

the former having been born in 1827. To this union were born the following children: Will H., Daniel A., Hugh M., Bettie J., Johnny A., Mary D., James B., Edward H., Daniel; Mary and John are deceased. Daniel was a lawyer, located at Petersburg, Indiana, who died on the threshold of young manhood, with an apparently bright future, having been a talented scholar and a young man of exemplary character. Mary and Johnnie died in childhood. The parental family of the subject came to Linton in November, 1857, and built a log house about a mile east of the town. This was among the first improvements in that vicinity. Benjamin S. Sherwood was the first shoemaker in that locality. He followed this trade until 1864, when he moved to Linton and engaged in the mercantile business. He was also postmaster there for several years. He later conducted the hotel that stands on the corner of A, Northwest, and Vincennes streets, where a hardware store now stands. He disposed of his hotel in 1886 and built a residence on the corner of Vincennes and B street, Northwest, where he spent the remaining days of his life, dying there in 1888. He was survived by his widow until April 7, 1898.

Will H. Sherwood grew to man's estate in Linton, Indiana, where he attended the public schools and worked a great deal at farming and hauling goods for his father, working about the store and the hotel. From early life he evinced a talent for music. He is self-educated and has become very proficient on all kinds of musical instruments. He both plays and writes music, and he has been a very proficient teacher of the organ, all kinds of hand instruments, as well as a teacher of vocal music,

and he has been engaged in selling musical instruments all his mature years. He was for many years leader of the band at Linton, and served as the chorister in the churches also for many years. He takes a great interest both in church and Sunday school work.

The subject was married March 12, 1873, to Clara E. Story, daughter of James and Serelda Story, an early pioneer family in Stockton township, Greene county. The subject and wife lived for a time on the farm originally owned by Rev. Martin Hale, paternal grandfather of Mrs. Sherwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood have had seven children born to them. The eldest is Lomie I., who is married and living at Terre Haute. He is a bookkeeper for the Vandalia Coal Company. He served for three years in the Twentieth United States Infantry Band in the Philippine Islands. Fanny, the subject's second child, is the wife of George Dye, a miner in Linton. Lexie G. is in high school at Linton. These are the living children of the subject. They all inherited their father's talent for music and are excellent musicians. Dona Ivy and Ollie Marie both died in infancy; two twin daughters died unnamed. The subject has been a life-long Republican, and he is a member of the Masonic fraternity. His wife is also interested in lodge work. They have three grandchildren—Corinne M. Sherwood and Edith and Morris Dye.

The Sherwood family has always been well known in the annals of Greene county's history, and the subject and his family are sustaining the traditions of their ancestors with care, and as a result of their consistent lives they number their friends by the scores.

## ANDREW J. MYERS.

One of the business men of Linton who was attracted to that rapidly growing little city by its excellent advantages early in its boom days was Andrew J. Myers, who has made a success in business there and who was born near Salem, Washington county, Indiana, February 27, 1867, the son of David B. and Mary Ann (Proe) Myers, both natives of Washington county. The former engaged in agricultural pursuits and spent the major part of his life in Washington and Daviess counties. Both of the subject's parents died in 1887, his mother on January 27th and his father May 17th. They were both in their fifty-fourth year. They had a family of eight children, all of whom were sons, four of whom are living. The two eldest, William and Milton, died in childhood; Cornelius died in 1906, having been choked to death at the age of fifty years. He left a family of eight children. Solomon died in New Whatcom, Washington, where he was proprietor of a hotel. He is survived by a widow, but no children were born to them. John S. is the proprietor of the cafe at the New Linton Hotel. Marcus L. is the owner of a barber business in Tuscola, Illinois. Andrew J., the subject of this sketch. Jack is a barber employed in business at Linton with the subject. He is married and has two sons.

The subject has been in Linton since December, 1887, and has been engaged in the barber business since 1883, having learned his trade in Daviess county, Indiana. He has a finely equipped shop, operating four chairs, and he is generally conceded to stand at the head of the barber business in Linton.



The subject was married November 23, 1880, to Lennie Cravens, a daughter of John L. Cravens, of Linton. Guy, a son, was born to this union, who is now living in Linton, being a grown young man. Loren was born to the subject's second marriage. The subject and wife are members of the Christian church. Politically he is a Democrat and an influential local politician. He was the choice of his party for the office of trustee of Stockton township. He belongs to the following social and beneficent societies: Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Woodmen of the World. He has been clerk of the local organization of the last named lodge since its organization five years ago. He also belongs to the Woodmen Circle, an insurance organization in connection with the Woodmen of the World.

Mr. Myers has been very successful in his business and he owns the building in which his shop is located; also a good residence. The shop is located at 32 South Main street, in a brick building specially fitted up for his business, with bath services; also a laundry agency run in connection with the shop. Mr. Myers is well known about town and he has a host of friends in Linton and vicinity.

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#### CHARLES F. HEIM.

The people who redeemed Greene county from the wilderness were hardy sons of the soil who hesitated at no difficulty and for whom hardships had little to appall.

and their efficient efforts have been fully appreciated by those who came at a later period and builded on the foundation which they laid so broad and deep. Among the latter class is the prominent farmer and merchant by whose name this article is introduced.

Charles F. Heim is a native of Erie, Pennsylvania, where he was born August 19, 1858. His parents, William C. and Louisa (Heyer) Heim, were of sterling German stock and possessed of all those admirable traits of character which have made these people forerunners in many of the most important lines of the world's activities. They both came to America from Germany about 1852 and married in Pennsylvania, coming to Indiana about 1864. The father of the subject was one of that loyal class of foreigners who espoused the cause of the Union and fought as gallantly for the stars and stripes as they would have fought under the banners of their own fatherland. He was a sergeant in Company A, Seventh Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry. He died in a hospital in Philadelphia before hostilities ceased. Mrs. Heim then married M. E. Philip. The subject was left a small boy by his parents and he was reared by his stepfather, Mr. Philip. In 1880 he came from Brown county to Greene county, Indiana, settling at Marco. The following April he opened up a little restaurant, which gradually grew in importance under his skillful management until it became a large establishment. Mr. Heim had only three hundred dollars to invest when he first started in business in Marco. Now his splendid stock of goods is valued at four thousand dollars. He made all this unaided, besides getting possession of a very fine

farm of one hundred and eighty acres adjoining Marco, for which he has refused one hundred dollars per acre. It is well improved and well managed and is a very desirable piece of property. He is a breeder of Berkshire swine and White Plymouth Rock chickens. No man of small business capacity could have accomplished what Mr. Heim has, starting from the small beginning which he was compelled to do. He successfully manages his farm in connection with his store.

Our subject was married in 1882 to Belle Harvey, who was born in Morgan county, August 1, 1865. They have three sons, all living. They are Charles, Ray and Claude. Charles F. Heim & Son is the firm name of the business which Mr. Heim and his eldest son conduct in Marco. The subject is a Republican, but he has never taken an active part in politics. Fraternally Mr. Heim is a member of the Lyons Masonic Lodge, No. 634, and Linton Chapter, No. 132, Indianapolis Consistory, having reached the thirty-second degree in his work in Masonry. He is also a member of Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 312, at Marco. Mr. Heim is regarded as a man of sound judgment and he is highly respected for his honesty and industry by all who know him.

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### JOHN WESLEY RISHER.

(By G. W. F.)

The subject of this biographical review seems to the writer to be a near relative whom he had lost in the evoc-

lutions of time and considered as dead many long years ago. They were schoolmates in childhood, attending the same "pioneer" school in northwestern Pennsylvania for a period of five years, or from 1854 to 1858, when they were separated, and have never heard of each other, by tradition or otherwise, until they met in Linton, Indiana, exactly fifty years from the day of separation. Each had served through the war for the preservation of the Union and escaped serious bodily injury; and though widely separated, their lives have been similar in many respects. John Risher, or "Rasher," as the broad dialect of the locality put it in the days of our childhood, was the "chosen friend" of the homeless boy who came into the neighborhood to attend school, and who requited such friendship, in part, by sharing with "John" his big red apples, then a real luxury, even in Pennsylvania. Fifty years! The period of "history-making" in the United States and the world. We are proud to know that we have borne a small part, John, in bringing about the grand achievements of our country during the last half century, and of none of these have we any greater reason to be proud than the part we bore in the perpetuation of "one country and one flag."

A retrospective view of the past brings to mind the crude instruments which the people of our childhood days were obliged to use in every line of human endeavor. The slab benches in the old school house were comfortable, because we knew no other; grandfather's scythe and cradle were far ahead of his father's sickle, which was designed to do the same work, and harvesting was an easy thing (?) after the cradle superseded the grain sickle.

though the latter was still in use in "our day." We knew that electricity sometimes killed people and burned property, but we knew of no other uses to which it could be "put" or that it could be "manufactured" to supply all demands. Steam as a motive power was in its infancy, and we looked with awe and fear upon the first railroad train which came within our narrow horizon. All the means of "rapid" transportation known to us was by way of the Erie canal, whose boats, propelled by mule power, passed through West Middlesex at the rate of three or four miles an hour. Doubtless the sight of a bicycle, automobile, flying machine or "merry widow" hat would have driven all the natives to the woods. The telephone, electric cars, natural gas as a universal fuel in our immediate neighborhood (as now) would have driven them entirely "through the woods." We will not predict what the result would have been could they have seen a petroleum lamp, or had an opportunity of reading their monthly newspaper by the aid of an electric light. But, John, it is impossible to enumerate all the inventions and discoveries which have enriched the world and benefited mankind within the space of fifty years, or to portray the utter wretchedness and incapacity of the present generation if deprived of them.

This personal introduction may be permissible in the light of the truth that there are hundreds of people now living in Greene county whose early experiences were similar to our own. If they have all kept pace with the rapid march of human events they are well qualified to entertain their children's children with the recital of pioneer experiences, always interesting and instructive to the young.

The subject of this sketch was born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, on the 4th day of May, 1844. His parents were David and Maria Ann (Cowan) Risher, both natives of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. The father was born in 1820 and the mother in 1824. David Risher spent his early life—i. e., from his sixteenth year until 1843—in boating on the canal between Philadelphia and Baltimore. He was married July 3, 1843, in Armstrong county, and about two years later the family residence was established at "Risher's Coal Bank," in Mercer county, Pennsylvania. For some time after the year 1843 father Risher was engaged at the blacksmith's trade, being an excellent workman in his line. In later life he was engaged in blacksmithing, and with his brother, John Risher, in various enterprises as coal operators and transporters. The firm of Schaeffer, Risher & Company, miners, and a firm under the same title and composed of the same men operated a mine and transportation business at Newberg, Warrick county, Indiana. They were handsomely equipped for their business, and were prosperous for a time, but rival miners nearer the market, together with the destruction of a valuable steamer, which cost them twenty-seven thousand dollars, drove them out of business. The boilers of this vessel blew up and a total loss of boat and equipment was the result. The mother of the subject of this sketch died near Middlesex, Mercer county, Pennsylvania, January 25, 1860. Father survived her nearly twenty years, and died at What Cheer, Iowa, July 24, 1888. These were the parents of seven sons and two daughters, all of whom are now living. The eldest of the family is John Wesley, the sub-

ject of this article; James Cowan, the second born, is a resident of Nevada, Missouri; George Prosser is a farmer near Linnville, Jasper county, Iowa; Silas C. is superintendent of the Vandalia mines at Terre Haute, Indiana; Winfield Scott is foreman in a mine, of which his brother is superintendent, and lives in Linton; Mary Jane is the widow of Frank O'Brien, and lives at Oxford, Nebraska; Alonzo Henderson is in the cold storage and meat business at Mystic, Iowa; Elmer Ellsworth is a coal operator at Boone, Iowa, and Lavona Caroline is the widow of Albert Bartmess, and lives in Omaha, Nebraska.

John W. Risher began his independent career as a coal miner and has followed mining, either as an owner and operator, superintendent for others, or in the capacity of a miner, all his life with the exception of two years in the mercantile business at Brazil, Indiana. In this venture he was doing a good business, and had accumulated considerable property. A prolonged miners' strike necessitated his selling goods on credit, and soon the strikers had his goods and he had their worthless accounts, very few of which were ever paid, even in part. He lost heavily through this effort to benefit his fellow man, and retired from business. He has operated mines of various capacities and values in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Iowa, being at times in affluent circumstances, and again clear down to the foot of the financial ladder. Few men have had a wider experience in all phases of coal production than John Risher. He left his native state in 1866, and after two years' absence returned to Middlesex and was superintendent of his uncle's mine. Later he was persuaded

to go to Athens county, Ohio, and assume a similar position there. From Ohio he came to Brazil, Indiana, as previously mentioned, thence to Iowa, and again to Indiana, being in business for a time at Clinton. He then formed a partnership with David Murray as miners and shippers of coal. The story of his experiences there (at Terre Haute) sounds like he may have been made the victim of a "salted mine," had he been producing gold instead of coal. At all events, the mine proved worthless, after investing heavily in equipment and attaining fairly good results for a time. He came to Linton in the spring of 1807, and has been a resident of this city since.

Mr. Risher was a member of Company A, Fifty-eighth Pennsylvania Militia, for ninety days during the year 1862, this organization being later merged into the Sixth Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, and he was assigned to Company I. With this organization he served until the close of the war, being discharged June 15, 1865, at Fort Ethan Allen, Virginia. The services were largely confined to the defense of Washington during the more aggressive movements at the front. He is a pensioner by reason of disability incurred in the army.

The subject of this article was married January 25, 1872, at Sharon, Pennsylvania, the lady of his choice being Leah Martin, a native of Trumbull county, Ohio, and a daughter of Henry and Mary Martin, who later were residents of Sharon, Pennsylvania.

This happy and most congenial union has been blessed with four children, the eldest of whom, Pearl Genoa, born December 21, 1872, died at What Cheer, Iowa, September 12, 1886; Silas Vesuvius is superintend-



ent of the Vandalia mines at Brazil, Indiana. He wedded Catherine Fuller and their little son, Charles Wesley, is the only grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Risher. It is scarcely necessary to add that "little Charlie" has only to command and the world is his if within the power of the Risher family to gratify his wishes. Mary Idella is the wife of J. Walter Baird, a practicing attorney at Muncie, Indiana. The youngest of the family is John Austin, a young man of seventeen, now wrestling with the intricate "machinery" of the Linton high school. Incidentally he is serving an apprenticeship at the printer's trade, his leisure hours and holidays being spent under the tuition of Ben Morgan, of the Linton Record.

Comrade Risher has always taken great interest in the welfare of his late comrades in arms, and is a very zealous worker and the principal officer in Lieutenant Yakey Post, No. 102, Grand Army of the Republic. He is now serving the fifth term as commander of this post. His estimable wife is also an active member of the Woman's Relief Corps in connection with the same post. They are also both members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Free and Accepted Masons fraternities, the lady, of course, being restricted to the Order of the Eastern Star and Daughters of Rebekah, of which the husband is a member. Being united in the temporal affairs of life, it is but natural that this unity of sentiment should extend to the spiritual side of their sojourn together, hence the religious home of the family is the Methodist Episcopal church.

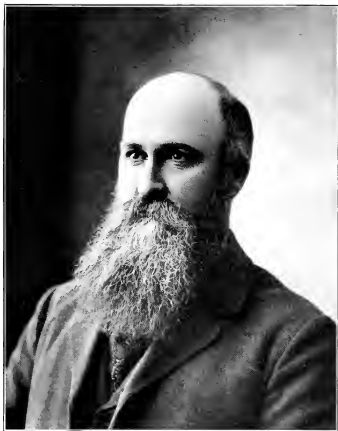
In closing this rather lengthy sketch we trust that neither the parties directly concerned nor the disinterested

reader will consider the writer presumptuous in making personal references to himself and the subject of the sketch, for he has no other means of impressing upon his childhood companion and his worthy family the great pleasure which he feels in again being, even temporarily, in touch with him. To know that he is alive and well, the head of a happy, loving family, congenially mated and reasonably prosperous, is joy inexpressible.

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#### SOLOMON PRYOR DIXSON.

The worthy and influential gentleman whose name appears above was born in Greene county, February 26, 1851, the son of John H. and Elizabeth (Stalcup) Dixon, and received his early education in the public schools of this county, working on his father's farm until he was twenty-three years old, when he bought a small farm, the old homestead of his Grandfather Stalcup, which he operated for two years and sold, later moving to Iowa, where he rented a farm for one year, then in 1877 he moved to Kansas and bought four hundred acres of land, partly improved. Remaining on this farm for a period of twenty-four years, he sold out and moved back to Greene county, Indiana, having inherited and purchased two hundred acres of bottom land on the White river, and he also bought three hundred and twenty acres of hill land, all of which was improved. In about three years he sold the later farm and bought one hundred acres, where he has since resided, still owning the bottom



*S. P. Dixon*



land. The new farm is prairie land, well improved, and upon it has been built a comfortable residence and convenient out-buildings; most of the fencing being of woven and barbed wire. He carries on a general farming business, feeds hogs and cattle and sells small grains, renting the major part of the tillable land out. He raises corn for the most part, however he grows large crops of wheat and oats. His is one of Greene county's model farms.

Mr. Dixon was married October 6, 1874, to Sarah Jane Owen, daughter of Armstead and Lucinda (Danely) Owen, both natives of Indiana. Grandfather Owen was a native of North Carolina, who came to Greene county, Indiana, and entered land. John Hunter Owen, grandfather of the wife of the subject, was the son of John Thomas Owen, who came to America from England with the army of General Cornwallis and surrendered at Yorktown. He was born in 1784 and died in 1834. The former, J. H. Owen, settled in Greene county, Indiana. Mrs. Dixon's father, Armstead Owen, was the youngest son. He was born January 16, 1825, and died January 29, 1870. He inherited a part of the old homestead which was entered from the government by Mrs. Dixon's grandfather, John Hunter Owen. Mrs. Dixon and the other two children were born on this farm. She attended the public schools in the winter and the subscription schools in the summer, later attending the graded schools in Bloomfield; also went to school at Franklin, Indiana. She was the oldest in her father's family. Mary E. Owen, the wife of J. A. Wood, is living in New Mexico. She attended DePauw University at Greencastle, Indiana. She has two children, Owen L., a draughtsman in the employ

of the government at Reno, Nevada, is a graduate of the Rose Polytechnic School at Terre Haute. Her second child, Laura W., is now (1908) in college at Ottawa, Kansas. Hugh A. Owen, brother of the subject's wife, graduated in the class of 1908 in Chicago University. He has one son, George B., who was born in 1905. Two children have been born to the subject and wife—Clayton C. died in infancy, Mary M., who was born in 1880, living at home. Mrs. Dixson's people were Baptists, but she has joined her husband in the Christian church. Solomon P. Dixson is a Republican. His daughter attended Butler University and is active in Sunday school work in the Christian church, being a teacher and doing excellent work with her students.

The family of Solomon and Sarah Dixson, grandparents of the subject of this sketch, lived in Virginia and consisted of seven sons and three daughters, namely: Samuel, who came to Indiana and died in Greene county, August 30, 1820, aged fifty-three years; Solomon was born in 1771 and died in 1824. Both he and Samuel remained unmarried. Joseph died at his residence in Greene county. He was married in Georgia to Mary Hurd, an aunt of Jemima Dixson, of Roseville, Illinois. The former died in Indiana. Henry married in Georgia. His wife was a step-sister of Mary Hurd. He died in Tennessee. Eli was born in Virginia, near the Blue Ridge mountains in 1769, and came to Indiana in 1806. Stephen, the seventh son of Solomon and Sarah Dixson, was killed by Indians during the war of 1812, while boarding with a family near Kirk's Prairie, Indiana. The man of the house and Stephen were away from home

when the Indians came and took the family, three Indians staying behind to wait for the men. Stephen came home first and the Indians came from their hiding place and killed him, hanging his body near the door where the owner of the home found it when he returned. The daughters of Solomon and Sarah Dixson were Ruth, Sarah and Elizabeth.

Eli Dixson was born in 1769 in Virginia, near the Blue Ridge mountains, and he emigrated to Georgia where the city of Augusta now stands. He was married to Rebecca Hart in 1799 and moved to Preble county, Ohio, in 1806, settling in Dixson's township, where he remained for twelve years, during which time he cleared a farm and exercised a great influence in settling the neighborhood. He moved to Smith township, Greene county, Indiana, where he bought a farm and improved it. He was noted for his liberality and benevolence in helping all who were in need. He served two terms in the state legislature from Greene, Putnam and Owen counties, and his successful life closed March 9, 1836.

Rebecca, the wife of Eli Dixson, was the daughter of Isaac and Hester Hart, born near Augusta, Georgia, September 2, 1779, and died October 1, 1852. She had four brothers, William, Isaac, Thomas and Phineas. She also had two half-brothers, Amos and Jerry. She had a half-sister, who married a Mr. Jones. William died in Georgia. Isaac and Thomas died in Preble county, Ohio. Phineas died in Peoria county, Illinois. Her mother, half-brother and sister emigrated to Michigan in an early day. Eli and Rebecca (Hart) Dixson's family consisted of eight sons and three daughters, namely: Samuel,

Sarah, Solomon, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Eli, Stephen, Phineas, William and Prior. Samuel was born in 1800 and died in 1844. Sarah was born in 1801 and died in 1839. Solomon was born in 1803 and died in 1851. Elizabeth lived three years. Rebecca was born in 1807 and died in 1834. Eli was born in 1811 and died in 1857. Stephen was born in 1817 and died in 1879. John was born in 1816 and died in 1890. William was born in 1822 and died in 1870. Prior died when twenty-seven years old.

Ancestors of the subject's mother, the Stalcups, came to Indiana in an early day and have been prominent factors in the history of the southern part of the state ever since. They were natives of Tennessee, who came to Greene county, Indiana, and entered government land, where they raised cotton and flax on the ground where the city of Worthington now stands. One of the Stalcup women lived to be one hundred and fifteen years old. All the Stalcup family are very long-lived people.

Thus it will be seen by this review that our subject is a member of an unusually meritorious family, and that he is well worthy to bear the honored name of his ancestors.

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#### MRS. MARY E. BREWER.

Mrs. Mary E. Brewer, widow of John W. Brewer, was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, August 25, 1842, the daughter of James M. and Margaret A. (Hinkle) Enochs. The latter was a native of Kentucky, who was brought to Greene county by her parents when six months



old. The former was a native of North Carolina, who was nine years old when he was brought to Kentucky by his parents, who later moved to Sullivan county, Indiana, living there the remainder of their lives, having been consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Enochs' earthly career ended April 14, 1804, having survived his wife seven years.

Mrs. Brewer, our subject, was reared on a farm and attended the common schools, securing a fairly generous education. She was united in marriage October 27, 1885, to John W. Brewer, and they immediately moved on a splendid farm in Stafford township, on which our subject still resides and which has been so skillfully managed that it has always been very productive. It consists of one hundred and two acres. She rents the land but keeps some good stock. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer never had any children. September 7, 1805, Mr. Brewer's spirit passed into the "silent land" after a busy and honorable career. He was a member of the Baptist church, in which he always took a delight, and his political inclinations were always with the Democrats. However, he was not an active worker in his party. Our subject was Mr. Brewer's second wife. He raised one daughter, Martha A., by his first wife. This child is now the wife of Charles B. Heim, of Marco, Indiana.

Mrs. Brewer is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, her membership being at Stafford chapel. She is regarded as a lady of estimable traits, having a kind and generous disposition, according to her neighbors, and she is much liked and highly respected by all who know her.

## HENRY GARRETT BREDEWEG.

This honored and stalwart German-American came direct from the fatherland, where he was born at Hanover, Germany, October 24, 1843, being one of nine children born to Herman and Elizabeth (Angelbeck) Bredeweg. The father was a highly skilled and industrious carpenter and builder of more than local repute. The other children of this worthy family were: Elizabeth Mary and Annie, living, and Herman, Fritz, Minnie, William and another son, also named William, all deceased.

Henry G. Bredeweg left Germany for Holland in the early sixties, where he engaged in the mercantile business for two years, after which he returned to Germany and was drafted for military service, and elected to come to America, where he believed greater opportunities awaited him, landing in New York on the day that our martyred President, Abraham Lincoln, was assassinated. He came to Stockton township, Greene county, and has since lived continuously, with the exception of a short time spent in a neighboring state, in the community wherein he first settled, having not only been eminently successful in his vocation, but at the same time establishing a reputation among the citizens of Greene county for sturdy industry and honesty. He first sought and found work as a farm hand, working for Dr. Sherwood for one year. Then he went to Illinois and worked for two years, but still claiming Stockton township as his home, where he returned and, having been frugal and prosperous, purchased a forty-acre farm about two and one-half miles

north of Linton. By industry and close application to business he has since been able to add to this original farm, until he now has a fine place of one hundred and forty-six acres. His land is all well improved and on it he has erected a splendid and comfortable residence. As a careful and industrious farmer he is not surpassed in Greene county, having well understood from the first the nature of our soils and what grains were best adapted for them and how best to rotate crops.

Our subject was married in 1872 to Elizabeth Haseman, of Stockton township, the daughter of Detrick Haseman. Five children have been born to this union, all living in this township and all favorably known for their honesty and industry. The children of the subject and wife are: John, Lizzie, William, Herbert and Herman. The subject and his good wife worship at the German Reformed church. Mr. Bredeweg has never returned to the land of his birth, being contented to spend his declining years in the shade of his own "vine and fig tree" in the land of his adoption, where he can honestly enjoy the respite from a life of hard endeavor and the well earned fruits of his early toils.

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#### DAVID O. SQUIRE.

By his own unaided efforts the gentleman whose record we now examine has worked his way from a modest beginning to a position of prosperity and influence, and the systematic and honest methods he has employed have

won him the unbounded confidence of his fellow citizens in Stafford township, Greene county, Indiana, and, having such a splendid start at such an early age, the future of his career is most flattering. David O. Squire first saw the light of day August 1, 1870, in Wright township, this county, being the son of Nathan and Sarah C. (Bonham) Squire, the former a native of Columbus, Ohio, but who has been in Greene county, Indiana, since 1850, now living in Stafford township, where he is known as an active worker in politics.

In 1878 our subject came with his parents to Stafford township, and has remained here since that time, receiving a common school education and starting on his business career early in life, in which he has always prospered. He now has a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres, partly in Stafford and partly in Washington townships, and he also owns and operates a saw-mill and an up-to-date threshing outfit. Although these require a great deal of his time, he devotes all the attention possible to his farm, which is well improved and successfully managed in every respect, and is worth one hundred dollars per acre. He also owns an interest in five hundred acres of land in Morgan county, which is heavily timbered.

Mr. Squire has had a vast experience in the timber business and he has made most of his property by buying and sawing timber. He has a beautiful residence of ten rooms, thoroughly up-to-date and beautiful surroundings.

The subject's wife was Sarah E. Haywood, a woman of splendid traits, who has borne him four promising children, namely: Nathan E., Walter, Myrtle and Pearl.

Mr. Squire is a Republican in political belief and he formerly took an active part in local politics and became quite popular with his fellow voters in the Republican party, having been nominated and elected county commissioner in 1903. After serving very successfully one term he refused a second nomination, which his party was anxious to have him accept. He also refused the nomination for county treasurer.

Mr. Squire stands in the front rank of Greene county's honorable and industrious citizens, and he has won the highest respect from all his acquaintances owing to his well ordered life.

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#### WILLIAM L. PARKS.

The family to which the subject of this sketch belongs is widely known throughout Greene county, where it has been represented for many years and the reputations of its various members for honorable manhood and womanhood and sterling citizenship is second to that of no other family in this part of the state. C. M. D. Parks, the subject's father, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, in 1830, married there when a young man Mary E. Richcreek, whose birth occurred in 1830 in Virginia, and in 1856 moved to Greene county, Indiana, locating on a farm in Wright township, where he still lives, Mrs. Parks having died in March of the year 1905. All of the eight children born to this couple are living, their names be-

ing as follows: Almeda J., wife of William Daugherty, of Wright township; Mrs. Hannah C. Ricketts lives in that township also, as does Mrs. Miranda E. Moss; James P., the fourth in order of birth, resides at Evansville, Indiana; William L. is the fifth of the family, after whom comes Charles F., a painter of Wright township; Mary E., who married Henry Houghten, and Lewis A., an employe of the Atlas mine, in which he holds the position of checkman. C. M. D. Parks was a member of the Indiana militia during the Civil war and served in various capacities throughout the state under the direction of Governor Morton. He has long been one of the representative agriculturists of the township of Wright and is now living in honorable retirement, being the possessor of a sufficiency of this world's goods to make him independent.

William L. Parks first saw the light of day on the family homestead July 29, 1863, and grew to mature years familiar with all the details of farm life. His educational discipline embraced the common school branches, and he began his independent career as a farmer, to which honorable calling he devoted his attention for about twenty years, in the meantime becoming quite skilled as a cabinet maker, his father having carried on that line of mechanical work for some years at the home place. In the year 1882 Mr. Parks established himself in carriage building and repairing at Linton and has continued the same to the present time, being now the proprietor of a large and thoroughly equipped establishment, in which all kinds of work in his line is done with neatness and dispatch, confining himself to the carriage industry in its every

detail. His business has grown steadily in volume and the high reputation of the vehicles which he turns out, together with the superior order of workmanship in all that he does, has given him wide publicity, and to meet the constantly increasing demands on his establishment he keeps employed quite a number of mechanics selected with especial reference to efficiency and skill. He has achieved merited success in the industry which he has built up, and in addition to his large place of business owns a beautiful home adjoining and is well situated to enjoy the liberal income of which he is the recipient.

Mr. Parks is unswerving in all his allegiance to the Republican party, and while active and even aggressive in upholding its principles, numbers his friends by the score, irrespective of political ties, as his election to the office of township trustee in 1904 in a township normally Democratic by nearly five hundred majority abundantly attests, being the only Republican ever elected to that office in the township of Stockton. Few men in the county enjoy as large a measure of personal popularity and none stands any higher than he in the confidence and esteem of the public. His voice and influence have ever been in favor of progress and improvement, and for many years his name has been closely associated with the measures and movements having for their object the welfare of his fellow men.

In the year 1890 occurred the marriage of Mr. Parks and Lorena J. Dowell, daughter of James Lewis Dowell, of Grant township, Greene county. Mrs. Parks' birthplace was in Monroe county, of which part of the state her family were early pioneers. Mr. and Mrs. Parks

have five children, namely: Roy D., Wayne, Madalene, Bob D. and Mary. The three eldest are pupils in the city schools. In their religious faith the subject and wife hold to the Methodist creed, being respected members of the church in Linton and active in the various lines of good work under the auspices of the same.

Mrs. Parks' people came originally from North Carolina and, as already indicated, were among the pioneer settlers of Monroe county, where the name Dowell has been widely and favorably known for many years. They have long been noted for physical vigor and longevity, the majority of the family having lived to ripe old age, an aunt of Mrs. Parks, now living, having reached the remarkable age of ninety-eight years and is in full possession of nearly all of her faculties, physical and mental. The father of Mrs. Parks died in this county some years ago, her mother at the present time being a resident of Linton.

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#### JOSEPH LEONARD.

The subject was born in Fayette county, North Carolina, July 21, 1818, and died near Owensburg, Greene county, Indiana, July 8, 1907, living nearly eighty-nine years. His long life was one of mingled joys and sorrows, but useful and successful, so that he has left his family a heritage of which they can justly be proud. He was one of the pioneers of Greene county, having come there in 1839 when he entered government land, which he turned into a desirable farm and built a good home.



in which he lived during the remainder of his life. When he came to Indiana he walked all the way from his native state and carried all his personal effects, and, in fact, all the property he had, done up in a bandana handkerchief, having followed a wagon across the mountains and as far as what is now Indianapolis, where he left his friend and came alone from there to the place where he desired to locate, having made the trip to Springville, Indiana, in a single day.

He was married August 27, 1840, to Sophronia Lyons, who died March 30, 1888. Seven children were born to this union, as follows: Leander P., Nancy A., Kate, Richard J., a physician of St. Louis, Missouri; Thomas J. lived on the old homestead and died in early life.

The subject and wife united with the Baptist church at Springville, Indiana, and were baptized by Elder Thomas N. Robinson, shortly afterward transferring their membership to Owensburg, and always lived consecrated Christian lives. Mr. Leonard attributed his long life and robust health to the regularity of his habits. He was prompt and honest in all his dealings with his friends and neighbors. He was a staunch Republican in politics and voted at every presidential election since 1840. He was a great admirer of Lincoln, Grant and McKinley; also Roosevelt. Being a great reader, he was always better posted on the affairs of the country in general than most men, and he kept especially close to the actions of President Roosevelt, keeping in sympathy with all the important acts of his remarkable administration. When Mr. Leonard died it was said of him that he left many friends, but no enemies.

## MOSES RITTER.

Prominent among the pioneer settlers of southern Indiana was Moses Ritter, deceased, whose life became closely identified with the advance of the industrial interests of the country. He was born in North Carolina on September 2, 1797, being the son of James Ritter, a farmer and a preacher of the Baptist faith, who ended his days in that state. When Moses was about twenty-two years of age he joined the tide of emigration to the West and North, coming across the mountains into Kentucky and thence northward into Indiana. He arrived at Salem and became engaged as a mechanic and carpenter. After some time he came to Newberry, Greene county, and there started the first dry-goods store that did business in the town. Coming later (in 1850) to Bloomfield, he set on foot a plant for the manufacture of wagons and cabinet goods. After conducting this for a time he entered again into the dry-goods business, coupling with it the handling of general merchandise. His was a busy life, for he let no time pass by unimproved. He kept his hands busy as well as his mind, and was enabled to see his business ventures attain to material success.

In the course of time, however, his general health began to be impaired, and it soon became evident that he would have to relax from active work, and he accordingly retired. He passed to his well-deserved rest in 1871.

In 1819 Mr. Ritter was united in marriage to Ac'sah O'Neal, at Salem, Indiana. She was the daughter of John and Hepsibah (Gilbert) O'Neal, Quakers of the

purest type, whose home had been in the South, where they owned a large plantation. On account of slavery they left the South in 1818 and came to Salem, Indiana. Later they made their home at Newberry, practically founding that place. Here Mr. O'Neal carried on farming and spent the remainder of his days in that vicinity. He was a public-spirited man, and his devout temperament made a lasting impression on the life of the community.

Mrs. Ritter survived her husband until March 6, 1873. In their later years the Ritters affiliated with the Methodist church. They were the parents of five children—Mary Ann, who was married to William Mason, died in the year of her marriage, 1843; Hepsibah, born January 12, 1825, is still living at an advanced age in Bloomfield. She was married on March 7, 1860, to George Grismore, a farmer, who died February 14, 1867. Her only son, Belton D., died on December 6, 1900; William D., born April 7, 1827, a farmer and historical writer of known ability in Richland township; Eliza Ellen, born October 28, 1831, is now living at Bloomfield, having married William W. Gainey in April, 1855; Emma R., born May 24, 1835, now lives in Bloomfield. On June 25, 1861, she was married to Henry C. Hill, whose biography is in this history.

Moses Ritter became a member of the Whig party upon its organization, and later joined the Republican ranks. His life was not all for self, however. He served at one time as county treasurer, and was for many years the justice of the peace. He was a strong temperance advocate, and an enthusiastic adherent of the Federal

Union. While he stood firmly and solidly for such policies as he felt were just and right, yet he avoided being a narrow and uncompromising enthusiast. He felt that justice is bound to come to those who deserve it, and in this belief he went calmly forth in the conscientious discharge of his regular duties.

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#### HON. GILBERT H. HENDREN.

Gilbert H. Hendren, journalist, political leader, editor and publisher of *The Bloomfield Democrat*, is a native of Franklin county, Ohio, and the only child of Lewis C. and Joanna (Dorsey) Hendren, the former born in 1832 in Delaware county, that state, the latter in the town of Dresden in the year 1835. Hiram Hendren, the subject's grandfather, was a man of more than local repute in the early history of Ohio, having represented the Columbus district in the state legislature and served as chairman of the committee on public buildings, besides taking an influential part in the general deliberations of that body. The great-grandfathers on both sides of the family were Revolutionary soldiers, and a large number of their descendants and relatives served in the Civil war, some in the Union army, while others espoused the cause of the Confederacy.

Gilbert H. Hendren was born March 29, 1857, in the town of Canal Winchester, Ohio, and inherits many of the traits and characteristics for which his Scotch-Irish and English ancestry were distinguished. After finishing the studies constituting the common school



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course he obtained a knowledge of the higher branches of learning in a normal school training and later entered the Law School at Indianapolis to fit himself for the legal profession. He had previously taught several terms of school, besides learning telegraphy, which he followed for some time, and he also had a business experience in the mercantile line prior to 1887. Since 1893 Mr. Hendren has loaned insurance companies' money upon improved farms in Greene county in the aggregate of more than two million dollars and never had a foreclosure and never lost a dollar for any company. At this time he makes almost eighty-five per cent. of all the farm mortgage loans in the county. Mr. Hendren has been called to various positions of honor and trust, having served as deputy clerk, Greene county circuit court, three terms as chairman of the Democratic county central committee, two terms as chairman of the second congressional district, chairman of speakers' bureau of the state in 1906, and first vice-chairman of the state central committee and chairman of the speakers' bureau of the state during the great Bryan presidential campaign of 1908, giving to the Democratic party the greatest stumping and educational campaign in the history of the state without parallel, perhaps, in party annals.

From the foregoing record it is easily perceived that Mr. Hendren is not only an able and judicious campaigner, but a recognized political leader of rare force and discretion, whose influence has been felt in party management as well as in the making of platforms and formulating policies. In the state of Indiana Mr. Bryan has no closer political or warmer personal friend, the distinguished Nebraskan reposing the utmost confidence in

the wisdom and sagacity of the Bloomfield editor, to whom he is largely indebted for much of his strength and popularity in the Hoosier state.

As editor of *The Bloomfield Democrat*, usually known as "The Democratic Commoner of Indiana," Mr. Hendren has been a tower of strength to the cause of Democracy, his editorials being clear, logical and trenchant, always carrying weight and inspiring respect, and it is doubtful if there is another party organ in the state that has gained more publicity or exercised greater influence in political circles. In discussing the questions and issues of the day, *The Democrat* takes no half-way ground and makes no compromise. Being Democratic in all the term implies, it seeks to become a true exponent of the principles and policies of the party, and that it has realized its ideal in this respect is amply proven by the high esteem in which the paper is held and the commanding influence it has long exerted. Mr. Hendren has made his paper the reflex of current thought not only politically, but upon all matters of public concern. It is a clean, well edited family paper, in which all legitimate news, both local and general, finds publicity, and with a liberal advertising patronage and a steadily growing list of subscribers, it bids fair to continue in the future what it has been in the past—an influence for good in directing its readers to noble aims and high ideals.

Mr. Hendren has been identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for a quarter of a century and is active in the deliberations of the Bloomfield lodge, with which he holds membership. He also belongs to the Indiana Democrat club of Indianapolis, manifests a lively interest in behalf of the same, and his counsel and advice



are listened to with respect by his fellow associates, among whom his popularity is unbounded.

On April 13, 1881, Mr. Hendren was united in marriage with Anna M. Hadley, daughter of Jeremiah and Eliza E. (McCracken) Hadley, of Mooresville, Indiana, the following being the names of the children born to the union: Gilbert H., Jr., an attorney practicing his profession at Linton; Alice J., wife of George W. Cantwell, of Bloomfield; Seaborn D. is a clerk with the American Express Company, Indianapolis; O. Herman, advertiser, circulator and manager, Bloomfield Democrat; William F., bookkeeper and stenographer in the same office; Curtis C., Mary M. and Edith, high school pupils in the fourth, second and first years, respectively; Charity, Robert D. and Marjorie Faith, who are pursuing their studies in the lower grades.

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#### REV. JOHN W. BUCK.

No man in Greene county is more widely known than the reverend gentleman whose name appears above, and few in the course of a long and strenuous life have accomplished so much good for their fellow men or so indelibly impressed their individuality upon the public. Rev. John Buck, of Linton, for fifty-two years a distinguished minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and a citizen of the highest American type, is a native of Indiana, born at Terre Haute, in the county of Vigo, on July 11th of the year 1837. His antecedents came to the United States from England, in which country his fa-

ther, William Buck, was born in February, 1808, being the son of John Buck, of Leicestershire. John and William Buck left their native land about 1816 to find a home in the new world, the latter being eight years of age when the family settled in New Jersey. William Buck, Sr., father of John, died in England at the almost unprecedented age of one hundred and seven years, the son dying in this country when sixty-four years old.

William Buck, the younger, was reared in New Jersey and married in that state in 1830 Pharzina Ruckman, who was born May 9, 1809, her parents belonging to an old Jersey family that came originally from Ireland.

About the year 1834 William Buck moved his family to Indiana and for eleven years thereafter lived at Terre Haute, between which place and Chicago he freighted goods in an early day, driving overland and experiencing many vicissitudes as a teamster. Later (1845) he changed his abode to Greene county, where in due time he became a successful farmer and influential man of affairs, his home place consisting of three hundred acres in the western part of Stockton township, being long considered one of the best improved and most valuable farms in the county. Like a number of his ancestors, he, too, lived to a green old age, dying in 1901 after rounding out his ninety-third year, his faithful wife and companion preceding him to the grave in the year 1890. This worthy couple had nine children, namely: Esther Ann, Sarah Elizabeth, Mary, John W., Stephen R., James, Isaac, Susan P. and Mary Ellen, of whom Sarah, John W., Susan and Mary are living.

After a preliminary discipline in the common schools John W. Buck entered Asbury (now DePauw) Univer-

sity, at Greencastle, where he received a liberal education with the object in view of devoting his life to the noble work of the Christian ministry. He was reared under excellent home influences and, with a decidedly religious environment, it was not long until his life received the impetus which in due time led him to the sphere of usefulness in which his talents have been exercised to such good advantage and in which he has achieved so many beneficent results for humanity. Mr. Buck began the active work of the ministry in 1857, receiving at the age of twenty a quarterly conference license and being assigned a circuit of which Linton was the largest and most important point. He continued the itinerary during the next fifteen years, and while thus engaged ministered to various circuits of central and southwestern Indiana, his labors being very acceptable and fruitful of good results. Under his able preaching and efficient management the cause of Methodism in his various jurisdictions was greatly strengthened, new congregations were organized, and through his influence many souls were won to the higher life. At the expiration of the period mentioned Mr. Buck retired from the itinerant field to take charge of local congregations, and for the last thirty-one years he has devoted his attention to this class of work, serving during the interim a number of strong churches in different parts of the country and building up the cause among various weak congregations, besides establishing churches and classes in communities destitute of religious influences. He collected the funds and built seventeen church edifices, and all were paid for before the day of dedication. Nearly six thousand members

were added to the church under his preaching. In all he has rounded out fifty-two years in his sacred calling, the amount of good accomplished through his efforts being incalculable and only to be made known when the "books are finally opened" and every man rewarded according to his deserts. In addition to his ministerial duties, Mr. Buck at one period of his life taught several terms of school, devoting portions of five continuous years to educational work, and during the early part of his ministry he lived on and managed a farm. On retiring from regular ministerial labor he moved to his farm in Greene county and lived on the same until 1893, since which time he has been a resident of Linton, where he owns a comfortable home, in which he proposes to pass the closing years of a well spent life.

On the breaking out of the war between the states Mr. Buck was among the first men of Greene county to tender his services to the government, enlisting July 13, 1861, in Company D, Twenty-first Indiana Infantry, with which he served until October 13th of the following year, in the meantime taking part in a number of battles, including the action at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he received the injuries which necessitated his retirement from the army at the time indicated.

Like all public-spirited and enterprising men, Mr. Buck takes an abiding interest in politics, and for a number of years he was earnest in his support of the Republican party. While still a Republican as far as the basic principles of the party is concerned, of recent years he has inclined somewhat toward Prohibition, believing the liquor traffic to be the crying curse of the times, an ulcer-

ous plague spot on the body politic, to be gotten rid of only by the most drastic measures, which means the absolute prohibition of the manufacture and sale of all kinds of intoxicants. In 1903 he was appointed to the office of justice of the peace and has discharged the duties of the position ever since, his court being one of the most popular of the kind in the county, but few of his decisions suffering reversal at the hands of higher tribunals. He is an active worker in the Masonic Brotherhood and the Independent Order of Good Templars, and for several years he has held the position of chaplain in Lieutenant Yakey Post, No. 19, Grand Army of the Republic, at Linton.

Mr. Buck's domestic life dates from 1860, on June 10th of which year was solemnized the ceremony which united him and Mary Lay in the bonds of holy wedlock. Mrs. Buck is a native of Grant county, Indiana, where her parents, John W. and Clarissa (Bradfield) Lay, resided for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Buck are the parents of six children, whose names are as follows: Maggie J., Dollie A., Triphena T., Clarissa P., Mollie F. and Ada P., four of whom are living, to-wit: Mrs. Maggie Brown, of Indianapolis; Triphena; Clarissa, wife of E. L. Twing, an attorney of Toledo, Ohio, and Ada, now Mrs. Oliver E. Glenn, of Little Rock, Arkansas. Nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, Edgar B. Allen and his sister Ada, have been members of Mr. Buck's family since the death of their mother, Mollie F. Allen, who departed this life February 17, 1903, their ages being fifteen and thirteen years, respectively.

In many respects Mr. Buck has been and is still a

remarkable man. Notwithstanding his long and strenuous life, filled to repletion with good to his fellow men, he is remarkably well preserved and full of vigor, carrying the weight of his seventy-one years with the ease and equanimity of one of half his age. Indeed, he is one of the youngest old men to be met with in any part of the Hoosier state, retaining the full possession of his faculties, physical and mental, keeping in close touch with the times and familiar with the leading questions of the day, besides mingling with the young people of the city, taking part in their pastimes and sports and sympathizing with them in their troubles, fancied or real. Although active all of his life and a diligent worker in his various spheres of endeavor, he has also been a lover of innocent amusements and a willing participant in the same, which fact accounts for much of his popularity among the people with whom he mingles. As an evidence of his faith in himself and belief that his labors are by no means ended, Mr. Buck, on the 3d day of March, 1908, was admitted to the Greene county bar, being the oldest man ever admitted to the practice of law in the county, and it is doubtful if in the entire state there can be found a parallel instance. That he may be successful in the legal profession is the earnest desire of his numerous friends and acquaintances, and that he will be few doubt.

