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CHAPTER XII.

BUTLER TOWNSHIP.

SITUATION.—GEOGRAPHY AND TOPOGRAPHY.—ORGANIZATION.
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CONSTABLES AND TRUSTEES.—SOMETHING OF ABRAHAM
FAIR, A PIONEER.—POPULATION.—PROPERTY AND TAXA-
TION.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.—BIOGRAPHICAL.

Lying in the extreme southwestern corner of De Kalb County is Butler Township. It is bounded on the north by Keyser Township, on the east by Jackson, on the south by Perry Township, Allen County, and on the west by Swan Township, Noble County. It is well watered by Cedar Creek in the eastern part and the Little Cedar and the Black in the western part. Two railroads traverse it,—the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific, and the Michigan Southern,—both running southwest and northeast. Thus the farmers have three shipping points—Cedar Creek on the Wabash, and New Era and St. John on the Michigan Southern. Garrett, the nearest trading town, is only two miles from its north line. The soil is generally rich, and the township is advancing to the front as an agricultural and stock raising section.

The first regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners was held Sept. 4, 5 and 6, 1837, attended by the full board. On the second day's session they "ordered that the congressional township 33 north, range 12 east, be and it is hereby organized as a civil township, to be known by the name of Butler Township." It was also resolved "that Andrew Surface be appointed Supervisor for the road district No. 1, comprising the whole of Butler Township, and all the hands in said township shall be assigned to the same district." The first election was afterward appointed for the first Monday in April, 1838, at the house of Robert Work. As thus organized, Butler was six miles square; and it remained that large until 1876, when twelve sections were taken from its northern side, toward the new

township of Keyser—thus reducing Butler to its present dimensions, four miles by six, or twenty-four sections.

The pioneers of Butler Township were Peter Fair and his sons Charles and Abraham (Peter Fair was Chairman of the first Board of Commissioners of De Kalb County, and held the position for several years), Charles Crouse, George De Long, and the Surface family, Andrew, and his sons Jacob and John. The year 1835 witnessed their permanent settlement, although they came in the fall previous with a wagon and two spans of horses, and built their cabins. They had to cut their own road from 'Squire Caswell's, in Allen County, beyond Hunteertown, five miles, to the place where they settled; and also a considerable part of the way from Fort Wayne, as the track was too narrow and crooked for a four-horse team. Later in the same year Lewis Holbrook, Lyman Holbrook, Joseph Stroup, Henry Miller and Michael Miller moved into the township. In the spring of 1836 the population was increased by the arrival of William Surface, John Gregg and James Bell. Sanford Bassett, now of Waterloo, came to the township in 1838, and John Noel, John C. Clark, John Embry and Henry Fair came in 1839. George Ensley, of Auburn, came to make his home in Butler in 1841. Among other families who are identified with the progress of the township are the Moodys, Works, Ensleys and Hoffmans.

The first Justice of the Peace, elected in April, 1838, was William Day, and George Ensley was the next. In 1841 the first church built in this county was erected on the farm of Robert Work, and that relic of a former generation yet stands on the hill. It was built by the Methodist Episcopal denomination,—which is the pioneer religious organization in almost every locality. A log church building was erected near the same site at an early day by the Lutherans. The first Sabbath-school was organized by O. C. Clark, then a young man.

The Justices of the Peace of Butler Township prior to 1860 were William Day, Silas Hand, George Monroe, George Ensley, Wm. McAnnally, Job C. Smith, G. R. Hoffman, O. C. Clark, E. S. Hanson.

Early Constables were Stephen Clark, Abram Brown, William Young, Peter Simons, Uriah Wigent, David Trussell, James Forbes, Jehu Bricker, James McAnnally, R. B. Showers, John Noel, Martin Bilger.

The Trustees for the first few years were Jacob Shull, C. Probst, Henry Clark, I. N. Young, P. Simons, John Grube, J. V. Keran, George Monroe, George Ensley, Uriah Wigent, S. Hutchins, J. Clark, G. R. Hoffman, Daniel Hoffman, George Gordon, James Goetschius.

"Pioneer Sketches" contains some reminiscences in regard to Butler Township, from which we extract:

"Abraham Fair (one of the eight first settlers who came in October, 1834) is our informant. 'Our plan,' says he, 'was to come out, build cabins, make a little beginning, and then return to our old homes in Montgomery County, Ohio, to winter, and bring on the family in the spring. We brought provisions enough with us to last until our return, excepting meat—calculating to kill deer enough to supply that. In this, however, we were mistaken. We found deer quite scarce in those woods that fall. One day, Andrew Surface found a hollow tree (on Black Creek, where Peter Simons' ashery now stands) filled with honey, into which a bear had gnawed a hole and helped himself to as much as he wanted. On cutting the tree we found what was left of Bruin's dinner, six gallons of honey. The first fair day after this, we found two bee trees, cut them, and took the honey. We eight had all the honey we wanted for twenty days (and had little to eat except bread and honey), and on returning to Montgomery County we had twenty-one gallons of strained honey left.'

"We will interrupt 'Uncle Abraham' in his narrative to remark that when it is remembered that it was in Butler Township that Wesley Park and Joseph Miller lay out in the woods on a rainy night with 'new milk fresh from the cow' for their entire bill of fare, surely it might be said that Butler was 'a land flowing with milk and honey.'

"But let us hear Uncle Abraham's 'coon story'—wish I could tell it on paper as he did orally—with his expressive jovial countenance and an occasional interlude in the form of a hearty laugh—wish I could, but I can't. 'After finding the bee trees,' says he, 'Andrew Surface found a hollow tree with two "coons" in, and cutting them out, he brought them to our shanty. We took the hides off and hung the meat out in the frost over night, and in the morning, Charley Crouse, who was our cook, prepared them for our breakfast. Being rather meat hungry, we all ate heartily of them, except John Surface, who

declared he would starve first—though he ate some of the gravy. After breakfast we all went at cutting and hewing logs and making clapboards for William Surface's cabin. John and I went to sawing a large oak for clapboards. John didn't pull the saw very strongly. "Ah," said I to him, "you didn't eat coon, or you could have sawed better."

" 'Presently he thought the saw went too hard and that he must have the iron wedge from the shanty to drive in the kerf. My father, Peter Fair, was lying in the shanty, and John supposed he was asleep. So he went to the skillet where there was a quarter of a coon left from breakfast, and taking off the lid, he took up the meat; and after smelling it awhile, applied his teeth and stripped the bone in short meter. All this time my father lay pretending to be asleep, but struggling to keep from laughing. When John returned and took hold of the saw again, I remarked to him that he must have either been eating coon or smelling of it, he pulled so much stronger. When Crouse went in to cook dinner my father told the joke; and it was some time before John heard the last of the coon story.' "

" 'I was twenty-two years of age,' continued Uncle Abraham, 'when I moved into the township, twenty-four years ago. I then weighed 160 pounds, and my wife 140. Now (1859) I weigh 210, and my wife 200. We have had eleven children born in the township, and nine are still living. In the twenty-four years I have not lost as many hours by sickness. I am now six feet four and a half inches high, and there never has been cleared land enough in De Kalb County to throw me down on. I still live on the farm where I first settled, and have never moved but once—from one part of my farm to another.' "

Butler has a population by the last census (1880) of 778, or 32.4 to the square mile. In 1870 it had 1,209, but it was then fifty per cent. larger territorially. The rate of taxation for 1884 is \$1.51; the poll tax, \$1.25; number of acres of land assessed, 15,279.18; value of lands, \$306,670; value of improvements, \$50,395; value of lands and improvements, \$357,065; value of lots, \$482; value of improvements, \$2,260; value of lots and improvements, \$2,742; value of personal property, \$70,840; total value of taxables, \$430,647; number of polls, 143; total amount of taxes levied, \$6,753.29. The valuation per capita is \$521.79. The number of children of school age is 234.

In 1881 it had 2,711 acres in wheat, producing 27,110 bushels, or 10 bushels to the acre; 1,438 acres in corn, producing 57,360 bushels, an average of 40 bushels to the acre on upland, and 50 bushels on bottom land; 430 acres in oats, producing 10,750 bushels, or 25 bushels to the acre; 417 acres of meadow, producing, at the rate of a ton an acre, approximately, 417 tons; 92 acres of potatoes, producing 2,576 bushels, or 28 bushels to the acre.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

William Cornell, deceased, was born in Carroll County, Md., Jan. 14, 1813, a son of Smith and Mary Cornell. The former died in Maryland, and the latter in Nebraska. He was reared in his native State and there married. In 1850 he came with his wife and five children to Indiana, making the trip with wagons. He bought eighty acres of land in Butler Township, DeKalb County, a part of which was cleared, and four years later bought eighty acres more. Of this land he made a good farm, residing on it till his death. When he came to Indiana he had \$300 in money, and his team, wagon and household goods. He and his wife went bravely to work, and the farm is now one of the best in the county. He was a man of firm, upright principles, and won the confidence and respect of all who knew him. He was an exemplary member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Cornell died Feb. 16, 1882. Mrs. Cornell resides on the old homestead. Of the seven children born to them, five are living—W. H. H., Benjamin F., Sebastian H., Winfield S. and Ellen V., wife of Stephen Surfis. Two sons were soldiers in the war of the Rebellion—W. H. H. and Benjamin F. Both enlisted in Company K, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry. At Shiloh Benjamin received a slight wound, and at Mission Ridge a severe one. He veteranized and served till the close of the war.

W. H. H. Cornell, son of William and Mary M. Cornell, was born in Maryland in 1840, and was ten years of age when his parents moved to Indiana, and has helped to bring Butler Township to its present state of cultivated farms from a state of timber and wild land. He now owns a good farm of forty acres, all well improved. In 1861 he enlisted in Company K, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, and was soon sent to the front. He participated in the battles of Shiloh and siege of Corinth, Perryville, Stone River, and others of less note. He served three years, receiving an honorable discharge. Mr. Cornell

was married in 1870 to Eliza Timberlain, daughter of Isaac Timberlain, an old settler of Butler Township. They have two children—Perry B. and Jesse O. In his political views Mr. Cornell adheres to the faith of his father, and is a staunch Republican. He has served as Constable of his township a year and a half. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

D. W. Fair, the eldest son and second child of Abraham and Christena (DeLong) Fair, was born in Butler Township, De Kalb County, Ind., Aug. 9, 1838. His boyhood was passed on the farm, where he early learned the practical part of agriculture. He obtained a good education in the district school, and after leaving school assisted his father till twenty-three years of age, when Nov. 20, 1861, he was married to Irene Perry, who was born in Noble County, Ind., Oct. 6, 1841, a daughter of Oliver and Mary (Francis) Perry. After his marriage he settled on the farm where he has since resided, which contains ninety-two acres of choice land, the greater part of which he has cleared and improved. He has been successful, and has won the confidence of his fellow-townsmen, and by them has been elected to several offices of trust. Mr. and Mrs. Fair have eight children—Perry W., Carlton G., Aldrainie, Caroline, Vinnie M., Wells, Mary and Fay. Politically Mr. Fair is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren church, and are earnest workers in all departments of their church.

Abraham Fair, second son of Peter Fair, was born in Frederick County, Md., in 1815. In 1827 his parents moved to Montgomery County, Ohio, and there he grew to manhood and was married in the winter of 1835 to Christena De Long. Immediately after his marriage he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on Section 33, Butler Township, where he had previously entered 160 acres of land. He built a small cabin, and cleared and improved his land, adding to his first entry till he owned 313 acres. He was an energetic and successful business man. When he first came to the county his nearest neighbor was three miles distant. He helped to build the first house in Auburn, a dwelling for Wesley Park, in which the first court was afterward held. Politically he was a Whig till the organization of the Republican party, with which he afterward affiliated. He and his wife joined the Methodist church in their young days, and have been among the most earnest workers in its

ranks. Mr. Fair died in February, 1867. Mrs. Fair is living at Auburn, aged sixty-eight years. To them were born twelve children, nine of whom are living—Barbara, E. W., Matilda, William, James, Calvin, Mary, Alice and Laura. The deceased are—Charles Irwin, (twin brother of D.W.), Henrietta and Jane. Mr. Fair's father came with his family to De Kalb County in 1835, and met with the first Board of County Commissioners July 28, 1837. He was widely known and was recognized as a man of good judgment and executive ability. He was a successful farmer and accumulated a large property. He and his wife were members of the German Reformed church.

William A. Feagler was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, Feb. 13, 1840, a son of Henry and Rebecca (Wyrick) Feagler, natives of Ohio, his father of Warren County and his mother of Montgomery County. In the spring of 1837, Henry Feagler, then a single man, came with his brother Joshua and his brother-in-law, Jacob Wyrick, to De Kalb County, Ind., and entered land in Richland Township. Soon after entering his land he returned to Ohio, where he was married and remained till the fall of 1847, when he returned to Indiana and settled in Jackson Township. He was a man of fair education and possessed those strong forces of mind and character that made him prominent among his fellow citizens. In 1860 he was elected to the Legislature on the Republican ticket, serving one term, and also an extra session during the war. He took considerable interest in local affairs, and wrote an account of his recollections of the early settlement of De Kalb County. To him and his wife were born eight children—William A., Susanna, John, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Lorena, Henry and Joshua. Mr. Feagler died June 14, 1881, aged about sixty-five years. His wife died April 13, 1882, aged sixty-seven years. William A. Feagler remained on the farm with his parents till manhood, receiving his education in the district schools. In August, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Thirteenth Indiana Infantry, and was appointed leader of the Regimental Band. They were soon sent to the front, and assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Stone River and Chickamauga. At the latter place, Sept. 21, 1863, he was captured, and was confined in Libby Prison, Danville, Va., Andersonville, and Florence, S. C., till Dec. 8, 1864. Before his capture he weighed 180 pounds, and when released, 100 pounds.

He was discharged at Indianapolis, Jan. 26, 1865, and returned to Indiana, and located on the home farm, remaining there till 1871, when he moved to his present farm in Butler Township, which contains sixty-three acres of good land, well cultivated, and with good improvements. Mr. Feagler was married June 27, 1867, to Eliza Whetsel. They have five children—Ella, James C., Le Roy, Orvie, and Ted. Politically, Mr. Feagler is a Republican.

Rev. William Finney, pastor of the German Baptist church, Butler Township, was born in Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1847. His parents died when he was a child, and he has no knowledge or remembrance of them. His early life till fifteen years of age was spent with kind friends in Fort Wayne, and he obtained a good education in the public schools. In 1863 he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Indiana Infantry, and was actively engaged till the close of the war. He participated in the engagements at Kenesaw Mountain, Resaca, Buzzard's Roost, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Pulaski, Columbia, Franklin, Nashville, Kingston, and others less noted. He was discharged at Charlotte, N. C., in 1865. Returning to Fort Wayne, he attended school part of the next winter, and then went West, visiting Kansas, Colorado, Dakota, Wyoming and Utah; was engaged in the survey of the Union Pacific Railroad a portion of the time. In 1869 he returned to Indiana and followed agricultural pursuits near Hunterstown till 1875, when he was ordained a minister in the German Baptist church, and has since devoted his time to the churches of Allen and De Kalb counties. Mr. Finney was married July 4, 1869, to Almira E., daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah Gump. They have seven children—Lawrence, Delbert, Francis M., Jeremiah C., Henry, Sarah and Mary (twins).

Jared F. Housel was born in Farmington, Trumbull Co., Ohio, Sept. 6, 1836, a son of Absalom and Rhoda (Allen) Housel. When he was eleven years of age his parents moved to Wells County, Ind., where he grew to manhood. In 1857 he removed to De Kalb County, where he followed farming till after the breaking out of the Rebellion. Sept. 25, 1861, he enlisted in Company K, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, and the following December was sent to the front and assigned to the Army of the Tennessee. At the battle of Shiloh he was wounded in the right thigh, and lay in the hospital at Evansville, Ind., till Nov.

29, 1862, when he was discharged and returned home. After his recovery he resumed agricultural pursuits, and has since lived in Butler Township. He has been Postmaster of De Kalb since 1882, and has held several minor offices of trust in the township. In 1864 he was married to Drucilla C., daughter of Michael and Rebecca (Ott) Reeve. They have one son, Elzie E. Mr. and Mrs. Housel are members of the United Brethren church. Politically, he is a Republican.

Jesse Jackson, deceased, was among the first settlers of Butler Township. He was born in Monmouth, N. J., in 1795, a son of Benjamin Jackson, of English descent. He was reared on a farm, receiving a limited education in the common schools. When a young man he went to New York, and was there married about 1815 to Edith Smith. In 1833 he moved to Hillsdale County, Mich., and in 1837 to DeKalb County, Ind., and settled in the southwest corner of Butler Township, entering 120 acres of land from the Government. He built a small cabin, and began clearing his farm, which he made his home the rest of his life. He and his wife were members of the Society of Hicksite Friends, and devout adherents to the faith. He was successful in his business enterprises, and was widely known, and had many friends who appreciated his manly character and sterling integrity. To him and his wife were born eleven children—Hiram S., Sallie G., Mercy, Mary, Harriet, Amos, Levi, Drusilla, Hannah, Walter and Myron W., the latter two born in DeKalb County. Mrs. Jackson died in 1857, aged fifty-eight years. Mr. Jackson died Aug. 25, 1868.

Levi Jackson, third son and seventh child of Jesse and Edith (Smith) Jackson, was born in New York, Sept. 13, 1829. Before he was eight years old his parents moved to the wilds of Indiana, and his education was limited to the primitive schools of the early pioneer times, and he did not have free access to even these, as his services were required on the farm. He remained with his parents till his majority, and then began to work for himself, and for eleven years ran a threshing machine in connection with farming. He now has a fine farm of 144 acres, which is well improved, and has a good residence and farm buildings. He was married July 3, 1851, to Johanna M., daughter of Robert Knott, who was born March 16, 1828. She died Nov. 13, 1872, leaving three children—Juliette, Gill, and Levi M. Dec. 14, 1873, Mr. Jackson married Martha L.,

daughter of Jacob S. and Hannah S. (Weldon) Thomas. They have one son, Delbert D. A twin brother of Delbert died in infancy. In religious belief Mr. Jackson is a Universalist. Politically he is a Democrat. He has served two years as Assessor of Butler Township.

Robert Knott, deceased, one of the old and well-known citizens of DeKalb County, was born in Pennsylvania June 22, 1801. He was married in Crawford County, Ohio, to Elizabeth Gill. In the spring of 1845 he came to Indiana and bought 348 acres of land on section 23, Butler Township, DeKalb County; built a cabin, and the following fall moved his family, at that time consisting of his wife and six children, to his frontier home. He was an energetic, enterprising man, and accumulated considerable property. Public-spirited and liberal, he was often called on to contribute to objects of public interest and charity, and every worthy enterprise received his patronage. He and his wife were exemplary members of the Protestant Methodist church, and liberal supporters of all its interests. Mrs. Knott died May 26, 1877, aged seventy years, and Mr. Knott Dec. 8, 1879. They had a family of eleven children—Joannah, Mary, Henry H., Adams, Martha, Catherine, S. M., Joseph, Sarah E., Cordelia W., and Francelia. Catherine and Joseph died in Ohio. Politically Mr. Knott was a Republican.

S. M. Knott, son of Robert and Elizabeth (Gill) Knott, was born in Crawford County, Ohio, in 1841. He received his elementary education in the district schools and later attended the higher institutions of learning. He was reared on a farm in DeKalb County, and since arriving at man's estate has given his attention to agricultural pursuits. He owns a good farm of 157½ acres in Butler Township, which is under a good state of cultivation, and his buildings are commodious and in good repair. Mr. Knott was married in 1872 to Miss Roxanna Parker. They have five children—Robert D., Fred. W., Flint D., Lena M. and an infant. Mr. Knott is a member of DeKalb Lodge No. 214, F. and A. M. Politically, he is a Democrat. He is an influential man in his township, and is serving his second year as Trustee.

Paul Lung, retired farmer, is the oldest living resident of Butler Township. He was born in Champaign County, Ohio, in December, 1810, a son of John and Susanna (Pence) Lung, natives of Shenandoah County, Va. When he was about ten

years of age his father died, and he was bound out to serve till he was twenty-one. Having to toil early and late for a hard taskmaster, he had no educational advantages. He was married Jan. 12, 1832. In 1841 he came with his wife and four children to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled where he now lives in Butler Township. He bought 160 acres of wild land, paying \$4.33 an acre, on which he built a small cabin, and after getting his family settled, went to work to improve his land, which took years of patient toil. He now has a pleasant home where he has lived forty-four years, and from a wilderness has seen the country develop into farms and villages. He added to his first purchase till he owned 230 acres, but has reduced his farm to 150 acres. He is purely a self-made man, and has made the greater part of his money in De Kalb County, having but about \$200 when he first came to Indiana. He was a natural mechanic, and worked at the carpenter's trade a portion of the time after coming to the county. Deer and other wild animals were plenty, and he was one of the best marksmen in the county. He has always been a Democrat, casting his first vote for Andrew Jackson. He has held the office of Supervisor several years, always discharging his duties in a conscientious and impartial manner. His wife died June 20, 1884, aged seventy-three years, three months and thirteen days. They had a family of seven children; but four are living—Serena, wife of O. C. Clark; Elizabeth, Henry A., and George W. Barbara, wife of George Ott, Anna, wife of Peter Fair, and John, are deceased. Mr. Lung has been a member of the Lutheran church forty years. His wife was a member from her girlhood.

Philip Lung, farmer, was born in Champaign County, Ohio, Aug. 15, 1819, a son of John and Susanna Lung, of Shenandoah County, Va., who settled in Ohio in an early day. He was the youngest of six children, four of whom are living—Paul, Noah, David and Philip. The boyhood of our subject was spent in his native county, where he attended school eighteen months, which was the extent of his educational advantages. Before he was eight years of age he was bound out to serve till of age. He came to De Kalb County in 1840, and entered 160 acres of wild land in Butler Township; returning to Ohio he remained there ten years, and then came again to De Kalb County, sold his land and entered the farm where he now lives, which he has



cleared and improved. He has disposed of a part of his land, but still owns eighty acres. Mr. Lung was married in Pennsylvania, Nov. 3, 1859, to Margaret S. Ott, who died March 1, 1872, aged thirty-four years. To them were born four children; two are living—Nicholas and Daniel. Mr. Lung, as was his wife, is a member of the Lutheran church. He has always affiliated with the Democratic party, casting his first vote for Van Buren in 1840. He is one of the representative citizens of De Kalb County, having by his integrity and honorable dealing won the esteem of his fellow citizens.

John Noel, deceased, was one of the pioneers of DeKalb County. He was born in Adams County, Pa., April 6, 1813, a son of John Noel, who settled in Seneca County, Ohio, in an early day, and there died in 1863. He was reared on a farm, receiving a limited education, and after reaching manhood devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. He was married Nov. 3, 1836, to Elizabeth Endsley, a native of Wayne County, Ohio, born Nov. 20, 1816, a daughter of Michael Endsley, a pioneer of DeKalb County. In 1839 they left their Ohio home and emigrated to Indiana, locating on a farm on section 33, Butler Township, DeKalb County, Oct. 27, which had been bought by Mr. Noel in 1837, and on which was built a small log cabin. He lived there till 1850, when he sold the farm and bought 160 acres on section 15, seventeen acres of which had been chopped, part of the brush burned, and a few rails made. Here he lived the rest of his life, and by industry and judicious management, assisted by his wife and children, was successful, and at the time of his death had one of the best farms in the township. In his political views he was first a Whig and then a Republican. Although a strong supporter of his party he had no aspirations for official honors. He was a member of no church, but in faith was a Universalist. To Mr. and Mrs. Noel were born eleven children, all but the eldest in DeKalb County—Philip, born Feb. 25, 1838; Sarah E., April 27, 1840; George, deceased, June 30, 1842; Mary S., deceased, Feb. 18, 1844; Eliza L., April 2, 1846; Lucy J., April 2, 1846; William, deceased, Nov. 18, 1848; Solomon, Nov. 8, 1850; Silas, Jan. 14, 1853; Perry, May 21, 1855; Samuel, June 5, 1858. Mr. Noel died Oct. 27, 1858. Mrs. Noel subsequently married Henry Bricker, and now resides in Auburn, DeKalb County, Ind.

Philip Noel, the eldest son of John and Elizabeth (Endsley)

Noel, was born in Seneca County, Ohio, Feb. 25, 1838. He was reared and educated in DeKalb County, coming here when an infant, with his parents. He received his rudimentary education in the district schools, and subsequently attended the Auburn Academy two terms. Aug. 28, 1861, he enlisted in Company II, Thirtieth Indiana Infantry, and Sept. 24 was mustered into the service of the United States. Oct. 9 he left Indiana for Camp Nevin, in Hardin County, Ky., and the next month went to Murfreesville, Ky. From there went to Tennessee and joined Buell's army, and participated in the battles of Shiloh, LaVergne, Stone River, Liberty Gap and Chickamauga, where, after fighting two days, he was taken prisoner Sept. 20, 1863, and for two months was confined in Richmond, Va., and five months in Danville, Va. He was paroled and sent to the Federal lines May 2, 1864, and May 7 was exchanged. June 8 all Indiana soldiers were examined and those found unfit for duty were ordered to Indianapolis for discharge. Among this number was our subject. He arrived at Indianapolis June 16, and remained there till Sept. 29, 1864. His brutal treatment in Southern prisons so undermined his health that he has never recovered from its effects. When he enlisted he was appointed Fourth Corporal, and when discharged he ranked Duty Sergeant. Returning to civil life he resumed agricultural pursuits, and now owns a good farm of 120 acres, eighty acres in Butler and forty in Keyser Township, DeKalb County. He is a wide-awake, progressive farmer, and his land shows the effect of having a thrifty owner. He has nearly two miles of underground tiling. In 1874 he was Assessor of Butler Township. He is a public-spirited, enterprising citizen, and has hosts of friends and acquaintances. He was married June 29, 1865, to Mary C. Stoner, a native of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, born Jan. 18, 1835, a daughter of John and Agnes Stoner, of Butler Township. Mr. and Mrs. Noel have had three children—an infant, deceased, born June 18, 1866; John C., born Jan. 1, 1869; and Isaac, born Jan. 31, 1872, died Sept. 15, 1872. Mr. and Mrs. Noel are members of the Methodist Protestant church, and he has been Superintendent of the Sunday-school for several years. He is a member of Mentor Lodge, No. 591, I. O. O. F., Auburn and DeLong Post, No. 67, G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican.

Michael Reece, deceased, was born in Maryland Jan. 20, 1806.





Yours Truly
A. Byron Darby M.D.



In his youth he learned the miller's trade, at which he worked while in his native State. He was married in Maryland to Rebecca Ott, and about 1844, with his wife and two children, Thomas F. and Drucilla C., removed to Indiana and located in Butler Township, DeKalb County. He purchased 160 acres of wild land, built a small cabin and went to work to make a home. His means were limited, and he was obliged to rely on his own labor for the maintenance of his family. He was successful in his pursuits, and accumulated a good property. His farm is now owned by his daughter, Mrs. Housel. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. In politics he was a strict adherent to the principles of the Republican party. He was a genial, social man, and had hosts of friends, and his sterling integrity won him the confidence of the entire community. He died June 8, 1878. His wife died July 26, 1868, aged sixty-five years and seven months.

Jonathan Simon, farmer, Butler Township, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, Aug. 6, 1811; a son of George and Elizabeth (Hewitt) Simon. He was reared and educated in his native county, and in 1836 married Rachel Varian. The same year he came with his father's family to Indiana and entered land, but returned to Ohio and remained a year and a half. In 1838, with his wife and one child, Polly, he came to DeKalb County and settled on the place where he now lives. He built a small log-cabin in which he lived three years. He has cleared and improved his farm, and now has one of the best farms in the township. He is a prominent man, and has held several of the minor offices of trust, and has been appointed and acted as guardian for several orphan children. He is a self-made man, and now owns 240 acres of good land, besides settling homes on several of his children. To Mr. and Mrs. Simon have been born ten children, seven of whom are living—Polly, wife of John Miller; Mary Ann, wife of Lycurgus Bowman; David, Benjamin F., Jacob G., Jonas and Sarah O., wife of Charles Ogden. The deceased are Alice M., wife of Samuel Dudley, Sarah C., and Benjamin. Politically, Mr. Simon is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church.

George Simon, deceased, was one of the first settlers of Perry Township, Allen County, coming here in 1836. He was a native of Pennsylvania, born about 1779, a son of Andrew Simon. His father was captured by the Indians when a boy,

and was kept by them nine months. George Simon was married in Pennsylvania to Elizabeth Hewitt, and moved to Columbiana County, Ohio, where he lived till his removal to Allen County, Ind., where he entered land from the Government which he improved and made his home. He and his wife were exemplary members of the Lutheran church. He died in 1872. His wife died in 1878, aged ninety-two years. They had a family of twelve children, five of whom are living—Jonathan, Solomon, Sarah, Catherine, wife of Amos Jackson, and Rachel, wife of Jacob Myers. The deceased are David, Peter, Samuel, Elizabeth (wife of Frame Freeman), Lydia (wife of Henry Bricker), Anna (wife of Levi Zinn), and Mary Ann. Mr. Simon served six months in the War of 1812. In politics, he was a Whig, and subsequently a staunch supporter of Republican principles.

Henry Smith, farmer, Butler Township, was born in Bedford County, Pa., Nov. 14, 1829, a son of Jacob and Margaret (Burkheimer) Smith, natives of Pennsylvania. His father was born March 2, 1803, and his mother Dec. 24, 1805. In 1831 his parents moved to Richland County, Ohio, where the father died July 16, 1863, and the mother in 1876. They had a family of nine children—Fanny, Henry, Polly, Levi, Aaron, John, Frederick, Susanna and Maria. They were prominent and consistent members of the German Baptist church. Henry Smith was reared on a farm and received such education as the district school of his day afforded. In 1860 he moved to DeKalb County, Ind., and bought 120 acres of land, on which he has since resided. He has since bought another tract of 120 acres, and now has one of the finest farms in the township. Mr. Smith was married April 30, 1854, to Miss Susanna, daughter of Jacob and Susanna Leedy, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Maryland. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born nine children—Margaret, Levi, Jacob, Mary, Lydia, Mahala, Lodema, Amanda and John. Levi died Aug. 29, 1869. Mr. Smith is one of the self-made men of the county. He and his wife are members of the German Baptist church.

David Stonestreet, farmer, Butler Township, was born in Bath County, Va., Oct. 7, 1825, a son of Ashford and Jemima (Ross) Stonestreet, Virginians, who removed with their family to Richland County, Ohio, in 1829. His boyhood was passed on a farm, and he obtained a limited education in the common



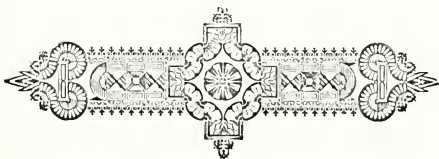
schools. In 1849 he came to DeKalb County, Ind. He bought a tract of land near Albion, Noble County, which he afterward traded for land in Butler Township, on which he settled and has since lived. Like most early settlers he was a poor man when he came to the county, but by his industry he accumulated a good property. He owns a fine farm of 250 acres, which is well cultivated and improved with good farm buildings. He was married Aug. 3, 1851, to Rebecca, daughter of David Smith. To them have been born eight children, five of whom are living—Margaret E., John, George, Anna and Rebecca. The deceased are Ellison, Charity and Lydia. Mrs. Stonestreet is a member of the German Baptist church. Politically, Mr. Stonestreet is a Democrat. He is Trustee of Butler Township. He is one of the self-made men of the county, having by his own efforts, with the aid of his wife, made his property, and is now one of the prominent men of the county. Mr. Stonestreet's parents had a family of nine children—Elitha, David, Ellison, Mary, Jemima, Ashford, Lydia, Robert and Levina. David is the only one living in DeKalb County. Mrs. Stonestreet's parents located in Butler Township in 1848. They were exemplary members of the Baptist church. They had a family of twelve children, eight of whom are living—Rebecca, John, David, Anna, Josiah, Samuel, Henry, Franklin. The deceased are Susan, William, Nancy and Simon. Mr. Smith died July 2, 1870, aged about sixty years. Mrs. Smith died July 10, 1868, aged fifty-seven years.

Joseph Straub is of German ancestry. He came from Marion County, Ohio, in 1835, with his wife and three children and settled in Butler Township, De Kalb Co., Ind., where he bought a half section of land from the Government, of which he cleared about forty acres. In 1842 he sold his land and removed to Carroll County, where he farmed five years, and in 1847 returned to this county, where he bought a quarter section, and here he resided till his death, which occurred Dec. 25, 1860, on his fifty-ninth birthday. His wife survived till June, 1881, when she died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. S. Bassett, which adjoins the old homestead. Eight children were born to them—Henry, farming in Dakota; Susan (deceased); Simon Peter, who lives on the homestead farm; Jacob, a Universalist minister; Margaret Ann, Maria, Barbara Elizabeth, wife of L. S. Bassett of Butler Township, and Solomon W., residing at Wood-

lawn Park, near Chicago. Rev. Jacob Straub entered the ministry in 1860 and has become a prominent minister of the Universalist denomination. He has preached at Dowagiac, Mich., five years; Lansing, Mich., seven years; Muskegon, Mich., four years. He then engaged in literary pursuits for two years, living in Chicago and preaching irregularly, and for the past seven years he has been pastor at Marseilles, Ill. He is the author of "Consolations of Science," which has received favorable notice from scientific and religious thinkers in Europe and America. He intends to devote his future years to literary pursuits. Mary Ann Straub has been in the Universalist ministry five years, filling the pulpit at Castalia, Iowa, for three years. She now resides at Woodlawn Park, Ill. She has composed many Sunday-school hymns and has also written an unpublished work for women. Maria Straub also resides at Woodlawn Park. She has a volume of poems almost ready for publication, and has also written much sacred music. She is the regular correspondent of the "Religious Telescope," of Dayton, Ohio. Prof. S. W. Straub has made music, vocal and instrumental, his life's work. He has conducted musical conventions for many years, and has published a dozen or more musical books, including several Sunday-school books which are extensively used. Those best known are "Morning Light" and "Living Fountain," for Sabbath-schools. He has also published "Convention, Choir and Anthem Treasures" for choir purposes, and also some sheet music. He founded "Song Friend," a musical periodical now in the sixth volume, which he still conducts in connection with general music publishing in Chicago. His son, Arthur M., is a pianist of promise. He is now teaching and studying music. Henry Straub, his eldest son, has been Justice of the Peace for many years.

Timberlain Brothers.—Isaac and David Timberlain were natives of New Jersey, sons of Jonathan and Hannah Timberlain. Their boyhood was spent in Columbiana County, Ohio, where their parents located in the early settlement of the county. There they grew to manhood, having only such educational advantages as the early schools afforded. In 1851 they came together to Indiana and settled in Butler Township, De Kalb County, purchasing eighty acres of wild land. They erected a log cabin and began clearing their land. Here Isaac lived till his death and David still lives. Isaac was married in Ohio to

Elizabeth Sheets, and to them were born eight children, seven of whom are living—Hannah, Mary, Eliza, Silas, David, Elizabeth and Rebecca. One died in infancy. Isaac died Dec. 11, 1879, aged nearly sixty-nine. David is aged about seventy-eight years. In politics they were both staunch supporters of the principles of the Democratic party. Like other early settlers when they came to De Kalb County they were in limited circumstances, but their eagerness to procure a home inspired them with energy and they went to work with a determination to overcome all difficulties, and were rewarded with good crops and a full larder, and finally by a competency for old age.



CHAPTER XIII.

CONCORD TOWNSHIP.

SITUATION.—GEOGRAPHY AND TOPOGRAPHY.—FIRST ELECTION.—FIRST JUSTICE OF THE PEACE IN THE COUNTY.—EARLY SETTLERS.—SKETCH OF NELSON ULM.—LIST OF PIONEERS.—EARLY JUSTICES, CONSTABLES, TRUSTEES AND ASSESSORS.—SPENCERVILLE.—ST. JOE.—POPULATION.—PROPERTY AND TAXATION.—CROP STATISTICS.—BIOGRAPHICAL.

This township, situated in the southeastern portion of DeKalb County, is bounded on the north by Wilmington Township, on the east by Newville Township, on the south by Springfield Township, Allen County, and on the west by Jackson Township. The St. Joseph River flows in a meandering course from northeast to southwest, while Bear Creek, entering in the northwest corner, flows through the center to the river. Good mill sites were afforded by the river, upon which two grist and two saw mills were erected. A saw mill was erected near the center of the township on Bear Creek many years ago, and also one on the stream known as the "Twenty-six Mile Creek." In natural features, the township presented many advantages to the early immigrant, and it has been claimed by its people to be the best, agriculturally, in the county.

DeKalb was the name first given to this township, in the fall of 1837. It then included what is now Concord, Stafford and Newville Townships, but in March following Stafford was detached and temporarily added to Wilmington, while the present name Concord was substituted for DeKalb. An election was ordered held the first Monday in April following, at the house of Jared Ball, and Cornelius Woodcock was appointed Inspector of Elections. At this election Washington Robinson was chosen Justice of the Peace. Newville was afterward made a separate township, leaving Concord its present limits.

Under date of April 9, 1838, Mr. Robinson made the first report to the county that was rendered by any justice, as follows:

"STATE OF INDIANA,
DEKALB COUNTY,
CONCORD TOWNSHIP.
March 30, 1838. } Plaintiff.

"This day personally appeared before me, Washington Robinson, a Justice of the Peace in and for the township aforesaid, Lyman Benton and William Rhodes; being found guilty of an affray by the information of Thomas L. Yates, Judge of the Circuit Court, and confessed themselves guilty, and the cause being heard and inspected, it is therefore considered that the said Lyman Benton and William Rhodes stand convicted in the sum of one dollar fine for each one, making two dollars and fifty cents their cost.

"Given under my hand this 30th day of March, 1838.

"WASHINGTON ROBINSON, J. P.

"I do hereby certify the above to be a true list of fines assessed by me and recorded on my docket.

"Given under my hand this 9th day of April, 1838.

"WASHINGTON ROBINSON, J. P."

In 1835, of ten families settled in the county, nine were residents of Concord. The St. Joseph of the Maumee was at an early day the main channel for all commercial traffic, and on its fertile borders were founded the earliest settlements. Ranging from 1835 to 1839 the following named were located on the river: Homer Blake, David Butler (who for many years enjoyed the distinction of being the oldest living settler of this county), John Mathews, Thomas L. Yates (on the present site of Spencerville), John T. Rhodes (pioneer hotel keeper of Spencerville), Jerry Rhodes, Daniel Rhodes, Brandt Rood, Cramwell Rood, William Mathews, Mr. Lytle, Jared Ball, and others.

In the spring of 1834, Washington Robinson entered an excellent tract of land across the river from the present site of Orangeville, built a cabin, and in January, 1837, moved in. In November, 1836, he, as proprietor, platted a portion of section 12, and named the tract Orangeville. Here, in the spring of 1837, Platter and others opened the first store in the county. Other early settlers were Gavin Hamilton, long known as the owner of the Orange Mills; Lott Herrick, the first Probate Judge of DeKalb County; George Barney, for four years Treasurer of the county; James Hadsell, Cornelius Woodcox,



R. J. Dawson, John Blair and sons, Charles Wilbur, William Burley, Joseph Ludwick, Judge Walden, Samuel Widney (one of the first Board of Commissioners), John P. Widney, Rev. Benjamin Alton and Dr. Babcock. James Hadsell was one of the most useful pioneers of Concord, filled several responsible offices, was a minister of the Disciples church, and was the main builder of the brick structure in Waterloo, where he died during the winter of 1877.

Nelson Ulm, one of the oldest residents of the county, moved here in 1834 and settled on the present site of Spencerville. He tells of helping drive from Fort Wayne in the fall of 1834 the first hogs and cows ever brought to Spencerville, eight hogs and one cow for David Butler, and two cows for Dan Rhodes, both of whom are deceased. Dan Yates, then living at Spencerville, was the first white settler there, for whom Mr. Ulm worked during the fall of 1834 and subsequent winter. During that same winter Mr. Yates sent Mr. Ulm to Fort Wayne to mill. He took two bushels of corn on a hand-sled, making the distance in two days, camping on the bank of the river near where the Feeder dam now is, drawing the sled on the ice, the river being the only highway at that time.

In the fall of 1835 he had a big tramp after Yates' and Rhodes' horses, which were allowed to roam the woods in quest of something to eat. The horses failing to put in an appearance at the usual time, he started to bring them in, striking their trail on Bear Creek, followed them up the river where Newville now stands, crossed the river where the United Brethren church has since been erected, left the trail and returned to Daniel Rhodes', where he staid all night. Early the following morning he struck the trail and followed the same all day without any success, camping that night near Maumee River. Awakening in the night, he found that the horses in their wanderings came up to where he was then camping. He got up, bridled two of the horses and hitched them to some saplings and retired. He started home, leading one horse, carrying gun and knapsack, striking the St. Joseph River near where Hursh's mills now are. In consequence of riding bareback, with heavy load, and it raining all the time, the horse's back became surfeited, and in time the hair all came off its back.

Starting for Houlton's mill on Fish Creek in the fall of 1834 after a raft of lumber, he arrived at the mill, and, with the assis-

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tance of Mr. Houlton, succeeded in getting back with a raft without accident. Stopping near the mouth of Buck Creek, he found the skeletons of two deer, their horns so interlocked that it was impossible to separate them. He supposed that they had been fighting and had become so entangled that separation was impossible, and had so died. From this incident Mr. Ulm gave the creek the name of Buck Creek, the name it still bears.

The following catalogue of Concord's early settlers was prepared by J. D. Leighty, of St. Joe, and reported to the pioneers' meeting in June, 1883. It is believed to be nearly complete.

Those who came in 1833 were Samuel Wasson and David Butler; 1834, Nelson Ulm, Mrs. Polly Rhodes, Jeremiah Rhodes, Mrs. Jeremiah Rhodes; 1835, Samuel Draggoo, Cynthia Engle, William Knight, Aseneth Ricketts, Henry Robertson; 1836, William Henderson, Mrs. William Henderson, Jane Lawhead, Charles W. Widney, Mrs. Nancy Wyatt, John Widney, Mrs. Nancy Widney, Elvira Ulm, James H. Abel, Abigail L. Abel, Electa Abel, Mary Hadsell; 1837, Abraham Johnson, Charles Widney, G. W. Woodcox, Solomon Woodcox, Erastus White, Jacob B. White, Ira Picketts, Hugh Wyatt, Jonathan Boyle, Henry J. Abel, Mrs. Samuel Wasson; 1838, H. H. Fales, Mrs. H. H. Fales, George Barney, Mrs. Sophia Moody, Milas Rhodes, E. D. White, Susan White, J. M. Lonsberry, Martha Lawhead, Charles M. Coburn; 1839, Isaac Lawhead, James M. Hamilton, S. L. Widney, Nancy Culbertson, Samuel Lawhead; 1840, Eva Lonsberry, Elizabeth Wineland, Hugh Maxwell, Mary Maxwell, Sarah A. Hull, Maria C. Williams, Harlow Gee, Harmon Gee; 1841, O. H. Widney, William Draggoo, Amand Meese, Rebecca Smith, George Maxwell, Betsey A. Leighty, John Wyatt, S. E. Parsons; 1842, Daniel Butler, David Butler, Mary A. Widney, Jane Jenkins, Mrs. Erastus White, Elizabeth Widney, Jacob Dermott, Moses Perry; 1843, Jack Moody, Jonas Emanuel, Benjamin Hursh, Mrs. M. Widney, Robert Culbertson, J. M. Milliman, Mary Milliman; 1844, Margaret Stewart, John Leighty, Mrs. John Leighty, Sol. Barney, Henry Jenkins, William Leighty, J. D. Leighty, Levi Sechler, Mary Sechler, Lizzie Chaney; 1845, Catherine Silberg, Robert Johnson, Sep. Hull, John W. Dills, George W. Draggoo, Mary Ann Koch, Adeline Showalter, Catherine Jenkins.