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#### HON. DANIEL W. McINTOSH.

The subject of this article, one of the prominent and well known lawyers of Greene county, Indiana, was born

on a farm not many miles distant from his present home, and has been a resident of this county all his life, his birth occurring on the 15th of July, 1800, he being a son of John and Sarah (Crum) McIntosh. The father is descended from the same family as William J. McIntosh, whose sketch appears in this volume. The father of the subject and his four living sons were all born in Highland township, the former on the 10th of February, 1834. He was a successful farmer, and never engaged in any other business pursuit. He was a soldier during the Civil war, as were three of his brothers—Thomas, Perry C. and William—the first and last named having lost their lives in the service, or as a result of it.

The paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch was Joseph McIntosh, a native of Bath county, Kentucky, who came to Indiana in 1821 in company with his father's family, and located near Old Point Commerce, on the east side of White river near the mouth of Eel river. The tradition is silent as to the number of souls who made this hazardous voyage, but it is understood that the father, mother and several sons embarked in a "pirogue" on the Licking river in Kentucky, floated down that river to the Ohio, thence down that stream to the mouth of the Wabash, up the latter by "poling," and continued on up the White river to their destination, as designated above. Grandfather's wife was a Miss Todd, a cousin of Abraham Lincoln's wife. She was of German and Scotch lineage, and the McIntoshes are pure Scotch. The family in America are no doubt of the same lineage as General McIntosh, of Revolutionary fame. He was later a congressman from Georgia. It is a deplor-

able fact that, until within recent years, no effort has been made to preserve or verify American genealogy, and the best informed people are as ignorant of their ancestry as are the uneducated.

In later life John McIntosh, the subject's father, purchased his old parental homestead in Highland township, and he died in Beech Creek township on the 19th of April, 1900. His wife, Sarah Crum, was born in Franklin township, Owen county, Indiana, March 3, 1835, and died the same month and day as her husband, just twenty-seven years previously.

These were the parents of five children, one of whom died in infancy, and the others are all living. The eldest of the family is Perry A., a farmer and builder, now living at Worthington, this county; John W. is a veterinary surgeon in practice at Vilas, Owen county; Samuel N., twin brother of Daniel W., is a merchant and postmaster at Vilas. He was a teacher for a number of years in young manhood. A noticeable characteristic in his family is the fact that none of the four brothers weighs less than two hundred pounds, and one weighs two hundred and sixty. All except Daniel are over six feet in height, and he is five feet eleven and one-half inches. The family are proverbially Democrats in political preferences, and were Missionary Baptists from time immemorial. The subject of this article sustains his religious affiliations with New Hope church, the religious home of his parents, in Franklin township, Owen county. He was educated in the common schools of his native county and at normal schools, where he prepared for teaching. Like many other young men, he made the teaching profession



a stepping stone to other professional attainments. He was employed as a teacher for several years, during which time he prosecuted the preliminary studies in law under the tuition of Hon. Cyrus E. Davis, of Bloomfield. This preliminary work gave him a credit of eighteen months at the Indiana Law School, Indianapolis, where he remained one-half year, though he was in practice following this two and one-half years before entering Indianapolis College of Law. Completing his college course he was admitted to the bar in 1895, and located in Linton for the practice of law on the 12th of August, 1899. In October following that date he was appointed deputy prosecuting attorney of Greene county, and served two years and two months in that capacity, when the term of his principal expired. During this period of two years in the prosecutor's office Linton became a city, and Mr. McIntosh was elected city attorney and assisted in organizing the city government under the new regime, holding both offices. He was re-elected city attorney, but by reason of a temporary breakdown in health he was obliged to resign the honors thus conferred. He was out of practice about a year and a half, during which time he returned to college, and was graduated in June, 1903. Returning to practice, he was again elected city attorney, and served in all five years in that office.

Mr. McIntosh was married September 19, 1906, when Nellie J. Matthews became his wife. She is a daughter of John P. and Sarah Matthews, of Hanover township, Jefferson county, Indiana. She is a lady of education and refinement, and was a teacher in her native county for several years. For three years previous

to her marriage she was employed as a teacher in the city schools of Linton, and here is where her acquaintance was formed. Mrs. McIntosh was educated at the Val-paraiso Normal School.

A little mite of humanity came to bless this happy union on the 30th day of October, 1907, and little Sarah Nellie has become a permanent fixture in the domestic circle. To her is entrusted the perpetuation of the maternal names of two generations and three families. Mrs. McIntosh is a member of the United Presbyterian church and of various social and literary societies. The family sustains high social relations in the city of their adoption, and Mr. McIntosh has attained high standing in his profession. He is a genial and pleasant gentleman, a firm believer in the future of Linton, and public-spirited enough to assist in every way possible in bringing about the future greatness of his native county. Of the fraternal societies he is an Odd Fellow, holding his membership in Newark Lodge, No. 467, his old home of boyhood days.

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### WILLIAM COLEMAN.

William Coleman, the present efficient chief of police of Linton, was appointed to the force in 1906, and has served as chief since that time. Mr. Coleman is frequently highly spoken of in connection with his office, and the present peaceful condition of the city is largely due to his untiring watchfulness. He came to this place from Worthington, Indiana, where he held a similar po-

sition for seven years. He achieved marked success in a business capacity as a butcher, working for more than twenty years at that trade, which he learned in his native town, Bowling Greene, Clay county, Indiana, in which village he first saw the light of day August 7, 1860. Concerning his ancestry the first known seems to have come from Germany. His father and mother lived for many years in Miami county, Indiana. His father died many years ago in his fifty-sixth year in the house in which the subject was born. The mother now lives with a sister, Mrs. Ederly, at Brazil, Indiana. Another sister, Mrs. Mary Stewart, also lives in the same town. Mr. Coleman is the only son and the oldest member of the family. He was united in marriage in 1882 to Susie Marley, of Clay City. The result of this union was three children, all boys; Harry, the oldest, died at the age of sixteen, in 1898. Orville and Willie live at home and both have lucrative positions with the Linton's Supply Company as meat cutters, as well as being trusted with much other of the company's business. They are two exemplary sons, trustworthy, having never given their parents a moments' worry or uneasiness. A person of Mr. Coleman's ambition and energy would soon attract the attention of the fraternal world, and so the Independent Order of Odd Fellows soon appealed to him and he first united with the order at Worthington, No. 137, transferring his membership to Unity Lodge, Linton, on his removal to the latter place, where he soon found room to use his fraternal powers, and his fellow members soon found a place for his name on their official roster. He is now past grand master and representative of the Grand

Lodge of Indiana from his home lodge. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Coleman is yet in the prime of life, untiring in his efforts, and retains the confidence of his fellow townsmen, so that the future of his life is full of hope that greater achievements are in store for him.

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### LEWIS WILLIAM WARNER.

Lewis William Warner, the subject of this biography, has played well his part as a citizen, his course having been characterized by industry, a progressive spirit and good management, also by that broad-minded policy which takes cognizance of the general as well as the individual welfare. Such are the men who are eminently entitled to representation in a publication of this nature, and it is with pleasure that we incorporate a review of the life history of the honorable gentleman whose name initiates this paragraph.

Lewis W. Warner was born in Wright township, Greene county, December 13, 1869, the son of John F. Warner, a high-class citizen of Germany, who came to America when a young man, settling on a farm in Wright township, Greene county. The subject's mother was Christinia G. Miller, in her maidenhood a daughter of Daniel Miller. She is a native of Germany, where she was born August 28, 1843, and represents that nobler and sturdier class of citizens from alien lands who have done so much to uplift the industrial, civic

and social atmosphere of America. The children of this union besides the subject of this sketch are Saloma, living in Chicago; John, living in Clay City, Indiana; George F., living in Chicago; Mary, the wife of Ted Salanaki, of Chicago; Christina, wife of John Hinds, of Clay City. Three children died in early life.

John F. Warner first saw the light in Germany, September 8, 1830, and was brought to America early in life and lived on a farm in Wright township, Greene county, Indiana, for some time, later moving to Middlebury, Clay county, where he was engaged in the retail meat business for about three years, making a good living out of this venture, but, believing that better opportunities were to be found at Clay City, he moved there to and lived until his death in 1887, leaving behind him a clean record and a good name.

The mother of our subject is making her home with her daughter at Clay City.

Lewis W. Warner, our subject, lived on his father's homestead until the death of the latter, when he married Mary A. Sleigle, daughter of Lewis Sleigle, of Clay City, a native of Germany, the wedding ceremony having been solemnized October 10, 1887. One child born to this union died in infancy.

Mr. Warner came to Linton about 1901, having been in the employ of J. E. Wesson in the meat business, where he remained for three years. He then went into the meat business for himself on West Vincennes street, later removing to North A street, then back to West Vincennes street, and in May, 1908, located at 84 North Main street, his present place of business. He

has one of the finest equipped meat markets in the state, few better or more up-to-date. It represents an investment of fourteen thousand dollars, being a model in every respect, and was built and arranged under the direction of the subject, who has certainly mastered every detail of his line of business, not only knowing all the "ins" and "outs" of buying and selling, keeping a fresh stock of meats constantly on hand, etc., but he also knows how to secure the best trade of the city and surrounding community and how to retain it. Since coming to Linton he has won recognition as a progressive and substantial business man as well as a splendid and highly esteemed citizen.

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#### HON. WILLIAM G. MOSS.

No history of Greene county would be complete if it did not contain a biographical sketch of the late Hon. William G. Moss, who was one of the conspicuous citizens of Greene county during his long and useful life. Mr. Moss was born in Washington county, Indiana, November 19, 1822, and was the fourth son in a family of fourteen children born to Aquilla and Sarah (Harrab) Moss, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Kentucky. While the subject of this sketch was but five years old his parents moved to Greene county (1822), and settled on the "Nine-mile prairie," on the farm now belonging to James H. Humphreys. At that time there was but one other house in Greene county, west of White river. In this backwoods pioneer country as it was at

that time William G. Moss grew to manhood amid the primeval forests. Owing to this fact his schooling was limited to a three months' term each year for only a few years. He had to walk three miles through the snows to an old-fashioned log school house, warmed with a fireplace, stick and mud chimney, puncheon benches for seats, greased paper for windows, books to correspond and teachers no better. The big boys of the school had to cut the wood to keep up the fires to keep the house warm. Notwithstanding these great disadvantages and limited education, Mr. Moss, by great force of natural ability, rose to be one of the leading and most prominent citizens of Greene county. He was noted from one end of the county to the other for his ready wit and great humor. Had he have had the advantages of education he would have been the equal to Mark Twain as a humorist.

In 1841 he was married to Jeannette, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (McBride) Rector, who were natives, respectively, of Virginia and North Carolina, and came to Greene county in 1841. To this union ten children were born, as follows: Joseph, Sarah M. (now Mrs. T. A. Turner), Nathaniel (deceased), Stephen, Barney S., Rebecca A. (now Mrs. Alex. Beasley), Andrew M. (deceased), Charles M. (deceased), Mary E. (now Mrs. Josh Neal), and Julia R. (now Mrs. George Humphreys).

Mr. Moss died January 30, 1899, and his wife followed him to the spirit land August 7, 1901.

In politics Mr. Moss was a Democrat and was honored by his party by being elected sheriff of Greene county in 1856, re-elected in 1858, elected to represent

Greene county in the legislature in 1860, and in 1864 was re-elected sheriff of Greene county for the third time, being the only man who ever filled this office three terms.

Mr. and Mrs. Moss were both members of the Baptist church, and Mr. Moss was a member of the Blue Lodge in Masonry. During his lifetime he was known perhaps to more men in Greene county than any other citizen. He was universally loved, respected and honored by all who knew him. His sterling, honest, strict integrity and genial, jovial disposition, high character as a man, a neighbor, a citizen and an official endeared him to the hearts of his fellow citizens in such a way that his memory will last as long as they live.

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### JOSHUA BENTON CURTIS.

Constituting the elements of good citizenship are three cardinal virtues—industry, integrity and morality. Without these plain and simple virtues no man can justly claim distinction as a good citizen.

The subject of this brief review is Joshua B. Curtis, of Linton, whose character is typical of the virtues here designated. Coming from that great army of toilers who represent the brain and sinew of the land, and who, after all, constitute the creative capacity and the true manliness and worth of a community, he stands today, by dint of his own endeavor, a man of honor and ability among his fellow townspeople.



Mr. Curtis was born in Spencer, Owen county, Indiana, April 5, 1804. His father, Samuel W. Curtis, also a native of Owen county, was a lawyer. His mother was Geraldine (Campbell) Curtis, a native of Missouri. Of seven children born to this union four survive, being besides the subject, Wesley, Jennie and Emma, all of whom reside at Brazil, Indiana, where the mother also resides, the father having died there in 1889.

Joshua B. Curtis attended the common schools when a lad and made his home with his father at Brazil until he came to Linton about twenty years ago. He was employed by various coal companies in the capacity of an expert blacksmith and machinist, until he established his present business of blacksmithing and general repairing. He is located on A street, southwest, where he has a large and well equipped shop, employing several helpers. As a skilled and competent workman he stands second to none in his class, and he enjoys a large and lucrative trade.

Mr. Curtis was married in 1868 to Maggie Kieth, of Linton, and is the father of two interesting children, Leonard, aged nine, and Samuel, aged four.

His fraternal associations are uniform rank and endowment rank of the Knights of Pythias, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He affiliates with the Baptist church.

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#### CHARLES FRANKLIN GOOD.

The farmer who now succeeds possesses much scientific knowledge concerning the best methods of producing

crops, the needs of different cereals and of the elements which should be found in the soil. Rotation of crops is practiced and in carrying on the work today improved farm machinery is used which a few decades ago was totally unknown. Mr. Good is a representative of the modern agricultural class of Greene county and, in all that he does or participates in he illustrates the broad and practical life of the farmer. Although he is yet a very young man he has shown a marked ability in managing a farm, and unless something unforeseen interferes he will be one of the leading agriculturists of the county in course of a score of years.

Charles F. Good was born in Stafford township, Greene county, Indiana, November 13, 1878, his worthy parents being Jacob and Mary (Ransey) Good, whose home was blessed with six children, four of whom survived infancy. They are Charles F., our subject; William H., a farmer, of Stafford township; Clara E., wife of Oliver Williams, of Stafford township; and Maggie, wife of Daniel Page, of Linton.

The subject spent his boyhood days attending the common schools in his native community, having applied himself as best he could, and gained a fairly good practical education, as any one would soon judge from a conversation with him. In the fall of 1900 Mr. Good was happily married to Sarah J. Moore, daughter of Jesse G. and Sarah J. Moore, who was born and reared in Sullivan county, Indiana, where she, also, received a serviceable common school education. Two bright children have been born to this union, Virgil and Pearl.

The subject took up farming in Sullivan county,

which he successfully followed for a period of three years, but, desiring to return to his native township, and believing that better opportunities existed there than in Sullivan county, he returned to his native township and bought sixty acres of excellent land, where he now lives and successfully farms, raising a diversity of crops and fine stock of all kinds, especially Poland China hogs, black Polled Angus cattle and other good breeds, as his judgment directs. He mined coal one year, then remained on his farm.

Mr. Good has traveled considerably, and, being a man who observes things, has reaped great good from this source. Both he and his wife are much liked by their neighbors and are highly respected by all who know them. Mrs. Good is a member of the Christian church.

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### GEORGE W. WELLS.

George W. Wells, attorney and counselor at law, Linton, is a native of Jackson county, Indiana, and one of five children whose parents were John R. and Jane Wells, both born in Indiana, the father in Washington county, the mother in the county of Jackson. These parents were married in Brownstown, Indiana, in 1874, and lived on a farm in Jackson county until the father's death, which occurred on July 2, 1901, at the age of fifty-four years. He was the leading agriculturist in the neighborhood in which he resided, owned one of the best and most highly improved farms in the county and achieved signal suc-

cess in the calling to which his life and energies had been devoted. He was also a man of irreproachable character, known and greatly respected, and his death was felt as a personal loss in the community where he was so highly esteemed. Mrs. Wells, whose birth occurred in the year 1848, and bore the maiden name of Jane Paris, survives her husband and is living at this time on the home farm with her children. The family of John R. and Jane Wells consisted of two sons and three daughters, the oldest of whom, William, aged twenty-nine, is a farmer, having charge of the home place and looking after his mother's interests; George W., of this review, is the second in order of birth, after whom comes Ivy, a stenographer, in the city of Indianapolis; Laura, and Vina, the younger members of the circle are still with their mother.

The Wells family is of German origin and was first represented in America by immigrants, who settled in Pennsylvania at a very early period. The subject's grandfather, was born in that state and lived there until about 1835, when he migrated westward to Washington county, Indiana, where he met the lady who became his wife, removing shortly after his marriage, to Jackson county, which continued to be his home to the end of his days.

William Paris, the father of Mrs. John R. Wells, was one of the pioneers of Clay county, Indiana, subsequently becoming a resident of Jackson county, where the closing years of his life were spent. His wife was Lucinda Ayers, also a member of a pioneer family of Irish extraction. This worthy couple died in the county of Jackson and have long slept the sleep of the just in the

old country cemetery, where lie the remains of many of their erstwhile neighbors and friends.

George W. Wells first saw the light of day in Seymour, Indiana, May 12, 1881, and spent his childhood and youth in his native county, entering the public schools, where he received his preliminary educational training. Later he attended the Central Normal School at Danville, where he took the teacher's course, following which he taught two terms of school, and then discontinued educational work to devote his attention to the legal profession. Mr. Wells began the study of law while engaged in teaching, subsequently continued the same in the law department of the Marion Normal College, and in 1903 was admitted to the bars of Jackson and Grant counties, entering upon the active practice of his profession on that year in the town of Seymour. During the ensuing three years he practiced in the courts of Jackson and adjacent counties, with steadily increasing popularity, built up quite a lucrative legal business and achieved marked success as a safe and reliable counselor and judicious practitioner.

At the expiration of the time indicated Mr. Wells disposed of his interests at Seymour and sought a more inviting field for the exercise of his legal talents in Greene county, where since 1906 he has followed his profession with signal success, being now recognized as one of the leading members of the bar, with a reputation far beyond the limits of his usual field of practice.

On coming to this county he located at Linton and formed a partnership with William R. Collins, a well-known attorney of the place, the firm thus constituted being still in existence and widely known, in legal circles,

throughout the southern counties of Indiana. Their practice, which is general, takes quite a wide range, and the firm is retained on one side or the other of nearly every important case in the county of Greene, the high standing of the subject as a forcible and brilliant advocate making his services especially desirable in jury trials.

While versed in the basic principles of the law, and familiar with the profession in all its bearings, it is doubtless his ability in public address that has given Mr. Wells much of the prestige he now enjoys. He possesses in a marked degree the force, magnitude and brilliancy of the finished orator, qualities which seldom fail to influence juries, convince courts and sway popular assemblages. His power as a master of assemblages has made him popular as a political speaker, and his services to be much sought after during campaigns.

Mr. Wells occupies a prominent place in social circles. While ever ready to hearken to his party's call and give to it the best services at his command, he has never sought official recognition nor aspired to any kind of public honors.

Fraternally he is a member of Lodge No. 560, Free and Accepted Masons and the Woodmen of the World, and religiously subscribes to the creed of the United Brethren church, with which denomination his parents were also identified.

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#### CHARLES G. SHAW.

Charles Gilbert Shaw, a prominent citizen of Linton, was born at Cloverdale, Putnam county, Indiana.

January 15, 1881. He received a good education, having attended the Cloverdale public schools, Ladoga high school, Wabash College, also a business college at Crawfordsville, Indiana, from which institution he graduated, having made commendable records in all these schools. He is also a graduate of the Southern School of Photography at McMinnville, Tennessee. He was an able instructor in the last named school for two years, after which he attended the art department of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, for one year.

Mr. Shaw came to Linton, Indiana, in January, 1906, and purchased his present business, the leading photograph gallery in that city, and he is generally conceded to stand at the head of his profession in Greene county. He was happily married November 29, 1906, to Coralie Graham Maze, daughter of D. R. and Nancy (St. Clair) Maze, well-known people of Greencastle, Indiana. Mr. Shaw is a Republican and a member of the Christian church, also a member of the Odd Fellows, and was past grand of Cecelia Lodge, No. 166, at Bloomington, Indiana, in which he has always taken much interest.

The father of the subject was Daniel F. Shaw, who was born in Cloverdale, Indiana, December 4, 1858; and his mother was Frances Utterback, who was born in the same town on December 13, 1860. They were married in their native town in 1878. Mr. Shaw was a farmer at Cloverdale. He is now engaged as engineer at an automobile works. Five children were born to them as follows: Charles Gilbert, Lyman Edgar, Mary Helen, Daniel F., Jr. One child died in infancy.

The ancestors of the subject were of Welsh and German extraction, who first settled in Ohio, later coming to Putnam county, Indiana, in the pioneer days. His great-grandfather Shaw secured government land. The family is well established and highly respected as far back as it can be traced.

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### DAVID DUDLEY TERHUNE.

David Dudley Terhune, who is secretary and treasurer of the Linton Trust Company, and one of the enterprising business men of the city, was born August 29, 1879, in Boone county, Indiana, the son of Thomas J. and May (Kneisell) Terhune, the former a native of Greene county and at the present time a practicing attorney at Lebanon, Indiana, the latter also of Indiana birth.

Thomas J. Terhune, son of David and Sarah (Nealis) Terhune, was born near Linton, in the year 1848, and for the last twelve years has been one of the leading lawyers of Boone county. (For an account of the Terhune genealogy the reader is respectfully referred to the biography of D. J. Terhune, which appears elsewhere in this volume.) The family of T. J. Terhune and his wife, May (Kneisell) Terhune, consists of three children, of whom David Dudley was the first born, the others being Mrs. Catherine Witt, of Thorntown, Indiana, and Thomas, who is still with his parents.

David Dudley Terhune was reared in his native



town of Lebanon, received his early educational discipline in the schools of the same, and after finishing the high school course, became a student at Wabash College, where he prosecuted his studies until entering the University of New York some years later. In the latter institution he made substantial progress in the more advanced branches of learning, and, retiring therefrom with a mind disciplined by critical study, and well fortified for the course of life he had in view, he embarked on the business career to which his energies have since been devoted. After engaging in various lines of enterprise and filling positions of honor and trust, he became identified with the Linton Trust Company, of which he was one of the incorporators, and which since its organization in 1905 he has served in the two-fold capacity of secretary and treasurer, displaying a high order of business talent in his dual office and gaining the unbounded confidence of his associates and of the public. The Linton Trust Company, established in the year indicated above, has freely realized the high expectations of its founders and is now one of the most successful and popular institutions of the kind in the states. It is capitalized at twenty-five thousand dollars, and under the efficient management of safe and conservative business men, it has steadily gained the favor of the public and bids fair to grow to still larger proportions as the years go by. The official board at the present time is composed of the following well-known and enterprising business men: W. A. Craig, president; D. J. Terhune, vice president; secretary and treasurer, D. D. Terhune; assistant secretary, Q. J. Mitchell; L. M.

Price, W. V. Moffett, Joe Moss and E. L. Wolford, with the officers, constituting the directorate.

In addition to his connection with the foregoing institution Mr. Terhune is identified with several other business interests, being secretary and treasurer of the Linton Milling Company, assistant secretary and treasurer of the Linton Water Company, treasurer of the Home Loan and Savings Association and president of the Public Library Board, besides being associated with his uncle, D. J. Terhune, in developing mineral lands in various parts of Indiana and other states, the style of the firm being Terhune & Terhune. Mr. Terhune's steady rise in the business world and the number of important and far-reaching interests with which he is connected indicate far more than ordinary powers of mind and judgment, and, although a young man in years, his experience has taken a very wide range, and there are few who have achieved as great results in a much longer life. Socially he occupies a prominent place in the community and in matters making for the good of his fellow men find him an earnest advocate and liberal patron. His fraternal relations are represented by the Masonic brotherhood and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and while in college he became a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, with which he is still identified.

The domestic life of Mr. Terhune dates from 1906, on September 4th of which year he was united in the bonds of wedlock with Jeanne Petit, daughter of Frederick and Adele Petit, of New York City, who has presented him with one son, David Dudley Terhune Jr.,

whose birth occurred February 4, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Terhune have a beautiful and commodious home in Linton and are highly esteemed by the large circle of friends and acquaintances with whom they associate. They subscribe to the Methodist creed and take an active interest in the church at Linton, to which they belong. In politics Mr. Terhune pledges allegiance to no particular party, being independent in thought and action and casting his ballot for such candidates as are qualified for the positions to which they aspire, and who merit the support they seek.

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### JOHN BENJAMIN SMITH.

No matter how much natural talent one may have it takes close application and persistent effort to succeed along any given line. To be an expert steam, gas or electric engineer is to be both talented and industrious, consequently the subject of this sketch must rank with this class, for there is said to be no better stationary engineer in Greene county than he. Mr. Smith is a native of this county, having been born in Taylor township, February 11, 1864, the son of James T. and Minerva (Corbin) Smith, both natives of Martin county, Indiana. The father was a farmer all his life, his death occurring in 1898. The subject's mother lives among her children, principally with the subject. She is the mother of the following children: Nettie, the wife of Frank Reynolds, of Terre Haute; Annie and Emma, twins, the former now Mrs. Swain and the latter Mrs. Allen, both

of West Brownsville, Washington county, Pennsylvania; Clara, now Mrs. Neely, of Terre Haute; Willard, a huckster at Bloomfield; Minnie, the wife of Samuel Baker, a druggist, at Bloomfield. The first two children born to Mr. and Mrs. James T. Smith died in infancy.

The subject was educated in the public schools of Richland township, where the family moved in his early youth. Always manifesting a "bent" for engineering, he took up his work early in life, and was employed as engineer in a flouring mill for four years, later going to Linton, Indiana, where he worked in the mines for a time, and he has been hoisting engineer there for the past fourteen years, having been in the employ of the Summit Coal Company, the Island Coal Company, the Victoria Coal Company and the United Fourth Vein Coal Company, where he is now employed.

Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Etta Fitzpatrick, a daughter of Henry and Mary Fitzpatrick, on October 3, 1885. (A history of the Fitzpatrick family in to be found under the caption "Oscar Fitzpatrick," in this work.) Two children have been born to the subject and wife: Earl F., a student in the Linton high school, and Mary, a student in the State University of Indiana, in which she is taking a general college course. Miss Mary is a musician of more than local celebrity.

Fraternally Mr. Smith is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the uniform rank of the same order; also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a good Democrat and the family belongs to the Christian church. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are highly respected by all who know them and their children are promising and popular.

## WILLIARD HAROLD WARNER.

Williard Harold Warner, the gentleman to a brief review of whose life and characteristics the reader's attention is herewith directed, is among the representative citizens of Linton and he has by his enterprise and progressive methods contributed in a material way to the advancement of this locality, and during the course of an honorable career has been fairly successful in his work as a skilled mechanic and is thus well deserving of mention in this volume.

Williard H. Warner was born in Jackson county, Indiana, October 25, 1867, and lived there until he was twelve years of age, when he went to work on a farm near Elizabethtown, being a youth of unusual grit and "sticktoitiveness" and thrown on his own resources early in life, and he naturally developed those qualities of fortitude and persistency that make for success when rightly applied. His mother, who was known in maidenhood as Ursula Nicholson, died when our subject was fifteen years old.

Mr. Warner worked at farming in Bartholomew county until he was twenty-four years old. He then accepted a position in Indianapolis as a tin can maker, at which he made a success from the first, having remained in one shop for a period of eight years. He came to Linton in 1900 first finding employment with the Linton Bottling Works, and in 1903 he established an ice cream factory in this city which has ever since been a profitable and substantial business, having been built up on honesty and industry, thereby gaining the prestige de-

sired in the business world. It is the only institution of its kind in Linton and receives a liberal patronage both from the citizens there and surrounding country. This enterprise caters exclusively to the wholesale trade, finding an outlet for its products in all the towns tributary to Linton.

Mr. Warner was happily married in 1897 to Anna Strietelmeier, daughter of Frederick E. Strietelmeier, Sr. She was born in Stockton township and has lived there practically all her life.

Four children have added happiness to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warner, namely: Mary F., born March 1, 1900; Laurence G., born March 22, 1902; George Norman, born July 23, 1905; Harold Fred, the first born, died July 10, 1899, age ten months and fourteen days.

Mr. Warner is among that class of deserving citizens who have worked their own success, receiving aid from no ulterior sources, having worked hard since a lad of eight years. He is truly a self-made man in the real and best sense of that oft abused term. He is a loyal member of the Presbyterian church and is among Linton's honored and upright citizens.

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#### NATHAN G. DIXON.

Occupying a conspicuous place among the representative business men of the thriving city of Linton is Nathan G. Dixon, whose important commercial interests

and successful business career stamp him as a man of more than ordinary executive and managerial ability.

Mr. Dixon is a citizen of Greene county by birth, being born in Fair Play township, November 13, 1857. His father was Daniel Dixon, a native of old Kentucky, and a prosperous farmer and lumber manufacturer. His mother was Mary J. (Walker) Dixon, also a native of the Blue Grass state. The elder Dixon came to Greene county about the year 1842, when the county was sparsely settled and wholly undeveloped. He located on a farm in Fair Play township, south of Worthington, where he continued to reside until his death in 1872. The mother passed to her reward fifteen years later, her demise being at the old homestead. This union was productive of sixteen children, eleven of whom are numbered among the dead. Those remaining, besides the subject of our sketch, are: Anna, wife of H. D. Hunt, Linton; Charley Dixon, Linton; Mattie L., widow of George Geekler; Bessie, wife of Harry Hunt, Linton.

Nathan spent his boyhood on the parental farm, attending the common schools until a lad of fifteen, when his father's death forced him to abandon further educational advantages. His first business venture was entering the mercantile business at Dugger, Indiana, in 1882. This business he successfully conducted there until 1892, when he came to Linton, continuing the mercantile business until the year 1904. In the meantime, he had established a successful grain and feed business, which he still conducts, devoting a portion of his time to this when his other and larger interests permit.

Mr. Dixon is a director of the First National Bank

of Linton, of which institution he is one of the largest stockholders. He is president of the Bicknell Lumber Company, of Bicknell, Indiana, which does an extensive wholesale and retail lumber business. He is also president of the Dixon-Miller Company, of Midland, Greene county, a corporation doing a general mercantile business. Besides these important connections, Mr. Dixon is treasurer of the Linton Investment Company, secretary of the Linton Improvement Company and resident manager of the Southern Indiana Building and Loan Association. He is also interested in extensive timber land in the South, besides having numerous other business interests throughout Greene county.

Mr. Dixon's marriage occurred in 1884, Dollie Abrell, becoming his wife. She was a daughter of R. T. Abrell, former sheriff of Owen county, Indiana, who moved to Fair Play township, Greene county, in the year 1880. Three children resulted from this union, only one of them now living, Reid, age fifteen years.

The palatial home of the Dixons is on North Main street and is one of the finest in the county, being built exclusively of Bedford stone. Mr. Dixon's fraternal relations are the Elks and the Masons, and politically he is an unswerving Democrat.

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#### ROBERT REID KEYS, D. D. S.

The doctor or dentist who would succeed at his profession must possess many qualities not to be gained



from text and medical books. In analyzing the career of the successful practitioner of the healing art it will be invariably found to be true that a broad-minded sympathy with the suffering and an honest, earnest desire to aid his afflicted fellow men have gone hand in hand with skill and able judgment. The gentleman to whom this brief tribute is given fortunately embodies these necessary qualifications in a marked degree, and by energy and application to his professional duties is building up an enviable reputation and drawing to himself a large and remunerative practice.

Dr. R. R. Keys, who is in active practice at Linton, is one of the leading professional men of Greene county, having achieved a brilliant reputation while yet a young man, for he was born in 1863 in Gallatin county, Kentucky, the son of William and Elizabeth (McCawley) Keys, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania. William Keys was an expert machinist who moved to the Blue Grass state when the subject of this sketch was born, and in 1870 he moved with his family to Jefferson county, Indiana, settling on a farm, which he successfully maintained up to the time of his death in 1899. His faithful life companion followed him in 1907. Nine children were born to the subject's parents, six of whom are living in 1908.

The subject of the sketch remained at the old homestead, assisting with the necessary work about the place and attending the common schools until he reached young manhood. He first decided to make teaching his life work, and taught school in an eminently satisfactory manner for seven years in Jefferson county, gaining a

reputation as a high-minded and painstaking pedagogue. But he had long entertained a desire to become a doctor of dentistry, and with this end in view he entered the Louisville College of Dentistry in 1891, from which he was graduated in the front rank of a large body of students with high honors in 1893, taking the degree of Doctor of Dentistry, after which he immediately began the practice of his profession, locating in Walton, Kentucky, where he secured a fine start and remained until 1905, when inducements in the thriving city of Linton, Indiana, lured him to this place, where he has since made his home and gained a large patronage both from the city and surrounding country.

The doctor was united in marriage in 1897 to Margaret Linderman, daughter of William Linderman, a well-known and substantial citizen of Linton. Their union has been blessed with two children, Marian Esther and Helen Gertrude.

Dr. Keys is regarded as standing at the very summit of his profession and his office on Main street is equipped with every necessary accessory for the successful practice of modern dentistry. While he does not find time to take an active part in local politics the doctor is nevertheless greatly interested in every movement that pertains to the welfare of the city of Linton. Something of his high character and standing with the religious element of that place is realized when we learn that he holds the responsible position of trustee of the Presbyterian church and is a zealous worker in church circles.

Fraternally Dr. Keys is affiliated with the Masons

and the Modern Woodmen and he is regarded as a learned and studious gentleman, having a large private library, consisting of the best books on the market, those best suited to aid him in his professional duties as well as those gathered from the best sources in the book world for the gratification of his esthetic tastes.

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### SAMUEL ALEXANDER MAXWELL.

Many years have elapsed since Samuel A. Maxwell came to Greene county. This district was then wild, much of its land unclaimed and its resources undeveloped. True many courageous frontiersmen had some two decades before dared to locate within its borders, but the work of progress and improvement remained for the future. In the years that have passed since the parents of the subject brought him to this county a great transformation has been wrought, and in this he has held a conspicuous place, bearing his full share of the work in developing the county until he is now one of the enterprising farmers of this locality. Mr. Maxwell is a native of the Tar Heel state (North Carolina) where he was born January 5, 1840, the son of James and Nancy Jane (Delay) Maxwell, both natives of that state, where they were married, coming to Indiana in 1844, settling in Greene county, where the mother died May 12, 1858. In 1865 the father moved to Missouri, where he lived until his death in 1879, having survived his wife, since 1858. They were members of the Baptist

church. Six children were born to them, four of whom are living in 1908. Only one, Samuel A., our subject, lives in Greene county, where he assisted his father clear the land on which he settled, attending subscription and public schools as opportunity afforded, until he could read and write and was enabled to transact all ordinary business.

Mr. Maxwell was united in marriage with Phoebe A. Purcell January 5, 1860. She was born in Hadden township, Sullivan county, Indiana, April 28, 1843, the daughter of Washington Purcell, born in that county June 13, 1821. Her mother's name was Charlotte Morris, who was born and raised in Stafford township, Greene county. Her father come from Virginia, her mother from Ohio. The Purcells came from Ireland. Mrs. Maxwell received a common school education. Four children were born to this union, three surviving infancy. Florence I., who was born October 14, 1861, is the wife of John O. Hungate, of Sandborn, Indiana; Christie A., who was born December 25, 1862, now Mrs. Samuel M. Culbertson, living in Linton, Indiana; Charlotte Alice, who was born December 25, 1867, is a graduate of the common schools and taught school for some time. She is now the wife of John T. Smith and lives in Indianapolis.

Mr. Maxwell, by his thrift and sound business principles, has become the owner of a fine landed estate in Stafford township, consisting of two hundred acres, worth at least sixty dollars per acre. It is well improved and in a high state of cultivation, no pains having been spared by the owner to make it rank with the best farms

in the township. Mrs. Maxwell's father entered forty acres of this farm from the government. She remembers very vividly the wolves, panthers and other wild animals that infested it at that time, as she lived on the prairie and participated in the work of growing flax, spinning the same into thread and weaving into cloth. She well remembers her first calico dress, as all her clothing was made at home until she was ten years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, Stafford Chapel, the former having served as class leader and superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a Democrat, but takes no active part in political affairs as a rule, although he was assessor of Stafford township for five years. Fraternally our subject is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Pleasantville, Indiana, of which he has been a member since 1874, having represented this lodge at the grand lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell have justly earned the high esteem of their neighbors and friends, by virtue of their uprightness and kindness displayed to every one alike.

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### JOSEPH IRWIN BREWER.

Among the prominent citizens of Greene county who are well known because of the part they have taken in private, public and business life is the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch and who is the son of Lorenzo Dow and Matilda (Goodman) Brewer.

having been born January 10, 1800. The Brewer family came from Virginia, the subject's father having been thirteen years old, having been born in 1816, when his father settled in Stafford township, where Lorenzo Brewer spent his life. He was a justice of the peace for sixteen years and was a minister of the Baptist church, having been ordained at Bethel, but he devoted most of his life to farming. However, he did a great deal of preaching. He became a very prosperous man, owning two hundred and forty acres of land, and he also had one thousand and five hundred dollars at the time of his death, which occurred in 1891, when he had reached the age of seventy-five years. His wife was born in 1818. Seven children were born to this union, five of whom are living. Joseph I. Brewer, the subject of this sketch, worked on his father's farm during the summer months and attended the country schools in the winter time, during his boyhood, taking a delight in ministering to the wants of his aged parents. In 1881 he was united in marriage with Jennie E. Trinkle, whose parents, William F. and Jemima (Good) Trinkle, were old settlers of Greene county. Like her husband, she received a good common school education. The following children of the subject and wife are all living in 1908: Rosa M., age twenty-five; Emma E., who is twenty-three, is a graduate of the high school in Knox county and is a student in the State Normal in 1908; Gilbert W., who is twenty-one years old, is a graduate of the common schools; Nellie M., who is nineteen years old, is a graduate of the common schools; Hallie J. is thirteen years old and Cora E. is nine years of age.

Mr. Brewer has much valuable land, having a farm of three hundred and twenty-five acres in Greene county and one in Knox county consisting of one hundred and twenty-five acres, the total value of both being twenty-five thousand dollars. About fifty acres of this valuable landed estate was inherited by the subject, the balance he has made himself, which fact shows that he is not only a man of unusual business ability, but also a man of great industry. In connection with looking after the agricultural end of his farms, Mr. Brewer handles a great deal of stock, sometimes shipping to market and often selling to local buyers, and in the handling of stock he shows that rare judgment which he has always exercised in his other business. He is a Democrat and a trustee in the Baptist church at Bethel.

Mr. Brewer has always maintained a reputation for square dealing and upright business principles, and as a result he has the unqualified respect of all those living in his community.

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#### BERLIN STAFFORD.

Berlin Stafford, the subject of this review, is a gentleman of high standing, to whom has not been denied a fair measure of success. He is distinctively one of the representative citizens of Stafford township, Greene county, Indiana, and has long been recognized as a factor of importance in connection with the agricultural interests of the county, having been closely connected with the

material growth and prosperity throughout his long life, for he was born here December 15, 1835, the son of Benjamin and Martha (Ball) Stafford, the former having been nine years old when he was brought to this county from Kentucky by Benjamin Stafford, grandfather of the subject, in 1818, and after whom Stafford township was named. Isaiah Ball, the subject's maternal grandfather, served his country as a private in the War of 1812 and died in the army, in which he enlisted from one of the southern states.

Desiring to foster the traditions of his ancestors, who were renowned for their patriotic impulses, and not being able to overcome the patriotic ardor that he naturally felt when the dark clouds of rebellion threatened the Union, our subject enlisted in Company C, Twenty-first Regiment Volunteer Infantry, in July, 1861, serving with honor in this company for fifteen months and nine days. After he was mustered out he came home in 1864, but was drafted in the Ninth Indiana Volunteer Regiment, in which he served until the close of the war. He now receives a pension of fifteen dollars per month.

Mr. Stafford was united in marriage in 1866 to Sarah F. Brewer, daughter of Aaron Brewer, an old settler in Green county, who came here from Virginia. Four children have been born to the subject and wife as follows: Martha A., wife of Charles Brewer, has three children, Orpha, Ina and Maud; Robert Lee, a carpenter by trade, who lives in Stafford township; Emmett is a farmer living in Illinois; Lillie J. is the wife of Joe Harris, who lives in Illinois.

The subject's wife was called to her eternal reward on May 3, 1904, after a serene and devoted life.



Mr. Stafford has a farm of sixty acres which has been so carefully and skillfully managed that its soil is just as rich as it ever was, producing all kinds of grains and grasses. The subject has also shown that he understands the successful handling of stock, and now, in the golden evening of his life, he is enjoying the fruits of his early toil, spending his days in peace, comfort and plenty, being the recipient of the kindly regard of the great acquaintance which he can claim, being honored for his honest and upright life, which he has been contented to spend on his native hills.

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### JOHNSON HILL.

Johnson Hill is by profession a teacher, but has devoted his later life to agricultural pursuits, having early become familiar with the details of farm labor, and in the public schools, which he attended as opportunities afforded during his minority, later attending the Indiana State University for two years, he has received an education which has not only enabled him to transact successfully the duties of an active and progressive life, but also to gain popularity as an instructor to the younger generations, having taught seven years, part of the time in Freelandville, so that his life has been a twofold success. Johnson Hill first saw the light of day on March 2, 1845, in Stafford township, Greene county, where he has always preferred to reside. He is the son of John and Jane (Johnson) Hill, the former having been born in

Maryland in 1788. He moved near Bloomfield in 1822, settling in the woods in Richland township, and he built the first jail in Greene county. He served as treasurer of Greene county in the early forties and was township trustee. He was a Whig and later a Republican and a Baptist. He moved to Stafford township in 1832, where he farmed, becoming comfortably situated, and lived until 1870, dying at the age of eighty-two. He had been three times married. The mother of the subject came to Indiana in 1811 and settled near Carlisle, Sullivan county, where she married the subject's father. She is now deceased. Seven children were born to this union, four of whom are living, namely: Peter, Abraham L., of California; John W., and Johnson, our subject. Mr. Hill's great-grandfather, Johnson, was a captain in the Revolutionary Army and the grandfather, Peter Johnson, fought in the War of 1812. The Johnsons were from Virginia and the Hills were of Scotch-Irish descent.

In 1876 our subject married Margaret A. Anderson, who was called to her reward four years later. Two children were born of this union, one surviving infancy, Hallie, who is now the wife of Charles A. Richardson, living in Indianapolis. She attended high school and business college.

Mr. Hill's second marriage was with Emma Loudermilk, a native of Sullivan county, Indiana. Three children, two girls and one boy, have been born to this union; Jennie E., the wife of Oscar L. Lind, living in Stafford township. The other children are Mabel, who was nineteen years old in 1908, and John C., who is sixteen. All are graduates of the Sandborn high school.

Mr. Hill lives on the old homestead, which consists of one hundred and twenty acres of rich and well improved land, which, from year to year yields bounteous harvests as the result of the owner's skill in managing the crops and keeping the soil from becoming thin. He also devotes considerable time to stock raising and evinces excellent judgment in this line. He is a member of the Baptist church at Bethel, a deacon and trustee of the same and has served faithfully as Sunday school superintendent. Politically our subject is a staunch Republican and takes a great interest in local politics and public affairs, always ready to lend a hand in ameliorating the conditions of his county. He is a notary public, having served in this capacity since Thomas A. Hendricks was governor. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are spoken of with the greatest respect and admiration by all their neighbors.

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#### WILLIAM HENRY GOOD.

It is no mere assumption that energy and consecutive application will eventuate in success in nearly every instance, and proof is afforded in the case of William Good, who is one of the prosperous farmers of Stafford township, Greene county, Indiana, where his well improved farm received his careful attention from year to year. Mr. Good is the son of Jacob and Mary J. (Ramsey) Good, was born in the township where he now resides and where he has always preferred to live, January 23, 1865. The father of our subject, Jacob

Good, was born in Virginia about 1824, and was brought by his parents to Indiana when he was nine years old, settling in Stafford township, Greene county, where he spent his life. George Good, the grandfather of the subject, entered land in this township and also spent his life here.

To Jacob Good and wife the following children were born: William H., the subject of this sketch; Maggie N., wife of Dan Page, who lives in Linton, this county; Clara E., the wife of Oliver Williams, who lives in Stafford township; Charles F., who lives in Stafford township.

William H. lived on his father's farm, attending school during his boyhood days, receiving a fairly good education. On March 27, 1884, he was united in marriage to Laura A. Brewer, daughter of Lewis and Nancy J. (Daughter) Brewer. The father of Mrs. Good came to this county in 1820 when six years old and led a successful life, dying January 16, 1862. The wife of the subject was born May 21, 1864. She applied herself well to her text-books and received a good common school education. Five children have been born to this union, four surviving infancy. They are, Flora, Cora, Lewis, and May. Lewis is a graduate of the common schools. He has taught several schools in a most satisfactory manner. He has attended the Marion Normal School.

The subject and wife are both members of the United Brethren church, the liberal wing of the branch. The subject is an active worker in the Democratic party and was at one time the candidate for township assessor.

Although the subject's farm is not very large, it

is very productive and well improved and is a splendid place to live, being well kept and attractively located. The subject is a splendid judge of stock and likes good horses. Both he and his wife are regarded as among the best people in their community, being honest and hard workers.

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#### WILLIAM HEITMAN, JR.

William Heitman, Jr., another representative farmer and industrious citizen of Stockton township, who is a scion of the hardy sons of the German Empire, is the genial gentleman whose life history we herewith append in brief, to show that his life has been one eminently worthy of representation in this volume along with those of representative and highest citizenship of Greene county. Mr. Heitman was born October 4, 1869, the son of Henry Heitman, a pioneer and highly respected citizen of this county, who was also a native of Stockton township, having been born there when this country was scarcely more than a wilderness, and who ranks with those worthy characters who subdued the wilderness and the savage and blazed the way for succeeding generations to bless the earth. The mother of our subject was, prior to her marriage, Anna Raymaker, whose birth occurred on German soil, not having become a resident of the land of Stars and Stripes until she was nine years old. The other children born to Henry and Anna Heitman were, Henry, Sena, wife of William Bovenschen, a farmer, living in Stockton township; Mary, wife of Isaac Bunch, living at Linton.

William Heitman, Jr., was married in April, 1896, to Helena Berns, daughter of Jacob Berns, a Stockton township farmer. To this union have been born the following children, all of whom are interesting and promising: Ethel, Mabel and Clarence.

The well improved farm of our subject contains about one hundred acres, lies two miles south of Linton in an excellent farming community, and only a cursory glance will show that it ranks with the other farms in that vicinity in point of improvements, cleanliness and productiveness, owing to the fact that the subject has directed his undivided attention to its fields for a number of years, in a manner that could not but elicit praiseworthy results, excellent crops being reaped from it yearly in proper rotation, leaving the soil not thin and in time valueless, but strengthened and enriched owing to the skill with which it is tilled. Mr. Heitman also devotes some time to handling stock, which forms no small part of his annual income.

Mr. Heitman and wife are members of the German Reformed church, in which they take considerable interest and attend as regularly as possible. They are regarded as plain, honest and progressive farm people, against whom no one can attach any blame or adverse criticism in their daily walk.

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#### JAMES E. TALBOTT.

The medical profession has an able and worthy representative in Linton in the person of the subject, Dr.

James E. Talbott, whose career has been characterized by the success and continuous advancement that invariably attend the master of his calling. As a physician he has won distinction through his devotion to this great profession and as a citizen he commands a high degree of confidence and esteem in no respect secondary to his professional status. Dr. Talbott is a native of Indiana and a son of James and Margaret (Gibbons) Talbott, both born in Kentucky. These parents located in Putnam county some time prior to the birth of the subject, which occurred March 17, 1848, and five days after the latter event the mother died, thus depriving the child of a loving care and tender guidance which no other earthly agency can supply. When but two years old he was further bereaved by the death of his father, after which he became an inmate of the home of Frank Talbert, with whom he remained during the ensuing six years, at the expiration of which time he went to live with his brother-in-law, Harrison Ferguson, at Blomfield. Still later the lad found a home with another brother-in-law, William P. Stropes, and in this way he grew to young manhood without parental influence and a stranger to the loving ministrations and beautiful amenities of life which are unknown outside the home, where a mother's and father's love abound. The doctor has one brother and three sisters, viz.: Sarah E., wife of W. P. Stropes, and Mary C., widow of Harrison Ferguson, who died in the army. The brother, Nathaniel A., died from the effects of military service, and Luitia, deceased, and a half-brother, Daniel M. Talbott, now a resident of Earl Park, Indiana.

Dr. Talbott was a mere lad when taken by his rela-

tives in Bloomfield, and spent his early life in that city, entering at the proper age the public schools of the same, in which he laid the foundation of the solid mental training he subsequently received. Actuated by a laudable ambition to increase his scholastic knowledge so as to fit himself for efficiency in the profession he decided to make his life work, he afterward became a student of Hanover College, attending for one year that institution. He then took up the study of medicine at Bloomfield under the tutorship of Dr. J. W. Gray, under whose able instruction he prosecuted his researches for a period of three years, making substantial progress the meanwhile. In 1870 he entered the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, and, after attending one course of lectures, returned to Greene county and began the practice of medicine at Marco, where he remained until the fall of 1874, when, feeling the need of a more thorough professional preparation, he resumed his studies in the above institution and pursued the same until finishing the prescribed course, graduating with the degree of Doctor of Medicine the following year.

Returning to Marco, Dr. Talbott entered with renewed zeal into the practice, and in due time built quite an extensive and lucrative professional business, earning an honorable reputation as a capable physician, attaining worthy prestige among the disciples of the healing art in Greene county, besides gaining a warm place in the affections of the large number of patients whose sufferings he alleviated and whose ills and ailments he healed. With the view of enlarging his sphere of activity in a wider and more favorable field, the doctor in 1894 moved to



Linton, where he has since remained, his professional business since that time fully meeting his expectations and giving him additional repute among the representatives of his profession in this part of the state. He has labored zealously and effectively and not only gained precedence as one of the leading professional men of the city in which he practices, but in the domain of citizenship his standing is second to that of none of his fellow-men, occupying as he does, a conspicuous place in the public gaze, and discharging every duty that devolves upon him with commendable fidelity. He is a Democrat in politics, served on the local board of pension examiners during the second administration of President Cleveland, and as a member of the city council has been instrumental in bringing about much important municipal legislation, besides in various ways taking an active interest in furthering the city's development.

Dr. Talbott is a Mason of high standing and influence and is also a leading member of the Pythian lodge of Linton. In religious faith he holds to the Methodist creed, and, with his wife, is identified with the church in Linton and an active participant in the work of the congregation.

Dr. Talbott was married on the 12th of August, 1875, to Ann E. Adamson of Marco, Indiana, daughter of George and Mary (Hunter) Adamson, and is the father of five living children, namely: William B., married and residing in Linton; Edwin R., also a married man and by trade a plumber; George M., who has a family, is an engineer employed by the Linton Water Works Company; John E. is a medical student at the In-

diana University, and James E., who is pursuing his studies in the schools of Linton. Myrtle, the only daughter, died in infancy.

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### JOSEPH WINGLER.

Joseph Wingler was born in Washington county, Indiana, December 25, 1839. He is the son of John and Nancy (Miller) Wingler, both natives of North Carolina. John was the son of Francis Wingler, a native of North Carolina, who came to Washington county, Indiana, early in the nineteenth century and took up government land, which he converted into a farm. Nancy Miller was the daughter of Frederick Miller, also of North Carolina, who came to Greene county early in the last century, where he lived, farmed and died. John was a farmer. He and his wife, who were both members of the Church of Christ, had thirteen children, as follows: Samuel, Franklin, William, Elizabeth, all deceased; Joseph, the subject of this sketch; John, living in Illinois; Francis, living in Washington county, Indiana, and Delitha, also living there; Nancy Jane, deceased; Jacob living in Washington county; Isaac, deceased; Eli, living in Washington county, and Sarah, deceased.

The subject of this sketch was raised on his father's farm and received what education he could in the common schools. He remained at home until he enlisted March 6, 1862, in Company I, Sixtieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was sent from Davis, Indiana, where

he enlisted, to Indianapolis, where he guarded prisoners. He then went into Kentucky and Virginia, participating in the battle of Murfreesborough, Kentucky, where he was taken prisoner, but was paroled and later exchanged, returning to Kentucky. He was in the siege of Vicksburg; then was sent to Arkansas Post on the White river, where they captured a fort with about five thousand prisoners. The subject was then taken sick and was sent to a hospital, where he remained until discharged from service in May, 1863, at St. Louis, Missouri. His disability resulting from lung disease resulted in his discharge. He returned home and did but little work for two years, then he went to farming in Washington county, Indiana. He came to Greene county, Indiana, in 1864 and settled in Washington township on the farm he now owns. He has one hundred and twenty-seven acres, which was covered with timber when he purchased it. He drained and cleared it and now has a well improved farm.

Mr. Wingler married Celia Ann Newsom in 1867. She was born in Jefferson township, Greene county, and was the daughter of Jacob and Delitha (Miller) Newsom, both natives of North Carolina. They came to Greene county when small and married there. They farmed there and spent the rest of their lives on the place where they first settled, always being regarded as good Christians. The Newsom family consisted of twelve children, namely: Joseph, who lives in Nebraska; Caroline, deceased; Celia, wife of the subject; James, Sarah and Thomas, all deceased; Jane, living in Nebraska; Isaac, deceased; John, living in Missouri; Mary, deceased; the two youngest dying unnamed.

Joseph Wingler and wife had eight children. They were: James, who died in childhood; Joseph and John, who also died early in life; Mary first married James Fuel and they had three children, Ernest, Joseph, Lola. All these grandchildren make their home with the subject of this sketch. Mary married the second time, her last husband being Simmie Marlow. She makes her home with her father, Mr. Wingler. Nancy was the fifth child of the subject. She died in childhood. Lessie and Maude are also deceased. The latter was the wife of Jonathan Hinman. She left one child, Lona, who lives with her grandparents. Jacob Eli, the youngest of the subject's children, is deceased.

The subject is an independent voter. He and his wife are members of the Church of Christ. The former is a deacon in the church at Mt. Zion. Mr. Wingler is engaged in general farming and he raises a good line of stock, all that the farm will support.

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#### MARION A. THOMAS.

The family of which Marion A. Thomas is a representative came to Indiana from Pennsylvania and settled originally in Daviess county, where the subject's grandfather engaged in carpentry and the construction of mills. This ancestor, who was of Welsh descent, was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1802, migrated westward in 1835, and after a residence of some years in Daviess county, changed his abode to the county of

Greene, where his death occurred on January 1, 1879. In his native state he did a thriving business as a ship carpenter and millwright, and after becoming a resident of Indiana, followed the latter trade in connection with building and also devoted some attention to agriculture. He also constructed flat boats in an early day to carry produce to New Orleans and intermediate points on the Mississippi river and earned wide repute as a skillful mechanic. His wife, who was Elizabeth Lillie, was born December 19, 1811, near where her parents were very early settlers. They, with other pioneers, were frequently obliged to take refuge in a block house to escape massacre by the Indians, and experienced all the vicissitudes common to the perilous times in which they lived. Of the five children of this estimable couple, John Thomas, whose birth occurred on the 24th of March, 1845, was the fourth in number. When a young man, John Thomas taught school for some years and later engaged in agricultural pursuits near Newberry, Greene county, where he married and reared a family. The maiden name of his wife was Martha J. Benham. She was born May 3, 1852, the daughter of Israel and Amanda Benham, early settlers of Greene county, and departed this life, September 20, 1892.

Marion A. Thomas, son of John and Martha Thomas, is a native of Greene county, born on the family homestead near Newberry July 17, 1873. He was reared to farm labor, and after completing the common school course entered the Northern Indiana Normal University at Valparaiso, from the commercial department of which he was graduated in due time with a creditable record.

Mr. Thomas engaged in merchandising at Newberry and continued that line of trade until 1906, when he disposed of his stock the better to make the race for county recorder, for which office he was nominated that year by the Democratic party.

Since the above date, Mr. Thomas has devoted his attention to the insurance and real estate business at Jasonville, in connection with which he also transacts the duties of town treasurer, moving to the latter place in 1901. He has been a leader of the local Democracy for some years. He has filled all the offices in the Pythian lodge, to which he belongs, and as a zealous and consistent Methodist is active in the various lines of church work and an influential member of the congregation worshipping at Jasonville.

Mr. Thomas, on April 29, 1899, was united in the bonds of wedlock to Pearl Brown (see sketch of Captain Brown), who has presented him with two children, Charles M. and Pearl, the former born May 19, 1902, the latter on the 12th of May, 1906. Mrs. Thomas is a member of the Christian church.

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#### ALFRED M. BEASLEY.

Alfred M. Beasley, attorney at law and one of the leading members of the Greene county bar, is a native of Martin county, Indiana, and a descendant of Scotch-Irish ancestors, who came to this country from England in colonial times and settled in Virginia. On the ma-

ternal side he is of English extraction, antecedents of his mother's family having been among the early pioneers of North Carolina. Aaron Beasley, subject's father, was born March 1, 1831, in Lawrence county, Indiana, and married in the year 1852, Rebecca Barnes, whose birth occurred on the 15th day of May, 1832, in the county of Martin. Having devoted the greater part of his life to agricultural pursuits and meeting with success in his chosen calling, Aaron Beasley is now living in retirement at Linton, though still owning the homestead in Martin county on which he so long resided. He was a loyal Union man during the rebellion, an ardent supporter of President Lincoln, and served during the entire period of the war as recruiting officer of Martin county. Physically incapacitated for military duty, he rendered valuable service to the state and nation by inducing others to enter the army, having sent many men to the front during his incumbency as recruiting officer. Mrs. Beasley died in 1889, the mother of ten children, Alfred M. being the youngest of the number. Winnie, Nancy J. and Mahala E. died in infancy. James died at the age of thirty-five. John L. is a large farmer and stock raiser of Martin county and trustee of the township in which he lives. Rebecca is the wife of Lewis Kail, of Indian Springs, and Aaron Grant, lives in Linton. William T. is a farmer of Daviess county, this state, and George, of Linton, is one of the well-known and prosperous business men of Greene county.

Alfred M. Beasley was born at Burns City, Martin county, on the 18th day of April, 1875. After finishing the common school branches he entered the State

Normal School at Terre Haute, with the object in view of fitting himself for teaching, which profession he followed with marked success for a period of seven years. Not caring to devote his life to educational work, he discontinued it at the expiration of the time indicated, but meanwhile, actuated by a laudable ambition to increase his scholastic knowledge, he spent three years in the State University, and by this splendid mental discipline, laid broad and deep the foundation for his future career in one of the most responsible and exacting of the learned professions. Having decided to make law his life work, he began the study of the same at Bloomfield in the office of Cavins and Henderson, and later entered the law department of the State University, in order that he might prepare himself for the practice of law, where he prosecuted his studies and researches until his admission to the Greene county bar in 1904, since which time he has practiced at Linton, where he has a large and lucrative legal business.

Mr. Beasley entered the law with a mind well fortified by mental and professional training, and from the beginning his practice has grown steadily in volume and importance until he now occupies a commanding place among the younger members of a bar long noted for the high order of its legal talent. He is well versed in the principles of jurisprudence, familiar with the methods of practice, and, by reason of his familiarity with the law, has become a safe and reliable counselor, whose advice and opinions are seldom, if ever, at fault, and whose painstaking industry and success in prosecuting or defending causes have gained him an honorable reputation



and quite an extensive clientele. At one period he wielded an influence in the field of journalism, having for three years edited the Linton Record, during which time the paper became very popular and earned for him creditable repute as a clear, logical writer of vigorous English, to say nothing of his facile pen and elegant diction in treating of the more sentimental subjects.

In politics Mr. Beasley is strongly Republican. In 1900 he was nominated for the legislature, but went down in defeat with the rest of the ticket, the county being at that time Democratic by a very large majority. In secret fraternal and benevolent circles he has long been quite prominent, especially in Odd Fellowship, being a leader in the local lodge to which he belongs, besides holding the high office of grand herald of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. He has also been prominent in the encampment, Rebecca lodge and Court of Honor, having filled the principal chairs in each and contributed largely to their growth and success. He holds membership in the Improved Order of Red Men, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, in all of which he has been honored with high official stations.

Mr. Beasley is a married man and the father of two living children, who answer to the names of Kern G. and Ray M. Mrs. Beasley was formerly Miss Anna Gertrude Morgan, daughter of Thomas and Melissa Morgan, of Stockton township, the ceremony by which her name was changed to the one she now bears having been solemnized on August 31st of the year 1901, and useless to add that the subsequent life of this couple has been happy and harmonious.

## JAMES MADISON HUMPHREYS.

James Madison Humphreys, funeral director and dealer in furniture, is a native of Greene county, born on Lot 3, of the original plat of Linton, March 6, 1859. His father, Madison Humphreys, also born in Greene county, belonged to one of the earliest pioneer families of this part of the state and the name has been intimately associated with the county from the beginning of its history. Madison Humphreys was a farmer by occupation, an honest, hard-working man, and most exemplary neighbor and citizen. By industry and thrift he accumulated a handsome competence, including valuable land, some of which is still in possession of his family. In his young manhood he married Elizabeth Lund, who was born in England, but came to this country with her parents in childhood and spent the remainder of her life in Greene county, Indiana, dying at the age of sixty-four, in 1897. Mr. Humphreys departed this life December, 1858, about three months prior to the birth of the subject of this sketch. Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys were the parents of three children that grew to maturity, the oldest of whom, a son, by the name of Richard, died shortly after attaining his majority. Clara E., widow of John Middleton, lives in Terre Haute. Several children died in infancy, of whom Stephen Hale received a name.

James M. Humphreys received a common school education, and, when old enough to begin life for himself, turned his hands to any kind of honorable labor he could find to do. In this way he spent the time until his twenty-first year, when he entered the Clark and Sullivan

School of Embalming at Indianapolis to fit himself for the undertaking business, to which he had already devoted considerable attention. In due time (1895) he was graduated from that institution, after which he resumed control of the business he had established five years previous to that date, and which he has since conducted with success and financial profit, being at this time proprietor of the largest and most complete furniture and undertaking establishment in the city. Mr. Humphreys carries a full stock of the latest and most approved styles of furniture, also a complete line of caskets and other goods pertaining to sepulture, and, being an accomplished undertaker, familiar with every detail of the profession, his patronage has grown steadily in volume and importance until he now easily stands at the head of both lines of business in the city of Linton. Mr. Humphreys is a Democrat, but has never held office nor sought public honors of any kind. Like the majority of wide-awake enterprising men, he manifests a lively interest in fraternal matters, being an active and esteemed member of the Masonic, Elks and Odd Fellows orders, and also belongs to the insurance organization known as the Woodmen of the World, and in religion is identified with the Methodist Episcopal church.

On August 29, 1878, was solemnized the ceremony by which Mr. Humphreys and Ida B. Listman were made husband and wife. Mrs. Humphreys is a native of Stockton township, Greene county, the daughter of Francis A. and Caroline Listman, and has borne her husband five children, the oldest of whom, a son, by the name of Elmer, dying when only six months old. Ira

O., the second son, is associated with his father in business. He is married and the father of one child. Homer L., the third in order of birth, employed in the store, is also a man of family, consisting of a wife and daughter. Oscar is his father's assistant, and Mary, the youngest of the number, is pursuing her studies in the Linton schools.

Mr. Humphreys was chief of the first fire department and served fourteen years in the volunteer company and about three years after the city took up the work as paid department and is the only one now living of the first brigade.

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### RICHARD P. IRWIN.

Richard P. Irwin is one of the enterprising merchants of Jasonville. Although a Buckeye by birth, he became a Hoosier by adoption, having been born in Butler county, Ohio, on July 29, 1850, the son of Robert and Jane (Demoret) Irwin, the former being a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. Robert Irwin was the only child of the family, and came to Ohio in an early day, and there finished his days. Mr. Demoret, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a Frenchman and was born in 1760. He came to America during the early days of our national history, and is reported to have arrived on the same vessel with Lafayette. He was fired with the same patriotic spirit that pervaded the hearts of the liberty-loving French, and enlisted under the American banner during the remainder of the Revolu-

tionary war. After this struggle was over he continued his trade as a cooper and ultimately made his way to Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1815 he removed to Butler county, Ohio, and there rounded out his days, passing to rest in 1820. There were thirteen children born into the family, nine of whom reached maturity.

Robert Irwin, father of our subject, was reared to manhood in the state of Pennsylvania and came to Butler county, Ohio, after attaining his majority. He also followed the cooper's trade and continued in that work until the end of his days, which occurred at the age of fifty-two, in the community to which he had come. Eleven children were born into this family, eight of whom attained their majority.

Richard attended a normal course in Ohio, in addition to the regular instruction afforded by the local schools of Ohio and Indiana. He was deeply interested in the question of education and devoted twenty years of his life to the work of teaching. In this he showed a fine spirit for professional advancement and took an advanced stand on questions pertaining to educational work.

In 1891 he decided to enter mercantile life and turned his attention to that line. He came to Jasonville and opened up a drug store, which he continued to conduct for three years. He was the justice of the peace and postmaster and engaged in general merchandise to the present time.

One of Mr. Irwin's brothers, Joseph, was a member of an Indiana regiment during the Civil war, and did valiant service in the cause of Old Glory.

In 1894 Richard Irwin was joined in marriage to

Sarah Gibson, a most estimable lady, born in Ohio, and the daughter of Lewis and Louisa (Trego) Gibson. They were industrious and energetic, coupling this with a wholesome Christian spirit which made them most desirable neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, contributing liberally both of their time and means to the progress of the church work in the community. In addition to this Mr. Irwin has been an interested worker in the local lodges. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being past master, also a member of the Red Men and the Tribe of Ben Hur. He is a Democrat in politics and in addition to the offices mentioned above he has served as town clerk.

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### WILLARD JONAS HASTINGS.

Willard Jonas Hastings, the subject of this biography, not only had the enterprise to take hold of opportunities as they arose, but had the energy to push them forward to a successful issue. He is a Greene county citizen, having been born near Bloomfield August 21, 1869. His parents, James M. and Margaret (Slinkard) Hastings, were also Hoosier born and his paternal grandfather, William Hastings, was an early settler in Daviess county, Indiana, having taken up a tract of government land, which he brought under cultivation and to which he subsequently made additions, accumulating in time a substantial footing as a farmer. Eight children were born into that family.

Mr. Hastings's maternal grandfather, Mr. Slinkard, was a merchant who carried on business both at Newberry and at Vincennes. He was of an energetic temperament and succeeded in establishing a thrifty volume of trade. He and his wife were esteemed members of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Hastings, our subject, received his early education in the county public schools, and showed industry and power of application even as a boy in school. His studious temperament led him later to take up more advanced work, and he attended for several terms the Central Normal College at Danville.

After spending about four years at farming on his own responsibility, he laid plans for entering mercantile life. For two years he operated a general store at Ellison, meeting with gratifying success. This was followed by a change to Jasonville, where he was engaged in a like occupation for two years longer. Seeing favorable opportunity for a change, he became engaged for the next three years in the real estate business, after which he established the present hardware concern. In this he has also met with signal success. He maintains an excellent class of stock, and stands high in business circles as a man of good judgment and keen discrimination.

In 1897 Mr. Hastings was joined in marriage to Lizzie Gheen, daughter of John H. and Mary (Thorn) Gheen, and this event has been followed by a most pleasant and happy home life. Four children have graced this union, two of whom are deceased. The surviving ones are Aulta, the first born, and Mary Margaret, one of twins.

Mr. and Mrs. Hastings are fully alive to their obligations, not only as parents and neighbors, but as members of society as well. They affiliate with the Christian denomination and are ready and willing supporters of the religious duties devolving upon the community.

Furthermore, Mr. Hastings has found time in the midst of his busy career to join in the fraternal life of the neighborhood, having affiliated himself with the Masons and also the Elks. In both of these orders he is regarded as a valuable exponent of the tenets of the order, being ready at all times to discharge his full obligations as opportunity arises.

Although a Republican, he has never made any effort at political prominence, but always takes a firm stand for honest and straightforward management in public affairs.

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#### THOMAS IRWIN PADGETT, M. D.

Paternaly Dr. Padgett is of Scotch extraction, his mother's family being of English descent. His grandfather, Benedict Padgett, came to this country from Scotland when a lad of twelve, and, after spending some time in Maryland, moved with his parents to Pennsylvania, thence to Ohio, and still later, to Greene county, Indiana, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying at the age of seventy-six years. He was a tailor by trade, a zealous Presbyterian in his religious faith and is remembered as a man of many sturdy qualities, whose influence was ever on the side of morality and correct



living and whose death was deeply lamented by all who knew him.

George David Padgett, father of the doctor, was the oldest of a family of seven children, and by occupation a tiller of the soil, in addition which he also spent some years as a teacher in the public schools. He came to Indiana when a young man, bought a farm in Greene county, on which he spent the remainder of his days, departing this life at the age of fifty-six. His wife, Lydia Irwin, a native of Ohio and a descendant of one of the early English immigrants to that state, bore him seven children, of whom the doctor is the third in order of birth. Dr. Thomas I. Padgett is a native of Greene county, Indiana, and dates his birth from September 16th of the year of 1862. He was reared to the honorable pursuit of agriculture and received his preliminary discipline in the public schools, subsequently completing a high school course, and after his graduation devoted four years to farm labor. Having decided to make the medical profession his life work, he entered, at the expiration of the time indicated, the Hospital Medical College, Louisville, Kentucky, from which he was graduated June 18, 1889, into the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and immediately thereafter located at Pleasantville, Sullivan county, where he practiced his profession with encouraging success during the eight years ensuing, when he sought a larger and more inviting field in the city of Terre Haute.

The doctor remained at the latter place from 1897 to 1901, when he removed to Jasonville, where he has since practiced with success and financial profit, and, as

previously stated, he is now recognized as one of the most progressive physicians and surgeons in his section of the state, besides attaining enviable standing as a public spirited citizen. In the year 1882 Dr. Padgett was united in marriage with Nellie Gilmore, of Sullivan county, Indiana, daughter of Reuben and Caroline (Thixton) Gilmore, who died in 1897, leaving two children, Alta, born in 1884, wife of John E. Young, and George David, whose birth occurred in 1887. The doctor's second marriage was solemnized in 1899 with Mrs. Eva E. Wright (nee Young), who was born in 1872 in Vigo county, the union being without issue.

In politics Dr. Padgett is a Democrat, but not an ardent politician, devoting so much time to his profession that he has little leisure for public matters. He is identified with the Masonic, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias fraternities, and in religion the Baptist church holds his creed.

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#### WILLIAM HENRY HIXON, M. D.

Few medical men of Greene county have achieved the distinctive success in their profession or risen to the conspicuous place in public esteem as the well known and popular physician and surgeon whose name introduces this sketch. Dr. William Henry Hixon, a native of Owen county, Indiana, and for many years one of the leading men of his calling in the county of Greene, is descended from Scotch-Irish ancestry, and traces his

genealogy back to an early period in the history of Pennsylvania, from which state his paternal grandfather moved to Ohio in pioneer times, thence, about 1850, to Owen county, Indiana, when he entered land, improved a farm and spent the remainder of his days. Of the family of eight children left by this ancestor, the last member, a daughter, died in June, 1908, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. George Reed, of Delaware, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, was an uncle of the paternal grandmother of Dr. Hixon.

William Hixon, the doctor's father, was the third of the above family in order of birth. He was a farmer by occupation, spent the greater part of his life in Owen county and then died at the age of sixty-two years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lydia Isenmoggle, lived to be eighty-two years old and was the mother of four children, namely: Thomas M., John W., William Henry, of this review, and Mary B., now Mrs. William M. Mellick, of Owen county. William and Lydia Hixon were a pious, God-fearing couple, active workers in the Methodist church and much given to good works. Among the poor and needy of their neighborhood they lived full lives, reared their children to honorable manhood and womanhood, and left to their descendants names and characters above reproach.

Dr. William H. Hixon was born December 21, 1853, spent his early life under the parental roof in Owen county and received his education in the public schools. When a young man he turned his attention to carpentry, which he followed for a period of ten years and then took up the study of medicine, which he prose-

cuted under the direction of a competent preceptor during the three years following. Actuated by a laudable desire to add to his professional knowledge, he subsequently entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Indianapolis, and, after a course at that institution, located at Vandalia, Owen county, where, in due time, he built up quite a lucrative practice. At the expiration of two years the doctor left that place and opened an office at Catterac, but after a year there moved to Adel, where he remained three years in the enjoyment of a very satisfactory professional business, changing his residence, at the end of the time indicated, to Newark.

After spending four years at the latter point, Dr. Hixon located at the town of Farmers, where, during a period of eighteen consecutive years, he built up an extensive practice and won enviable standing in the line of his calling, forging to the front among the representative professional men of his part of the state and gaining much more than local repute as a skillful physician and surgeon. From Farmers he removed to Jasonville, where he has followed his chosen calling for four years with the success that has marked his career since the beginning, and where he not only holds an influential place among his professional brethren, but stands high socially and keeps in close touch with all enterprises and movements which tend to benefit the public and advance the interests of his fellow men.

Dr. Hixon has been twice married, the first time on February 20, 1876, to Rosetta Huey, daughter of Nathan Huey, of Owen county, who bore him the following children: Mabel, born September 7, 1877, died on the 13th

day of the same month; Thornton, born January 18, 1888, died on the 3d of the month following; Daisy D., born September 19, 1881; Mary J., born May 18, 1884, and Eva May, whose birth occurred December 2, 1886. After the death of the mother of these children the doctor entered the marriage relation with Laureeta McClarren, of Greene county, the ceremony taking place in June, 1895, the union being blessed with three offspring—William J. B., born August 28, 1896, now deceased; Margaret, July 25, 1897, and Dewey, who first saw the light of day on August 3, 1898. The doctor's first wife was a member of the Christian church, his present companion being a Methodist and a zealous worker in the local congregation with which she is identified. Fraternally Dr. Hixon is a Mason and a member of the Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Red Men, the Modern Woodmen and Knights and Ladies of Honor.

Dr. Dixon owns business and residence property in Jasonville and is consequently interested in all that promotes its welfare. In politics he is a Democrat, and while in Owen county he held the office of coroner four years and justice of the peace nine years, and is at present secretary of the board of health of Jasonville.

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### JOHN ANDY POE.

Prominent among the families of Greene county is the one taken up in this review, the subject having been born in this county on September 9, 1861. He is the son

of John and Emaline (Humphrey) Poe, both natives of Greene county. Mr. Poe's paternal grandfather, John B. Poe, emigrated to Indiana from Virginia in an early day, settling in Greene county. He took up unimproved land and in time transformed it into a well improved and productive farm. He made several trades, but remained in the county, passing to his reward while still living in Wright township, having attained the remarkable age of almost one hundred years. He was a devoted worker in the Baptist church, in which he was a trustee for several years. He was the father of six children.

Our subject's maternal grandfather, Andy Humphrey, was born in Putnam county, Indiana, and after reaching manhood began life as a blacksmith. He was made justice of the peace in his district and later was sent from Greene county to the state legislature. Here he served continuously for fourteen terms. When not on duty at the state capital he continued the management of his farm. He served out the unexpired term of "Blue Jeans" Williams, and during his last term was joint senator from Sullivan and Greene counties. He then removed to Linton, Indiana, and there ended his days at the age of eighty-three years. He was a devout member of the Baptist church and has left to his children the heritage of a clean and well spent career.

Our subject's father received his early education in the public schools of Greene county. He made farming his life work and died at the age of sixty-three, being survived to the present time by his companion in life, who is now living at Linton at the age of sixty-four.

John A. Poe, our subject, was also educated in the

county schools. He remained at home until reaching his majority. He later went to Kansas, but returned to Greene county, after a short absence. He has come into possession of a valuable farm, but after removing to Jasonville engaged in the feed business in connection with the handling of real estate.

In June of the year 1884 Mr. Poe was married to Eliza Ellen Elwood, who was born in Iowa September 27, 1859. She was the daughter of John and Eliza Elwood. Mr. and Mrs. Poe have become the parents of eight children, here enumerated in order of birth: Cleo, born in 1887, is the wife of Albert Cole, and is the mother of one child; Otto was born in 1889; Leon was born in 1892; Don, 1894; French, 1896; Rex, 1901; Kennett, 1903; and Lloyd, 1905.

Mr. and Mrs. Poe have not only proven themselves to be admirable parents, training their children to strive for high ideals in character and achievement, but have endeavored to set an example of Christian piety before all with whom they come in contact. They are devoted members of the Baptist church, and have been of great service in promoting interest and efficiency in Sunday school work.

Mr. Poe has been for many years an exemplary Odd Fellow, having passed through all of the chairs, and is now serving as treasurer for the local lodge. He has won the confidence of friends by his love for fair dealing, and has served as supervisor, as member of the township advisory board and as president of the town board. In all of these activities he has measured up fully to the expectations of neighbors and friends.

## JOHN B. WORKMAN.

One of the solid and substantial citizens of Lyons, Greene county, is he whose name appears above, and he is eminently worthy of a place in this volume, having spent all of his well regulated life in this county, where he was born November 25, 1852, the son of John and Lucy (Shields) Workman, and the grandson of Josiah Shields, a Virginian, who came to Indiana, where he farmed until his death, dying at a very old age, having been preceded by his wife, to whom seven children were born.

John and Pleasant Shields and Henry Sampson and Isaac Workman, uncles of the subject, were soldiers in the Union army, having enlisted from Indiana. John Workman, the father of the subject, was born in Greene county, Indiana, and received his early education there in the common schools. He spent his life on a farm near where he was raised. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and a Republican. He was survived by eight children, only three of whom are living in 1908.

John B. Workman was born and raised in the county, attending the public schools when a boy and applying himself to the best advantage possible. Early in life he went to farming, which life he successfully followed until four years ago, when he sold his well improved farm and bought property at Lyons, where he now resides, a highly respected citizen. Mr. Workman was married in 1874 to Mary Calvert, who was born July 25, 1855, daughter of Nimrod and Sarah (Wheeler) Calvert, natives of Kentucky, who came to Indiana sixty years ago, settling on a



farm in Greene county, where they spent the remaining years of their lives, he dying at the age of sixty-two years, she dying a few years later at the age of seventy-two. They were Baptists and raised five children.

Five children have been born to the subject, John B. Workman, and wife, as follows: Edward, who is married and living in Greene county; Curtis, a blacksmith, married and living in Greene county; Ella, the wife of Elmer Shilkeet, a farmer in the same county; Lustie is also living in this county, the wife of Ernest Spear; Fannie R. is the wife of Henry Rollison, also a farmer living in Greene county, Indiana.

Fraternally Mr. Workman is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a Republican in political belief, and while he does not aspire to positions of honor or emolument at the hands of his fellow voters, he keeps well versed in political movements and always sides with the right, not only in reference to political subjects, but all questions. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian church.

The subject has always been a painstaking, business-like and industrious man, as his neighbors where he farmed so successfully for upwards of a half century can testify, and his sober and honorable everyday life has won for him the lasting esteem of the entire community. His children, without exception, have tried to maintain the high standard of living which he set, and the Workman family is given the respect by every one which it justly deserves.

## JOHN FREELAND STAFFORD.

Among the representative farmers of Greene county, Indiana, is the subject of this review, who is the owner of a fine landed estate and carrying on the various departments of his enterprise with that discretion and energy which are sure to find their natural sequel in definite success. To such men as Mr. Stafford we turn with particular satisfaction as offering in their life histories justification for works of this character. John F. Stafford is a native of the county in which he now resides, having been born May 5, 1852. His parents, Presley and Sarah (Mowery) Stafford, were of English lineage, grandfather Jesse Stafford having come from England and settled in Kentucky, later coming to Indiana in an early day. Presley Stafford was raised in Indiana, having worked on a farm in Washington township, Greene county. He was born July 11, 1811, and died February 22, 1862, his widow surviving him two years.

The subject of this sketch received his early education in the public schools of his community, where he applied himself in a manner that caused him to outstrip many of his companions and fellow students. He points with interest to the old log school house which he attended in his boyhood days, which is now standing on his farm, being used as a cow barn. The subject was sent to great-uncle after his father's death, where he remained until he was twenty-one, working on a farm and in a saw-mill. After working for three years as a farm and mill hand he went on the old homestead, having inherited a part of it and purchased an additional part from his brother. Mr. Staf-

ford still owns this farm, in which there was originally two hundred and forty acres. He has added to it until he now owns a very valuable farm, consisting of three hundred and eighty acres. It was originally timbered, but he has cleared the major portion of it, and carries on general farming and stock raising, being particularly sound in his judgment of good horses and cattle. He also successfully handles hogs and sheep, preferring Poland-China hogs. He prepares his cattle for feeders and usually feeds all the corn the place produces. Mr. Stafford's excellent knowledge of the rotation of crops has resulted in the soil on his place becoming strengthened as the years go by instead of depleted and growing thin. It is more productive generally at present than when he first directed his attention to it thirty years ago when it came into his possession. He rotates his crops as he sees the soil requires, using clover principally to fertilize it instead of commercial fertilizers. A part of his land is leased on a five years' cash rent, the balance being used by Mr. Stafford and his son. They deal extensively in mules, handling large numbers from time to time.

Mr. Stafford was married on November 4, 1880, to Allie Shake, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Jarrell) Shake, both natives of Indiana, their ancestors having come from Kentucky and settled in the forest in Sullivan county. Mrs. Stafford's father died when eighty-three years old; her mother is still living at eighty-four. The wife of the subject was born May 22, 1858, in Sullivan county, where she attended the common schools. The subject has one son, Roscoe Murphy, who was born on January 14, 1883. He was married April 16, 1902, to

Grace Florence Hatfield, and they have one daughter, Fern Lucile, born June 19, 1905. He is farming on the old homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Stafford are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In national affairs the former is a Democrat, but he is an independent voter, always casting his ballot for the best candidates according to his judgment, which, owing to his careful study of the trend of events, is usually singularly sound, as it is in his business affairs. Mr. Stafford enjoys the unstinted esteem of a wide circle of admiring friends, and he is regarded as one of the leading citizens in his township.

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#### PETER WHEELER.

In considering the men of wide experience in business life we find an interesting example in the character of our subject, who was born in Jackson county, Indiana, February 17, 1865, the son of Jacob and Anna (Callahan) Wheeler, both natives of this state. Jacob Wheeler followed the occupation of farming throughout his days and was among the most progressive men in his community. He died when about fifty years of age and is survived by his wife, Anna, who has acquired the age, at this writing, of seventy-four years. She is a devout member of the United Brethren church, and has impressed her personality upon all who have been fortunate enough to become closely associated with her. She became the mother of these children: Jerry, now deceased, was the father of

two children; Rushia has also departed this life, leaving two children; Frank was likewise gathered to rest, leaving three children, and Robert is deceased.

Peter received his early education in the district schools of Owen township, Jackson county, making the most of the opportunities that offered themselves. He applied himself diligently to whatever he undertook, and in this way formed habits that have been a valuable asset in his subsequent career. He remained at work on the farm until nineteen years of age, at which time he went to Missouri, where he became employed at farm work during the summer and in winter he engaged in coal mining. In the latter work he took considerable interest, and this has continued to occupy some of his time since. After six years of life in Missouri he returned to Indiana and became interested in the drug business, and followed it for several years. Some attention has been given by him also to bridge construction on railroad work. He has readily adapted himself to the varied pursuits that have come within the range of his opportunities, but he finally gave his attention exclusively to blacksmithing, and has continued to follow that trade.

Mr. Wheeler's first marriage took place in 1885, to Caroline Cameron, of Nodaway county, Missouri, and to this union was born one son, William Roy, still living. Mrs. Wheeler was called hence on August 11, 1886, ending thus a life full of promise for domestic and maternal usefulness. In March, 1892, Mr. Wheeler was united to Charlotte Womack, who was born in Johnson county, Indiana, in 1865. She was the daughter of John and Margaret (Prater) Womack. She has won for herself a host of friends and is a member of the Christian church.

Mr. Wheeler has managed to find time aside from his busy career to participate in the social life around him, and has been especially interested in the work of fraternal organizations. He has taken an active part in promoting the growth of several societies and has held many important offices of trust in these organizations. He has been treasurer for the Masonic fraternity for some time and has discharged his duties with skill and exactness. In the Knights of Pythias he has been chancellor commander and trustee, and in that capacity has succeeded in spreading materially the popularity of the order, stimulating its growth appreciably. He has served for several years also as treasurer for the miners' union, of which society he is an active member. As a member of the board of town trustees Mr. Wheeler has given valuable service to the public, being found at all times punctual and conscientious in the discharge of his duties. It is needless to say that his work is highly appreciated by neighbors and friends.

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### JOHN CALLAHAN.

There is both lesson and inspiration offered in a consideration of this well known and highly honored citizen of Lyons, for he has overcome many obstacles in his career and won success where hearts less courageous would have quailed and gone down to defeat. He has worked out his own fortunes and gained a position of solidity and no little precedence in the business world, while his in-

tegrity of character has brought him into the favorable regard and unqualified confidence of all with whom he has come in contact.

John Callahan, who is a native of Daviess county, Indiana, born November 14, 1848, is a scion of the sturdy citizenship of the Emerald Isle, where his paternal grandparents lived and died and where his father was born. His maternal grandfather Henry was born in Germany and settled in Greene county, Indiana, about seventy years ago, and lived on a farm until his death in 1854. Both he and his wife were German Lutherans. She lived until 1864, she being blind for several years prior to her death. They had five children, all now deceased.

John Callahan, the subject of this sketch, attended school until he was thirteen years old, when he began caring for himself, working at whatever he could find to do. He worked out as a farm hand until he was thirty-four years old, but by habits of economy he saved enough money during those years to begin business on his own accord, which he did by opening a grocery store and restaurant in Newberry, Indiana, which he conducted for sixteen months and was obliged to give it up on account of a physical ailment which made it difficult for him to stand on his feet. He then went to Indianapolis and took treatment at the Surgical Institute, where he was greatly benefited so much that he returned to clerking, which he followed for eighteen months. Then he moved to Effingham, Illinois, and engaged in the peddling business on a wagon, later returning to Lyons and engaging in the general merchandise business on his own account for three years, which he made a success. After conducting the

Lyons Hotel for a year he and Frank Reed established a saw-mill and brick yard. He later bought a hardware and implement store in that town, which he conducted for about sixteen months, later trading his store for a farm, which he superintended for five years in a most successful manner, when he sold it, but he continued farming until 1903. His wife and two stepdaughters own two farms, which Mr. Callahan superintends, at the same time handling a general line of insurance.

The subject was three times married, first in 1872 to Talitha C. Hawkins, a native of Greene county, Indiana. One child was born to this union, which died in infancy. His first wife survived only one year after her marriage. In 1880 Mr. Callahan was married a second time, Mrs. Mary Benham (nee Clogston) being the name of this woman, who had one child by her first husband. One child was born of this second union, which died in infancy. The subject's second wife died in 1881. He was again married in 1886, his third wife being Mrs. Talitha J. Bogard (nee Skomp), a native of Greene county. She had four children, two daughters still living. Three children were born to the subject by his third wife, namely: Wessie L., who makes his home with his father; Charles, who died in childhood; Annie, who lives at home and attends school. The two daughters of Mrs. Callahan are married, one of them, Mrs. Sadie Criss, living in Lyons; the other daughter is married to Lon O'Haver, and lives in Indianapolis.

The subject and wife are both members of the Methodist church. Mr. Callahan is a Democrat and a public-spirited man, although he does not find time to take an



active part in politics. He numbers his acquaintances and friends by the score, but his energies are an unknown quantity, mathematically speaking.

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#### MELVIN GRAY EDINGTON.

The record of the subject is that of a man who, by his unaided efforts, has worked his way from a modest beginning to a position of influence and comparative affluence in his community. His life has been one of unceasing industry and perseverance, and the systematic and honorable methods which he has followed have won him the unbounded confidence of his fellow citizens of Greene county. Mr. Edington, who conducts a real estate business and operates a lumber yard in Lyons, where all his property is located, was born August 13, 1869, in the county where he now resides. His father was Francis M. Edington, who married Docia Miller, both natives of this county. Grandfather Edington, who was a native of Ohio, moved to Indiana and spent his life on a farm, rearing seven children. The elder brother, Francis M. Edington, killed himself accidentally by throwing stones at a squirrel in a tree. Grandmother Edington lived to be eighty-five years old, having died in 1906. Grandfather Miller came from Kentucky to Greene county and was one of the early farmers there. He also had seven children. He was a soldier in the Union army and fought in defense of his country until he died of disease before the war closed. Grandmother Miller lived to be eighty-six

years old, dying in this county in 1900. The father of our subject was born in 1849 and spent his early life in working on a farm which he was compelled to care for, his father dying early. But after he reached maturity he bought a farm of his own. He later sold this and in 1900 purchased another, which he still owns and lives on.

M. G. Edington's early life was not unlike that of thousands of other boys in Indiana at that time. He spent it in attending the public schools during the winter months and working on his father's farm during the summer months, but his ambition led him to greater efforts than the majority of his schoolmates showed, so he applied himself more assiduously, and also attended the county normals and prepared himself for a teacher, which profession he followed for many years with great success. He then went into the real estate business, locating in Lyons, being successful in this from the first. But his native business ability is capable of looking after many things at one time, so he later added the lumber business to his enterprises and has been reasonably successful in this.

Mr. Edington was happily married in 1888 to Stella Meredith, the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Meredith, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Missouri. Jacob Meredith was a soldier in the Civil war. He died in 1898. His widow is still living. Six children have been born to the subject of this sketch and his wife, as follows: Cledie Ann, now (1908) attending high school; Jacob F., also in high school; Harly N., who is a graduate of the common schools; the fourth and fifth children both died in infancy; Mary is living at home and attending the public schools.

Mr. Edington takes a great interest in lodge work and has a wide acquaintance through their mediums, being a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Woodmen and the Knights of Pythias, having filled all the chairs in the last named lodge. He is a Democrat, but has never aspired to office. However, he takes a lively interest in the welfare of his party. He is a member of the Christian church and Mrs. Edington is a member of the Baptist church. The three older of their children are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Lyons, Indiana.

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#### CHARLES HENRY ROBERTS.

Among the many volunteer patriots of the grand old state of Indiana, we find the name of our subject, Charles H. Roberts, of Fair Play township, who was born near Ithaca, New York, August 5, 1839. His parents, Edward J. and Ann (Bartholomew) Roberts, were both natives of Pennsylvania. Edward J. Roberts was a physician, practicing successfully both in Pennsylvania and Ohio, who came to Greene county, Indiana, in 1860, settling in Highland township, where he practiced his profession until his death. His companion, who departed this life in 1904, bore him eleven children, enumerated here in the order of birth: Josiah, now farming in South Dakota; Petrican died at Knoxville, Tennessee, and was a soldier in the Ninety-seventh Indiana Regiment; Charles H., our subject; Caroline, now living in the east; Cordelia, deceased; Agnes, wife of William Farmer, a Christian Science prac-

titioner at Bloomington, Indiana; George Clark, a carpenter, living at present at Terre Haute; Edward, deceased; Josephine and Celesta were twins, the latter deceased; Valary, wife of Henry Kindred, now living at Worthington.