The following are some of the early officials of Concord Township:



Justices of the Peace.—John Blair, Ebenezer Coburn, George Barney, Jeremiah Rhodes, John Bates, Asher Coburn, James Draggoo, Moses Perry, Lorenzo Dawson and Robert Culbertson.

Constables.—Gardner Mellindy, W. Monroe, Uriah Miller, Henry Fales, Eben Smith, D. Harrington, James Smith, J. Z. Henderson, Samuel Flint, Moses Boyles, John Smith, D. Andrews, Michael Knight, W. R. Drake.

Trustees.—S. Widney, John Blair, Ebenezer Coburn, Asher Coburn, J. P. Widney, J. E. Shilling, James Hadsell, Asa Fletcher, John F. Coburn, William Monroe, Michael Silberg, John Helmick, Moses Perry, Jonathan Boyles, Bushrod Catlin, Romeo Catlin, W. Horner, James Draggoo, John Shutt, Jacob Dills.

Assessors.—Jeremiah Rhodes, John A. Chillis.

Spencerville is a thriving village, though not on a railroad, and though one of the oldest points in the county, shows no signs of decay. Its business firms are as follows: Barney & Eirick, dry goods and hardware; Peter Bishop, dry goods; Olds & Carnes, general merchandise; J. A. Provines, drugs; Dr. Jonas Emanuel, drugs; George Wise, blacksmith; Batz & Son, blacksmiths; Smith & Son, blacksmiths; Bee's Bros., undertaking goods and furniture; Murray Bros., saw and grist mill; Moody, Hollobaugh & Steward, saw mill and tile factory; Stephen Silberg, barber; Henry Myers, cooper; Mr. Chaney, wagon shop; Chaney Bros., meat market; J. R. Nichols, hotel, insurance and notary public; George Barney, Justice of the Peace; Mr. Shaubough, shoemaker; Luther Jones, shoemaker; O. W. Rummel, harness maker; John Somers, harness maker; Murray Bros., handle factory; J. A. Provines is Postmaster, and the medical profession is here represented by Drs. J. E. Emanuel, Jacob Hull and Houghton. Spencerville has two churches. The M. E. denomination has a brick structure built in 1883, at a cost of \$3,600. Previous to this a frame church was used. The pulpit is filled at present by a minister who resides at Leo. The Evangelical Lutherans have a frame church, twenty years old, which cost about \$2,000. The pastor is Rev. E. K. Baker.

St. Joe is a station on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. Though a small place, it has come to be an important business center, and one of the best grain shipping points in the county. Its

business firms include the following enumerated: J. D. Leighty, dry goods; S. & T. Barney, dry goods; Case & Olds, dry goods; W. C. Patterson, drugs; M. Testeson, groceries; Augustus Copp, blacksmith; S. Wineland, handle and shingle factory; Filley & Lounsberry, saw-mill; Jos. Baker, barber; William Curie, butcher; Chaney Bros., meat market; Harry Meek, cooper; Mr. Meek, painter; Wm. Bohls, wagon shop; David Grill, machinist; Mr. Brooks, shoemaker; A. Zern, shoemaker; L. A. Bartlett, millinery; Ed. White, livery; Aug. Kinsey, furniture; Hart Bros., brick yard; C. A. Washler, saloon; Wm. Stamen, timber dealer; M. T. Bishop, lumber dealer; J. H. Conrad, tinner; E. W. Boyles, stone mason and plasterer; Arch. Evans, stone mason and plasterer; Wm. Leighty, hotel; G. W. Woodcox, Justice of the Peace; James A. Reed, Constable; A. C. Donaldson, builder and carpenter; James A. Reed, carpenter; B. S. Sheffer, physician; H. W. Bowman, physician; M. T. Bishop, Postmaster. The village has one church, the Evangelical Lutheran, built in 1881, at a cost of \$1,500. The present pastor is Rev. E. W. Baker; he was preceded by Rev. E. W. Eirick.

Concord had a population by the last census (1880) of 1,623, or 45 to the square mile. This is a gain of 151 over the population in 1870. The rate of taxation in 1884 is \$1.81; poll tax, \$1.25; acres of land, 22,591.47; value of lands, \$399,595; value of improvements, \$43,915; value of lands and improvements, \$443,510; value of lots, \$2,287; value of improvements, \$16,670; value of lots and improvements, \$18,957; value of personal property, \$126,990; total value of taxables, \$589,457; number of polls, 328; total amount of taxes, \$11,244.02. The valuation per capita is \$368.10. The number of children of school age enumerated is 399.

In 1881 this township had in wheat 3,366 acres, producing seven bushels to the acre, or 23,562 bushels; in corn, 2,134 acres, producing 25 bushels to the acre on upland, and 40 bushels on bottom land, in all, 49,100 bushels; in oats, 969 acres, producing 30 bushels to the acre, or 29,070 bushels; in meadow, 1,029 acres, producing a ton and a half per acre, or 1,543 tons; in potatoes, 66 acres, producing 30 bushels to the acre, or 1,980 bushels.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

George H. Abel, deceased, was born in Trumbull County,



Ohio, Feb. 21, 1808, a son of Damon and Sally (Root) Abel. He was married April 21, 1828, to Electa Hodsell, a native of New York, daughter of John and Abigail (Bray) Hodsell. After his marriage he settled on a farm in Ohio, and in September, 1836, came to Indiana and entered 160 acres of land in Concord Township, De Kalb County. Here he cleared and improved a farm, where he lived till his death, May 10, 1874. Mrs. Abel still lives on the old homestead in the seventy-seventh year of her age. They had a family of ten children, seven of whom are living—James H., Cyrus W., Henry J., Melvinas, Mary Almira, Walter M. and Alice L. George D., Nancy and Lavesta are deceased. In politics Mr. Abel was a Democrat. Mrs. Abel is a member of the Disciples church.

Henry J. Abel, son of George H. and Electa (Hodsell) Abel, is a native of De Kalb County, Ind., born in Concord Township Aug. 19, 1837. He remained with his parents assisting in the care of the farm till his marriage, and then settled on a farm adjoining the one where he now lives, remaining there till 1875, when he bought his present home. He owns 110 acres of improved land with a pleasant residence and good farm buildings. Nov. 22, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry. Soon after going South he was taken sick, and was in the hospital the most of the time till discharged March 10, 1863. He was married Nov. 14, 1858, to Eliza Shull, daughter of Daniel and Susan (Newcome) Shull. To them have been born seven children—Jonathan E., George H., Merton, Herbert E., Essie M., Marion C., and Grace S. Mrs. Abel is a member of the Disciples church. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of John C. Carns Post, No. 144, G. A. R.

James H. Abel was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, Feb. 9, 1829, the eldest son of George H. and Electa Abel. He was seven years of age when his parents moved to De Kalb County, and was reared and educated in the wilds of Indiana. He and his father cleared about seventy acres of the old homestead. He attended school during the winter when his services were not needed on the farm. He remained with his parents till May 14, 1848, when he was married to Abigail Robe, a native of Medina County, Ohio, daughter of Amherst and Abigail (Liswell) Robe, her father a native of Connecticut, and her mother of Massachusetts. After his marriage Mr. Abel bought eighty acres of wild land for which he gave his note. He was but

twenty years of age but was possessed of a large degree of energy and perseverance and went bravely to work to improve his land. His wife assisted him by taking in sewing, and together they worked and paid for their home. He cleared eighty acres of heavily timbered land in three years. Sept. 23, 1861, he enlisted in the defense of the Union in Company F, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, and Nov. 23 they started for the South. They participated in the battles of Fort Donelson and Shiloh. At the latter battle his regiment went in with 480 men and came out with 241. Soon after the battle of Shiloh he was taken sick with typhoid fever, and not regaining his former health was discharged Sept. 3, 1862. Oct. 6, 1864, he was drafted, although still suffering from the effects of his illness, and was assigned to Company C, Thirty-fifth Indiana Volunteers. Nov. 30 he participated in the battle of Franklin, Tenn., and Dec. 15 and 16 in the battle of Nashville. From there he went to Huntsville, Ala., and the following March to Bull's Gap, thence back to Nashville, and from there in June to Victoria, Tex., where they remained till discharged Sept. 30, 1865. Since his return from the war he has engaged in agricultural pursuits, although his army experience has unfitted him for any hard work. He was elected Assessor of his township in the fall of 1864, but appointed a deputy while he was in the service. He was re-elected in 1866 and again in 1872, and in 1880 he was appointed to take the census of his township. He has been a Republican in politics since 1856, casting his first Presidential vote for Frank Pierce. To Mr. and Mrs. Abel have been born three children—Mary E., wife of John B. Taylor, of Baltimore, Md.; Ida O., wife of Adelbert Andrews, of Hicksville, Ohio; and Freeman H., who married Ella Kelley and lives on the old homestead. Mrs. Abel's parents came to De Kalb County in 1837 and entered eighty acres of land in Wilmington Township, where her mother died in 1840. They had a family of four children. The eldest son also died in 1840. The other son, Bennett S., died at Chattanooga while a soldier in the civil war. The father afterward married Amilla Hayford, and of their two children a son is living. Mr. Robe died in 1846.

James Baker, farmer and stock-raiser, Concord Township, was born in Bedford County, Pa., Sept. 28, 1814, a son of Joseph and Nancy (Smith) Baker. When he was seven years of age his parents moved to Adams County, Pa., where his



mother died two years later. He then lived with relatives till fifteen years of age, and then began to take care of himself, working by the month till his majority. He was married Dec. 22, 1842, to Barbara Rummel, a native of Adams County, Pa., daughter of John and Barbara (Demer) Rummel. After his marriage he lived four years in Franklin County, Pa., and in the fall of 1847 moved to Ashland County, Ohio, and a year later to DeKalb County, Ind., where he bought eighty acres of unimproved land, now owned by William Short. He cleared and improved this land, living on it till February, 1869, when he sold it and bought the farm where he now lives, which contains 148 acres of land all under cultivation. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have had nine children—Mary E., Daniel, Susan, William, Henry, Jacob, Sarah, Joseph, and John. In politics Mr. Baker is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church.

George W. Barney, one of the pioneers of Concord Township, is a native of Essex County, N. Y., born in Willsboro, Oct. 13, 1815, the youngest son of Solomon and Charity (Horde) Barney, his father a native of England, and his mother of New York, of Scotch parentage. When he was a small boy his father moved to Ashtabula County, Ohio, and built an iron foundry, and as soon as old enough he began to assist him, continuing till fifteen years of age, when his father died; and three years later he went to Canada and lived with an older brother till 1836, when he returned to Ohio and lived with a brother-in-law till the spring of 1838. He then came to DeKalb County, Ind., and assisted in building one of the first mills in the county, at Orange. He worked in this mill two years, and in the meantime bought eighty acres of land in Wilmington Township, which he rented for a time. In 1840 he moved to Spencerville and was employed as manager of the mill, store and large farm of Reuben J. Dawson, till the death of the latter. In 1861 he was elected Treasurer of the county, and served four years. Previous to this, in 1845, he was elected Magistrate, but after serving a year resigned, but in 1849 was again elected and served twelve years. The first couple he married lived in Newville Township, and he walked five miles, without compensation, to perform the ceremony. In 1865, after the expiration of his term as Treasurer, he returned to Spencerville, and engaged in the mercantile business with Henry Miller a short time. His

son Solomon then became his partner, and subsequently, as they became old enough, his other sons were admitted to the firm, the name being George W. Barney & Sons. In 1879 he retired from active business, leaving the management of the store to his sons. In 1880 he was elected Justice of the Peace and served four years. Mr. Barney was married May 28, 1840, to Jane Bratton, a native of Pennsylvania, born July 11, 1816, and to them have been born eight children, but three of whom are living—Solomon, born Sept. 22, 1844; Franklin, born Jan. 13, 1852; and Marquis, born Nov. 21, 1858. Lucius, born May 15, 1841, was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, enlisting as Orderly Sergeant of Company A, One Hundredth Indiana Infantry, and being mustered out as Captain. He died Oct. 5, 1869. John S., born Nov. 13, 1842, enlisted in the Eleventh Indiana, and died while a prisoner in Texas, October, 1864. Mary C., born Jan. 25, 1848, died Dec. 23, 1869. George W., Jr., was born Dec. 20, 1849, and died July 23, 1853. Stephen, born Dec. 5, 1854, died March 15, 1856. Mr. and Mrs. Barney have been members of the Methodist Episcopal church since 1850. In politics he has been a life-long Democrat.

Jonathan Boyles, one of the first settlers of Concord Township, was born in Knox County, Ohio, Feb. 12, 1815, a son of John and Nancy (Merritt) Boyles, the former a native of West Virginia, son of Jonathan Boyles, of English and Irish descent, and the latter a daughter of Moses Merritt, of Irish and Welsh descent. In 1825 his parents moved to Morrow County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. His father being in feeble health, he was obliged to take charge of the family, and before he was twenty-one years old had cleared and fenced sixty acres of land and built a good house. He was married Feb. 25, 1836, to Elizabeth Oliver, daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Alman) Oliver. In the fall of 1836 his house and all its contents were destroyed by fire. Soon after he left home and came to De Kalb County, Ind., and entered eighty acres of land on section 17, Concord Township, and again began to make a home. He returned to Ohio, and in August, 1837, moved his family to their new home. In company with Henry Brown and family, Isaac Brown and family, his father and mother, grandmother Knight, James Herrod and son James, in all sixteen in the company, with two wagons with three horses to each, they were eleven days on the way, camping out nights and cutting their

roads through the unbroken forest. On arriving in the vicinity of Brunersburg the company stopped at the cabin of a pioneer to water their teams. There was no door to the cabin, a quilt serving its purpose. His father and James Herrod went to the door and pulling aside the quilt found no one at home, but discovered a quantity of meat hanging from the walls. They concluded it to be venison, and thought they could not go on without a supply. Securing what they thought sufficient for their purpose, they deposited money to pay for it on the table. After traveling a few miles they met a man and his wife, who, upon inquiry, they learned were the owners of the cabin, who informed them that it was part of an ox that had broken his neck by turning the yoke. Pursuing their journey, they arrived at their destination on Saturday, the first day of September, 1837. Having no house, they stopped at the cabins of David and Michael Knight, who had preceded them with their families. Within one week after they arrived twelve out of the sixteen were down sick with the ague, including the entire family of Mr. Boyles. He had a chill each day for sixty-three days. He had but \$10, and sold forty acres of his land, and had built a cabin about twelve feet square. His wife and her small brother sawed timber and split it in shape, laid the floor, chinking and daubing the best they could; they then carried him to it, he being now afflicted with dropsy. Their only window was a log sawed out with sticks crossed in it and greased paper pasted over them. The door was made the same way, with a quilt hung over it. During the winter his wife cleared five acres of ground up to trees of one foot, the tender twigs serving as the only feed by which he wintered two cows and one horse. By the month of April, 1838, their scanty supplies were exhausted, and he, in company with three others, secured a pirogue and started for Fort Wayne down the St. Joe River, without a cent of money, in quest of food for their starving families, leaving them to subsist for four days upon one meal of thickened milk and a few dried pumpkins. They applied to Thomas Swaney for corn, who, upon finding they had no money, refused to supply their wants. They then applied to Col. Spencer, who, after inquiring their names, and where they were from, and the amount of their probable wants, directed them to "go down the Maumee River six miles, shell what they wanted, and pay me seventy-five cents a bushel when you can. And if any of



your neighbors are in need, they shall not starve while I have anything to supply them with." They lived upon parched corn while away from their families. During his absence on this expedition, the wolves surrounded his house at night, fighting his dog. Mrs. Boyles sallied forth armed with a fire shovel, and with the assistance of the dog drove them away. He has undergone all the hardships and privations of pioneer life, but by persistent effort has accumulated a good property, having a pleasant home where he has now lived forty-eight years. His wife died Feb. 16, 1849. They had a family of seven children, four of whom are living—Nancy C., Martha J., Newton, and Emma. The three eldest are deceased—John and William (twins) died in infancy, and Artemus, while a soldier in the war of the Rebellion. June 30, 1850, Mr. Boyles was married to Susan Rummel, and to them have been born three children—Maggie M., Anna Eliza, and Elnora M. Mrs. Boyles died Feb. 10, 1870. In politics Mr. Boyles was formerly a Democrat, but since the war has affiliated with the Republican party. He has been an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church for nearly half a century, and assisted in the organization of the first Methodist church in the township.

David Buchanan, deceased, was born in Washington County, Pa., in 1815, a son of John and Ann (Adams) Buchanan. He was a wagon-maker by trade at which he worked in Brooke County, W. Va., till 1846, when he moved to Ashland County, Ohio, and engaged in agricultural pursuits till the spring of 1853, when he moved to DeKalb County, Ind., and bought forty acres of partially-improved land. He died July 25, 1855, leaving his wife with a family of small children to rear in a new country, and among strangers. He was married March 21, 1839, to Elizabeth McGee, daughter of Alexander and Ruth (Talbot) McGee, and to them were born four children—Reason, Florence, Lucinda and Samantha. Reason and Lucinda are deceased. The former enlisted in the defense of the Union in September, 1862, in Company A, One Hundredth Indiana Infantry, and died Jan. 30, 1864, from disease contracted in the service. Mrs. Buchanan went bravely to work after the death of her husband, and, with the help of her sons, improved her farm and made a comfortable home for her family. She reared her children to lives of usefulness, and fitted them for honorable positions in society.

Florance Buchanan, farmer and stock-raiser, Concord Township, was born in Brooke County, W. Va., Dec. 24, 1841, the second son of David and Elizabeth (McGee) Buchanan. When seventeen years of age he went to Auburn to learn the cabinet-maker's trade, at which he served an apprenticeship of two and a half years. Sept. 5, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Thirteenth Indiana Infantry, and participated in many hard-fought battles. He was wounded at the battle of Shiloh and was disabled for four months. Joining his regiment, he participated in the battle of Chickamauga and the Atlanta campaign. He was captured and was at Andersonville prison thirty days. He was discharged Oct. 15, 1864, having served a little more than three years. After his return home he worked at his trade a short time, and then at the carpenter's trade four years. In the fall of 1871 he opened a cabinet-shop and furniture store in Auburn, in company with Wm. E. Rush, but five years later sold his interest and moved to a farm in Concord Township, where he lived till the fall of 1880, when he bought the farm where he now lives, which contains about eighty-five acres of improved land. He was married March 21, 1870, to Mary D. Rush, daughter of William E. Rush, of Auburn. They have three children—Harry L., Martha E. and Florance J. Mr. Buchanan is a member of John C. Carns Post, No. 144, G. A. R. He and his wife and one daughter, are members of the Protestant Methodist church. In politics he is a Republican.

David Butler, deceased, one of the most influential and esteemed of the pioneers of DeKalb County, was born in Culpeper County, Va., June 28, 1805, and died in Concord Township September 3, 1884. His father died in Virginia, and when sixteen years of age he accompanied his mother to Pickaway County, Ohio, where he lived till manhood. In 1833 he moved to DeKalb County, and bought sixty acres of land on section 32, Concord Township, which he cleared and improved, and to which he afterward added 160 acres. This farm is now one of the finest in the county. He was one of the first settlers of the county and became one of the most prominent citizens. He held many local offices of trust and responsibility, and always performed the duties of his office in an efficient and satisfactory manner. He had many friends, especially among the early settlers, his upright, honorable life being acknowledged by all who knew him. His family consisted of eight children

—Ellen, wife of Frederick Row, of Garrett; Irvin, died while a soldier during the war of the Rebellion; Andrew resides in Idaho; Amos, in Kansas; Christiana, wife of James Barber, of Jasper County, Kan.; David and Daniel, twins, and Minerva, wife of John Moody. His wife died March 4, 1877. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church in early life, but later united with the United Brethren church. In politics, he affiliated with the Republican party.

David C. Butler, farmer and stock-raiser, a son of David and Elizabeth (Yates) Butler, was born in Concord Township on the farm where he now lives, Dec. 6, 1842. He was reared a farmer, receiving a good education, attending the schools of Spencerville. He was married Oct. 7, 1875, to Miss Sarah J. Keyes, a native of Carroll County, Ohio, daughter of Zephaniah and Fanny Keyes. After his marriage he settled on a part of the old homestead and has since successfully followed agricultural pursuits. He owns fifty acres of valuable land and his residence and farm buildings are among the best in the township. He is one of the enterprising farmers of Concord, and assists liberally every enterprise of benefit to his native county. He is a member of the Odd Fellows' order, Spencerville Lodge, No. 432. In politics he casts his suffrage with the Democratic party. Mrs. Butler is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Daniel W. Butler, son of David and Elizabeth (Yates) Butler, and twin brother of David C. Butler, was born in Concord Township, Dec. 6, 1842. He was reared on the old homestead and was given a good education at Spencerville. He remained with his parents till manhood, and after attaining his majority took charge of the homestead. He was married Feb. 2, 1871, to Miss Sarah Jane Boots, daughter of John Boots, of Jackson Township, this county. After his marriage he settled on a part of the old homestead where he has since lived, successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is one of the enterprising, public-spirited men of the township, a worthy representative of one of the most esteemed men of the early days of De Kalb County. To him and his wife have been born three children—Frank L., Merritt A., and Audrey Elizabeth. In politics Mr. Butler is a Democrat.

Asher W. Coburn, deceased, was born in Ontario County, N. Y., March 3, 1803, and died in De Kalb County, Ind., July 11,

1874. He was a son of Asher and Esther (Whitney) Coburn, who moved to Trumbull County, Ohio, about 1818, where he lived with them till manhood. He was by occupation a farmer, following it in Ohio till his removal to De Kalb County, Ind., March 1, 1836. Here he entered 240 acres of Government land on sections 23 and 24, Concord Township, which he cleared and improved and made his home till his death. He was married June 13, 1823, to Hannah Headley, daughter of Samuel and Rachel (James) Headley, who came from Pennsylvania to Ohio in an early day. To them were born three children—Phœbe, wife of Jacob Dermott; Francis, deceased; Roxanna, widow of Harvey Ackley. His wife died Sept. 8, 1857, aged fifty-three years. He afterward married Mrs. Susan Shull, now a resident of Allen County. He was a member of the Disciples church. In politics he was at first a Whig but after its organization voted with the Republican party.

Charles M. Coburn, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, Nov. 21, 1827, a son of Ebenezer and Deliverance (Wilson) Coburn. In August, 1838, his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Concord Township, where he was reared, his youth being spent in assisting his father clear and cultivate a frontier farm. When seventeen years of age he began to work for the farmers by the month, and when nineteen years of age he was married, and then for several years rented land in this township. In February, 1855, he bought forty acres of timber land which he cleared, and to which he has since added thirty acres. This he has brought under a good state of cultivation and now has a pleasant home and is surrounded with all that makes life comfortable. He was married Nov. 15, 1846, to Almira Milliman, a native of New York, daughter of John and Mary (Warren) Milliman. To them were born eight children, five of whom are living—Helen A., Emma A., William H. II., Charles Marcellus and Otis B. Harriet E., Agnes B., and Rosalie F. are deceased. Mrs. Coburn died Feb. 12, 1871, and Feb. 5, 1874, Mr. Coburn married Jane E. Allen, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Brownley) Allen. They have five children—Allen E., Clarence A., Ella C., Caroline B., and John H. Mr. Coburn is a member of the Disciples church. Politically he is a Republican.

Ebenezer Coburn, deceased, was one of the most esteemed pioneers of De Kalb County. He was born in Vermont, Oct.

8, 1794, a son of Ebenezer and Sybil (Robinson) Coburn, the former born July 4, 1752, of Scotch parentage, and the latter Sept. 14, 1755, of English descent. His parents were married Nov. 22, 1777, and when he was a child moved to New York State, where he grew to manhood. Sept. 13, 1813, he was married to Phœbe Henry, who died July 1, 1815. They had one child—John H., deceased, Sept. 17, 1815, he married Deliverance Wilson, and in the fall of 1827 moved to Trumbull County, Ohio, where he engaged in farming, and also worked at the shoemaker's trade. In 1835 he entered 160 acres of Government land in Concord Township, De Kalb Co., Ind., and in August, 1838, moved his family to their new home in the woods. He cleared and improved his land, remaining on it till his death, Aug. 9, 1847. His wife survived him till May 14, 1864. They had a family of ten children, six of whom are living—Otis R., Russell G., Charles M., Henry W., Chauncey, and Caroline. Phœbe H., William W., Eliza J., and Ann A., are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Coburn were members of the Disciples church. In politics he was an old line Whig. He served his township as Justice of the Peace four years.

John F. Coburn, deceased, one of the most prominent of the old pioneers, was born in Ontario County, N. Y., July 22, 1806, a son of Asher Coburn, and died in De Kalb County, Ind., April 8, 1879. He was ten years of age when his parents moved to Trumbull County, Ohio, and there he was reared on a frontier farm, obtaining a practical education in the district schools, and by studying in his leisure hours. He learned the shoemaker's trade in his youth, and worked at it till his removal to De Kalb County, Ind., March 1, 1836. He entered 120 acres of Government land, which he began to clear and improve, and also worked at his trade. He was elected County Clerk and Recorder, the first in the county, and made an efficient officer. He was an active member of the Disciples church, and took a great interest in the cause of Christianity. Politically he was first a Whig and later a Republican. He was married Nov. 25, 1830, to Minerva Twadell, who died Oct. 8, 1840. They had three children—Jacob O., Laura E., and Edwin R. The sons were both soldiers in the war of the Rebellion. Jacob O. died in a rebel prison. Edwin R. is now a resident of Dushville, Isabella Co., Mich. July 11, 1841, Mr. Coburn married Alzada M. Gay, who died March 28, 1850.

April 20, 1852, he married Betsey A. Wilmot, a native of Portage County, Ohio, born June 7, 1812. They had one child—Wilmot P. Mrs. Coburn and her son are living on the old homestead, which contains 160 acres of valuable land, under a good state of cultivation.

Russell G. Coburn, a son of Ebenezer and Deliverance (Wilson) Coburn, was born in Ontario County, N. Y., Aug. 8, 1825, and was two years of age when his parents moved to Trumbull County, Ohio, and thirteen when they moved to De Kalb County, Ind. He remained with his parents, assisting in the cultivation of the farm, till his marriage, and then took charge of the old homestead and cared for his parents the remainder of their lives. For forty-six years he has lived on his farm, and has witnessed and materially assisted the development of the county. For twenty years he worked at the carpenter and joiner's trade in connection with farming. He was married July 6, 1845, to Mary Milliman, daughter of John and Mary (Warren) Milliman. They have had a family of eleven children, nine of whom are living—Augustus B., Sarah J., Phœbe Eve, Elsie Ann, Mary E., Alva S., Warren W., Caroline E. and Harriet A. Mr. and Mrs. Coburn have been members of the Christian church forty-five years. Politically he has been a member of the Republican party since its organization.

Robertson Culbertson, one of the prominent citizens of Concord Township, was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, April 6, 1815, a son of Robert and Mary (Pepples) Culbertson, natives of Pennsylvania; his father of Westmoreland County, of Scotch descent, and his mother of Adams County, of Irish descent. In 1810 his parents moved to Coshocton County, Ohio, where the father died six weeks before the birth of our subject. Four years later the mother married John Henderson. When eight years of age he went to live with his grandfather Culbertson in Wayne County, and remained with him till nineteen years of age. He then began to work for farmers by the month, and in 1838 came to De Kalb County, Ind., and entered 120 acres of land in Concord Township. Returning to Ohio he remained five years and then moved his family to the new home, which he has since cleared and improved, and now has one of the best farms in the township. He was married Nov. 10, 1836, to Margaret Robinson, daughter of Hugh Robinson, and to them were born seven children, but three of whom are living. One



son, Joseph, enlisted Sept. 5, 1861, in the first company that left De Kalb County for the defense of the Union, and was killed at the battle of Shiloh, April 7, 1862, aged twenty-one years. A daughter, Mary J., was the wife of John C. Owens, and died at the age of thirty years, leaving a family of children. Mrs. Culbertson died June 24, 1874, aged fifty-five years and twenty days. August 28, 1883, Mr. Culbertson married ——— Brown, widow of Samuel Brown, by whom she has three children—Calvin H., Willis B., and Herman L. In 1855 Mr. Culbertson was elected Magistrate of his township and served eight years. He served as Assessor and Land Appraiser seven years. In politics he is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Protestant Methodist church.

George W. Draggo, farmer and stock-raiser, Concord Township, is a native of Richland (now Ashland) County, Ohio, born March 22, 1826, the youngest of twelve children of Frederick and Martha (Angel) Draggo. His father died when he was twelve years of age and he remained with his mother till manhood, receiving a common school education. His mother died when he was twenty-one years of age, and the following fall, 1847, he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought the land which is now his valuable farm. To his first purchase he has added till he now owns 155 acres, all under cultivation, and his residence and farm buildings are pleasant and are built with all the modern conveniences. Mr. Draggo has accumulated his property by hard work and frugality. He has been an influential man in the township, and in 1860 was elected Magistrate and served eight years. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and one of the most esteemed of the brotherhood. In politics he is a Democrat. He was married April 26, 1849, to Samantha Blair, daughter of John and Margaret (Douglas) Blair, one of the first families in De Kalb County. They have two children—Alice A. and Franklin B. Mrs. Draggo is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Amos Draper is a native of Otsego County, N. Y., born April 5, 1804, a son of Bethuel and Polly (Vaughn) Draper, his father a native of Massachusetts, son of Joshua Draper, of English descent, and his mother a native of New York, of Holland descent. When he was ten years of age his father died, leaving his mother, with six small children, in limited circumstances. The children were scattered, and our subject found a home in

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the family of Stockwell in the city of Troy, where he lived three years, when his mother, having married again, he lived with her a short time. When he was twenty-two years of age he began teaching, his first school being near Hardwick. He then taught several years in his native county. In 1840 he moved to Huron County, Ohio, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits till 1873, when he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought eighty acres of land in Concord Township, all under cultivation. He is a self-made man, having made his property solely by his own industry and frugal habits, accompanied by his integrity and good business ability. He was married Jan. 22, 1837, to Sally Ann Doan, a native of the State of New York. To them were born five children, but three of whom are living—Horace, William, and Miranda. Emily and Harriet are deceased. Mrs. Draper, born May 10, 1818, died Nov. 12, 1879, aged sixty-one years, six months, and two days. In politics he is a Republican.

Jacob Dermott, farmer and stock-raiser, Concord Township, was born in Schuylkill County, Pa., May 16, 1824, a son of Peter and Hannah (Williams) Dermott. His father, a native of Ireland, came to the United States when a young man, and the latter a native of one of the Southern States of Welsh descent. When he was fifteen years of age his parents moved to Ohio, and settled in Paulding County. Two years later he went to Ft. Wayne, and for six years was engaged in the manufacture of chairs. In 1847 he bought eighty acres of unimproved land in Allen County, which he subsequently sold, and bought 160 acres of partially improved land in Concord Township, DeKalb County, which he exchanged about five years later for the farm where he now lives, which contains 120 acres of valuable land all under cultivation, and has since engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was married Oct. 23, 1845, to Phœbe Coburn, daughter of Asher Coburn, one of the first settlers of DeKalb County. They have had five children, four of whom are living—Asher M., John E., Olive C., and J. M. Their eldest son, Charles M., is deceased. Mrs. Dermott is a member of the Disciples church. In politics Mr. Dermott is a Democrat.

Jonas Emanuel, M. D., is the oldest practising physician of DeKalb County. He was born in Hardin County, Va., April 15, 1818, a son of Jacob and Mary (Kimball) Emanuel, the former a native of Germany, and the latter of Virginia of German

descent. When he was about ten years old his parents moved to Fayette County, Ohio, where they died. In 1840 he began the study of medicine with Dr. Thomas MacGorough, a prominent physician of old Chillicothe, and remained with him three years. He took his first course of lectures at Cincinnati, and graduated from the Ft. Wayne Medical College. He began the practice of his profession at Franconia, Putnam Co., Ohio, and Dec. 19, 1843, came to DeKalb County and located in Spencerville. Since his settlement in DeKalb County he has traveled about 150,000 miles, the greater part of it on horseback. He was for several years the only physician of this part of the county and his labors were necessarily very laborious, often having to go miles through the dense forest, and being obliged to carry a hickory torch to see his way. He has been successful in his practice, and not only has acquired a good property, but has endeared himself to the hearts of the people, especially of the old settlers, with whom he shared their privations and difficulties, never refusing on any account to attend one who needed his services. In February, 1880, Dr. Emanuel took his honorary degree at Ft. Wayne College. He is a member of the Allen County Medical Association. He was married Dec. 25, 1842, to Esther Hawley, daughter of Richard Hawley, and to them three children were born—Mary E., wife of A. C. Taylor, of Kansas; Charles E., an attorney, of Auburn, and Appelles D., who was making a good record as a physician in Ohio, and in 1876 died of typhoid fever, aged thirty-two years, leaving a widow and three children. Mrs. Emanuel died Sept. 28, 1850, and May 16, 1852, Dr. Emanuel married Laura E. Coburn, a native of Trumbull County, Ohio, daughter of John Coburn. They had a family of seven children—Angelina, deceased; Anoret and Henry are deceased; Hamilton is a physician of Ohio; Marcus C., an attorney of this county; Ella, wife of Bruce L. Bogorte, an attorney of Dakota; Gerry E., a physician, the youngest man ever graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago, Ill. Dr. Emanuel lost his wife Nov. 28, 1871, and was again married Jan. 21, 1877, to Lucinda Silsbee. He has a fine farm of 200 acres in Concord Township, and one of the pleasantest homes in the county. In politics he was first a Whig, but now is a member of the Republican party.

Henry H. Fales is a native of New York, born Dec. 18, 1818, a son of Peter and Judith Ann (Cole) Fales, the former a native

of Massachusetts, of Welsh descent, and the latter of Rhode Island, of English descent. When he was fifteen years of age his parents moved to Trumbull County, Ohio, where his youth was spent in assisting his father in the blacksmith's shop. May 10, 1838, he came to Indiana and helped build one of the first mills on the St. Joseph River, at Orangeville, and ran it two years. He then moved to Spencerville, Concord Township, De Kalb County, engaged in different vocations till 1844, when he settled on a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits till 1871, and for twelve years was associated with his son in the furniture and undertaker's business at Spencerville. Since 1883 he has lived retired from the active business of life. Mr. Fales was married Feb. 9, 1838, to Rebecca White, a native of Trumbull County, Ohio, daughter of Ephraim and Betsey (Bartholomew) White. To them have been born ten children, eight of whom are living—Emily, wife of Joseph Spittler; Betsey, wife of William Leighty; Eli, of Allen County, Ind.; William, on the old homestead; Orange, of Elkhart County, Ind.; Elliot S., of St. Joe; Thomas L., and William L., of Concord Township. Rosa Ann and Malcolm are deceased. In politics Mr. Fales is a Republican. He has served as Magistrate of his township fourteen years. He and his wife are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church.

Harlow J. Gee, farmer and stock-raiser, Concord Township, is a native of Ohio, born in Ashtabula County, April 19, 1827, the second child of Anson and Amelia Gee. When he was four years of age his father died, leaving his mother in limited circumstances with three children to care for. As soon as they were large enough, he and his elder brother were obliged to follow the plow and clear the land. His mother subsequently married Enoch Hayford, and in 1834 they moved to Bartholomew County, Ind., where his stepfather died. In 1840 they came to DeKalb County and bought eighty acres, to which he afterward added forty acres near Newville, paying \$3 an acre. He was married Aug. 25, 1850, to Lucinda Loomis, daughter of Amos Loomis, and settled on the homestead. In 1851 he bought his present farm of fifty acres in Concord Township, all under cultivation. To Mr. and Mrs. Gee have been born eight children—Harriet A., wife of James Sichter; Mary A., wife of James Lindermuth; Elizabeth, wife of George B. Wilson; Marcellus D., married Carrie Coburn; Jud-

son O.; Caroline, deceased; Burton A., and an infant, deceased. In politics Mr. Gee is a Republican. His success in life is due to his habits of industry and economy learned in youth from the counsels of a wise mother.

Rev. James Hadsell, deceased, was the second minister of the Disciples church in DeKalb County. He was born in Broome County, N. Y., Feb. 28, 1813, a son of John and Abigail Hadsell. When he was a boy his parents moved to Trumbull County, Ohio, where he was reared on a farm, receiving his education in the district school, and by studying in his leisure hours when his services were not required on the farm. He began teaching school when a young man, at a time when he received \$10 a month for his services. He was married March 12, 1835, to Mary A. Abel, who was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, Aug. 21, 1813, a daughter of Daniel and Sally (Root) Abel. In 1836 they moved to DeKalb County, Ind., and entered eighty acres of Government land in Concord Township, where they lived thirty years. A short time after his settlement in the county he was licensed to preach in the Disciples church, and the rest of his life was an active worker in the cause of Christianity, traveling over DeKalb and adjacent counties for about forty years. He held many offices of trust and responsibility, and at one time represented his county in the Legislature. To him and his wife were born eight children—Byron A., Orlina E., Marshall D., Austin A., Maria M., Carson C., Eveline S. and Camillus J. Mr. Hadsell died March 6, 1876.

Benjamin Hamilton was born in Franklin County, Pa., Dec. 6, 1845, a son of Edward and Rebecca (Bishop) Hamilton. His father died before his birth, and he lived with his grandfather Bishop, till eight years of age, when his mother moved to Adams county, Pa., where he lived till seventeen years of age. When twelve years of age he began to assist his mother in the maintenance of the family. In 1863 they moved to DeKalb County, Ind., and settled in Concord Township. His mother now lives in Hicksville. November, 1864, he enlisted in Company A, Thirteenth Indiana Infantry, and participated in the battles of Fort Fisher and others of less importance. He was discharged in October, 1865, and returned to Allen County, thence to DeKalb County, where he has since followed agricultural pursuits. In 1872 he sold his farm in Concord Township,

and bought one in Allen County where he lived till 1881, when he sold it and returned to Concord Township and bought the farm he now owns on section 14, containing 132 acres of valuable land. He was married Jan. 21, 1868, to Catherine Houk, daughter of George and Mary (Shilling) Houk. To them have been born six children—John A. (deceased), George F., Millicent, William, Mary and Adelphia. Mr. Hamilton is a member of John C. Carns Post, No. 144, G. A. R. In politics he is a Democrat.

James M. Hamilton. [By A. H. Bittinger, Esq.]—The subject of this sketch was born near Defiance, Defiance Co., Ohio, Oct. 2, 1832. He was a son of Gavin W. and Anna B. Hamilton. His parental ancestors were Scotch and his maternal ancestors of German descent. His grandfather, William Hamilton, came from Scotland, arriving in New York in 1796. In the early part of the year 1839 his parents removed to DeKalb County, Ind., and he is therefore one of the old settlers of the county. He received his education in the local schools which did not at that early day furnish the facilities for education for which in after years that section of the county became noted, but he was an apt scholar and acquired a good and substantial education for the time spent in procuring it. He is a farmer from choice, and has owned the farm upon which he now lives for thirty-three years. He is also the sole proprietor of the Orangeville grist-mill, situated upon the same site on the St. Joseph River selected by and upon which his father erected a grist and saw mill in 1839, being the pioneer mills of that section of the country. Although domestic in his habits, he never married. In early life he planned tours through his own and foreign countries which he faithfully carried out in his maturer years. In 1864 he made a tour of the Southern States with the assistance of the officers of the Union Army, who furnished him with the proper passes through their lines. In the year 1871 he made a tour of the Pacific slope, spending fifteen months in Idaho, Oregon, Nevada, California and Utah. In 1876 he journeyed through the Eastern States and to the capital of the United States. In 1878 he took a voyage to Europe, visiting France, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, England, Ireland, and the home of his ancestors in Scotland, where he found many of his kindred still occupying the ancestral homes. In 1885 he again made a tour of the Southern States, this time without the re-

strait of army passes, the principal object of which was the World's Exposition at New Orleans, La. He has acquired much useful information in his extensive travels. In politics, he is a Republican, his first vote being cast for John C. Fremont for President in 1856, with which party he has ever since voted for National and State officers—he never sought nor held an office. He zealously advocates any cause he espouses, and is positive in his likes and dislikes. He is quick and electrical in his movements, possessed of much strength and vigor, enjoys the comforts of a pleasant home, and esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

George Hauk, retired farmer, was born in Dauphin County, Pa., Oct. 23, 1812, a son of Samuel and Catherine (Spraker) Hauk, natives of Pennsylvania, of German descent. His father died in Lebanon County, Pa., aged sixty years, and his mother in Stark County, Ohio, aged eighty-six years. When he was eighteen years of age he left his native State and went to Stark County, Ohio, where he learned the miller's trade, serving an apprenticeship and worked at it ten years. He then bought a farm and followed agricultural pursuits in Stark County till the fall of 1853, when he came to De Kalb County and bought 160 acres of land in Jackson Township. He subsequently added to it from time to time, till he now owns a fine farm of 400 acres. In 1874 he retired from the care of his large farm, relinquishing it to his children, and bought thirty-nine acres in Spencerville, where he and his wife are now enjoying the accumulations of their many years of toil. He was married June 27, 1838, to Mary Shilling, daughter of Adam and Mary (Roan) Shilling. To them have been born seven children—Mary A., wife of George Shutt, of Allen County; Hiram, of Allen County; Elizabeth, wife of William Shutt, of this township; Daniel married Rila Kiner and lives on the old homestead; Emeline J. Bell, wife of Nicholas Goldsmith, on the old homestead; Amelia Catherine, wife of Benjamin Hamilton, of this township, and Sarah Matilda, wife of Samuel Canard, of Allen County. Mr. and Mrs. Hauk are members of the Lutheran church. In politics he was originally a Whig, but now casts his suffrage with the Democratic party.

William Henderson, one of the pioneers of De Kalb County, is a native of Ashland County, Ohio, born April 26, 1824, the eldest of thirteen children of Samuel and Lettie (Moody) Hen

derson, natives of Pennsylvania, of Irish parentage. They were married in Harrison County, Ohio, and soon after settled on rented land on the present site of Haysville, and afterward bought a farm two miles north, where they lived till the fall of 1836. In July of that year Mr. Henderson came to De Kalb County and entered 320 acres of land, and returned to Ohio for his family. Sept. 25 they left the latter State and Oct. 13 arrived at their frontier home. They built a fire by the side of a log and made their wagon their house till a cabin could be built. The next morning the father started for Fort Wayne to mill, and was gone four days. When he returned the boys had their cabin ready to raise, and in less than a week from the time of their arrival they had a house to live in, the first in the township. He afterward bought 120 acres more land, making a large farm of 440 acres which he and his sons cleared and improved. He was elected the first Justice of the Peace in the township but refused to qualify, having no aspirations for official honors. He lived to see all but three of his children married and settled on homes of their own, and died Feb. 15, 1863, aged sixty-five years. His wife survived till December, 1880, and died at the age of seventy-five years. William Henderson was twelve years old when his parents moved to De Kalb County, and although so young he was obliged to assist in clearing and improving a frontier farm. His educational advantages were limited, never attending school but seven weeks. He was married Jan. 9, 1845, to Matilda Watson, a native of Ashland County, Ohio, daughter of William and Susan (Keffler) Watson, of Allen County, Ind. After his marriage he settled on a tract of heavily timbered land, and began to make a farm for himself. He built a cabin 16x18, in which he commenced housekeeping, and went bravely to work to clear his land. He has cleared 160 acres, and now has one of the finest farms in the township, and has made it his home for forty years. To him and his wife have been born four children, two of whom are living—Margaret and John W. Their eldest died in infancy, and Elizabeth was the wife of Milo F. Walker, and died May 5, 1883, aged twenty-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson have been members of the Methodist Episcopal church forty years. He is a member of Concord Lodge, No. 556, A. F. & A. M. In politics he was originally a Democrat, but since its organization has affiliated with the Republican party. He was

elected County Commissioner in 1866 and served four years, and has also served as Township Trustee four terms.

Andrew Horn is a native of Adams County, Pa., born Aug. 11, 1814, a son of George and Louisa (Cramer) Horn, natives of Pennsylvania, the former of Adams County and the latter of York County, of German parentage. He was reared on a farm, residing with his parents till manhood. He was married Feb. 15, 1838, to Sydney Pilkington, daughter of Joseph and Jane (Gettys) Pilkington. After his marriage he settled on the old homestead, where he lived a year and a half, and in September, 1839, he and his father moved to Richland County, Ohio, where he lived thirteen years. In 1848 he came to De Kalb County and bought eighty acres of land in Newville Township, and four years later moved his family to this county. He sold his land in Newville Township and bought eighty acres of land in Concord Township, which is his present home. Sixty-five acres of his land are under cultivation. His father died in the spring of 1862, aged seventy-three years, and his mother in 1864, aged seventy-one years. To Mr. and Mrs. Horn have been born six children—Israel, Mary J. (wife of George Lake, of Allen County), John M., Caroline (deceased), Edwin and Lorena. Their sons were all soldiers in the war of the Rebellion. In politics Mr. Horn is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church.

Isaac N. Hornberger is a native of Berks County, Pa., born Feb. 25, 1824, a son of John and Leah (Remp) Hornberger, natives of Pennsylvania, of German descent. When he was ten years of age his parents moved to Stark County, Ohio, where he lived with them till his majority. He was married Dec. 25, 1848, to Lucinda Lehman, daughter of David and Nancy (Zent) Lehman. He lived in Ohio two years after his marriage, and then moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on the land which is his present farm, containing 160 acres, about fifteen of which were partially improved. He now has it all under cultivation, and has a pleasant residence and good farm buildings. Mr. Hornberger is purely a self-made man, having acquired his property by hard work and economical habits. He is in politics a Republican. Though not an aspirant for official honors he has served his township two years as Constable. To him and his wife have been born seven children—Nancy C., wife of Francis Koelt, of Union Township; Mary A., wife of Isaac



Mann, of Wilmington; Belle E., wife of George Swinford, of Wilmington Township; John P., of Union Township, married Laura Weeks; Susannah M., wife of James Sherwood, of Union Township; Anna A. and Myrtle J. Mrs. Hornberger died Nov. 30, 1881. She was, as is also Mr. Hornberger, an active member of the United Brethren church.

Henry Hull, farmer and stock-raiser, Concord Township, was born in Knox County, Ohio, March 24, 1834, the eldest son of Hiram and Sarah (Sloan) Hull, natives of Ohio, German of descent. He was reared by his grandfather, Henry Hull, living with him from his second till his twenty-sixth year. When he was fifteen years of age his grandfather moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on a farm near Orangeville. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and by close attention to business, and industrious and economical habits has acquired a large property. In 1855 he bought eighty acres of wild land, which he cleared, and to which he has added till he now has a fine farm of 188 acres, all well improved with good buildings. He was married Dec. 29, 1859, to Sarah A. Widney, daughter of Samuel Widney. To them have been born three children—Joseph A., Clarence H., and Delbert L. In his political affiliations Mr. Hull is a Democrat.

Henry Jenkins, farmer and stock-raiser, Concord Township, was born in Knox County, Ohio, May 1, 1834, the second son of John and Margaret (Hull) Jenkins. When he was ten years of age his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on a tract of wild land where he was reared, his youth being spent in assisting his father to clear and improve his land. He received a common-school education attending the schools of his district. He remained at home till his marriage, Feb. 1, 1860, to Martha J. Johnson, daughter of Thomas and Lydia (Draggoo) Johnson, and then bought 106 acres of land which is his present home. He has been successful in his pursuits and now has a pleasant home. To him and his wife have been born six children, three of whom died in infancy. Those living are—Emma, wife of C. Elson, of Fairfield Township; Frederick A., and Clara B. In politics Mr. Jenkins is a Democrat. Mrs. Jenkins is a member of the Methodist Protestant church.

George Kimes, deceased, was born in Lancaster County, Pa., and died in Concord Township, De Kalb Co., Ind., March 17, 1878. He was a son of Peter and Nancy Kimes, who, when he





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was two years old moved to Dauphin County, Pa., where he was reared and married May 17, 1831, to Sarah Boyer, a native of Maryland, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Kramb) Boyer. In 1836 Mr. Kimes moved to Wayne County, Ohio, and in 1848 to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought eighty acres of unimproved land in Concord Township, which he improved, and in 1861 added eighty acres of heavily timbered land to it. He was an enterprising citizen and a liberal supporter of all interests of benefit to the community. In 1831 he and his wife united with the Lutheran church, but in 1839 becoming dissatisfied with that denomination, united with the Church of God, of which they were ever active and consistent members. To them were born thirteen children, twelve of whom lived till maturity—David, Elizabeth, Josiah H., Jacob C., Catherine A., Daniel M., George, Andrew, William H. Sarah J., Harvey and Amanda L. Mrs. Kimes has reared two grandchildren—Cora Barr and Ellery Kimes. She still lives on the old homestead, and is loved and esteemed by all who know her. In his political affiliations Mr. Kimes was an old line Whig, but after its organization cast his vote with the Republican party.

Joseph Koch, son of Ulrich and Barbara (Repman) Koch, was born in Ashland County, Ohio, in July, 1832. His parents were natives of Germany, his father coming to America when sixteen and his mother when two years of age. Their family consisted of nine children, but three of whom lived till maturity. In 1852 Joseph Koch came to De Kalb County, Ind., and began clearing a tract of heavily timbered land which his father had bought some time before. He lived on and improved this farm till after the breaking out of the Rebellion when, Nov. 4, 1864, he enlisted in Company C, Thirty-fifth Indiana Infantry, and served till the close of the war. He participated in many hard fought battles, among others Franklin and Nashville. His health became impaired from exposure and as the result of an accident at Nashville, and he has never recovered from its effects. Since his return from the war he has followed agricultural pursuits, and now has one of the finest farms in the township, containing 160 acres, all under cultivation. He was married April 17, 1853, to Mary Ann Jenkins, daughter of John and Margaret (Hull) Jenkins. They are the parents of eleven children—Sarah L., John U., Reuben J., Wilson, Annie, Margaret E., Ida, Lillie, Della, Charley, and Amanda K. Mr.

Koch is a member of John Carns Post, No. 144, G. A. R. Politically he is a Democrat.

Thomas Krise was born in Center County, Pa., in 1840, the sixth of seven children of Philip and Elizabeth (Smith) Krise. When he was six weeks old his parents moved to Lorain County, Ohio, and in 1854 his father came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought seventy-one acres of unimproved land, and returned to Ohio for his family. While making his arrangements to move he was taken sick and died in July, 1854, leaving his widow with five children. The following October the family came to their frontier home, which the sons cleared and improved, and where the mother still lives, in the eightieth year of her age. Thomas was in the fifteenth year of his age when he came to De Kalb County. He remained with his mother till after the breaking out of the Rebellion, and, Aug. 7, 1862, enlisted in Company H, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry, and participated in many hard fought battles, among others being Perryville, and the Atlanta campaign. While on picket duty at McMean's Mill, S. C., he, with William Weeks, a member of the same company, was attacked by two rebels, who placed revolvers against their breasts and commanded them to surrender. Mr. Krise wrenched the revolver from him, although after a hand to hand struggle, and captured his opponent. The other rebel was killed. As a reward for his bravery the Government gave him the captured revolver, which is among his most prized relics. He was discharged June 27, 1865. After his return home he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked nine years, at the same time having charge of the old homestead. He has been successful in his pursuits, and now owns 160 acres of valuable land under a good state of cultivation. Mr. Krise was married Sept. 30, 1869, to Almira J., daughter of William Clark. To them have been born five children—Gertrude May, William H., Effie J. (deceased), Charles O., and Milton Thomas. Mr. Krise is a member of William Hacker Lodge, No. 326, F. & A. M., and John Carns, Post, No. 144, G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican.

Samuel Lawhead, one of the prominent pioneers of Concord Township, was born in Fayette County, Pa., March 26, 1822, the fifth of eleven children of James and Martha (McClelland) Lawhead, natives of Pennsylvania, of Scotch and Irish parentage. In 1824 his parents moved to Greene County, Pa., and in

1835 to Wayne County, Ohio, where they lived four years, removing in May, 1839, to De Kalb County, Ind., where his father entered 240 acres of Government land, which he cleared and improved and made his home till his death in 1848, aged sixty years. The mother lived till 1880 and died at the age of eighty-seven years. Eight of their children are living. They were active members of the Presbyterian church. Samuel was seventeen years of age when his parents moved to De Kalb County, and from that time till twenty-four years of age he assisted his father in clearing and improving his land. April 6, 1846, he was married to Martha Draggoo, a daughter of Peter and Nancy (Williams) Draggoo. In 1848 he bought eighty acres of unimproved land which he has cleared and cultivated and has now made his home for thirty-two years. He has been an honest, upright citizen, and merits the respect of his fellow townsmen and has been entrusted by them with several positions of responsibility. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. They have had three children; but one is living—Nancy E. Mary E. and an infant are deceased. In politics Mr. Lawhead is a Republican.

Jacob D. Leighty, merchant, St. Joe, Ind., was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., Oct. 19, 1840, a son of John and Elizabeth (Sowash) Leighty. He was four years of age when his parents moved to De Kalb County in 1844, and here he was reared. When he was sixteen years of age he began teaching school, and subsequently taught and attended school till the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion, being at that time in the sophomore class at Wittenburg College, Springfield, Ohio. July 8, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Eleventh Indiana Infantry, and was appointed a Sergeant of his company. His first engagement was in the spring of 1862, at Fort Henry. Subsequently he participated in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Grand Gulf, Port Gibson, Raymond, Champion Hills, and others. At the last named battle he was wounded in the left hip and disabled from active service for sixty days. He joined his regiment at Baton Rouge, and from there went down the Mississippi to New Orleans and into West Louisiana as far as Opelousas, his regiment being in several engagements on the way. Then he returned to New Orleans, but as he was still suffering from his wound he resigned in March, 1864, and returned home. He was a gallant soldier, and for his bravery was com-

missioned Second Lieutenant Jan. 24, 1862, and First Lieutenant Dec. 1 following. After his return home he engaged in the mercantile business in Spencerville in company with Miller & Myers a short time, and then he and Mr. Miller purchased Mr. Myers' interest and the firm of Miller & Co. continued a year, when his father bought Mr. Miller's interest, changing the firm to John Leighty & Son. In 1872 he bought his father's interest and in 1874 sold his stock to P. Bishop. In 1875 he and his father laid out the village of St. Joe and the following year he became established in the mercantile business at this place. He was appointed Postmaster in 1875 and served till 1880, when he was elected Township Trustee. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Concord Lodge, No. 556; William Hacker Chapter, No. 56; Angola Council, No. 27; Apollo Commandery, No. 19. He is a member of John C. Carns Post, No. 144, G. A. R. In March, 1866, Mr. Leighty was married to Kate A. Metzger, a native of Circleville, Ohio, daughter of Judge Andrew Metzger, of Fort Wayne. To them have been born three children, but one of whom is living—John R.

John Leighty, one of the prominent and successful early settlers of DeKalb County, is a native of Westmoreland County, Pa., born Nov. 18, 1808, a son of John and Catherine (Welker) Leighty, natives of Pennsylvania, of German descent. When he was fifteen years of age he went to learn the shoemaker's trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years. He then worked as a journeyman till his marriage and then settled on a farm in his native county, where he lived till 1844, when in the early part of June he moved to DeKalb County, Ind., and settled on section 33, Concord Township, where he built a cabin and began improving a farm. In 1859 he left the farm and moved to the village of Spencerville, where in 1865 he engaged in the mercantile business with his son. In 1875 he and his son moved to section 15, Concord Township, where they bought one hundred acres of land and laid out the town of St. Joe, which is now a thriving village. Mr. Leighty was married April 4, 1833, to Elizabeth Sowash, a native of Westmoreland County, Pa., a daughter of Abraham and Susan (Weaver) Sowash. To them have been born ten children, seven of whom are living—Catherine, Alexander, Jacob D., Maria, William, Charles B. and Mary. Susan, John and Elizabeth are deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Leighty are members of the Lutheran church. Politically he is a Demócrat.

Stephen Lutz, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in Knox County, Ohio, Aug. 11, 1849, a son of John and Elizabeth (Woodruff) Lutz, natives of Ohio, of German descent. When he was sixteen years old, in the spring of 1866 he came to DeKalb County with his parents and settled in Concord Township, and lived with them till manhood. He has always given his attention to agricultural pursuits and now owns a good farm of eighty acres, all under cultivation, with good improvements. He was married Feb. 9, 1871, to Catherine Moore, a native of Ohio, daughter of Enoch and Rebecca (Johnston) Moore, who came to DeKalb County when she was a child. They have one child—Samuel J. W. In politics Mr. Lutz is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant church.

James Malone, farmer and stock-raiser, Concord Township, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, in 1820, a son of Elias and Catharine (Steffey) Malone, natives of Maryland, who moved to Ohio in an early day. He was reared a farmer, remaining with his parents till manhood. He was married Jan. 6, 1842, to Mary Ann Eller, a native of Maryland, daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Grime) Eller, also early settlers of Ohio. After his marriage he lived on the old homestead a short time, and then went to Knox County, Ohio, and rented land till the fall of 1850, when he came to De Kalb County, and bought eighty acres of wild land, which he has cleared of the timber and put under a good state of cultivation. To this he has added till he now owns a good farm of 154 acres of valuable land. He is a self-made man, being in limited circumstances when he came to De Kalb County, but by energy and industry has accumulated a good property. In politics he is a Democrat. To him and his wife have been born eight children, seven of whom are living—Henry, William, Jacob, Margaret, Sarah J., Harriet, Mary F., and Anna; the latter is deceased.

Henry Maxwell, farmer and stock-raiser, Concord Township, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, July 31, 1835, the fifth of ten children of John and Polly (Thomas) Maxwell, natives of Ohio, of Irish and English descent. John Maxwell was a millwright by trade, and about 1840 built the first bridge across the St. Joseph River. In the winter of 1841-'2 he moved to De Kalb



County, and worked at his trade till 1849 in Newville Township, when he bought the farm now owned by his son Hugh, where he lived till his death. Henry Maxwell remained with his parents till fifteen years of age, and then went to Michigan where he lived twelve years. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion in Company K, Second Michigan Infantry, and the following June received a wound which disabled him for active duty, and from the effects of which he has never recovered. Since his return from the war he has followed agricultural pursuits, and now owns a fine farm of eighty acres all under cultivation. He was married in 1859 to Mary Ann Brown, and to them were born two children, Hugh and Rosa J. The former died aged three years. His wife died in 1861, and in 1863 he married Alvira Hull, who died Feb. 17, 1879. Oct. 8, 1879, he married Lura L. Jackson. They have one child—Winifred Alene. Mr. Maxwell is a member of Newville Lodge, No. 326, F. & A. M., and John C. Carns Post, No. 144, G. A. R. In politics he is a Democrat.

J. H. Murray, of the firm Murray Brothers, millers, Spencer-ville, Ind., was born in Seneca County, Ohio, Nov. 7, 1839, the youngest son of James and Nancy (Herrin) Murray. Before he was a year old his father died, and he was reared by a widowed mother. When he was about fifteen years old he accompanied her to Allen County, Ind., where he lived till the fall of 1860, when he came to De Kalb County, and in company with John Zimmerman bought a saw and grist mill, which they conducted till the death of the latter, when he, with his brother Thomas, bought the interest of the heirs, and they have since carried on the business. Mr. Murray was married Jan. 30, 1873, to Maggie Langley, a native of Virginia, daughter of John and Elizabeth Langley. To them have been born two children—Mabel and Winifred. Mr. Murray is a member of Concord Lodge, No. 556, A. F. & A. M. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party.

Thomas S. Murray, of the firm Murray Brothers, proprietors of the saw and grist mill, Spencer-ville, Ind., was born in Seneca County, Ohio, Oct. 28, 1837, the third of four children of James C. and Nancy R. (Herrin) Murray, natives of Pennsylvania and early settlers of Ohio, where his father died when he was three years old. In 1854 his mother came with her family to Indiana



and settled in Allen County, where in 1857 he began to work at the carpenter's trade, and followed it ten years. In 1865 he came to De Kalb County and settled on a farm in Concord Township, and in 1867 removed to Spencerville, and formed a partnership with his brother in the milling business, which they have since successfully conducted. He was married Dec. 20, 1860, to Pauline Opdyke, a native of Allen County, Ind., daughter of Henry C. and Elinor (Sunderland) Opdyke. They are the parents of four children, three of whom are living—Laura A., wife of John Baltz, of Allen County; Maud E. and Mary E. Charles L. died at the age of sixteen months. Mr. Murray is a member of Concord Lodge, No. 556, F. & A. M. In politics he is a Democrat. In 1870 he was elected Trustee of his township and served two years.

Thomas Nelson, one of the most successful farmers and stock-raisers of Concord Township, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, Aug. 14, 1816, the eldest son of Hugh and Mary (Wilson) Nelson, natives of Harrison County, Ohio, the former a son of John Nelson, who came from Ireland with his parents when ten years old, and settled in Pennsylvania, and when a young man moved to Ohio, and the latter a daughter of Thomas Wilson, a native of New Jersey, also an early settler of Ohio. Our subject was born about the time the Indians left that part of Ohio, and his youth was spent in helping to clear a frontier farm. He was married in August, 1834, when eighteen years of age. He then entered eighty acres of land and built a pole-cabin in the woods, where he commenced housekeeping. He had thirty-five bushels of wheat and borrowed \$15 with which he entered forty acres more land. The first winter he taught a subscription school which furnished them with provisions. After getting his land under cultivation, he sold it for \$1,200 and bought 200 acres of unimproved land and again began to clear a second and larger farm. He afterward bought eighty-eight acres which he sold a year later for \$500 more than he gave for it. He then bought 150 acres near New Philadelphia Landing, which he kept four years and sold for \$1,700 advance of the purchase price. He then sold his 200 acres for \$5,000, and in 1868 moved to De Kalb County and bought 150 acres of land for \$6,600, seventy acres for \$925, forty-six acres for \$1,500, and three acres near Newville for \$400; now has a landed estate of 269 acres all under cultivation. He has some of the finest stock



in the county, generally taking the first premium wherever it is exhibited. His family has consisted of ten children—Mary A. died at the age of twenty-two years; Elizabeth J. is the wife of Richard Crumb; John T. died, aged thirteen years; Rachel married Samuel Armstrong, who died, and she is now the widow of William Sechler; Levina is the wife of Job Worford; Rebecca is the wife of John Deardorf; T. W. married Martha Warner; Lennie is the wife of Chester Hoisington; Hugh died, aged one year, and Sarah aged two years. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson joined the Methodist Episcopal church in their youth, but there being no church of their choice near them they are now members of the United Brethren church. Mrs. Nelson has for several years been afflicted with her eyes, and in 1884 entirely lost her sight. In politics Mr. Nelson was originally a Whig, but now casts his suffrage with the Republican party.

Samuel N. Olds, one of the prominent business men of Spencerville, now retired, is a native of Franklin County, Vt., born June 24, 1818, a son of Elias and Abigail (Alcott) Olds, the former a native of Massachusetts, of Scotch descent, and the latter a native of Vermont. When twenty years old he left his native State and came to Indiana, locating in Fort Wayne, where he engaged in the manufacture of hats and caps, remaining there till 1866, when he moved to Spencerville and engaged in general merchandising, which he followed successfully till 1883, when he retired from active business. He is a shrewd business man, a good manager, and by close attention to his business and strict integrity, has been successful, and has surrounded himself with the comforts of life with which to enjoy the remainder of his days in this world. He was married Oct. 30, 1844, to Caroline Robinson, a native of Vermont, daughter of Paul and Elizabeth Robinson. To them have been born ten children, six of whom are living—Mary E., Mortimer E., Lena, William, Nellie, and Arthur. George H., Charles, Harriet, and Sarah are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Olds are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he casts his suffrage with the Republican party.

John A. Provines, druggist and Postmaster, Spencerville, Ind., was born in Wayne County, Ohio, July 22, 1843, the eldest son of Alexander Provines. When he was ten years of age, in the spring of 1853, his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Jackson Township, where he was



reared and educated, remaining with his parents till after the breaking out of the Rebellion, when, Sept. 5, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Thirtieth Indiana Infantry. The following October the regiment went to Munfordville, Ky., and in February, 1862, to Shiloh, participating in the battle there, proceeded to Corinth, thence to Laverne, Stone River and Chickamauga. At the latter place, Sept. 21, 1863, he was captured and taken to Richmond, and from there, Nov. 13, to Danville, where he, with a comrade, L. C. Delano, made his escape the next day. They made their way to West Virginia, where they were recaptured the 25th of the month, having walked 240 miles in ten days. They were taken to Stanton, Va., and kept in a guard-house over night, and then taken to Richmond and confined in a dungeon three nights and two days. On the 29th they were taken to Belle Isle and kept in the guard-house till Christmas. March 10 they were taken to Richmond, and on the 12th were started for Andersonville. On the 21st he and two others cut a hole in the bottom of the car and escaped, but the 22d were captured by five men and thirteen dogs, and the following morning were taken to Barnwell Court-House and remained one night; then were sent to Augusta, Ga., where they were kept in jail till April 12, thence to Macon, and the 14th landed in Andersonville, where he was confined till Sept. 9; thence to Charleston, where he was kept under fire of our own gunboats three days, and then taken to the Fair Grounds, and about three weeks later to Florence, and confined in the stockades till the 8th of December, and then taken to Charleston, and on the 10th was exchanged. He arrived at Annapolis, Md., Dec. 13, where, Dec. 25, he was given a thirty days' furlough, and arrived at home the 30th, weighing ninety pounds. Jan. 25, 1865, he was discharged. He followed farming till October, 1872, when he moved to Spencerville, and engaged in the grocery business till the spring of 1873, and then became established in the drug business. In 1874 he erected the only brick building in Spencerville. He has built up a good business, and has gained the confidence of the residents of the village by his upright dealing and courteous manners. He has been Postmaster since July 28, 1873. He was married March 28, 1867, to Elizabeth, daughter of William Prosser. They have had five children, four of whom are living—Minnie, Clauda, Ella and Ethel. Their eldest child, Henry, is deceased. Mr.



Provinces is a member of Spencerville Lodge, No. 424, F. & A. M., and John C. Carns Post, No. 144, G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican.

Ira Ricketts, farmer and stock-raiser, Concord Township, is a native of De Kalb County, born May 20, 1838. His father, Jonathan Ricketts, was a native of Kentucky, and when a young man went to Morrow County, Ohio, where he married a Miss Van Treese, who died, leaving five children. In 1835 he married Mary Runnels, and to them were born five children—Jeremiah, Ira, Elza, Zerua, and Jacob I. In August, 1837, he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought 240 acres of wild land, to which he moved his family. Here he passed through all the hardships of pioneer life. He lived to get thirty acres cleared and improved and died in September, 1846, aged forty-two years. His widow still lives in Illinois. Ira Ricketts remained with his mother till manhood. The care of the farm and the maintenance of the family fell on him and his elder brother after the death of his father, and although so young they went bravely to work, and by the time they arrived at man's estate had the farm cleared and under cultivation. He was married Feb. 5, 1857, to Lydia Draggoo, daughter of Peter and Nancy (Williams) Draggoo, who came to De Kalb County from Ashland County, Ohio, in 1837. The father died in 1867 and the mother in 1872. After his marriage Mr. Ricketts lived in Elkhart County, Ind., a few months, and then returned to the old homestead, where he lived till the spring of 1872, when he moved to Dallas County, Iowa, and two years later to Macomb County, Ill., where he lived three years. In 1878 he returned to De Kalb County and bought eighty acres of the old homestead where he has since lived. Mr. and Mrs. Ricketts have had three children, but two of whom are living—Charles S. and Nancy. Mary A. died in October, 1881. Politically Mr. Ricketts is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the Protestant Methodist church.

Owen W. Rummel, harness-maker, Spencerville, Ind., was born in Beverly, Randolph Co., W. Va., Feb. 19, 1837, a son of William and Martha (Williams) Rummel, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Virginia, of Welsh descent. In his youth he learned the printer's trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years, and then worked two years as journeyman. He then began working with his father, who was a har-

ness-maker, remaining with him till January, 1860, when he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and established his business in Spencerville. In February, 1865, he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-second Indiana Infantry, and served till the close of the war. The following July after his enlistment he received a sunstroke, which disabled him for active duty in the field and he was detailed as Regimental Postmaster, and subsequently assigned to duty in the harness shop, where he remained till the time of his discharge. Since his return to Spencerville he has worked at his trade, at which he has been successful and has built up a good business. He was married Jan. 3, 1862, to Nancy C. Boyles, daughter of Jonathan Boyles. They have five children—Martha E., wife of Lewis Shutt; Lucretia, Jonathan, Hulbert N., and Owen W. Mr. Rummel is a member of Concord Lodge, No. 556, A. F. & A. M., John C. Carns Post, No. 144, G. A. R., and Spencerville Lodge, No. 422, I. O. O. F. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a Republican.

Nelson Scholes was born in Belmont County, Ohio, Nov. 15, 1819, a son of John and Mary (McGee) Scholes, natives of Maryland, and early settlers of Ohio. When he was four years old his parents moved to Richland County, where he was reared, and lived till his removal to De Kalb County. When he was sixteen years old his father died, and he remained with his mother till his marriage. In November, 1852, he moved to De Kalb County, and bought his present farm of 150 acres on sections 14 and 23, Concord Township. A part of it was formerly the Widney farm, and partially improved. He has been successful in his pursuits, and now has his land under cultivation, and his buildings are among the best in the county. He was married in 1847 to Lydia, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Butlinger) Wiltison. They had three children, but one of whom is living—John, now of Dallas County, Iowa. His wife died April 18, 1851. Sept. 5, 1852, he married Mary Swaidner, daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Goodbaker) Swaidner. To them have been born six children—Emma J., wife of Charles Abel, of Muskegon County, Mich.; Franklin, of Allen County; Florence, wife of Charles Justison; Joseph, Ida and Elida. The latter died aged five years. Mr. and Mrs. Scholes are members of the Disciples church. In politics he is a Democrat.

Levi Sechler, another of the prominent pioneers of Concord

Township, is a native of Lehigh County, Pa., born June 26, 1812, a son of Jacob and Mary (Fusselman) Sechler, natives of Pennsylvania, of French and German descent. He was reared on a farm, receiving a common school education, and remained with his parents till after attaining his majority. In 1837 he started for the West, and with the exception of crossing the lakes made the entire journey to De Kalb County on foot, being nearly four weeks on the way. He entered eighty acres of land in the wilderness, and during the summer helped his brother clear and improve a piece of land. The following fall he walked back to his native county and remained there till 1853, when he returned to De Kalb County and began to improve his land. He has added to his first entry, and now has a fine farm of 100 acres all under cultivation. He was married in February, 1839, to Mary Kistler, a native of Lehigh County, Pa., and to them have been born eleven children—Catherine, William (deceased), James, Levi, Jacob, Mary, Emma, Henry, Franklin, Susan, and Rosetta. Mr. and Mrs. Sechler are members of the German Reformed church. In politics he and his sons cast their suffrage with the Democratic party.

J. R. Shilling, farmer and stock-raiser, Concord Township, is a native of this township, born Nov. 4, 1851, a son of Solomon Shilling, one of the early settlers of De Kalb County. He was reared a farmer but was given a good education, attending the district schools and later the Auburn and Spencerville High Schools. Before reaching his majority he began teaching, and followed the vocation winters for eight years, working on the farm in the summer. In February, 1880, he bought the farm in Concord Township where he now lives, which contains eighty acres of choice land all under cultivation. He is industrious and enterprising, and is one of the representative young farmers of the township. He was married March 4, 1879, to Alice J. Gill, a daughter of John Gill. They have one child, Cecil Guy, born April 5, 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Shilling are members of the Protestant Methodist church, and he has been Superintendent of the Sabbath-school the past three years. In politics he is a Republican.

Solomon Shilling, one of the most successful and enterprising citizens of Concord Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, March 15, 1823, a son of Adam and Mary (Roan) Shilling. He was reared and educated in his native county, remaining on his

father's farm till 1850, when he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on 160 acres of wild land which his father had previously entered from the Government, on section 19, Concord Township. He built a cabin into which he moved his family and began to clear and improve his land. He has been an energetic and hard working man, and has accumulated a large property, adding to his land from time to time, and now has 400 acres all well improved. For the past thirty years in addition to farming he has been engaged in buying and shipping live stock, being the oldest stock dealer in the county. In 1872 Mr. Shilling was elected Township Trustee and in 1874 was re-elected, serving four years. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant church. They have had a family of twelve children, eleven of whom are living—Daniel J. R., William, Mary E., Sarah A., Adam, Francis, Hiram E., John, Vienna L., and Dora. A daughter died in infancy. In politics Mr. Shilling has affiliated with the Republican party since its organization.

Levi Showalter was born in Wayne County, Ohio, Jan. 4, 1838, a son of Joseph and Barbara (Hoff) Showalter. The former died in January, 1884, aged eighty years, and the latter still lives on the old homestead, age eighty years. In 1859 Levi Showalter came to Indiana and located in Steuben County. He had learned the blacksmith's trade in his native county and worked at it in Steuben County one winter. He then returned to Ohio, walking from Angola to Ft. Wayne and carrying his baggage. He remained in Wayne County till the fall of 1861 and then came to De Kalb County, and the following spring, March 27, was married to Clarinda, daughter of Joseph Shilling, an old settler of Concord Township. After his marriage he went to Huntington County, Ind., and lived a year on an unimproved farm of his father's. He then returned to De Kalb County and bought eighty acres of partially improved land in Wilming-ton Township, and two years later moved to Steuben County, and engaged in farming two years. Then moved to Angola and worked at his trade two years, and then again engaged in farming eight years. In the spring of 1876 he sold his property and went to Ohio and carried on the old homestead for his father a year. In 1877 he bought the old Shilling homestead which was entered by Mrs. Showalter's grandfather, Adam Shilling. This farm contains 160 acres of choice land and the im-



provements are among the best in the township. To Mr. and Mrs. Showalter have been born eleven children, seven of whom are living—Joseph E., Anna Mary, Cora E., Flora J., Hortense May, Myrtle J., and William A. The deceased are, Leander C., Barbara A., Catherine J. and Alice C. In politics Mr. Showalter is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Jonathan Shull, farmer and stock-raiser, Concord Township, was born in Fayette County, Pa., April 21, 1838, a son of Daniel and Susan (Newcomer) Shull, the former a native of Maryland, born in January, 1810, and the latter born in 1815. His parents were married Sept. 3, 1831, and in 1837 moved to Wayne County, Ohio, where they lived till the fall of 1846, when they came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought eighty acres of wild land, afterward adding to it 160 acres. Here the father died Sept. 28, 1853. He was an old line Whig in politics, and a member of the Disciples church, as was also his wife. They had a family of nine children; eight lived till maturity and seven are now living—David, of Lansing, Mich.; Jonathan; Eliza, wife of H. J. Abel; Henry C., of Allen County; Sarah, deceased, was the wife of Abraham Cottrell, of Lansing, Mich.; Lydia, wife of M. D. Hadsell, of Nebraska; Joseph; Harriet, wife of Lucius Palmer, of Allen County. Their eldest child, Mary, died in September, 1843, aged twelve years. In 1857 the mother married Asher Coburn, who died Sept. 11, 1874. She now resides in Allen County. Jonathan Shull was eight years of age when his parents moved to De Kalb County. He was reared on a farm, receiving a good education in the district schools, completing it at the Newville Academy. When eighteen years of age he began teaching school, and taught winters for fourteen years, farming during the summer. After his marriage he continued in the business of farming and teaching for eleven years, and then moved to Lansing, Mich., where he engaged in the mercantile business two years. Then he returned to De Kalb County, and added fifty acres to the old homestead farm where he now lives, which contains 130 acres, all under cultivation. Mr. Shull was married Dec. 25, 1862, to Maria M. Hadsell, a native of Trumbull County, Ohio, daughter of James and Mary (Abel) Hadsell. They have had a family of seven children—Clara C. (wife of Lewis Lake), Cadmus C., Thurman H., Rosa (died in infancy), Henry C., Carl D., and Fred. N. Mrs.

Shull is a member of the Disciples church. In politics Mr. Shull is independent.

William Shutt, one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Concord Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, March 23, 1831, a son of Jacob and Nancy (Dickerhoof) Shutt. He was a year and a half old when his parents moved to Summit County, Ohio, and lived there till seventeen years of age. In the spring of 1848 he accompanied the family to De Kalb County, and settled on a tract of unimproved land. This he assisted in clearing and improving, remaining with his mother till manhood. His first purchase of land was 100 acres, but to that he has added till he now owns 280 acres, including the old homestead. He has been a successful agriculturist, and since 1869 has also dealt in agricultural implements and farm machinery. He was married Feb. 13, 1862, to Elizabeth F., daughter of George Houck, of Concord Township. They are the parents of five children—Laura A., Eva B., Alda A., Jennie L., and Muriel A. In politics Mr. Shutt is a member of the Democratic party. In 1868 he was elected Trustee of his Township and served two terms. He is a member of Concord Lodge, No. 556, F. & A. M. He and his wife are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church.

Levi Smith, farmer and stock-raiser, Concord Township, was born in what is now Mahoning County, Ohio, Feb. 22, 1828, a son of Peter and Elizabeth Smith, early settlers of Ohio from Pennsylvania. His early life was spent on a farm, and when seventeen years of age he began to work at the shoemaker's trade, serving an apprenticeship. In 1849 he bought fifty acres of land in Portage County, Ohio, where he lived till the spring of 1854, when he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought eighty acres of land, but very little being improved, and by close attention to his pursuits and industry he has now a farm of 320 acres all under cultivation. He is a self-made man, and can now look back on a well spent life and enjoy the fruits of his early years of toil and hardship. He was married April 24, 1849, to Harriet Robb, a native of Ohio, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Robb. They have two children—Ira E. and Isaiah. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Church of God. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat.

John H. St. Clair, the second son and fourth child of John C. St. Clair of Union Township, is a native of De Kalb County,

Ind., born April 5, 1858. He was reared on a farm, receiving a common school education, and since leaving school has followed teaching in the winter, at which he has been successful, being a good disciplinarian, and thoroughly competent to fill the position he has chosen for a livelihood. He has devoted the summer to agricultural pursuits, and in 1882 settled on a farm of 120 acres in Concord Township, which is under a good state of cultivation. He was married Oct. 6, 1881, to Miss Ella S. Erchart, a native of Wilmington Township, daughter of Adam and Mira (Kiner) Erchart. She was a teacher in the public schools before her marriage. To Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair have been born two children—Roscoe R., and an infant, deceased. In politics Mr. St. Clair affiliates with the Democratic party.

Cyrus C. Walters, farmer and stock-raiser, Concord Township, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, Nov. 26, 1840, the eldest son of Joseph and Sarah (Nixon) Walters. In October, 1846, his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on a tract of unimproved land, moving into a cabin without doors or windows, and with the ground for a floor. Here he was reared, his youth being spent in assisting his father. He attended the district school a few weeks each winter when his services were not required on the farm, and by application in his leisure hours was qualified to teach when he was twenty years of age, a vocation he followed five years during the winter. He was married April 10, 1862, to Sarah Donaldson, a native of Wayne County, Ohio, daughter of Henry and Jane Donaldson. After his marriage he settled on a part of the old homestead, where he lived a year and then bought a farm where he lived till 1873, when he began the study of law, but a year later he abandoned it and engaged in the hardware business a year. In February, 1876, he bought the farm of 120 acres in Concord Township, where he has since lived. He is a member of Hacker Lodge, No. 326, A. F. & A. M. In politics he is a Democrat. To him and his wife have been born five children—C. B., of St. Joseph, Ind., Joseph, M. L., Ford and Frank.

Samuel Wasson, one of the first settlers, and the first of those now living, of De Kalb County, was born in Funkstown, Pa., July 9, 1809, a son of David and Flora (Graham) Wasson, natives of Ireland. When he was a child his parents moved to Montgomery County, Ohio, and later to Darke County, where he grew to manhood. After attaining his majority, in 1830, he



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Mrs Wm. Fountain



went down the Mississinnewa River and worked for the Indians from spring till fall; then returned to Darke County, and in the spring of 1832 went to Ft. Wayne and worked on the canal, and in the fall of 1833 came to De Kalb County in company with six or seven families and worked for the settlers till 1837, when he entered eighty acres of land in Concord Township, which he cleared and improved, and on which he has lived nearly a half century. He has been a hard working man and has probably assisted in building more log cabins and houses than any other man in the county. He has cut and split 2,000 rails in seven days. He has lived to see De Kalb County change from a country of Indians and wild animals to one of cultivated farms and prosperous villages, and no one has done more to bring about this change than he. Although seventy-six years old he still retains considerable of his youthful vigor and oversees the cultivation of his farm. He was married Jan. 16, 1840, to Eliza Means, a native of Pennsylvania, daughter of James and Elizabeth Means, who came to De Kalb County in 1837. To them have been born twelve children, ten of whom are living—Sarah, Elizabeth, Lewis, David, Benjamin F., Nancy, Jane, Matilda, Milton and Ann. James and John are deceased. In his youthful days Mr. Wasson was a Whig in politics, but since its organization has cast his suffrage with the Republican party.

Erastus White, a son of Ephraim and Betsey (Bartholomew) White, was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, Dec. 1, 1820, and in April, 1838, came with his parents to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Concord Township, near where he now lives on rented land. He afterward bought eighty acres of school land in Concord Township, which he improved, and lived on till his death, May 2, 1847. The mother afterward married Alexander Crawford and moved to Ohio, and lived till after the death of her husband, and then returned to De Kalb County, where she died Nov. 17, 1869. Our subject remained with his parents till the death of the father and then took charge of the homestead, subsequently buying the interests of the other heirs. To the original purchase of his father he has added till he now owns about 127 acres of valuable land, 100 under cultivation, and twenty-seven timber land. He was married Jan. 1, 1846, to Clarissa Johnson, a native of Pennsylvania, daughter of Thomas and Lydia (Draggoo) Johnson. To them were born four child-

ren, three of whom are living—Jacob L., Thomas E., and Franklin J. Their third son, Henry E., died at the age of twenty years. Mrs. White died Nov. 6, 1883. Mr. White is a member of the Methodist church. In politics he is a Republican.

Charles W. Widney, the eldest son and second child of seven children of Samuel and Johannah (Brearley) Widney, was born in Franklin County, Pa., Dec. 18, 1825, and was ten years of age when his parents moved to De Kalb County. His youth was spent in assisting his father to clear and improve a frontier farm. He remained with his parents till manhood, and then bought 100 acres of unimproved land on section 10, Concord Township, where he lived till 1880, when he retired from the active labors of farm life and moved to the village of St. Joe. He has been successful in his pursuits, and now has a competency for his declining years. Mr. Widney was married Oct. 5, 1854, to Nancy Cole, a native of Jefferson County, Ohio, daughter of John Cole. To them were born three children, but one of whom is living—Mary J., wife of Jacob Sechler. Mrs. Widney died Sept. 30, 1872, and Nov. 10, 1874, Mr. Widney married Mary Sechler, daughter of Levi Sechler. Mr. and Mrs. Widney are members of the Lutheran church. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party.

John Widney, farmer and stock-raiser, Concord Township, was born in Franklin County, Pa., Jan. 26, 1834, the fifth child of Samuel Widney, one of the earliest settlers of De Kalb County. He was reared and educated in this county, remaining with his parents till his marriage, and then settled on a part of the old homestead, where he lived six years. He then bought ten acres in Concord Township, to which he has added from time to time, till he now has 123 acres of the best land in the township, all under cultivation. His improvements are valuable, his residence and farm buildings being among the best in the county. He was married Jan. 1, 1857, to Nancy Knight, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Boyle) Knight. To them have been born eight children—Wilson D. (was killed while chopping a tree at the age of twenty-three years), Sylvester S., Mary C. (wife of Franklin Sechler), Etta, Cyrus J., Addie S., Lulu J., and Cora B. In 1884 Mr. Widney retired from the active labors of farm life and moved to the village of St. Joseph. He and his wife are active members of the Evangelical Lutheran church. In politics he is a Republican.

Samuel Widney, deceased, was one of the most esteemed citizens of De Kalb County. He was born in Franklin County, Pa., July 21, 1796, the second son of Charles and Mary (Henderson) Widney, the former a native of Ireland, born in 1763, and the latter a native of Cumberland County, Pa., of Irish descent, born in 1775. He was reared on a farm in his native county, but was given a good education, and subsequently taught school a number of terms in connection with farming. He was married May 2, 1822, to Johannah Brearley, a daughter of Joseph and Jane (Mitchel) Brearley, the former a native of England, and the latter of Ireland. In May, 1836, Mr. Widney moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on 200 acres of Government land, entered the year before. A part of this was on section 10, and the rest on section 11, Concord Township. Here Mr. Widney cleared and improved a farm, making it his home the remainder of his life. He was one of the most influential men of the township, taking an interest in anything that tended toward the advancement of its material and social welfare. He held various offices of trust and responsibility, among others was Commissioner, Township Trustee, and Associate Judge. He and his wife were in early life members of the Methodist Protestant church, but in later life he united with the Lutheran church. He died Feb. 1, 1878, and his wife Sept. 3, 1875.

Samuel L. Widney, farmer and stock-raiser, Concord Township, is the eldest son of John P. and Jane (Linn) Widney, and was born in DeKalb County, Ind., June 26, 1839. He received a good education attending the schools of his native county, and remained with his parents till manhood, assisting his father in the work on the farm. He was married Jan. 1, 1860, to Mary A. Moore, a native of Richland County, Ohio, daughter of James and Ellen Moore, early settlers of Jackson Township, DeKalb County. After his marriage Mr. Widney lived on his father's farm a year, and in 1861 settled on the farm in Concord Township, where he now lives, where he has 333 acres of choice land, under good cultivation. He has been successful in his pursuits, which is the just reward of industry and energy, and has one of the pleasantest homes in the township. To him and his wife have been born five children, four of whom are living—Byron E., Viola, Otto L., and Iva May. Their eldest child, Marion, is deceased. Mr. Widney is

a Republican in politics, and a strong supporter of the principles of his party.

George W. Wilmot, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in Portage County, Ohio, Jan. 10, 1825, a son of Ella and Lucretia (Blair) Wilmot. When twenty years of age he went to Wisconsin, and remained there a year and a half. He then returned to Ohio, passing through DeKalb County, Ind., on the way. In 1849 he came to the county and bought the farm now owned by B. A. Hodsell, remaining through the winter and spring. He returned to Ohio, and in 1854 came again to DeKalb County, and settled on the farm in Concord Township, where he has since lived. He owns eighty-one acres of valuable land which he has brought under a good state of cultivation, it being all heavily timbered when he first settled on it. He has always taken an active interest in the public affairs of the township and in 1859 was elected Magistrate and served four years. He has also held several minor offices of trust. He was married Jan. 13, 1852, to Lucia Palmer, a native of Pennsylvania, daughter of Roswell Palmer. To them have been born nine children—Ella, Arthur, Pliny G., Leon, George Carroll, Vernon, Lucretia, Albert E., and Victor. Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot are members of the Disciples church. In politics he was formerly a Whig, but since its organization has affiliated with the Republican party.