Charles received a common school education and began working out by the day or month very early in life, keeping this up until twenty-one years of age, turning over all his earnings to his father. In 1863 he enlisted in Company I, of the One Hundred and Twentieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, remaining in that company for about two months, after which he became quartermaster sergeant, continuing in that capacity until 1866. His regiment joined Sherman's army in Tennessee, and was under fire for one hundred and seventeen days. They participated in various important battles, and were finally mustered out at Raleigh, North Carolina.

Upon returning to Greene county after the close of the war Mr. Roberts purchased the tract of land which forms his present homestead. At the time there were no improvements whatever, nor was any of the land cleared, but by dint of hard and persevering effort Mr. Roberts succeeded in transforming the wilderness into a productive and well improved farm.

In 1867 Mr. Roberts was united in matrimony to Catherine Sheehy, who was born April 10, 1839, in Richland county, Ohio, and was the daughter of Edward and Mary (Stout) Sheehy, the former being a native of Ireland and the latter of New Jersey. Eleven children were born into this family, consisting of: John, now deceased; James, living in Ohio; Margaret, deceased; Catherine, wife of our subject; William, a soldier in the Sixty-fourth

Ohio Regiment, having met his death at Knoxville, Tennessee; Julia, wife of Jesse Rector, now living at Linton, Indiana; Hiram, a farmer in Ohio; Simon, living in Fair Play township; Mary E. and Edward, deceased; the last child (unnamed) died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have become the parents of four children, the first two of whom died when still young. Lovezilla and Lillian R. are both married, the latter being the wife of Warren Tinstman, of Linton, and the former married John Ritter, now living at Indianapolis. They have two sons, Roland and Charles Gray.

Mrs. Roberts is a member of the Roman Catholic church and has proved to be a mother most worthy of rearing such a praiseworthy family.

Mr. Roberts is a Republican and has given his township most acceptable service as trustee. His interest in the political affairs of the community has been attended at all times with the desire to improve and raise higher the standard of public service. His industrious habits and uniform integrity have won for him the respect and esteem of neighbors and friends.

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#### WILLIAM HUNTER.

Special honor attaches to that individual who, unaided and alone, begins the ascent of life's rugged pathway and removes the many obstacles that lie in his road to the goal of success and by the force of his own individuality forges to the front, winning for himself the esteem

of his fellow men. Such is in brief the record of the popular citizen of Greene county to a brief synopsis of whose life and character the following paragraphs are devoted.

William Hunter ranks in the best class of our great foreign population, that worthy class which we are glad to welcome, knowing that their labors here in the United States will benefit us as well as them. He was born in Yorkshire, England, July 14, 1844, the son of John and Elizabeth (Wardell) Hunter, who moved to Ohio in 1853. John Hunter was a stonemason and a bricklayer of more than ordinary skill. He moved to Stafford township, Greene county, Indiana, in February, 1861, where he continued to work at his trade until 1883, when he died in Marco. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, all of whom are in America except John, the eldest son, who never came to America and still resides in his native place. Francis and William, our subject, became sole proprietors of the mill in 1883. It was built by them and their father, and formerly operated under the firm name of Hunter & Sons, the sons assuming full control at their father's death. They do a general milling business, cutting each year many thousand feet of lumber, also custom milling, grinding feed, flour, etc., and they have made a great success in this business, as will be seen when we note the fact that when the Hunters came to Marco they were practically without funds, but being men of sound judgment and untiring industry they soon built up a good trade, and each of the sons mentioned above are now worth at least thirty thousand dollars. They are both men of families.

William Hunter was married in October, 1880, to

Mrs. Druzilla Stafford, whose maiden name was Jeimson. She was born in Ohio and came to Indiana with her parents in 1864. To this union one bright and promising boy was born on May 6, 1881. He is now living on a farm in Stafford township, which he conducts successfully. He married Myrtle Hudson.

The subject of this sketch was elected trustee of Stafford township in 1900, having been nominated by the Democrats by thirty votes. He carried the township by seventy-four votes. Something of Mr. Hunter's excellent executive and financial ability was shown in the successful manner in which he handled the duties of this important office. The township was in debt when he began his official duties, tuition being short. When he turned it over to his successor, Jacob R. Garrett, the sum of six thousand dollars was left in the treasury. During his term of office he built two new school houses and left two thousand eight hundred dollars in the special school fund and never raised the levy. Calvin Smith, William Fry and Presley Stafford were on the advisory board. Mr. Hunter was one of the most efficient and popular officials the township ever produced.

Fraternally our subject is a member of Masonic Lodge, No. 166, at Newberry, Indiana, having joined this organization in 1865. He has always been one of its most active and influential members.

Mr. Hunter is a man of wide experience and is one of the most highly respected citizens of Marco, being admired by every one for his honesty and uprightness and sound business principles.

Francis Hunter was born April 14, 1842. He came

to the United States with the family and to Indiana in 1857, and since 1875 has been associated with his brother in the milling business. He was first married in 1863 to Sophia Higinbottom. She died in 1877, leaving two children—George died in 1877, aged eight years; Anna, wife of Franklin P. Alcar, of Linton. He was married a second time in 1883 to Phoebe Baker. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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### JOSEPH CULLEN.

Joseph Cullen, a prosperous farmer of Washington township, Greene county, Indiana, was born in Washington county, Ohio, June 14, 1842. He was thirteen years old when he was brought to Greene county, Indiana, by his parents. He had attended the common schools before he left Ohio, and he continued to go to school for a short time after coming to Indiana. He remained at home until he went to war, after which he went to Kansas, where he worked at different things, being in that state less than a year. He returned to Washington township, Greene county, where he went to farming and where he has since resided. He has altogether one hundred and forty-nine acres of good land.

On December 10, 1861, the subject enlisted in Company D, Fifty-ninth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He took part in all the engagements in which the regiment was involved. He was discharged in April, 1865, having served four months overtime.



Mr. Cullen was married in March, 1868, to Martha Gossner, who was born in Coshocton county, Ohio. She is the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Wolford) Gossner, the former a native of Philadelphia and the latter a native of Ohio. They came to Washington township, Greene county, in an early day. The father of the wife of the subject died in Kansas and his widow died in Greene county, September 4, 1876. They had three children—Margaret, who is deceased, as is also Harriett; Martha, the third child, is the wife of the subject.

Joseph Cullen and wife have the following children: William, who was born in Missouri. He married Pearl Johnson, to whom two children have been born. Libbie, the subject's second child, is the wife of Oliver Brewer. They have two children, William, who is deceased, and Tressie A., who is living with the subject. Libbie married the second time, her last husband being Dow Birch. Two children were born to this union, Mattie and Margaret. The last named is deceased. John, the subject's third child, is deceased. Mary, the fourth child, is the wife of Joseph White, a farmer, living in Washington township, Greene county. They have four children, Joseph, Harry, Ivan and Herman.

Mr. Cullen usually votes the Republican ticket, but sometimes he votes independently. He is the son of James and Sarah (Williams) Cullen, natives of Delaware and Virginia, respectively.

James is the son of Thomas Cullen, a native of Scotland, who came to this country and settled in Delaware, where he died. The mother of James Cullen came to Ohio when he was three years old. James was raised there and

came to Greene county in 1855, settling in Washington township, having bought new land there. He farmed on this until his death in 1867. He was an independent voter. Sarah Williams was a daughter of Joseph Williams, a native of Virginia, and one of the early settlers of Washington county, Ohio. He died there. The mother of the subject was a member of the Christian church. The subject's parents had ten children, as follows: William and Eliza, twins, are both dead; Thomas is living in Knox county, Indiana, on a farm; Joseph is the subject of this sketch; Emily is deceased; Ella, deceased, and Sarah. The last named was the wife of Henry Rusher. James, the eighth child of the subject's parents, died in Kansas; Cordelia is also dead; John is living in Kansas.

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#### REV. JOHN C. WARINNER.

This esteemed minister and representative citizen of Linton is a native of Pulaski county, Kentucky, where his birth occurred on the 26th of January, 1839. His father, Iverson L. Warinner, was born at Creelsburg, Virginia, in 1811, and his mother, Margaret D. Vaught, also a native of that state, was born in 1818 in the city of Richmond. Their parents were married in Somerset, Kentucky, where they made their home until November, 1856, when they moved to Marshall county, Indiana, where Mr. Warinner died at the age of sixty-five years, his widow subsequently changing her residence to Greene county, where she died in 1900, in her eighty-fifth year. The

following sons and daughters constituted the family of this couple, of whom but two survive, Mrs. Mary E. Sylvester, of Newberry, Greene county, and John C., of this review. Nancy died in 1848, Harriet E. in 1890, Amanda Frances in 1857 and William F. in 1870.

The subject's grandfather was James Warinner, a native of England, as was also his wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Johns. He was a minister of the Baptist faith, as were two of his brothers, Jacob and Iverson, all three of whom devoted their lives to the preaching of the Gospel. Henry Vaught, the subject's maternal grandfather, was born in North Carolina, of German parentage, and in early life went to Virginia, where he married Mary Wampler, who was also of North Carolina birth. He was a man of patriotic impulses and soldierly qualities, serving with an honorable record during the War of 1812 and in the war with Mexico. The Johns family as represented by the subject's grandmother inherited an immense fortune in England, but, like so many similar cases, the descendants have received no part of the much desired wealth.

The early life of John C. Warinner was spent in his native county and state, where he received a good education in private schools and under tutors. In young manhood he learned the trade of carriage and wagon making and followed the same for a number of years, becoming a very efficient workman. He experienced conversion in 1854, and feeling his duty to lie in the direction of the ministry he soon began fitting himself for that holy calling, and in due time entered upon the active work of the same as an evangelist, in which capacity he traveled ex-

tensively, practicing with great acceptance at many different points.

Rev. Warinner devoted about twenty-five years to ministerial work as a settled pastor, during which time he had charge of churches in Kentucky, Indiana and other states, his labors proving very successful in the strengthening of weak congregations, establishing churches in localities of religious influences and in the conversion of many hundreds of souls to God. At the expiration of the above period he engaged in evangelistic work, to which he devoted some six or seven years, and in 1872 resumed his labors as a local minister, to which he has since given his time and energies, having been regularly ordained in 1875. During the thirty-five years in which he has been actively engaged in the duties of his sacred office.

In politics Rev. Warinner holds the principles of the Prohibition party. He is a member of the Greene county bar, and served as deputy prosecuting attorney for one year, and at the present time is justice of the peace at Linton, which position he fills very acceptably, as the amount of business brought to his court attests. Fraternally he belongs to Newberry Lodge, No. 166, Free and Accepted Masons, in which he holds the office of senior warden. He is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Temple of Honor, besides being an influential factor in the Grand Army of the Republic post at Linton, having served about one year in the late Civil war in Company G, Thirty-first Indiana Infantry, his discharge from the service at the end of that time being on account of failing health caused by a severe attack of measles.

In July, 1863, Mr. Warinner and Eliza Butcher, daughter of David and Sallie (Flora) Butcher, of Monroe county, Indiana, were made husband and wife, the following children having been born to this union, namely: Mary Elizabeth, now Mrs. Louis Trisler, of Bloomington, and William Henry, who died when eleven years old; Laura Alice, wife of James Denny, a farmer of Greene county; Ida M., who married John Moore, a farmer residing near the city of Bloomington; Elma L., now Mrs. Brinson, of Monroe county; James R., also a resident of the county of Monroe; Ella lives in Switz City, and Willis Wayne, a youth of thirteen in 1908, still under the parental roof. Those deceased are William Henry, Eliza Belle and two infant daughters, who died unnamed. The wife and mother departed this life in 1869, and in 1871 Mr. Warinner entered the marriage relation with Melcina Cruse, of Knoxville, Tennessee, who, after a happy wedded experience of a few years, was called from earth, dying in 1876, after bearing her husband two children, both of whom died in infancy. Later Rev. Warinner married Mary E. Chambers. She died April 25, 1902.

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#### WILLIAM J. HAMILTON.

The subject's father was a native of Illinois, where his birth occurred in the year 1840. Mrs. Hamilton, who bore the maiden name of Margaret Pickerin, was also born in that state, and their marriage took place in Saline county, where they continued to reside until the end

of their days. The Hamiltons are of Scotch descent. Remote ancestors of the subject came to America in an early day and settled originally in the South, thence scattered over various parts of the country until representatives of the family are now to be met in a number of the southern and central northern states. William T. Hamilton followed mechanical pursuits for a livelihood and was killed some years ago in a railway accident. His first wife, by whom he had three children, died in March, 1878, at the age of thirty-five. The oldest of those children is William J., of this review, after whom comes Mary F., wife of Robert Bruce, of Aarkansas. The youngest of the number, Edgar, formerly a jeweler of Linton, died in this city on July 1, 1901. There were also three children by the second marriage.

William J. Hamilton is a native of Illinois, born in the county of Saline, December 30, 1861. Reared to agricultural pursuits, he early formed habits of industry and thrift, which, with well learned lessons of self-reliance, gave to his life, while yet in the formation period, the proper bent, that as the years went by led to the development of a well rounded character and the laying of plans for his future course of action. His educational training embraced about the usual attendance at the public schools, and as soon as old enough to be of service his labors were utilized on the farm. Later he worked for a period of eight years mining coal, meantime moving to Greene county, Indiana, of which he has since been an honored resident. In 1888 Mr. Hamilton effected a co-partnership in the drug business with William Ferrell, opening a store in Linton, which they conducted together about three or

four years, when the subject purchased his partner's interest and has since conducted the establishment alone. From a modest beginning he has gradually enlarged the scope and volume of the business until he has the largest and most complete establishment of the kind in the city, carrying full lines of drugs, patent medicines, sundries and other kinds of goods which druggists usually handle, to which he has also added a jewelry department, where, in connection with the retail trade, all kinds of repairing and refining are done by skillful artisans employed for the purpose. Mr. Hamilton is an accomplished pharmacist, careful in the compounding of medicines and filling prescriptions, and his long experience in the business has made him thoroughly familiar with every detail of the drug trade.

In addition to his private interests Mr. Hamilton is identified with various other enterprises, having been one of the leading spirits in establishing the Linton State Bank, which was organized in 1903, with a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars. On September 4, 1904, it was reorganized as the First National Bank of Linton and the capital increased to fifty thousand dollars. Mr. Hamilton being elected president, which responsible position he still holds and the duties of which he has discharged with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the stockholders, depositors and all who transact business with the institution. He is also a stockholder and director in the Linton Rolling Mills, besides owning valuable property interests in both city and country, including a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Stockton township, a beautiful modern residence in Linton and considerable

other real estate, which is growing in value with each succeeding year. He has been more than ordinarily successful in the accumulation of material wealth, being one of the financially solid men of Linton, and to his credit be it said that the handsome competence now in his possession and the liberal income of which he is the recipient are the result of his well directed efforts, being in the full sense of the term a self-made man and the architect of his own fortune.

Mr. Hamilton is a Republican, and keeps fully posted on the leading public and political questions of the day, on all of which he has broad views and well defined opinions. At one time he was his party's candidate for the legislature, and though making a gallant fight, failed by the insignificant majority of only two votes in favor of his opponent. Not satisfied with this result, the matter was carried to the house of representatives, where, after a careful examination of the returns and a searching inquiry into the manner in which the election was conducted, he was seated about the middle of the term and served with a creditable record as a lawmaker from 1902 to 1904 inclusive, was placed on several important committees and took an active and influential part in the general deliberations of the house. As a member of the city council he has been instrumental in bringing about much important municipal legislation and he has also served on the local school board, besides filling various other positions of honor and trust. He is a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Order of Elks, in both of which he has been an active worker, serving each at different times in official capacities.



Mr. Hamilton has been twice married, the first time in 1889 to Laura Turner, daughter of Thomas and Sarah M. Turner, of Linton, who died January 9, 1892, leaving one child, a son by the name of Wayne, who is now in the third year of the city high school. Mr. Hamilton married his present wife, Emma Hatfield, daughter of Ale and Christian Hatfield, of Bedford, who are engaged in the hotel business there, in the month of July, 1897, two children resulting from the union, Mary H. and Mildred, both bright and promising misses in whom are centered many fond hopes for the future.

Mr. Hamilton is essentially a man of affairs, and it is to his clear brain, well balanced judgment and sound business ability that many important interests of Greene county are indebted for their success.

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### HON. JOHN A. RIDDLE.

To the subject of this review we may refer with propriety and satisfaction as being one of the able and representative members of the legal profession in Greene county, and that he is a native son of this part of the Hoosier state lends something to the significance of the prestige which he has here attained. John A. Riddle was born September 16, 1872, near Cincinnati, Greene county, the son of Jonathan and Amanda E. (Carmichael) Riddle, natives, respectively, of North Carolina and Indiana. These parents reared a family of the following children: Daniel V., Jasper, Sarah J., wife of R. B. Yerian; Sey-

mour, John A. Milford, Oscar, Mrs. Ida E. Mitchell and Bertha, who married J. F. Weisman, all living and doing well in their respective place of residence. John W. Carmichael, father of Mrs. Riddle, served in the Civil war as captain in the Thirty-first Indiana Infantry, and three of Mrs. Riddle's brothers also took part in that struggle, viz.: Andrew J., William and Stephen Riddle, all of whom did noble service in defending their country's flag and earned honorable reputations as brave and gallant soldiers.

The early educational training of John A. Riddle was acquired in the public schools, followed by a full course in the high school in Bloomfield, and later he pursued the more advanced branches of learning in the State University, where he made substantial progress and earned an honorable reputation as a student. In his choice of professions he decided upon the law, and in due time began the study of the same under competent instruction, and after acquiring a knowledge of the fundamental principles of jurisprudence was duly admitted to the bar and commenced practicing at Bloomfield and remained there four years; then at Linton in 1901, where he soon worked into a lucrative legal business and won a conspicuous place among the rising attorneys of Greene county. From 1898 to 1900 he served as deputy prosecuting attorney under the Hon. Charles D. Hunt, and so efficiently did he discharge the duties of the position that in the latter year he was nominated and elected prosecutor of the judicial district by the largest majority ever given a candidate for prosecuting attorney in this district, filling the office one term. As prosecutor Mr. Riddle gained credit for himself by ably and judiciously attending the duties devolv-

ing upon him, and during his incumbency his name became a terror to lawbreakers and wrongdoers within his jurisdiction. Untiring in his efforts to subserve one of the highest interests of the people, he brought many offenders to the bar of justice and secured their conviction, sending quite a number to the state prison. Among the more noted criminal cases with which his name is connected and which occurred while he was deputy under Mr. Hunt was one for murder, in which he did a skillful bit of detective work by unearthing all the facts of the case and bringing the guilty party to answer for his heinous crime.

This record of this noted case appears in No. 155 of the reports of the Indiana supreme court, under the title of "The Newark Murder Case." Mr. Riddle not only instituted proceedings which resulted in the discovery of the crime, the victim having been thrown in an old cistern nine years before, and after this lapse of time Mr. Riddle apprehended the woman's husband, one William Wagoner, as the murderer and demonstrating his guilt by such indisputable proof as to secure his conviction and a sentence of life imprisonment in the penitentiary. Another matter which will always redound to his credit and give his name an honored place among the high-minded public servants of Indiana was the securing of indictments against some thirty odd individuals for selling their votes, all of whom were convicted and disfranchised for a term of years, over twenty of the number suffering a most severe penalty. This signal victory for the purity and individuality of the ballot, the like of which was never before or since attempted in Greene county, speaks vol-

unes for the fearlessness of this earnest public servant, who in the discharge of his sworn duty knew no fear or favor, but made every other consideration subservient to the strict enforcement of the law.

Mr. Riddle's ability and painstaking efforts as a prosecutor led to his nomination in 1906 for the office of judge of the circuit court, but the Democratic party being in a hopeless minority that year he suffered defeat with the rest of the ticket, although making a gallant fight and carrying more than the normal party strength. Since the expiration of his official term he has devoted his attention exclusively to the practice of his profession, and he now commands an extensive and very lucrative legal business, not only in his own county, but also he has a large clientele in the counties of Martin, Lawrence, Monroe, Owen, Morgan, Clay, Sullivan, Vigo and Marion, his standing as an able lawyer and successful practitioner giving him almost a state reputation.

Mr. Riddle is public-spirited in all the term implies, and in addition to his large legal business and the interest he has ever taken in political affairs, he is also actively and prominently identified with secret fraternal work, belonging to and taking an active part in the deliberations of a number of orders, among which is the Free and Accepted Masons, including the Royal Arch Mason degree, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he served as first exalted ruler of Lodge No. 866, and one term as district deputy grand exalted ruler for the southern Indiana district, the Independent Order of Red Men, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, including the Court of Honor, the Knights of Pythias, Ancient Order of

United Workmen, Ancient Order of United Mechanics, Modern Woodmen of the World and the Modern Woodmen of America, in all of which he has been elevated to positions of honor and trust. Although not identified with any church organization, he is a believer in religion and has profound respect for the wholesome influence it exerts as a great moral and spiritual agency for the elevation of man and betterment of society, hence he encourages all enterprises under this head and contributes to their support.

Mr. Riddle was married on the 18th day of June, 1902, to Effie J. Hornbeck, daughter of F. M. and S. E. Hornbeck, of Greene county, Indiana, the union resulting in the birth of a daughter named Wilma Eveline and a son who answers to the name of Maurice Jefferson Riddle. Mr. Riddle is the owner of real estate in Bloomfield and is interested in the production of oil in the southwest, though he devotes his entire time to his profession.

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### JAMES B. SHERWOOD.

The family of which the subject of this sketch is an honorable representative is traceable to North Carolina, where certain of the Sherwoods were known to have been living as long ago as the colonial period, but of the time of their arrival in this country and the facts concerning the early history of the family little specific data is obtainable. The name appears in connection with the pioneer settlement of southwestern Indiana and since the

fifties it has been familiar in Greene county with the growth and development of which the family has been actively and prominently identified. The Sherwoods have not only been among the leading agriculturists of this part of the state, but have also been represented in business and industrial circles and the learned professions, and in whatever capacity found they have honored their calling and reached a high standard of citizenship in their respective places of residence.

Benjamin S. Sherwood was born in 1827 in Washington county, Indiana, and there grew to maturity, marrying in early manhood, Sarah H. Holmes, also a native of the county of Washington, where her birth occurred in the year 1828. In 1852 this couple moved to Greene county and took up their abode in Linton, of which place Mr. Sherwood was an early merchant, and he also served eight years as postmaster. He was among the substantial citizens who helped make Linton a progressive, law abiding place, doing much to promote the town's advantages and induce a good class of people to become permanent residents. After a useful life of sixty-two years' duration he was called from the scenes of his earthly struggles and triumphs, dying at Linton in the month of February, 1889, his wife surviving him. Later she, too, passed to immortality. They had a family of six children, whose names are as follows: William H., Daniel A., Hugh M. and Mrs. Bettie J. Hardesty; James B. and Edgar H., all living but Daniel A., who died in 1879. With the exception of Mrs. Hardesty, who lives at Sullivan, Indiana, the surviving members of the family reside at Linton and are doing well in their respective callings.

James B. Sherwood, whose birth occurred in Greene county the 20th day of June, 1806, was reared to useful pursuits, and after receiving a good practical education began life for himself as a coal miner, which he continued five years with fairly profitable results. Subsequently he spent seven years as a clerk, and still later was largely instrumental in establishing what is known as the L. T. Dickason Coal Company, having induced Col. L. T. Dickason, of Chicago, to purchase a large body of coal lands near Linton. This company afterward was merged with the United Fourth Vein Coal Company. Later on he bought the land and interested Colonel Dickason in the purchase of the coal lands, which resulted in the organization and development of the Little Giant Coal Company. In 1903 he organized and was president and manager of the North Linton Coal Company for two and one-half years until its merger with the United Fourth Vein Coal Company. He is at the present time a director and secretary of the latter company.

During the past ten years Mr. Sherwood has been identified with the commercial interests of Linton and is also engaged in the same line of trade at the town of Cass, in Sullivan county, conducting a large general mercantile establishment at the former place, which is extremely patronized and doing a very profitable business at the latter point, where he employs four clerks to meet the demands of his patrons. His life has been one of great activity, and that success has rewarded his efforts is indicated by the prominent position in business circles to which he has risen.

Public-spirited and keenly interested in whatever

tends to benefit his town and county, Mr. Sherwood has never had any ambition to rise above his fellow men in the matter of official honors, being content to be known simply as a business man and to wear no other title than that of citizens. Politically he is a Republican, but by no means an active politician, and religiously the Baptist church holds his creed. His fraternal relations are represented by the Masonic order, of which he has been a member for a number of years, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he is an active and influential worker.

June 16, 1889, was the date on which occurred the marriage of James B. Sherwood and Minnie Gibson, daughter of the Rev. William M. and Margaret Gibson, of Linton, the family at this time consisting of six children, namely: Bert, Stanley, George, Walsh, James, Jr., and Helen, all at home, the oldest son being a student at Moores Hill College.

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### JOHN MORGAN LOWRY.

A most interesting addition to the character and variety of the American people was made by the incoming of those settlers termed the Scotch-Irish. These sturdy emigrants, after ranging southward from Pennsylvania along the longitudinal valleys of the Appalachian highlands, ultimately made their way over the mountains into the promising regions of Kentucky and Tennessee. Here they found opportunity for home making, and to-



day their descendants, among whom is our subject, can be traced by the thousands as they have gradually drifted into the neighboring territory.

Some time prior to the Revolution John Lowry came to Virginia from Ireland. Originally he came from Scotland. He took part in the Revolution and was wounded at the battle of Camden. Having his leg shot off by a cannon ball, he lay on the field for three days before aid came. During this time he lived from the haversacks and canteens of dead comrades. There were three children, two sons and one daughter, John, the eldest; William Alexander, second, and Betsy, the daughter. Both boys enlisted in the War of 1812. William A. was only sixteen, and entered the army as a fifte major. Ever afterward he was known as Major Lowry.

After the war he married Lavina Seigler. Shortly after they moved to Bledsoe county, Tennessee, and were engaged in farming. Afterward they moved to Warren county, near McMinnville, Tennessee. He was still a farmer and owned slaves. While here he was major of the militia and served one term in the state legislature.

During the Civil war he was a Union man, although he was not in the service himself. He caused a number of Confederate prisoners to take the oath of allegiance.

He was an active member of the Christian church. He died of heart failure in 1877. They had nine children, seven boys and two girls, Phillip, Francis, John, William Alexander, Newton, Effie, Jasper, VanBuren and Polk.

William A. was born in Warren county, Tennessee, in 1822 and was educated at Irvin College. In 1846 he was married to Julia Ann Maria Morgan, of White coun-

ty, who was a daughter of James H. and Mary Morgan, who were of Irish descent. James H. Morgan was a direct descendant of General Daniel Morgan, of the Revolution, also a relative of Gen. John H. Morgan, of the Civil war. Both were members of the Christian church. James H. Morgan died in 1861. In 1865 Mrs. Morgan was married to W. D. Carns, a prominent minister of the Christian church and one of the foremost educators of middle Tennessee, having occupied the chair at Burritt College, at Spencer; Milton College, at Fayetteville; Manchester College, at Manchester, and back to Burritt College, where he died in 1879.

William A. studied medicine under Dr. Jesse Barns, a noted physician of Sparta, practiced medicine until early in 1862, when he enlisted in the Confederate service under General Bushrod Johnson. Shortly after his enlistment he was made hospital steward, which place he held until he was captured by the Federals and placed in Rock Island Prison, where he remained fourteen months.

He was actively engaged in the battles of Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain. During the battle of Missionary Ridge he had charge of the infirmary corps. On the 4th day of February, 1865, he took the oath of allegiance and returned home.

On account of the guerrilla warfare which was being carried on in that part of the state, which made it very uncomfortable for those who had taken the oath, he was forced to move to Trousdale county. Here General Dillrell's men had been disbanded, which made conditions different. By this time he had sacrificed everything he possessed for the lost cause.

In 1871 he moved to Grundy county and engaged in farming. He was a member of the Christian church. He died in 1879.

They were the parents of fourteen children; three died quite young. Those who lived were Sidney Lisane-ly, Amanda, James, Harvey, Alexander G., Jennie, Alice Eva, Josephine, Virginia, Willie and Mattie.

On the maternal side Nathan Fults, grandfather of our subject, was also a native of Tennessee. He occupied himself at farming, and in the ante-bellum days was a slave owner. He and his wife were members of the Methodist denomination and took an active part in church work. He acquired the age of seventy-six years and was the father of seven children, three sons and four daughters.

Sidney Lowry, father of our subject, was born January 29, 1853, and received his early education in the public schools of Tennessee and at home. In early life he followed farming, but later, in 1886, turned his attention to mining, and has risen to the position of mine foreman. He is now located at Tracy City, Tennessee, and is still energetic and active. In 1874 he was married to Nannie J. Fults. He takes a deep interest in religious work, being a member of the Christian church. He is an earnest worker in the Sunday school, doing much to popularize that phase of the church life. He became the father of nine children, of whom the following survive: John M., our subject; Hugh A., of Jackson, Tennessee; Mark, at Tracy City with his father, and Bruce, also at home.

John M. Lowry, our subject, who was born in Tennessee September 13, 1875, received such early education

as the local schools afforded, and later graduated from the Pleasant Hill Academy, at Pleasant Hill, Tennessee. Being interested in the subject of electricity he began to devote his studies to that subject and found it so interesting that he has since devoted his studies to that field. After some experience in his native community he came to Indiana, taking up his studies at Rose Polytechnic. Upon coming to Jasonville he took charge of all the electrical machinery for the leading mining company there, and has since filled that position.

On December 22, 1902, Mr. Lowry was joined in marriage to Mattie A. Simpson, also a native of Tennessee, and this union has resulted in the birth of two children, Raymond, born September 17, 1903, and Harold, born January 28, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Lowry are members of the Christian church and give the work their hearty support and co-operation. Mr. Lowry is a Democrat, but does not give much time to politics, although he has consented to serve his fellow citizens in the capacity of councilman. In all of his associations he makes pleasant and permanent friendships, and commands the highest confidence in his business integrity.

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#### ROBERT THOMAS MCKEE.

It is with a feeling of satisfaction that the writer essays the task of touching upon the details of such a record as has been that of the honored subject whose life now comes under this review, for as a result of virtuous liv-

ing his example has been for good and his influence uplifting.

Robert T. McKee is a native of Scott county, Kentucky, where he was born August 30, 1834, the son of Joseph H. and Lucinda (Bartlett) McKee, the grandfather of the former having been a native of Scotland, who settled in Kentucky, where Robert McKee, the grandfather of the subject, was born and spent his life. There were five children in Grandfather McKee's family, the subject's father being fourth in the order of birth. Grandmother McKee was a Todd before her marriage, of the same family tree as the wife of Abraham Lincoln. The father of the subject spent his early life in Kentucky, where he was born in 1805. He came to Indiana in 1839, settling in Owen county. He was a millwright, having spent seven years as an apprentice, and following this trade all his life, being considered one of the best mechanics in the state. He worked for seventy-five cents a day and furnished his own tools. He raised nine children, eight of whom were boys. He was an active member of the church of Christ, as was also his wife. The former was an elder at the time of his death in 1875. He had been justice of the peace for twenty years and was regarded as a man without a blemish on his character. His wife was a woman of the best type and possessed more than ordinary industry, having manufactured the cloth from wool and flax for the clothing of her entire family for many years. She was born in 1811 and died in 1876.

Robert T. McKee, the subject, had but little schooling. He was compelled to assist in supporting the family, working with his father until he was twenty years old,

when he was married to Margaret McIndoo, to which union six children were born, all now deceased. His wife died November 28, 1870. Two years later the subject married Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson (nee Birdsell). One child, who is now deceased, was born to this union. This wife lived until December 13, 1874. In July, 1875, Mr. McKee married his third and last wife, who was Mrs. Martha Waggoner. Four children were born to this union, the second dying in infancy. Rhoda, the first child, is the wife of Walter G. Burchan; James G. is married and has one child; Maggie D. is the wife of Samuel Jeffers. All of these children are active Christians.

Mr. McKee commenced life without means and had a hard struggle to get a start and care for a family, but his industry and persistency, coupled with sound judgment and honesty of purpose, soon began to bring tangible results, as such principles always will when properly applied, and the subject was able to begin farming on a large scale after following the life of a mechanic for a few years. He farmed for six years and was becoming well established when he heard his country's call for loyal citizens to assist in saving the Union, and, with no regrets, Mr. McKee severed home ties, left his plow and shouldered a musket, enlisting in 1861 in Company B, Thirty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, subsequently taking part in the engagements of this regiment at the front, having fought at Shiloh, Corinth, Chickamauga and many others of minor importance. He was twice wounded, once severely, in the battle of Chickamauga, where he was captured and held for twelve days, when he was paroled and sent to the hospital, later returning to his

command, with which he remained until September 15, 1864. He never missed a roll call without permission, was never arrested or placed in the guard house during his service. Six of Mr. McKee's brothers were also gallant soldiers in the Union Army and the husband of his sister, Orin J. Tally, was the first member of the regiment lost, he dying at Henderson, Kentucky. James W., our subject's oldest brother, was captured and thrown in prison at Andersonville, where he was kept for one year, being so reduced by starvation that he died in Goldsborough, North Carolina. His brother, Alexander C., was also in the Andersonville prison for a year. Albert B. McKee, the subject's brother, was wounded in the arm, which caused it to remain stiff.

Robert T. McKee has been prosperous since the war, now owning three hundred and sixty acres of as good land as is to be found in Greene county, all under a high state of improvement. Nineteen acres of this is within the corporate limits of Lyons, on which the subject has a comfortable residence in which he lives. This land is all in the hands of his family, being managed and worked by them. However, Mr. McKee superintends the work as much as possible, for his ability as an agriculturist is perhaps unauqaled by any man in the county, despite his advanced age.

The subject has had a remarkable record in that he never swore an oath in his life, never attended a dance or party and never played a game of cards or gambled in any way. He is grateful for this fact now in his old age, and also thankful that he has been prosperous enough that his last years will not be spent in want. He joined the church

of Christ when nineteen years old and has been an active worker ever since in this church. Politically he is a Republican and always stands for clean politics and he is admired for his honest, clean and sober private and business life.

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### WILLIAM F. WOLFORD.

No citizen of Linton, Indiana, in recent years left so indelible an imprint of his sterling worth and strong personality on the minds and hearts of his friends and acquaintances as did the subject of this life record, who, through many years of toil and endeavor, showed how honesty of purpose and the following of the old "golden rule" in every avenue of life would gain success in business, genuine respect in social life and a high place in the moral and religious world.

William F. Wolford, son of John W. and Martha E. Wolford, was born near Linton, Greene county, September 18, 1867, and he was summoned to close his earthly career by the Shepherd "who giveth his beloved sleep" on November 17, 1906, at the age of thirty-nine years. He was the third son in the order of birth, and he spent his early life on the old homestead, assisting his father in the farm work and availing himself of every opportunity to develop himself mentally until 1886, when he left his parental roof and entered a store in Linton, clerking for his father and brothers. So readily did he take to the mercantile business that he became a member of the firm of Wolford & Sons in 1889, and ever after this to the close



of his life he was fully identified with them in all their affairs, finally becoming manager of this immense business concern, and as such he was painstaking and untiring in seeing that those having business dealings with the firm were treated with the utmost fairness and uniform kindness, and his careful and minute knowledge of the business which he had in hand caused it to grow from year to year in importance and influence.

The subject was joined in marriage to Cynthia J. Olgus, October 20, 1889, to which happy union three bright children were born, filling their home with additional sunshine. They are Thaddeus, Clifton and Charles L.

Mr. Wolford was converted to the Christian religion in 1886 and was baptized into the fellowship of Olive Branch Baptist church by the Rev. Buchanan August 15, 1889, and by letter became a constituent member of the First Baptist church of Linton. From the first he threw his energy into the work of the church, sharing in its joys and sorrows, and bearing a very large share of its burdens.

In his social life Mr. Wolford was just as popular as in business. He was always pleasant, entertaining and equally courteous to all classes of people. While his business occupied the major part of his time he always found a few moments to devote to social life. In secret circles he was a member of the Metropolitan Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of which he was a leading and influential member. Of this order he had held several offices, and at the time of his death was first lieutenant of the uniform rank.

Though a young man in years Mr. Wolford had en-

deared himself to all with whom he came in contact by his genial and unwavering good nature, which manifested itself in every act of his life. A Christian by choice, yet he numbered among his friends skeptics of the most ultra views; and he held their respect by his upright and manly walk before all mankind. He bent no humble knee that wealth might follow fawning. The poor and humble found in him a friend and well-wisher. The life of Mr. Wolford furnishes a striking example to other young men just entering on a business career, and if they follow up his ideals success cannot help but crown their efforts, for in the short years allotted to him he measured up to the standard, leaving behind him the richest heritage of which any man is capable—a good name.

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#### WILLIAM OLGUS.

This well-known, highly esteemed and useful citizen of Greene county, who has some time since "joined the choir invisible of the immortal dead," was the father of Mrs. William F. Wolford, of Linton, Indiana, and he was universally regarded among his numerous friends and acquaintances as a man of many admirable attributes. His earthly career was closed on June 20, 1890, at the residence of John W. Wolford, after a long illness. Mr. Olgus was in his sixty-second year, and was a native of Prussia, from which country he emigrated with his parents in 1844. His father settled on a farm that for forty-seven years was the home of the deceased, dur-

ing which time he built up the place to a high state of cultivation and general improvement, at the same time making his influence felt for good morals, clean politics and sound civic life throughout his community.

William Olgus was one of the many well-to-do German-American families, who, by patient industry, frugal habits and honest dealings, had acted well his part in life's strenuous battle. After his death one who knew him well paid this splendid tribute to his memory: "Not a dishonest dollar ever passed through his hands."

The subject was raised by Catholic parents, but he never affiliated with that church, often attending services at Protestant churches, contributing to their support. He was a peaceful, quiet and truthful citizen, who never had a law suit nor a personal difficulty with his neighbors, and it is doubtful if he ever had an enemy.

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### JOHN STAFFORD TAYLOR.

Among the representative farmers of Greene county is the subject of this review, who is the owner of eighty-five acres of good land and is carrying on the various departments of his enterprise with that discretion and energy which always insure success. Mr. Taylor was born in Fleming county, Kentucky, February 21, 1838, the son of Richard Oglesby Taylor. Grandfather Taylor came to America from England and settled in Virginia, where he farmed until the War of 1812, when he enlisted and was killed in battle. He was of a family of four boys and three girls, one brother having come to America.

Richard Taylor, father of the subject, was born in Appomattox county, Virginia. Having been bound out to an uncle in early life he never attended school a day. Remaining on his uncle's farm and working with the slaves until he was nineteen years old, he ran away and went to Kentucky, where he learned the miller's trade, in time becoming an expert miller, having no superior in the Ohio valley, working in one mill for thirty-two years. He came to Greene county, Indiana, in 1850, buying a farm of two hundred and eighty acres, all timbered, which he cleared, improved and made a farm on which he lived during the remaining days of his life, having died there July 28, 1885, at the age of seventy-four years. He married Louise Williams, who was a Dunkard in religious faith. He was a Free Mason and a member of the Christian church. Eight children were born to them, five of whom are living in 1908.

John S. Taylor, our subject, attended subscription schools in Kentucky until he was sixteen years old and was raised to work in the flouring mills, having begun when he left school and worked continuously in various mills until he was twenty-four, when he left his work and offered his services in defense of the Union, having enlisted in Company H, Sixteenth Kentucky Infantry, in 1861, serving seventeen months as a soldier in his native state. At the time President Lincoln issued his amnesty proclamation five hundred members of this regiment, including the subject, laid down their arms and never returned to service. After this the subject worked at various kinds of employment in western states and in Arkansas, then he returned to Greene county, Indiana, and settled on a farm, a part of his father's old place, in Wright town-

ship, where he has since resided, the farm consisting of eighty-six acres, all but six being under the plow.

Mr. Taylor was married December 26, 1867, to Sarah E. Reel, daughter of Moses and Lucinda (Gilmore) Reel, the former of North Carolina and the latter of Virginia, the father having been five years old when he was brought to Indiana, his parents settling in Knox county, where he farmed and operated a saw-mill when he reached manhood. He was a soldier in the Black Hawk war. George Reel, uncle of the subject, was a soldier in the War of 1812. The Taylor family has always adhered to the Presbyterian faith. Six children have been born to the subject and wife as follows: Moses W., born August 18, 1869, is single; Elmer, born April 18, 1871, who has a wife and eight children, is living on part of his father's farm; Louise E., who was born September 7, 1872, is the wife of Benjamin Lund and has four children; Harriett, who was born July 17, 1875, is the widow of Charles A. Bledsoe, and the mother of four boys; James Franklin, who was born April 29, 1877, is married and living in Bloomington, attending the State University; Cooper, who was born March 6, 1879, is married and living at Jasonville.

Mr. Taylor is a Missionary Baptist and his wife is a Presbyterian. He is an independent voter, and always casts his ballot for the best man, being public-spirited and desirous of witnessing the triumph of the right in political and all other questions. He takes an active part in church work, having been superintendent of the Sunday school at his home church for seventeen years. He was superintendent of the first Sunday school in Wright township, which continued for one year.

## HIRAM TURVEY.

In an analysis of the character of this well-known citizen of Linton we find the qualities of upright manhood—loyalty in citizenship, reliability in business and conscientiousness in the discharge of the duties of private and public life—and these are so combined as to make his a strong personality, commanding respect and confidence. Mr. Turvey has been a resident of this city from its infancy, having come here when only a few houses stood on the site of a now bustling population of over ten thousand people, and which in a few decades promises to become one of the most important cities of the state. The subject has been identified with its growth, which has been phenomenal, having from the first had that innate foresight to see the future possibilities of the place, and having confined his energies to this locality, it has benefited him and he has undoubtedly been of great benefit to its upbuilding. It is with more than ordinary interest that we read of this man, who, with only fifty cents in his pocket, and no other worldly wealth, came to this town, and, after two decades of endeavor, has become one of the most prominent and successful business men there, being at present an extensive property owner and the dominating spirit in several large enterprises.

Mr. Turvey was born in Wood county, West Virginia, February 21, 1849, the son of George and Adeline (Leashure) Turvey. The former and his brother, Mordecai, and one brother of the subject were all members of Company E, Eleventh West Virginia Volunteers, and served throughout the war as defenders of the Union.

The father of the subject died in Jackson county, Ohio, where he settled after the war, as a result of a wound received in the battle of New Creek, West Virginia, while serving under General Phil Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley campaign. The mother of the subject also passed away in Jackson county, Ohio. They were the parents of three sons and four daughters, five of whom are now living. They are Harrison A., living on a farm in Jackson county, Ohio; Hiram, our subject.; Emily F., deceased, who was Mrs. Barnard and lived in Jackson county, Ohio; Martha J., now Mrs. Crighton, of Plain City, Ohio; Perry, a farmer near Springfield, Ohio; Anna E., now Mrs. Staggs, of Columbus, Ohio; Mary Alice Davis, deceased, late of Madison Mills, Ohio.

Hiram Turvey, the subject, was educated in the pay schools of West Virginia up to his sixteenth year, when he accompanied his paternal family to Jackson county, Ohio, where he completed his minority on a farm. Then he came to Linton, Indiana, in 1887 and was engaged in mining, which profession he learned in Ohio. He followed this work for about twelve years, when he joined a corporation and purchased eight hundred acres of coal lands, operating three mines as the Island Valley Coal Mining Company, of which Mr. Turvey was a director. This company was dissolved in 1904 and the subject became identified with the Sugar Valley Coal Company, of West Terre Haute, with which he is now connected as a stockholder and director. He is president of the Linton Ice and Cold Storage Company, of which he was one of the organizers, and which is capitalized at forty thousand dollars. Mr. Turvey is the owner of five substantial residences, which bring him in a good rental.

The subject was married in September, 1867, to Harriett L. Harper, a native of Jackson county, Ohio, daughter of C. N. and Jania Harper, of Jackson county, Ohio, both deceased. She has proved a faithful helpmeet, and to her encouragement Mr. Turvey owes much of his splendid achievement. They have no children. Both are members of the Baptist church. Mr. Turvey has always been a staunch Republican. He was secretary and treasurer of the town of Linton before it was incorporated as a city. He has been a member of the Knights of Pythias for the past nineteen years, and was also a member of the Sons of Veterans in Ohio, but is now not affiliated with the latter organization.

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#### FRANK A. GAGEBY.

This well-known business man of Linton was born at Bloomington, Illinois, March 12, 1865, the son of James and Huldah (Horine) Gageby, natives of Greensburg, Indiana, and Bloomington, Illinois, respectively. James Gageby was a building contractor, which profession he became well informed in and made a success in every particular, having erected many large buildings in cities and numerous fine residences all over the country. He died at Greensburg, Indiana, in 1886, age fifty-nine years. The subject's mother, who was a woman of fine traits, died at Bloomington, Illinois, in 1868. Three sons were born to them, of whom George is the oldest. He is a farmer at Greensburg, Indiana. Frank A., the



subject of this sketch, was the second son of James Gageby, and Wood was the youngest child. He is in the dairy business at Greensburg, Indiana.

The Gageby family moved from Bloomington, Illinois, to Greensburg, Indiana, in 1868, the mother of the subject having died prior to this removal. The subject of this sketch lived on a farm at Greensburg until he was twenty years old. He was educated in the public schools there, later taking a four years' course in Alleghany College, at Meadville, Pennsylvania, graduating from that institution in the spring of 1890 in the scientific and engineering department. He took up civil engineering as a private study, and he has since devoted his life principally to that work. He has been employed in railroad engineering, mine work, city engineering and other similar lines of work.

In the spring of 1908 he was nominated on the Republican ticket for the office of county surveyor of Greene county. His nomination was generally regarded as a fortunate one, for he stands high in his profession. He came to Linton in the capacity of engineer of the Island Coal Company in 1894, and he has been a resident of that town ever since. He was engaged in sewer building in Martinsville, Indiana, for one year. He is at present (1908) chief engineer of the sanitary sewer system now building in Linton.