William Wyatt, deceased, was born in the State of Pennsylvania, in 1819, and died in Concord Township, DeKalb County, Ind., Jan. 22, 1870. He was a son of Nathan Wyatt, also a native of Pennsylvania, who moved to Ohio when our subject was a child. He was reared a farmer and on arriving at manhood came to Indiana that he might with his limited means provide himself with a home, thinking a new country the best place for a young man to gain a livelihood. He was married in this county July 17, 1842, to Miss Nancy Strong, a native of Geauga County, Ohio, daughter of Daniel Strong, also an early settler of DeKalb County. He built a log cabin into which they moved the first day of August following their marriage, and began housekeeping on their farm, which, at that time, was heavily timbered. They were industrious and economical, and by their united efforts soon had a good farm and a pleasant home. To them were born fourteen children, eleven of whom are living—Nathan, Daniel, Lydia, Ephraim, William H., Isaac N., Marietta, George W., Israel, Laura J. and James A.



CHAPTER XIV.

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP.

SITUATION.—GEOGRAPHY AND TOPOGRAPHY.—ORGANIZATION AS A TOWNSHIP.—PIONEERS.—EARLY EVENTS.—FAIRFIELD CENTER.—EARLY JUSTICES, CONSTABLES AND TRUSTEES.—POPULATION.—PROPERTY AND TAXATION.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.—BIOGRAPHICAL.

“Fair Fields,” indeed, are those of the township to which this chapter is devoted. Owing to its situation it was the last township settled in De Kalb County. It lies in the northwestern corner of the county, and contains neither railroad nor town. Its trade is drawn by the village along the line of the Michigan Southern Railroad, which lies on its southern border. Fairfield is bounded on the north by Salem Township, Steuben County, on the east by Smithfield Township, on the south by Richland, and on the west by Wayne Township, Noble County. It is drained by several small creeks, and the outlets of Stony Lake, which is on section 3 and 4, and Indian Lake, on sections 20 and 29.

The surface is somewhat broken, and there are more hills than in most of the townships. Its long slopes, rugged bluffs, deep ravines, winding streams, and limpid lakes present an inviting view to the immigrant, although it was not brought into notice until the other townships were settled, being off the routes of travel, and remote from the county seat. Much of the land was bought by speculators, in an early day, and this contributed to retard actual settlement. One Dedrick, entered 1,100 acres; a bank in Pennsylvania held a large tract; and other parties owned various parcels of land, which were sold through the agency of Wesley Park. Gradually the lands came into the hands of immigrants, who have since received a rich tribute from the soil, as is evinced by excellent residences, barns, stock, and all the modern appliances of agriculture.

March 7, 1844, the Board of Commissioners received a peti-

tion, reading: "We, the undersigned, inhabitants of the unorganized township of De Kalb County, in consequence of the distance we have to go to elections, and the inconvenience of having to go to another township to do township business, do most humbly pray your Honorable Body that you would organize said township at your March session, and order an election for a justice of the peace, and other officers for said township; and your petitioners will ever pray." This was dated Feb. 27, 1844, and signed by Rufus R. Lounsberry, George W. Story, A. Ball, Oran B. Story, Miles Allen, C. Allen, George Powell, Benjamin Hunt, and Nathan W. Powell, who were all the voters in the township.

This petition was received favorably, and the Board ordered that township 35 north, range 12 east, be organized for civil purposes as a separate township, to be known by the name of Fairfield; and the first election was ordered held on the first Monday in April, 1844, at the house of Rufus R. Lounsberry, to choose one justice of the peace. This man was also appointed inspector of elections. An election was held on the last Saturday in August for three trustees.

The Story family, five in number, were the pioneers of Fairfield, and lived along the north line of the county. Willard Childs, one of the prominent early settlers, set out on foot from his home in Onondaga County, N. Y., and walked through to Ft. Wayne, thence to Kendallville, where there were but two cabins, and taking a guide came into De Kalb County, March 4, 1837, the day Martin Van Buren was inaugurated President of the United States.

He selected 120 acres on section 27, paid for it, and then set to work, at Ft. Wayne, to earn enough to take him home. When the land was entered, the Storys, five in number, as above mentioned, were the sole settlers. Mr. Childs returned in October, 1844, to pay taxes, and to review his purchase, to determine whether he should make the place his home. The result was satisfactory. Settlers had moved in, and in the southeast was David McNabb and family. Farther east was Wilbur Powell, and adjoining on the north was the clearing and cabin of George Powell, the first Justice of the Peace, and one or two others.

In 1846 Childs moved in, and temporarily lodged with Benjamin Chaffee, who sold his place to Childs, and made another

settlement in the north part of the township. He afterward became Postmaster at Corunna. Rufus R. Lounsberry, of Wilmington, also became a settler in Fairfield. Other early settlers were: The Wileys, William and Isaac, D. Rager, Esq., Hiram Thomas, Miles Allen, John Shook, and Henry Hartman. Although there were now about fourteen families settled in Fairfield, there were not to exceed eighty acres cleared, and all were occupants of log cabins.

There now came a lull in settlement. About 1850 those who had held lands for a rise began to sell them, and clearing and building began in earnest. The tide of immigrants poured in, and soon occupied all the land. Log rolling and raising, in 1851, took up much of the time. The first frame building was a barn, 24 x 30 feet in size, on the premises of Mr. Childs. One spring day in the year 1847, thirty men and three boys assembled to put up the bents; by noon of the same day the work was completed, refreshments were served, and the settlers dispersed homeward.

One of the first marriages was that of David Gonser to Miss Gushwa. The first religious organization was a Methodist class, formed by P. Jones, since a resident of Lagrange. A frame church was erected in 1855; Hiram Thomas was class-leader, and there were a dozen members. The Lutherans also organized at Fairfield Center. The first innovation of the period of log school-houses was 1848, when a frame structure was erected in district 10; Alvin Thompson was its first teacher. The first road was laid out in a northerly direction from Sedan.

Fairfield Center is a hamlet located on the line between sections 15 to 22. It is not destined to any remarkable degree of prosperity, as trade is attracted naturally to Corunna, Waterloo, etc. Messrs. Morrell and Hoover were early store-keepers at the Center. Edward Wright, a most respected pioneer, located at this point, built an ashery, and also kept a store.

It is said of Henry Hovater, the pioneer blacksmith, that he was hard pressed for food for his family of eight or ten children. He worked early and late, in the shop and on the clearing, and finally became independent, living to see his sons comfortably established.

Mr. McNabb entered his tract of eighty acres, and paid for it with money earned by himself and wife. He had \$50, she an equal sum, and after paying for their land, they had a half a



dollar left. A pole cabin was built, and the beginning of a home made.

The Justices of the Peace in Fairfield Township prior to 1860 were: D. Rager, R. Worrell, Jesse Brumback, Job C. Smith, S. Greenamyer, George Powell and William Harper.

The Constables for the same period were: Samuel Story, J. Hatch, George Rowe, D. D. Powless, J. Gushwa, D. C. Shipe, W. Short, John Gonser, Daniel Gonser.

The Trustees were: R. Worrell, D. Rager, W. Childs, S. Miser, J. C. Smith, G. W. Smith, D. Gonser, D. N. Nidick, B. Hunt, John Long, E. Wright, J. Short, W. H. Wilsey, Moses Gonser, D. Kimbell, B. A. Chaffee, H. Thomas.

The last census (1880) gives Fairfield Township a population of 1,558, or 43 to the square mile. The rate of taxation in 1884 was \$1.61; poll tax \$1.75; number of acres of land, 22,794.09; value of lands, \$349,255; value of improvements, \$79,755; value of lands and improvements, \$429,010; value of personal property, \$136,005; total value of taxables, \$565,015; number of polls, 233; number of children of school age 547; valuation per capita, \$356.19. The township had in 1881, 4,036 acres in wheat, producing 20,180 bushels, or 5 bushels per acre; 2,343 acres in corn, producing 70,930 bushels, about 30 bushels to the acre of upland, and 40 bushels on bottom lands; 861 acres in oats, producing 21,525 bushels or 25 bushels per acre; 969 acres in meadow, producing 1,938 tons of hay, at the rate of two tons per acre; 113 acres in potatoes, producing 2,260 bushels, or 20 bushels per acre.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

David C. Ansley, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in Gorham, Ontario County, N. Y., June 27, 1824, a son of Albert and Prudence (Clark) Ansley, natives of New York, of English descent. He was reared on a farm, residing with his parents till manhood. In 1844 he came West and lived in De Kalb County, Ind., one winter, and then went to Pennsylvania and located in Potter County, where he engaged in the lumber business eighteen years. In January, 1863, he was married to Elizabeth Ames, daughter of Jacob and Jerusha (Bell) Ames, a native of Steuben County, N. Y. In 1863 he again came to De Kalb County, and settled in Fairfield Township, where he has since been successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mrs. Ans-



ley is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party.

Christian Barkey, farmer and stock-raiser, Fairfield Township, is a native of Westmoreland County, Pa., born April 6, 1820, a son of John and Susannah (Bussard) Barkey, natives of Northampton County, Pa., of German descent. When he was five years of age his parents moved to Ohio and settled in Holmes County, where he was reared and lived till 1851, when he came to De Kalb and settled on a tract of land which is now his valuable farm in Fairfield Township. This land he had entered about 1841, and at the time of his settlement it was wholly unimproved and heavily timbered. He now has it under a good state of cultivation, and his improvements are among the best in the township. Mr. Barkey was married March 13, 1851, to Hannah Herrington, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Long) Herrington, of Ohio. They are the parents of nine children, eight of whom are living—Mary Ann, John W., George A., Henry, Sarah E., Samuel, Thomas, and James F. Calvin is deceased. In politics Mr. Barkey affiliates with the Democratic party.

Francois Beuchat, farmer and stock-raiser, is a native of Switzerland, born Nov. 7, 1830, a son of Barnard and Mary Ann Beuchat. His youth was spent on his father's small farm, and when fifteen years of age he went to work in an iron foundry, and was thus employed two years. He then engaged in farming till the spring of 1851, when his father and five sons came to the United States, his mother having died a short time before. They located in Stark County, Ohio, where his father bought a small farm, and made it his home the remainder of his life. He was born in 1792, and died in 1871. Francois Beuchat remained in Stark County till the spring of 1866, when he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought forty acres of land in Fairfield Township, twenty acres of which was partially cleared. He went to work to improve his farm, and has added to it from time to time, till he now owns eighty-two acres of improved land. He was married Sept. 20, 1854, to Mary Smith, a native of Berks County, Pa., born Sept. 1, 1825, daughter of John and Maria Smith. To them have been born five children, three of whom are living—Maria E., William Henry, and Lois M. Peter John and Lewis E. are deceased. Politically Mr. Beuchat affiliates with the Democratic party.

George Billman, one of the prominent citizens of Fairfield Township, is a native of Washington County, Pa., born Feb. 23, 1801, a son of David and Catharine Billman, natives of Germany, who were sold by the ship company to pay their passage to America. Our subject was reared in his native county, and when eighteen years old began to work at the tanner's trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years. He then worked as a journeyman, dressing leather, for nine years, and then engaged in farming till Aug. 15, 1834, when he moved to Seneca County, Ohio, and cleared and improved a farm of ninety-four acres. In 1864 he sold his farm and moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought the farm where he now lives. He has been successful in his pursuits and has a comfortable property for use in his declining years. He was married Dec. 25, 1827, to Mary Wansettler, and to them were born two children, both deceased. His wife died April 5, 1830, and he was again married June 21, 1833, to Catherine Dencer, a native of Washington County, Pa., daughter of George and Catherine Dencer, of German descent. They have had five children, two of whom are living—Mary Ann, wife of Henry Hecht, of Michigan, and Matilda, wife of Daniel Cartret, of this township. Politically, Mr. Billman is a Democrat.

Josiah Boyer, the youngest son of Michael and Christina (Troutman) Boyer, was born in Somerset County, Pa., Jan. 22, 1834. When he was five years old his parents moved to Fayette County, Pa., and in 1841 to Holmes County, Ohio, where they remained till 1851. He accompanied them to De Kalb County, Ind., in the latter year and assisted his father in clearing and improving a frontier farm. When he was twenty-one years old he bought a tract of unimproved land on the south side of Story Lake, which he cleared and improved, at the same time making his home with his father and assisting in the cultivation of the homestead, till after his marriage. He then settled on his own farm, where he now has 120 acres of finely improved land, with a good residence and farm buildings. He was married Dec. 27, 1881, to Mrs. Margaret M. McClish, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Cole) Kimbel, and widow of Alexander McClish, by whom she has two children—Alice and Libbie. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer are members of the German Reform church. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party.

Michael Boyer, farmer and stock-raiser, Fairfield Township, is

one of the most prominent citizens of De Kalb County. He is a native of Somerset County, Pa., born Aug. 29, 1804, a son of Benjamin and Christina (Duffman) Boyer, natives of Pennsylvania, of German descent. He was reared on a farm in his native county, and was there married in 1829 to Christina Troutman, a native of Somerset County, a daughter of Peter and Barbara Ann (Stanler) Troutman, natives of Philadelphia. After his marriage he settled on the Troutman homestead, where he lived ten years, and in 1839 moved to Holmes County, Ohio, and twelve years later, in 1851, moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought eighty acres of timber land in Fairfield Township, which he has cleared and made one of the finest farms in the township. He is a successful agriculturist and has surrounded himself and family with all the comforts of life. To him and his wife have been born four children—Solomon, of Noble County, Ind.; Josiah, of this township; Maria, wife of George Henney, and Elizabeth, wife of Moses Deitz. They are members of the Lutheran church. In politics he is a Democrat.

Jesse M. Brumback, one of the successful pioneers of Fairfield Township, is a native of Ohio, born in Huron County, April 2, 1823, a son of Daniel and Sarah (Culp) Brumback. He remained with his parents till his majority, and then engaged in farming in his native county till October, 1846, when he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and began clearing 160 acres of heavily timbered land in Fairfield Township. His means were limited, but by industry and frugality he was successful, and has now 200 acres of fine land, and has given his son a farm of 123 acres. His residence and farm buildings are among the best in the county. Mr. Brumback was married April 7, 1850, to Melissa J. Showers, daughter of Solomon Showers, of Richland Township. They had a family of three children, but two of whom are living—Celia R., wife of John E. Walters, and Edward M. Cornelia J. is deceased. Mrs. Brumback died March 9, 1855, and Nov. 2, 1856, Mr. Brumback married Lucinda Gloid, a native of Richland County, Ohio, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Smith) Gloid. In politics Mr. Brumback is a Democrat. He served his township as Magistrate a short time, and in 1862 was elected County Clerk and served three years.

David Buchanan was born in Chester Connty, Pa., Nov. 6, 1880,

the eldest of six children. When he was about one year old his parents moved to Washington County, Pa., and four years later removed across the State line into Brooke County, W. Va., where they remained until the fall of 1815. They then moved to what was Wayne County, Ohio, now Holmes County, which was at that time almost an unbroken wilderness. Indians roamed the county and wild game was very plenty. John Buchanan, the father of our subject, purchased and settled on a tract of land on a small stream called Paint Creek and improved it, and other farms were opened up about the same time or soon after. After residing there about four years they built a small woolen factory and carded wool for their neighbors, and also scrutched flour by water-power in the same building. David Buchanan learned to card wool, and followed the business a few years. His means of gaining an education were very limited. His father was a very good scholar for that time, and taught school among the neighbors. Being very apt he became well versed in orthography, penmanship, arithmetic and surveying. He taught school a few terms, and followed surveying in connection with his farming for twenty-five years. He settled up a great many estates in his life time. He was married to Lydia Tribby Sept. 23, 1824, by Samuel Spencer, a Justice of the Peace, and soon after his marriage built a log cabin in the woods on a title of 100 acres of heavily timbered land in Monroe Township, Holmes County, Ohio, and some fifteen years later bought the land of the original owner. They lived in the log cabin nearly twenty-eight years, and there their children were all born. They had seven sons and one daughter. Six of the children are living. James G. died June 11, 1852, aged twenty-three years, six months and five days; Elmira died Jan. 8, 1842, aged fourteen months and seven days. Mr. Buchanan was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace in 1838 as a Whig in a strong Democratic township, and filled the office with credit to himself and to the township, and came within a few votes of being re-elected. He visited Indiana several times from 1847 to 1854 to see the country and buy land, and purchased six eighty-acre tracts in Fairfield Township, De Kalb County. He moved to this land in October, 1854, and his surviving children all came with him or soon after. Here he remained till death. He was a firm Republican from the organization of the party till his death. He was elected



the office of County Commissioner in this county in October, 1850, and held the office one term or three years. Lydia Tribby Buchanan was born in Loudoun County, Va., May 11, 1802, and is now in the eighty-fourth year of her age. She has been a hard worker, a good manager, and a kind, indulgent mother and an affectionate wife. Her many acts of neighborly kindness have endeared her to the hearts of legions of friends. An earnest, active Christian, she has been identified with the church fifty years. Her parents moved to Wayne County, Ohio, in October, 1816, with seven children. They each lived to be about eighty years old, and their children all survived them except one.

George M. Buchanan, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, March 19, 1838, the sixth son of David and Lydia (Tribby) Buchanan. He received his early education in the schools of his native county, completing it at the Auburn High School. He was sixteen years of age when his parents came to De Kalb County, and the most of his time subsequent, till manhood, was spent in assisting his father. He was Surveyor of De Kalb County from August, 1861, till Aug. 19, 1862, when he enlisted in Company A, One Hundredth Indiana Infantry, and participated in many hard fought battles, among the more important being the siege of Vicksburg, Atlanta campaign, and those incident to Sherman's march to the sea. At Griswoldville, Ga., Nov. 22, 1864, he was wounded in the left shoulder and disabled for further field duty. He was then assigned duty in the hospital, joining his regiment at Alexandria at the close of the war and accompanying it to Washington, where he was in the line at the grand review of the army, and was discharged June 9, 1865, and mustered out at Indianapolis June 19, 1865. Returning to De Kalb County he engaged in farming, and the following spring bought the farm he now owns. He was married April 19, 1866, to Margaret Kreger, a native of Holmes County, Ohio, daughter of Thomas Kreger. September, 1882, he went to Tennessee, and engaged in the furniture and undertaking business successfully till November, 1884. Aug. 8, 1884, his wife died, and he then sold out his business and prepared to return to his old home in De Kalb County. He has one daughter, Lydia I. Mr. Buchanan and his daughter are members of the United Brethren church, as was also his wife. He casts his suffrage with the Republican party.

John Buchanan, farmer and stock-raiser, Fairfield Township, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, July 14, 1826, the eldest of seven children of David and Lydia (Tribby) Buchanan, the former a native of Chester County, Pa., and the latter of Loudou County, Va., and early settlers of Holmes County. He was reared in his native county, remaining with his parents till manhood. He was married Sept. 1, 1853, to Emily Burns, a native of Holmes County, Ohio, daughter of James and Margaret (Stuart) Burns. In November, 1855, Mr. Buchanan moved to De Kalb County, Ind., where his parents had moved the year before, and settled on 160 acres of wild land. In addition to clearing and improving his farm, he worked at the carpenter's trade, and also taught school during the winter for six years. He has been successful, and now has 312 acres of valuable land and his improvements are among the best in the township. To Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan have been born three children, but two of whom are living—Amina, wife of Dr. J. W. Squires, of Whitley County, Ind., and James, who married Millie Tucker, and lives in this township. In politics Mr. Buchanan is an uncompromising Republican. He was one of the organizers of the County Agricultural Society, and has always been one of its Directors.

Leander Buchanan, farmer and stock-raiser, Fairfield Township, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, Oct. 3, 1831, the third son of David and Lydia (Tribby) Buchanan. He remained with his parents till manhood, and in 1854 went to Winchester, Tenn., for health, but came to De Kalb County, Ind., the same fall. When seventeen years of age he took a severe cold, which settled on his lungs, and for several years he was unable to work, and has never fully recovered from its effects. He was married Oct. 18, 1860, to Clara Chilcote, a native of Seneca County, Ohio, daughter of Humphrey and Christiana (Snivley) Chilcote, early settlers of Ohio, who moved to De Kalb County in 1847. After his marriage Mr. Buchanan settled on a farm in Fairfield Township, where he lived two and a half years, and then sold it and bought the one where he now lives, which contains eighty acres of the choicest land in the township, all well cultivated. In 1853 he began to learn the carpenter's trade and followed it several years in connection with farming. He has always taken an active interest in the public affairs of the county, and has assisted materially in building up all enterprises of benefit to the community. To Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan have



John Buchanan

been born three children, but one of whom is living—Elmira Ellen. Mary Vienna died at the age of fifteen years, and one died in infancy. In politics Mr. Buchanan is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Willard Childs is a native of New York, born in Oneida County, Feb. 15, 1811, the second son of Phineas and Theodosia (Evans) Childs, the former a native of Massachusetts, of English descent, and the latter of Connecticut, of Welsh descent. In 1813 his parents moved to Jefferson County, N. Y., and thence in 1826 to Onondaga County. When he was fifteen years of age he began to work by the month for farmers. In 1837 he came De Kalb County, Ind., and bought 120 acres of land, and after paying for it had 73 cents left. He then went to Ft. Wayne and earned the money with which to return to New York. In 1846 he moved his family to De Kalb County, landing in Fairfield Township, Aug. 24. He moved into a log cabin, belonging to B. A. Chaffee, and a short time after bought the land on which it stood. There were but fourteen families in the township when he settled here, and the land was mostly heavily timbered. He has added to his first purchase till he has 286 acres of land, which comprises one of the best farms in the township. 125 acres of this he has cleared and improved himself. He has seen De Kalb County change from a forest to one of the most prosperous counties.

A. H. Deitz, farmer and stock-raiser, Fairfield Township, is a native of Holmes County, Ohio, born Feb. 27, 1829. His father, Henry E. Deitz, was a native of Pennsylvania. His first wife, the mother of our subject, Elizabeth Coverlase, died, leaving six children, five of whom are living. He afterward married Barbara Weaver, and to them were born five children. After her death he married Mary Ann McCasland, by whom he had five children, four of whom are living. Henry Deitz accompanied his parents to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, when a child, and was there reared and married, remaining there and in Holmes County till the fall of 1853, when he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on sections 10 and 15, Fairfield Township, where he died in May, 1870. He was a successful farmer and accumulated a good property. He was a member of the German Reformed church, and in politics a Democrat. A. H. Deitz was reared a farmer, residing with his father till manhood. In 1851 he moved to Allen County, Ohio, and in

the spring of 1854 to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought the farm where he now lives. The land was mostly uncultivated when he settled on it, but he has cleared it of timber and improved it, and now has one of the finest farms in the township. In 1870 he built a large barn, which is the finest in the township, and in 1879 built his fine brick residence, with all modern improvements. He was married Sept. 5, 1850, to Maria Long, a native of Ohio, daughter of John and Esther Long. To them have been born nine children, eight of whom are living—Elizabeth, Sarah, Sophia, Louise, William, Susan, Oliver P., and Elmer. Edward is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Deitz are members of the German Reformed church. Politically he is a Democrat.

Moses Deitz, farmer and stock-raiser, is a native of Holmes County, Ohio, born Aug. 28, 1835, the fourth son of Henry E. Deitz. He was reared on a farm in his native county, and in the spring of 1853 came with his father to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Fairfield Township. He assisted his father in clearing and improving his farm, remaining with him till his marriage, March 2, 1862, to Miss Elizabeth Boyer, a daughter of Michael Boyer, one of the early settlers of the county. After his marriage he bought eighty acres of land on section 3, Fairfield Township, where he lived till 1875, when he sold his farm and bought a part of his father's old homestead. He owns fifty acres of choice land, under a fine state of cultivation, and his residence and farm buildings are comfortable and commodious. To him and his wife have been born two children; both died in infancy. They are members of the German Reformed church. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party.

Sebastian Eckart, a prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Fairfield Township, is a native of Germany, born Nov. 9, 1822, a son of Peter and Eve Eckart. His father died in March, 1830, and the following May his mother with her six children came to the United States and settled in Franklin County, Pa., where he was reared. In 1845 he emigrated to Wayne County, Ohio, and in March, 1855, to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought the land which is now his valuable farm. At that time there were but fifteen acres partially cleared, but now he has 120 acres all under a fine state of cultivation. He was a poor man when he came to De Kalb County, and his present prosperous condition is due to his energy and industry, coupled with good

management and frugality. Mr. Eckart was married Dec. 14, 1848, to Susan Cox, a native of Wayne County, Ohio, daughter of Jacob and Jane (Denman) Cox. They have had a family of twelve children, but three of whom are living—Jacob H., William O., and Spencer F. Elizabeth, Francis A., Margaret D., Amiel C., Alice C., Florence E., Luther S. L., Kate, and Eva Bell are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Eckart are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church. In politics he is a Democrat.

George Emerick, one of the successful pioneers of Fairfield Township, was born in Somerset County, Pa., May 3, 1818, the seventh of nine children of John and Mary (Troutman) Emerick, and grandson of Andrew Emerick (who was a soldier under General Washington) and Peter Troutman, natives of Germany, who came to the United States prior to the war of the Revolution. When our subject was four years old his parents moved to Wayne County, Ohio, and there he grew to manhood, residing with his parents till his majority. He then followed agricultural pursuits for himself till 1851, when he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought 280 acres of heavily timbered land. Here he and his wife commenced to make a home for themselves, and though obliged to endure all the privations and inconveniences of pioneer life, they were uncomplaining, having the assurance that the future was one of prosperity. They now have a landed estate of 400 acres and one of the pleasantest homes in the county. Mr. Emerick was married May 4, 1839, to Sarah Guthrie, a native of Richland County, Ohio, daughter of Richard and Mary (Vanscoy) Guthrie, natives of Pennsylvania, of Irish and German descent. To them have been born six children, five of whom are living—Mary J., wife of Solomon Boyer; George W., Peter Alexander, Lucinda Catherine, wife of Benjamin Wilhoit, and Andrew Jackson. Francis M. died, aged five years. In politics Mr. Emerick is a Democrat.

George Frederick, farmer and stock-raiser, is a native of Ohio, born in Stark County, April 1, 1831, a son of John and Charlotte (Aultman) Frederick, natives of Pennsylvania, of German and English descent. He was reared on a farm, residing with his parents till his majority. In 1852 he bought a farm adjoining the old homestead, where he lived till 1864, when he sold his farm and came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought forty-four acres of land in Fairfield Township, and eighty acres in

Salem Township, Steuben County. But very little of his land had been improved, the most of it being heavily timbered. He has been a hard working man, and has cleared and cultivated his land till he now has a fine farm with a good residence and farm buildings. In addition to farming he has been engaged in the marble business, which has been a successful enterprise. He was married Oct. 12, 1851, to Ann Maria Frybarger, daughter of John and Hannah (Zerbe) Frybarger, the former a native of Pennsylvania of German descent, and the latter of Vermont of English descent. To them have been born fourteen children—Charlotta, David (deceased), John C., Franklin S., Henry, James R., Rachel, Della, Joseph W. R., Lydia M., Mary Belle, William A., George T., and Amos A. In politics Mr. Frederick is a Republican. His wife is a member of the German Reform and he of the Evangelical church.

Henry Freed, farmer and stock-raiser, Fairfield Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, June 28, 1842. His father, Peter Freed, was born in Shenandoah County, Pa., and was a son of John Freed, a native of York County, Pa., of German descent. When Peter was nine years of age he accompanied his parents to Columbiana County, Ohio, where he was reared, and in 1819 married Hannah Miller, a native of that county, daughter of Anthony and Susan Miller. After their marriage they settled in Stark County, where eleven children were born, of whom our subject is the youngest, six of whom are living. His wife died in 1861, and in 1864 he came to De Kalb County, and has since made his home with his son Henry. Henry Freed was reared and educated in his native county, and was there married Aug. 2, 1863, to Barbara Haynes, a native of Stark County, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Heinum) Haynes. The following fall he moved to De Kalb County and settled on the farm where he now lives, which contains seventy-eight acres of improved land. He and his wife have had a family of nine children, eight of whom are living—Peter L., Jonathan, Samuel, Alvin, Mary, William H., Martha, and Emma E. One died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Freed are members of the Mennonite church. In politics he is a Republican. His father was originally a Whig, but has voted with the Republican party since its organization.

John Freed, one of the prosperous farmers of Fairfield Township, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, Aug. 12, 1825, a

son of Peter and Hannah (Miller) Freed. When he was four years of age his parents moved to Stark County, Ohio, where he was reared and educated, attending the district schools. He remained with his parents till nearly twenty-four years of age, and Jan. 21, 1849, married Analiza Huet, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Huet. In 1852 he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought a tract of unimproved land in Fairfield Township, which he has improved and is now a fine farm. He owns 120 acres all under cultivation, except thirty acres of woods, and his improvements are among the best in the county. Mr. Freed has been a hard-working man, and has earned his property by industry and frugality. He is a public spirited, benevolent citizen, and assists with both time and money every laudable enterprise. In politics he was originally a Whig, but now casts his suffrage with the Republican party. He is, as was also his wife, a member of the German Reform church. To them were born nine children, seven of whom are living—Lucinda, wife of Peter Gonser, of this township; Elizabeth, wife of Byron McEndarfer; Lydia Ann, wife of Joseph Huet, of Smithfield Township; Alice, wife of Oliver Stoter, of Smithfield Township; John A., Mary Ada, and William B. Peter and Joseph are deceased. Mrs. Freed died May 27, 1885, aged fifty-five years, seven months and thirteen days.

Henry Gardner, farmer and stock-raiser, Fairfield Township, was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., Feb. 14, 1830, the youngest son of John and Barbara (Camp) Gardner, and was an infant when his parents moved to Holmes County, Ohio, where he was reared and educated, remaining there till 1850, when he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on a tract of land he had bought in 1850. He built a cabin for his family, and began to clear and improve his land. He now has a valuable farm of 160 acres, and thirty-eight acres a short distance north of his homestead. Mr. Gardner has been an energetic, frugal citizen, and one of the most public spirited and influential men of his township. He was married April 27, 1855, to Eliza Swihart, a native of Holmes County, Ohio, daughter of George and Catherine (Snider) Swihart. They had a family of five children—Sarah A., John Q., George W., William H., and one that died in infancy. Mrs. Gardner died April 10, 1864. Oct. 5, 1866, Mr. Gardner married Mrs. Sarah Ann (Miller) Dunn, daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Ash) Miller. To



them have been born five children—David S., Clarence E., Harvey E., Cyrus A., and Irvin H. In politics Mr. Gardner is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church.

John Gardner, one of the most successful farmers of Fairfield Township, is a native of Westmoreland County, Pa., born Jan. 25, 1824, a son of John and Barbara (Camp) Gardner, natives of Pennsylvania, of German descent. In 1830 his parents moved to Holmes County, Ohio, where he was reared on a farm, receiving his education in the district schools. Soon after reaching his majority he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and remained two years, entering a tract of land in Fairfield Township. He returned to Ohio and remained till June 15, 1854, when he was married to Catherine Deitz, a native of Holmes County, Ohio, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Noll) Deitz. Immediately after his marriage he moved to his frontier home, and together they went to work to improve their land and make a farm, and how well they succeeded is proved by a visit to their beautiful home, where they have 160 acres of choice land all under cultivation and a pleasant residence and good farm buildings. They have a family of five children—Joseph D., Lydia A., Sarah, William A., and John H. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party.

David Goodrich, son of Philander and Salmeda (Jewett) Goodrich, was born in Cayuga County, N. Y., Jan. 31, 1838. He remained with his father till his death, and then worked by the month till after the breaking out of the war, and Aug. 8, 1862, enlisted in Company A, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry. He participated in the battles of Perryville and Stone River, and was then placed on detached duty till the close of the war. He was discharged June 26, 1865, and returned to De Kalb County, and in 1866 bought his present farm, to which he has added till now he owns ninety-four acres of land all under cultivation. He was married Jan. 10, 1867, to Mary A. Phelps, daughter of Chauncey and Mary (Chadwick) Phelps. They have had a family of six children, but five of whom are living—Orrin G., Albert B., Laura B., Derward G., and Edna May. A son died in infancy. Mrs. Goodrich is a member of the Disciples church. In politics Mr. Goodrich is a Republican.

Philander Goodrich, deceased, was born in the State of New



York in 1809, a son of Zebulon and —— Goodrich; his father of Puritan and his mother of German descent. He was reared on a farm, remaining with his parents till manhood. He was married about 1836 to Salmeda Jewett, a native of Connecticut. In the fall of 1840 they moved to Lagrange County, Ind., where his wife died in 1841. Mr. Goodrich afterward moved to Steuben County, and in 1846 to De Kalb County and settled in Smithfield Township, but in less than a year moved to Fairfield Township and bought a tract of unimproved land, which he began to improve, and on which he lived till his death in 1856. His family consisted of three children, two sons and a daughter—David, William A. and Harriet. The latter is deceased.

Jonathan A. Gushwa, a representative of one of the pioneer families of De Kalb County, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, Jan. 15, 1835, and was ten years of age when his parents moved to this county. His youth was spent in assisting his father clear and improve a frontier farm, and six months before his majority, his father gave him his time and he then worked for wages till the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion. August 10, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Twenty-ninth Indiana Infantry, and served thirty-seven months. The first half of his service he was detailed teamster. He contracted the erysipelas in his leg while in the army, and has never fully recovered from its effects. After his return from the war he settled on the old homestead and took charge of the farm for his father till his marriage, Jan. 4, 1866, to Harriet Williams, daughter of David and Mary Williams. He then settled on a farm of his father's in this township, where he lived sixteen years, and then bought forty acres of land, but three months later sold it and rented a farm of his brother a year. Nov. 1, 1883, he moved to the farm where he now lives, where he owns eighty acres of choice land, with a pleasant residence and good farm buildings. His wife died Jan. 18, 1883, leaving two sons—Charles and Edward. Oct. 4, 1883, he was married to Mrs. Margaret Jane Swinhart, a sister of his first wife. Mr. Gushwa has been a prominent man in his township, and held several offices of trust and responsibility; among others those of Supervisor, Constable, Road Supervisor; and in the fall of 1884 was elected Justice of the Peace. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the Albright church.

Philip Gushwa, deceased, was one of the prominent pioneers of Fairfield Township. He was born in Somerset County, Pa., Sept. 7, 1802, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Phillips) Gushwa, natives of Pennsylvania, of German descent. His parents were in limited circumstances and he was early obliged to assist his father in the maintenance of the family. When he was four years of age his parents moved to Westmoreland County, Pa., and when he was twenty-two, in 1823, to Holmes County, Ohio. He was married Nov. 20, 1825, to Mary A. Mahr, a native of Pennsylvania, born July 8, 1806, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Mahr, of German descent. Mr. Gushwa bought eighty acres of wild land in Ohio, which he cleared and improved, and then sold it and bought 160 acres. This he cleared and improved, and subsequently met with reverses in his business, and in 1845 came to De Kalb County, and the third time settled in the woods. He bought 200 acres of land at \$2.50 an acre, which he went to work to improve. At his death he had 226 acres of land all well cultivated. He died Dec. 16, 1884. His widow is still living, in the seventy-ninth year of her age. They had a happy married life of nearly sixty years, and by their hospitality and kindness won many friends. To them were born eleven children, all of whom grew to maturity and ten of whom are living—Jacob, Elizabeth, Hannah, John, Susan, Jonathan, William (deceased), Mary Ann, Philip, Jr., Sarah and Benjamin. In politics Mr. Gushwa was a Democrat. Mrs. Gushwa is a member of the Lutheran church.

Philip Gushwa, Jr., the fifth son and ninth child of Philip and Mary A. (Mahr) Gushwa, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, March 5, 1841, and was four years of age when his parents moved to De Kalb County. Here he was reared and educated, remaining with his parents till the breaking out of the Rebellion. Nov. 20, 1862, he enlisted in Company B. Twenty-ninth Indiana Infantry, and participated in many hard-fought battles, the more important being Chickamauga where he was wounded in the right thigh, the ball passing out of his leg. This disabled him from service for three months. He served till the expiration of his term and was discharged Nov. 20, 1865. After his return home he worked on his father's farm where he has since lived with the exception of three years, when he lived on land of his own in the same township. He was married Sept. 7, 1867, to Sarah Williams, a native of Holmes

County, Ohio, daughter of David and Mary Williams, who came to De Kalb County in 1864. To Mr. and Mrs. Gushwa have been born three children—James F., Alva W., and Nellie M. In politics Mr. Gushwa affiliates with the Republican party. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Daniel Haller, farmer and stock-raiser, is a native of Germany, born March 14, 1824, the fourth son of Jacob Haller. He was three years of age when his parents came to the United States, and eleven when they moved to Wayne County, Ohio. He was reared and educated in Wayne County, and in 1845 accompanied his parents to Noble County, Ind., and settled on the line of De Kalb County. In 1857 he moved a mile north into De Kalb County where he lived till April, 1878, when he bought the farm where he now lives, which contains eighty-nine acres of improved land. Mr. Haller was married in 1849 to Elizabeth Bolenbaugh, a native of Seneca County, Ohio, but a resident of Indiana at the time of her marriage. They are the parents of ten children, but four of whom are living—William B., John W., Annie E. and Minnie M. Nancy A., Mary M., Hiram A., James N., Henry H. and Susan V. are deceased. Mr. Haller, in politics, affiliates with the Republican party.

John F. Haller, farmer and stock-raiser, Fairfield Township, is a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, born July 16, 1821, a son of Jacob and Catherine (Weller) Haller. His father served eight years in the French army under Napoleon Bonaparte, and two years in the German army. In 1827 he came to the United States, landing in New York, and settled in Lancaster County, Pa., where he lived till 1835, then moved to Wayne County, Ohio, where our subject grew to manhood. In 1845 he moved to Noble County, Ind., where he died in 1853, aged seventy-two years. His wife died in 1864, aged sixty-five years. John F. Haller remained in Wayne County till 1851, and then came to De Kalb County and settled on the farm where he now lives, which contains 135 acres of valuable land. He also owns a farm of 130 acres in Noble County. He was in limited circumstances when he commenced life for himself, but by industry and good management he has accumulated a competency for his declining years. He was married April 30, 1846, to Joanna Childs, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Cochran) Childs, the former a native of England, and the latter of Mary

land, of Irish parentage. Mr. Childs died in Wayne County, Ohio, in 1850, aged seventy-five years, and his wife in 1876, aged ninety-two years. To Mr. and Mrs. Haller have been born nine children, six of whom are living—Catherine E., Jacob, Sarah Ann, Nannie E., Samuel M. and Wilber L. The deceased are James, John T. and James H. Mr. Haller has always taken an active interest in the welfare of his adopted county and has assisted materially in its growth and development. In politics he is a Republican, and a ready supporter of all the issues of his party. Mrs. Haller is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Leonard Hartman, one of the most successful of the pioneers of Fairfield Township, is a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, born Sept 27, 1819, a son of Leonard Hartman. When he was about six years of age his parents moved to the United States and settled in Franklin County, Pa., thence to Wayne County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood, remaining there till 1845, when he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought 160 acres of wild land in Fairfield Township, which is a part of his present farm. He had but \$24 when he reached this county and was obliged to buy his land on time. He cleared and improved his land, paid for it, and has added to it till he now owns 450 acres, the greater part under cultivation. His success is due to his energy and industrious and economical habits, aided by a most estimable wife. He has assisted materially in the growth and development of the township, and gives liberally of his means for the furtherance of every laudable enterprise. Mr. Hartman was married June 24, 1841, to Mary Martz, a native of Germany, who came to the United States with her parents when seventeen years of age. They have had twelve children, ten of whom are living—Cassie, John, Susan, Sophia, Adam, Lydia, Joseph, Levi, Emma and Martha. The deceased are Solomon and Libbie. Mrs. Hartman is a member of the Lutheran church. In politics he is a Democrat.

Hon. Jacob Helwig, deceased, was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, Sept. 10, 1804, a son of George Helwig. He, in his youth, learned the cabinet-maker's trade of his father, and worked at it several years in Ohio. He was a resident of Tuscarawas and Carroll counties, several years each, and was a prominent man wherever he lived, holding several offices of trust. In 1841 he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in

Troy Township. He was elected twice to the Legislature from this district, and also served two terms as County Commissioner and one as Treasurer. He was a member of the Lutheran church in early life, but after coming to De Kalb County united with the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he was a strong Democrat. He was married to Jemima Jenkins, and to them were born five children—George, Elizabeth, Peter, Isaac, and John B. The latter was for eight years President of Wittenburg College, Springfield, Ohio, and is now pastor of the Lutheran church at Akron, Ohio. His wife died and he afterward married Sarah Gossage. They had a family of five children—Barbara A., Kezia, Mary, Rebecca, and Christina. Mr. Helwig died Dec. 10, 1869.

Alonso Hemstreet, deceased, was born in Ohio, Feb. 6, 1840, a son of Jeremiah and Mariam (Smith) Hemstreet. When he was a child his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Smithfield Township, where he was reared and educated, attending the district schools. He remained with his parents till his marriage, and then bought the farm in Fairfield Township where his family now live, and where he died Feb. 22, 1870. The farm contains eighty acres of valuable land, but when Mr. Hemstreet settled on it was some improved and heavily timbered. He was an energetic, frugal man, and with the assistance of a most estimable wife, cleared and improved his land, and at his death left one of the best farms in the township. He was married Dec. 5, 1863, to Julia Zwilling, a native of New York, daughter of Henry and Julia (Howald) Zwilling, who came from Germany and settled near Utica, N. Y., and subsequently moved to Holmes County, Ohio, and in 1848 to De Kalb County, and settled in Fairfield Township, and removed to Smithfield where the father died. The mother is now living in Marshall County, Iowa, in the seventy-fourth year of her age. To Mr. and Mrs. Hemstreet was born one son—Clark A., who lives on the old homestead with his mother. Mr. Hemstreet in his political views was a Democrat.

John Hovater, Sr., one of the most esteemed of the old pioneers, was born in Lebanon County, Pa., Nov. 3, 1809, a son of Christopher and Julia Ann (Cormack) Hovater, natives of Lancaster County, of German parentage. He was reared in his native county, and in his boyhood worked in the shop of his father, who was a blacksmith. When he was fifteen years old

he was able to take the place of a journeyman, and worked for his father till his majority. He then went to Ohio, and for four years was in business for himself in Holmes County. Then was associated with a Mr. Oten in Dalton a year, and from that time on till 1850 lived in different places in Ohio, the last being Sugar Creek, where he bought a home and remained seven years. In 1850 he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought eighty acres of wild land in Fairfield Township, which he has cleared, and now has a good farm. He has worked at his trade in addition to caring for his farm, and will long be remembered as the pioneer blacksmith of Fairfield Township. He has, by his many years of upright and honorable dealing, won the confidence and respect of all who know him. He was married Dec. 4, 1834, to Nancy, daughter of John and Betsey (Roop) Wyers. To them have been born thirteen children, nine of whom are living. They are members of the United Brethren church. In politics he is a Democrat.

George W. Husselman, one of the successful farmers and stock-raisers of Fairfield Township, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, May 8, 1830, a son of Samuel and Susan (Trapp) Husselman, and when fourteen years of age came with his parents to De Kalb County, Ind. They lived in Fairfield Township two years, and then moved to Union Township, where he assisted his father in clearing and improving a farm, remaining with his parents till manhood. He then began farming for himself, and bought a farm of 200 acres, where he has since lived. At that time his land was wholly unimproved, but now it is one of the finest farms in the township. He was married April 5, 1853, to Mary J. King, a daughter of John and Kate (Reaver) King, who came to De Kalb County, Ind., from Maryland in 1846. Mr. and Mrs. Husselman have had a family of four children—Calvin H., John W., Emily, wife of Henry Neidig, and Susan M., wife of John Kandel. Mr. Husselman is in politics a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

John T. Husselman was born in Wayne County, Ohio, April 13, 1827, the eldest son of Samuel and Susan (Trapp) Husselman. In May, 1845, he accompanied his parents to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Fairfield Township, where he assisted his father in clearing and improving a farm. After attaining his majority he bought a tract of land a mile and a

half north of Fairfield Center, and began to make a farm for himself. In June, 1855, he sold his farm and bought the one where he now lives, which at that time was unimproved. Thus a third time he began to make a farm out of a tract of timber land. He has been an energetic, industrious man and succeeded in surrounding himself and family with a comfortable home, and has a competency for his declining years. His farm contains 180 acres of choice land under a good state of cultivation. In September, 1864, Mr. Husselman enlisted in Company C, Forty-second Indiana Infantry, and served till the close of the war. He was married March 11, 1852, to Elvina, daughter of Abraham Hartman. They have eight children—Wesley E., Amanda E., Melissa J., Emma A., Alma, Flora Ada, Ida May and John A. Mr. and Mrs. Husselman are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church. In politics Mr. Husselman is a Republican.

Harrison Jones, is a native of Kentucky, born in Maysville, June 10, 1812, the second of three children of William and Lucy (Thompson) Jones, natives of Kentucky, of Welsh descent. When he was three years of age his parents moved to Greene County, Ohio, and three years later to Lower Sandusky, now Fremont; thence, when he was nine years old to Canada, but a few months later returned to Ohio and located in Miami County. While living in the latter county his father went to New Orleans and died there of yellow fever. When he was seventeen years of age his mother moved to Indiana with his older brother, and he remained in Miami County till attaining his majority. About 1839 he moved to Carroll County, Ind., but returned to Ohio a year later and remained till 1845, when he came to Allen County, and rented a farm about eight years. In the meantime he bought 150 acres of land in Fairfield Township, De Kalb County, to which he has since added till he now has 200 acres, all under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Jones was married June 13, 1833, to Elizabeth Burkett, a native of Ohio, daughter of Christian Burkett. They had two children—Joseph and Lucy, and to Mr. Jones by his second marriage was born one daughter—Silvia. Mrs. Jones is a member of the German Methodist church. In politics Mr. Jones is a Republican.

Frederick Krahn, deceased, was a native of Prussia, Germany, born Aug. 25, 1830, a son of Jacob Krahn. He was reared in



his native country, and in his youth served an apprenticeship at the rope-maker's trade, which he followed till he came to the United States, when still a young man. He landed in New York City and walked from there to Stark County, Ohio, where he was employed at brick making by the month for five years. He then went into business for himself, and in 1863 left Ohio and came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought eighty acres of land in Fairfield Township, and engaged in agricultural pursuits till October, 1864, when he was drafted in the defense of his adopted country in Company E, Thirteenth Indiana Infantry, and served till the spring of 1865, when, April 5, he died and was buried at Newbern, N. C. He was married March 22, 1858, to Julia Arna, a native of Germany, where her parents, George and Susan (Barley) Arna, died when she was a child, and when nineteen years of age she came to the United States. To Mr. and Mrs. Krahn were born four children—William, John (deceased), Amelia and Mary N. Mrs. Krahn is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church.

Martin Lehman was born in the province of Baden, Germany, Nov. 9, 1829, a son of Job and Mary (Klotz) Lehman. He was reared and educated in his native country, working at various occupations in his youth. He received a good education in the schools of Germany, and in 1848 came to the United States and located in Adams County, Ind., where he worked by the month till his marriage. He then bought 100 acres of land in Noble County, Ind., where he lived ten years, and in 1865 sold his farm and moved to De Kalb County and bought the farm in Fairfield Township where he now lives. He has 215 acres of valuable land all under cultivation, and is one of the most prosperous and thrifty farmers of the township. He was married March 4, 1855, to Mary Martz, a native of Germany, daughter of Bartle and Anna (Jauch) Martz. To them have been born ten children, but three of whom are living—John P., Willy Bartley, and Christian. Mr. and Mrs. Lehman are members of the Lutheran church. In politics he is a Democrat.

John L. Ling, farmer and stock-raiser, Fairfield Township, was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, Jan. 13, 1827, a son of Peter and Dorcas (Russel) Ling, natives of Bedford County, Pa., of German and English descent. In 1848 he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought the land which is now his finely cultivated farm, but at that time was a tract of heavily timbered



land. He returned to Ohio, and in 1851 came again to this county and began to clear and prepare his land for cultivation. He was married April 8, 1852, to Susan Gonser, daughter of David and Catherine (Miller) Gonser, early settlers of De Kalb County, from Coshocton County, Ohio. To them have been born five children—Emily, wife of A. W. Bair, of Smithfield Township; Ellen, wife of Eugene Krum, of Fairfield Township; Ida, wife of Joseph Gardner; David, of Steuben County, married Della Frederick; and Edward, of Kansas. In politics Mr. Ling is a Republican. He has taken an active interest in all the public affairs, and has been elected by his fellow townsmen to different offices of trust and responsibility.

Elihu McInturf, one of the prominent early settlers of De Kalb County, was born in Licking County, Ohio, June 17, 1816, a son of John and Hannah (Parr) McInturf. When he was twelve years of age he went to live with an uncle, and remained with him till nineteen years of age, when his uncle died, leaving him enough to buy fifty acres of land. He was sick for the next three years and needed the money, and upon his recovery was obliged to go to work for wages. In 1840 he went to Clark County, Ill., but in less than a year returned home and remained till October, 1844, when he came to Indiana, and bought eighty acres of Government land. He worked for the settlers to obtain provisions to live on, and in the meantime began to clear his land and get it ready to plant a crop. He has been industrious and frugal, and to his first purchase has added till he now has a fine farm of 132 acres, all under cultivation. He was married in 1841 to Rachel Brown, a native of Knox County, Ohio, daughter of Silas and Sarah Ann (Merriott) Brown. They have two children—Sarah Ann, wife of Abraham Orr, of Kendallville, and William M., who married Emma Bronson, and lives on the old homestead. In politics Mr. McInturf is a Democrat.

David McNabb is a native of Center County, Pa., born Dec. 9, 1819, a son of John and Mary (Young) McNabb, natives of Pennsylvania, the former of Scotch and the latter of English and Swiss descent. When he was thirteen years of age his parents moved to Ashland County, Ohio, where he was reared, receiving a common school education. In 1843 he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and entered eighty acres of wild land in Fairfield Township, on section 35, where he built a cabin and

commenced to improve his land. He lived on this farm twenty years, and in 1863 sold it and bought the one where he now lives, on section 32. His farm contains 120 acres of choice land, all under cultivation. Mr. McNabb was married Oct. 18, 1842, to Sophie Dunfee, a daughter of James and Sophie (Hazlett) Dunfee, who moved from Adams County, Pa., to Ohio in 1833. Mr. and Mrs. McNabb have had eight children, seven of whom are living—James, George, John, Francelia, Warren, Martha and Frank. Ella is deceased. Mr. McNabb is a self-made man, having no means when he started in life for himself, but by his own industry and good management, assisted by a most estimable wife, he has accumulated a good property. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party.

John Jacob Metzger, farmer and stock-raiser, is a native of Germany, born March 31, 1815, a son of Philip Powell and Margaretta (Gross) Metzger. He was reared on a farm, remaining with his father till his majority. His mother died when he was three years old. When he was twenty-one years old he was drafted into the German army and served three years. He then on account of his good behavior was allowed to purchase a substitute and was discharged. He followed farming five years after leaving the army, and was then married, and soon after came to the United States and settled in Lawrence County, Ohio, buying fifty acres of land, where he lived nine years. In 1855 he came to De Kalb County and bought 100 acres of wild land which he has cleared and improved, and now has one of the finest farms in the township. He was married in March, 1846, to _____, who died April 26, 1857, leaving six children—Kate, Henry, John, Elizabeth, George and Mary. In October, 1857, he married Mrs. Barbara (Stomm) Miller, a native of Germany, who came to America in 1854. She has four children—Margaretta, Jacob, Valentine and Henry. Mr. and Mrs. Metzger are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a Democrat.

Emanuel Neidig is a native of Columbiana County, Ohio, born Aug. 3, 1824, a son of Joseph and Margaret (De Koff) Neidig, natives of Pennsylvania. He was reared and educated in his native county, spending his leisure time in his father's blacksmith shop. When twenty years of age he began to work at the carpenter's trade, serving an apprenticeship of two months. He was a natural mechanic and his employer took

extra pains to explain the business to him. He worked at his trade in his native county till 1854, and then came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought a tract of heavily timbered land in Fairfield Township. He worked at his trade and hired his land cleared, and then attended to the cultivation of his farm in connection with his other work. He has been successful in his business and now has two farms, the one where he lives, containing eighty acres and another of forty acres. He was married July 27, 1848, to Susan Freed, a native of Columbiana County, Ohio, daughter of Peter and Hannah (Miller) Freed. To them have been born nine children, but three of whom are living—Cornelia, wife of Benjamin Cline, of Steuben County; Henry, of Fairfield Township, and Joseph at home. Hannah, Anthony, Angeline, Emanuel, Peter, and an infant are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Neidig are members of the German Reform church. In politics he is a Democrat.

Daniel Phelps, farmer and stock-raiser, Fairfield Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, Feb. 28, 1830, a son of William and Magdeline (Marsh) Phelps, the former a native of Maryland, of English descent, and the latter of Virginia, of German descent. He attended the public schools till ten years of age, when his father died and he was then obliged to rely upon his own resources, and from that time till his marriage worked for farmers by the month. He was married Nov. 20, 1853, to Hannah, daughter of Peter Freed. In the fall of 1854 they moved to De Kalb County, Ind., where his wife died. Their only child died in infancy. He was again married June 20, 1858, to Delilah Risely, a native of Stark County, Ohio, daughter of Elias and Catherine (Livingston) Risely. They have had three children; two are living—Amanda and Lovina. One child died in infancy. Mr. Phelps has one of the best farms in the township, which he has brought from a heavily timbered condition to a state of advanced cultivation. He and his wife are members of the German Baptist church. He in politics casts his suffrage with the Republican party.

John Potts is a native of Stark County, Ohio, born Feb. 4, 1813, the eldest son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Triplet) Potts, natives of Virginia and of English ancestry, and grandson of John Potts and Joseph Triplet, the former a soldier in the war of the Revolution. When he was five years of age his parents moved to Wayne County, Ohio, and there he was reared and

educated. In 1837 they moved to Lawrence County, Ill., and in 1855 while on a visit to our subject the father died. The mother died in Lawrence County. John Potts lived in Wayne County till 1846, when he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought forty acres of land which is a part of his present farm. To this he has added forty acres, and now has a valuable farm with a good residence and farm buildings. He has been an industrious and enterprising citizen, and has gained the confidence and esteem of the entire community. In 1864 he was elected Magistrate of his township and served twenty years. He is a Democrat in politics. He was married Feb. 6, 1834, to Elinor Metcalf, daughter of Josiah and Hannah Metcalf. To them were born two children—Almira L. died at the age of twenty years; and Hannah E. is the wife of Albert Buchanan. Mrs. Potts died Aug. 25, 1866, and Aug. 18, 1867, Mr. Potts married Maria Shaffer, a native of Westmoreland County, Pa. Mrs. Potts is a member of the Lutheran church.

George Putt, one of the most prosperous and prominent of the early settlers of De Kalb County, was born in Berks County, Pa., Nov. 19, 1814, the eldest son of Jacob and Catharine (Shaffer) Putt, natives of Pennsylvania, of English and German descent. He was reared in his native State, and when fifteen years of age began driving a freight team over the mountains, a vocation he followed fifteen years. About 1835 he settled in Lebanon County, Pa., and in 1841 moved to Stark County, Ohio, and eleven months later, in 1842, came to Indiana and entered forty acres of land, and bought forty more in De Kalb County. It was located in the dense timber, but he went to work and soon had enough cleared to build a log cabin and raise a crop. He has been successful and to his land has added forty acres till now he has 120 acres of choice land, all well improved. He was married Nov. 15, 1835, to Sarah Ann, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Polm) Getz, natives of Pennsylvania, of German descent. To them were born two children—Levi and Joanna Elizabeth Catharine, wife of John Anstett. Mrs. Putt died Sept. 9, 1884. She, as has also Mr. Putt, had been a member of the German Reform church from her youth. Politically, Mr. Putt is a Democrat.

David Reinohl, deceased, one of the most esteemed pioneers of Fairfield Township, was born in Lebanon County, Pa., Feb. 22, 1809, the eldest of nine children of Michael and Catherine



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Fisher) Reinoehl. When he was nineteen years of age he accompanied his parents to Stark County, Ohio, and was there married Dec. 18, 1831, to Rebecca Weirich, who was born in Lebanon County, Pa., Aug. 9, 1812, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Rupe) Weirich, who moved to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1830. After their marriage they lived on the old homestead nine years and then moved to Richland County, Ohio, where they lived till the fall of 1852, when they came to De Kalb County, and bought 152 acres of land in Fairfield Township, very little of which was improved. Mr. Reinoehl was an industrious, energetic man, and soon had a good home where he spent the rest of his life. He died Feb. 16, 1869. He, as is also his wife, was a member of the Evangelical Association. To them were born seven children, five of whom are living—John, Elizabeth, wife of Michael Eckart; Louisa, wife of C. Wert; Mary, wife of William Shaffer; and Solomon, on the old homestead. Catherine, the eldest, and Amos, the youngest, are deceased.

Michael Reinoehl, farmer and stock-raiser, Fairfield Township, is a native of Lebanon County, Pa., born Feb. 5, 1826, the eighth of nine children of Michael and Catherine (Fisher) Reinoehl, natives of Pennsylvania, of German parentage. When he was two years of age his parents moved to Ohio and settled in Stark County, where he was reared on a farm, remaining with his parents till his majority. He was married Jan. 2, 1851, to Catherine Weirich, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Rupe) Weirich. After his marriage he carried on the old homestead five and a half years, and in the fall of 1856 moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought a tract of wild land in Fairfield Township, which he has cleared and cultivated, and which is now his valuable farm. He owns 160 acres of land, and his residence and farm buildings are large and comfortable. To Mr. and Mrs. Reinoehl have been born five children, but two of whom are living—Adaline, wife of Alfred Weirich, and George Mitchel. The deceased are—Malinda, John Henry and Catherine. In politics Mr. Reinoehl is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church.

Peter Reinoehl, farmer and stock-raiser, is a native of Stark County, Ohio, born Feb. 23, 1831, the youngest son of Michael and Catherine (Fisher) Reinoehl. He was reared a farmer, receiving a good education in the common schools, remaining

with his parents till twenty-five years of age, when, Sept. 18, 1856, he was married to Sarah Ann Sids. He remained on his father's farm till November, 1863, when he came to De Kalb County and bought forty acres of land in Fairfield Township, twenty-five of which were partially cleared. He afterward bought thirty-five acres adjoining it on the south, which he subsequently sold and bought eighty acres adjoining his farm on the north. He now owns 120 acres of valuable land, all well improved. His wife died in Ohio, Sept. 5, 1863, and he was married in De Kalb County, Ind., Jan. 10, 1867, to Elizabeth, daughter of John Hovater. They have had eleven children—David, born July 11, 1868; John Henry, born Sept. 8, 1869; Mary Ellen, born Feb. 16, 1871; Albert, born May 13, 1872; Emma May, born May 21, 1873; Charley, born July 11, 1874; Cora Alice, born Jan. 17, 1876; Elizabeth Ann, born July 8, 1878, died Feb. 4, 1881; Franklin, born April 8, 1881; Melvin, born May 1, 1883; Silveines, born May 31, 1885. Politically, Mr. Reinoehl is a Democrat.

Solomon Reinoehl, son of David and Rebecca (Weirich) Reinoehl, was born in Richland County, Ohio, Aug. 6, 1843, and was nine years of age when his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., where he was reared on a frontier farm, receiving his early education in the subscription schools. He remained with his parents till manhood, and since the death of his father has had charge of the homestead, his mother making her home with him. He is a practical farmer, and has made many valuable improvements on the farm. He is one of the prominent citizens of the township, and has served his townsmen in different offices of trust and responsibility. He assessed the township in 1877, and in 1878 was elected Trustee and served two terms of two years each. In politics he is a Democrat. He was married Aug. 2, 1866, to Martha Eckart, daughter of Henry and Barbara (Freilich) Eckart. They have had seven children—Mary A., Job A., Cora R., Isaiah O., William E., Charley M., and Rosa V. Mr. and Mrs. Reinoehl are members of the Evangelical Association.

Chauncey Ringler, farmer and stock-raiser, is one of the successful pioneers of Fairfield Township. He was born in Somerset County, Pa., Jan. 6, 1822, a son of Henry and Martha (Keller) Ringler, natives of Pennsylvania, of English and German descent. He was reared on a farm, residing with his

parents till twenty-one years of age, and in 1843 he went to Ohio and worked by the month two years. He then rented and in Holmes County till 1849, when he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on forty acres of timber land. He cleared a small spot and built a log cabin into which he moved his family, and then went to work to improve his farm. He lived on this land five years and then sold it and bought eighty acres in Steuben County, just across the De Kalb County line, where he lived five years. In 1859 he bought 120 acres of land across the line from Steuben County, and in 1880 bought forty acres adjoining, making a fine farm of 160 acres where he now lives, which he has improved and has now under a fine state of cultivation. He was married Nov. 27, 1845, to Elizabeth Almendinger, a native of Holmes County, Ohio, daughter of Frederick and Annie Almendinger. They had a family of four children—Franklin, Henry, Israel and Allen (deceased). His wife died Sept. 4, 1854, and Jan. 25, 1855, he married Susan Anstett, daughter of George and Susan (Stofer) Anstett, natives of France, who came to the United States about 1833, and to De Kalb County, Ind., about 1854, and thence to Steuben County where the father died in 1878, aged eighty years, and the mother in 1881. To Mr. and Mrs. Ringler have been born twelve children, eight of whom are living—John, Caroline, Addie, Mary E., George A., Chauncy W., Susan M., and Nellie May. Charley, Catherine Jane, Harriet Malinda, and Edward L. are deceased. Mr. Ringler's father died in 1883, aged ninety-seven years, and his mother in 1884, aged ninety-three years. In politics Mr. Ringler is a Republican.

George W. Row is a native of Holmes County, Ohio, born Nov. 14, 1831, a son of Jacob Row, grandson of George Row and great-grandson of Frederick Row, who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. Jacob Row was born in Union County, Pa., Jan. 1, 1802, and when fifteen years of age went with his parents to Holmes County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood and married Magdalene Guttery, a native of Harrison County, Ohio, daughter of Samuel Guttery, who came from Londonderry, Ireland, in an early day. In 1847 they moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and entered forty acres of Government land and bought forty acres, which he cleared and improved. He died Aug. 17, 1873, and the mother is now living in Michigan in the seventy-third year of her age. They had a family of

eleven children, but five of whom are now living. George W. Row was fifteen years of age when his parents moved to De Kalb County, and his youth was spent in assisting his father to clear and improve his farm. When twenty years of age he learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he has worked at intervals since, in connection with farming and working at the carpenter's trade. He saved his earnings and bought forty acres of wild land which he improved, and in 1866 sold it and bought the farm where he now lives, which contains nearly forty-seven acres of valuable land. When he settled on his farm it was heavily timbered with the exception of eighteen acres, and that was only partially improved. He has been an energetic, economical man, and now has a pleasant home. He has taken an interest in all the public affairs of the township, and has held the office of Constable four years, and Magistrate twelve years. In politics he is a member of the Greenback party. He was married Jan. 1, 1860, to Harriet F. Shook, a native of Crawford County, Ohio, daughter of Samuel and Ann (Shong) Shook. To them have been born four children—Albert E., Charles A., Emma Ann, and Bertha May. Mrs. Row is a member of the German Reform church.

George Rufner is a native of Stark County, Ohio, born Feb. 5, 1830, a son of John and Rachel (Smith) Rufner, natives of Pennsylvania, the former of Berks County, of German descent, and and the latter of Adams County, of German and Irish descent. He remained with his parents till the spring of 1853, when he moved to De Kalb County and settled in Richland Township on land now owned by the Lintz estate. Three years later he sold his farm and bought another tract of wild land in the same township, where he lived nine years, and in the meantime got his land cleared and under good cultivation. He then moved to Smithfield Township, where he lived thirteen years, and in April, 1878, moved to Fairfield Township and bought the farm of 138 acres where he now lives. His land is all under a good state of cultivation, and his improvements are among the best in the county. Mr. Rufner was married Nov. 27, 1851, to Nancy Boyer, daughter of John and Mary (Thomas) Boyer, natives of Pennsylvania, of German descent. They have had four children, but three of whom are living—Eliza Ann, Mary Ann and Josiah. Jeremiah is deceased. Oct. 16, 1859, Mr. Rufner united with the German Baptist church, and in June,

1861, he was elected Deacon. June 4, 1874, he was appointed minister in the first degree, and June 8, 1877, minister in the second degree, and has since been pastor of the church at Cedar Lake. His wife and daughters are members of the same organization.

Andrew Schmid, farmer and stock-raiser, is a native of Stark County, Ohio, born June 12, 1830, a son of Frederick and Thelma (Burch) Schmid, natives of Germany. The parents were reared and married in their native country, and, with two children, came to the United States and settled in Columbiana County, Ohio, removing later to Stark County. Four of their seven children are living. Andrew was reared on a farm, remaining with his parents till manhood. When seventeen years of age he began to work at the carpenter's trade which he followed till 1854, when he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought a tract of heavily timbered land which he has cleared and cultivated, and now has eighty acres of valuable land under a good state of cultivation. He was married Aug. 26, 1852, to Susanna Wolf, a native of Columbiana County, Ohio, daughter of William and Catherine Wolf, early settlers of Ohio, from Pennsylvania. To them have been born six children—William X., John W., Henry B., Catherine Ann, Charles (deceased) and Edward J. In politics Mr. Schmid is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the German Reform church.

Charles Schmiplff, farmer and stock-raiser, is one of the prominent pioneers of Fairfield Township. He is a native of Germany, born Sept. 8, 1822, a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Keller) Schmiplff. When he was eleven years of age his parents came to the United States, and after a short stay in New York City went to Albany, then to Buffalo, and from there to Cleveland, Ohio, and thence to Stark County, locating in Austintown, where his father bought a tannery. Charles spent his youth in his father's tannery, and when seventeen years of age went to Paris, Ohio, and began to learn the wagon-maker's trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years. He then worked at his trade till his marriage in 1846, and then moved to Steuben County, Ind., and the following spring entered forty acres of Government land in Smithfield Township, De Kalb County, on which he lived four years, clearing a part of it. He then sold his farm and bought the one on section 3, Fairfield Township, where he now lives, and a second time began to

make a farm out of the timber land of De Kalb County. In connection with farming he has worked at his trade, and by his industrious habits and frugality has accumulated a good property. He was married Jan. 18, 1846, to Eliza Ann Bair, daughter of Daniel Bair, one of the early settlers of Stark County, Ohio. To them have been born thirteen children, eleven of whom are living—Alonzo, Melissa, Catherine, Susan, Amanda, Elizabeth, Mary, Charles, Electa, Daniel H., Cora R. The deceased are Eliza and Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Schimpff are members of the German Reform church. In politics he is a Democrat.

Park Seberts, farmer and stock-raiser, Fairfield Township, was born in Knox County, Ohio, July 4, 1840, a son of Henry and J—— (Park) Seberts, his father a native of Germany and his mother of Virginia. In 1846 his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Union Township, where his father died in 1850. His mother survived him twenty years and died in Richland Township in August, 1870. After the death of his father Park found a home with his sister, Mrs. Talbot, of Richland Township, and remained with her till after the breaking out of the Rebellion. Aug. 7, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry, and participated in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, and Mission Ridge. He started on the Atlanta campaign, but on account of ill health was sent back to Chattanooga, and was in the hospital till his discharge May 26, 1865. Since his return from the war he has followed agricultural pursuits. He lived in Richland Township till 1868, and then bought the farm in Fairfield Township where he now lives. He owns eighty acres of valuable land, all well improved with large and comfortable farm buildings. He was married Aug. 14, 1866, to Mary J., daughter of Edward Wright. To them have been born eight children, five of whom are living—Lila A., Edward E., Albert J., Flora O. and Polly. Politically, Mr. Seberts is a Republican.

John Seiler, one of the most prominent farmers and stock-raisers in Fairfield Township, was born in Lebanon County, Pa., Oct. 15, 1815, a son of Mathias and Barbara (Curry) Seiler, natives of Pennsylvania, of German descent. In 1832 his parents moved to Wayne County, Ohio, where his mother died at the age of fifty-three years, and his father aged ninety-three



He was reared on a farm, but his father being a stone-mason he learned the trade in his youth, and upon reaching his majority went into business with his father, continuing four years. He subsequently followed his trade alone till 1864, when he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought the farm of eighty-five acres where he has since lived, in Fairfield Township. His land is all well cultivated and his residence and farm buildings are among the best in the township. He has always been an industrious frugal man, and as a result has a good home and is surrounded by all the comforts of life. He was married Oct. 4, 1838, to Lucetta, daughter of Michael and Catherine (Fisher) Reinoehl, a native of Lebanon County, Pa. They are the parents of five children—Caroline, wife of Samuel Gallatin, of Clark County, Ill.; Cyrus, Treasurer of Elkhart County, Ind.; Michael, Professor of mathematical, physical and political geography in Indiana State Normal School, Terre Haute, Ind., from which he graduated in 1876; Franklin, a graduate of Eastman College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., is by profession a book-keeper and teacher; and John Henry, a graduate of the College of Medicine in Michigan University, Ann Arbor, in the class of 1885.

Ephraim Shippe, was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., March 31, 1823. His father was born in Lancaster County, Pa., Nov. 5, 1801, and when quite a lad moved with his parents to Westmoreland County, where he was married in May, 1822, to Catharine Deedes. Both were of German descent. In the fall of 1834, when our subject was in his twelfth year, they moved to Holmes County, Ohio. His father was in feeble health, and being in limited circumstances he was obliged to assist in the maintenance of the family, and had no educational advantages. When twenty-one years of age he commenced life for himself, without even a good suit of clothes, his only capital being good health and a determined will. He began to work at the carpenter's trade for \$8 a month and worked for the same man four seasons. In the meantime he attended school four and a half months. In the winter time when not otherwise employed he chopped and split rails and cut cord wood. In the fall of 1847 he persuaded his father to move to Indiana, and together they located in Noble County. Feb. 8, 1848, he went to Ft. Wayne and bought 160 acres of land in Fairfield Township, De Kalb County, for \$440, paying \$110 in cash, and the rest to



be paid in three annual installments. He then went to Holmes County to take charge of two contracts he had made before leaving Ohio. The following October, having finished his work and paid his hands and for his tools, he started for Indiana. After making the payment on his land and paying the interest he had \$2.50 left. He spent a few days with his parents and then proceeded to De Kalb County, and began to improve his land. Nov. 6, his father died leaving a large family with no means for their support. This burden fell on our subject, who built a cabin, and Dec. 31 moved his mother and nine children into his home. The future indeed was dark, but he was strong and went bravely to work. With the added expenses of his father's sickness and funeral he was unable to pay for his land as soon as he had hoped, but September, 1852, saw this accomplishment. In the fall of 1850 his mother returned to her native county, and during the summer his eldest sisters had left. Thus he was without a housekeeper. Oct. 6, 1850, he married Sarah, daughter of John Kreighbaum. His mother took her youngest child, leaving five to his care. To Mr. and Mrs. Shipe were born seven children—A son born Dec. 12, 1851, died, aged two weeks; Ellen, born Sept. 14, 1853, died at the age of four weeks; Alma, born Dec. 21, 1854, is the wife of Isaiah Meas; John, born March 16, 1856, married Mary Eckhart; David, born July 27, 1857; Leonard, born Jan. 23, 1859, married Amanda Heaney; and a son born July 4, 1860, died in infancy. His wife died July 5, 1860. Jan. 24, 1861, he married Elizabeth Krogin, a native of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, born in 1834, a daughter of Daniel and Anna (Charlton) Krogin, the former of German and the latter of Irish descent. The mother died at the age of sixty-six years, and the father is still living in the eighty-ninth year of his age. Mrs. Shipe removed with her brother-in-law, Samuel Teters, to Steuben County in her nineteenth year, and worked for her own support till her marriage. To Mr. and Mrs. Shipe have been born six children—Sarah A., born Dec. 29, 1861, is the wife of Emra Teal; Ida Jane, born Feb. 20, 1863, died aged ten years and four months; Catharine L., born Oct. 16, 1864, wife of John Norman; Frank, born Oct. 1, 1865, died in infancy; Elizabeth, born Oct. 25, 1867, died aged two years and two months; Mary, born Dec. 16, 1871. In his finances Mr. Shipe has overcome all difficulties and has accumulated sufficient property to maintain him in comfort in

his declining years. In 1869 he built a brick kiln on his farm, and in 1872 built the first brick house in Fairfield Township. In January, 1866, he and his wife united with the Methodist Episcopal church, and have since been faithful to its tenets and earnest workers in the cause of Christianity. In all his business transactions Mr. Shipe has endeavored to be honorable and prompt to fill every obligation, and has thus gained an enviable reputation among all with whom he has had any deal. In politics he has been a life-long Democrat. Although he has never aspired to official honors, he was elected Justice of the Peace in 1860, and served efficiently four years. He was drafted into the service of the Union in 1864, but being in poor health and having a family of small children, he sent a substitute, giving him \$825. Mr. Shipe's experience is a lesson to all young men in limited circumstances, as his prosperity is but the result of a life of hard work and economy, undaunted by trials, but with determination overriding all obstacles, and coming off conqueror at last.

Jonathan Shook, farmer and stock-raiser, is a native of Ohio, born in Jefferson Township, Stark County, Nov. 19, 1835, a son of Jonathan and Mary (Strawser) Shook, natives of Pennsylvania, of German descent. When two years of age he was bound to Frederick Strawser for his board and clothes till sixteen years old. He then worked for farmers for wages till twenty-one years old, when he went to Pennsylvania to visit his father, whom he had never seen. His father was a blacksmith, and he went to his shop and asked for a night's lodging, not thinking his father would know him. But his father immediately recognized who he was, and they had a pleasant visit of four days. He then returned to Ohio, and the next year began to work at the carpenter's trade, which he followed fourteen years. He was married Aug. 31, 1854, to Rebecca Conrad, a native of Summit County, Ohio, a daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Fisher) Conrad, natives of Pennsylvania. In 1862 he rented a farm and followed agricultural pursuits till the fall of 1865, when he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on his present farm in Fairfield Township. He owns eighty acres of choice land, and his residence and farm buildings are large and comfortable. To Mr. and Mrs. Shook have been born eight children—Elma (deceased), Harriet, Nelson, David, Emery, Benjamin, Mary and Frank. In politics Mr. Shook is



a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the Reform church.

George Slayman, deceased, was born in Cumberland County, Pa., May 27, 1824, and died in De Kalb County, Ind., Feb. 2, 1881. He was a son of John and Susannah (Gross) Slayman, natives of Pennsylvania, of German descent. His mother died when he was an infant, and when he was three years old his father moved to Wayne County, Ohio, where he was reared, and was married Feb. 26, 1847, to Miss Barbara Bales, a native of Wayne County, Ohio, daughter of David and Anna (Morgan) Bales, natives of Westmoreland County, Pa., of German descent. The following fall they moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on forty acres of wild land his father had entered from the Government. He bought forty acres adjoining this, and at once went to work to clear and improve a farm. He was successful in his agricultural pursuits, and added to his first purchase till he had a landed estate of 455 acres, all under cultivation. In politics he was a Democrat. Although he had no aspiration for official honors, he took an active interest in all public affairs and was ready with both time and means to assist any enterprise of benefit to his town or county. In his death Fairfield Township lost one of her most worthy and esteemed citizens, and his family a kind husband and indulgent and affectionate father. To Mr. and Mrs. Slayman were born eight children, but five of whom are living—Rebecca Ann, Sarah E., Maria J., Mary E. and Arwilda E. Ida Belle and an infant son and daughter are deceased. Mrs. Slayman is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and takes an active part in all the work of the church of her choice. She is a benevolent, kind woman, and is beloved by her neighbors and esteemed by all who know her.

Harrison Smith, one of the most prominent of Fairfield's pioneers, was born in Genesee County, N. Y., Oct. 23, 1824, a son of Enos and Clarissa (Jones) Smith, the former a native of Rhode Island, and the latter of New Hampshire, of English descent. His mother died when he was a boy, and his father subsequently took his children to Crawford County, Pa., remaining there three years, thence to Huron County, Ohio, remaining there till 1844, when he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on a tract of wild land. He bought forty acres and at once began to clear and improve it. Our subject was reared a

farmer and by practicing the lessons taught him in his youth, has been successful, and now owns 107 acres of land, eighty acres under cultivation and the rest timber land. His farm buildings are large and convenient. His father died at his home Oct. 10, 1860, aged eighty-five years, nine months and one day. Mr. Smith was married Aug. 12, 1852, to Elizabeth Rohrer, a native of Holmes County, Ohio, daughter of David and Sarah (Wible) Rohrer, who came from Pennsylvania to Holmes County in an early day, and to De Kalb County in 1847. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had five children, but two of whom are living—David Edward and Walter D. Sarah J., Martha E. and Rebecca Ann are deceased. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically he is a Democrat.

James Stonebraker, a native of Holmes County, Ohio, born Feb. 2, 1845, is the second son of Daniel and Eliza (Gilmore) Stonebraker. He was but three years old when his mother died, and but four when he lost his father. He was reared by strangers, working for his board and attending school as soon as he was old enough. July 1, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, Seventy-fourth Indiana Infantry, and participated in many hard-fought battles, among others Chickamauga, Mission Ridge and Altoona. At the latter he was wounded in the right hand, and was in the hospital nine months, never again being able to join his regiment. He was discharged May 25, 1865, and returned to De Kalb County, where he has since followed agricultural pursuits. In 1875 he settled on a part of his father's old homestead, and now owns 145 acres of choice land. In 1881 his residence was destroyed by fire, but the following summer he built his large two-story residence with all modern improvements, which is one of the finest in the township. Mr. Stonebraker was married April 7, 1871, to Rebecca A., daughter of George and Barbara (Bales) Slayman. They have a family of three children—Celia R., Minnie S., and Jesse H. In politics Mr. Stonebraker affiliates with the Republican party.

John M. Stonebraker was born in Holmes County, Ohio, Jan. 27, 1842, the eldest of four children of Daniel and Eliza (Gilmore) Stonebraker. His father was a native of Ohio, born June 8, 1817, and lived in his native State till 1850, when he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Fairfield Township, buying seventy acres of land and subsequently adding eighty acres to it. His wife died in 1853, and the same year

he married again. He died Sept. 24, 1854. After the death of his father John M. found a home in the family of his guardian, J. M. Brumback, with whom he lived most of the time till after the breaking out of the Rebellion. Aug. 27, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Twenty-ninth Indiana Infantry, and participated in the battles of Shiloh and Stone River. At the latter battle he was wounded in the right leg, and for six months was unable to perform any active duty. Nov. 13, 1863, he was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps, and was sent to Chicago where he remained till the expiration of his term of enlistment. He was discharged Aug. 27, 1864, and returned to De Kalb County, and worked most of the time in a saw-mill till 1867, when he began farming on the old homestead. He has a fine farm of 100 acres, and his improvements are among the best in the county. He was married March 12, 1867, to Harriet, daughter of George and Almond (Page) Drowley. They have had six children—Otelia May, George M., Mary Bessie, John G., Louie, and Nellie (deceased). Mrs. Stonebraker is a member of the United Brethren church. Politically he is a Republican.

Henry Stomm, farmer and stock-raiser, is a native of Baden, Germany, born March 24, 1833, a son of George and Margaret (Holtzworth) Stomm. When he was fifteen years of age he began to learn the weaver's trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years. He then worked as a journeyman two years, when he was drafted into the German army, but before he was mustered in he left the country and came with his parents to the United States. They located in Stark County, Ohio, but in the spring of 1854 he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought a tract of land in Fairfield Township, and the following spring sent to Stark County for his parents. His father was born in 1802 and died in 1874. His mother died April 3, 1884, aged eighty-three years. His land was unimproved, but a very little having been cleared of the timber, but he went bravely to work and now has about 160 acres of the best land in the township, all under cultivation. His residence and farm buildings are among the best in the county. He was married Jan. 9 1856, to Maria Getts, daughter of William and Eliza (Hosler) Getts, early settlers of De Kalb County. To them were born ten children, eight of whom are living—Daniel, Eliza E., Moses, William, Mary L., Nore A. and Cora A. (twins), and Clara A.

Sarah C. and Amanda are deceased. Mrs. Stomm died Oct. 1, 1882, and Jan. 22, 1885, Mr. Stomm married Mrs. Catherine Bickle, a native of Berks County, Pa., born in 1838, daughter of Conrad and Mary A. Schreber, and widow of Henry Bickle. Mr. and Mrs. Stomm are members of the German Reform church. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party.

John T. Urey, deceased, was a native of Coshocton County, Ohio, born June 6, 1828, a son of George and Nancy (Thompson) Urey, natives of Jefferson County, Ohio. He was reared on a farm, receiving a good common-school education. He remained with his parents till his marriage, and then engaged in farming for himself. In the fall of 1864 he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on a tract of wild land on section 23, Fairfield Township, which he cleared and improved, making a good farm, on which he lived till his death, Jan. 31, 1879. He was a public spirited, energetic citizen, and was influential in promoting many enterprises of benefit to his township. He was a member of the German Baptist church, and most exemplary Christian. He was married Dec. 29, 1859, to Elizabeth Hostetter, daughter of Jacob and Esther (Arnold) Hostetter, of German descent, who moved from Somerset County, Pa., to Coshocton County, Ohio, when Mrs. Urey was fifteen years of age, and thence to St. Joseph County, Ind., where the father died and the mother still lives. To Mr. and Mrs. Urey were born six children—George, John H., Samuel C., Nancy E., Rebecca E., and Etta May. The first three are school-teachers in this county. Mrs. Urey is a member of the German Baptist church.

Samuel Watts, farmer and stock-raiser, Fairfield Township, was born in Lancaster County, Pa., March 30, 1821, a son of George and Rachel (Zimmerman) Watts, natives of Pennsylvania. His grandfather, Thomas Watts, was a native of Ireland and came to the United States prior to the war of the Revolution. His maternal grandparents were natives of Germany. When he was twelve years of age his parents moved to Holmes County, Ohio, where he lived with them till eighteen years of age, working in the meantime to assist in the maintenance of the family. In 1849 he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought a wild tract of land in Fairfield Township. Returning to Ohio he worked at the carpenter's trade till he had paid for his land, and in 1859 came again to De Kalb County and began

to clear and improve his frontier farm. He has by industry and economy been successful and now has 200 acres of valuable land under a good state of cultivation. He was married June 16, 1853, to Barbara Gardner, daughter of John and Barbara (Camp) Gardner. To them have been born four children, two of whom are living—Josiah and William H. John and Sarah are deceased. In politics Mr. Watts is a Democrat. He is one of the most enterprising and public-spirited men of the township, and is esteemed by all who know him.

Adam Weirich, farmer and stock-raiser, is a native of Lebanon County, Pa., born July 16, 1827, the youngest son of John and Elizabeth (Rupe) Weirich. When he was four years of age his parents moved to Wayne County, Ohio, and there he grew to manhood, living with his parents till his maturity. He then learned the blacksmith's trade, serving an apprenticeship of two years. He worked as a journeyman two years and engaged in business for himself two years in Stark County and then returned to Wayne County and followed his trade till 1858, when he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on a tract of second-handed land he had previously bought. This he has cleared and improved and to his original purchase of ninety acres has added thirty-five acres, having now a fine farm of 125 acres. He has also worked at his trade in connection with farming and has been very successful, having acquired a competency for his old age. He was married Oct. 8, 1852, to Martha Sidle, a native of York County, Pa., daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Wise) Sidle. They have had seven children—Martha E., wife of W. H. Gardner; Adam S., Jacob M., Sarah J., Samuel M., James W. and Catherine E. Mr. and Mrs. Weirich are members of the Lutheran church. Politically he is a Democrat.

Jacob Weirich is a native of Lancaster County, Pa., born May 8, 1823, the eighth of twelve children of John and Elizabeth (Rupe) Weirich, natives of Pennsylvania, of German parentage. When he was four years of age his parents moved to Wayne County, and he lived with them on a farm till sixteen years of age. He then began to learn the shoemaker's trade, serving an apprenticeship of two and a half years. After working some time as a journeyman he engaged in business for himself, and in 1850 came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought forty acres of wild land on section 16, Fairfield Township. To

this he afterward added ten acres, and after getting it partially improved sold it and bought the 120 acres which is now his fine farm, which he has brought from a wild-timbered state to one of advanced cultivation. He was married April 11, 1844, to Caroline Reinoehl, a native of Lebanon County, Pa., daughter of John and Catherine (Johnson) Reinoehl, early settlers of Wayne County. They have had a family of seven children, four of whom are living—Joseph, Jesse, John and Alice, wife of Samuel Smith. In politics Mr. Weirich is a Democrat.

Martin Wetzel, farmer and stock-raiser, is a native of Germany, born May 4, 1834, a son of Andrew and Caterlye (Smith) Wetzel. When he was twenty years of age, in 1854, he came to the United States, landing in New York Nov. 26, and from there proceeded to Ohio, finally locating in Erie County, where he worked three years by the month. He was married Nov. 22, 1857, to Elizabeth Hahn, a daughter of John and Barbara (Mendell) Hahn, who came to America from Germany in July, 1857. After his marriage he rented land in Erie County till the fall of 1863, and Nov. 1 came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought forty acres of land in Fairfield Township, twenty of which were partially improved. To this he has added forty acres, and now has a fine farm of eighty acres, with a pleasant residence and good farm buildings. Sept. 27, 1864, he enlisted in the Twenty-ninth Indiana Infantry and served till June 26, 1865. While he was in the army, Feb. 22, 1865, his wife died, leaving four children, three of whom are living—Kate, Lucy and John. Margaret died Oct. 8, 1865, aged eight months. Sept. 18, 1865, Mr. Wetzel married Elizabeth Hommerhouse, widow of John Hommerhouse, and sister of his first wife. She died April 15, 1873, leaving six children—Augustus, John, Margaret, Christopher, Martha and Lydia, the first two being children by her first marriage. March 15, 1883, Mr. Wetzel married Mrs. Elizabeth Booran, daughter of Michael Treesh. She was first married to Frederick Rhom, who left three children. She then married William Booran, by whom she has one child—Francis Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Wetzel are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church. Politically he is a Democrat.