Mr. Gageby was married in October, 1894, to Dora Hatfield (nee Mrs. Osborn). She is the daughter of Ale Hatfield, a hotel proprietor in Bedford, Indiana. The subject and wife have one living child, Wood, who is twelve years old (1908).

The subject is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and he has attained the thirty-second degree in Masonry. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist church in Linton.

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### HENRY GASTINEAU.

This well-known citizen and business man of Linton was born in Stockton township, Greene county, December 4, 1870. He is a son of Levi and Rachel (Hatfield) Gastineau, both natives of this county. The former was a pioneer farmer, having spent all his mature years on a farm. He found farm work a pleasure, and, being industrious, made the work a success. He died at the age of fifty years and his wife at the age of fifty-nine years. They had a family of thirteen children, of whom nine are living. They are Marion, Ann West, James, Martha Rose, Bettie Haseman, Patience, P. E., Grant and Henry. James is a plumber living in Alhambra, California. P. E. is a passenger conductor living in Indianapolis. At present he is connected with the Indianapolis & Vincennes Railroad Company. Grant is a farmer near Palestine, Illinois.

Henry Gastineau, the subject of this sketch, was reared on the old home place, and farmed until he was twenty-four years old. He was educated in the public schools in Stockton township, near Linton, to which city he moved in 1894. He has been engaged in the mercantile and real estate business since that time. He was in

the general merchandise business for two years, since which time he has devoted his energies to buying, selling and building in all kinds of real estate. He built the Gastineau block on West Vincennes street in 1904. It is one of the handsomest blocks in the city, the building costing about twenty-five thousand dollars. He owns a two-story stone-front building on North Main street and two residences. In 1900 he took a six-months' trip to the Pacific coast and California to visit his brother, James, and through the south.

The subject was married in 1897 to Sarah McKeag, a native of Greene county. She lived but two years after her marriage. The subject married his present wife, Nettie A. Jeffers, in 1902. She was reared near Riley, Indiana. Two daughters have been born to this union, Henrietta, born May 17, 1904, and Opal, born June 2, 1907.

Mr. Gastineau is a member of the Woodmen of the World and of the Knights of Pythias and Knights and Ladies of Honor. His political views are always with the Republicans, but he has never held office. He is a member of the Baptist church and his wife belongs to the Methodist church. The Gastineau family are mostly members of the Christian church. They are of French antecedents. The Hatfield family as represented by the mother of the subject were among the pioneers of Greene county, Indiana, having come here from Tennessee.

Mr. Gastineau is regarded as one of Linton's best business men, and he stands high, not only in the business world, but in all circles of that city, owing to his honorable business methods, his courteous manners and his upright principles.

## WILLIAM FLETCHER CORNELIUS.

William F. Cornelius, the subject, was born in Louisville, Kentucky, July 30, 1844. He was educated at Coryden Academy in the common branches and later took a business course in the Louisville Business College. Soon after he left school he enlisted in Company K, Eighty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in 1863, and served until the close of the war, being mostly on detached service, in which capacity he was sent to Greene county, Indiana. He was deputy postmaster for two years and postmaster for fifteen years following that. He took up a permanent residence in Linton in September, 1860, and has been there continuously up to the present time. He established a grocery and provision store in 1874, operating his commercial business in connection with the postoffice. He was engaged in general macadamizing for six years. His place of business was burned out in 1885, causing a loss of seven thousand dollars. Since then he has been engaged in the real estate and insurance business. He had begun this business before his misfortune and has been thirty-four years in all in this work. He has a good list of old-line insurance companies:

The subject was married April 8, 1874, to Alice V. Osborn, daughter of David L. and Annie E. (Buck) Osborn. The subject and wife had the following children: Maudie, who died when eighteen months old; Myrtle, wife of William Smitherman, an electrician, in Chicago; Ann, wife of John T. Bennett, an engineer, located in Shelburn, Indiana; David W. is a young man of exceptionally high literary attainments, who graduated in the

Linton high school before he was sixteen years old and from De Pauw University before he was twenty-one. He then became assistant instructor in physics and civil engineering at Purdue University and is now in the University of California.

The subject is the son of William H. and Sarah A. (Robbins) Cornelius, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter a native of Massachusetts. They were of English and Scotch descent. The Robbins family trace their ancestors to a family of this name who came to America with the Pilgrims in the Mayflower. The subject's mother was a teacher. After coming to Ohio she married William H. Cornelius at Georgetown in 1837. The family lived at Corydon, Indiana, on the route of the Morgan raid during the Civil war, and their house was raided by them. A considerable battle was fought there and ninety-six of Morgan's men were killed. The subject assisted in burying them. William Cornelius was a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church who was transferred from the Kentucky to the Indiana conference in 1849. He was born 1817 and died in 1874. His wife was born in 1821 and died in 1865.

The subject is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he takes an active part. He has held numerous offices in the church. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being one of the charter members of the Linton (Indiana) Lodge. His father was a thirty-third degree Mason. He is a Republican and a recognized pension attorney. He owns two hundred and forty acres of farming land in Grant township, Greene county. Both he and his wife are stockhold-

ers in the First National Bank in Linton. He has always been successful in his business ventures and is highly respected in the town where he now lives.

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### LEALDAS S. FORBES.

Lealdas S. Forbes holds in a most creditable manner the responsible position of bookkeeper and paymaster for the Summit Coal and Mining Company, with offices in Linton. He was born at Moores Hill, Dearborn county, Indiana, January 15, 1858, the son of the Rev. Lealdas Forbes, who was a pioneer minister of considerable note in the Methodist church in Indiana, his first work in this state including twenty-seven appointments, among which was Bloomfield, Spencer and Worthington. He was a self-educated man, working his way through college later in life. He became principal of the Ladies' Seminary at Bloomfield, under the jurisdiction of the Methodist conference of Indiana, the old buildings being subsequently used for the village high school. He also owned a farm near Mineral City, where most of his family were reared. He was engaged in active work in the Indiana conference for fifty-four years, during which time he became one of the most noted ministers in the state. He was three times married and had two children by each marriage, a son and a daughter. The subject of this sketch is the youngest living child, the other survivors being Mrs. Louisa Farro, of Tracey, Minnesota; Mrs. Libbie A. Fellows, of Los Angeles, California, one from each union.

The subject's father died at Le Roy, Illinois, May 23, 1806, and his last wife died in Bloomfield in 1902. The latter's maiden name was Rachael Fisher, whose record harks back to Revolutionary stock, her grandfather, Matthias Fisher, being one of the patriots captured by the Indians at the mouth of Laughrie creek and sold to the French and held prisoners on the Island of Montreal until they effected their escape. The Fisher family were all liberally educated and were teachers. They were of Scotch ancestry.

Lealdas Forbes, our subject, was educated in the public schools, at the State University and De Pauw University, in each of which he made splendid records for scholarship, graduating from the last named in the law department in 1885, after which he practiced law at Bloomfield for three years with marked success, being deputy prosecuting attorney for two years. Then he went to Marshall, Minnesota, where he practiced for two years, when his father's health failed, causing our subject to return home and take charge of the farm, which he successfully managed until 1896. He was in the employ of the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company for two years. He was deputy county auditor from 1898 to 1902, since which time he has occupied his present position, having moved from Bloomfield to Linton in May, 1903. In all this work he showed a marked executive ability.

Mr. Forbes married August 14, 1885, Ella Lowder, the accomplished daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Lowder, of Bloomfield. Mr. and Mrs. Forbes have five living children and one deceased. They are Elsie, Julia, May, Herbert, Rowena and Mildred, all living at home.

The first two named are graduates of the Linton high school and Elsie is a student (1908) in the State University. Lealda died at the age of one year. Herbert L. is in his junior year at the high school.

Fraternally Mr. Forbes is a charter member of the Acolade Lodge, No. 63, Knights of Pythias, at Bloomfield, where he still holds his membership. He is also a member of the Uniform Rank, No. 93, of Linton, and is a charter member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 866, at Linton. He belongs to the Woodmen of the World. He has been chancellor commander and representative to the grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias, being a member of the encampment rank. Mr. Forbes, wife and eldest daughter are members of the Methodist church. Politically the subject has always been a Republican, following in the footsteps of his father, who was one of the organizers of that party, and who supported John C. Fremont for the presidency in 1856.

Mr. Forbes is generally popular wherever he goes, and is held in high esteem by every one who knows him, both in business and private life.

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#### CLINTON DUDLEY HINSON.

The two most strongly marked characteristics of both the east and the west are combined in the residents of the section of the country of which this volume treats. The enthusiastic enterprise which overleaps all obstacles



and makes possible almost any undertaking in the comparatively new and vigorous western states is here, tempered by the stable and more conservative policy that we have borrowed from our eastern neighbors, and the combination is one of peculiar and unusual force and power. This happy combination of characteristics is possessed by the subject of this review.

Clinton Dudley Hixon was born in the Buckeye state, January 25, 1856, the son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Myers) Hixson, the former also an Ohioan by birth, claiming Fayette county as the spot of his nativity, which is one of the richest and best counties of the state, and, useless to say, Benjamin Hixson was a prosperous farmer in that favored section. However, being allured by the greater inducements of Greene county, Indiana, he moved from his native heath to the site of the present thriving city of Linton when it was but a dot on the map. Here he purchased a large farm which is now a leading portion of the residence section of the city—East A street. The subject of this sketch still lives on a lot of the original farm, now peopled with fashionable residences. Benjamin Hixson lived on the old homestead until his death in March, 1869, at the early age of forty-three years. The mother of "Dudley," as he is familiarly called by his friends, was of German parentage, and she passed away in 1905, at the age of seventy-nine years, after a consecrated Christian life. Four sons were born to Benjamin and Elizabeth Hixson, namely: John and William, deceased; Lucian, a resident of Linton, and Clinton Dudley, our subject.

Mr. Hixson, who was reared on a farm, naturally

took to agricultural pursuits and farmed successfully all his life up to 1907, since which time he has been associated with his sons in the hardware business in Linton, in which he has been successful, a substantial trade having been built up with the city and surrounding country by his sons several years previous.

The subject was united in the bonds of matrimony to Amanda Craig in April, 1883. She is the daughter of Thomas Craig, at that time a well-known citizen of Greene county. Two children have been born to this union: Lee, age twenty-two, in 1908, who married Josephine Jewel, of Worthington, is father of one child and lives in Linton; Otto, the second son of the subject, is eighteen years old and has resided in Linton for some time. Both boys are very promising business people, having shown from the first that they possessed the necessary prerequisites to succeed in the world of strenuous endeavor and keen competition.

The subject delights to tell of the days when his father lived on the farm consisting of two hundred and seven acres, when the surrounding country in the vicinity of Linton was covered with dense woods. That was when the vast underlying coal deposits were unknown. The roads were so bad in those days that Mr. Hixson kept two oxen yoked all the time for the purpose of pulling teams out of the mud on A street.

Our subject is highly honored in the congregation of the Methodist Episcopal church, being a trustee of the same, performing these duties methodically as he does his private business affairs. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and is regarded as a stalwart Democrat and is

proud of it, for he is the only Hixson of his family name that is a supporter of this party. No citizen of Linton or the community where he resided before moving to the city stands in higher regard and popular approval than the subject of this sketch.

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### EDWARD BERNS.

Among the well-known business men of Linton is he whose career is here set forth, a gentleman of social standing and sterling worth, whose connection with leading financial institutions of the city indicates ability of a high order and faithfulness in the discharge of important official functions. The Berns family is of German origin, as is also the Linderman's, the subject's antecedents on the maternal side. Peter Berns, Edward's grandfather, a native of the Rhine, immigrated to this country many years ago, and in due time moved westward to Indiana, locating in Greene county when the country was a wilderness, securing a tract of wild land, which in the course of a few years he improved and converted into a good home. He was a typical pioneer of the early day, strong, daring and of great industry and thrift. He lived long enough to see the wilderness give place to thickly settled and prosperous communities, bore his share in bringing about the latter condition, and after a long and active life on the farm, retired to Linton, where he passed the remainder of his days. William Linderman, who was also a native of the Rhine country in Germany, came

to Indiana about the time of Mr. Berns's arrival and located on land adjoining the latter's farm. He, too, became a successful tiller of the soil and highly respected citizen, and died after rearing a family and seeing his children well settled in life. Both of these families were more than ordinarily prosperous, Mr. Berns having accumulated a handsome fortune, consisting largely of real estate in various parts of the country, which increased greatly in value with the settlement and development of the county.

John Berns, son of the above mentioned Peter Berns, was born in Stockton township, where he still lives. Like his antecedents for several generations, he, too, has devoted his time and energies to the ancient and honorable vocation of husbandry, with the result that he is now one of the enterprising farmers and substantial citizens of the township in which he resides. When he grew to manhood he married Catherine Linderman, daughter of his father's old friend and neighbor, and in due time became the head of a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters, namely: Edward, of this review; Ernest J., Charles H., Mamie E., John I., Ethel and William, all living except Ethel, who departed this life when nine years of age; the six surviving children still live in their native township of Stockton and thus far none have taken upon themselves the duties and responsibilities of the marriage relation.

Edward Berns was born October 28, 1880, and spent his childhood and youth on the family homestead, where he early acquired the habits of industry, thrift and frugality which make for successful manhood, and developed

the correct habits and the spirit of self-reliance which proved such potent factors in shaping his future course of life. In the public schools which he attended at intervals during his minority he laid a foundation for the more thorough mental discipline which he subsequently received in the Indiana State University, and on leaving that institution he devoted a part of three years to teaching, assisting with the work of the farm in the meantime.

In 1902 Mr. Berns accepted a clerical position in the Linton Bank, with which institution he has since been identified, meanwhile, by successive advancements, reaching the important and responsible place he now so acceptably fills. He enjoys in full the confidence of his superiors, discharges his duties with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned, being familiar with the various details of banking and well informed on financial matters, proving an accomplished accountant and an all-around business man of progressive ideas, whose future prospects are in every respect encouraging.

Mr. Berns is a Democrat in politics, and as such has rendered efficient service to his party. In 1903 he was appointed city treasurer of Linton, to fill a vacancy, and so capably did he discharge the duties of the position that at the expiration of the term he was elected to the office and now holds the same, his present term expiring January 1, 1910.

He is influential in secret benevolent work, holding membership with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Knights of Pythias, including the uniform rank of the order, being at this time esteemed leading knight in the former society.

## MRS. CATHERINE BALLARD.

Isaac Stalcup, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in North Carolina, so also was her father, James Stalcup, the latter being born August 22, 1786. They moved from North Carolina to Tennessee, and from Tennessee to Indiana. Isaac Stalcup moved to the locality now known as Greene county in the year 1817, and located on section 26, township 8 north, range 4 west. This was before Greene county was organized, and the territory now embraced in Greene county was then a part of Daviess county, and a few years before had been a part of Knox county.

James Stalcup was married to Margaret Marlin, a native of Ireland, in 1812, while they resided in Tennessee. He came to Indiana in 1818 and settled on the hill just east of where Worthington now stands, and established the first blacksmith shop in that locality. Soon after this a large number of Stalcups came to Greene county, Indiana, and some of them settled in what is now known as Stafford, Washington and Highland townships. No one family in the county could count as many members and none stood higher as good citizens.

James Stalcup had the reputation of making the best axes and plows of any man in the county. He also built the first brick house in the county. His home was noted far and near for its hospitality and for the genial companionship of the husband and wife and their children.

It has been said by persons well acquainted with him that George Stalcup, the oldest son of James Stalcup, if he had been thoroughly educated, would have been the

peer of George Dunn, who was the most eminent orator and lawyer in western Indiana at that time.

Catharine was the second child and was born in Sumner county, Tennessee, January 26, 1816, and moved with her parents to Indiana when she was two years old, and passed through all the vicissitudes and hardships of early pioneer life, thus fitting her for the great battle of life with which she was afterward confronted. Her opportunities for education were very limited, as there were few schools in that locality in her girlhood days, but her strong intellect, her determined courage and force of character made up to a great extent for her lack of high school education.

On the 26th day of March, 1835, she was married to John Jones, who was born in Newberry, South Carolina, on May 9, 1810. To this marriage was born two children: Eliza A., the oldest, died in infancy; the second child was Margaret J. This daughter was sent to the common school of the neighborhood and the high school at Worthington, and while yet a young girl graduated at Worthington College in Ohio in 1858, being the first girl from Greene county who graduated in a college. The next year this daughter was married to C. C. Howe, of Worthington, Indiana, a most estimable citizen.

Mr. Jones died December 8, 1838. On the 22d day of December, 1840, Mrs. Jones was married to Benjamin C. Ballard, a son of Colonel James Ballard, of Shelby county, Kentucky. The Ballard family in Kentucky have been very prominent in many departments of life, and a history of that family is to be found in a sketch of John

J. Ballard, published in this history. To this marriage were born two children, John J. Ballard and Ellen Ballard. Mr. Ballard died October 4, 1844, and Mrs. Ballard never after entered into the marriage relation. True to her great appreciation of education, she caused these two children to receive a good education, and each took first-class positions in life. Ellen was married to D. H. Wylie, of one of the best families in Kentucky.

On becoming a widow the last time she had, in addition to her three children, five step-children, the children of Mr. Ballard by a former marriage, to take care of, support and educate. She discharged her duty in this line as well as in every way in her long and useful life.

In addition to these eight children under her care, she took charge of a large number of orphan children, not related to her, from time to time. At times she would have as many as four orphan children at her home, and seldom without one or more. So many orphan children were taken care of in her family that her home was often called the "Orphans' Home." Many of these orphan children who, now occupy positions of honor and trust in many portions of our country, hold her in loving remembrance on account of her disinterested and loving care at a time in life when they had no other person to care for them. During all this struggle in life, by strong force of character, indomitable courage and extraordinary business capacity, she was enabled to accumulate a large amount of property for the time and country in which she lived. As she approached the sunset of life she had ample income from her valuable lands to fully enjoy that grand hospitality and noble charity which seemed to



be her delight during all her life. She seemed to fully realize that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

She was eminently an heroic character, in every way worthy of emulation. Her main desire in life seemed to be to do good to humanity, and especially to life up and better the condition of the unfortunate poor and needy. She did not attach herself to any church early in life, but was an earnest, faithful member of the Christian church for more than twenty years before she passed over to the other shore, which was on December 27, 1896.

Her life was a noble inspiration to good deeds. "With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right," she came up to the standard of the Master when He said "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

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### CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS HOWE.

The subject is the son of Amon Price Howe and Caroline (Thatcher) Howe; was born on a farm in Nicholas county, Kentucky, near the town of Carlisle, October 2, 1833. His parents moved to Indiana in 1835 and settled on a farm about three miles south of Spencer. In about three years afterward they removed to Spencer, where they lived about twelve years, keeping a hotel.

Here he received such instruction as the town of Spencer afforded at that time, which consisted of a few months' schooling in each year by itinerant schoolmasters, until he was about fifteen years of age. This was all the

education he received aside from the instruction given him at the fireside at home. Here his father, who was a devoted disciple of Lindley Murray, whom he considered the father of English grammar, drilled him carefully in the use of the "mother tongue," and his mother helped him in his geography lessons, so that in these two branches of learning he stood first in his classes at school. He made good use of the opportunities which he had, as was plainly evident in later life.

He early displayed a talent for music, both vocal and instrumental, receiving his instruction in the former by attending the old-fashioned singing schools, and was mainly self-taught in the latter, his favorite instrument being the violin. His first efforts at playing were on a "fiddle" made from a gourd, which he bought for a trifle from the manufacturer, a boy about his own age. His mother, who was brought up in the strict Methodist faith of the olden times, thought it was wicked for any one to play the fiddle, but reconciled herself to the thought that while she could hear her boy in the adjoining room practicing on his instrument, he was not out somewhere in forbidden paths. A guest at one time remarked to his father, "It is a shame for a boy with the talent that he has not to have a better instrument." The result was that the gourd fiddle was soon laid aside for a cheap violin. Those of his friends who survive him will remember that his love for music developed into skillful playing and continued with him during his life.

At about the age of fifteen he went to Bloomington to act as salesman in the dry goods store of an uncle. He remained here for several years. He was afterward em-

ployed in different places, and finally went to Worthington. Here he met Margaret Jones, to whom he was married September 1, 1859. Mrs. Howe is still living at Worthington in the home where they spent the few years of their married life.

Here he engaged in the sale of drugs and continued in this for a number of years. Failing in health and physical strength, he finally decided to take an outing, and went to southern Kentucky for a visit with Mrs. Howe's sister and her family. Within a few miles of his destination, Princeton, the train was wrecked and he was thrown from the car and so seriously injured as to live only a week afterward, his death occurring October 16, 1872.

All who knew him will remember him as a good business man, a man of integrity, possessing all the qualities that go to make up a noble character. He was orderly and methodical in business and retained these characteristics to the very last days of his life. He was at the time he was so suddenly called away the superintendent of the Sunday school of the Christian church in Worthington. He felt that he could not leave this life without sending them a message, stating that, as his days of usefulness were ended, he wished to tender his resignation as Sunday school superintendent. "How much like Lum, that was," a friend who loved him said. He was "Lum" to all his most intimate associates.

He was a consecrated Christian, a devoted husband and father, a dutiful and loving son, one of the kindest of brothers, a useful and honored citizen, a good man in every respect.

## CAPTAIN WILLIAM BOUGH,

A veteran of both the Mexican and Civil wars, no man in Greene county was more widely known or more highly esteemed than the one whose biographical memoirs we shall here attempt to give, viz., Captain William Bough, who was born on November 14, 1822, in Bath county, Kentucky, the son of Frederick and Rebecca (Sexton) Bough, the former a native of Virginia, and the latter of Alabama. When William was four years old his parents came to Indiana and took up land in Greene county. In connection with farming Frederick Bough engaged in hauling freight from Louisville, Kentucky, to Bloomfield, Indiana. In so doing he not only made a substantial living, but gained also a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, becoming generally known throughout that section of the state. He was a Whig when that party existed, and later joined the ranks of the Republicans. He and his wife were devoted members of the Baptist church.

They were the parents of eleven children, five of whom still survive. They are William, our subject; Hannah, wife of William Donaldson, of Shelbyville, Illinois; Sarah Jane, now living in Kansas; Joseph, now residing in Oklahoma, and Taylor, a farmer in Greene county.

William had but meager educational advantages, but made practical use of what schooling he was enabled to acquire. When still a boy he assisted his father by driving freight teams, continuing in that work until 1846, at which time the Mexican war was precipitated. He enlisted as a private in Company E of the Indiana Mexican

recruits, and was sent to the front, where he met with many hardships, close contests, and the imminent dangers incident to warfare. He participated in the battles of Monterey, Mexico City, Buena Vista, etc. At the last mentioned conflict he received what was feared would be a mortal wound. A bullet entered his right shoulder and passed entirely through the body. He survived the shock, but was crippled badly from then on. He was discharged from the service on February 25, 1847, and for the next three years was almost a total physical wreck. After recovering sufficiently to enable him to do so he began farming, and in conjunction with this worked on flatboats that were plying the rivers in carrying on freight traffic.

One would think that his experiences in the Mexican war would have been sufficient for him, but his patriotism was only kindled into a stronger flame thereby. In July, 1861, he organized Company C of the Twenty-first Indiana Infantry, and became its captain. They were sent to Baltimore, Maryland, and there organized into a brigade, after which they were sent to Fortress Monroe. After a short stay at this point they were transferred to New Orleans, and here Captain Bough worked successfully with General Butler. He was a skillful scout, and frequently led scouting parties, managing to cause considerable embarrassment to the enemy through his skill and alertness. He had his headquarters at New Orleans until the close of the war, and continued with the army department of the Gulf until he received his discharge on January 12, 1866. He had participated in twenty hard-fought conflicts, besides a host of skirmishes. He sus-

tained many severe wounds, and at one time was almost annihilated by the premature discharge of a cannon.

One of his exploits reflecting credit upon his ability as a leader was the capture of the steamer "Fox." This was done with only twelve men, resulting not only in gaining the vessel, but in taking possession of fifty prisoners, several guns and a large quantity of ammunition.

Upon returning to Greene county, at the close of the war, he became re-engaged in farming, helping also in railroad construction and other work of a similar character.

Captain Bough was married three times, first to Mary Ann Huffman, next to Susan Ramply, and later to Nancy J. Turley, all of whom were residents of Greene county. Nancy Turley was the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Hatfield, early emigrants to Indiana. Joseph Hatfield was a famous hunter and trapper, having gained a reputation far and wide for skill in this capacity.

Captain Bough had no children. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Post No. 326, of Bloomfield, and was a liberal supporter of the Christian church, doing in his closing years, all that he could to promote the civil and religious welfare of the community and the many words from friends and neighbors are but tokens of recognition of his worth as a patriot and citizen.

After a successful and useful life Mr. Bough was called from his earthly labors May 20, 1908.

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#### HENRY T. NEAL.

The spirit of a pure, noble and earnest life burned in the mortal tenement of the late Henry T. Neal, than

whom no citizen of Greene county attained to higher distinction in connection with the material development of this favored section of the state, while none wielded a wider or more beneficent influence in connection with the promotion of important industries and far-reaching public utilities which tend so greatly to material development and progress. His was indeed a full and complete life, one of vigor and inflexible integrity. During the course of an honored career he accomplished much for the general good and was not denied a due individual reward in the matter of temporal success and affluence. A man of rugged strength of character, of fine moral fiber, and one who realized a full measure of useful achievement, his name is deeply graven on the pages of Greene county history, particularly applying to the community in which he lived and acted his part, so that such a publication as the one in hand must needs enter a tribute of honor and application to his memory if any measure of consistency and symmetry is to be claimed for the same. Such a character as his leaves behind a name revered and honored by all who have come in touch with the spirit that was its inspiration, hence the name of him about whom the biographer essays to write in this connection is one of which all speak with respect and pride.

Henry T. Neal, son of Mahlon and Mary Ann Neal, was born near Jasonville, Indiana, on the fifth day of December, 1844. The father, a native of Ohio and an early pioneer to Greene county, entered the land on which the family home was established, and in due time became one of the enterprising men and representative citizens of the community in which he resided. He achieved

marked success as a farmer, was engaged for some years in the manufacture of flour, and to him belongs the distinction of founding and conducting, for a considerable period, one of the earliest mercantile establishments in the village of Jasonville.

Mahlon Neal was twice married, and by his first wife, Mary Ann Love, had eleven children, whose names are as follows: Henry T., James, Albert, Mahlon, Caleb, John, Alonzo, Mary Ann, Barbara, Lillie and Ellen. The second wife, whose maiden name was Nancy J. Shephard, bore him three offspring: Florence, Ella and one that died in infancy. This staunch pioneer and successful man of affairs died in 1890, his wife in July of the year 1877.

Henry T. Neal was reared on the family homestead, and by reason of being the oldest son, early became accustomed to persevering toil and contributed his full share to the cultivation of the farm. In the district schools he enjoyed the best educational advantages the country at that time afforded, and as he grew older assisted his father in reclaiming the wild land which constituted the homestead, and in due time attained to robust manhood, well qualified to perform the various rugged duties that fell to his lot. He remained at home engaged in tilling the soil, harvesting the crops and attending to the manifold labors devolving upon him, until the political skies became overcast with the ominous clouds of civil war, when he laid aside the implements of husbandry and responded to the call for volunteers by enlisting in Company K, Eighty-fifth Indiana Infantry, and accompanied his command to the front in the early part of 1862. Mr. Neal participated in all the battles in which his regiment



was engaged, and within a few months after entering the service was promoted to the rank of first sergeant, which position he held until honorably discharged at Washington, D. C., on the 12th day of June, 1865. He shared with his comrades the fortunes and vicissitudes of war on many long marches through arduous campaigns and a number of bloody battles, and with the exception of spending several months in Libby prison, came through the trying ordeal unscathed, earning an honorable reputation as a brave and gallant soldier.

The year following his return from the army Mr. Neal devoted to agricultural pursuits, but during that time he began to develop ideas of life aside from that of merely tilling the soil. Accordingly, at the expiration of the period indicated, he became associated with his father and brother in the mercantile business, the firm thus constituted establishing a general store at Jasonville, which proved successful from the beginning, and which, under the joint management of these partners, soon became one of the leading enterprises of the kind in Greene county. The establishment continued under the original management until 1871, at which time the firm purchased a large mill and engaged quite extensively in the manufacture of flour, this line of business also proving satisfactory and giving the name of the subject publicity throughout the country. His prominence in business circles brought him to the favorable notice of the Republican party in Greene county as an available candidate for the office of treasurer, and in the fall of 1879 he was elected to that position and held the office to the satisfaction of all concerned, two terms, having been chosen his own successor in the year 1881.

At the close of his official term Mr. Neal engaged in the mining business at the town of Dugger, and about the same time became a partner in a general store at that place with Francis M. Dugger. A little later he became interested in the coal business at Linton, though still retaining his connection with the merchandising, his ability to manage successfully several large and important enterprises at the same time demonstrating sound judgment, wise discretion and business ability of a high order.

In 1867 Mr. Neal entered the marriage relation with Sarah E. Wooley, daughter of Zachariah and Burnetta (Burnett) Wooley, both parents natives of Kentucky and among the early pioneers of Johnson county, Indiana, with the development of which section of the state both branches of the family were actively identified. Soon after moving to Indiana Mr. Wooley died, leaving a family of six children with the mother, to care for themselves as best they could. The names of these children were: Mary J., deceased; Nancy Frances, Sarah Elizabeth, John Henry, Robert Harrison, deceased, and Joseph R., the survivors growing in due time to honorable manhood and womanhood, and filling with credit their respective stations in life. Mrs. Wooley subsequently became the wife of James Buckalew, a prominent farmer, of Clay county, who died in the year 1887, leaving her a second time widowed.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal had two children, the older of whom, Elmer Elsworth, married Stella McCloud and resides in Bloomfield, being the father of four offspring. Ella, the second in order of birth, is the wife of Cyrus L. Slinkard, of Bloomfield, and the mother of one child, a son, by the name of Lee Neal Slinkard.

In the year 1878 Mr. Neal transferred his residence to Bloomfield, which city he made his home until called from the scenes of his earthly trials and successes, on November 12, 1897, his father following him to the silent land two years later to a day. As already indicated, Mr. Neal was one of the most enterprising and successful business men of Greene county, as well as one of the most praiseworthy and public-spirited citizens. He adorned every station in life to which he was called, discharged worthily the duties of high and important trusts, and made his influence felt for good among all with whom he came into contact. A member of the ancient and honorable order of Masonry, he squared his life according to its principles and precepts, was popular in every circle in which he moved, and as a natural leader of men had much to do in moulding thought and shaping opinion in the community of his residence. His personal as well as his public life was pure, having never contracted any of the vicious and unseemly habits which pollute the body and degrade the soul, having been a total abstainer, not only in the matter of intoxicants, but was never known to become addicted to the use of tobacco in any of its forms. Notably one of the leading men of his day and generation in the county of Greene, his influence will long be felt and the memory of his deeds and achievements constitute a monument far more enduring than bronze or stone.

Mrs. Neal proved a fit companion for her husband, and not a little of his success was directly attributed to her wise counsel and judicious assistance. She ministered to his wants, alleviated his sufferings and throughout their long and mutually happy wedded experience

nobly bore her share of the domestic burdens and made bright the home circle. She now lives to cheer the lives of a host of friends and neighbors and enjoys great personal popularity in the best social circles of the city honored by her residence.

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### ANDREW ANDERSON.

On August 27, 1905, sorrow settled over one of the residences of South Washington street, Bloomfield, on account of the decease of one of the city's most highly respected citizens, Andrew Anderson.

This gentleman, of staunch Scotch-Irish fiber, was born in Greene county, Indiana, on May 5, 1835, and was the son of George and Ann (Kethcart) Anderson, Scotch-Irish emigrants to this country, who made their way to Greene county through the usual route of travel common to that class of liberty-loving settlers. They arrived in 1818, before Indiana had been clothed with the powers of statehood, and took up two hundred and forty acres of congressional land, which still remains under the family control, in the person of the wife of the deceased.

Seven children were born into this family, consisting of Jane, widow of James Elder, and now living in Iowa; George, father of our subject, deceased; Mary Ann, widow of Samuel Elder, also of Iowa; James, deceased; Lavina, deceased, became the wife of Ellswick Ledgerwood, of Oklahoma; John, deceased, was a soldier in the Union Army during the Rebellion. The members of this

family were adherents to the old-style Presbyterian faith.

Andrew was reared on the home farm, receiving his education in the primitive form offered in that early day, the details of which it is unnecessary to elaborate upon here. He remained upon the home place, which he ultimately inherited, until 1902, and then removed to his residence in Bloomfield, where he finished his days in well deserved retirement.

On November 3, 1868, he was married to Mary Ann Quillen, a native of Greene county, and daughter of Jesse and Sallie (Huffman) Quillen, the former being a native of Kentucky, and the latter of Indiana. The Quillen family constituted one of the pioneer families of the county and ranked among the leading citizens of the community. The children consisted of Mary Ann, widow of our subject; William, whose present home is in Knox county, this state; Sarah, deceased wife of Lysander Hayes; Susan, deceased wife of John Geddes; Richard, Jesse and Emily, all deceased, and Francis, who is following farming in Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson devoted themselves vigorously to the development of their farm, and took a keen interest in facing the problems encountered in the progress of the work. They not only proved excellent managers, but gathered about them that most delightful of adornments of the home, viz., a family of happy children. These were five in number, made up of Melissa J., the wife of James Bailey, a farmer, of Cass township, Greene county, who in turn are the parents of four hearty children, Everett, Lelia, Lola and Merle. Following Melissa was James, who is making his home at present with his

mother. The third child met with an untimely death, which proved a most severe blow to his parents and cast a shadow of gloom over the family which time could not entirely efface. At the age of sixteen years, while bathing with a number of companions in White river, he fell a victim to the deeper waters and life was extinguished ere rescue could be made. The next daughter, Georgia, became the wife of Peter A. Hassler, a farmer, of Taylor township, and she is the mother of five children, viz., Mary, Earl, Grace, Jasper and Guy. The fifth of the family was Grace, who is the wife of Langdon Lester, also a farmer, of Taylor township.

Mr. Anderson was not only a pious gentleman, but affiliated with the Methodist church, as does also his widow, and they both contributed liberally of their time and means to its support. He also served as trustee of Taylor township, and in many ways won the confidence and esteem of all of his friends and acquaintances.

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#### IVIL ORA PRICE.

The grandfather of the subject of this review was Aquilla Price, a Kentuckian by birth, a pioneer of Greene county, Indiana, and distinctively a man of influence and high standing in the community which he assisted in founding. His ancestors were English. Several antecedents of the family came to America at quite an early period, and in due time they or their descendants joined the tide of emigration westward over the mountains to

the new and undeveloped land of promise, as Kentucky was then called, where they secured homes, reared families and bore their respective parts in the affairs of life. Among the children of Aquilla Price was a son by the name of Levi M., whose birth occurred in Greene county, Indiana, in the year 1836, and who has been proud to call this section of the Hoosier state his home from that date to the present time. In his young manhood Levi Price married Margaret Hail, daughter of the Rev. Martin and Pheobe (Hickle) Hail, the father a popular minister of the Methodist Episcopal church during the pioneer period in Greene county and a leader in religious affairs wherever his labors called him. He spent his declining years in Linton, where his death occurred at the advanced age of eighty-nine years, his faithful wife having also neared the century mark when summoned to the unseen world. Levi Price became one of the prominent farmers and stock raisers of Greene county, and after accumulating a handsome competency, retired from active life to enjoy the fruits of his labor and thrift. On the 27th day of October, 1907, he and his good wife celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, on which occasion there assembled at their home in Linton, two hundred and fifty-five guests to wish the worthy couple many returns of the memorable day and to rejoice with them in view of the many signal blessings by which their pathway had been beset. Since retiring from active life Mr. and Mrs. Price have spent the winter seasons on the south Atlantic coast and the rest of the year among the more familiar scenes of their home country, where many relatives and friends seem to vie with each other in do-

ing them honor. Mrs. Price is a native of Clay county, Indiana, and the same age as her husband, having been born in the year 1836. Of their family of seven children the subject is the oldest living son, there being, besides him, three sisters, namely: Hattie, wife of Dr. E. T. Sherwood; Mrs. Jennie Schloot, and Mrs. C. T. Sherwood, all residents of Linton. The deceased members of the family were Mrs. Cassie Wills, of Linton, who died in young womanhood, and two sons: Elliot and Arlington, who departed this life in childhood.

Ivil Ora Price was born June 29, 1866, in Stockton township, spent his early life on the home farm there and received his preliminary education in the public schools, subsequently pursuing the higher branches of learning in Merom College. Manifesting a strong predilection for agriculture, he decided to make that honorable calling his life work. Accordingly, when a young man, he began tilling a part of the home place and later became associated with his father in farming and stock raising, his efforts in both respects being crowned with signal success. In the course of time he became interested in other enterprises, notably among which was the construction of gravel roads in various parts of Indiana and he has also devoted considerable attention to the livery business, owning at the present time a finely equipped barn in Linton, which, during the last twenty-two years, he has personally managed. The latter establishment is up-to-date in every respect and the largest of the kind in the city, being fully equipped with modern vehicles, the best the market affords, while in number and condition, his roadsters and other animals lack nothing to be desired.



Mr. Price is a wideawake business man of progressive ideas, fully abreast of the times, and every enterprise to which he has directed his attention has prospered. Financially he occupies a prominent place among the solid men of Linton, and in the matter of public improvements his voice and influence have ever tended to their promotion. He is a Republican in politics, but not a politician, nor has he ever aspired to office, although well fitted by nature and training for any position within the power of his fellow citizens to bestow. He belongs to Linton Lodge, No. 560, Free and Accepted Masons, is a charter member of Metropolitan Lodge, Knights of Pythias, which was organized in 1887, and also took an active part in establishing Linton Lodge, No. 866, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to which he has since belonged, and in which he has been honored with various positions of trust.

On February 19, 1889, Mr. Price and Ada Aikman were united in the bonds of wedlock, Mrs. Price being a daughter of Archibald and Elizabeth (Plummer) Aikman, of Lyons, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Price are the parents of three children: Merlin, a youth of seventeen, now pursuing his studies in Kenilworth College, near the city of Chicago; Stanley, aged eleven, and Edith, eight years of age, the last two being pupils in the Linton public schools (1908).

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#### PROF. JOSEPH HENRY HASEMAN.

Prof. Joseph Henry Haseman, the subject of this review, takes high rank among the leading educators of

Greene county and has achieved much more than local distinction in the line of work to which his talents and energies have been faithfully devoted.

The family of which Professor Haseman is a worthy representative is widely known throughout Greene county and has long been distinguished in educational circles, and for its efforts in behalf of schools, also for activity along other lines calculated to improve the community intellectually and morally. John D. Haseman, Sr., the professor's father, is a native of Greene county and is still living on the farm one mile north of Linton, which was purchased from the government by members of the family in quite an early day.

Elizabeth Shultz, whose birth occurred near Linton in 1853 and who became the wife of John D. Haseman, is also living and has borne her husband the following children, namely: Joseph H., of this review; William P., Charles, John D., Jr., Leonard, Oscar, M., Gertrude, Bertha A. and Arthur, all of whom are in some way interested in educational work, or attending school, several holding important positions in this and other states. William P. Haseman, Ph. D., is assistant professor in the Indiana State University; Charles, an assistant professor in the same institution, has also taken the Ph. D. degree. John D. Haseman, A. M., is located at Brazil, South America, in the interest of the Carnegie Institute; Leonard Haseman, A. M., holds the position of assistant instructor in the University of Missouri; Oscar and Gertrude are students in the Indiana University, in the junior and sophomore classes, respectively, while Bertha and Arthur are pursuing their studies in the public schools in 1908.

Prof. Joseph H. Haseman was born in Greene county, August 27, 1870, and spent his childhood and youth on the family homestead near Linton, receiving his preliminary education meanwhile in the public schools of the city, adhering to his inclination for higher intellectual training subsequently he became a student in the Indiana State University and while attending that institution devoted his vacations to teaching, earning an honorable reputation as a capable and popular instructor. In 1905 he was graduated from the university with the degree of Master of Arts and immediately thereafter accepted the superintendency of the Linton public schools, which position he now holds and the duties of which he has discharged in an eminently satisfactory manner, as the continuous progress of the schools under his able management abundantly attest. The position is one of great responsibility, the city containing four large schools buildings, thoroughly equipped, in which the services of thirty-two teachers are required, the term lasting nine months of the year having been raised from eight and one-half months since Professor Haseman took charge of the work. Under his efficient supervision there has been commendable progress in the educational system of Linton, and it is conceded by visiting superintendents and others that the schools of the city at this time stand among the very best in the state. Through his instrumentality a number of improvements tending to lessen the work of the teachers and benefit the pupils have been adapted, a high grade of professional efficiency characterizes the entire teaching force and no efforts are being spared to keep the schools in touch with the latest and most improved methods of educational work.

The high character Professor Haseman has achieved as an educator has made him widely and favorably known through out the state, both as a teacher and manager of schools, and in view of his untiring energy and marked success it is safe to assume that there are few, if any, more popular superintendents in Indiana. He is in the prime of vigorous manhood, possesses genial manners and superior scholarship and his practical experience in educational work from country schools to city superintendency bespeak for him a future of distinguished efficiency in his chosen field of endeavor.

Professor Haseman is a Democrat in politics, and while ever interested and thoroughly informed on the leading questions and issues before the people, he is not a politician nor an aspirant for public honors. He holds membership with Lodge No. 637, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Unity Eagle Encampment, No. 222.

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#### CYRUS L. SLINKARD.

Prominent among the enterprising business men of Bloomfield is Cyrus L. Slinkard, whose connection with one of the largest industrial aggregations in this part of the state has brought him into wide publicity and given him a reputation in business circles second to few of his contemporaries. Mr. Slinkard is a native of Greene county, Indiana, and the son of John F. and Caroline (Williamson) Slinkard. He was born October 27, 1881, in Bloomfield, received a practical education in the city

schools and at the age of seventeen prepared himself for business life by taking a full course in the Vories Commercial College, Indianapolis, immediately after which he accepted the position of bookkeeper with a large hardware firm of that city. Severing his connection with this house at the end of one and a half years, he came to Bloomfield, where during the ensuing two years he held various clerical positions, and at the expiration of that period entered the employ of the Summit Coal and Mining Company, with which he is still identified, representing the company as traveling salesman with the states of Indiana, Illinois and Michigan as his territory. He is also interested in the company as stockholder and since accepting the responsible position he now holds has done much to advertise the name and fame of his firm and give it a reputation among the leading enterprises of the kind in the country. Mr. Slinkard is a wide-awake, enterprising business man of progressive ideas, practical in his views, and not only takes advantage of opportunities which tend to his advantage, but in the absence of such opportunities possesses the ability and tact to create them. His wide experience on the road and his intercourse with the leading business men throughout the country have tended to broaden his vision and give him large views of life and its responsibilities, consequently there is nothing narrow or illiberal in his nature, but on the contrary his relations with the world have enabled him to take advanced grounds on all matters of a business or social character and to award to every man, however humble, the credit which is manifestly his due.

Mr. Slinkard was married November 18, 1903, to

Ella Neal, daughter of Henry T. Neal. Mrs. Slinkard was born at Jasonville, Indiana, on the 30th of March, 1878, and has presented her husband with one child, Lee, whose birth occurred in Bloomfield February 8, 1906.

In addition to his interests in the Summit Coal and Mining Company Mr. Slinkard is also a director and stockholder in the Bloomfield State Bank, and has devoted considerable attention to the affairs of this deservedly popular institution. He is public-spirited to the extent of encouraging all laudable enterprises which make for the material advancement of the city of his residence, manifests a lively regard for the moral improvement of his fellow men and discharges the duties of citizenship as becomes a true American of the period in which he lives. In politics he supports the principles and candidates of the Democratic party and in religion belongs to the Lutheran church.

Mr. and Mrs. Slinkard occupy a beautiful and commodious modern home in South Seminary street, which he erected in 1907 and which is conceded to be one of the most pleasant and attractive private residences in the city.

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#### CHARLES OLGUS.

Endowed with those admirable qualities of character requisite to a successful and well-balanced life, Charles Olgus, of Linton, ranks among the progressive and influential young business men of his city.

Mr. Olgus has been associated with the well known

firm of J. W. Wolford & Company for the past eighteen years, and for the past ten years has been a member of the firm. His affable personality, his painstaking care and conscientious regard for the comfort and welfare of his customers has enabled him to hold the friendship and trade of his large circle of acquaintances.

Mr. Olgus was born in Grant township, Greene county, Indiana, September 10, 1871, being the only son of William and Lucinda (Reigle) Olgus, the former being a native of Hanover, Germany, where he was born in the year 1824, and the latter a native of the state of Pennsylvania, being born March 4, 1830. The mother died on February 18, 1884, and the father June 20, 1860. The mother had been previously married to Mr. Funk, who died November 3, 1853. William Olgus migrated to America when a young man, settling on a farm in Grant township, where he lived all his life, following the occupation of a tiller of the soil.

The children of this marriage, which was solemnized October 4, 1855, numbered seven, named as follows: Mary, born October 26, 1856, deceased; Rosetta, born April 5, 1860, wife of Peter Shaw, of Brazil; Esther, born December 11, 1861, wife of I. M. Wines, Midland, Indiana; William H., born September 18, 1864, deceased; Margaret, born November 30, 1866, wife of James Wakefield, Stockton township; Cynthia, born June 17, 1869, widow of Will Wolford, and Charles, the subject of this review.

Charles Olgus attended the city schools of Linton and entered the mercantile house of J. W. Wolford & Company, at an early age, working himself up from a clerkship to one of the proprietors of the business.

Mr. Olgus was married February 19, 1902, to Jennie Rector, an estimable young lady, of Linton. Mrs. Olgus departed this life March 6, 1906. Two children (twins) survive. These were born February 28, 1906, and are named Charles Bishop and Jesse Loran.

Mr. Olgus is one of the most progressive as well as one of the most popular young business men of Linton. He is a member of the Elks and prominent in the best social circles of the city.

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#### WILLIAM LEHMAN.

A high-minded citizen and substantial business man of Linton is the subject, William Lehman, dealer and manufacturer of lumber. Long prominently identified with the growth of the city from an obscure village to its present size and importance, he is a man who commands the undivided respect of the entire community. Straightforward in his business methods, benevolent in his daily associations and courageous in all matters affecting public welfare, he is man universally admired and esteemed by his fellow men. Mr. Lehman was born in Wayne county, Ohio, November 2, 1847, the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Devlin) Lehman, natives of Pennsylvania, and both of German ancestry. He is one of seven children, five of whom are living. The children were as follows: Maria Flannigan, deceased; Catherina, making her home with Walter Warren, near Bloomfield;



Jane, widow of Mr. Viquesuey, of Spencer, Indiana, and Simon Lehman, a substantial citizen of Bloomfield; Henry Lehman, killed at the famous battle of Stone River, during the Civil war, and Peter Lehman, a prosperous citizen of Owensburg, Indiana.

Henry Lehman came to Greene county about 1853 and located on a farm north of Bloomfield. He followed agricultural pursuits all his life. He died about 1880, at the age of seventy-five. The mother died about five years ago at the home of Mrs. Flammigan, at Bloomfield, at the advanced age of ninety-three. The longevity of this good couple is a silent testimonial to the purity of their lives and their exemplary mode of living.

William Lehman, the subject of this review, worked with his father until twenty years of age, and then assisted his brother Simon in the cabinet business at Bloomfield. He was married in 1870 to Mary Hartzell, daughter of George Hartzell, a well-known citizen of Bloomfield. The names of this interesting family are as follows: Stella V., the second in order of birth; Willie, deceased; Charley, Lloyd, Grace, Nellie, the wife of Roy Baker, of Indianapolis; Ray, Roy and Earl. Mr. Lehman removed to Jasonville, Indiana, after marriage and engaged in the cabinet making business, but remained only a short time, going back to Bloomfield and resuming work with his brother Simon, where he remained for five or six years. Mr. Lehman came to Linton about 1879. His first business enterprise was to again go into the cabinet making business. He gradually went to contracting and from this he went into the lumber business. He has been in the lumber business here for over twenty

years, and is perhaps the leading lumber merchant of the county. He sold the first piece of lumber ever sold in Linton. His establishment is situated near the Illinois Central Depot, and occupies an entire block. The plant is equipped with the most improved machinery and does an extensive business.

Mr. Lehman is an enthusiastic Republican, and was his party's nominee for township trustee a few years ago, but went down in defeat with the rest of the ticket, though making an exceptional fight against great odds.

Mr. and Mrs. Lehman are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Lehman is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

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#### MRS. ANNA B. RAY.

Mrs. Anna B. Ray, the subject of this article, is the widow of the late Daniel W. Ray, who was born in Shelby county, Indiana, August 5, 1846. He was a son of Jesse and Martha (Allison) Ray, who were among the early pioneers of Shelby county. Daniel W. Ray received a thorough educational training in the schools of his native county and studied law for some time, but afterward abandoned the legal profession as a life work and took up the study of telegraphy and railroading. In the latter profession he was phenomenally successful. On the 9th of September, 1870, he took charge of the railroad business at Marco, Greene county, and discharged the duties of that responsible office for twenty consecutive

years without the loss of a day, a record unsurpassed by any. During this period he was also in the mercantile business for about one year, in company with Isaac Weaver. In 1888, on the extension of the Indianapolis & Vincennes branch of the Pennsylvania system to Bushrod, Mr. Ray was made the agent and general overseer at that junction point. There he died on the 6th of June, 1890. The untimely death of this prominent and useful citizen was greatly deplored throughout a very large circle of friends and relatives. "Dan" Ray was well and favorably known to nearly every employe on the railroad system with which he was connected, and they showed their appreciation of his worth by attending his funeral in a body and contributing beautiful and appropriate floral offerings, by published articles in the public press, commendatory of his life and character and by kindly offices to the bereaved family. Mr. Ray was prominently connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, both the subordinate and encampment branches, and his home lodge at Lyons served as a personal escort, while large delegations were present from other lodges and encampments throughout the surrounding country, thus forming the largest funeral procession ever convened in the town of Marco. He was a man of very strong domestic ties, and the happiness and comfort of his family were his first considerations. Having nursed his little son, lovingly spoken of as "brother," through a severe attack of typhoid fever, the anxiety attendant upon the severe vigils of the sick room left the family prostrated from broken rest and constant labors. Mr. Ray never fully recovered his health, but soon succumbed to the ravages of disease.

Anna B. Ray, whose name heads this sketch, was born in Bloomfield, Greene county, Indiana, and spent her early life and girlhood days in her native town. She was educated in the excellent public schools of Bloomfield. Her parents, William H. and Mary C. (Talbot) Ferguson, represent two of the early pioneer families in Greene county. Her father enlisted as a member of Company E, Ninety-seventh Indiana Infantry, under Capt. J. T. Oliphant, now of Bloomfield (see his sketch herein), and served until called to another life. He died on the 26th of January, 1864, and was buried at La-Grange, Tennessee. His wife has borne his name and cherished his memory from that far away day to the present, and has been a member of the family of her daughter, Mrs. Anna Ray, during all the intervening years. She is a lady remarkably well preserved—a ray of sunlight in the home which connects with loving remembrances of the distant past.

Mrs. Ferguson is a sister of Dr. James T. Talbot, of Linton, to whose personal sketch the interested reader is referred for more complete ancestral history. Mrs. Ray is the only survivor of a family of four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, the eldest of whom was Maggie, who married James Stalcup, of Bloomfield, and died within three years after her marriage, July 6, 1876; Milton E., lived to the years of maturity and died in Idaho in 1886, and Harry, the youngest of the family, died as the result of an accident in his mother's arms November 15, 1868. Anna B., now Mrs. Ray, was the second born. She was married to Daniel W. Ray on the 26th of January, 1874, and this happy union was blessed with five

children, of whom but two are now living. Minnie B. died at the age of four years and Lulu died in early infancy; Jesse O., the only son, and known to the family only as "Brother," married Lillie Haverly, of Clay City, Indiana. They have three children, Mary M., Kenneth and Daniel W. Pearl Ray became the wife of John Wicker. They are residing, temporarily, in Oklahoma. A son and a daughter have been born to this union, viz.: Helen Ray and John Lloyd. The fifth and youngest child of Mrs. Ray was Edgar Milton, who was an invalid all his life and died at the age of seventeen years. The care of this beloved and unfortunate child was a source of greatly multiplied domestic labors for Mrs. Ray, though she bore it all in that spirit of "mother love" and Christian fortitude so characteristic of devoted motherhood throughout the world. She refers to her family with great pride and says that the proudest thoughts in her varied life work is the solace of knowing that she has been a good mother. Her surviving children fully appreciate this fact and perfect peace and domestic harmony, crowned with the higher and nobler sentiment of filial love, are the jewels which they are daily reaping.

Mrs. Ray has managed her own business affairs during all the years of her widowhood and has been successful beyond the average. She is the owner of valuable property in Linton, which is largely the result of her own business capabilities. For several years she owned and operated the Remington Hotel, from which business she realized handsome profits, and when she sold it to retire to more private life, she received a very handsome advance above the original cost. She owns a fine home on A street, northwest, where she and her mother

now live, besides some unimproved city property. But this has not been acquired through great self-denials, for she is open-hearted and generous with the poor, and is a willing and liberal supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church, which has been her religious home since childhood. She is a devout Christian, as is also her mother, the latter being a Presbyterian in religious faith. They stand very high in the social functions of Linton and Bloomfield, and count among their personal friends the leading people of the entire communities in which their lives have been spent.

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#### HARVEY O. PEARCE.

Harvey O. Pearce, the subject, who is a successful contractor and builder of Linton, is a native of Warren county, Indiana, having been born there September 3, 1852, the son of Andrew and Eleanor (Woods) Pearce, both natives of Virginia, but the former, who was born in 1794, was reared at Urbana, Ohio, where he followed farming. His father, William Pearce, grandfather of the subject, owned the land upon which the city of Urbana now stands. The subject's father was a captain in the War of 1812. He raised a company and offered his services in the Civil war, but was rejected on account of his advanced age. Andrew Pearce drove cattle from Chillicothe, Ohio, to Chicago to market when the latter city was a small town, known as Ft. Dearborn. He later owned a small farm in Fountain county, Indiana, from

which he hauled wheat and other products to Chicago. Later he sold this farm and bought another in Warren county, Indiana, where he lived until his death in 1880. The mother of the subject died in 1805, at the age of fifty-two years.

Harvey O. Pearce has four brothers and three sisters living and five brothers and three sisters dead. His parents were both twice married. Thomas W. was the only full brother the subject had. He died when twenty-seven years old in Warren county, Indiana, leaving a widow and four children. Two of the children are living with their mother in Indianapolis. The subject was educated in Warren county, Indiana. He worked on a farm and at the carpenter's trade until 1875, when he began a regular apprenticeship of two years, since which time he has followed carpentry and contracting exclusively. He has had large contracts in Illinois and various contracts throughout Indiana. For twenty years he has done nothing but contracting in triple building and mine equipment. This includes the erection of the buildings as well as the installation of the machinery.

The subject was married September 8, 1874, in Warren county, Indiana, to Florence Morris, whose parents were Joseph and Isabel (Hagar) Morris, natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania, respectively. Mr. Morris died in 1861. His widow survived until 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey O. Pearce have but one living child, Alta, now the wife of Clarence Rardin, who is employed in the Brazil, Indiana, postoffice. They have one child, Florence, who is two years old. The following children born to the subject and wife are deceased: Thomas T., Oliver

A. and an unnamed infant. Both Thomas and Oliver died in infancy.

Although raised a Republican the subject is a Democrat in political belief. He has been a member of the Masonic fraternity since he was twenty-one years old, having been initiated into Rainsville Lodge, No. 315, in Warren county. He now holds a membership in the Brazil, (Indiana) Lodge, No. 264, Free and Accepted Masons. He has held various lodge offices. He is also a member of Linton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and a member of Linton (Indiana) Lodge, No. 866, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

The Pearce family moved to Linton, Indiana, in June, 1900. They own a pleasant home at 60 G street, northeast. Mr. Pearce has always been fairly successful in his business career. His wife is a member of the Methodist church and of the ladies' societies connected therewith, in which she takes much interest.

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#### ALVIN EMMETT GREENE.

As one reviews the history of Greene county and seeks to determine who were prominent in its early development, also seeks to know the worthy citizens who in a later generation carried on the work so magnificently begun by their forefathers to a more glorious issue, he will find that the subject of this sketch has long been identified with the progress and advancement of this favored section of the Hoosier state, where he has maintained his



home for nearly a half century and where he has attained gratifying success in connection with the development of its resources, being one of the representative farmers and stock raisers in Stockton township, and having one of the most productive landed estates in this part of the commonwealth.

Alvin E. Greene was born four miles south of Bloomington, Monroe, county, December 7, 1866. His father, Monroe Greene, was also a native of that county. His mother was Margaret Jane Houston in her maidenhood, a native of Illinois. The subject of our sketch is the oldest of four children, the others being Fann D., the wife of Curtis E. Claywell, of Linton; Zoe E., the wife of Emery Shepherd, of Linton; Otha E., lives at Harrisburg, Illinois. The lamented mother of this family of children was called from her earthly labors January 20, 1902. The father now resides with the subject.

Alvin E. Greene was united in marriage in 1889 to Sarah E. Evans, daughter of Nixon Evans, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Clark county, Illinois. The children of this marriage are Eva E., Flo and Fann, twins, the latter deceased; Julia, deceased; Manford and Charlotte.

The subject lived with his father, assisting him in his life work and attending the home schools until he was twenty-two years old. He has been a citizen of Stockton township for a period of sixteen years, where he has been identified with the industrial development of the community and gained a solid reputation for honesty and sobriety.

In 1904 Mr. Greene was elected assessor of Stockton

township, having shown by his public-spirited disposition and business ability also his loyalty to his party that he was the right man for such a responsible position of public trust, and he has shown by the able manner in which he has handled the affairs of the same that the public was not mistaken in its decision and faith in Mr. Greene. He is still (in 1908) holding this office, which is a very important one in Stockton township, owing to the fact that immense coal properties are located here, seventeen of the largest coal mines of the county being within the limits of Stockton township, and the corporations controlling these mines always make a determined effort to secure a low assessment of their properties, but Mr. Greene cannot be biased or influenced from his decisions when he believes he is right, and he has instituted many reforms in his office. Taking his oath of office as his platform, he took a rigorous stand in favor of a just and equal appraisement alike for rich and poor. He reassessed the corporations, raising them to a figure nearer the valuation of the properties than had ever been assessed before.

Mr. Greene is popular with the citizens of Stockton township, officially, socially and industrially, and no more upright man is to be found within the borders of the township.

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### JAMES HENRY PERSONS.

On July 18, 1858, there was born in Jackson county, Ohio, the subject of this biography, a man whose sub-

sequent life has been of singular service to his countrymen. He was the son of William A. and Mary (Squires) Persons, the former a native of Steuben county, New York, and the latter of Jackson county, Ohio. William was the second of a family of six children, the other five being Levi, dead; Hulda, Nathaniel, dead; Harriet, dead; and the sixth child is also deceased.

William A. Persons, father of our subject, is now a man of strong mental equipment and energetic temperament. He taught school for fifty-two winters, missing during that time only one term, and that was owing to his absence in the army. He not only has this enviable record to his credit, but in addition to this he had the pleasure of teaching his last term in the same school in which he taught when he began his work over a half century before. He is still living (in 1908) and is in excellent health. He has been a most loyal Christian gentleman, affiliating with the Methodist faith, and has taken an active interest in the progress of education. Although a Republican he has never sought public office. Mrs. Persons, his companion in life, has attained the age of seventy-two years and is a woman possessing a beautiful Christian character.

James received his education in the public schools of Ohio and remained on his father's farm until 1886, at which time he removed to Greene county. He became engaged in coal mining, operating at Linton, Indiana, and continued at this for nine years, with the exception of one year, during which he was in Michigan. He was a man of considerable executive ability and one that inspired confidence in those who knew him best. Although not

a political aspirant, his colleagues recognized in him a valuable leader, and in 1894 he was prevailed upon to make the race for recorder of Greene county, to which office he was easily elected. He thereupon removed to Bloomfield in order to better discharge his official duties. He performed the functions of his office in a straightforward and business-like manner, and at the end of his first term was re-elected, serving a total period of eight years and two months. He made a clean record and set a high standard for official integrity. Since the close of his public career he has returned to his mining interests, to which he is giving his attention at the present time.

On October 29, 1887, Mr. Persons was married to Florence E. Stover, who was born in Vermilion county, Illinois, but reared to womanhood in Sullivan county, Indiana. She was the daughter of Benjamin F. and Fidelity (Hawkins) Stover. The former was a soldier in the Civil war.

Mr. and Mrs. Persons are the parents of one daughter, who was born in April, 1889. She is the wife of Grover C. Rader. Mr. Persons is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen, in all of which he takes an active interest and lends them his hearty support. He and his wife are people of irreproachable characters and are substantial champions of Christian work, affiliating with the Methodist Episcopal denomination.

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#### LEWIS EINSLEY LETSINGER.

The subject of this sketch is descended from English and Scotch ancestry and has inherited many of the ster-

ling qualities for which those nationalities have always been distinguished. His father, Lewis P. Letsinger, a native of Tennessee, moved to Owen county, Indiana, in 1843, and a little later changed his place of abode to the county of Greene, where he entered land, improved a farm and spent the rest of his life, dying in 1878 at the age of sixty-eight years. Margaret Thornton, who became the wife of Lewis P. Letsinger, was the daughter of a Scotch immigrant who came to the United States in an early day and settled in Tennessee. She bore her husband thirteen children and lived to a ripe old age, departing this life in December, 1906, in her ninety-seventh year. This estimable couple were highly esteemed in the community of their residence, and as members of the Methodist Episcopal church took an active interest in disseminating religion and morality among their neighbors and friends, having been especially zealous in the work of the Sunday school and teachers of more than ordinary ability, Mr. Letsinger serving as class leader many years and was counted one of the leading members. Of their children the following grew to mature years and acted well their respective parts in life: John Calvin, a soldier in the Eighty-fifth Indiana Infantry during the Civil war, was wounded while in the service, now residing at Middletown, Indiana; William M., a member of the Fourteenth Indiana Infantry, also wounded in battle, is deceased; Phillip J. served in the Fourteenth Indiana Regiment and was killed in the battle of Antietam. James B. entered the army in the Thirty-first Indiana and fell near Atlanta, Georgia, while defending the flag of his country.

Alexander, also a member of the Thirty-first, died

while in the service, and the subject of this review, whose military career will receive notice further on. It is doubtful if the state of Indiana affords a similar instance of a family noted for patriotism and gallant service in defense of the Nation's honor. Six brothers who nobly responded to the country's call for assistance during the dark days of the Rebellion and who freely gave their all that treason might be crushed, three of them sacrificing their very lives upon the altar of duty, is a record that finds few parallels in the annals of warfare.

Lewis E. Letsinger was born in Greene county, Indiana, April 26, 1844, and spent his early life on the home farm, where he learned the lessons of industry and thrift which formed the basis of his subsequent career as an intelligent, broad-minded man and typical American citizen. His educational advantages were limited to the subscription and public schools of the neighborhood in which he spent his youthful years, and until the age of eighteen years he assisted in carrying on the farm work and contributed to the support of the family. Actuated by a patriotic impulse, which at that time appeared to animate the young men throughout the north, Mr. Letsinger on August 12, 1862, enlisted in Company K, Eighty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and at once proceeded to the front, where he bore his full share in the arduous duty of campaign and battle, taking part in the engagement at Thompson Station, Tennessee, and the months of continuous fighting in Georgia under General Sherman, when that redoubtable leader was operating against Atlanta. He was with his command at Peach Tree Creek, Dallas, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain and other actions, and after the fall of the above stronghold took

part in the celebrated march to the sea and later to Richmond, Virginia, thence to Washington, D. C., where he took part in the grand review, and was mustered out June 28, 1865, with the rank of sergeant.

Returning to Indiana at the close of the war, Mr. Letsinger farmed the home place one season and then purchased land of his own which he at once proceeded to improve by erecting buildings and clearing the ground. In due time he developed a good farm, which was his home for a period of nine years, at the expiration of which period he sold the place and removed to the family homestead, where he has since prospered, being the owner of the place at the present time. In connection with agricultural pursuits he is largely interested in the coal business, there being a very productive mine on the farm, operated by the Letsinger Coal Company. He also conducts a general mercantile business, which adds very materially to his income, giving to this and his other interests the personal attention which has made all of his enterprises succeed.

Mr. Letsinger is a man of intelligence and wide experience and believes in progress and improvement in all the terms imply. He keeps pace with the times in all matters of public import, is well informed on the leading questions before the people, and as a Republican wields a strong influence for the party in the township of his residence. With the single exception of township assessor, he has held no public or political office, having little taste in this direction, preferring to devote his entire attention to his business interests and to be known by the simple title of citizen. He is a Mason of high standing, takes an active part in the deliberations of the local lodge

to which he belongs, and exemplifies the beautiful and sublime principle of the order in all of his relations with his fellow men.

Mr. Letsinger was married in 1866 to Harriett Price, of Owen county, Indiana, and is the father of ten children: Eva, born January 29, 1867, is the wife of James Letsinger; Asbury B., born February 19, 1870, is a man of family, living in Jasonville; Belle, born November 18, 1871, died October 11, 1872; Ella, now Mrs. Oscar Daugherty, was born January 4, 1874; Green P., born October 29, 1875; Lewis C. was born July 21, 1877; Mary D., wife of A. Elsworth, was born January 16, 1879; Mila, born November 19, 1880, is the wife of William Leach; Philip Ray, born June 27, 1882, and Robert A., born May 11, 1885. The mother of these children departed this life in 1899.

Mr. Letsinger is an esteemed member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has long been an influential worker, also a trusted and honored official, holding at the time the positions of steward, trustee and superintendent of the Sunday school. His wife also was identified with the same religious body and her daily life and conversation were ever in accordance with the pure teachings of the church. January 6, 1902, Mr. Letsinger married Mrs. Letetia Neal (nee Warrieks), of Paso Robles, California. She is a native of Pennsylvania and moved to Greene county.

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LOREN A. HYDE, M. D.

The subject of this review not only takes high rank among the leading physicians and surgeons of Greene



county, but stands equally well as a citizen, being keenly interested in whatever tends to promote the material advancement of the city in which he resides, and making his influence felt in behalf of those measures and enterprises having for their object the intellectual and moral elevation of his fellow men. Dr. Loren A. Hyde is an honorable representative of one of the oldest pioneer families of Switzerland county, Indiana, where his great-grandfather, Amasa Hyde, a New Englander by birth, located when that part of the Hoosier state was a wilderness, into which but few hardy explorers had dared to penetrate. The family is English and the name first appears in connection with certain stirring events that transpired during the Cromwelian period, shortly after which it was transferred to America and seems to have taken root in the New England states, where descendants of the original immigrants are still to be found. The doctor's grandfather was Samuel B. Hyde, who spent his life in Switzerland county, and it was there also that his father, the Rev. Marshall Bennett Hyde, was born, and who, in due time, became one of the learned and influential Methodist divines of Indiana, being at this time presiding elder of the Seymour district, with headquarters in the city of that name.

Susan P. Wycoff, also born and reared in the county of Switzerland, is the doctor's mother. By her marriage with the Rev. Mr. Hyde she had six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Loren A., whose name introduces this sketch; R. Scott, pastor of Hanscom Park Methodist Episcopal church, Omaha, Nebraska; the Rev. Preston S., a minister of the Methodist church, at the

present time principal of the Philander Smith College, at Niani Tal, India, where he has spent seven years in missionary educational work; Edna Blanche, now the wife of Thomas Staver, of Indianapolis; Gertrude is with her parents, attending school, and Will Cumback died in childhood.

Dr. Loren A. Hyde was born March 26, 1870, at East Enterprise, Switzerland county, and received his early mental discipline in the schools of his native place. Subsequently he finished his literary education in Moore's Hill College, and after a preliminary course of reading entered the Medical College of Indiana, from which he was graduated in 1897, and while a student he was under the watchful care of Dr. L. H. Dunning, of Indianapolis, as preceptor, immediately thereafter beginning to practice his profession in Indianapolis, where he continued until 1902. In the latter year he left the capital city and came to Linton, where he formed a partnership with Dr. B. A. Rose, the oldest physician in the place, and since the above date he has built up a very satisfactory and lucrative practice, devoting special attention to diseases of the eye, ear and throat, for treatment of which he fitted himself by long and critical study and research under the direction of some of the most eminent specialists of the day. While successful in the general practice he has been eminently so in the special lines, his services being in great demand by sufferers from the ailments mentioned, and ere long he will doubtless devote his entire attention to the branches of the profession for which he has made such careful and painstaking preparation. Dr. Hyde is a very busy man and the amount of good he has already accomplished for suffering humanity is incalculable.

He is no longer under the necessity of attending to the wide range of practice which his firm has built up, but confines his attention very largely to office work, whither numerous patients afflicted in the manner indicated are wont to come for special treatment. The doctor has a clear field in his special lines, and his success heretofore bespeaks for him a future of great promise and usefulness.

Dr. Hyde is a Mason of high standing, belonging to the blue lodge and chapter at Linton, the Royal Arch Masons and the Council of Royal and Select Masters in Indianapolis, being high priest in the chapter with which he holds membership. He is also identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; also the Greene County Medical Society, of which he served as president in 1906; the State Medical Association, and the American Medical Association, and in religion was reared a Methodist, holding at this time the office of treasurer in the church at Linton.

On March 12, 1890, was solemnized the marriage of Dr. Hyde and Maim Heizer, of Indianapolis, daughter of C. C. and Nancy Heizer. Mrs. Hyde was born, reared and educated in the above city and her parents still reside there. She is one of a family of four daughters, whose names are as follows: Eva B., Mrs. Sarah E., Jackson and Nettie, wife of Austin Mendenhall. Eva, the only unmarried one, being principal of the Deaf and Dumb Institute at Indianapolis, which position she has held for the last twenty years.

Dr. and Mrs. Hyde have one son, Cecil Will Hyde, aged sixteen, and a student in the Linton high school.

## JAMES T. ROACH.

The subject of this sketch is a native of Sullivan county, Indiana, and the eldest of three sons who constituted the family of William O. and Mary Roach, the father born September 1, 1843, at Bruceville, Knox county, and the mother in the county of Sullivan, September 28th of the year 1845, her name prior to her marriage having been Mary Brodie. William C. Roach, a mechanic by occupation and a man of many sterling qualities, departed this life in 1901, at Linton, in which city his widow still resides. Their second son, William C. Roach, a farmer, and representative citizen, of Sullivan county, is a man of family, having a wife and two children; Emmons, the youngest son, is unmarried and lives with his mother in Linton, being by occupation a bricklayer.

The subject's father and grandfather served in the late Civil war, the former in Company D, Thirty-first Indiana Infantry, the latter as captain in the Forty-third Regiment, both seeing much active service and earning honorable mention for meritorious conduct on the field of battle. The father, who was promoted to sergeant of his company, was several times wounded and finally died from the effects of an injury received by the explosion of a shell, having been paralyzed several years prior to his death. Grandfather Roach served with distinction to the end of the war, and later moved to Anderson county, Kansas, where he became prominent in local politics, representing that county in the legislature at the time of his death.

James T. Roach, whose birth occurred on the 31

day of July, 1867, was reared in his native county and received a practical education in the schools of the same. While still a mere youth he worked with his father, who was a bricklayer, and in due time mastered that trade and became a very rapid and efficient mechanic. On attaining his majority he engaged in brick masonry upon his own responsibility, later contracted for work at various places, and in 1897 came to Linton, where during the ensuing years he followed his trade very extensively, erecting in that time a number of the city's most pretentious business blocks, and public buildings, to say nothing of the large amount of work done in the construction of less imposing structures and edifices. During the twenty years which he devoted to his chosen calling he not only achieved success and reputation as a first-class workman and master builder, but by industry and prudent management accumulated a handsome property and placed himself in independent circumstances. Owing to an accident by which he was permanently disabled Mr. Roach, in 1901, was obliged to discontinue his operations as a mechanic and retired from business, since which time he has lived amid the quiet of his home and city, in the enjoyment of the fruits of his well-directed labors. He has always taken an active interest in public and political affairs, and in 1906 was elected, on the Republican ticket, county commissioner for a term of three years, the duties of which responsible trust he has discharged ably and conscientiously, with an eye solely to the public good. He is one of the Republican leaders in Greene county, influential in the counsels of his party and an active participant in the deliberations of conventions and other assemblages,

and to him as much as to any one man is due the success of the ticket in not a few hotly-contested campaigns. He is treasurer of Lodge No. 560, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Linton, and a leading member of the local lodge of Odd Fellows, in which he holds the title of past grand and past capital potentate in the encampment. His religious faith is represented by the Methodist Episcopal creed, to which his wife and family also belong.

April 22, 1892, Mr. Roach and Miss Ella Woodward were united in the bonds of holy wedlock, the marriage resulting in the birth of one child, Raleigh O. Roach, who first saw the light of day on October 19, 1893. Mrs. Roach's family were among the old and highly esteemed settlers of Sullivan county. Her father, George Woodward, a soldier in the Civil war and a most excellent and enterprising citizen, died in the year 1892, as did also his wife, the two deaths occurring within ten days of each other. George and Julia Woodward reared a family of three daughters, Lettie, wife of Charles Beck, of Sullivan county; Rosa, deceased, was the wife of William Goodman; and Mrs. Roach.

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### FRANKLIN RAMSEY.

One of the leading farmers and stock raisers of Greene county and holding distinctive prestige as an intelligent and enterprising man of affairs, is Franklin Ramsey, the subject, who is the son of Samuel and Margaret (Orr) Ramsey, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, re-

spectively. Paternally he is descended from an old and eminently respectable family of the former state, and his maternal ancestors were among the early settlers of Columbiana county, Ohio, where his birth occurred January 26, 1839, having first seen the light of day in the town of Lisbon. Mr. Ramsey was reared to agricultural pursuits in his native county and early learned to appreciate the dignity of honest toil. During the winter seasons of his youth he attended the district schools, devoting the remainder of the year to labor in the fields. After remaining at home until old enough to begin the struggle of life upon his own responsibility he turned his attention to any kind of honorable effort that he found profitable, and thus in various ways was he employed until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted July 6, 1861, in Company C, Twenty-first Indiana Infantry, later in the First Heavy Artillery, with which he saw much active service during his military experience of five years, participating in a number of sanguinary engagements, notably among which were the siege of Port Hudson and the actions at New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Spanish Fort and the capture of Mobile. While at the front he ever bore himself as a brave and gallant soldier, was strict in the discharge of every duty and never shirked a responsibility, however arduous. He entered the army as a private, but subsequently was promoted sergeant of his company, and at the expiration of his period of service, January 10, 1866, was discharged with an honorable record, of which he feels deservedly proud.

Mr. Ramsey became a resident of Indiana in 1854, and since that year has been identified with the material

interests of the county of Greene. Returning from the army he engaged in agricultural pursuits on rented land for a period of four years, and during the three years ensuing devoted his attention to the lumber business, in which his success was encouraging. At the expiration of that time he began dealing in grain, and was thus engaged for six years, when he again resumed farming, purchasing and improving a fine place, which now embraces an area of six hundred acres. He gave this his personal attention until retiring from active life in 1886, and changing his residence to Bloomfield. As an agriculturist Mr. Ramsey ranks with the most enterprising and progressive in Greene county, and his splendid farm, with its commodious buildings and other substantial improvements, has long been recognized as one of the most beautiful and desirable rural homes of the township in which it is situated. In addition to tilling the soil he raises considerable stock. His success in this important branch of farming yields no small share of the handsome income which has placed him in independent circumstances. His home in Bloomfield is also a finely situated dwelling, well supplied with modern improvements, and being surrounded by all the comforts and conveniences which ample means can suggest, his present mode of life leaves little or nothing to be desired.

Mr. Ramsey is a Democrat in politics and for many years has been an active and influential participant in public and political affairs. In recognition of important services rendered his party he was three times elected to the office of township trustee and later served two terms as clerk of the Greene county circuit court, in both of which



capacities he discharged the duties incumbent upon him in a manner highly satisfactory to all concerned and made a creditable record as an able, painstaking and obliging official.

In September, 1880, Mr. Ramsey entered the marriage relation with Mrs. Eliza J. West (nee Denny), a native of Pennsylvania, widow of the late Thomas West, who has borne him two children, Frank and Dollie. The former was born February 20, 1882, received a good education in the schools of Greene county, and at this time is one of the leading farmers of the township in which he resides. He married Miss Bertie Combs, also of the county of Greene, and is the father of two sons, who answer to the names of Luther and Franklin. Dollie Ramsey is now the wife of Lester Mansfield, of Greene county, to whom she was married on November 13, 1905.

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### JOHN LYMAN MORGAN.

The gentleman whose name introduces this sketch is a widely known farmer and stock raiser, and the son of George C. and Lydia (Gannon) Morgan and half-brother to Henry C. Morgan, whose biography appears elsewhere in these pages. He is a native of Greene county, Indiana, and dates his birth from February 23, 1863. He was reared under excellent home influences, enjoyed the advantages of a common school education in his youth, and later became a student of Notre Dame University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Master of Arts, class of 1881.

After completing his university course Mr. Morgan became associated with his father in buying and shipping live stock, to which business he has since devoted his attention, and in which his success has been truly remarkable, as is indicated by the magnitude to which his operations have grown and his wide publicity in business circles throughout the entire United States and Canada. Mr. Morgan has literally grown up with the live stock business, and in all matters pertaining thereto his judgment is practically unerring and his experience such as to make him an authority. He has long been considered one of the shrewdest judges of cattle and hogs in the state, and in the leading markets of this country his name is as well known and as highly esteemed as that of any other dealer, in addition to which he has also established an honorable reputation as an enterprising and far-seeing business man in several foreign countries, to which he makes large shipments from time to time. A man of broad mind, progressive ideas, with a penchant for large undertakings, he has made his influence felt among the leaders of his calling in all the great commercial centers of the Union, and today in the cities of New York, Buffalo, Chicago, etc., there is no man whose judgment in the matter of live stock commands greater respect or whose opinion carries more weight.

In addition to his large and steadily growing business in live stock Mr. Morgan is also interested quite extensively in real estate, owning valuable farming and grazing lands in Indiana and other states, the subject's holdings in Greene county alone amounting to two thousand four hundred acres, valued at one hundred

dollars per acre. He is a stockholder and director in the First National Bank at Linton. While it is true that Mr. Morgan, on starting in life, received material assistance from his father, it was not until the latter had fully satisfied himself as to the young man's ability and judgment to manage his own affairs successfully that there was turned over to him the section of land which constituted the basis of his fortune, and to which he has since added until, as already indicated, he now owns four times that amount. His plans have ever been carefully formed, and in carrying them into effect he has seldom if ever failed, and only in very rare instances has his judgment been at fault. His ability to foresee the outcome of present arrangements and action is remarkable. While his financial success has been commensurate with the energy and enterprise with which he has prosecuted his business affairs, his reputation for fair dealing in all his relations with his fellow men has ever been such as to gain for him unbounded esteem and honor.

A Democrat in his political views and interested in good government, he is not a partisan, much less an office seeker, preferring to devote his time to his business affairs, and to be known by the simple title of citizen. He has traveled quite extensively over all parts of the United States, meeting all classes and conditions of people. This practical experience, with his fine scholastic training, tending to broaden his mind and give him enlarged conceptions of life and duty and to make him an all-around well informed man.

Mr. Morgan in the year 1892 entered the marriage relation with Anna Hayes, who was born in Washing-

ton, Indiana, and educated in the schools of that city and in St. Rose Academy at Vincennes, having been graduated from the latter institution in 1884. She has borne her husband the following children: Hene, aged thirteen years, Mildred, eleven years old, and John H., who bears his four years with becoming grace and dignity. At this time Mrs. Morgan is residing temporarily in Indianapolis in order to give her children the advantages of the schools of that city.

Mr. Morgan is a gentleman of pleasing presence, and companionable to those with whom he has business relations. He is essentially a busy man, but not to the extent of losing sight of social amenities or becoming narrow, being popular with a large circle of friends in his own and adjoining counties and a true gentleman in all the term implies.

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### COL. ADEN G. CAVINS.

Perhaps no man who has ever lived in Greene county was more highly esteemed while living or more sincerely mourned in death than Col. Aden G. Cavins, who was in deed and truth Greene county's "grand old man." Universally admired by men in all walks of life, he was a splendid type of a gentleman. His was a spirit dominated by the highest ideals of service and sacrifice, an illustrious example of temperate living, unflinching honesty and absolute fidelity to every obligation of citizenship. Rich in his wealth of knowledge and ripe with the experience of

years, he seemed an essential personality to his community.

Colonel Cavins was born in Lawrence county, Indiana, October 24, 1827, the son of Samuel R. Cavins, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. He grew to boyhood on a farm and secured only a limited education in the common schools of his locality. In later years he entered Asbury, now, De Pauw University, where he took a three years' course. He then entered the University of Indiana at Bloomington, where he graduated from the law department in 1849. He practiced law in Bloomfield, Indiana, until 1858, when he went to Nebraska City, Nebraska, where he practiced law and was elected to the legislature. At the outbreak of the Civil war he returned to Bloomfield, and after recruiting a company for the Fifty-ninth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, he was commissioned captain of Company E in November, 1861. He went to the front and remained until the war ended, passing through some of the most hotly contested battles and hardest campaigns. He was with General Pope on his expedition to New Madrid, Missouri, in 1862, and after Island No. 2 was evacuated he went with his regiment to Pittsburg Landing. He took part in the siege of Corinth. For his distinguished service in 1862 Governor Morton commissioned him major of the Ninety-seventh Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and in December of the same year he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel of his regiment. He took part in the siege of Vicksburg. At Jackson, Mississippi, his horse was killed by a cannon ball. He participated in the battles of Missionary Ridge.

From there he went to the relief of Burnside's at Knoxville. Later he took part in the bloody engagements at Resaca, Dallas and New Hope church. In June, 1864, his regiment had the honor of capturing seven hundred Confederates, including a large part of the Thirty-first Alabama Regiment, with its field and staff officers. At Kenesaw Mountain he led his regiment and at Atlanta his command captured the Fifth Tennessee Regiment, which had killed General McPherson. Later he was present when many hard-fought engagements occurred, and remained in command of the Ninety-seventh Regiment from Goldsborough until he arrived at Washington City at the close of the war, where he was mustered out with the rank of colonel.

After the war he resumed the practice of law with his brother, Col. E. H. C. Cavins, at Bloomfield, and was eminently successful. Several years later he retired and led a quiet life with the companionship of his books and the society of his friends. He was a staunch Republican and in 1880 was the presidential elector for the second congressional district and in 1862 was his party's candidate for appellate judge. He was a loyal member of the Masonic fraternity and a regular attendant at all its meetings.

Colonel Cavins was twice married. His first wife was Julia Taylor, whom he married in 1851. She died in 1854. Two sons were born to this union—Charles, deceased, and Edward, who is living. Later he married Matilda Livingston, who bore him eight children, namely: William L., Frank, Mrs. Margaret E. Henderson, of Bloomfield, Indiana; Mrs. Lelia N. Baughman, of Evans-

ville, Indiana, and Mrs. Josephine D. Torr, of Greencastle, Indiana, and Hugh L., Alden L. and Lee, deceased.

As a lawyer Colonel Cavins was second to none in southern Indiana, and his high precepts of duty have kept many men out of costly litigation. He was the peer of any advocate at the local bar. As a soldier his militant spirit was at its best, and his renown was such as to command recognition from men high in the ranks during the war. As a citizen he was straightforward in all his methods, courageous in his public expressions and benevolent in his daily associations. As a neighbor he was kindly, considerate and generous.

Colonel Cavins was broad and intellectual and possessed a wonderful memory. He especially liked to recite the stirring events of the world's wars. He was a close student of history and standard literature and seemed never to forget anything after he had carefully read it. He was a brilliant conversationalist.

He was a man that all could unite in honoring and in whose death all felt a common sorrow—not because he was all things to all men, but because he was always a plain, sincere, honest man.

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### NATHAN V. SLINKARD.

Nathan V. Slinkard was born in Cass township, Greene county, Indiana, one mile southeast of Newberry, March 28, 1837. He is the son of Henry and Margaret Ann (Storms) Slinkard, the former a native of North

Carolina and the latter a native of Ohio. Henry was the son of John Slinkard, a native of Germany, who first settled in North Carolina after coming to America. He came in a very early day to Kentucky and then to Indiana, settling in Greene county, being a pioneer there, where he lived on a farm until his death. Henry, the father of the subject, was ten years old when John Slinkard, the subject's grandfather, brought him to Greene county, Cass township, where he worked as a farmer and later proprietor of a mill on Slinkard creek, later called First creek, and he lived there until his death. His wife was the daughter of John Storms, a native of Ohio, but came to Indiana in pioneer days, locating on a farm. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Slinkard were the parents of the following children: Moses and John S., both deceased; Nathan, the subject of this sketch; Mary Ann, deceased; Joan, widow of Sanford Webster; Frederick, living in Linton, Indiana; William, living in Cass township, Greene county, Indiana, on a farm; Alexander, who lives near Bedford, Indiana; Martha, deceased; Amanda, the wife of John Chandler; Margaret Catherine, deceased. Henry Slinkard was a Democrat. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church.

Nathan V. Slinkard has spent his entire life in Cass township, Greene county, Indiana. He was raised on a farm and got a meager education in the old-fashioned subscription schools. He remained at home until he was twenty-one years old. He learned the miller's trade, and was also a good mechanic. He also learned the carpenter's trade and the bricklayer's and stonemason's trade. He farms and still works some at all of these. He has



been living in the town of Newberry, Indiana, for forty-three years.

The subject was married April 14, 1863, to Sarah Edwards, who was born in Knox county, Indiana, November 14, 1840. She was the daughter of Hugh Cameron Edwards and Nancy (Ward) Edwards, both natives of Daviess county. Hugh Edwards was a farmer, who spent most of his life in Knox county, where he died. They were the parents of eight children, namely: William, who died in the army; Sarah, wife of the subject of this sketch; Harrison and Joshua, both deceased, having died in childhood; Eliza, the wife of a Mr. Fry; Thornton and Mary, both deceased; Lemuel, who is living in Monroe City, Knox county, Indiana. He is a school teacher. Hugh Edwards was a Republican. He and his wife were both Presbyterians.

The subject and wife are the parents of six children, as follows: William L., an attorney of Bloomfield, Indiana; Theodore, also an attorney in Bloomfield; Margaret is the wife of Finley Spooner, living in Bloomfield; Charlie is a farmer living in Washington township, Greene county, Indiana; Steven is living at home; Ethel was the wife of Charles Armstrong. She is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Slinkard lived for some time in Daviess county, Indiana, after their marriage. He is a Democrat, and has been supervisor of his county and is now on the advisory board. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has been through the chairs and is a member of the grand lodge. Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and they are highly respected by everybody in Newberry.

## JOHN I. MILAM.

In the death of John I. Milam, for a number of years one of the public-spirited and representative citizens of Bloomfield, the county of Greene lost a man who promised to worthily fill important trusts. He was honored by his fellow men and his career, though comparatively brief, conferred credit and dignity upon the community and his influence had much to do in molding the sentiment of the political party with which he affiliated and led it to victory in a number of hotly contested campaigns. He was essentially a man of the people, a true American of the period in which he lived and possessing the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens. It is but just to state that on the roster of Greene county's men of ability and sterling worth his name shines with peculiar luster.

The family of which John I. Milam was an honorable representative has been known in Greene county since the pioneer period, his father having moved here from Virginia in an early day and settled in what is now Richland township, where he purchased land, cleared a farm, and in connection with the pursuit of agriculture also operated a cooper shop. He was a man of influence in his community, a leader in all worthy enterprises for its material advancement, and is remembered as a most excellent and praiseworthy citizen, who did much for the moral improvement of those with whom he mingled. His wife, before marriage was Margaret Rountt, also belonged to one of the old and highly esteemed families of Greene county, and was a lady of beautiful character and many virtues, whose life was a blessing to her relatives and

friends and a benediction to all with whom she came in contact. This excellent couple passed to their reward some years ago and left as a priceless heritage to their posterity the memory of names and deeds which time can neither obliterate nor dim.

John I. Milam was born April 21, 1834, and spent his early life on the family homestead, receiving the best education which the schools of the time could impart. He devoted especial attention to penmanship and in due time became one of the most skillful and artistic penmen in this part of the state, his chirography as it appears on the county records having almost the smoothness and faultless symmetry of the finest copper plate. His father dying when John was quite young, his mother subsequently became the wife of Hugh L. Livingston, a lawyer of Bloomfield, who proved a father indeed to the lad and spared no effort to rear him to a life of honor and usefulness. Later he entered the service of Samuel R. Cavins, and while still a youth he was given a position in the clerk's office by that gentleman, and practically spent the remainder of his life in the same, serving a number of years as deputy and later was elected clerk, the duties of which office he discharged with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the public until his death, which occurred while serving his second term. Mr. Milam was a Democrat of the most pronounced type and it is doubtful if his party in Greene county has ever enjoyed the services of a more adroit or successful leader. He was a natural politician, judicious in counsel, shrewd in planning campaigns, skillful in conducting the same and to him more than any other man was the local Democracy indebted for

its strength and success during the years of his leadership. With all his ability as a politician he was eminently honorable in his methods, never resorted to the undignified and questionable practices of the professional partisan, but on the contrary so conducted the affairs of his party as to gain not only the confidence of his political associates, but the esteem and good will of those holding views directly the opposite of his own.

On December 26, 1854, Mr. Milam was united in the bonds of wedlock with Miss Julia Ferguson, who was born near Shelbyville, Kentucky, the daughter of William and Susan (Graves) Ferguson, of that state, but early settlers of Greene county, Indiana. Mr. Ferguson moved his family to this county when Mrs. Milam was a small child and located in Highland township, where in due time he became a progressive farmer and leading citizen and where he spent the remaining years of his life. Himself and wife were consistent members of the Presbyterian church and leaders in all laudable movements for the betterment of their friends and neighbors, among whom they were held in high esteem and regard. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: William H., Eliza, Andres, Benjamin, America, Esther J., Mary and Julia A., the majority of whom grew to years of maturity and became well settled in life and highly respected in their several places of residence.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Milam was blessed with four children, namely: John, Mack, Mitton and Nettie, wife of Dr. M. Beaty, all deceased but the last named, who lives in Cincinnati, where her husband is a practicing physician.

Measured by the true standard of excellence, Mr. Milam may be considered a man of noble aims and high ideals, whose life was filled to repletion with activity and usefulness, and who ever tried to do the right as he saw and understood it. He wielded an influence for good in the community and proved worthy of the high trust reposed in him by his fellow men, and as a neighbor and citizen none stood higher in the esteem of the public.

On the 23d day of July, 1865, in his thirty-second year, when life seemed full of hope and promise, the final dissolution came, which soon or late must come to all, and his untimely death was felt as a personal bereavement in the city where his life had been so signally accomplished. To those who knew him no words of eulogy are needed, for his life was an open book, inviting the closest scrutiny, and there were few if any blots on its fair pages. Of honest worth and unostentatious character, his name merits an enduring place on the roll of Greene county's representative men, while his memory is destined long to be cherished in the hearts of his friends and fellow citizens.