Samuel F. White, farmer and stock-raiser, is one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Fairfield Township. He was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, Jan. 7, 1808, a son of James and Jane (Mitchell) White, natives of Ireland, where they

were married and subsequently came to the United States, and settled first in Pennsylvania, moving to Hamilton County several years later, and when Samuel was a child, to Covington, Ky., where his father died in 1814. His mother afterward returned to Hamilton County, and about 1824 moved to Guernsey County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. He was married Dec. 10, 1833, to Hannah Salt, daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth (Hively) Salt. They settled in Morrow County, Ohio, where they lived till September, 1853, and then moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought 132 acres of land, but a small part of which had been cleared of timber. Of this land he has made a fine farm, and is now one of the most prosperous citizens of the township. To Mr. and Mrs. White have been born eight children, but three of whom are living—James M., John O., and Albert M. The two eldest, James and John, were soldiers in the war of the Rebellion. In politics Mr. White was originally a Whig, but since its organization has affiliated with the Republican party. He and his wife are members of the Evangelical church.

William P. Wiley, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in Juniata County, Pa., May 22, 1811, a son of Samuel and Nancy (Porter) Wiley. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, of Scotch descent, a son of Samuel Wiley, a soldier in the war of the Revolution. In 1812 his parents moved to Ohio and settled in Miami County where he grew to manhood. When sixteen years of age he began to work at the blacksmith's trade, and served an apprenticeship of four years. He then worked as a journeyman eight years. In 1839 he moved to Pickaway, Ohio, and engaged in business for himself four years; thence to Johnson's Mills, and two years later to Lockport. In 1848 he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on the farm where he now lives in Fairfield Township. He bought 333 acres of wild land which he has cleared and improved, and now has one of the finest farms in the township. He was married Sept. 18, 1834, to Mary J. Winans, a native of Miami County, Ohio, daughter of Anthony and Hannah (Freeman) Winans. They have had a family of eight children, five of whom are living—Hannah, Catherine, Mary, Harriet and David. The deceased are Nancy E., Sarah Maria and Collista. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley are members of the Disciples church. He cast his first vote for President Jackson, and has since affiliated with the Democratic party.



Leonard Hartman

William H. Wilsey, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in Greene County, N. Y., July 10, 1821, a son of Isaac and Jane (Carpenter) Wilsey, the former a native of New York, of Holland descent, and the latter of Puritan ancestry. When he was a child his parents moved to New Jersey, and in 1839 to Tompkins County, N. Y., where he lived till 1845, when he came to Indiana and entered forty acres of Government land in De Kalb County. He built a small cabin into which he moved his family, and began to make a home out of a tract of timber land. He cleared and cultivated his land, and by industry and good management has been successful, and has added to his land till he now owns 120 acres all well improved. He has erected good buildings on his farm, and has one of the pleasantest and most convenient homes in the township. He was married Jan. 25, 1843, to Ursula Jane Haskins, a native of Rutland County, Vt., daughter of Aris and Sarah (Warner) Haskins. They have had a family of eight children, but four of whom are living—Mary Jane, wife of George W. Anstett; Elizabeth Ann, wife of Walter W. Crise; John W. and Henry E. Sarah M., Sarah H., Charles L., and Frank E. are deceased. In politics Mr. Wilsey is a Democrat. He has served his township two terms as Trustee. Mrs. Wilsey is a member of the Evangelical church.

Jacob Wiltrout, deceased, was a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1806. When a young man he emigrated to Summit County, Ohio, and was there married to Sarah Kendall, a native of Pennsylvania. In 1852 they moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Richland Township, where the mother died in 1857, aged forty-two years. In 1863 he moved to Fairfield Township and settled on the farm now owned by his sons, where he died in March, 1875. His family consisted of four children, three sons and a daughter. The daughter, Alice, died before the mother, aged two years. One son, William R., was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, and died at Washington from the effects of his exposure and hardships, aged twenty years. The remaining sons are Benjamin S., born in 1839, and Franklin W., born Dec. 22, 1849. The latter was about three years old when his parents moved to De Kalb County. Here he was reared and educated, and since attaining manhood has given his attention to agricultural pursuits. He now owns a part of the old homestead, his farm containing 110 acres of valuable land. He

was married Oct. 9, 1878, to Maria Elizabeth, daughter of Francis Benchat. To them have been born four children, but three of whom are living—Mary M., Essie May and Amos H. William F. died aged three months and twelve days. In politics Mr. Wilttrout is a Republican.

Edward Wright, retired farmer, is a native of New York, born Jan. 30, 1810, a son of Jephtha and Betsey (Gordon) Wright, natives of New Hampshire, of Scotch and English descent. He was married April 26, 1832, to Polly Barry, daughter of John and Eve (Failing) Barry. Her grandfather and his sister were captured by the French during the French and Indian war and taken to Canada. The sister was soon after released, but he was held and exchanged as a prisoner of war. Mrs. Wright died Feb. 14, 1885, after sharing the hardships and privations and the comforts and pleasures of married life with her husband nearly fifty-three years. Their family consisted of six children, four of whom are living—Louisa, wife of Moses Gonser; Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Ringer; George J., of Osborn, Kas., and Mary J., wife of Park Sebert. Hiram and Celestia died in childhood. George J. was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, enlisting in the Seventy-fourth Indiana Infantry. In December, 1863, on account of ill health, he was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps, where he served till his discharge, July 17, 1865. In 1837 Mr. Wright left his native State and located about twenty miles from Detroit, where he kept a hotel during the building of the first railroad from Detroit to Chicago. In 1838 he moved to Steuben County, Ind., and settled on eighty acres of land his father had entered the year before. In the spring of 1839 he built a cabin into which he moved his family and began making a farm. He added to his land till he had 160 acres and made it his home till the winter of 1847-'8, when he moved to Fairfield Center and engaged in the mercantile business and in the manufacture of potash and pearlash, shipping to New York, and thence to England. In 1860 he moved to Sedan where he ran an ashery three or four years. Selling this, he bought about thirty acres of land and built a tannery, and also manufactured gloves and mittens a number of years. He then in company with his son-in-law, Park Sebert, bought eighty acres of land, and subsequently added more to it till they had a large farm. They afterward divided their land, and Mr. Wright now has a good farm of 116 acres. He was

Postmaster at Fairfield Center three or four years, and was the second Postmaster at Sedan. He has also served as Trustee of Fairfield Township. In politics he is a Republican.

Anthony Zonker, one of the successful and well-known pioneers of De Kalb County, was born near Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 23, 1818, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Rode) Zonker, natives of Switzerland, who came to the United States after their marriage and settled in Pennsylvania. In 1825 they moved to Stark County, Ohio, where our subject grew to manhood. The father died in Seneca County, Ohio, aged sixty-five years, and the mother near Avilla, Ind., aged eighty-two years. In 1845 Mr. Zonker came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought 130 acres of unimproved land, which he commenced to clear and improve. In 1855 he sold his land and bought a saw-mill on the outlet of Indian Lake, which he ran ten years. He was successful, and in the mean time bought a large tract of land, and subsequently quit his mill and has since given his attention to agricultural pursuits. He now owns 500 acres of choice land, the greater part under cultivation. Mr. Zonker was married July 16, 1846, to Elizabeth Hosler, a native of Stark County, Ohio, daughter of Michael Hosler. They have had a family of nine children, six of whom are living—Mary J., Margaret Ann, Wayne A., John Edward, William A. and Eliza Ellen. Samuel, Eli and Emma are deceased. Mr. Zonker is one of the most practical and thorough farmers of the township, and has always taken an active interest in the growth and development of the county. In politics he is a Democrat.



CHAPTER XV.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP.

SITUATION.—GEOGRAPHY AND TOPOGRAPHY.—ORGANIZATION.—JOHN HOULTON, THE FIRST SETTLER OF THE COUNTY.—OTHER PIONEERS.—ROADS, MILLS AND MARKETS.—FIRST ELECTION.—EARLY PREACHERS, SCHOOL-HOUSES AND SCHOOLS.—POPULATION.—PROPERTY AND TAXATION.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.—REMINISCENCES OF JOHN HOULTON.—ANECDOTE OF BEECHER.—JOHN DRISCAL.—NEAREST NEIGHBORS.—EARLY TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS.—BIOGRAPHICAL.

The township bearing this name is situated in the northeastern part of De Kalb County, in the northern tier. It is bounded on the north by Steuben County (Otsego Township), on the east by Troy Township, on the south by Wilmington Township, and on the west by Smithfield Township. It is watered by the tributary headwaters of Cedar Creek and Fish Creek, and has two small lakes on its northern border. It contains neither railroad nor village, the nearest trading point being Butler, on the Michigan Southern Railroad, near the south line. The land is generally very good, and is worth, on an average, \$40 an acre, while forty years ago it was selling at the Government price of \$1.25 per acre. It was originally heavily timbered, but a good proportion has now been reduced to cultivation. Franklin is the oldest township in the county, both in organized existence and in priority of settlement.

The first act of the first Board of Commissioners of De Kalb County, July 25, 1837, was, after appointing necessary officers, to provide for the organization of Franklin Township, with the following boundaries: "Commencing at the northeast corner of said county (De Kalb), thence west to the corners of ranges 13 and 14 east, townships 35 and 36 north, thence south six miles to township 34 north, ranges 13 and 14 east, thence east on the town line to the east line of said county, thence north to the place of beginning; the above shall constitute the first township in De Kalb County."

The Board (Peter Fair and Samuel Widney) then appointed "Peter Boyer for Inspector of Elections for township No. 1 in said county of De Kalb, and do order a writ of election for one Justice of the Peace for said township on the first Monday of August next (1837), and do also appoint Isaac T. Aldrich for Constable of said township, to serve until his successor is chosen and qualified, and do also appoint John Holton for Supervisor of said township No. 1, and district No. 1, in said county of De Kalb." The limits thus provided made Franklin to include what is now Troy Township, in addition to its present territory; but some years afterward Troy was organized, leaving Franklin of its present dimensions, six miles square.

John Houlton, the pioneer of De Kalb County, built his rude log dwelling on the bank of Fish Creek in the northeastern corner of the township in 1833. For a time he was the sole resident of the woods. Two years elapsing, his loneliness was then relieved by John Smith locating on section 4, where B. F. Greenwood afterward lived and died.

In 1836 the first few arrivals of pioneers began to come in and locate their future homes. Abner Smith entered part of section 9; Abram Beecher settled on section 4, a near neighbor to John Smith; Luther Keep settled on section 8 where Orrin Keep afterward lived; Charles Crain, a shoemaker by trade, cleared and built where Isaac Loutzenleizer afterward lived; and besides these there came Willis O. Hyde, Peter Boyer, Jacob Myers, Michael Boyer and Messrs. Deming and Corwright. In October of this year George Firestone and family moved in, driving his stock, and hauling his goods in a wagon by oxen, and on the 18th arrived on that part of section 23, which he cleared and made his life-long home. While building his cabin he enjoyed the hospitality of Michael Boyer, and between these two an enduring friendship was then contracted.

Supplies of wheat and corn were obtained by these pioneers on Jackson Prairie. The rifle was speedily brought into service to provide venison, and intervals of rest from labor were spent in making acquaintances; among these being members of a roving band of Pottawatomic Indians. The land was heavily timbered, yet the settlers speedily felled and cleared small tracts and planted buckwheat, corn and potatoes. In the spring of 1837 grists were taken to the Union Mills in Lagrange, distant thirty miles, and several days were required to

make the journey. The pioneer roads were mere trails, bushed and logged by the settler in advance of his team. The first roads laid out in Franklin were the Defiance and Lima State road and the Fort Wayne and Lima State road, forming a junction a half mile east of Hamilton.

Among the arrivals in 1837 were Daniel Kepler, Samuel Kepler, Arial Rood, Cranel Rood, Grant Bowers, M. L. Wheeler, John Matson, Elisha Waterman and John Farley. Later came Jason Hubbell, Daniel McEntarfer, William Letz, Levi Nelson, John and Edward Jackman, Preston Bowman, Cyrus Bowman, and James Bowman.

The voters who attended the first township election, in August, 1837, were twelve in number, and they chose Abram F. Beecher as Commissioner, and Luther Buck as Justice of the Peace. At the next election, held at the house of George Firestone on the first Monday in April, 1838, thirty-five votes were polled, and John Linsey was elected Justice. Irregularity in making the returns prevented the receipt of commissions. The first legal election was held in the spring of 1839, at the house of M. L. Wheeler, he being chosen Justice of the Peace, and George Firestone, Constable.

Early preachers in the township were Addison Coleman, a Methodist, and Elder Staley, a Baptist. The latter preached his first sermon at the house of John Houlton in 1837. The first church organization took place in 1843, at Kepler's, now Haverstock's Corners. Here the denomination, the Evangelical Lutheran, under the pastoral care of Rev. James Cather, flourished, meetings being held in the school-house. A church building was erected in 1851 by Elisha W. Beard. Reorganization was effected by Jacob Seidle, who, dying, the church was completed during the pastorate of Rev. William Waltman. Rev. John McCurdy was the first local minister. The fifteen members who reorganized the church were: Samuel Haverstock and wife, George Firestone, wife and daughter, Elizabeth King, William Oberlin and wife, John Eckhart and wife, Elias Kepler and wife, William Ashley and wife, and a Mrs. Kene-strick. A wonderfully effective revival resulted in January, 1870, from the efforts of Revs. John McCurdy and James Cather, and about seventy-five were converted, of whom about thirty joined that class. The society enjoyed another remarkable revival in January and February, 1872, conducted by Rev.

Nathan Pedychord. In 1883 the place of worship was removed to College Corners school-house, and the society again reorganized as the College Corners M. E. Church. The membership at this time was about twenty-five, and the pastor was Rev. C. H. Wilkinson. For a year past the society has had no regular services. C. M. Lewis is class-leader and superintendent of the Sunday-school. At College Corners also is the Church of God, whose members are called also Winebrennerians. This society was organized with about twenty members, in March, 1885, by Rev. Mr. Fuller. J. W. Shultz is class-leader.

Belle Fountain U. B. church, situated on section 2, on the Belle Fountain road, was organized in February, 1858, in the Houlton school-house on section 11. The society was formed at the close of a series of meetings held by Rev. Mr. Crosslin. They worshiped for some time in the school-house, and then in an unoccupied dwelling on section 2, opposite where Samuel Kepler now lives. In 1862 they built their present commodious house of worship, 30 x 40 feet, with a fine spire. There are now forty-five communicants. Services are held on alternate Sundays by Rev. George Robinet, and prayer-meetings on Wednesday evenings and on alternate Sundays. The Sunday-school is kept up six months in each year.

Jerusalem U. B. church was organized at Jerusalem school-house on section 24, in March, 1882, by Rev. Alonzo Gaff, with seven members. The next year Rev. Aaron Lilly was pastor, and in 1884, the pulpit was filled by Rev. Mr. Brown. The present minister, Rev. James Martin, commenced his labors in January, 1885. There are now about forty communicants. Services are held every other Sunday, and prayer-meetings every Thursday night and on alternate Sunday evenings. Sunday-school is maintained six months in each year.

The first school-house was built on section 12, the present site of No. 1, and was known in 1840 as the Houlton school-house. The first teacher was Miss Lucy Orton, of Angola, Steuben County. The first physician was William Sheldon, who resided for a year on section 2. At an early day a saw-mill was built at Taylor's Corners, and this was also the site of a post-office. The latter has long since been discontinued. A good grist-mill known as the Franklin Mills is located on Fish Creek in the northeastern part of the township. It was erected in 1856, by Samuel Kepler.

The population of Franklin in 1880 was 1,231, or 34 to the square mile. This is a decrease of 12 from the population in 1870. In 1884 the rate of taxation was \$1.61; poll tax, \$1.50; number of acres of land, 22,493.14; value of lands, \$320,298; value of improvements, \$46,377; value of lands and improvements, \$366,675; value of personal property, \$88,860; total value of taxables, \$455,535; number of polls, 204; number of children of school age, 409; valuation per capita, \$372.89.

In 1881 Franklin had 3,706 acres in wheat, producing 25,942 bushels, or 7 bushels per acre; 2,343 acres in corn, producing 58,575 bushels, or 25 bushels per acre; 1,491 acres in oats, producing 52,185 bushels, or 35 bushels per acre; 680 acres in meadow, producing 850 tons of hay, or a ton and a quarter per acre; 86 acres in potatoes, producing 4,300 bushels, or 50 bushels per acre.

REMINISCENCES.

From John Houlton's narrative in "Pioneer Sketches," we extract the following:

"When the county was organized, Sheriff Park came here, put up notices for an election of county officers, and appointed me Inspector. I chose Luther Keep and A. F. Beecher, Judges. In organizing the township, Mr. Keep, being the oldest man told me that as I was the first settler I should name the township; and we agreed together on the name of Franklin. This is a good township; though not so 'propitiously blest as Butler, flowing with milk and honey.' True, honey was very plenty, yet milk was tolerably scarce, till after a while we got some cows in the township."

ANECDOTE OF BEECHER.

"As Mr. Abram F. Beecher was one of the early settlers, and of the first Board of County Commissioners, I feel it due to his memory, as he has gone from earth, to relate an adventure of his, and of another of our citizens in his company. Dr. Pink was living in Hamilton, and the 'blacklegs' of Noble County stole his horse. Beecher and Willard Eddy started on horseback for the Tamarack House to look for the horse. Although they did not find the animal, yet they did find about a dozen of the most noted blacklegs in a barn, distributing their counterfeit money to their runners. They had quite a pile of it.

"Beecher made a lunge among them and grabbed a lot of

their money, and started to run away; but Latta, their President, knocked him down, and they got all the paper back. It was certainly lucky that the two did not get hurt. They went to a Justice to take law, but the Justice was either one of the gang or afraid of his life or property. It was about that time that several barns were burned in Noble County by the black-legs. Pity Beecher's strength had not been equal to his noble courage. Pink went out to look for his horse, but got nothing but a severe raw-hiding from Latta for his trouble and his horse. I myself have lost about \$200 by the same gang of villains. This Belle Fountain road was one of the principal routes leading to their nest."

JOHN DRISCAL.

"About a week after moving on my place, in 1833, a stranger rode up to my house. He was an awful looking man, but carried the prettiest rifle I ever saw. Said I, 'Stranger, you have the nicest kind of a gun; will you let me look at it?' 'Yes,' said he, and I took hold of it; but he jerked it back, saying that he would not trust his gun in the hands of strangers. He went on, and passed the road several times afterward. About twelve years ago the people of Northwestern Illinois took the same man out in the open prairie, formed a half-circle on one side of him, and told him to run for his life, and they would all shoot at him as he ran. He started and fell dead pierced by twenty bullets! Such was the end of John Driscal."

NEAREST NEIGHBORS.

"When I first moved into Franklin my nearest neighbor was at Denmark, ten miles off. My next neighbor on the west was on Jackson Prairie, twenty-two miles away. I had to buy my grain on the prairies, and take it to White Pigeon Prairie to get it ground; and with the many mire holes I had to struggle through, and with the vast number of times I had to unload and pry up the wagon, and take a bag at a time on my shoulder through creeks and sloughs often breast deep in water, and frequently ice, to break at that, it generally took me from two to four days to make the trip. Often when away from home I had fears lest some blackleg might murder my wife and child, and little sister-in-law, ten years old, and rob the house. But they were never disturbed.

"I came in with the very best of constitutions, but I am now

very much broken, and afflicted with rheumatism so that I have to get help to put on my clothes. Of the four of us robbed by the Indians, I suppose I am the only one alive. Avery died in Fort Wayne; Samuel Houlton died at the mill on Fish Creek in May, 1839; Hughes left Wayne in 1839 for the West, and he undoubtedly has filled a drunkard's grave ere now, for I heard him say in the presence of Samuel Houlton and William Rogers that he thought he was doing well when \$500 a year paid his grog bill."

Early Justices of the Peace for Franklin were: M. Wheeler, L. Buck, J. King, John McCurdy, George Beard, George Firestone, T. M. Mitchell. Early Constables were: G. W. Jeffords, Miles Waterman, Cyrus Jackman, David Clark, John Shock, Abner Slentz, John R. Ball, George Firestone, Wm. Oberlin. The Trustees prior to 1860 were: G. Beard, B. Smith, Jabez Hubbell, Miles Waterman, G. Shultz, H. Slentz, A. Baxter, J. T. Aldrich, J. Jackman, H. Smith, Joseph Boyer. A. Baxter and E. H. Taylor were early Assessors.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Jason D. Aldrich, deceased, was born in Franklin Township, Sept. 17, 1839, and died Nov. 27, 1877. He was a son of Isaac Aldrich, a pioneer of Franklin Township, who died Feb. 1, 1883. He was reared and educated in his native township where he won many friends by his genial, courteous manners, and honest, upright dealings. He was married May 20, 1860, to Sarah Knisely, daughter of William Knisely. To them were born four children, three of whom are living—Isaac N., Ada D. and William E. Isaac married Mary Rummel, and has one child—Bertha. Ada married James Kannel, and has one child—Flora. Mr. Aldrich was a sincere Christian, although at the time of his death he was a member of no religious organization. He was a member of the Odd Fellows' order.

Andrew Baxter, section 5, Franklin Township, was born in Washington County, Pa., March 15, 1813. He is the youngest of a family of ten children. His father, William Baxter, married Sarah Rogers in their native County Tyrone, Ireland, and, after the birth of two children, Daniel and Jennette, they emigrated to America in 1791 and settled in Washington County, Pa., where was born to them other children as follows: Sarah, William, James, Moses, Mary, a daughter who died in infancy,

John and Andrew. The subject of this sketch, William Baxter, died in January, 1832, after the marriage of all their children, except Sarah, John and Andrew, and with them, their mother removed to Wayne County, Ohio, in March, 1835. Here John married Sarah Kelley, and Andrew, in the spring of 1838, married Nancy Brown, eldest child of Andrew Brown, of Scottish birth; whose wife, Ellenor Richey, was a native of North Ireland. In June, 1841, John and Andrew, accompanied by their brother, James, and Simon Fegley, came to De Kalb County, built rude cabins upon their land entered from the Government in 1838; Andrew upon the farm where he still resides, and John in Smithfield Township, and in October, 1841, they moved with their families upon their farms, each with a wife and two small children, and their mother and sister Sarah, as members of the family with Andrew. Here, in the almost unbroken forest, with privations and ague almost constantly with them, they "cleared" their farms, took their quinine (when they could get it) and "raised" their families. Andrew and Nancy Baxter had born to them children as follows: Elvina, Ellen, William, a daughter who died in infancy, Andrew J., Mary J., John W., Nancy E. and James B. Nancy died January 18, 1858, leaving her husband and the eight children above named surviving her. May 4, 1859, Andrew was again married this time to Elizabeth L. Brown, the youngest sister of Nancy, his former wife, and to them were born six sons—Orrin A., Charles O., Miles, Chauncy B., Cora L. and George D. Elizabeth L. died Jan. 3, 1877, leaving her husband and the five last named sons surviving her. Andrew Baxter has held the important offices of Township Trustee and Assessor, each for several terms and with credit to himself. Of his thirteen living children, Elvina Baughman is a widow, and is generally employed at keeping her father's house; Ellen, wife of David Carter, is living upon a farm in Nebraska; William is owner and manager of a good farm in Iowa, and the others all live in De Kalb County. Andrew J. is practicing law in Butler; John W. in Auburn; Mary J., after teaching more than twenty-five terms of public school, has become the wife of Frank A. Brink, an attorney and teacher, and lives in Butler; Nancy E. is the wife of William Fee, and lives on a farm adjoining the old home in Franklin Township; James B. is the Deputy Clerk of De Kalb Circuit Court, and lives in Au-

burn, and the others still domicile under the paternal root-tree. Nine of the children of this family have taught in the public schools of the county, and three others are expecting to do so in the near future. Of the brothers and sisters of Andrew Baxter, all are now dead, except Moses, who lives in Smithfield Township where he reared a large family of children, all of whom have taught in the public schools of the county. His sisters, Jane, daughter of William and his first wife (and half-sister of Andrew) and Jennette married two brothers, Joseph and William Scott respectively, and died, leaving families in Southern and Western Ohio. Daniel, his brother, died in Harrison County, Ind., and William but recently died in Western Pennsylvania, near the place of his birth. The family of James survive him in Van Buren County, Mich. John died upon his farm in Smithfield Township in 1853, leaving a large family of small children who have grown, married and scattered, leaving only three who are still residents of De Kalb County; all are prosperous. Mary, a sister of Andrew, married George J. Duncan and came to Smithfield Township where they settled and reared a large and respectable family, nearly all of whom still live and prosper in De Kalb County.

Nicholas Bontrager, farmer, section 36, Franklin Township, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, Nov. 19, 1838, a son of Joseph Bontrager. In the fall of 1852 his father moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Troy Township, where he died in December, 1879. Nicholas Bontrager was reared a farmer, and has always followed that vocation. He remained at home till the breaking out of the war of Rebellion, when he enlisted in Company F, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, under Captain Gunsenhouser. He participated in seven battles, but was on detached service the most of the time. He now draws a pension for injuries received. Mr. Bontrager was married Dec. 30, 1877, to Elizabeth J. Hantz, daughter of Jesse Hantz, of Steuben County, Ind. They have three children—Amy A., Joseph A. and Jesse H. Mr. Bontrager settled on the farm where he now lives Feb. 5, 1884. He now owns forty acres of good land, with a pleasant residence and comfortable farm buildings. Mrs. Bontrager is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Cyrus C. Boyer, section 20, Franklin Township, is a native of this township, born July 2, 1848, a son of Joseph and Sarah

(Jackman) Boyer. Joseph Boyer was born in Stark County, Ohio, Sept. 1, 1821, and in 1836 came to De Kalb County with his father, Peter Boyer, who entered 160 acres of land on section 17, Franklin Township. He was a man of fine business qualities, and by good management and strict adherence to business, he became one of the most wealthy and influential men of the township. He died March 9, 1881. Cyrus C. Boyer is the third of eight children. He received a fair education, such as the schools of Auburn, Waterloo and Angola could afford. With the exception of six years spent in study and in business, in Waterloo, he has always devoted his attention to agriculture and stock-raising. He has a large farm in a high state of cultivation and fully stocked with improved breeds of cattle, sheep and swine. Mr. Boyer was married June 9, 1881, to Mary E. Walsworth, daughter of William J. Walsworth, a pioneer of De Kalb County, now a resident of Union Township. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer have two children—Carey W. and Nellie W.

William Bratton, deceased, was born in Williams County, Ohio, May 19, 1838, a son of John Bratton, of Edgerton, Ohio. He was a farmer by occupation, and an esteemed and honored citizen. He was married Oct. 30, 1861, to Mary J. Houlton, daughter of Francis and Evaline Houlton, of Franklin Township, De Kalb County. He settled in Edgerton, Ohio, residing there till his death, Oct. 2, 1865. Mrs. Bratton then returned to her father's home where she has since lived. The homestead contains 160 acres of valuable land, and is superintended by George A. Young, a native of Atchison County, Vt., born Jan. 27, 1852, a son of Horace and Electa Young, who moved to Michigan in 1863. He has had charge of the Houlton homestead since August, 1878, soon after the death of Mr. Houlton. Mrs. Bratton has had two children, but one of whom is living—John. She has an adopted daughter, Sarah Sewell.

Benjamin Casey, farmer and stock-raiser, section 26, Franklin Township, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, Sept. 4, 1835, a son of Benjamin Casey. Benjamin Casey began to learn the carpenter's trade of his father and worked at it eight years. In 1848 his parents moved to Steuben County, Ind., where he lived with them till the spring of 1864, when he came to De Kalb County, and lived in Wilmington Township three years and a half. He then moved to the farm he now owns, where he pays special attention to stock-raising, having many fine grades. His

Poland-China and Chester-white hogs are unexcelled in the county. In addition to attending to his farm he also works at his trade. Mr. Casey was married Feb. 22, 1858, to Sarah A. Mathews, a native of Chester County, Pa., daughter of Noble Mathews. Mr. Casey is a member of the Odd Fellow's order.

Captain George H. Casper, section 11, Franklin Township, was born in Chemung County, N. Y., July 2, 1842, a son of Charles Casper, a native of Pennsylvania, who settled in Chemung County when a young man, and in the spring of 1845 moved to De Kalb County and settled on section 33, Wilmington Township. His mother, Lucinda Casper, was a native of Vermont, a daughter of William Weeks. He was the seventh of a family of twelve children. He remained at home till the breaking out of the Rebellion, when he enlisted Sept. 21, 1861, in Company F, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, as a private. He was promoted to Second and later to First Lieutenant, and for some time was acting Captain of his company, and subsequently was commissioned. He participated in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, Stone River, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, and many others of less importance. He was wounded at Shiloh, and at Stone River he with a few others were captured, but thinking he had a chance to escape he turned and ran, with a rebel infantryman in pursuit. A ball from his enemy's musket took off the fore finger of his left hand, in which he was carrying his gun. He ran till he fell, when the enemy gained on him, and he turned and surrendered, placing his gun by his side with the stock on the ground. The rebel irritated him by swearing at him, and he raised his gun and plunged the bayonet into his breast, killing him instantly, then turned and ran again and escaped from the fast approaching army. After his return from the war, Sept. 14, 1865, he engaged in agricultural pursuits in Steuben County five years, then returned to De Kalb County, and with the exception of the years 1880 and 1881, again in Steuben County, he has made this his home. He settled on the farm where he now lives April 4, 1882. He owns nearly fifty-four acres of valuable land, with a good residence and farm buildings. Mr. Casper was married Feb. 18, 1864, to Evaline, daughter of Isaac Dirrim, of Steuben County. They have had five children—George M., Ada (deceased), Renna, Mary, and Ona. Mr. Casper is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is Senior Vice-Commander of his

post. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren church.

John N. Clark, farmer and stock-raiser, section 16, Franklin Township, was born in York County, Pa., May 26, 1822. His father, David Clark, was born in Lancaster County, Pa., Dec. 13, 1799, and in the spring of 1846 moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on section 17, Franklin Township, where he lived till 1875; then lived with our subject till his death, Sept. 8, 1879. John N. Clark moved to De Kalb County in the fall of 1846, and lived with his father till March, 1847, when he moved to the farm where he now lives. He was the first settler on section 16. He has cleared 200 acres of land, 130 of which he owns. In 1847, '48 and '49 he planted his corn without plowing the ground, chopping holes and dropping corn in them. He was married December, 1843, in Stark County, Ohio, to Mary M. Hamman, daughter of Daniel Hamman, an early settler of De Kalb County. To them were born nine children, six of whom are living—Levi, Martha A., Joanna, Olive, Fietta and Phila. Mr. Clark owns 240 acres of valuable land, with a good residence and farm buildings.

Ervin A. Crain, farmer and stock-raiser, section 11, Franklin Township, is the youngest of six children of Ervin J. and Nancy (Gaylord) Crain, and a grandson of Charles Crain and Eleazer Gaylord. Charles Crain was a native of Middlebury, Vt. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and after his return home, in 1816, emigrated to Chautauqua County, N. Y., and thence, in 1834, to Painesville, Ohio, and to De Kalb County, Ind., in 1836, settling on section 8, Franklin Township, where he died in March, 1866. Ervin J. Crain was born in Middlebury, Vt., Jan. 29, 1815, and remained with his father till manhood, coming with him to De Kalb County. He was married to Nancy Gaylord April 5, 1840, and to them were born six children, four of whom are living—Melissa L., Leander T., Horace Greeley and Ervin A. A daughter, Phidelia J., died at the age of thirty-two years. She was the wife of B. C. Lemon, and left two children, Lucinda and Luther K. A son, Luther K., went West when eighteen years of age, and was employed in the mail service, and subsequently by Powell & Newbern, freighters across the plains. He has not been heard from for sixteen years, his family being unable to find a trace of him. Ervin J. Crain was killed by a pet bull Oct. 28, 1874. Ervin A. Crain

was born in Franklin Township on the old homestead Dec. 6, 1852. He received a good education, completing it at the Hamilton select school. He was married April 5, 1872, to Delana Dirrim, a native of Franklin Township, born Jan. 10, 1852, a daughter of James Dirrim. They have three children—Eva, Luther J., and Delana. Mr. Crain owns eighty-eight acres of valuable land, all well improved, and is making a specialty of stock-raising.

Leander T. Crain, section 1, Franklin Township, is a native of this township, born May 29, 1845, a son of Ervin J., a native of Vermont, and an early settler of De Kalb County. He was reared on a farm, and received a common-school education, remaining with his parents till the breaking out of the Rebellion. In 1863 he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Twentyninth Indiana Infantry, and participated in the battles of Resaca, Buzzard's Roost, Rocky Face, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta campaign, Jonesboro, Franklin, Nashville, Fort Anderson, Fort Fisher, Wise's Forks, and others. Since his return he has devoted his attention to agriculture and now has a good farm, well improved. In 1870 he went to the Rocky Mountains, visiting Montana, Idaho and Washington Territory, but spent most of his time in Montana. He visited the Geysers of Yellow Stone Valley, and there saw the Devil's Mush Pot, a large oval depression in the ground about eight or ten feet deep, at the bottom of which is a quantity of boiling sulphur; also visited the hot springs, and saw parties catching fish in Gardner's River, and without removing the fish from the line or changing their seats, swing them into the boiling water and cook them. He returned to De Kalb County in December, 1875. March 22, 1876, he married Mary A. Fee, a native of Steuben County, Ind., born May 10, 1848, daughter of John Fee, a pioneer of Steuben County. They have had three children—Charles (deceased), Ervin J. and James. Mr. Crain is a member of the Odd Fellows' order and the Grand Army of the Republic.

John Dirrim, farmer, section 11, Franklin Township, was born in Chenango County, N. Y., Aug. 11, 1809, a son of Richard Dirrim, a native of Delaware, and a pioneer of Chenango County. After the war of 1812, in which he was a soldier, in September, 1815, Richard Dirrim moved his family to Stark County, Ohio, and settled in Brown Township, where our sub-

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It was reared and educated. In May, 1845, he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled where he now lives, on what was then a tract of heavily timbered land. He was married Jan. 20, 1831, to Sarah Harkless, daughter of William Harkless. To them were born two children, but one of whom is living—William, who married Mary A. Barker, and has four children—Hannah R., Viona, Florence and Maurice. Mrs. Dirrim died in November, 1834, and April 15, 1835, Mr. Dirrim married Hannah Gillespie. Of their eleven children, nine are living—Sarah, Hugh W., Leonard, Richard, Margaret, Isaac, Delana, Milton and Elizabeth A. James G. died while in the service of his country in the war of the Rebellion. Sarah married Fred D. Oberlin. Hugh married Catherine Spease, and has six children—Orlando, Lincoln, Clarence, Jordan, Nettie and Emma. Leonard married Mary Gowdy, and has nine children—Frederick, William, Mina, Etta, Samuel, Anna, Sarah, George and Delana. Richard married Alice Wilkins, and has five children—Eugene, May, James, Pearl and an infant daughter. Margaret married M. M. Barker and has five children—Clara, Delana, Isaac, Charles and Chester. Isaac married Angeline Wagoner and has two children—Phoebe and Mary. Delana married Irvin Crane and has three children—Luther, Eva and Delana. Milton married Minnie Turner and has two children—Jennie and Lulu. Elizabeth married Stewart W. Houston and has two children—James and May. Mr. Dirrim owns 100 acres of land in the homestead, which is now under the supervision of his son Milton.

William H. Dirrim, section 11, Franklin Township, was born in Carroll County, Ohio, July 8, 1820, a son of Richard Dirrim, a native of Delaware, who died in this county in 1875, aged ninety and a half years. At the time of his death his descendants numbered 142. In 1833 the family moved to Wayne County, Ohio, and in 1844 our subject came to De Kalb County, and the following fall settled on the farm where he now lives. He bought 160 acres of wild land, 100 acres of which he improved. He now owns 146 acres, and his residence and farm buildings are convenient and comfortable. Mr. Dirrim was married Sept. 12, 1839, to Christiana Haughey, a native of Jefferson County, Ohio, daughter of Robert Haughey. They have had a family of nine children, seven of whom are living—Hannah J., Robert R., William S., Mary E., Christiana, Caroline and Timothy H.

Hannah married Isaac Firestone, of Williams County, Ohio, and has seven children—Christiana, Dora, William, Sheridan, Timothy, Mary and Cora. Robert R. married Amanda Firestone; Mary married William Gowdy, of Steuben County, Ind., and has six children—Marion F., Francis, Charles, Mary, Robert and Fannie. Caroline married George E. Hammond, and has two children—Timothy and Roy. Mr. Dirrim has served his township as Trustee one term and as Assessor two years. He and his wife and four of their children are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Hamilton.

George Firestone, section 23, Franklin Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, June 30, 1811, a son of George Firestone, a native of Hagerstown, Va., and an early settler of Stark County. Our subject received a limited education, his services being required on the farm as soon as he was old enough to work. Oct. 18, 1836 he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on the land which is now his valuable farm. At that time the chief inhabitants were Indians and wild animals, and the land was all heavily timbered. He entered 160 acres from the Government, which he improved and to which he has added, owning now 192½ acres. His first house was a cabin of round logs, and his furniture was of the most primitive sort. He early learned the use of tools and made the most of his furniture. For two years a chest, which he now uses to keep oats in, was used as a table. Mr. Firestone was married Oct. 9, 1832, to Catherine Crum, and to them were born thirteen children, ten of whom are living—Samuel K., Isaac, Hattie, Catherine, Amanda, Daniel, Benjamin F., Sarah, George S., and John L. One son, Josiah, died at the age of twenty-three years and two died in infancy. Mrs. Firestone died April 1, 1870, and the following fall he married Mrs. Mary McIntyre. She had a large family by her first husband, but three of whom are living—Julia, Eliza and Ellen. Mr. Firestone is now living with his third wife, whom he married March 2, 1870. She was the widow of Richard Cook and the daughter of Samuel Larrabee. Her four children by her first husband—Samuel S., Mary M., Polly M., and Russell W., are all deceased. Mrs. Firestone came West with her father and settled in Adrian, Mich., in 1835. She cooked by a fireplace many years, using a cooking-stove for the first time in 1843. In 1840 she made the largest johnny-cake ever heard of in the United States, for a

Fourth of July celebration at Coldwater. It was drawn by a six-horse team, in a canoe made of the largest whitewood tree to be found in the country, and was known as the Tippecanoe johnny-cake. A son of Mr. Firestone, Isaac, served over three years in the war of the Rebellion as a member of Company F, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry. He participated in many hard-fought battles, the more prominent being Fort Donelson, Stone River, Shiloh, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge. He was wounded at Shiloh. Mrs. Firestone's son, Samuel S. Cook, served over four years as a member of Company C, Eighth Iowa Infantry, participating in the battle at Vicksburg, Sherman's march to the sea, and many others. He was killed by the accidental discharge of a gun in his own hands six years after his return from the war.

Samuel K. Firestone, section 23, Franklin Township, was born in Crawford County, Ohio, June 27, 1833, a son of George Firestone. In 1837 his father moved the family to De Kalb County and settled in Franklin Township on a tract of heavily timbered land. Here he was reared, receiving his education on the farm and among the wild animals in the woods surrounding them, but attending school very little, a few weeks in the winter being all the time allotted for that purpose. He became an expert with his gun, killing many deer and other animals native to the county. He assisted his father till manhood, and when he began life for himself had very little money, but having a determined will and a strong arm he made up his mind to succeed, and having put his hand to the plow he kept steadily on, and his efforts have ever been crowned with success, and prosperity is his reward. When he commenced housekeeping he made the first bedstead of basswood poles, using the bark for a cord, and his wife painted it with poke-berry juice. He now owns 220 acres of valuable land, which is well cultivated, and his residence and farm buildings are among the best in the township. The first two years of his married life were spent in a log house in what is now Butler, occupied at present by Tim Otis. He was married Aug. 6, 1853, to Caroline Nelson, daughter of James Nelson, who settled in De Kalb County in 1847. They have had six children, five are living—George A., Hannah C., James E., Estelle, Maggie and Maude I. Mrs. Firestone is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Gilbert F. Greenwood, farmer and stock-raiser, section 4, Frank-

lin Township, was born in Stafford Township, De Kalb Co., Ind., Nov. 30, 1859. His father, Benjamin F. Greenwood, was a native of Trumbull County, Ohio, a son of Oliver P. Greenwood, a native of Stockbridge, Mass., born Feb. 20, 1808, and grandson of John Greenwood, a native Rehoboth, R. I., of English descent, and a sailor on a man-of-war for the United States in the war of 1812. He settled in Trumbull County, Ohio, in 1818. Benjamin F. Greenwood moved to De Kalb County, Ind., in 1858, and settled in Stafford Township, and in 1873 removed to Franklin Township, and settled on the farm where our subject now lives. He married Maria, daughter of John Henry, and their family consisted of two sons—Gilbert F., and Eugene, of Steuben County. Gilbert F. Greenwood remained at home till manhood. He received a good education completing it at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind. He was married Sept. 4, 1879, to Orilla Felger, daughter of David Felger, of Defiance, Ohio. They have three children—Floyd, Ethel and Benjamin F. Mr. Greenwood owns 236 acres of valuable land, and is among the prosperous young farmers of Franklin Township.

Adam Hamman, farmer and stock-raiser, section 7, Franklin Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, May 12, 1833, the seventh of eight children of Daniel and Saloma (Thomas) Hamman, natives of Virginia. In 1848 his parents moved to De Kalb County and settled on the farm where our subject now lives. At that time it was a tract of uncultivated land. The father was in feeble health, and the greater part of the work fell on Adam. He was a faithful, industrious young man, and was rewarded with good crops, and the consciousness of being a comfort and stay to his parents in their declining years. He now owns eighty acres of valuable land, with good farm buildings. He has many friends in the county, and, although not an aspirant for official honors, has served two terms as Constable. He was married in December, 1857, to Rebecca Curry, daughter of John Curry. To them have been born ten children; seven are living—Ilda M., Emma C., Ada M., Lydia, Jesse L., Rebecca and Miles.

John Hamman was born in Stark County, Ohio, May 18, 1817, a son of David Hamman, a native of York County, Pa., who emigrated to Stark County prior to the war of 1812. In 1837 our subject left home and explored the northern part of Indiana, visiting De Kalb County in his travels. In 1844 he again

came to De Kalb County and remained two months, and while here bought a tract of wild land on section 19, Franklin Township. In 1847 he moved his family to their frontier home, and began to make a farm out of a tract of timber land. How well he has succeeded is proven by a visit to his pleasant home and viewing his 101 acres of cultivated, valuable land. Mr. Hamman was married May 22, 1839, to Margaret Frick, daughter of Henry Frick. Mrs. Hamman died in September, 1850, leaving five children—Simeon, Daniel, John, Franklin and Sarah. The latter died at the age of thirty-three years. Nov. 25, 1852, Mr. Hamman married Anna Clark, a native of Stark County, Ohio, daughter of David Clark, an early settler of De Kalb County. They have had eight children, five of whom are living—Susan, Clara E., Freeman, Commodore P. and Hamilton C. One daughter, Francelia, died at the age of twenty-four years. Mr. Hamman's sons, Simeon and Daniel, were soldiers in the war of the Rebellion. Mr. Hamman is a member of the Presbyterian, and his wife of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Peter Helwig, farmer and stock-raiser, section 36, Franklin Township, was born in Carroll County, Ohio, Jan. 31, 1830, a son of Jacob Helwig, a native of Jefferson County, Ohio, and grandson of George Helwig, a native of Germany. Nov. 3, 1841, his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on a tract of timber land in Troy Township. All kinds of wild animals common to Indiana were abundant. His father was fond of hunting and furnished the family with plenty of meat. He at one time killed four deer, from one of which they procured eighteen pounds of tallow. Our subject received a fair education in the district schools, but was early in life obliged to assist his father on the farm. When he started in life for himself he worked for fifty cents a day, and part of the time for \$5 a month. In this way he earned the money to pay for thirty-six acres of land, where he commenced his married life. In the winter of 1833-'54 he built a log cabin. He had a stove and borrowed the rest of their furniture. Their only sauce was dried elder-berries, and when cooked had to borrow a dish to put it in. They made their own sugar, he carrying the water night and morning, and his wife boiling it down during the day while he worked at the carpenter's trade at fifty cents a day. He was married Sept. 10, 1853, to Elizabeth Jadwin, daughter of Andrew Jadwin. Of the five children born to them four are

living—Phedima, Theodosia, Ann E., and Jacob R. Phedima married Eli Bryan, and has one child—Luther Lee. In 1866 Mr. Helwig sold his first home and bought the farm in Franklin Township where he has since lived. His father was a prominent man of the county, and in 1843-'44 represented his district in the Legislature. He died Nov. 10, 1869.

Francis Houlton, deceased, was born in Highland County, Ohio, Feb. 3, 1807, a son of Samuel Houlton. He was reared in his native county, receiving a common-school education. In the spring of 1839 he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on sections 5 and 8, Franklin Township. There were four acres cleared on section 5, and here he built a cabin and lived ten years, then moved across the line to section 8. He was a hard working, energetic man, and cleared seventy-five acres of his land himself. He was married in January, 1838, to Mrs. Evaline (Kellogg) Wood, widow of Abner Wood, by whom she had four children, but one of whom is living—John K. To Mr. and Mrs. Houlton were born four children; two daughters are living—Corrinna, wife of Isaac Lantzenheiser, of Edgerton, Ohio, and Mary J., widow of William Bratton. Mr. Houlton was murdered May 18, 1879, by a neighbor boy, Lewis Abbott, who entered the house with the evident intention of murdering the entire family and plundering the house. Mrs. Houlton died Oct. 14, 1881. They were earnest, sincere Christians, Mr. Houlton a member of the United Brethren and Mrs. Houlton of the Methodist Episcopal church.

John Houlton, deceased, the first settler of De Kalb County, Ind., was born in Highland County, Ohio, Sept. 21, 1804, a son of Samuel Houlton, a pioneer of Highland County, and a soldier in the war of 1812. He was reared in the wilds of Ohio, having Indian boys and wild animals for his playmates. In 1827 he came to Williams County, Ohio, and worked for his brother Samuel in a saw-mill on Fish Creek, near its confluence with the St. Joseph River. They rafted the lumber down the river to the Fort Wayne market. He was married Feb. 5, 1833, to Sarah Fee, who was born May 12, 1812. The following September they moved to De Kalb County, and Sept. 4, raised the first house in the county. It was built of round logs, was one and a half stories high, and twenty feet square. It remained standing till 1860, when it was torn down, and the De Kalb County Pioneer Society had a number of canes made from its

logs, presenting a cane to each pioneer whose settlement dated prior to 1840. Mr. Houlton's wife died July 12, 1839, leaving three children—Samuel, born at Lima, Ind., Feb. 1, 1839, was a member of Company B, First Michigan Infantry, in the war of the Rebellion, and died in Libby prison; Margaret, born April 8, 1836, was the first female white child born in De Kalb County; Sarah, born July 1, 1839. All grew to maturity, and all are deceased. Margaret married William H. Sleutz, and had three children, two of whom are living—Rinaldo Burnett and Nancy Rosette. Sarah married Norman Nichols, and had six children, five of whom are living—Orilla, William, Viola, Inez and Mary. Nov. 21, 1839, Mr. Houlton married Nancy Lewis, daughter of Samuel Lewis who settled in Williams County, Ohio, in April, 1834, and was the seventh settler on the St. Joseph River. Nine children were born to them, six of whom are living—William L., Rebecca, John, Mathew K., Lewis N., and Roger R. One daughter, Mary Ann, died Aug. 3, 1869. She was the wife of Jeremiah Gnagy, and left one child, John, now a student at Valparaiso Normal School. Rebecca married her brother-in-law, Jeremiah Gnagy, and has four sons—Guy, George, Girt and Glen. John married Mary Getz, and has two children—Bert and Mary. Lewis married Rhoda Martin, and has one son—Verna S. Roger married Amanda Mills, and has one son—Artemus L. Roger is leader of the Houlton Orchestra. Mr. Houlton died on the old homestead, June 2, 1875. He was a consistent Christian, and a member of the Disciples church. Mrs. Houlton has passed through many hardships and relates many peculiar and interesting accounts of the experiences of her early life. She was possessed of unusual courage and was often helpful in time of need, when it was necessary to have a strong hand and a brave heart. One instance of her undaunted will and courage may interest our readers, and especially the descendants of Mrs. Houlton: At one time when about eighteen years of age her father and brothers were away from home, and a man came to the house and asked if any one could take him across the St. Joseph River, then swollen even with the banks. She told him she would take him over if he would obey her orders. He wanted to place the horse above the canoe, but that was not her way, and she refused to take him over. He finally came to her terms. She then placed the horse below the canoe, and told him to hold

the bridle bit, while she rowed the canoe across the river. The man was forced to admit the soundness of her judgment, saying he never saw a girl of so much courage and good sense. At the time Mr. Houlton settled in De Kalb County, the Indians and wild animals roamed the forest at will. The only thing he ever hunted was squirrels; deer was safe from his gun, although there were many at that time. One Sunday a flock of thirty turkeys came into his orchard, just at the rear of the house, and although acting contrary to the wish of Mrs. Houlton his early Presbyterian training would not allow him to shoot one on the Sabbath. He set out the first orchard in De Kalb County, in the spring of 1834, obtaining the trees in Constantine, Mich.

Mathew K. Houlton, farmer and stock-raiser, section 12, Franklin Township, was born on the old homestead on section 1, Oct. 4, 1851, a son of John and Nancy (Lewis) Houlton. He was reared and educated in his native township, and after reaching manhood, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He now owns forty-five acres of valuable land, with a good residence and farm buildings. He makes a specialty of stock-raising, having a good grade of cattle and hogs. Mr. Houlton was married in September, 1872, to Marietta Case, a native of Steuben County, Ind., born Sept. 25, 1855, a daughter of William L. Case. They have two children—Jink J. (named for the song, "Captain Jink's"), born June 20, 1873, and Rinaldo R., born Nov. 7, 1874. Mr. and Mrs. Houlton are among the representative young people of De Kalb County, and are enterprising and industrious, and have the prospect of a prosperous future.

William L. Houlton, section 1, Franklin Township, is a son of John Houlton, the first settler of Franklin, and was born on the old homestead Nov. 13, 1842. He remained at home till after the breaking out of the Rebellion, and enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Eighty-second Ohio Infantry. He was assigned to the engineer corps and never saw any active service. In 1866 Mr. Houlton bought a saw-mill, which he ran two years, and then sold it. In 1877 he bought a light portable mill and threshing machine, which he sold two years later, and in 1881 bought the saw-mill he now owns. He has run a threshing machine eight seasons, and in 1883 bought a new Massillon Thresher. Mr. Houlton was married Sept. 19, 1863, to Mercy N. Haddix, daughter of Stephen K. Haddix, of Defiance, Ohio.

She died in October, 1865, leaving one child—Alice, now Mrs. Lewis Shultz. Dec. 19, 1867, Mr. Houlton married Mrs. Ruhama McCurdy, widow of T. J. McCurdy and daughter of William Knisely. They have had three children, but two of whom are living—John M. and Nancy Maude. Mr. Houlton is a member of the Odd Fellows' order, lodge and encampment, and also the daughters of Rebecca, same order.

Theodore Hunt, section 2, Franklin Township, was born in Seneca County, Ohio, May 20, 1826, a son of Obediah Hunt, a pioneer of Seneca County, from Genesee County, N. Y. He was reared and educated in his native county, and in his youth learned the mason's trade which he followed forty years. He came to De Kalb County, Ind., in the fall of 1877 and bought 130 acres of land where he has since lived. In addition to carrying on his farm, he is engaged in making concrete tiling and sewer-pipes, and also laying down concrete sidewalks. He is a fine workman, and has made a success of his business. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion, in Company G, Fifty-fifth Ohio Infantry, and participated in the battles of Cedar Mountain, White Sulphur Springs, second Bull Run and many others. He went out as Corporal and returned Second Lieutenant of his company. Mr. Hunt was married March 4, 1847, to Harriet, daughter of Ebenezer Boughton. Of their eight children, six are living—Hoyt B., Emma, Theodore, Hattie, Ebenezer and Jennie. Ellen and Mary are deceased. Mary was the wife of Edward Hinkie. Hoyt B. is a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, and lives in St. Joseph County, Mich. He married Ida Rockwood. Emma is the wife of John Hinkle, of this township, and has four children—Olive, Theodore, Lora and John. Theodore married Belle Taylor, and makes his home with his father. Mr. Hunt has been a member of the Odd Fellows' order thirty-six years. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

John T. Huyck, farmer and stock-raiser, was born March 4, 1840, in Huron County, Ohio, a son of John T. and Lucinda (Britten) Huyck, his father a native of New York State, now deceased. Our subject was reared to farm life and educated in the common schools. In September, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, Fourteenth Ohio Infantry, to serve three months, and afterward served in Company C, One Hundredth Indiana Infantry, till the close of the war. He was taken prisoner at Lime-

stone Station Sept. 8, 1863, and was imprisoned at Belle Isle six months. He was then removed to Andersonville Prison, and after undergoing all the horrors of that den for seven months he tried to escape, but was caught by blood hounds. He was then removed to Savannah, but at the end of three weeks he and another man escaped through a tunnel sixty-five feet underground. It was night when they found themselves in the city of Savannah. A negro whom they met took them to the house of a Union lady, who kept them over night and the following day secured a room near by, where they were secreted two months when they made good their escape. Mr. Huyck came to this county in the spring of 1868, and in the spring of 1880 settled on his present farm on section 28, Franklin Township, where he owns 150 acres of land. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was married March 23, 1870, to Mary J. Jefferds, born in this township in 1847, and daughter of James W. Jefferds (deceased). To them have been born eight children, six now living—Bertha J., Pearl, Charles L., Mamie M., Earl M. and Eva E. Mr. Jefferds was a native of New York. He lived in Toledo, Ohio, many years ago, and from there moved to Steuben County, Ind., and in 1842 he came to this county.

Cyrus Jackman, one of the pioneers of Franklin Township, and an honored citizen of the county, was born in Carroll County, Ohio, Feb. 14, 1822, a son of Edward Jackman, a native of Virginia. When a young man Edward Jackman, in company with his brother Adam, settled in the wilds of Ohio, remaining there till 1840, when he moved his family to De Kalb County and settled where our subject was born, on section 18, Franklin Township, and again prepared to make a farm in the wilderness. They reached De Kalb County May 28, and after building a rude cabin cleared a piece of land, and raised the first year thirty bushels of potatoes, six or eight acres of wheat, and got out enough logs by fall to build a hewed log house and make a comfortable home for winter. There were 240 acres in the Jackman homestead, 140 of which Cyrus Jackman now owns. He remained at home assisting his father till manhood. He was married Sept. 20, 1849, to Sarah Taylor, daughter of John Taylor. They have one son, John Fletcher, who was born July 8, 1850, and married Nora E. Gutridge. They have two children—Burton and Bertha (twins), born May

18, 1876. Fletcher Jackman owns eighty acres of valuable land, and is a successful agriculturist.

Isaac Jackman, deceased, was born in Carroll County, Ohio, Oct. 20, 1818, and died in Franklin Township, April 12, 1872. He was raised in his native county, and in his youth learned the blacksmith's trade, but worked at it very little, preferring the life of a farmer. He came with his father, Edward Jackman, to De Kalb County, Ind., in 1840, and settled in Franklin Township. He was a successful agriculturist and stock-raiser, and accumulated a large landed estate. He was married Nov. 11, 1847, to Maria Stoner, a native of Wayne County, Ohio, born in 1826, a daughter of John and Agnes (Criter) Stoner, who came to De Kalb County in 1846. But three of a family of ten children are living—Mrs. Jackman, Henry and Mary C. Two died in childhood, and five, David E., William, John, Hester, and Margaret, had reached maturity. John was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. Two brothers, David and Henry, were soldiers of the war of the Rebellion. Mr. and Mrs. Jackman had a family of three children—John S., Norman T. and Olive. The sons reside in Waterloo and the daughter in Los Angeles, Cal.

Milton C. Jones, farmer and stock-raiser, section 19, Franklin Township, was born on the farm where he now lives, Dec. 26, 1842, a son of Samuel and Jerusha (Chamberlin) Jones, natives of Monkton, Vt., the former, born Sept. 15, 1806, is now a resident of Waterloo. His mother was born in July, 1812; died Sept. 22, 1884. He was reared a farmer and has always followed that vocation. He received a practical business education, attending a select school in Hamilton, Steuben County. When the war of the Rebellion broke out he enlisted in Company B, Thirtieth Indiana Infantry, and served a year. After his return home, in 1862, he enlisted in Company B, Twelfth Indiana Cavalry, and served three years as Orderly Sergeant. He participated in many severe engagements, among them Nashville, Chattanooga, Mobile and Murfreesboro. At the latter place he was struck with a sabre and fell from his horse, the blow dislocating his shoulder, and the fall breaking his arm. He was a brave soldier, and won the respect of all his comrades in arms. Mr. Jones has been Assessor of Franklin Township six years. He is a member of the Odd Fellows' order. Mr. Jones' parents moved to Seneca County, Ohio, in 1834; to

La Porte County, Ind., in 1837, and to De Kalb County in 1840. They had a family of ten children, six of whom are living—Sarah A., Milton C., Sydney P., Henry M., William H. and Harriet. Three sons served in the war of the Rebellion. Julius died a short time after the close of the war with the camp disease. Sydney is living in Beratus, Neb. Samuel Jones was hurt by a falling tree in 1863, from which he has never fully recovered. In 1870 he lost his house by fire, which, owing to his poor health, was a misfortune not easily remedied. He, however, has since rebuilt, and has one of the pleasantest homes in the township.

Alfred Kepler is a native of Franklin Township, born Nov. 8, 1839, a son of Daniel Kepler, a native of Pennsylvania, who moved when a child with his parents to Stark County, Ohio, and in the fall of 1837 to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on section 27, Franklin Township, subsequently removing to Smithfield Township, where he now lives. Alfred Kepler was reared and educated in Franklin Township, attending the district schools of his neighborhood. He remained with his parents till eighteen years of age, and then went to Missouri and remained two years. After his return to Indiana he engaged in farming and Aug. 18, 1860, was married to Lovina Meese, daughter of Isaac Meese. To them were born two children, both now deceased. Mrs. Kepler died July 24, 1863. In January, 1864, Mr. Kepler went to Montana and remained nearly two years, working in the mines, returning to Indiana in December, 1865. Since his return he has devoted his attention to agriculture and stock-raising. He owns a valuable farm of 106 acres. In 1882 he built a large two-story brick house, the main part 18 x 28 feet, with one wing 16 x 24, and another 16 x 30. His farm buildings are commodious and in good repair. Sept. 8, 1867, Mr. Kepler married Mary M. Headley, daughter of Samuel Headley, a pioneer of De Kalb County. They have five children—Maud M., Minnie M., Lela Lu Corb C., and Bertha B.

Elias Kepler, section 27, Franklin Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, Jan. 4, 1832, a son of Daniel Kepler, who brought his family to De Kalb County March 6, 1837, and settled on section 27, Franklin Township, entering 480 acres of land from the Government. Elias was reared and educated in De Kalb County, remaining with his parents till manhood. He

was married Feb. 5, 1854, to Eliza Deems, daughter of George Deems, an early settler of Wilmington Township, who was killed by a falling tree many years ago. Seven children have been born to them—Jay, Phedina A., Hannah E., William S., Estella, Ida M. and Charles F. Hannah married James S. Lowe, and has one child—Earl. Mr. Kepler owns a fine farm of 240 acres, and is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of Spanish merino sheep. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Samuel Kepler, deceased, was born in Stark County, Ohio, Oct. 30, 1814, a son of John Kepler. He came to De Kalb County, Ind., in the fall of 1837, and settled on section 21, Franklin Township, entering land on sections 21 and 28. He was a hard-working man and a successful farmer and stock-raiser. In 1845 he built a large frame barn across the street from his residence on section 28, which is still standing, and across the gable end bears the inscription "S. K. 1845." About 1853 he built the first grist-mill in the township, on Fish Creek, section 2, which is still doing good work. At his death he owned 1,600 acres of land, all earned by his own industry, assisted by his estimable wife. He gave employment to many, and thus assisted in building up and advancing the interests of the county. The season he built his barn, in 1845, he killed fourteen hogs and two beeves, all used by his hired help and family. He owned a store in Hamilton, Ind., a year and then moved it to his place in De Kalb County and sold it three years later. He was married in 1834 to Mary Noragon, a native of Pennsylvania. Six of their fourteen children are living—Andrew, John, Samuel, Jane, Solomon and Jacob. One son, Edwin, died in his nineteenth year, and a daughter, Caroline, aged twenty-six years. Mr. Kepler died March 19, 1862. His widow afterward married Elisha Beard, an early settler of this county.

Samuel Kepler, section 2, Franklin Township, was born on the old homestead on section 21, this township, March 2, 1843, a son of Samuel and Mary (Noragon) Kepler. He was reared and educated in this township and has always followed agricultural pursuits. He was married Dec. 20, 1863, to Melinda Rosenberry, daughter of Alex Rosenberry, of Waterloo. They have five children—Nedia M., Alta B., Mary M., Vernon and Jennie Pearl. Mr. and Mrs. Kepler are members of the United Brethren church at Bellefontaine Chapel.

William Knisely, one of the most successful young farmers and stock-raisers of Franklin Township, resides on section 26, where he owns a fine farm well improved, with good farm buildings. He was born in Troy Township, De Kalb County, Ind., Feb. 20, 1851, and was a son of William Knisely, a pioneer of De Kalb County. He was reared and educated, and has always lived in his native county. He was married June 2, 1872, to Malinda Pinchin, who died in April, 1873. Their only child is also deceased. Dec. 10, 1874, he married Phoebe J. Plank, daughter of Martin W. Plank. They have one son—Loren David, born March 25, 1876. Mrs. Knisely is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Ezra E. Lautzenheiser, section 9, Franklin Township, was born in Carroll County, Ohio, May 5, 1845. In 1862 his parents moved to De Kalb County and settled in Franklin Township, where they have since resided. He remained at home till manhood, and then began farming for himself. He has been successful and owns a fine farm of 186 acres, with a good residence and farm buildings. He was married March 23, 1871, to Elizabeth Richmond, a native of Williams County, Ohio, born Nov. 2, 1852, a daughter of Samuel Richmond, a native of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, but a resident of Atchison, Kan., since 1871. Mr. and Mrs. Lautzenheiser have six children—Minnie M., John, Frank, Ora, Effie and Edward. Mr. Lautzenheiser is one of the representative men of Franklin Township. He is a courteous, free-hearted gentleman, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is universally respected by his associates for his fine manly qualities, and strict business integrity. In January, 1881, while attempting to lead a horse across a ditch the animal jumped on him, and broke a bone in his right leg, split the cap bone of his right ankle and badly injured his left leg. Fear was entertained for some time that he was crippled for life, but he has now nearly recovered his former strength.

Jacob H. Lautzenheiser was born in Stark County, Ohio, Nov. 2, 1809, a son of Ezra Lautzenheiser. He came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Franklin Township. He was married in 1835, to Catherine Reese, daughter of John Reese. Of their five children three are living—Isaac, Ezra and Hannah. Mrs. Lautzenheiser died in November, 1874. Mr. Lautzenheiser now makes his home with his daughter. He is an honored member of the United Brethren church.

John Lewis, farmer, section 35, Franklin Township, was born in Carroll County, Ohio, Jan. 10, 1830, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Masters) Lewis, his father a native of Westmoreland County, Pa., and his mother of Yorkshire, England. His grandfather, Jonathan Lewis, was a native of Germany. His father was an early settler of Carroll County, Ohio, and later of Tuscarawas County. He died Jan. 6, 1873. Our subject was reared and educated in Ohio, attending when a child, a school taught by an Irishman named Peter Conoly. Their school-house was a rude log structure and the black snakes, which were abundant in that country, often stuck their heads through the cracks of the floor and roof. The teacher kept his gun by his side, and occasionally shot one, which if overhead would drop to the floor, much to the discomfort of the terrified pupils. March 10, 1855, Mr. Lewis came to Indiana and settled on the farm in Franklin Township where he now lives. He owns 200 acres of fine land with good improvements. From 1863 till 1866 he was employed by Russell & Co., of Massillon, Ohio, manufacturers of agricultural implements, his farm being carried on by hired help. Mr. Lewis was married March 16, 1851, to Martha A. Henderson. To them were born four children, but three are living—Charles H. V., Calvin McM., and Addie. Mrs. Lewis died Jan. 25, 1873. Jan. 22, 1874, Mr. Lewis married Bell, daughter of Andrew Reed, who died Sept. 5, 1879. Their two children are also deceased. Mr. Lewis then married Mrs. Jennie Graham, widow of John E. Graham, by whom she had two children; but one is living—John E. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

George W. Newcomer, section 29, Franklin Township, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, April 15, 1845, a son of Christian Newcomer, a native of Pennsylvania and an early settler of Columbiana County. In 1847 his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on section 29, Franklin Township, where he was reared. At the time of their settlement in the county it was heavily timbered, and the trees had to be cut before a house could be built. A tree in front of their cabin was cut into shingles, and the stump was used as a table. They were in limited circumstances, but possessed a degree of ambition and energy which overcomes all obstacles and wins the victory over every battle in life, being undaunted by hardship, but seemingly strengthened with renewed vigor by

each privation. Our subject was early inured to the life of a frontier farmer, and initiated into the mysteries of clearing and breaking land. His education consisted mainly of the rules of agriculture, as his services were required at home, and his attendance even at the early district school was limited to a few weeks in the winter. After reaching manhood he began life for himself, and by following the lessons of industry and application learned in his youth, has been successful and now owns eighty acres of valuable land. Mr. Newcomer is one of the representative men of the township, and has always contributed of his time and means for the advancement of every laudable enterprise. He was married Aug. 4, 1872, to Barbara Van Horn, daughter of John Van Horn, of Greenville, Mich. They have five children—Charles E., Mary M., Luna L., Arna O., and Elmer G. In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Newcomer are Mennonites.

John Matson, a son of Elijah Matson, was born near Rutland, Vt., Feb. 3, 1806, where he lived until he was about twenty-one years of age, when he went to Onondaga County, N. Y. In 1835 he came to Indiana and entered 160 acres of wild land in De Kalb County, had a cabin built on section 30, Franklin Township, and the following year with his family moved there, reaching Hamilton Sept. 30, 1836. He was very energetic and ambitious, working all day clearing his land of timber and preparing it for cultivation, after which he worked several hours each night at the carpenter's trade, making doors and window frames for the new settlers, taking his pay in work on his land. In this way he soon had 100 acres under cultivation. He became a successful farmer, and owned, at the time of his death, a pleasant home and 213 acres of valuable land. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was public spirited, and contributed liberally toward the advancement of any laudable enterprise. He was a kind and obliging neighbor, and a benevolent and considerate friend of the poor. He was married Sept. 10, 1833, to Margaret Waterman, daughter of Elijah Waterman, and sister of Hon. Miles Waterman. To them were born ten children—Cordelia, Alvin, Chloe, James, Lewis, Lydia, George and Ophelia. Two died in infancy. Cordelia married Chester Taft, and lives at Waterloo, Iowa. Chloe married Alonzo Collin, of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and has two children—Ruth and Margaret. James, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, married

Frances Taylor, and has two children—Lillian and Abbie. Lewis, of Pleasant Lake, Ind., married Orcelia Clarke, and has four children—Clarke, James, Mabel and John. Lydia married J. B. Albrook, of Iowa, and died in her twenty-seventh year, leaving one child—Luella. George married Matilda Ridge, and has one child—Merritt. Ophelia married Merritt A. Goodell, of Iowa, and has four children—Willard, Alonzo, George and Edward. Mr. Matson died Nov. 4, 1876. Mrs. Matson lives with George on the homestead, and is one of the few old settlers of the county now living, and has witnessed all the varied changes which have brought the country from a wild state to one of advanced cultivation.

Robert McCurdy, section 25, Franklin Township, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, Oct. 12, 1838, a son of John McCurdy, now of Butler Township, De Kalb County. His parents came to this county in 1843, and settled on a tract of heavily timbered land, at a time when wild animals were their most familiar neighbors. Our subject remained at home till the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion, when he enlisted in Company G, Fifty-third Indiana Infantry, and served ten months. He participated in the battle of Kingston and several minor engagements. He was married Oct. 8, 1863, to Sarah A. Kennedy, who died three months later. July 20, 1865, he married Celinda Mumma, daughter of George Mumma, of Troy Township. To them have been born five children; but three are living—Inez, Elsie and Sarah. Mr. McCurdy was reared a farmer, and since attaining manhood has followed the vocation for himself. He has been successful, and now owns eighty acres of valuable land, with a good residence and farm buildings. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

James C. Myers, section 23, Franklin Township, was born in Ashland County, Ohio, April 18, 1826, a son of Jacob and Susan (Doughnut) Myers. In 1828 his parents moved to Crawford County, Ohio, and in September, 1837, to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on section 22, Franklin Township. Their nearest neighbor was five miles distant. On account of the wild animals, they built their log cabin without a door, and entered the house by a hole in the roof. His father was a great hunter, being very fond of the sport, and one morning before ten o'clock killed six deer. James C.'s playmates were Indian boys. His

father died in November, 1881. Of a family of ten children, seven are living—George, Amos, James, Nancy, Jacob, Amzi, and John C. John C. Myers was reared a farmer, and has always followed that vocation. He now owns seventy acres of land, well cultivated, with good buildings. He was married Aug. 12, 1851, to Sarah Slentz, daughter of Henry Slentz. They have four children—Nancy Jane, Hannah, Benjamin and Ellen. Nancy married Charles Culbertson, of Otsego Township, Steuben County, and has three children—James H., Ella D. and Sarah E. Hannah married Peter Dirrim and has three children—Cyrus B., Franklin E. and Berton. Benjamin married Martha Dirrim and has three children—Eva, Isaac and Sarah E. Ellen married Robert C. Platt and has one child—Byron. Mr. Myers enlisted in the war of the Rebellion, in Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Indiana Infantry, and participated in the battles of Dalton, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Atlanta, Franklin, Nashville, Kingston, and many others.

David Oberlin, farmer and stock-raiser, section 18, Franklin Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, April 5, 1818. His father, Frederick Oberlin, was a pioneer of Stark County, moving there from his native State, Pennsylvania, prior to the war of 1812. He was reared on a frontier farm, and after reaching manhood left his native county, then a thickly populated and prosperous country, and started for the West, to again put in practice the lessons learned in his youth. In October, 1847, he arrived in De Kalb County, Ind., and entered a tract of Government land in Franklin Township, at that time heavily timbered. He went bravely to work and by spring had enough land cleared to plant a crop, and in due time by his own labor had cleared sixty acres. In 1870 he moved to the farm where he now lives, and where he owns 106 acres of valuable land. Mr. Oberlin was married March 10, 1841, to Mary Van Horn, daughter of David Van Horn. They have four children—Susan, Mary M., Elizabeth and Josephine. Susan married Bales Boyer, of Smithfield Township, and has four children—Warren, Allen, Minnie and Franklin. Mary married Charles Kelly, of Union Township, and has three children—Alta, Gertrude and Clyde. Elizabeth married Daniel Lockamire, of Franklin, and has one child—Bertha May. Mr. and Mrs. Oberlin are members of the Lutheran church.

Nathan D. Oberlin, farmer, section 15, Franklin Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, Feb. 5, 1830. In 1845 his father, John Oberlin, moved his family to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on the northwest quarter of section 28, Franklin Township. Nathan D. worked for Samuel Kepler two years at \$8 per month, and in the meantime cradled oats in the summer at five shillings a day. In the winter of 1850-'51 he bought forty acres of land, paying \$300 for it. In 1850 he began to work at the carpenter's trade with Elisha W. Beard, and remained with him five years, receiving \$10 a month for his services. He worked at his trade in connection with attending to his farm, and has been successful in all his pursuits. He now owns 160 acres of well-improved land. In 1879 he built a large brick house, the main building two stories 18 x 28 feet, with one two-story wing 17 x 18 feet, and another one-story 16 x 26 feet. Mr. Oberlin was married Feb. 12, 1854, to Sarah Dirrim, daughter of James Dirrim. To them have been born six children, but three of whom are living—Kyrus C., John J., and Isaac C. Kyrus married Nancy Chard and lives in Otsego Township, Steuben County; has two children—Ora E. and Mertie. John married Lenora Fifer, and resides in this township. Mr. Oberlin has served two years as Township Trustee, and three years as County Commissioner. In the war of the Rebellion he was a member of Company G, Fifty-third Indiana Infantry, and participated in the battle of Kingston or Wise's Forks, N. C. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Hamilton Post.

Isaac D. Sawvel, farmer and stock-raiser, section 33, Franklin Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, Oct. 18, 1836. In 1847 his father, Jacob Sawvel, moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Smithfield Township, where our subject grew to manhood and was educated in the log-cabin schools. He was reared a farmer and has made agriculture his vocation, also paying considerable attention to stock-raising, having some of the finest grades of cattle and hogs. He owns 105 acres of valuable land, all well improved, with a pleasant residence and good farm buildings. Mr. Sawvel was married Oct. 21, 1863, to Mary Lutz, daughter of Michael Lutz, who settled in De Kalb County in 1848. They have six children—John, Sadie, Mary, Sherman, Laura and Sumner.

Reuben Sawvel, section 32, Franklin Township, is one of the

most successful teachers of De Kalb County. He devotes his summers to tilling the soil and improving his farm, and during the winter months spends his time in the school-room. He has taught nineteen terms, and by his genial and courteous manner wins the confidence of his pupils, at the same time inspiring them to diligent study and thoroughness in all their undertakings. Mr. Sawvel was born in Stark County, Ohio, Feb. 11, 1847, a son of Jacob Sawvel, who came to De Kalb County the following summer. He was educated in the common school and Auburn High School, where he was under the tutorship of Profs. McIntosh and Dills. In the spring of 1880 he moved to Franklin Township and settled where he now lives. He owns eighty acres of valuable land, all well improved. He was married Dec. 24, 1875, to Laura Phillips, a native of Wayne County, Ohio, daughter of John Phillips. Mr. Sawvel served as Assessor of Smithfield Township one term.

Allen Shultz, section 21, Franklin Township, was born in Ashland County, Ohio, April 15, 1846. His father, George Shultz, was a native of Union County, Pa., and settled in Ashland County in 1835; thence in the fall of 1853 to De Kalb County. Here our subject was reared and educated. He learned the carpenter's trade in his youth and worked at it several years. From 1869 till 1875 he ran a threshing-machine during harvest. In the spring of 1876 he bought a portable steam saw-mill, which he ran three years. He then sold the mill, keeping the boiler and engine, and bought a new mill, which he ran, in company with his brother, Franklin, three years, when he sold it and bought the Taylor's Corners' mill and moved it to his farm. This mill is of forty-five horse-power, with a capacity of 10,000 feet in ten hours. He cuts 250,000 feet of lumber annually. He owns sixty-four acres of valuable land and carries on farming in addition to running his mill. He was married Jan. 20, 1867, to Amanda Mann, daughter of Philip Mann, Sr., who was a soldier in the war of 1812 under General Harrison, and in 1842 settled in De Kalb County. To Mr. and Mrs. Shultz have been born eight children, six of whom are living—Henry, Della, Loma, Burton, Rhoba and Junie. Mr. Shultz has been a member of the Knights of Honor at Waterloo three years.

George H. Shultz, deceased, was born in Union County, Pa., June 25, 1806, and died in Franklin Township, De Kalb County, Ind., Oct. 26, 1873. He was reared and educated in his native

county, and when fifteen years of age began to learn the mason's trade, at which he worked at intervals all his life. He was married April 9, 1844, to Saloma Walter, a native of Union County, Pa., daughter of Benjamin Walter, who moved to Niagara County, N. Y., in the spring of 1828, and to Ashland County, Ohio, in the fall of 1838. To Mr. and Mrs. Shultz were born ten children, eight of whom are living—Curtis, Allen, Shannon, Franklin, Rosanna, Arillie, Lewis and William. In September, 1853, they moved to De Kalb County, and settled on section 21, Franklin Township. A small patch of land was cleared on which was a small log cabin. Mr. Shultz was a hard-working, energetic man, and accumulated a good property. He was a prominent, influential man, and held several offices of trust and responsibility; among others was Trustee of the township two terms and Constable three terms. He was a member of the Lutheran church as is also his wife.

John H. Smith, section 23, Franklin Township, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, Sept. 20, 1839. In the fall of 1844 his father, Adam Smith, came with his parents to De Kalb County and settled in Franklin Township where he still lives. John H. Smith was reared and educated in this county, attending the log-cabin schools in the winter, when his services were not required on the farm. He early acquired a knowledge of agriculture, and since attaining manhood has devoted his attention to that industry, and now owns a good farm of ninety acres. He was married Oct. 7, 1859, to Margaret Slentz, daughter of Henry Slentz, an early settler of Franklin Township. Their only child, Alice Ida, died in the second year of her age. Mr. Smith enlisted in Company F, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry and served three years. He participated in the battle of Chickamauga, but soon after was detailed to the Quartermaster's department.

Levi Stoy, farmer, section 1, Franklin Township, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, April 4, 1819, a son of John Stoy, a native of Stoyestown, Pa., and one of a colony of five families who first settled in Tuscarawas County. Our subject was reared in the wilds of Ohio, his only schooling being nine days to one Hambright Reese. He afterward worked for Thomas Bays, also a teacher, and received \$8 a month and two hours tuition every evening. In August, 1844, he moved to Indiana and settled in Stafford Township, De Kalb County. Mr. Stoy

learned the shoemaker's trade in his early life and worked at it nineteen years, his wife assisting him after he came to De Kalb County. Their means were limited, and after their settlement in this county it was difficult many times to procure food. At one time they lived three months on corn and corn-coffee, ground in a coffee-mill. At another time his wife went to the store of Mr. Cela and bought \$11 worth of goods, paying \$5 cash. Mr. Cela told her he would trust her husband for the rest till he could make it hunting mink and foxes. This was something he had never done, but nothing daunted he tried, and the first day caught two mink and one fox, for which he received \$10.75. In nine and a half days he made \$44.33, and by this time concluded that hunting was more profitable than shoemaking. One Sunday morning they arose late, and Mr. Stoy remarked, "If we had any meat I would have been up long ago." His eldest son, then just old enough to talk, replied, "Dad, if you get meetin I'll jump on one leg." That was enough to make him take his gun and go out, and before breakfast he shot a deer. He then looked up and down the road to see if anyone saw him, and hurried home, thinking the report from his gun had never been so loud before. He took a shoulder to his pastor who lived near by, and said, "Brother Olds, would you be offended if I presented you with a piece of veal?" "Not at all, sir, not at all." Mrs. Olds then said, "Brother Stoy, was that you—" "Elmira," said the minister, "not a word, for we want the meat," and Mrs. Olds never knew whether or not Mr. Stoy was the man who shot on the Sabbath. Mr. Stoy lived in Stafford Township till 1870, when he moved to Franklin Township and settled on the farm where he now lives. He owns sixty acres of valuable land, with good farm buildings, his farm being now carried on by his son John. Mr. Stoy was married Sept. 7, 1842, to Rosanna Brown, daughter of Joseph Brown. They have had five children, four of whom are living—William H., Samantha, Susan and John. William H. married Mary Chard and has two children—John and Nancy Rosella. Samantha married Aaron Mills and has two children—Jerome C. and Pearl Maude. Susan married James Ireland, and John married Lydia Robertson and has one child—Ada Elnora. Mr. Stoy enlisted in the war of the Rebellion in Company H, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry, and participated in the battles of Perryville, Chickamauga and Mission Ridge. At the latter battle he re-

ceived wounds from the effects of which he has never recovered, and is drawing a pension. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal and his wife of the United Brethren church. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. In the spring of 1845 Mr. Stoy built his first house, the house being 14 x 16; having no doors they used quilts hung over the doorway until the cold winter forced him to build a door, which he did himself, his only tools being an ax, a shaving-knife and shoe-hammer. The same spring Mr. Stoy began work for John Webster, hewing the timber for a grist-mill known as the Webster mills, the agreement being for Mr. Stoy to work nine months for 40 cents per day and board, he walking four miles to and from his work every night and morning. He then proceeded to plant an orchard, and as he did not have a foot of land cleared, he set out his apple trees among the native trees of the forest. Two years after he cleared the land between his little apple trees, and in time had one of the best orchards in the county. Mr. Stoy soon became famous as a hunter, and many were the exciting chases he had with the deer which abounded so plentifully in the (then) unsettled portions of Indiana. On one occasion he had a fight with a wounded buck that knocked him down and tore all the clothes and part of the skin from his body. He was finally rescued by some of his neighbors, after half an hour's hard fight, in a rather bad state as his clothes were torn off, and the snow was about eight inches deep. He afterward tanned the hide of the deer, and with another one made himself a pair of pants which he wore to church for some time.

Peter Teutsch, farmer, section 36, Franklin Township, was born near Alsace, France, March 22, 1850, a son of Michael Teutsch, who brought his family to America in 1860, and settled in Franklin Township, De Kalb Co., Ind., where he has since lived. Our subject was reared a farmer, and has always followed that vocation. He was educated in France and in the common schools of Franklin Township, acquiring a practical business education. He now has a good farm of seventy-three acres, which is well cultivated, and his farm buildings are commodious and in good repair. Mr. Teutsch was married Jan. 5, 1873, to Artemisia Olds, daughter of Carlisle Olds, an early settler of Franklin Township. To them have been born three children, two of whom are living—Frank B. and Leota E.

Mr. and Mrs. Teutsch are members of the United Brethren church.

Hon. Miles Waterman, section 17, Franklin Township, was born in Onondago County, N. Y., Dec. 22, 1818, a son of Elijah and Sarah Waterman, natives of Massachusetts, the former of Pittsfield and the latter of Salem. In the spring of 1837 he accompanied his parents to Stenben County, Ind., and the following fall to De Kalb County, and settled on section 19, Franklin Township. At that time there was no house between their place of settlement and Auburn, a distance of eight miles. The principal inhabitants were Indians, who often visited them to exchange cranberries and game for corn meal and bread. The father died in 1864, aged seventy-five years, the mother having preceded him several years. Our subject was reared on a farm, receiving a common-school education. After coming to De Kalb County he assisted his father in clearing his land and improving a farm, and since attaining manhood has followed agricultural pursuits. He has been successful, and now owns a good farm of 330 acres. He has always taken an interest in the public affairs of the county, and in the fall of 1845 was elected County Auditor, and served ten years. In the fall of 1858 he was elected to the State Legislature, again in 1862, and a third time in 1874, serving in the meantime in two special sessions, and while there introduced two important bills, which were adopted. He was married in the fall of 1845 to Susan Beard, daughter of George Beard, an early settler of the county. They have had five children—Jasper M., Oliver P. and Olive C. (twins), M. Jefferson and Emma A. Oliver P. is deceased.

Henry Willard, deceased, late of Franklin Township, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, March 13, 1812. He came to this county in 1841, settling in Troy Township when it was a heavily timbered forest, and after clearing land he built a log cabin. He was quite a hunter, and in those days killed hundreds of deer. He was married June 6, 1838, to Mary Brown, a native of Tuscarawas County, and a daughter of Joseph Brown, who is now deceased. To them were born two children—an infant deceased and Joseph died at the age of thirty-nine years. The latter was twice married, the first time to Miss Louisa Nichols, and his second wife was Mrs. Caroline Jackman, by whom he had two children—Mary and Henry.

He was a member of the United Brethren church. Our subject was also an earnest member of the United Brethren church. His death occurred March 31, 1877, leaving a host of friends to mourn his loss. Mrs. Willard moved to Butler Nov. 6, 1884, having sold her farm in Franklin Township where she had lived twenty-eight years. Mrs. Willard attended the first United Brethren meeting held in Butler, which was held by Bishop Henry Coomler and Rev. Jonathan Thomas.

Mathew Henry Wilson, farmer and stock-raiser, section 36, Franklin Township, was born in England, March 16, 1842. His father, George Wilson, was a merchant in England, but in 1851 moved his family to the United States and settled on a farm in Wayne County, Ohio, and in 1860 came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Stafford Township where he still lives. Our subject was reared on a farm from his ninth year, receiving a common-school education. Since attaining manhood he has devoted his attention to agriculture and stock-raising, making a specialty of fine horses of the English draft and Norman breeds. His stallion, Fred, is a fine black horse, sixteen hands high and weighs 1,350 pounds. Mr. Wilson was married in the fall of 1862 to Mary Ocker, daughter of Jacob and Keziah Ocker. They have had three children; but two are living—William and Clyde. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Michael Wolf, one of the most enterprising farmers and a worthy and respected citizen of Franklin Township, resides on section 31, where he owns eighty acres of valuable land, sixty-five acres of which he has cleared of the timber. He was born in Stark County, Ohio, Dec. 17, 1823, a son of John Wolf, a native of Loudoun County, Va. He was reared and educated in his native county, and 1851 came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in the woods, having to clear away the trees before he could build a cabin. Bringing with him little money, but an abundance of energy and ambition, he went bravely to work and from a heavily timbered tract of land has made one of the finest farms in the township. Mr. Wolf was married Oct. 25, 1849, to Frances Willey, daughter of James Willey. To them have been born five children, but four of whom are living—Hiram F., Edward H., Alice M., and Jennie S.

CHAPTER XVI.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP.

SITUATION.—GEOGRAPHY AND TOPOGRAPHY.—ORGANIZATION.—FIRST COMERS—RECOLLECTIONS OF A PIONEER BY JOHN WYATT.—POPULATION.—PROPERTY AND TAXATION.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.—EARLY JUSTICES, CONSTABLES, TRUSTEES AND ASSESSORS.—BIOGRAPHICAL.

Jackson Township is in the southern tier of the county, and is bounded on the north by Union Township, on the east by Concord Township, on the south by Cedar Creek Township, Allen County, and on the west by Butler and Keyser townships. It is crossed in its northwestern part by Cedar Creek. The township has a heavy clay soil and much swamp-land. Successful efforts are now being made to drain these swamps by means of ditches, and in time the character of the farms will be much improved.

In the northwestern corner is Auburn Junction, where three railroads meet, making six iron roads in different directions. These are: The Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific, Baltimore & Ohio, and Michigan Southern. Auburn Junction is a good place for a town, were it not so close to the ancient and prosperous county seat, whose prosperity seems firmly rooted.

Jan. 1, 1838, the Board of Commissioners "ordered that township 33 north, range 13 east, be organized as a civil township to be known by the name of Jackson Township, and that John Watson be appointed Inspector of Elections for said township. The first election was afterward appointed for the first Monday in April, 1838, at the house of John Watson.

Among the pioneers of Jackson Township was William Miller, whose son, Joseph, was the first County Surveyor. Another son, Thomas, was killed by the overturning of a wagon load of cross-ties for the Eel River (now Wabash) Railroad. An early settler was Thomas L. Yates, the eccentric Judge, who sold his farm on the river, and settled three miles down the

reck from Auburn on the land which was afterward the home of Alonzo Lockwood. Others in that part of the township were: Leonard Boice, Adam P. Hartle, the Phillips family and Benjamin Miller. In the southeast there were early to be found James Steward, Samuel Henderson, John and David Moody, John and William Watson, Srs., and their families, Nathan Wyatt and his sons, then forming three families, Jacob Maurer, for a long time Justice of the Peace, and Willis Bishop.