Three years after the death of Mr. Milam, Mrs. Milam became the wife of John J. Hardy, July 14, 1868, a well known and highly respected resident of Bedford, to a brief review of whose life the remainder of this sketch is devoted. Mr. Hardy was a native of Virginia, but came to Indiana in his youth and grew to maturity in Lawrence county. He early learned blacksmithing, and, acquiring great skill as a workman, was not long in building up a lucrative patronage in Bedford, where he conducted a very successful establishment until physical dis-

ability rendered imperative a less strenuous mode of life, when he disposed of his shop and engaged in the livery business.

Mr. Hardy was one of the brave young men of the North who so nobly responded to the country's call for defenders when the gallant ship of state was wrecked on the rugged rocks of treason and disunion, enlisting in Company G, Fourth Indiana Cavalry, with which he served until the expiration of the time for which he volunteered, when he re-enlisted in Company A, Fifteenth Indiana Infantry, remaining with the latter command until the close of the war. He entered the army as a private, but for gallant and meritorious conduct was promoted successively until reaching the position of major of his regiment, although the commission for the office did not arrive until after his discharge at the cessation of hostilities.

Few soldiers had as varied or thrilling experience as Mr. Hardy, and not one in a thousand ever went through as many dangerous situations as he and lived to tell the story. He took part in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged, received several wounds in as many actions and after one battle five bullets were extracted from his body, in addition to which his jawbone was broken by a flying missile and one ball that entered his shoulder finally made its way under the arm on the opposite side of the body. He was fairly riddled with shot and otherwise bruised, and the mystery of it all is that he ever lived through the deadly ordeal and reached his home. It was by reason of the effects of these injuries that he changed his business, as above stated, and contin-

ned to suffer from his wounds as long as he lived, but being a soldier, true and tried, and a patriot who made everything subordinate to his love of country, he was never known to repine, but, on the contrary, was proud of the scars received in defense of the flag, for whose honor he gave a full measure of heroic service.

In politics he was staunchly and uncompromisingly Republican, and for a number of years was an active and influential member of the Grand Army post at Bloomfield. He discharged the duties of citizenship in the quiet, unostentatious manner becoming a true American, did much to promote the business interests of his city and in a marked degree enjoyed the confidence and friendship of his fellow men. To the best of his ability he lived up to his highest ideals of duty, and in his death the community lost a valuable citizen, the wife a devoted husband and the nation one of its brave and patriotic defenders.

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### WILLIAM S. DAVIS.

A striking illustration of what may be accomplished by industrious effort and persistent application is found in the character of our subject, who is one of the most successful farmers and stock breeders of Greene county. Mr. Davis was born in North Carolina on October 13, 1855, being the son of John W. and Mary (Walker) Davis, both natives of that state. The Davis family are of Scotch extraction, the ancestors having come to America during the time that such large numbers of Scotch and

Irish people were leaving the foreign fields for homes in the new world. The paternal grandfather of Lemuel Davis followed farming and blacksmithing, and ended his days in North Carolina. He was an ardent lover of the American Union and enlisted from North Carolina in the army during the Mexican war, in which struggle he took an active part, doing most valiant and effective service.

In 1806, when our subject was eleven years old, his father removed to Rush county, Indiana, and worked out as a farm hand. After that he began farming on his own responsibility, and for several years we find him making frequent changes by way of purchasing or renting farm property. At this time he made several trips with his family to Missouri and Kansas, engaging there in farming, sometimes making purchases and at other times renting farm land. William received considerable experience in these ventures and profited greatly by what he could observe in making bargains and in executing transactions. John W. Davis was living in Greene county at the time of his death on June 11, 1808. He left seven children, his wife having departed this life several years previous. During the Civil war he joined the Confederate army and was first lieutenant in his company. He was a great help in the smithing department, and did considerable manufacturing of stirrups for the soldiery. After two years, however, he lost sympathy with the southern army, joining himself to the Union troops, and continuing therewith until the war's close.

William received but a meager education, but acquired the faculty of keen observation and a tendency to experiment and investigate matters for himself. After



reaching maturity he became engaged in farming, and during the years following this humble beginning he has made substantial additions to his original tract, until he has gained possession of two hundred and eight acres. He has made a close study of the science of agriculture and has been enabled so to apply his knowledge of crops and their needs that he has greatly increased his annual yield from year to year. In doing this he has demonstrated to others the value of scientific knowledge when it comes to farming and has proved that soils can be so treated as to give forth a greater yield without exhaustion than was at one time deemed possible.

In connection with the above Mr. Davis has had most conspicuous success in raising fine breeds of hogs, cattle and poultry. He holds sales at frequent intervals, at which time he often disposes of sufficient numbers to make his receipts quite large. His droves of Poland-China hogs are splendid examples of care and interest in their growth, and are the wonder of all who visit the farm. They are known far and wide as being among the best of their kind to be found in this country. The Short-horn cattle, too, marvels of excellence, are the most attractive features about the farm. Most of his stock is registered, and Mr. Davis takes great pride in keeping his animals in the best of condition and never lacks for a market when desiring to sell.

On November 24, 1894, Mr. Davis was joined in wedlock to Nancy A. Slinkard, daughter of Moses and Sarah (Smelser) Slinkard. Mrs. Davis is a member of the United Brethren church, and they are held in high esteem by their neighbors and friends. Their family con-

sists of six children: The eldest died unnamed; Winnie died in 1899, aged seventeen months and twenty-six days; Charles D., born in August, 1899; William Henry, born October 13, 1901; Russell A., born January 9, 1904; Florence, the youngest, was born December 31, 1906.

Both parents and children take great pride in the wholesome atmosphere of the home, making it one of the most delightful places for their many visitors and friends.

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### GUY H. HUMPHREYS.

Success is not necessarily a matter of genius, as held by many, but rather the outcome of clear judgment, persistency and rightly applied effort. The successful man is he who plans his own advancement and accomplishes it in spite of opposition. Difficulties and obstacles will always disappear before determination and unfaltering energy, and, while the road to prosperity does not always seem plain, there can ever be found a path leading to the goal of one's hopes. Among those worthy sons of Greene county who had ambitions to excel in the battle of life is the subject of this sketch, who, although he had influential ancestors and enjoyed early advantages that many youths do not have, has gained his present prestige at the bar very largely through his own efforts and gained wide recognition in his chosen profession while yet a young man, by sheer force of his individuality.

Guy H. Humphreys was born in Linton January 15, 1878, the son of James H. Humphreys, cashier of the

Linton Bank. His mother was Mattie (Jackson) Humphreys, who died when our subject was one year old. His paternal grandfather, Honorable Andrew Humphreys, was one of Greene county's most distinguished citizens for a half century (a sketch of whose life is found elsewhere in this volume). The subject's maternal grandfather was Dr. Evan A. Jackson, a native of Kentucky, who was an early settler in Greene county.

Guy H. Humphreys received a liberal mental training, having attended the public schools in Linton, later teaching school there for a period of three years, a part of this time being devoted to teaching in Stockton township. He was principal one year in the common school department of the Indiana Boys' School at Plainfield. He was eminently successful in his educational work and many who had occasion to know of his work in this line regretted the fact that he gave up teaching to launch in the journalistic field in which, however, he was equally successful, having been city editor of the Linton Daily Call from 1902 to 1903. Later he was clerk in the Linton Bank for four years, showing his natural business tact in a very plausible manner while thus engaged, and he was called upon to serve his city from time to time as town clerk and town treasurer, later as city clerk and city treasurer. These positions came by appointment. In April, 1907, Mr. Humphreys was appointed by Governor Hanly a member of the board of control of the Indiana Boys' School at Plainfield in recognition of his faithful public service and the excellent record he had made. He still ably manages his part of this work in 1908.

Mr. Humphreys entered the Indiana State Univer-

sity in 1904, where he made a brilliant record, completing a three years' course in the law department in two years, graduating with honor in 1906, taking the degree of Bachelor of Law. He came to Bloomfield in 1906 and took up the practice of law, making a success from the first and soon becoming popular in that vicinity.

Our subject was happily married, February 10, 1903, to Carrie Elrod, of Bloomfield, a lady of a prominent family and possessing many admirable traits. She was private secretary to the superintendent of the Indiana Boys' School, and later assistant secretary of the president of the State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys are well known in the community where they reside for their hospitality, geniality and well ordered lives, making and retaining scores of friends and enjoying the undivided esteem of all who know them. Owing to the splendid start Mr. Humphreys has so early in life the future to him is an unusually promising one and will doubtless be crowned with eminent success.

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#### HARVEY DILLOX HANTON.

The present age is essentially utilitarian and in nearly every avenue of life the man of practical ideas is in evidence. Such a man is the well known gentleman whose name introduces this review and as such he has made his influence felt in different lines of enterprise and gained high standing among his fellow citizens of Worthington and the county of Greene. The Haxton family

had its origin in Ireland, from which country the subject's grandfather, Richard Haxton, came to America many years ago and settled in Pennsylvania, thence migrated to Indiana in pioneer times and entered land in Owen county, which he cleared and improved and on which he lived until his death in 1885 at an advanced age. The maiden name of the wife of this worthy ancestor was Sabina Grim, a native of Ohio and a fit companion and helpmeet to her husband during the strenuous and trying period in which they were carving a home from the wilderness and rearing their family. Both were staunch Presbyterians of the type of which martyrs are made, and like others of their class they subordinated every other consideration subordinate to loyalty to their church and the principles of a rigid faith constituted the rule of life to which they closely adhered.

Alexander C. Haxton, father of the subject, was a native of Ohio, in which state his wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Harstine, was also born. These parents spent the greater part of their lives in Owen county, Indiana, where they reared a family and followed the pursuit of agriculture for a livelihood. Alexander Haxton enlisted in 1862 in Company F, Ninety-seventh Indiana Infantry, with which he served until disabled by a wound near the base of the brain, which incapacitated him for further duty and from the effects of which he has been a sufferer ever since, being at this time an invalid and unable to attend to his business affairs. Among the battles in which he participated were the siege and fall of Vicksburg, Missionary Ridge, Resaca and the hundred days of continuous fighting at At-

lanta, near which place he received the injury mentioned above.

H. D. Haxton was born on December 25, 1865, on the homestead in Owen county, and there, while still a youth, learned the lessons of industry which lead to success and the dignity of honest toil to which he owes his rise in life and present high standing as an enterprising man of affairs. Owing to weakness of vision he was obliged to discontinue his studies at a comparatively early age, but despite this defect he has always been a careful and intelligent observer, and by keeping in close touch with the trend of current thought has become widely informed on the leading questions and issues of the times and is now not only a well posted man, but in no small degree a moulder of opinion among his fellow citizens. Selecting agriculture for his life work he assisted in the cultivation of the home farm for a number of years and in 1898 purchased a fine place of one hundred acres, adjoining the city of Worthington, which he still owns and manages. In addition to this he also looks after a farm of two hundred and forty acres, in Greene county, which is owned by his father, and as a farmer ranks with the most enterprising and successful in the county of his residence, as it attested by the ample competence which has rewarded his labors and management.

In 1905, Mr. Haxton became associated with W. H. Wadsworth in the insurance business, to which his attention has since been largely devoted. In this as in his agricultural interests his success has been encouraging, and in the matter of farm property the business has grown to large proportions, being at this time more extensive perhaps than that of any other agent or firm in the county.

Mr. Haxton is independent in politics and in 1896 was the Fusion candidate for the office of county treasurer, but with the rest of his ticket went down in defeat before the formidable strength of opposing parties, although running far ahead of his associate candidates. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and in religion the Methodist Episcopal church represents his creed, of which his wife is also a member. His marriage was solemnized on April 29th, of the year 1890, with Bertha Schmidt, of Indianapolis, where her birth occurred, December 1, 1866, being the daughter of Ludwig and Pauline Schmidt. Mr. and Mrs. Haxton have no children. They own a comfortable modern home in Worthington, which is pervaded by a spirit of generous hospitality, and among their many friends and acquaintances they are held in high esteem.

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### SAMUEL F. HAYS.

One of the men whose energies have been directed toward the advancement of Greene county's best interests, is the subject of the present sketch, who was born in this county, being the son of Marcus and Mary (Leonard) Hays. The former was a native of Virginia, while the latter was born in Indiana. Mr. Hays' paternal ancestors were of Scotch-Irish extraction and had their home in Virginia. The Leonards were of English descent and came from New Jersey. Mr. Leonard settled in Owen county and followed farming and carpentry.

Marcus Hays, father of the subject, attended the

seminary at Parkersburg, West Virginia, and also at Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio. Here he was associated with Nicholas Longworth, grandfather of the present statesman. Later he came to Owen county, Indiana, and in 1849 moved to his farm near Worthington, continuing there until his death, July 25, 1900. His first marriage occurred on May 20, 1850, to Mary Leonard, who died March 2, 1874. She bore him eight children, as follows: Byron, born December 20, 1852, died January 17, 1875; Benjamin F., born March 15, 1855, is now living in this county, having married Josephine Hays April 9, 1884, and has one son, Harvey McDonald; Joseph F. was born July 19, 1857, and died October 21, 1876; Lida, born January 13, 1860, became the wife of N. C. Houston October 5, 1881, a commission merchant of Omaha, Nebraska, and she died July 9, 1888, having been the mother of one daughter, Josephine, who is also deceased; Dora L., born June 12, 1862, departed this life August 14, 1864; our subject was the next in order of birth; Marcus was born September 14, 1869, and is now farming in Greene county, having married Evangeline Sanders, October 25, 1893, and became the father of one son, Marcus; Flora was born October 25, 1872, and died July 18, 1873. Our subject was married a second time, September 16, 1875; this time to Anna P. McCord, of Bloomington.

Marcus A., father of our subject, was first a Whig and then a Republican in politics, taking an active interest in public matters and having served his township as trustee. He was enrolled during the Civil war, but although physically disabled to enter service himself, he



showed his loyalty by hiring a substitute, also contributed toward a fund to prevent further drafts for men in his township. For more than forty years he has been an active member and liberal supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church. Marcus and Mary (Leonard) Hays and all their deceased children are buried in the cemetery at the old homestead, which is now owned by Marcus, the youngest son.

Samuel F. Hays, our subject, attended the Worthington high school, also DePauw University. He has devoted most of his attention to farming, having made this a matter of scientific investigation as a result has been able to add much valuable information to the subject. He has made a close study of soils and the needs of crops and has frequently succeeded in doubling the yield, believing in the rotation of crops and the merits of judicious fertilizing. In addition to this Mr. Hays has always given considerable attention to stock raising, and here, too, he has worked along rational and progressive lines, having set aside considerable portions of his large farm for pasturage purposes, having considerable stock on hand throughout the year and dealing quite extensively in live stock.

Since 1896 our subject has been engaged in building bridges and gravel roads in Greene county, having done practically all the street work since that time in Worthington.

On May 14, 1889, Mr. Hays was united in marriage with Jennie Ingersoll, daughter of William and Margaret Ingersoll, both natives of this county. Three children have been born into this family, namely: Joseph L., born July 22, 1890; Lloyd Perkin, born January 14,

1893, and Marguerite, born August 11, 1895. Grief has come to the family, however, in the death of the mother, December 18, 1904. She was a devoted member of the Methodist church and was held in high esteem by her many friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Hays is a Republican in politics and has a considerable influence on the side of a clean administration of public affairs. His home, which is among the best in the county, is a place where the most congenial atmosphere welcomes the many visitors and friends.

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### BENJAMIN CARRELL.

Benjamin Carrell was born March 31, 1843, in Greene county, Indiana, and died there August 30, 1905. After receiving a limited schooling and living at home until he was eighteen years old, he enlisted, in 1861, in Company C, Forty-third Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and went through the war as a private. He was captured at Helena, Arkansas, and spent nearly a year in prison at Tyler, Texas. After the war he returned home and was sick for a long time, having contracted sore eyes while in the army, which caused the loss of sight in one of them after the war. He always worked at farming and left one hundred and seventeen acres of good land in Richland township to his family. He was supervisor and manager of gravel roads in his native township. He was a Republican and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He married Catherine

Flatter, February 8, 1806, the daughter of Michael and Rachel (Manning) Flatter, both natives of Maryland, who came to Greene county, Indiana, in 1830, and settled in Richland township, where he worked a farm and where both he and his wife died. They had eleven children, namely: Jesse, Jackson, Richard, Eliza, Emily, infant, Julia, Van Buren, Amanda, Catherine, Loretta; all except one grew to maturity.

Benjamin Carrell and wife had thirteen children, namely: Henry, who died young; Ida S., who married Wilson Smith, of Bloomfield; John, who died in infancy; infant; Alma, who married Rollie Burcham, a farmer in Taylor township; Alice, who died when two years old; Etta May, who died in infancy; Alonzo, a farmer in Richland township, who married Mary Combs; Franklin died in childhood; Francis Marion, at home; Fred, Nellie and Ethel, all live at home, and an infant. Mrs. Carrell and the children live on the old homestead.

James Carrell, the father of the subject of this sketch, who was born April 17, 1815, and died October 23, 1865, was a native of Orange county, Indiana. He married Fernette McCoy, of Greene county, in February, 1834. They came to Daviess county, Indiana, when that county was very sparsely settled, where they both died. The names of their children follow: John B., who married Amanda Flatter, who is deceased; his widow is living at Mineral City, Indiana; Mary, who married Solomon Stone, both now deceased; Martha, who married Nathaniel Ruth, and resides at Mineral City; Mary married Solomon Stone, and both are dead; Benjamin, subject of this sketch; Sarah, wife of John Shatzer, of

Bloomfield; Nancy, deceased; Jane, who married Riley Reynolds, is now deceased; Orlenia, widow of Benton O'Neill, who lives in Bloomfield; William, a farmer, who lives in Richland township; Henry, deceased.

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### KINSEY CULLISON.

Kinsey Cullison, of Richland township, who has spent the major part of his life in Greene county as farmer and proprietor of flour and sawmills, is a native of Ohio, being born in Coshocton county, August 18, 1820. What little schooling he has was gained before he was nine years old in a rural school. It was at this early age that he went to live with Ephraim Cullison, with whom he remained two years. Then he lived for three years with N. Price, and in February, 1850, came to Indiana and worked for Harvey Doney and others, finally obtaining possession of land in Center township, Greene county, clearing one hundred acres himself and living in Center township until 1894, when he moved to Mineral City and bought eighty-six acres, where he farmed and operated a store, later managing a grist mill and sawmills. He was a constable and held other public offices. He has always been a Republican and a member of the Methodist church for fifty years. He enlisted in August, 1862, in Company E, Ninety-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was sent to Louisville, Memphis and Vicksburg, taking part in the battles of Murfreesboro and Richmond. He was badly hurt by a mule fall-

ing on him while performing duties of wagoner and was discharged May, 1865. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Cullison first married, September 19, 1853, Nancy McCord, daughter of Abner and Mary (Rigee) McCord, both natives of Kentucky, who came to Greene county, Indiana, in 1817, settling in Center township. The subject's first wife died in June, 1861. He married Penelope Riddle, who lived near his old home. She was a daughter of Bailey Riddle, a native of Kentucky, who came to that section of Indiana in 1821, later moving to Missouri, where he died. The subject's second wife died in January, 1877, and he married Naomi Cullison on March 1, 1881, a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Street) Cullison, natives of Coshocton county, Ohio, who came to Indiana in 1849. He was a miller and was connected with the mills there for twenty-one years. Mr. Cullison's third wife died in August, 1906. He had four children by his first wife: Sarah E., who married John Mevrideth, living in Caldwell county, Kansas; Abner, deceased; John, who married Lucy Edwards, also lives in Caldwell county, Kansas; Josephine, who married Aaron Shafer, of Center township. Mr. Cullison had five children by his second wife: Paris, a farmer, living in Caldwell county, Kansas; Asbury, deceased; Phoebe Ann, married Samuel Pollard, who lives in Caldwell county, Missouri; Emma, deceased, who married Andrew Hargetz; Willie, a farmer in Richland township, who married Nora Johns. The subject had one child by his third wife, Guy, who is living at Monroe City, Indiana.

Moses Cullison, the father of the subject, married Mary Wantland. They were both natives of Maryland, but were married in Ohio. He was a shoemaker. He was a Democrat and a member of the Baptist church. His wife was a member of the Methodist church. They were the parents of the following children: Margaret, deceased, who married Samuel Meredith; Hyatt, deceased, who married James Cullison; Elizabeth, deceased, who married John Burch; Priscilla, deceased, who married Ray Hall; Mray, widow of Alexander McCollough, living in Sullivan, Indiana; Kinsey, the subject of this sketch; James W., living in Oregon; he is a teacher and farmer; Susan, deceased, who married Samuel Gozzany; Rachel, deceased.

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### SAMUEL FOSTER.

Samuel Foster was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, July 15, 1836, and attended school there for a few years. He enlisted, July 6, 1861, in Company C, Twenty-first Regiment, Indiana Heavy Artillery, at Bloomfield, Indiana, and was sent to Indianapolis, later to Baltimore, Maryland. Then to Ship Island, Mississippi, and was on the expedition to New Orleans. He was in the siege of Port Hudson and Baton Rouge, and also in the siege of Spanish Fort, Alabama. He was doing garrison duty until July, 1866, having served nearly five years as a private, sergeant and orderly, also second lieutenant. He was shot in the hand while in the swamps of Louisiana

and came near bleeding to death. He also contracted a chronic disease there. He started with seventy men for New Orleans; on the sixty-mile trip they captured the steamer "Fox" and brought it to that city. He married Mary J. Hatfield, a native of Taylor township, Greene county, on January 7, 1866. They had the following children: Joseph E., deceased; Clarence A., who married Emma Quiller on August 16, 1895; they have two children, Raymond and Mary; he has always farmed on the old place; Leonidas C., who was a railroader for several years, now living at home; he married Stella Emery; they had the following children: Inez, Sylvia, Cecil, deceased; Clarence, Carrie, who is the wife of Carl Wantland, of Bloomfield, Indiana. They have two children: Chester and Bernard.

Samuel Foster located in Taylor township at the close of the war, where he now lives on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, one hundred acres of which he cleared himself. He does a general farming business and raises considerable stock. He is the son of Noah Foster, a native of Coshocton, Ohio, who married Sarah Rampley, a native of Maryland. He farmed in Ohio for some time and moved to Taylor township, Greene county, Indiana, in 1839, where he farmed on a one hundred and sixty acre tract. To this union were born the following children: Ethelinda, deceased; Samuel, the subject of this sketch; James, living in Washington township; Mary, Nancy, Elizabeth and Martha, all deceased; Emma, living in Monroe county, Indiana. He was a Republican. Both he and his wife were methodists. He died in 1883 and his wife died in 1886.

## MASON FAUCETT.

Mason Faucett, of Taylor Township, was born there September 2, 1844, and he has spent most of his life there. He attended school for a short time when a boy and lived with his parents. He married, in 1866, Sarah Haywood, of his own community. She was the daughter of Charles and June Haywood, natives of Tennessee, who first went to Pennsylvania, later coming to Greene county, Indiana. Mason Faucett had five children, namely: Emma, who married Peter Fry, of Taylor township; they have two children, Letha and Neva; Ettie, the wife of Willard Creighton, of Bloomfield; they have two children, Vernon and Grace; Mary, the wife of Ernest Catron, of Taylor township; they have one child, Lois; Alvin, who lives at home.

Mr. Faucett enlisted July, 1862, in Company A, One Hundred and Fifteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served in Tennessee and Kentucky, being in several minor engagements. He enlisted a second time on February 2, 1864, in Company G, One Hundred and Fortyninth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served in Alabama and Tennessee, being in a number of small engagements. He was discharged in September, 1865. Since the war he has lived two years in Stafford township and five years in Richland township, this county, having lived in Taylor township, his native county, for the past thirty years. He has a farm of one hundred and twenty-seven acres on which he raises all kinds of grains and many kinds of stock. He is a Republican and a member of the Christian church.



Mason Faucett is the son of James and Willie (Mason) Faucett, both natives of North Carolina. James came with his father, Eli Mason, to Greene county, Indiana, in 1818. The latter secured two hundred acres of land. He cleared the land, which he continued to work until he contracted the smallpox and went blind. He was twice married, having four children by his first wife and two by his second. John Mason, the subject's grandfather, was a native of North Carolina, who brought his wife to Greene county, Indiana, in 1818 and settled in Richland township, where they died, leaving three sons and three daughters. James Faucett was a farmer and spent his life with his parents working the old homestead. He was a Republican and a member of the Christian church. They had nine children, namely: Lizzie, deceased; Harriet, living in Strafford township; Mason, the subject of this sketch; Eli, living in Richland township; Eliza, living in Bloomfield; Jane, living in Taylor township; Abraham, living at Flat Rock, Illinois; Martha, living in Hammond county, Kansas; Ida, living in Bloomfield. James Faucett died in 1888, and his wife died in 1891.

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#### E. BYRD SQUIRE.

Holding distinctive prestige among the representative business men of Greene county is the popular gentleman whose name appears above. Belonging to the younger generation of merchants he has already won the esteem and confidence of all who know him, not alone

by reason of ability displayed in his chosen calling, but also by his candid mien, generous heart and freedom from deceit. His father, William B. Squire, was a physician of high standing and wide repute, who practiced his profession at Worthington for a number of years and was long recognized as a man of eminent attainment in the noble calling to which his energies were devoted.

Dr. William B. Squire was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, January 30, 1830, a son of Samuel and Jane (Stilwell) Squire, natives, respectively, of Vermont and West Virginia. Both sides of the family are of English extraction, their descent in America dating previous to the Revolutionary war. The Stilwells first settled on Staten Island and Squires in Vermont, representatives of each family having served in the early Indian wars; also in both wars with Great Britain. In 1831, Bradley Squire removed with his family from Vermont to Coshocton county, Ohio, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits and passed the remainder of his days. This man was the father of Samuel Squire and grandfather of Dr. W. B. Squire. Samuel Squire devoted his life to the tilling of the soil and was a man of intelligence and wide influence in the community of his residence. He was the father of four sons and four daughters, among the former being Dr. William B. Squire, who grew to maturity on the home farm, and received his early education in the public schools. At the age of eighteen he began his career as a public instructor, and while thus engaged took up the study of medicine, which he prosecuted under competent preceptors until entering the Cincinnati School of Medicine, from which he was grad-

nated in 1856. In the meantime (1855) he came to Greene county, Indiana, and located where Jasonville now stands, which town he laid out and named in honor of Jason Rodgers, a merchant and well known citizen of the place. In July, 1861, he helped recruit what afterwards became Company F, Thirty-first Indiana Infantry, but after serving about seven months he was compelled to resign his commission on account of ill health. Subsequently (1863) he re-enlisted and was made surgeon of the Fourteenth Regiment, which position he held until the close of the war. He had moved to Worthington in 1862 and on his return from the army resumed the practice of medicine in that town, which to a greater or less extent he continued, receiving a reputation much more than local. In 1871 he embarked in the drug trade and in addition opened a dry goods in 1878, being quite successful in both branches of business.

Dr. Squire and Rebecca Thrasher were married in 1852 and four children blessed the union, namely: Azubia J., Samuel F., E. Byrd and Ida May. The mother, a native of Clark county, Ohio, died in 1871. In 1872 the doctor chose a second wife in the person of Mrs. Hattie A. Walker, who bore him one child, a daughter by the name of Ethel L.

Dr. Squire was originally a Whig, but when that old party fulfilled its mission and passed out of existence he became a Republican and from the birth of the latter party he was one of its ardent supporters. While zealous in the advocacy of his principles and familiar with the leading issues and public questions of the time, he never aspired to political prominence, preferring to con-

fine his entire time and attention to professional and business matters. Dr. Squire died in 1905.

E. Byrd Squire, son of Dr. W. B. and Rebecca (Thrasher) Squire, was born in Jasonville, Greene county, Indiana, and spent his childhood and youth under the parental roof, attending meanwhile the public schools of his native place. Subsequently at the age of eighteen he was graduated from the Worthington high school and immediately thereafter associated with his brother in the grocery business at the place, the firm thus constituted lasting but a short time. He next entered into partnership with his father in the same line of business and continued with him during the eleven years ensuing, at the expiration of which time he purchased the entire interest and became sole proprietor of the establishment. Meeting with encouraging success, Mr. Squire, in 1898, added a full line of clothing and a boot and shoe department to his store, and from this date to the present the business has grown steadily in volume and importance, being at this time the largest and most complete mercantile house in the city. In the management of his large and constantly increasing interest Mr. Squire has displayed rare business qualities and judgment of a high order, while no small share of his success is directly attributable to pleasant relations he has ever maintained with the public by studying its wants and sparing no pains to supply the same.

Mr. Squire is a Republican in politics and as such wields a strong influence for his party in local matters and general issues, having twice served the town in the responsible position of treasurer and one term in the

common council. Like the majority of the intelligent and enterprising men he is identified with Masonic fraternity and also belongs to the fraternity of Odd Fellows, having filled all the chairs in the local lodge of the latter organization, besides taking an active and influential part in its more general deliberation.

Mr. Squire, on May 5, 1881, was united in marriage with Estella Jones, of Bloomfield, who has borne him two children: Josephine, a student of the Worthington high school, in 1908, and one that died in infancy.

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#### CLYDE S. MOSS.

The great profession of journalism—a profession long noted for its talented and energetic men—has an ardent and enthusiastic worker in Clyde S. Moss, city editor of the Linton Daily Call. Mr. Moss is recognized as one of the progressive young business men of Linton, and as the moving spirit of this enterprising daily he keeps in close touch with the best interests of his home city. Following in the footsteps of his father, W. M. Moss, the pioneer newspaper man of southern Indiana (a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume), he took up newspaper work at an early age and by his own clever ability has rapidly forged to the front. He has assumed the initiative in establishing many new and exclusive features in the local newspaper field and by his tact, energy and ability has given *The Call* a place among the brightest and best daily newspapers of the state.

Clyde S. Moss was born at Bloomfield, Indiana, August 8, 1882, the second son of William M. and Callie (Scott) Moss. He was educated in the high schools of Bloomfield, graduating with the class of 1902. He was appointed a cadet at Annapolis Naval Academy immediately after his graduation from high school, but relinquished the appointment after six months' service, to take up newspaper work, for which he early exhibited special talent. Mr. Moss was managing editor of The Clarksville (Tennessee) Daily Journal (1903), where he did efficient and creditable work. He came to Linton with his father in 1904 and since then has been city editor of The Call, with the exception of several months on the reportorial staff of The Terre Haute Tribune. His work in Terre Haute attracted attention over the state and he has declined numerous flattering offers to go to other fields, but elects to remain in Linton, as his faith in the destiny of the "Pittsburg of the West" is unshakable. Mr. Moss has done much special work for The Chicago American and other metropolitan dailies and his work has always received the highest praise.

Fraternally Mr. Moss affiliates with the Masons, Elks, Odd Fellows and Woodmen of the World, and socially he is one of the best known and best liked men in Linton.

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#### WILLIAM W. EDINGTON.

The popular and well known sheriff of Greene county, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, October 22,

1855. He is a son of Thomas and Ursula (More) Edington, natives of Coshocton county, Ohio, where they were married, and where their early lives were spent. The family arrived in Greene county, Indiana, on the 13th of April, 1856, and located on a farm in Jackson township, and there the parents remained until called to another life. The father, Thomas Edington, was born in July, 1833, and devoted his early manhood years to the profession of teaching, both in Ohio, and for some years after locating in this state. He was also a successful farmer and wood-working mechanic. He built a mill on his farm and operated that, with the aid of his sons, this being one of the first mills in the region. He was a son of Robert Edington, who was a soldier in the War of 1812. Three of father's brothers, Captain Elijah, Aquilla and Edmund, were soldiers in the Civil war. Thomas Edington died on his farm in Jackson township, January 13, 1873, and his wife died at Koleen, in the same township, September 27, 1907. These were the parents of eight children, of whom six are now living. The names in order of birth are as follows: Leroy W., a farmer in Wright township; Purliette, who became the wife of Norville Melton, deceased; she is now the wife of John McLaughlin, of Koleen; William W., the subject of this sketch, was the next in order of birth; Margaret Alice married William H. Mansfield, a merchant at Koleen, but residing in Bloomfield (see personal sketch in this volume); Elijah W. is deputy sheriff of Greene county and a well-to-do farmer in Jackson township; Thomas Leonard is a prosperous farmer in Taylor township, and Samuel Aquilla and Alvadore died in infancy.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the public schools of Jackson township and was married and settled on a farm of his own at the age of eighteen. He followed farming and stock raising during most of his mature years, giving special attention to the buying and shipping of stock for some eighteen years. He has also been interested in the milling business, only disposing of that interest when elected to the office of sheriff in 1904. Mr. Edington owns a valuable farm of one hundred and nineteen acres adjoining the town of Bloomfield, also two buildings and some unimproved lots in Switz City. His farm is well stocked with horses, hogs and cattle, and is a valuable accessory to the monetary interests of its progressive owner.

Mr. Edington was married February 6, 1872, to Miss Harriet Rebecca, daughter of Walter and Mary (Emery) Hayes, of Jackson township. To this union five children were born, but two of whom are now living: Icadore D., wife of Charles E. Combs (see sketch); Purliette, who died in infancy; Ioma Dale, who died in young womanhood, June 26, 1905, a successful teacher and a young lady of bright promise; Walter Lee, seventeen, is attending school, and Alice, who died at the age of three and a half years. The family are members of the Christian church at Switz City. Mr. Edington served as assessor of Jackson township for ten years, being first elected in 1884. He was elected sheriff as a Republican, in 1904, and re-elected in 1906, receiving in each case a very large and complimentary vote. Of the fraternal societies he is a member of the Independent Order of Old Fellows and of the Improved Order of Red Men.



## CLAUDE S. MOSS.

Typical of the spirit of Linton—a spirit of youth, progress and industry—essential in the success of communities as well as individuals, is the character of the subject of our sketch, Claude S. Moss, circulation manager of *The Linton Daily Call*.

Endowed with unmistakable talents and fortified with an experience in various lines, he has the happy faculty of succeeding in every pursuit that enlists his energies. As circulation manager of *The Call*, he has built up a circulation for that splendid daily that is not eclipsed by any paper in any city of similar importance in the state.

Claude S. Moss was born at Riley, Indiana, October 12, 1880, the oldest son of William M. and Callie (Scott) Moss. He was educated in the public schools of Bloomfield, where his father moved in the early eighties, and at the University of Notre Dame. He was engaged in the mercantile business at Bloomfield for a few years, and later accepted a position as credit manager with the New Home Sewing Machine Company at Chicago. He remained in this responsible position for three years, 1900-1903, and resigned to accept a position as traveling salesman for another Chicago firm. As a commercial salesman he was eminently successful, standing close to the top in his record of sales among the salesman in his line in the United States. He followed this vocation for three years, resigning to come to Linton and assume the management of the circulation department of *The Call*.

Mr. Moss was married June 12, 1905, to Bertie McGrath, daughter of Patrick McGrath, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who has borne him one son, Alton Marshall Moss, born November 18, 1906.

Mr. Moss is an Elk, Knight of Pythias, and a member of the Woodmen of the World, and is one of the most popular young business men of Linton.

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#### WILLIAM H. DECKARD.

Among those who have been prominently concerned in the ushering in of new areas of industrial activity in Greene county stands William H. Deckard, ex-county auditor and now one of the leading business men of the county, where he has been a potent factor in the political, civil and moral advancement of her citizens for more than a quarter of a century. His extensive interests place him among the leaders in industrial circles in this section of Indiana, and he has achieved that success which is the logical result of enterprise, systematic effort, resolute purpose and straightforward methods. There are no other qualities absolutely essential to development, and upon the ladder of his own building he has climbed to prominence and prosperity, while in the community with whose interests he is so closely and conspicuously identified he is held in the highest esteem and confidence by members of all political parties, since his integrity and honesty of purpose are questioned by none.

Mr. Deckard is the son of John and Mahalia (Butch-

er) Deckard, having been born in Sullivan county, Indiana, April 21, 1856. He attended the common schools there and applied himself in a most assiduous manner, which resulted in a good education, considering the advantages of those days. Having been reared on a farm, he naturally learned agriculture and began his life as a farmer, locating on eighty acres near Lyons, Greene county, where he was so successful that he was later able to add two hundred and fifteen acres. His present farm near Lyons, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres of well improved land, equal to any in the county, is worth one hundred and forty dollars per acre. In all he owns two hundred and twelve acres in Greene county, fifty-two acres of which lies just north of the corporation line of Bloomfield, which is a fine location for a home adjacent to this beautiful and thriving city. He still owns five hundred acres of land in Hartley county, Texas. In connection with farming he has taken up the real estate, insurance and loan business under the firm name of Deckard & Endres, besides being interested in the chair works of Bloomfield and a stockholder in the Bloomfield State Bank. The subject is also interested in the oil business in Oklahoma, being identified with the American Oil and Gas Company. In all his business affairs he has shown rare executive ability and foresight, seldom making a mistake in any venture. He has made most of his property by trading in farm lands and carrying on a general farming and stock raising business.

The subject was happily married in 1877 to Eliza Pitcher, a native of Shelby county, Indiana. Eight children—Lex V., Olive, Florence, Oscar W., Estella May,

Elnora, Bert, Gertrude and Lucile—have been born to this union. Lex V. Deckard, the subject's son, graduated from the law department of the University of Indiana in June, 1908; Olive Florence is living at home; Estella May and Elnora are both deceased; Bert, Gertrude and Lucile are students in the Bloomfield schools. Mrs. Deckard is a member of the Methodist church. Fraternally Mr. Deckard is a charter member of the Masonic lodge at Lyons. He is also a charter member of the Royal Arch Masons at Bloomfield, and a charter member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Lyons. He is also a charter member of the Modern Woodmen at the same place, and of the Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 866, at Linton. He takes a great interest in lodge work and his daily life would indicate that he is endeavoring to carry out their good precepts.

Mr. Deckard is a loyal Democrat and takes an active part in political affairs. He was mentioned and elected trustee of Grant township, Greene county, in 1888, carrying a Republican township by forty-five votes, which had previously gone Republican by thirty-five votes. He served in this capacity for seven years and four months. He was nominated for auditor of Greene county by his Democratic friends in 1896 and was defeated by H. L. Doney by one hundred and thirty-one votes. The county was six hundred Republican. In 1900 he was again nominated for the same place and was elected against Dr. P. M. Cook by two hundred and forty votes, the county still being six hundred Republican. He was renominated in 1904 and was defeated by two hun-

dred and thirty votes, the largest vote on the Republican county ticket being one thousand and one hundred. This shows Mr. Deckard's great popularity in Greene county among both parties. In the last election not one Democrat was elected. Not even a supervisor. In Grant township, the home of the subject, he carried far more than the strength of his party, and he carried Beech Creek township, one of the strongest Republican townships, by forty-five votes when that township was one hundred and forty Republican, he being the only Democrat who ever carried the township. Everybody says he did ample justice in handling the auditor's office, all parties being well pleased with his work. In his official capacity all the people with whom he came in contact received the same courteous treatment, regardless of political affiliations.

In all his political career Mr. Deckard has never asked for a single nomination to any office, all nominations having been given by acclamation or unanimous consent. He is now out of politics only for his friends, feeling grateful to his many friends in the opposite party. Mr. Deckard's career, both in public and in business, has always been unassailable, even by his most pronounced opponents, his conscientiousness, high integrity and ability being highly respected by all who know him.

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#### PHILIP J. HARRAH.

It has been often questioned whether the times make useful and distinguished men or such men make the times.

Certain it is that during the closing years of the last century and the opening of the one now so bright with promise there has been a marked development of practical science and skill, and wonderful advancement in the various lines of inventive industry and mechanical ingenuity. Every year has increased this development. The demand for men who can concentrate their minds or turn their hands for the purpose of bringing about desired results has been unparalleled in the history of the human race. The supply has been as wonderful as the demand, for on every hand, in every sphere of activity, the keen, shrewd and closely observing, far-seeing men of practical ideas and inventive skill is in evidence. The times have called for the men, and the men have met and hurried forward the times.

It is one of these well rounded men of affairs and captains of industry that the chronicler essays to write in this connection, a man whose mechanical genius was manifest at an early age, and who, by following the bent of his inclination, has given to the world a number of valuable inventions and practical improvements and won for himself a deservedly conspicuous place in the industrial circles of his own city, besides gaining much more than local repute among the leading manufacturers of his state.

Philip Harrah, whose name has long been identified with the business interests of Bloomfield, and the industrial development of the city, is a native of Putnam county, Indiana, where his birth occurred on September 25, 1864. His father, Henry Beard, was of German descent of the best type and a man of great integrity, he

dying when Philip was but three years old. The lad was adopted by Captain James B. Harrah, from whom he takes his present name. The subject's mother, prior to her marriage, was Sarah Hood. She later married Lemuel Langhead, of St. Marys, Indiana, now deceased. She now resides at Terre Haute. The Hoods are of English origin and lineal descendants of the distinguished Birmingham family of England, from which the city of Birmingham derives its name. The first representatives in America settled in one of the southern colonies a number of years prior to the War of the Revolution, and at the breaking out of that struggle several of the name entered the American army and rendered conspicuous and distinguished service until independence was achieved. The branch of the family to which Mr. Harrah's ancestors belonged figured prominently in the early settlement and development of Tennessee, from which state the immediate antecedents subsequently migrated to Indiana and were long and widely known and esteemed residents of the county of Putnam.

Philip Harrah found a good home and pleasant surroundings with his foster parents, who ministered to his comfort and looked after his interests with the same care and attention they would have bestowed upon a son of their own. In his youth his time was divided between farm labor and the district schools, first in Putnam county where he spent the early years of his life and later in the county of Greene, to which the Harrah family removed in 1876. Not being entirely satisfied with the pursuit of agriculture he early decided to adopt some vocation more in harmony with his tastes and tendencies, accordingly

while still young he began giving expression to his natural inventive talent by making a number of mechanical contrivances which proved of value.

Following his inclinations young Harrah persevered at his labors and in due time invented and placed upon the market several mechanical devices for which there was soon a wide demand by the local and general trade.

These and other examples of mechanism which appeared from time to time established his reputation as an inventor and in due time the financial reward which comes to the true genius enabled him to embark more extensively in his special field of endeavor, and take a commanding place in the industrial development of the city in which he resided.

The Universal Repair Machine is among the best known of his inventions for which he obtained patents, and such was its favorable reception that in 1895 he organized a company for its manufacture. This company, composed of Mr. Harrah and Mr. Oscar Shryer, was the first organization of the kind in Bloomfield, and its completion marks the beginning of the city's industrial history. From the day operations commenced the success of the enterprise was assured, and the business has since grown to such magnitude that their machinery and devices are marketed throughout this and many foreign countries. The crowning result of Mr. Harrah's inventive genius is the justly celebrated Galvanized Tubular Fence Post, on which he studied and labored for a number of years. Being convinced that metal furnished the only proper material, and confronted by the unwel-



come fact that there was no machinery by which to manufacture the posts, the idea of hand work being at once abandoned on account of the heavy expense that would necessarily be involved, Mr. Harrah, after years of experimenting, finally perfected the first and only practical automatic machine that will produce a perfect fence post with great rapidity. Without entering into further particulars concerning this signal achievement suffice it to state that on September 15, 1905, the American Post Company incorporated under the laws of Indiana for the purpose of manufacturing steel fence posts and machinery under the Harrah patents, Mr. Harrah being elected president of the enterprise in addition to which office he also devotes much time to the operation of the plant.

Mr. Harrah's various enterprises have tended greatly to the building up of Bloomfield and giving it publicity as an important manufacturing center, and he stands today among the prominent and influential men of the city, as well as a captain of industry, being interested in all that makes for the good of the community and the welfare of his fellow men. He served for six years as a member of the city board of trustees, during which time the present splendid electric light and water works systems were established, also a number of other material improvements, in addition to which he was instrumental in bringing about much important legislation and always took an active interest in all measures and movements for the general good of the municipality.

On October 18, 1888, at the age of twenty-four, Mr. Harrah was married to Martha J. Flater, daughter of Nicodemus and Maria J. Flater, of Richland township,

Greene county, an intelligent and refined lady of varied accomplishments, whose amiable qualities have made her popular in the city of her residence and whose many kindly acts of charity and benevolence have endeared her to a large number of the less fortunate of her kind. Mr. and Mrs. Harrah, with their two daughters, Nota and Ruby, and son Chester, constitute a most agreeable and delightful domestic circle, as all testify who at any time have enjoyed the generous hospitality with which their home abounds. Nota, the oldest of these children, was born July 1, 1880, the second, Ruby, October 30, 1890, and the youngest first saw the light of day on September 26, 1894.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Harrah were teachers in the schools of Greene county in their earlier life. Mrs. Harrah was one of the organizers of the Bloomfield Public Library and served two years as one of the directors; also a member of the board of childrens' guardians by appointment of the judge of the court in 1907; also a member of the Argonaut Literary Club and a social club of the city. Mr. Harrah was one of the promoters of the Business Men's Social Club, of which he is a member of the house committee.

Mr. Harrah mingles much with his fellow citizens and is essentially a man of the people with their welfare and best interests ever at heart. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and Order of Knights of Pythias. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen, a Republican in politics and in religion subscribes to the Cumberland Presbyterian faith, of which church his wife, too, is a

faithful and consistent communicant. A typical representative of the progressive American spirit of the day, an honor to his county and state and a credit to the nation under whose institutions he has achieved such marked and signal results. Mr. Harrah's life forcibly illustrates what can be accomplished by a young man who makes the most of his opportunities by improving the talents with which he has been blessed and who, never satisfied with the mere doing, sets his mind high and ever following noble aims and lofty ideals, makes the experiences of yesterday the ladder of today, by which he finally surmounts all difficulties and obstacles until the success for which he struggled is ultimately reached and he takes possession of his own. In the best sense of the term he is a self-made man. His labors have been greatly appreciated and as an inventor, manufacturer and broad-minded, progressive man of affairs he stands today with few peers in the especial field to which his talents and skill have been devoted.

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#### JOSEPH SIROCK HURT.

Among the enterprising business men of Linton, Indiana, who, while advancing their own interests, have, at the same time accomplished much for the development and improvement of the community in which they reside, mention should be made of Joseph S. Hurt, a well known merchant, who was born in Cumberland county, Kentucky, near Berksville, February 7, 1848, the son of

Thomas and Martha (Burnett) Hurt, who removed from that county to Pike county, Indiana, in 1861, and remained there on a farm during the remaining years of their lives, Mr. Hurt having died November 10, 1903. The subject's mother passed away about ten years previous. They raised a family consisting of the following sons and daughters: Joseph S.; Alfred is a prosperous farmer of Pike county; Viola is the wife of George Murray, an engineer in Pike county; Almarine, a farmer living in Missouri; Annie, now Mrs. Barnett, living in Pike county; the next three children died in infancy or childhood; William, who was a farmer in Pike county, died in 1907. The father of the subject was a soldier in the One Hundred and Forty-third Indiana Volunteer Regiment.

The subject was educated in his native county and also in Pike county, Indiana, receiving a fairly good common school education. He began farming early in life, which he successfully followed for a period of twenty years during his young manhood days in Pike county. Then he launched in the mercantile business, which he has ever since made a success, having first established a country store near Arthur, Indiana, which he conducted for two years. Coming from there to Linton in 1899, he engaged in teaming during the seven years following, handling coal, principally. Then he bought a restaurant but was burned out. Later he built a residence and store building at 309 Third street, Northeast, where he has since carried a full line of groceries, provisions, meat and dairy products. He has shown by the growth of his business and the steady increase of his patronage that

he has mastered the details of this business, and his honest principles enables him to quickly gain the confidence and good will of his customers.

Mr. Hurt was united in marriage to Hattie Davis, on January 28, 1868. Eight children have been born to this union, two of whom are deceased: They are: Theophilus, a teamster in Linton; Estella, wife of Cornelius Cooksey, of Linton; Clarence, a partner with his father; Pearlle Kehoe, lives in Linton; Dennis is a miner living in the same town; Lovey Pursuit lives at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurt are members of the general Baptist church. In political views Mr. Hurt has been a life-long Republican, and while he has usually been too busy to devote much time to local politics, he is a public spirited man and is always ready to do what he can toward helping forward any worthy cause looking to the betterment of his county. He has held the office of road supervisor with credit and was elected to the city council of Linton in 1905, from the first ward, being the only Republican in the council. He is a member of the committee on printing, and the street committee, and he is said to be one of the most active and vigilant workers for the city's good in the council. Fraternally Mr. Hurt is a member of the Masonic lodge. He is also an active worker in the Linton Merchants' Association, being known as a man who stands for his own city first and who wastes no opportunity to promote the interests of the place in which he resides, and has his business. Mr. Hurt has the esteem of all who know him, and that includes, among a great number of outsiders, nearly every one in Linton.

## PETER M. COOK, M. D.

When distinguished professional ability, valuable public services, unblemished political integrity and a private life above reproach contribute to adorn the character of an individual and make his presence an honor to the community and an influence for substantial good among his fellowmen, then it is proper to set prominently forth as an example to those who would attain credit for themselves and make their achievements a blessing to the world. The subject of this review very properly comes under this category and it is with due regard to his high standing in one of the most responsible and exacting of callings and to his sterling worth as a trusted public servant and enterprising citizen, that the writer essays in this connection the task of placing before the reader the leading facts in a career that has made him a well known and widely respected man in the county of which he is a resident. Dr. Peter M. Cook, whose enviable position in medical circles is cheerfully conceded not only by his professional brethren but by the public at large, has gained a reputation which comes only through ability and skill, and as the legitimate reward of persevering effort. Progressive in the broadest sense of the term, he has ever kept abreast of the times in all matters relating to his noble calling and his advanced methods have brought him not only eminent professional success, but liberal financial remuneration as well. In addition to his career as a physician and surgeon, he has also figured as one of the influential public leaders of his county and is now serving the people in a responsible official capacity

to which he was elected in the year 1906, and the duties of which he has discharged in such a manner as to give additional luster to a reputation in which his fellow citizens, irrespective of party affiliation, have long manifested a pardonable pride.

Dr. Cook is a native of Guernsey county, Ohio, where his birth occurred on the 17th day of April, 1847. His father, Thomas R. Cook, a Pennsylvanian by birth, went to Ohio in early life and from thence removed, in 1858, to Greene county, Indiana, settling at the village of Solsberry, where he spent the remainder of his days, dying on April 22d of the year 1904. Thomas R. Cook served with distinction in the late Civil war as a member of the Ninety-seventh Indiana Infantry, in which, for meritorious conduct, he rose by a series of promotions to the command of his regiment, having been discharged at the cessation of hostilities with the rank of colonel. He was distinctively a man of affairs, influential in advancing the material interests of the community in which he resided and left to his descendants the reputation of an honorable name and in every respect a praiseworthy life. Harriett Gibbens, who became the wife of Thomas R. Cook, was born and reared in Ohio, her marriage having been solemnized in the county of Guernsey. Like her husband, she, too, was esteemed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances for her many admirable traits and is remembered for her beautiful character and for the wholesome moral influence she exerted among all with whom she mingled. The family of this estimable couple consisted of nine children: Elizabeth C., now Mrs. John Mullen, of Nebraska; the subject of this sketch being the

second of the number. The names of the others in order of birth are as follows: Charles Henry, deceased; Edward S., of Bloomington, this state; Eva, who married C. H. Keys and at the present time lives in Colorado City, Colorado; William F., a resident of Solsberry, Greene county; John Thomas, also a resident of the county of Greene; Benjamin Butler, of Columbus, Indiana, and Birdie, now Mrs. Robert Law, of Logansport, Indiana.

Dr. Peter M. Cook was about ten years old when his parents moved to Indiana and from 1857 to the present time, a period of fifty-one years, his life has been very closely identified with the history and development of Greene county. In the public schools he laid the foundation of the mental training which subsequently enabled him to enter upon the career of his choice, the profession of medicine for which he early manifested a decided preference and to the preparation for which he devoted all the energies of a studious and enthusiastic youthful nature. After proper preliminary instruction under the direction of a well-known local physician, he entered, in 1878, the Miami Medical College at Cincinnati, where he prosecuted his studies until completing the prescribed course in 1883, at which time he was graduated with an honorable record, standing among the most proficient in the class of that year.

Soon after receiving his degree Dr. Cook opened an office in the village of Stanford, Monroe county, where, during the ensuing two years, he successfully surmounted the difficulties which usually beset the young physician and built up a fairly lucrative practice. At the



expiration of the time indicated, however, he removed to the wider and more promising field at Solsberry, where he followed his chosen calling with marked success until the year 1906. Equally proficient in medicine and surgery, his success in many critical cases and delicate operations early brought him prominently to the notice of the public, with the result that in addition to his local practice which included an extensive range, he was frequently called to distant places to treat serious cases.

Aside from the claims of his profession Dr. Cook has ever manifested a lively interest in public affairs; as a citizen has kept in touch with the great issues of the day. In the course of time his influence in the Republican party was such as to make him a leader in that part of the country in which he lives. In recognition of valuable services rendered the party, as well as by reason of his fitness for the position, he was nominated, in 1906, for the office of county auditor and after an animated campaign defeated his competitor by a handsome majority. The duties of this office he has since discharged in an able and praiseworthy manner, satisfactory to the public. His official career has been a very creditable one, and since entering upon the important trust confided to him, he has made every other consideration subordinate to his duty to the public and spared no pains in proving himself worthy the confidence of the people.

The domestic chapter in the history of Dr. Cook's career has been one of almost ideal character, and much of his courage, inspiration and confidence have been supplied by the helpful presence of the wife and companion who, for over a third of a century, has been the presiding

spirit of his home and to whose judicious counsel and hearty co-operation not a little of his success is due. Mrs. Cook, who formerly bore the name of Mary Jane Gaston, and to whom he was united in the bonds of wedlock in 1874, is the daughter of James M. Gaston, of Beech Creek township, a representative of one of the earliest pioneer families of that part of Greene county. Mr. Gaston was for many years a man of considerable local prominence, who held the office of township trustee a number of terms and the family has been prominent in the affairs of the above township from the original settlement of the country to the present time. Dr. and Mrs. Cook are the parents of three children, the oldest of whom, a daughter by the name of Maude, married Hugh S. Bullock, of Greene county, and resides in the village of Solberry; Thomas Roy Cook, M. D., the second in the order of birth, is a practicing physician of Bowling Greene, Indiana, and a man widely and favorably known in his profession; Eva, the youngest of the family, is the wife of Clyde O. Yoho, the present clerk of the Greene county circuit court.

Dr. Cook is actively identified with secret fraternal work and has risen to high stations in the different organizations to which he belongs, being a Royal Arch Mason and an influential member of the Pythian and Odd Fellows Orders, in each of which he has held important official positions.

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#### THE SHERWOOD FAMILY.

Biography more than any other history commands the most interested attention for the obvious reason that

it records our own with the experiences of others, who, in times past, traveled life's rugged pathway as our companions, acquaintances and friends. The recital of facts and incidents which connect the past with the present never fails to bring in its train a thrill of interest and satisfaction and—it is with this object in view that the chronicler in this connection essays the task of placing on record a brief history of a family that has figured actively in the early annals of Indiana, first in the county of Washington, where several of its representatives originally settled, and later in Greene county, with the growth and development of which many of the name were prominently identified and where a number of descendants are still to be found among the leading citizens of their respective communities. As indicated by the name, the Sherwood family is of English origin, but just when the founder of the American branch came to this country is not known, though it is supposed to have been a number of years prior to the War of Independence. In the early annals of Guilford county, North Carolina, the name of this family appears, and it was there, some time in the latter half of the eighteenth century, that Hugh Sherwood, the ancestor of the Indiana Sherwoods, was born and reared. By occupation he was a tiller of the soil and from the most reliable accounts, a most estimable and praiseworthy citizen, having belonged to that large and eminently respectable class of yeomanry, who, by correct lives and in a quiet, unobtrusive way, exercise a wholesome influence among their fellows and furnish moral fiber to the communities honored by their residence. In his young manhood Hugh Sherwood married

Rebecca Fields, also a native of Guilford county and in due time became the father of six sons: B., Charles, Daniel, Thomas, Hugh and Jeremiah, all born in North Carolina, where the family continued to reside until migrating, early in the year 1800, to Washington county, Indiana.

Upon his removal to this state Hugh Sherwood resumed the pursuit of agriculture and in the course of time became one of the enterprising farmers of his community, which honorable vocation his sons also adopted, and, like him, they, too, rose to positions of respectability and influence in their several places of abode. Mr. Sherwood and his faithful wife were pious and devoted members of the Methodist church and throughout long and varied lives always made their daily walk and conversation harmonize with the faith to which they subscribed and to which they were ever loyal and true. Although born in a strongly Democratic state and from his youth surrounded by ultra-Democratic influences, he early espoused views directly opposite to those of that party, and from the time of casting his first ballot until his death was an uncompromising Whig and fearless defender of the principles to which he yielded allegiance. Hugh and Rebecca Sherwood have long been sleeping the sleep of the just, both having died some time in the forties and their bodies rest side by side in the old family cemetery in Washington county, near which they originally settled.

Daniel Sherwood, third son of the above couple, was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, in 1797, and was but a boy when the family moved to Indiana. He was reared to agricultural pursuits on the family home-

stead, a portion of which he helped clear and improve and shortly after attaining his majority formed a matrimonial alliance with Delilah Copeland, and engaged in farming upon his own responsibility in connection with which he also operated for some years a mill for the manufacture of both flour and lumber. In due time his family was increased by the arrival of six children, namely: Thomas, Esther, who married Henry String; William F., Benjamin, James and Rebecca, all of whom spent their childhood and youth in the county of Washington, and there remained until 1852, when Mr. Sherwood changed his place of abode to Greene county, where he purchased a farm on which his death occurred the following year. His widow, who survived him some years, departed this life at Goshen, where she was making her home with her youngest child, Mrs. Rebecca Kloppenstein, wife of Joseph Kloppenstein, of that city. Like his father, Daniel Sherwood was a Whig in the full meaning of the term and though never an office-seeker or aspirant for public honors, kept in close touch with the questions of the day and had the courage of his convictions on political issues. In religion the Cumberland Presbyterian church held his creed, of which body himself and wife were for a number of years devoted and consistent members.

The children of Daniel and Delilah Sherwood became useful men and women and rose to positions of respectability and honor in their several places of residence. James S., the fifth in order of birth, attaining a prominence such as to justify much more than a passing notice in this brief family sketch. Born March 14, 1834, he spent his early life on the home farm in Washington

county and at the age of seventeen came to the county of Greene, where his brother William had previously located, making the journey on foot and alone and experiencing not a few inconveniences and hardships on the way, arriving at his destination in the fall of the year 1851. He became an inmate of his brother's home, with whom he continued to reside during the fifteen years ensuing, at the expiration of which time he set up a domestic establishment of his own, the presiding spirit of which was a young lady by the name of Nancy Bradfield, to whom he was united in the bonds of wedlock on the 13th day of February, 1868. Mrs. Sherwood was born and reared in Ohio, from which state her father, William Bradfield, moved to Greene county, Indiana, the year preceding her marriage, locating in Stockton township, where he became a successful farmer and praiseworthy citizen. After taking to himself a companion and helpmeet, Mr. Sherwood established a home in the township of Stockton, where, during the intervening years, he has been engaged in the time-honored vocation of agriculture, devoting his attention to general farming and meeting with success in his chosen field of endeavor. After a mutually happy wedded experience of forty years' duration his faithful wife was called to her reward, departing this life June 10, 1907, leaving, besides her husband, these children to mourn her loss: Sallie, William, Mary, Charles and Jessie.

In many respects "Uncle Jim," as he is familiarly called, is a unique character, whose friends include every man, woman and child of his acquaintance, and the bounds of whose popularity are the circumscribed limits

beyond which he is unknown. While still a mere lad he manifested decided musical talent, which, developing with the passing years, in due time made him one of the ablest musicians in the country, his skill as a violinist being unequalled by that of any other performer on that instrument in this part of the state. By reason of his fondness for this favorite instrument and readiness at all times to entertain his friends with free concerts, he came in time to be known as "Fiddling Jim," a title which, with becoming modesty, he still wears, and by which, in all probability, he will continue to be distinguished until paralyzed by the icy touch that puts an end to all earthly skill, his fingers will close to wield the bow and the tones of his beloved instrument become only a memory. In his younger days his services as a musician were in frequent demand at the country dances and frolics for miles around, and many a sedate deacon of the present day and his goodly dame of three score and ten, if pressed closely in the matter, will modestly admit that with others equally as culpable, they learned to trip the "light fantastic" to the inspiring tune of "The Arkansas Traveler," "Lightning Joy" or "Money Musk," as "Uncle Jim," with magic touch and tireless arm, kept the merry dancers racing over the rough puncheon floor in the good old walk-talk-ginger-blue style of the hoe-down that filled with joy their innocent hearts and their legs with soreness and pain. By this it must not be understood that he was merely a player of backwoods tunes and ragtime music, for such was not the case, but being skilled in all the uses of the instrument from the simple, uncouth strain to the productions of the masters, he could suit his play-

ing to any occasion and was equally appreciated wherever his services were required. Although seventy-four years of age he still handles the bow with all the grace and celerity of the days of his prime and only recently he gave an exhibition of his skill by playing many of the old familiar tunes for a company of his friends, all of whom pronounced the music as inspiring and full of life as in the long ago ere time had silvered his head with sifted sand or caused a quaver in the magic touch of his erstwhile string and dextrous arm.

Mr. Sherwood is not only a master of the violin, but plays almost equally as well a number of other instruments, both wind and stringed, and in 1861 he utilized his skill on the former kind by enlisting as a musician in the Twenty-first Indiana Infantry, taking the part of solo-alto in the regimental band and serving as such for a period of fourteen months. At the expiration of that time he returned home, but soon re-entered the service by joining the band of the Twenty-fourth Indiana Volunteers, with which he remained until detached from the service at Galveston, Texas, in November, 1865. While at the front he experienced considerable service aside from his regular duty as musician, frequently assisting in the removal of the wounded from the field during the progress of battle and it was while thus engaged that he received a painful wound which rendered him unfit for further active duty and led to his discharge at the date mentioned above. He was also employed at intervals in the larger cities to play for theaters, concerts and other public functions and in this way added very materially to the pay received from the government, besides mak-



ing many warm friends and earning well deserved popularity among his comrades and others with whom he mingled.

In point of continuous residence Mr. Sherwood is one of the older settlers of Greene county, having made this part of the state his place of abode since 1851, a period of fifty-seven years—1908. He recalls the time when the site of the present thriving city of Linton was nothing but a backwoods hamlet and remembers having shot and killed a deer in a small meadow which is now in the very heart of the town. He has not only seen the country grow to its present prosperous condition, but to the extent of his ability has contributed to the many changes that have taken place and been an actor in a number of enterprises that have made for the material advancement of the community and the general good of his fellow men. Believing in getting out of life all the pleasure and satisfaction in it, he has ever been an optimist and by habit of always looking on the bright side and endeavoring to make others happy, he refuses to grow old, being in his seventy-fifth year, as vigorous physically and mentally as many men of not much more than half his age. His life has been one of activity and usefulness and the many neighbors and acquaintances, who are proud to be numbered among his friends, unite in the wish that his days may yet be many.

William F. Sherwood, second son and third child of Daniel and Delilah Sherwood, was born April 24, 1824, in Washington county, Indiana, and there grew to maturity amid the stirring duties of farm life, attending at intervals in the meantime such schools as the country af-

forded. Although reared to agricultural pursuits, he did not find the vocation to his taste. Accordingly, at the age of twenty-two he entered the office of Dr. Charles Pearson, of Lavonia, and began the study of medicine, continuing under the direction of his preceptor two years, at the end of which time he opened an office at Linton and engaged in the practice of his profession. Dr. Sherwood located in this city in the year 1848, and from that time to 1873 devoted himself actively to the duties of his chosen calling, meeting with a large measure of success and achieving wide distinction as a skillful physician and surgeon. He belonged to the regular school of medicine and by diligent study kept in touch with the trend of professional thought, his services being frequently in demand at places remote from the field to which his practice was chiefly confined. His wife, whom he married in young manhood, was Catherine Ingersoll, whose birth occurred in Greene county, Indiana, in 1832, being the daughter of Peter and Triphena (Wines) Ingersoll, who were early settlers of the county and among its most highly esteemed residents. Dr. and Mrs. Sherwood became the parents of seven children, whose names were as follows: Charles Edward, of Linton; Benjamin M., a practicing physician of the same city; Dr. Elmer T., one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Greene county, whose sketch appears in this work; John W., a musician in the United States military service, now stationed in the Philippine Islands; Harrison I., a resident of Linton and a well known physician and surgeon; William, who died at the age of four years, and Triphena, wife of J. B. Terhune, one of the leading commission merchants of Indianapolis.

Dr. William F. Sherwood died March 16, 1873, in the prime of his life and usefulness, being only forty-nine years of age when called from the scene of his labors and triumphs. Mrs. Sherwood, a true wife and helpmeet and affectionate mother and most estimable lady of beautiful character, departed this life in the month of March, 1907. Dr. Sherwood entered the eighty-acre tract of land on which the South Linton mine is located and also owned, by purchase, the quarter section on which the Bon Ton mine was developed, besides having other holdings in the vicinity, among his possessions at different times being the land now occupied by the north half of Linton and a large tract near the town of Marco, in Stafford township, in all about seven hundred acres, much of which has increased greatly in value, especially the mineral lands, from which the owners have realized handsome fortunes. In 1881 the tract on which North Linton stands was sold for less than thirty dollars per acre, the lots there at the present time commanding as much as two hundred dollars a front foot, other of his estate having been disposed of at equally low figures. The doctor was public-spirited and took an active interest in the growth of Linton and frequently predicted that the town would eventually become an important business and industrial center as well as the seat of a thriving populace. He did all in his power to advance the interests of his fellow men and as a Republican wielded a strong influence in the political affairs of the county, but never desired to figure as a partisan or office-seeker. He seems to have foreseen with remarkable accuracy the future development of the vast mineral wealth in the Linton district, and for a number

of years was untiring in his efforts to secure railway facilities, so as to make possible the opening and operating of the mines which his judgment told him would some day do more for the town and county than any other enterprise, but unfortunately his death occurred just as many of his predictions were on the point of being fulfilled.

Personally, Dr. Sherwood was a companionable man who made friends wherever his professional or business engagements took him and no man stood higher in the esteem of the community or did more to render himself worthy of esteem. He was of commanding presence and dignified demeanor, medium height, somewhat portly and impressing all with whom he came in contact as a strong personality and natural leader of men. Full of animal life and in the best of health, he loved the outdoor sports, where he could come into contact with nature, being a true sportsman and finding his favorite recreation in the chase, having ridden with other fox hunters over the greater part of Greene and Sullivan counties in the pursuit of this exhilarating pastime. In early life Mrs. Sherwood was a Presbyterian, but later she united with the Methodist church and continued a consistent member of the same until her death. The doctor contributed liberally to all lines of charitable and benevolent work, never withholding from the deserving poor, or closing his heart or purse to the cry of affliction or distress. He was indeed a manly man, whose life was filled to repletion with good to his fellows and the memory of his many kindly deeds, together with a character and name to which time has only given additional luster, will ever be cherished by his descendants as a priceless heritage.

## WILLIAM ROUTT.

The first half of the nineteenth century was characterized by the immigration of the sterling element which made the great commonwealth of Indiana what it is. These pioneers were sturdy, heroic, upright, sincere folk, such as constitute the intrinsic strength of a state and give solidity to its institutions. It is hardly possible that in the future another such period can occur, or, indeed, any period in which such a solid phalanx of strong-minded, determined men and self-sacrificing women will take possession of a new country, develop its resources and lay broad and deep the foundation of an advanced and permanent state of civilization. Too careful or too frequent references cannot be made in the pages of history concerning those who have thus figured as founders and builders of a commonwealth, and equal credit is also due to the sturdy sons and daughters who, born and reared amid the stirring experiences of those heroic times, nobly assumed the burdens so borne by their predecessors and with patience and fortitude such as the world has seldom seen excelled, carried on the good work until what was under so many difficulties begun, was in due time most earnestly and triumphantly completed.

Among the sturdy pioneers to penetrate the wilderness of Indiana while the feet of the red men still pressed the soil, was John L. Routt, who, with his wife Mary (nee Keys) left his Kentucky home early in the last century and made his way through the forest to Washington county, Indiana, where, finding a location to his taste, he settled and opened a house for the accommodation of the

traveling public. He was a man of strong character and sterling worth and in addition to keeping one of the first hotels in the county was in due time elected to the important and responsible office of sheriff, the duties of which he discharged in an eminently satisfactory manner until his untimely death, which was caused by the explosion of a barrel of whisky in a distillery which he had just entered for the purpose of serving summons on certain witnesses there employed.

The influence exerted by this staunch pioneer, fearless official and high-minded citizen was second to that of none of his compeers, and his memory is still revered in the community which he assisted to found, and for the material advancement and moral good of which he did so much. He was public-spirited in the true sense of the term, took an active interest in the political affairs of Washington county and was long one of the trusted leaders of the Whig party in that part of the state. He was one of the founders and elder of the Presbyterian church, also largely instrumental in establishing other churches in the new country and to his efforts, especially, several Presbyterian organizations still in existence are indebted for their origin and the material support that during the early days made possible their continuance.

John L. and Mary Routt reared a family of six children, among whom was a son by the name of William Keys Routt, whose name furnishes the caption of this article and whose birth occurred at Patoka, Gibson county, Indiana, on May 27, of the year 1810. He was reared amid the stern experiences peculiar to the pioneer period in the counties of Gibson and Daviess, and during

the summer months devoted his time to such employments as were then common on the farm, the winter seasons being spent in the subscription schools, which he attended at intervals until his nineteenth year. To those early years under the tutelage of parents whose high ambition was to engraft upon the minds of their children such principles as would insure lives of honor and usefulness, Mr. Rountt was indebted for the integrity of character and honorable ambition that pre-eminently distinguished him as a citizen in all the walks of life. He early formulated plans for his future and by making the most of his opportunities became a well informed young man, whose moral training always kept pace with his mental development. When but nineteen years of age he started out to make his own fortune by purchasing a carding machine, which he located at Bloomfield and which he operated with encouraging success for a number of years, in the meantime starting a general store in connection with this enterprise. Finding that he could not profitably compete with the more improved methods of carding wool in the largest cities, he finally closed his establishment to devote his entire attention to merchandising, which branch of business he conducted with marked success for a period of thirty years, or until the state of his health obliged him to dispose of his stock and seek a less trying mode of life.

Disposing of his mercantile establishment in 1879 Mr. Rountt spent the ensuing five years in efforts to regain his former robust health, but the seeds of disease being freely implanted rendered unavailing all that medical skill and kind attention could do. On the 27th day

of February, 1884, the life of this noble man, and useful, high-minded citizen went out amid the sorrowing of an entire community in which for so many years his influence was felt for good, and throughout which, esteemed by many as a close personal friend and by all as a liberal benefactor.

Mr. Routt was married, January 27, 1848, to Esther J. Ferguson, who was born September 15, 1824, in Shelbyville, Kentucky, the daughter of William and Susan (Graves) Ferguson. The father of Mrs. Routt was for many years a successful farmer in southern Indiana in connection with which he also did quite an extensive trade in boating grain, pork, etc., on White and other rivers, shipping to New Orleans and intermediate points. It was while thus engaged that he fell victim to the cholera plague, dying at the town of Peola, on the Ohio river, after a brief but virulent attack of the dreaded disease, Mrs. Routt being about ten years old at the time of his demise. Mr. Ferguson was a man of considerable local prominence, and much more than ordinarily successful in the matter of worldly wealth, having accumulated a handsome estate, besides becoming one of the Whig leaders of the county in which he lived. He and his good wife were pious and consistent members of the Baptist church and spared no pains to implant the principles of religion and morality in the minds of their children, all of whom profited by the wholesome instruction they received.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Routt was blessed with four children, the oldest of whom, Mary, is the widow of the late Dr. S. C. Cravens, of Bloomfield, and



the mother of Dr. William R. Cravens, one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Greene county, whose sketch appears elsewhere in these pages. Fannie, the second daughter, married James S. Clark and at the present time lives in Louisville, Kentucky; George W., and Lulu, the two younger, being deceased.

In his political faith Mr. Routt was a Republican, and while ever interested in the leading issues of the times he never sought office or public honors, though amply qualified by nature and experience to fill any position within the gift of his fellow men. He held for some time the office of county commissioner, besides positions of minor importance, but his tastes and inclination always led him to the more quiet walks of life, where he found his chief source of delight as well as his greatest sphere of usefulness. When young he became identified with the Presbyterian church and his life was ever in harmony with the faith he professed, being true to the high ideal as laid down in the Holy Scriptures and exemplified in all of his relations with his fellow men. In matters of business he was eminently successful, though exceedingly prudent, and all of his dealings were characterized by the strict adherence to honor and integrity that mark the man who scorns to commit the smallest indiscretion and who always endeavors to keep his good name above reproach. In the accumulation of the handsome estate which he left, consisting of three farms containing four hundred and sixty acres and a beautiful home of twelve acres in the suburbs of Bloomfield, he was ably assisted by his good wife, who ever proved a true helpmeet, no small part of the comfortable competence attributable to

her judicious counsel, well balanced judgment and hearty co-operation in all the laudable undertakings in which his success was so signal and pronounced. For many years he was an active and influential member of the Masonic fraternity, having been one of the most regular attendants of the lodge to which he belonged and sincerely devoted to the beautiful and sublime principles of the order, which he held secondary only to his church relations. He was honored from time to time with official positions in the Bloomfield lodge, directed its affairs ably and satisfactorily and his death left a vacancy among the brotherhood in this city which is still considered in the nature of a personal loss. To epitomize the life and character of Mr. Routt within the limits assigned to a work of the character of this volume is impossible. The stalwart proportions of his living presence were realized in the void made by his lamented death. But less than most men intellectually and morally his equal does he need the voice of eulogy or fulsome panegyric for his works do follow him. He was an honored citizen of Bloomfield and Greene county, doing much in a quiet way to conserve their respective interests, and among his fellow men no one has been more intrinsically esteemed or honored. He held a prominent place in both public and private life and probably the community had never been called upon to mourn a more respected, highly-regarded citizen. A devoted husband, a loving father, a public-spirited, patriotic man of affairs, keen and sagacious in business, he is eminently entitled to especial mention among the representative citizens of his day and generation, and in his death there was removed one, who, in a

large measure, had honored his race and who will long be remembered for the good accomplished through his efforts.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Rount has resided in Bloomfield, where, in a beautiful cottage, surrounded by everything that can minister to her ease and comfort, in the midst of warm-hearted friends who are devoted to her interests and who seem to vie with each other in doing her honor, she is calmly passing the evening of a long and well-spent life in a retrospect of which there is little or nothing to regret, and the future of which is bright and promising, with an undying hope. With her sweet face and crown of silvery hair, her beautiful character and many amiable qualities of mind and heart, she forms a pleasing picture of happy, contented old age, which her many friends hope may long continue to bless and make better all with whom she comes in contact.

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### JOHN WILLIAM NEWSOM.

To such men as Mr. Newsom we turn with particular satisfaction as offering in their life histories justification for works of this nature. Not that their lives have been such as to gain them wide reputation or the admiring plaudits of men, but that they have been true to every relation of life, have shown such attributes of character as entitle them to the regard of all, and have been useful in their sphere of action.

John W. Newsom was born at Point Commerce,

Greene county, Indiana, August 23, 1851, the son of Andrew J. and Amy (Clark) Newsom, natives of North Carolina, Grandfather James Byron Newsom having moved from that state to this about 1831, when the subject's father, Andrew J., was about seven years old, settling in Greene county. Here he engaged in farming, rearing thirteen children, he and his wife, Celia, both dying here. James Byron Newsom was of Scotch descent. Grandfather Thomas Clark was also from North Carolina and settled in Greene county, Indiana, where he entered government land on which he spent the remainder of his life, dying at the age of seventy-three, having been survived a few years by his widow. Ira and Thomas Clark and Alvis Newsom, uncles of the subject, were soldiers in the Union army—Ira in the Thirteenth Indiana Battery, Thomas in the Fifty-ninth Regiment and Alvis in the Ninety-seventh Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, having all been honorably discharged.

The subject's father, Andrew J. Newsom attended school only three months and did not learn to read and write until after he married, when, however, he became an expert in figures. After spending his youth on his father's farm in Greene county, he bought a mill which he conducted until he purchased a farm in his native county and carried on general farming and stock raising, at one time being a large land owner, but met with financial reverses in 1873, handling pork. He died in 1884 at the age of sixty years, his widow dying several years later at the age of seventy-four years. They were both church members and they raised eight children, six of whom are now living.

John W. Newsom, the subject of this sketch, worked on the old home place and attended school until 1872, when he purchased a farm in his native county, which he successfully managed until he purchased his present fine farm in 1879. It was all timbered land at that time and consisted of four hundred acres, three hundred of which he has cleared and put in cultivation, the land now producing more per acre than when he first cleared it, as a result of his skillful management. The subject's principal work is in raising stock cattle and preparing hogs for the market. He formerly fed cattle, but now sells them off the grass, feeding all the corn he raises to his hogs, most of the farm being now in blue grass. At one time the subject owned seven hundred acres of land, but he disposed of three hundred acres some time ago. He has always shown rare judgment in agriculture and stock raising, but being particularly fortunate in handling cattle and hogs.

Mr. Newsom was united in marriage to Josephine Reynolds in 1875, his wife being the daughter of Isom and Margaret Reynolds, her father having been a native of North Carolina and her mother of Kentucky. They came to Owen county, Indiana, where they farmed and spent their lives and where the subject's wife was born.

Seven children have been born to the subject and wife, as follows: Buera Blanche died at the age of twenty-two years; Everett E. is married and living on a farm of his own in Greene county; Stella B. is the wife of Lewis Moore, of Greene county, and the mother of two children; John Q. is married and living in Chicago, where he is employed as salesman, and he has one child;

Elexis Wayne is doing clerical work in Indianapolis; Reed McKinley is living at home and working on his father's farm; Elsie L. is the wife of Otis Turley and lives in Linton.

Mr. Newsom is a Republican in his political beliefs and is widely and favorably known throughout the county, enjoying the esteem and respect of a great circle of friends.

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#### LEVI MOSS PRICE.

This venerable and honorable citizen of Greene county well deserves definite recognition in a work of the province assigned to the one in hand. The history of the county and his biography are very much one and the same thing and for much of its growth and prosperity it is indebted to him. He has been one of its enterprising laborers and wise counselors. A western man in the broad sense of the term he has realized the needs of the people and with clear brain and strong hand has supplied the demand generously and unsparingly. Few men of the county are as widely and favorably known, none stand higher in the esteem of his acquaintances; for to him is accorded unqualified confidence and regard in the locality which has so long been honored by his citizenship.

Levi M. Price is one of the oldest of Greene county's native sons, over seventy-two years having elapsed since he first saw the light of day in the humble cabin home which his father established in the wilderness of what is now Stockton township. His parents, Aquilla and Hul-

dah (Wright) Price, natives, respectively, of Kentucky and Tennessee, were among the first settlers to locate within the present bounds of Greene county, and Levi M., whose birth occurred on April 16th of the year 1836, was reared amid the rugged duties and stern vicissitudes of a comparatively new and undeveloped country. He is the eighth in a family of nine children, the majority of whom grew to maturity, their names being as follows: Josiah, Eusebia, Wesley, John, Cornelius, Fenlon, Benjamin and Sarah. The Prices have been representative in the western part of Greene county for more than three quarters of a century, but at the present time (1908) Levi M. and his brother Benjamin are the only survivors of the once large and happy circle that gathered around the domestic hearthstone, the parents and all but two of the deceased children being buried in the family cemetery at Linton. Benjamin Price, who was born in this county seventy-four years ago, has been actively and prominently identified with the varied interests of the community, being a man of high standing and wide influence, in whom the characteristics of his family have been reproduced to a marked degree.

The sons assisted their father in clearing up and improving a large and valuable farm, which, in the course of time, passed from their possession into the hands of strangers, by whom it is now held. Young Levi contributed his share to the removal of the forest growth and the cultivation of the soil, and grew up to the full stature of well developed manhood with a true conception of the dignity of labor and while yet a mere boy began laying his plans for the future. Such educational advantages as

the county afforded were his, but at the best they were meager and limited, being confined to a few months' attendance each winter at the little log school house, whose floor was composed of puncheons and split planks, the windows greased paper in lieu of glass, while a mammoth fire-place, which occupied the greater part of one end of the building, afforded the means of making the interior comfortable during the bitterly cold days of winter.

For some years after settling in the new country the elder Price was obliged to haul wheat from Stockton township to Louisville, Kentucky, a distance considerably in excess of a hundred miles, where he obtained the munificent sum of thirty-seven cents per bushel and deemed himself exceedingly fortunate if the price always reached that figure. The nearest market for live stock was Vincennes, forty miles away, and thither he and his sons drove such cattle and hogs as he had for sale, content with such prices as the buyers saw fit to offer. Everybody lived in the conventional log cabins of the period, neighbors were few and far between, but the mutual dependence of the settlers upon each other gave rise to a community of interests which brought about a state of friendship and good feeling never since exceeded. The labor involved in making homes under such conditions was not unequally divided between the sexes. While men built the cabins, cleared away the forests, cultivated the soil, harvested the crops, etc., the good wife and mother found her duties no less numerous and arduous. In addition to the preparing and cooking of the food, milking cows, making their own soap, etc., they washed, picked and carded the wool, spun the thread and wove



the coarse cloth of which much of their wearing apparel was made; sometimes flax was intermixed with the wool, the combination making a strong and durable fabric which stood the wear and tear of rough usage for many years.

The youth of the subject of this review, passed under such experiences as those referred to not only made a deep and lasting impression upon his mind but had much to do toward developing the spirit of self-reliance and sturdy, manly independence by which his life has ever been characterized. As already indicated, he grew to manhood strong in body and determined in his purposes to make the most of such opportunities as presented themselves.

In due time he turned his attention to the ancient and honorable vocation of agriculture, which he prosecuted with such energy and well directed judgment that he finally became not only one of the leading farmers of his township, but also took high rank as an enterprising and influential citizen. When the dark cloud of war overspread the national horizon his patriotic fervor was aroused to responsive action, and in August, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, Fifty-ninth Indiana Infantry, in which he served until the close of the rebellion, first in the department of the Mississippi under General Grant and subsequently under General Sherman in the Tennessee, Georgia and Carolina campaigns.

Mr. Price participated in all the campaigns and battles in which his command was engaged, taking part in the siege and reduction of Vicksburg, the numerous actions at and in the vicinity of Atlanta, after which he ac-

accompanied his regiment on the celebrated march to the sea, thence up through the Carolinas and Virginia to the national capital, where he took part in the grand review which marked the terminus of the greatest struggle in the annals of warfare.

Returning home at the expiration of his term of service Mr. Price resumed farming and stock raising, and as already stated, soon forged to the front as one of the leading agriculturists of Greene county, which reputation he has ever since sustained. At this time he owns a beautiful estate of four hundred acres of highly improved land, the greater part underlaid with an inexhaustible quantity of the finest coal to be found in the Indiana fields, thus affording a source of wealth practically incalculable. He resided on this farm until October, 1906, when he removed to a beautiful and commodious modern home in Linton, since which time he has managed his agricultural and live stock interests from the latter place; he also operated a coal shaft on his farm from which were produced large quantities of the high grade coal for which this section of the state is noted, this enterprise proving remarkably successful and adding very much, materially, to the liberal income of which he is the recipient, though about 1897 he leased his mining property on royalty basis, since which time the coal mined has paid approximately \$200 per acre. Of recent years his farm has been largely devoted to grazing and in addition to the breeding and raising of cattle he also buys and ships quite extensively, at this time being one of the largest and most successful stock men in this part of the state.

Mr. Price, on October 27, 1857, was united in marriage with Margaret J. Hail, daughter of Martin and Phoebe Hail, parents native of Virginia and Kentucky respectively, and among the early pioneers of Greene county, their arrival antedating by some years that of the Price family. Mr. and Mrs. Hail had nine children, of whom five are living at the present time, viz.: Charlotte, Lavica Ann, Margaret Jane, Nathan Talbot and Arminda Maria, all married, three residing in Indiana, one in Illinois and one in the state of Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Price have one son and three daughters living, and one daughter and two sons deceased. Elizabeth M. and Arlington died at the age of three years; Hattie Eusebia is the wife of Dr. E. T. Sherwood, of Linton; Jennie Lind married Peter Schlott, a resident of Linton, as is also C. T. Sherwood, the present postmaster, whom Pearl, the next daughter, married; Cossia, now deceased, was the wife of Walter Wills, of Linton, and the son, I. O. Price, who is noticed at more length elsewhere in these columns.

Mr. Price has always been a staunch and uncompromising Republican, but has never held office nor sought public preferment. He and his wife have been life-long members of the Methodist Episcopal church, being deeply interested in all lines of religious and benevolent work, under the auspices of the local organization with which they are identified, and liberal contributors to the support of the Gospel at home and abroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Price have made it their custom to spend the winters of the past eleven or twelve years in Florida enjoying a well-earned respite from the worries

of home life and the vigors of northern winters. For more than fifty years they have traveled the pathway of life hand in hand in that congeniality of temperament so essential to happy married life.

Their splendid home in Linton is the mecca of hospitality and congeniality. After a lifetime spent amid the scenes of new country and its development, in close contact with hard and vigorous labors, they are now enjoying the fruits of their early industry and frugality and are rated among the wealthy people of the community. They are the friends of humanity and everybody loves them.

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### JOHN F. SLINKARD.

The spirit of modern business demands big men: men who represent the highest instinct of business development; men whose shoulders have been broadened by the weight of business responsibility; men whose minds have been mellowed by business experience.

Among the many men in southern Indiana whose executive talents and business sagacity have gained for them distinction, stands John F. Slinkard, of Bloomfield, long recognized as a leader in every movement demanding organization and individual initiative. A man of broad intellectual attainments, indomitable energy and the highest character, he is a man of commanding influence in his community. In every position of life he typifies the highest citizenship. The success he has attained is the result of wisely directed energy, prudent industry

and conscientious endeavor. Progressive and public-spirited in all matters pertaining to the public welfare, he takes an active interest in the advancement of his county, and readily lends his time and influence to aid in the material prosperity of his community.

Mr. Slinkard was born in Cass township, Greene county, Indiana, November 16, 1849, the son of Andrew B. and Sarah (O'Neil) Slinkard, likewise natives of Greene county. His grandparents on both sides were natives of North and South Carolina, the maiden name of his grandmother being Anna Chanler. Andrew B. Slinkard, his father, was engaged in the mercantile business at Newberry for a period of fifteen years, although he spent the major part of his life on a farm. He was twice married. John F. Slinkard was born of the first union, as were two other children, of which the subject of this sketch is one and A. P. Slinkard is another. Mary A., the third child, is deceased. The father became well-to-do before his death, and is remembered as a good citizen and kindly neighbor. He was active in church work, having been a member of the Lutheran church. Both he and his wife died while living on the farm.

John F. Slinkard was reared on the parental farm and attended the common schools in his native community. This education was supplemented with a course in a commercial college at Vincennes, Indiana, from which institution he graduated in 1867. The next ten years was spent in his father's store at Newberry, and here he learned the rudiments of business. In the year 1878 he was elected clerk of Greene county on the Democratic

ticket, and served a term of four years, performing his official duties with signal ability and honor to his constituents. He declined a nomination for a second term and returned to his farm in Cass township, where he remained until March, 1900, when he removed to Bloomfield and where he has since resided.

Mr. Slinkard, in 1900, was one of the organizers and directors of the Home Telephone Company, of which he became general manager. He was the moving spirit of this company, and much of its success was due to his sound judgment and tireless energy. In 1905 he organized the Union Jack Company, a corporation engaged in the manufacture and sale of a patented lifting jack which has an international sale. Mr. Slinkard is president of this company, which is on a strong financial basis and does an extensive business.

Mr. Slinkard was married to Caroline Williamson, of Washington township, Greene county, Indiana, January 1, 1873, who bore him six children, four of whom are living. These are Oscar P. Slinkard, of Bloomfield, general manager of the Home Telephone Company; Harry K. Slinkard, of Linton, an electrician with great experience and ability; Cyrus L. Slinkard, of Bloomfield, a coal operator, and Miss Nellie M. Slinkard, also of Bloomfield. This wife died in September, 1879, and on December 9, 1903 he was married to Anna Deist, a native of Nashville, Brown county, Indiana, who is a graduate of the State Normal School of Terre Haute, and for some years before her marriage was a very successful and well known teacher in the public schools at Elwood, Indiana.

The subject's fraternal obligations are with the Elks and his religious faith is cast with the Lutheran church, of which he is a member. Mrs. Slinkard is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Slinkard is a progressive Democrat and his advice is often sought in the councils of his party. He is a loyal and enthusiastic worker, standing always for the best in public life and an avowed enemy to duplicity and dishonesty in all its forms.

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#### JOHN A. TEMPLETON.

The stanch integrity and marked pragmatic ability of the Scotch type are almost proverbial, and these attributes are manifest in the character of this well known and representative citizen of Greene county, where he is numbered among the successful business men of Linton, in which section of the county he has long been a superintendent of mines and an extensive property owner. Mr. Templeton was born in the famous old district of Ayershire, Scotland, June 28, 1860, the son of Robert and Mary (Alexander) Templeton, both natives of the land of Bobbie Burns. The father was a miner who came with his family to America in 1881, and after a three months' stay returned to his native heath, leaving the subject behind, who, in 1885, sent for his parents, and they established their home at Cordonia, Clay county, afterwards moving to Harmony, where the subject's father was killed in Watson's No. 1 shaft, February 10,

1886. The mother returned to Scotland the same year and joined her husband in the land of eternal rest on December 10, 1899. They were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject was the second in the order of birth. One brother and one sister live in America, Robert being weighman at the mine in which the subject is superintendent, and the sister, Mrs. Nesbitt, resides in New York City. Three brothers and one sister are living in the old country.

John A. Templeton applied himself assiduously to his studies while attending school in his native country and received a very serviceable and practical education, considering the time he was in school, having begun mining when scarcely ten years old, which profession he has made his life work, mastering all its details until he is perhaps one of the best informed and thoroughly experienced mine superintendents in the county, spending the past twenty-six years in this line of work, having been in his present position, superintendent of the Coal Bluff Mining Company, for the past twelve years, which is certainly a criterion that he is a man of indispensable value to that concern, his employers all this time having been the J. Smith-Talley Company, of Terre Haute. As superintendent of his company's holdings, Mr. Templeton has under his jurisdiction about five hundred men, whom he handles with the greatest satisfaction to all concerned. He has been very successful in his life work, now owning considerable stock in the Templeton or Ferin mines. He is also superintendent for the Wabash mine at West Terre Haute; also owns stock in the Linton Rolling Mill. Ten years ago he built a large and handsome dwelling in



Linton, where he has resided for the past eighteen years. He is a thoroughly practical, painstaking and honest business man, having the sagacity to do the right thing at the right time and wrench success out of apparent impossibility.

Our subject was united in marriage with Siloam J. Penna, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Penna, and a sister of P. P. Penna, secretary and treasurer of the Bituminous Coal Operators' Association of Indiana. Mrs. Templeton was born in Cornwall, England and came to America with her parents in 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Templeton have a family of seven children, named as follows: Robert A., Charles N., Cecil Edwin, Mary Elizabeth, Ethel Lillian, Philip H. and Flora Isabel.

Faternally Mr. Templeton is a member of the Linton lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In political views he is a pronounced Prohibitionist and has always been a radical advocate of the principles of temperance and sobriety. It is such characteristics as these which he has manifested throughout his active business career, social and home life that has won the esteem and admiration of all who have come to know Mr. Templeton, and he and his family are among the most favorably known citizens of Linton.