Northward of these on the east side of the township were found William Means, the first Justice of the Peace in Jackson Township; Samuel Farney, a prominent citizen; Henry Dove, Abraham Johnson, Amariah Johnson, William R. Moore, William McClure, William Squiers, Henry Brown, Matthew George, William George, Samuel Geisinger and Nelson Griffith, for three years a County Commissioner. In the center of the townships the first settlers were, Joseph Walters, the former County Commissioner, Mr. Essig and William McNabb.

RECOLLECTIONS OF A PIONEER.

BY JOHN WYATT.

In the fall of 1836 I came to this township from Richland County, Ohio, in search of a location for my future home. I procured the services of David Butler, then a resident of this county, to pilot me in search of land. We started westward from Spencerville, he following the section lines, while I traveled through the woods, which were full of a dense growth of wild pea vine, prickly ash, etc. The knees of my pants soon gave out—it was rough on the naked hide—binding myself up I struggled on. Upon reaching the south line of section 34 (the section where I now live), I selected my land and returned to Ohio, and in the fall of 1837 returned here with my family, following the trail made by Samuel Henderson and the party accompanying him the year before (October, 1836). That party consisted of Mr. Henderson and his family, John Watson, William Watson, Willis Bishop, John Hursh, James Means, Edward Porter, and their families, with a few unmarried younger members of the different families. They made the first settlement in the southern and eastern half of the township. The trail made by these settlers was followed by my father and his family relatives, who came here in the spring following (1837). Their leaving of Ohio was called the exodus of the "tribe of Wyatt." My

father, Nathan Wyatt, had with himself and wife, three sons and one daughter in their immediate family, one married son, Thomas and his family, four married daughters with their husbands; Amariah and Abraham Johnson, Wm. A. Squiers and Samuel Tarney, made the families of the party. Other relatives followed within the next few years. The Wyatt tribe bore an honorable part in making De Kalb County.

Soon after I reached here I was taken sick. I hired my brother-in-law, William A. Squiers, to cut logs to make my house; we built this with a puncheon floor and an outside chimney made with clay and straw. The following spring I added a hearth made of mud; we were comfortable, and in better circumstances than some of my neighbors. About holidays winter set in. I had nothing of any kind to winter my seven head of cattle brought with me. The poor animals would roam around the house and moan so pitifully in the night, that I would cover my head to keep out the sound. I bought some corn meal and a barrel of salt (for which I paid \$9) in Fort Wayne. A little corn meal, one pint per day, salt and browsing of tree tops, brought them out in good condition in the spring.

The season of 1838 brought, by the use of swamp water, which we had to strain the "wiggers" out of, the fever and ague. I had no money. I broke up my yoke of cattle, giving one ox to two of my brothers-in-law for making me a well. After going down thirty feet we ran out of provisions. I managed to get two bushels of corn, and going nine miles to mill by a zigzag road through the woods, could not get my grist until the next day, and then not, because I would not buy a jug of whisky; as I "tasted not and handled not," I refused. I traveled that road five times, and finally to keep from starving at home, gave money to fill that jug, got my grist and finished my well and got good water, which we felt was like drinking water from the well of Salvation.

That year (1838) I hired a man to clear four acres of ground. He brought his wife to help him, and their two children, one a babe and the other thought to be old enough to keep the mosquitoes from the infant, but the poor little thing looked as though it had the chicken pox and itch combined before they got through.

In February, 1845, on my way to mill, nine miles away, in going down a hill on which the road turned almost at a right

angle, a Mr. Barnes coming up the hill with his team met me, and being unable (not seeing each other soon enough) to avoid a collision, my team and myself were thrown down the precipice about twenty-five feet. I, by landing in dense underbrush, escaped without serious injury; one of my horses was considerably hurt.

In the spring of 1838 I gave \$12 for a barrel of flour and \$16 a hundred for pork. I was out of provisions at one time, and my father said he would pay for some corn for both of us if I could find any. He wanted twelve bushels. I went out west of Fort Wayne and found a Mr. Sweeney who had plenty of corn, three years old, musty and covered with litters of rats. I could have some at \$1 per bushel. I complained of its condition as not being fit to eat; he said, "You take it or let it alone." We had to watch that corn night and day on our way home to keep it from being stolen. Coming up the St. Jo River with our boat loaded was hard, laborious work. We landed and cut a road back to the river for our oxen to haul the corn home; for the days of toil and nights of watching I got for my share three bushels of corn, which had to be washed and picked over kernel by kernel before I could take it to mill to be ground at 28 cents per bushel.

In the fall of 1838 my father, Isaac De Pew, Samuel Tarney and myself went to Fort Wayne to buy our winter's supply of pork. None could be bought in town; we went two miles below and bought out of a drove coming in, and helped butcher them. The following day we started homeward with our boat loaded. De Pew had found the attractions of the town too powerful for him and we were obliged to leave him. The river was flooded and rapidly rising from the heavy rains of the few days previous, and what was worse the weather had turned to freezing. We made against the current only six miles that day, and that only by keeping out of the river and working through the timbered-flooded bottoms. We were nearly overcome by the cold, and many times barely escaped being wrecked. We could not land to eat; finally, when about exhausted and unable to make any further progress, Mr. Nottstine and another man came to our relief, took charge of our boat and cargo while we made our way to their hospitable homes for rest and refreshment.

The following day the bottoms were ten feet under water and full of running ice. We left our pork and went home and waited for the waters to run down.

Scores of pages I might fill with stories of pioneer hardships, which, perhaps, would sound like fiction to the young of this day.

My brother Thomas was a great hunter of deer, bear, coon, etc. One morning upon rising he spoke to his wife about bare foot tracks on his porch in the new snow. She could not explain them; he, bound to find out the course, followed them down to a deer crossing in the swamp and saw where the breech of a gun had been resting in the snow, and followed the tracks back to his own door, and thus became aware of the realities of his dream of midnight hunting.

Henry Dove was a great hunter—rarely in early days made any other preparations for his support. I remember that in 1838 he was so hard pushed at one time for game as to shoot and eat a hawk.

The first religious services ever held in this township within my knowledge were in 1839, at Wm. Watson's house, by Rev. James T. Robe, of the M. E. church.

Rev. Lewis Hicklan, missionary of the Methodist Protestant church, came here in 1841 and organized a church; to-day we have several churches: The "Church of God" (Free church), the Methodist Protestant church, "Rehoboth" and the "Hopewell" United Brethren church.

The first school was taught in a log cabin on section 23 by my brother-in-law, James P. Plummer, I think in 1845; he taught several years. Plummer was hot tempered and made it warm for refractory scholars; he came from Ohio two or three years later than myself; he was not popular; had but few friends; was opinionated intolerant—full of passion. He died of consumption. His last days were full of penitence and endeavor to make his peace with all men; dying full of Christian faith, he was as one "snatched from the burning." Now we have ten school districts. How little our school children of this day realize the deprivations of their fathers, or in any great degree appreciate their own advantages. If in any degree I have awakened appreciation of the blessings now enjoyed under God by our youth of the present, by this brief sketch of the past, I am content.

The population of Jackson Township in 1850 was 1,436, or 40 to the square mile. This is an increase of 209 over the population in 1870. The rate of taxation in 1884 is \$1.61; the poll tax, \$1.25; the number of acres of land, 22,739.02; value of lands, \$389,001; value of improvements, \$44,265; value of lands and improvements, \$433,266; value of lots, \$3,045; value of improvements, \$1,480; value of lots and improvements, \$4,025; value of personal property, \$95,299; total value of taxables, \$533,090; number of polls, 241; total amount of taxes, \$9,028.12; number of children of school age, 493; valuation per capita, \$361.50.

In 1881 the township had 3,445 acres in wheat, producing 27,560 bushels, or 8 bushels per acre; 2,080 acres in corn, producing 52,410 bushels, or 25 bushels per acre of upland and 35 bushels for bottom-land; 958 acres in oats, producing 24,950 bushels, at 25 bushels per acre; 662 acres in meadow, producing 496 tons of hay, at three-fourths of a ton per acre; and 68 acres in potatoes, producing 1,904 bushels, or 28 bushels per acre.

Following are some of the early township officials prior to 1860:

Justices of the Peace—William Means, John C. Hursh, A. D. Goetschius, Henry Brown and Jacob Mowrer.

Constables—William R. Moore, William McNabb, Benjamin Bailey, Frank Bailey, David Mathews, S. Geisinger, Thomas Wyatt, Willis Bishop, William Beatty, A. H. Flutter, John Carper, Burton Brown, and John McClelland.

Trustees—Oliver Shroeder, Aaron Osborn, A. D. Goetschius, James Moore, Israel Shearer, Christian Sheets, Samuel Tarney, Joseph Walters, Isaac Fiantt, Peter Shafer, James Woolsey, David Henderson, Elias Zimmerman, Abraham Johnson and James McClelland.

Assessors—John G. Dancer, Joseph Walters and Alexander Provines.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

James W. Bishop was born in Jackson Township, July 10, 1842, and has always lived on his father's old homestead. His parents, Willis and Mary Bishop, with two children, came to De Kalb County from Richland County, Ohio, in October, 1836, arriving here the 20th of the month. He located on section 26, then a piece of wild land, and lived here till his death,

Sept. 22, 1875. His widow is still living on the old homestead with her son James. They had a family of four sons, two born in Ohio and two in De Kalb County—John W., William who died in May, 1860; Willis and James W. Mr. Bishop was a useful, active citizen, and lived a life of industry, making a good home for his family and giving his children a start in life. John W. and James W. own the homestead jointly. The former was born in Richland County, Ohio, Feb. 20, 1833, and has never married, making his home in his brother's family. James W. went West when a young man and spent four years, and on his return settled down to a quiet, agricultural life. He was married July 7, 1878, to Mary Mullen, a native of Jackson Township, born Sept. 1, 1858, daughter of Daniel and Hester Mullen. They have three children—Martha E., Ophia J. and Charles C. Mr. Bishop is a good, practical farmer, and a citizen fully alive to all the material interests of the township, taking an especial interest in the cause of education, although other causes are not neglected by him.

John S. Boots, one of the leading farmers and fruit-growers, and a representative man of Jackson Township, resides on section 35. Of the 260 acres of land which his farm contains, 160 are under an advanced state of cultivation. He pays special attention to the raising of fruit, having three orchards planted by his own hands, and every variety of fruit grown in this climate can be found in its season on Mr. Boots' farm. His vineyard is without doubt the finest in the county. In 1881 he received a diploma from the Indiana State Board of Agriculture for the finest display of apples. His residence is commodious, and is conveniently arranged with all the modern improvements. Mr. Boots was born in Smithfield Township, Jefferson Co., Ohio, Oct. 5, 1822, a son of James and Sarah (Springer) Boots, his father of Scotch and Holland, and his mother of English and Irish descent. His father died in 1855 and his mother in 1877. In 1827 his parents moved to Chapeland County, Ohio. He remained with them till manhood, and April 12, 1849, married Eliza Ambrose, a native of Bedford County, Pa., born Feb. 22, 1823, a daughter of John and Barbara (Folck) Ambrose. May 6, following, Mr. Boots started for the West in search of a place to locate. He entered his present farm and returned to Ohio, and June 20, started with his wife for the wilds of Indiana. To them were born six children—Sarah J., wife of

Daniel Butler; Amanda S.; James A.; Ida, wife of George Balch; William R. and John T. Aug. 26, 1866, Mrs. Boots died, and Feb. 22, 1868, Mr. Boots married Matilda Hall, a native of Seneca County, Ohio, born March 18, 1835, a daughter of John and Sophia (Harper) Hall. They have three children—Perley, Elsie C. and Myrtle. Mr. Boots is one of the most enterprising and progressive men of the township. He has been Road Supervisor many years, and has made his district famous for its good roads. The Northeastern Indiana Agricultural and Horticultural Societies each gave \$25 to the district having the best roads, and Mr. Boots won both for his district, No. 5. He is a very positive and decided man in his opinions, and his outspoken manner often offends, but nevertheless he is highly esteemed and respected for his upright character and honest integrity. As a School Director he has been a very efficient worker, and in all his relations to the town and county has been a public-spirited, philanthropic benefactor.

Burton Brown, son of Henry and Aseneth (Knight) Brown, was born in Marion County, Ohio, Aug. 23, 1832, and was about five years of age when his parents moved to DeKalb County. He was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the district schools. He was married April 15, 1855, to Harriet J. Squiers, a native of Sandusky County, Ohio, born Oct. 4, 1836, a daughter of William A. and Susan (Wyatt) Squiers, early settlers of the county. Her mother died Aug. 12, 1863, and her father now makes her house his home. He is eighty-six years of age, and with the exception of some of the infirmities of old age, is in the enjoyment of good health. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have had a family of nine children—William H., Samuel R., Laban A., Adella (died at the age of fourteen years), Sidney Susan, Phebe Dorcas, Stephen B., John (died at the age of seven years), and Russell W. Mr. Brown has a pleasant home on section 2. He has been successful financially, and by his upright dealing has gained the confidence of his fellow-townsmen. In 1881 he was obliged to have his left leg amputated as the effects of a fever sore, and is now obliged to live retired from active farm life, although he still superintends the work.

Henry Brown was born in Knox County, Ohio, and in 1837 came with his family, consisting of a wife and three children, from Marion County, Ohio, to De Kalb County, Ind., and set-

tled on section 11, Jackson Township. The next winter he was obliged to go seventy miles for corn, for which he paid 31 a bushel. He improved a farm of eighty acres, residing here till his death. He married Aseneth Knight in Ohio, and to them were born six children, three in Ohio—Burton; Leander, died Oct. 2, 1871; Mary Ann, died Sept. 22, 1840; two died in infancy, and Milas, born July 15, 1839. Mrs. Brown died July 23, 1844, in the thirty-fourth year of her age. In 1847 Mr. Brown married Agnes Cooper, and to them were born six children—Samaria, wife of P. C. Wyrick; Samuel, Amaziah, Henry C., Dinah and Levi. Mrs. Brown died Oct. 17, 1872, aged forty years, and Mr. Brown March 18, 1879, aged sixty-nine years. The tornado that swept over the country in 1841 entirely destroyed Mr. Brown's house. The little son, Milas, and a little cousin, a child of William Munroe, were the only occupants of the house at the time. A bread-trough made of half a log scooped out stood on the end, and the door, which was torn from its hinges, fell over and rested on the trough directly over the children. This was covered with the debris. When this was dug away and an opening made, the eldest one immediately asked, "Can we come out now?"

John Cool, one of the prominent and reliable citizens of Jackson Township, resides on section 17, where he has a comfortable home and is surrounded with a happy family and kind friends. He was born in Yates County, N. Y., Aug. 1, 1828, and when five years of age his parents, Philip and Mary Cool, moved to Sandusky County, Ohio, where his father soon after died. His mother then returned to New York with her five youngest children, her eldest, Daniel, remaining in Ohio. She died about a year later. When eleven years of age John returned to Ohio and lived with his brother Daniel, who was married, till 1843, when he came to De Kalb County with his brothers Christopher and Isaac, reaching the county Nov. 18. Both brothers died in this county. Daniel Cool and his family afterward moved to Jackson Township and later to Union Township, where he died in 1882. Another brother, Thomas Cool, came still later and now resides in Auburn. A sister, Mrs. Catherine Thrall, moved to Sandusky County, Ohio, and died there. John Cool remained in De Kalb County till 1850 and then visited Ohio and New Jersey where he had a sister, Mrs. Sarah D. Hunt, spending about a year, and while there,

Oct. 8, 1851, was married to Sarah A. Wilson, a native of Sussex County, N. J., born April 5, 1831. They then came to his forest home and commenced housekeeping in the log cabin. Ten children have been born to them—James, Mary E., wife of W. S. Dancer; Alice, wife of Alpheus McClellan; Thomas; Clara, wife of J. S. Weaver; John, Jr., Viola and George W. Two are deceased, Perry and Charles P. Mr. Cool is a Democrat in political faith.

Samuel Cornell, one of the substantial citizens of Jackson Township, was born in Carroll County, Md., June 29, 1821, a son of Smith and Mary Cornell. His father was a well-educated man and a teacher by profession, mathematics being his specialty. Samuel was the eleventh of his father's family, seven of whom grew to maturity and lived to an advanced age, the youngest living to become sixty years of age. Mr. Cornell had good educational advantages in his youth, which he well improved. He was taught mainly by his father, a most excellent preceptor, and also had the benefit of several terms at Gettysburg College. Mr. Cornell visited this county first in 1838 in company with his older brothers, Benjamin and John. The former settled in Williams County, Ohio, and the latter in Butler Township, this county. Both are now deceased. Samuel remained in this vicinity two years, then returning to Maryland he taught the most of the time till 1848. Late in that year he again visited this township and selected the place he now occupies, spending a year here. He then returned to Maryland and taught two terms in Washington County, and March 26, 1850, was married to Mary A. Hawver, who was born in Frederick County, Md., March 9, 1830. The following June found them in their new home, having made the journey in a wagon, being three weeks on the road. Mr. Cornell commenced life in De Kalb County with very limited means, but industry combined with frugality has had its proper reward, and he now has one of the finest farms in this part of the county. His dwelling and farm buildings are unsurpassed, and in his declining years he has promise of plenty of this world's goods, which, combined with the love and esteem of his neighbors, insures him a peaceful old age. Mr. Cornell taught the first school in his district. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. In 1859 he was sent as a delegate to the General Synod convened at Pittsburg, Pa., to represent the

Northern Indiana Synod, going via Albany and New York City that he might visit his brother, Rev. Nathan H. Cornell, then located at Ghent, Columbia Co., N. Y. He loves to relate the adventures his hoosier appearance led to. One in particular which occurred in the streets of New York City. The Albany boat having reached the wharf at an early hour, he thought he would stroll uninterrupted as the streets were quiet. Walking up Cortland street, the only two men in sight seemed to see something in him worth developing. After some preliminaries one approached him from the front and the other from the rear. This to him meant robbery, but the dauntless bearing and unwavering course of Mr. Cornell caused a retreat of the ruffians, who upon closer inspection found they were mistaken in their man. Mr. Cornell served two terms of four years each as Director of Wittenburg College at Springfield, Ohio. He, as was his father, was a strong anti-slavery man prior to the war, and that in the slave State of Maryland. He is now an ardent Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Cornell have had a family of six children—Mary, deceased, wife of Alexander Freeman; Wesley Calvin, of Washington Territory; Hester V., wife of R. C. Provines; Martha E., wife of Thomas Elson; Laura, at home, and George, who died at the age of thirteen months. Mattie Freeman, the daughter of their daughter Mary, has been adopted into the home of her grandparents.

Wilson S. Dancer, son of John G. and Margaret Dancer, was born in Ashland County, Ohio, Oct. 9, 1842. In 1848 his parents came to De Kalb County, and kept the old Parsons Hotel in Auburn the first year; then bought 240 acres of heavily timbered land in Jackson Township, on section 20. His father was born in Washington County, Pa., April 26, 1802, and his wife, Margaret Boyce, in New York, April 12 of the same year. They were married in Ohio, July 10, 1823. Mr. Dancer was a man of strict integrity, highly intellectual and a prominent citizen of the county. His wife died April 29, 1869, and he July 20, 1873. They had a family of nine children—Elizabeth married John Duncan, who died in Ohio, and is now the widow of William Essig; John, a physician of Lagrange County, Ind.; William, a physician, who came to Indiana in 1846 and practiced in Auburn till his death in 1854; Elias went to Vermillion County, Ill., and there married, and enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Infantry, and died in 1863;

Mary, wife of George Moore, of Big Rapids, Mich.; Sarah Ann, wife of Theodore Shepard, of Lagrange, Ind.; Elijah died in Ohio, Jan. 9, 1848, aged twenty-two years; Wilson S.; James died in 1850. Wilson S. Dancer was six years of age when his parents came to De Kalb County. In his recollections of early advantages he says he was nine years of age when he was first enabled to attend school, which was taught by Samuel Cornell. He made the best of his limited opportunities and obtained a good business education. He was married Jan. 1, 1865, to Nora A., daughter of Thomas and Ellen Rowley. She died July 1, 1878, leaving six children—John, James, Jessie, Charles R., Virdie and an infant, Harry D., who died the 24th of the same month. All save James are living with their father. March 11, 1880, Mr. Dancer married Mary E. Cool, who was born Aug. 18, 1855, a daughter of John and Sarah Cool. Mr. Dancer is one of the most honored citizens of Jackson Township. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been elected by his party to several positions of trust. He owns 115 acres of land on section 20, which is a part of his father's homestead.

Isaac Ditmars, son of John A. and Eliza Ditmars, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, Sept. 7, 1837. When he was sixteen years of age he came to De Kalb County with his parents and, with the exception of the time he was in the service of his country, remained with them till twenty-five years of age. He enlisted in September, 1861, in Company F. Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, and participated in the battle of Fort Donelson and at Shiloh, Tenn., on the 6th of April, 1862, where he was so seriously wounded as to necessitate his discharge from the service, and is now receiving a pension on account of his injuries. He was married Oct. 30, 1862, to Martha A. George, a native of Ashland County, Ohio, born May 24, 1841, a daughter of John T. and Nancy George, who came to Indiana in 1844. Mr. and Mrs. Ditmars commenced married life in Butler Township where he bought 108 acres of land, which by industry and frugality he has made into a good farm. His residence is now on section 7, Jackson Township, and is one of the best in the township. He owns sixty-nine acres in the home farm, all under good cultivation. Mr. and Mrs. Ditmars have had four children, but three of whom are living—George M., Mary and Anna L. Ulysses M. E., the eldest son, died Oct. 2, 1873, in his eleventh year. He was a robust, healthy boy and in his

love for adventure and out of door sports, had climbed a tree, when in some way he lost his footing and fell to the ground, receiving injuries which resulted in death in thirty minutes. Mr. Ditmars is in politics a Republican, and is one of the representative men of the county. Mrs. Ditmars' father was born in Pennsylvania, Dec. 9, 1811, and is still living in Jackson Township, De Kalb County, Ind. Her mother was born in Pennsylvania, July 17, 1812, and died at her home in Jackson Township, March 23, 1876.

Peter Ditmars, son of John A. and Eliza Ditmars, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, Aug. 31, 1834, and was in his nineteenth year when his parents moved to De Kalb County. He remained at home assisting his father on the farm till after the breaking out of the Rebellion. Jan. 25, 1865, he enlisted in Company D, Fifty-ninth Indiana Infantry as a recruit and served till the mustering out of the regiment in July, 1865. He returned home and remained with his parents till his marriage, Jan. 6, 1870, to Lois Grace West, a native of Onondaga County, N. Y., born Aug. 6, 1840, a daughter of Joseph and Joanna West, who settled in Butler Township, De Kalb County, Ind., in 1844. Both are now deceased. Mr. Ditmars' home is on section 6 near the railroad junction, and is noticeable for its fine location and beautiful buildings. His farm contains eighty acres of valuable land. To Mr. and Mrs. Ditmars have been born four children, but two of whom are living—Jessie May and Amy Grace. The eldest, Ida Ivern, died in her third year, and the second, William D., aged fifteen months. Mr. Ditmars is a Republican in politics. He stands high in the estimation of his fellow townsmen and is a representative citizen.

Edmund Freeman was born near Clarksburg, W. Va., Oct. 22, 1813. His parents, William and Nancy Freeman, were early settlers of Richland County, Ohio, locating there in 1820. His father died Sept. 12, 1827. Mr. Freeman was reared a farmer, but being a natural mechanic has given considerable attention to carpentering and mill work. He was married Sept. 14, 1832, to Martha Dancer, a native of Jefferson County, Ohio, born June 5, 1817, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Dancer. In March, 1830, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. Dancer came to De Kalb County. Mr. Freeman bought the farm on section 30 known as the Miller farm where he has since lived. He owns fifty-nine acres of choice land, and his resi-

ence and farm buildings are models of architecture. In addition to the homestead Mr. Freeman has other land in different parts of the county. To Mr. and Mrs. Freeman have been born thirteen children, eleven of whom lived till maturity—Nancy Jane, deceased, married George Essig; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Myers; Julia, wife of Owen Hensing; Rosan, wife of Amos Hilkey; Louisa, widow of John Bowen; John, married Elizabeth Bailey; Caroline S., wife of Madison De Pew; Alexander, married Mary Cornell; James, married Mary Hilkey; George, married Miss Bowen; Edmund H., married Mary Ricklewall. The eldest and youngest died in infancy. Mr. Freeman was reared in the Methodist Episcopal church, and since 1830 has been an active member of the society. In politics Mr. Freeman is a Republican, but in local elections sets aside political differences and votes for the man he considers the most fitted for the place. Mr. Freeman's grandfather, Samuel Freeman, bore an honorable part in the war for the independence of the colonies.

Michael Friend was born in Richland County, Ohio, Feb. 7, 1819, a son of George and Barbara Friend, natives of Pennsylvania, and early settlers of Richland County, where the father died in 1828. His mother afterward married Robert Allison. In 18 Mr. Friend came to Jackson Township, and bought a tract of heavily timbered land, which is now his home, and in 1842 his mother and stepfather came to the county, and made this farm their home till his mother's death in 1852. Mr. Allison then went to Michigan and died there. Michael Friend was married July 23, 1844, to Eliza Miller. In 1854 they settled on their farm which is one of the best in the township. Mr. Friend is one of the most practical farmers of the township, and his home shows the care of a painstaking and thrifty owner. His buildings are all in good order, and his residence is one of the best in the township. To Mr. and Mrs. Friend have been born five children—Mary Ellen, wife of Samuel Osborn; James M., with his father; Nancy Jane, deceased; Norris and Amos; the two latter born in this county. July 9, 1883, Mrs. Friend died, leaving her husband after thirty-nine years of happy married life, to finish the journey of life alone.

Charles P. Glasier, was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, Aug. 28, 1848, a son of Mosley and Alzina Glasier. When he was four years of age his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind.,

and settled on section 27, Butler Township. His father died in Ohio, Jan. 14, 1877, while visiting relatives, and his remains were brought to Hantertown, Ind., where his eldest son now resides. His mother still lives at the old homestead in Butler Township. Their family consisted of four children—Ellen J. born July 16, 1836; Nathan C., born March 25, 1846; Charles P., born Aug. 28, 1848; Ann E., born Oct. 8, 1855. Ellen J. married Samuel Clark from Ohio, and subsequently moved to Wisconsin where Mr. Clark died, and she afterward married M. F. Lunt. Nathan married a daughter of Samuel Lize. C. P. married Eliza E. Rowley, daughter of Thomas and Ellen Rowley. Ann E. married M. A. Carnahan, and resides on the old homestead. Their father was a very energetic and hard laboring man. At the time of his death he had just completed a nice residence. C. P. Glazier remained with his parents till his marriage, and then located on section 31, Jackson Township, where he has a fine farm of 113 acres. He is a great lover of sports, especially the chase, and since the game has been driven from this county he occasionally goes to Wisconsin for a few weeks' deer hunting. In the winter of 1884 he visited his sister Mrs. Lunt, in Clark County, Wis., and brought home several trophies of his expertness. In politics he is a Democrat.

John Hamilton was born in Medina County, Ohio, Nov. 2, 1840, a son of Dr. Nathan and Julia Hamilton. In 1842 Dr. Hamilton, with his wife and two children, John and George W., came to De Kalb County and located in Concord with the intention of making it his home, but his career of usefulness was suddenly brought to a close. May 2, 1843, in company with his brother-in-law, Lyman Chidsey, he attempted to cross the swollen St. Joseph River in a skiff, but their boat was upset and the Doctor was drowned. The mother soon after returned with her children to Ohio, and in 1846 married Eden Hamilton, a cousin of the Doctor's. He died in 1849, and in 1856 she married William Cahow, with whom in 1866 she came to De Kalb County and settled on section 10, Jackson Township, on the farm now owned and occupied by her son George W. One son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cahow, Leonard, now a resident of Steuben County. Mrs. Cahow died Oct. 8, 1877. John Hamilton made his home with his mother till the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion, when, Aug. 24, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Eighth Ohio Infantry. He was with General Mc

Clellan in his campaign in West Virginia, and with General Shields at Winchester, where, March 23, 1862, he was wounded by a minie ball passing through his thighs. In May he was furloughed from the hospital and July 19, 1862, was discharged. In 1864 he was employed in the transportation service of the army of the Cumberland, and while there was injured by the dislocation of his left shoulder. Returning home, in 1866 he became identified with the interests of De Kalb County. Sept. 24, 1868, Mr. Hamilton was married to Elizabeth Welch, a native of Medina County, Ohio, born Oct. 7, 1844, a daughter of Cornelius and Sally Welch. They had two children—James and Mary. In 1876 Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton settled on their farm where they now reside. He receives a pension for injuries received while in the service of his country. His father was the first white child born in Medina Township, Medina Co., Ohio, and a wealthy man had promised the deed of fifty acres to the first male child born in the township, but owing to the enhanced value of the land settled by giving fifty cents instead of the deed.

George W. Hamilton, the eldest son of Dr. Hamilton, was born in Medina County, Ohio, Jan. 28, 1838. He lived with his mother till manhood, and then came to De Kalb County, and soon after, Sept. 5, 1861, enlisted in Company H, Thirteenth Indiana Infantry. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Stone River, Chickamauga, Atlanta, Franklin and Nashville. Dec. 12, 1863, he veteranized and served till Nov. 25, 1865, serving four years and two and a half months. He returned to De Kalb County, and Jan. 25, 1866, in Medina County, Ohio, was married to S. Elizabeth Phelps, a native of that county, born Nov. 12, 1839, a daughter of George and Sally Phelps. One child has lived to grace their home—Evaline J. John R. died in infancy. Mr. Hamilton resides on the old homestead of his mother on section 10.

James Henderson, son of Samuel and Letty (Moody) Henderson, was born in Richland County, Ohio, June 2, 1831, and was in his sixth year when his parents moved De Kalb County. He lived with them till manhood, receiving as good an education as could be obtained in the district schools. He was reared a farmer, and has made that vocation his life work. Oct. 5, 1856, he married Mary Jane Sanders, a native of Wayne County, Ohio, born June 22, 1837, a daughter of Henry and Mary San-

ders. The first three years he worked his father's farm, and then moved to the home where they now live, which is 160 acres of his father's old homestead on section 36. His land is well cultivated and his residence and farm buildings are among the best in the township. He pays special attention to sheep-growing, having one of the finest flocks in the county. He and his wife take a just pride in their henery where they have about twenty varieties of pure-bred fowls, Mrs. Henderson giving this industry her personal supervision. They have a family of three sons—Newton, William Franklin and George. Mr. Henderson is a worthy representative of one of the leading pioneer families of De Kalb County.

John Henderson, farmer and stock-raiser, section 36, Jackson Township, was born on the old homestead of his father in this township, July 3, 1844, a son of Samuel and Letty Henderson. After his father's death he continued to make his home with his mother till his marriage. He now has a fine residence on section 36, his farm of 160 acres being one-half of the homestead. Mr. Henderson inherits his father's love of fine stock, and the greater part of his attention is given to breeding blooded stock. He was the first to introduce Devon thorough-bred cattle and Shropshire-down sheep into Northeastern Indiana, and in this enterprise has been a public benefactor. He is one of the most successful stock-raisers in the county, and his cattle herds and flocks of sheep are unexcelled. Mr. Henderson is one of the most influential and prominent men of the township. He is now serving his third term as Magistrate. In politics he adheres to the Democratic party. He was married March 30, 1870, to Adeline Keyes, a native of Carroll County, Ohio, born Oct. 21, 1846. They have four living children—Josephine, Mabel, Glengyle and Kitty. Their eldest child, William R., died at the age of six years.

Samuel Henderson, one of the earliest and most prominent settlers of Jackson Township, De Kalb County, Ind., was born in the State of Pennsylvania, in the first year of the nineteenth century. His father, William Henderson, moved a few years later to Harrison County, Ohio, where our subject was reared on a farm. He was married in Richland County, Ohio, in 1823, to Letty Moody, a native of Westmoreland County, Pa., born in 1805. In October, 1836, they moved to De Kalb County, Ind., locating on section 36, Jackson Township. Mr. Henderson

built a log cabin, which was the first building in the north or east part of the township. Of their ten children, six were born in Ohio and four in Jackson Township—William resides in Concord Township; Jane married Henry Blake, and died in 1863; George resides in Allen County; Sarah married Peter High, of Auburn; James is a prominent farmer of Jackson Township; David lives in Michigan; Rachel is the wife S. M. Braden; Joseph R. resides in Kosciusko County; John and Elizabeth, now Mrs. Samuel Stafford, reside in Jackson Township. Mr. Henderson early turned his attention to raising stock, and made that industry a successful and lucrative one. He was a man of untiring energy, and is remembered by all who knew him as a man of active and enterprising zeal in all public affairs. His affection was largely centered in his family, and he never let anything interfere with his giving them his first and principal attention. He gave to each of his sons, except David, who preferred and received a college education, 160 acres of land, and to each of his daughters he gave an equal amount in money. He was a devoted member of the Masonic fraternity, squaring his life by its tenets. He died in 1863 and was buried by his beloved order with honors. His wife survived him till Dec. 5, 1880. In her childhood she joined the Methodist Episcopal church, but later joined the Lutheran church, always living a devoted Christian life.

Amos Hilkey was born in Ashland County, Ohio, June 28, 1843, the third child of John and Susanna Hilkey. John Hilkey was born in Maryland, Oct. 16, 1816, and when a small boy removed with his parents, George and Barbara Hilkey, to Ashland County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood and was married Feb. 29, 1839, to Susanna Anthony. In March, 1846, he became identified with De Kalb County, locating near Spencer-ville. Notwithstanding he had passed the age which required him to perform military service, he enlisted in the war of the Rebellion in Company L, Second Indiana Cavalry, and served fourteen months. He died at Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 14, 1863. His widow survived him till Oct. 16, 1875. Three of their sons were also in the service of their country, viz.: George W., who enlisted in the Eighty-eighth Infantry, but was discharged in 1863 for disability, and after his recovery enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-second Infantry and served till the close of the war. Daniel enlisted in the Thirtieth Infantry and served

till the close of the war; now resides in Alabama. Amos enlisted Aug. 11, 1862, in Company D, Eighty-eighth Infantry, and participated in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Atlanta, and all others of that gallant regiment, with Sherman, and at Washington, D. C., in May, 1865, was one of the proud heroes of the grand review; was discharged June 7, 1865. Of the other children of John Hilkey, Frances married George Thorp, of Allen County; John E. and Abraham (twins) died in infancy; James A. resides in Nebraska; Benjamin and Samuel are residents of Jackson Township; Mary, deceased, was the wife of J. D. Freeman; Charles Bennett died at the age of fifteen years. Amos Hilkey entered the employ of Edmund Freeman after his return from the war, and soon after married his daughter, Rosan, who was born in Ohio, Sept. 13, 1842. He remained in the employ of Mr. Freeman six years and then bought eighty acres of land on the same section (30), where he has a comfortable and happy home. Mr. and Mrs. Hilkey have eight living children—Edmund Norton, Martha S., Elmer L., Mary J., Howard Hayes, Bessie A., Jesse O. and Francis M. Daniel B. died at the age of four years; Amos A., aged two years, and Edith B., aged four months. Mr. and Mrs. Hilkey are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a Republican.

Henry Hines, Justice of the Peace, Jackson Township, was born in Ashland County, Ohio, April 1, 1839, a son of Francis and Lovina (Culler) Hines. In 1844 his parents moved to Kosciusko County, Ind., where the father died in 1877, and the mother still lives on the old homestead. Our subject lived with his parents till his marriage to Sarah Abigail Smith, Feb. 6, 1858. She was born in Medina County, Ohio, April 8, 1838. The year following their marriage they came to De Kalb County and settled in Jackson Township, and began making a farm out of a tract of heavily timbered land. They now have a fine farm of 160 acres, eighty acres and their residence being on section 11, and eighty acres on section 10, all cleared by frugality and good management. Mr. Hines is a man of sterling character, and upright, independent action, and his worth was soon recognized by his fellow-townsmen, who placed him in the front in township affairs. He is now serving his third term as Justice of the Peace. His honorable dealings coupled with a strong sense of right and justice to all, make

him especially fitted for this position. In politics he acts with the Democratic party. Mrs. and Mrs. Hines have six children—Lillie Louisa, wife of James H. Farver, of Kosciusko County, Ind.; Francis M., Wesley L., Leonard A., Lovina and Effie A.

Nathan Johnson was born in Richland County, Ohio, Feb. 19, 1835, a son of Amariah and Jane (Wyatt) Johnson, who came to De Kalb County in 1837. He remained with his father till twenty-seven years of age, when, on Christmas day, 1862, he was married to Hannah Hayward, a native of Lenawee County, Mich., born Jan. 5, 1845, a daughter of S. R. and Polly Hayward. She came to De Kalb County to take charge of the district school. They commenced housekeeping on section 24, Jackson Township, where they have since lived. Mr. Johnson enlisted in the late war of the Rebellion, as a recruit in Company A, Thirteenth Indiana Infantry, joining the regiment in front of Petersburg; was afterward in the expedition of General Butler against Ft. Fisher, and in the expedition of General Terry, participating in the severe battle culminating in the surrender of the fort. He was discharged with the regiment at Goldsboro, N. C., and returned to his peaceful life on the farm. Mr. Johnson is one of the most enterprising men of the township, and is an influential and prominent citizen. He has a family of two children—Dora A. and Clark Sylvester.

William Johnson, son of Amariah and Jane (Wyatt) Johnson, was born in Jackson Township, May 17, 1842. His parents came to the county from Richland County, Ohio, in company with his grandfather, Nathan Wyatt, and settled on section 13. His mother died Aug. 14, 1854, and his father, Sept. 14, 1877. Aug. 9, 1862, Mr. Johnson enlisted in Company D, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry, and participated in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Chattanooga, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Atlanta, Kenesaw Mountain, with Sherman to the sea, and through the Carolinas to Bentonville, where he was wounded in the left side. He was taken to the hospital at New York, from there to Madison, Ind., and there discharged June 9, 1865, but has never recovered from the effects of his wounds, and now receives a pension. After his return home he was married Sept. 17, 1865, to Rachel Hayward, a native of Lenawee County, Mich., born Dec. 14, 1842, daughter of S. R. and Polly Hayward, and a teacher in the public schools of this county. The first year after their marriage they

lived on the homestead of his father, and after several years in 1870, settled on section 13 where they now live. They have a good farm of eighty acres, and a pleasant residence. Their family consists of five children—Riley M., George, Lewis C., Minnie and Hannah F. Politically, Mr. Johnson is a Republican. He is an upright, honorable business man and an esteemed member of society.

James G. Lawhead, son of Benjamin and Mary Jane (Essig) Lawhead, is a native of Jackson Township. His grandparents, James and Martha Lawhead, came to De Kalb County from Wayne County, Ohio, in 1839. Of their nine children all save Elizabeth, who married George Moore, are living—Johnson, Isaac, Benjamin, Samuel, Nancy, widow of Isaac Culbertson; Eleanor, wife of John Boyles; John, and Eliza, wife of Henry Nott. James Lawhead died in 1854, and his widow in March, 1880. Benjamin Lawhead was born in Fayette County, Pa., April 1, 1820, and moved with his parents to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1834, and to De Kalb County in 1839. He was married in 1843 to Mary Jane Essig, a native of Stark County, Ohio, born in 1821. He bought the farm where they now reside on section 17 in 1851. Two children have been born to them—James G. and Caroline, wife of Charles L. Cool, of Auburn. James G. Lawhead was married April 17, 1870, to Wealthy B. Nelson, who died April 27, 1877, leaving two children—William B. and Queen Victoria. Sept. 1, 1879, Mr. Lawhead married Eliza Walter, a native of Jackson Township, born Nov. 27, 1851, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah Walter. They have three children—Gertrude, Walter and Frank. Mr. Lawhead has always made his home on the old homestead with his parents. He is one of the most active and energetic men of the township, always ready to assist any cause of public benefit.

William McClellan was born Oct. 23, 1826, in Wayne County, Ohio, his father being a pioneer of that county. He remained at home till twenty years of age, and in October, 1846, came to De Kalb County and worked for his brother John, who had preceded him, clearing land. In October, 1847, he returned to Ohio and remained till August, 1848, when his mother, Elizabeth (Knapp) McClellan, died and he then came again to De Kalb County and found employment clearing and chopping for the settlers. He was married Sept. 2, 1849, to Permella Os-

borne, a native of Wayne County, Ohio, born May 29, 1829, a daughter of Aaron and Susanna (Huch) Osborne, who settled in Jackson Township in 1841. Her mother died in 1862 and her father in 1882. In April, 1852, Mr. McClellan settled on section 3 where he has since resided. He has a pleasant home and is surrounded with all material comforts. Mr. and Mrs. McClellan have never been blessed with children, but have reared to man and womanhood several who were left to the mercies of a cold world. Aaron Osborne, a nephew of Mrs. McClellan, and now a resident of this township, found in them a father and mother in place of those who were called to leave this world. Susannah Watson, a child of Mrs. McClellan's sister, was given a home from her ninth year till her marriage to Silas McGovern. Harrison S. Wiser found a home with them from his third till his fourteenth year. William Arnold McGovern, a son of Silas and Susannah McGovern, was born Sept. 12, 1869, and is now an adopted child of Mr. and Mrs. McClellan. Their home is the embodiment of hospitality, and their kindness and liberality have won them many friends.

John W. Means was born in Jackson Township, Oct. 23, 1850, a son of James and grandson of James Means. James Means, Sr., came from Richland County, Ohio, 1838, and settled on 160 acres of land on section 23, Jackson Township. He and his wife, Elizabeth Hall, were natives of Pennsylvania, but moved to Ohio after their marriage. Two sons, William and James, came to Indiana in 1836 in company with Samuel Henderson, and eight, Eliza, Hugh, John, Peggy, Lewis, Mary Ann, Isabella and Andrew, came with their parents. William and Hugh lost their lives in a well from the foul gases. Eliza is the wife of Samuel Wasson, of Concord Township. John lives in Cass County, Mich.; Peggy married George Friend and died in Ohio; Lewis died in this county; Mary Ann is the wife of Frank Bailey, of Nebraska; Isabella married Hiram Petty, of Cass County, Iowa; Andrew lives in Red Cloud, Minn. James Means, Sr., died in 1852. His widow survived him many years, and died at the home of Samuel Wasson. James Means, Jr., was born in Pennsylvania in 1811. He was married in De Kalb County, March 14, 1839, to Isabella Watson, a native of Richland County, Ohio, born Feb. 15, 1821, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Watson, who came to De Kalb County in 1836. To them were born six children—William;

Elizabeth, wife of Willis Bishop; Mary and Mary Jane, both died in infancy; James, an infant deceased. Mr. Means died Sept. 22, 1868. Mrs. Means resides on the old homestead with her son John W., on section 24. This farm contains 160 acres of choice land, and is one of the best farms in the township. John W. Means was married Aug. 1, 1869, to Rebecca C. Farver, a native of Ashland County, Ohio, born May 21, 1852, a daughter of Isaac and Mary Ann Farver. They have had seven children; but four are living—Clara J., Ida Viola, Irene May, and Nettie E. Mary Belle, James W. and an infant unnamed are deceased.

Wesley D. Miller, son of Thomas and Mary Miller, was born in Jackson Township, March 3, 1847. His grandfather, William Miller, came to the county about 1836, from Stark County, Ohio, and settled on section 6, Jackson Township, his wife dying soon after their arrival. Their children were seven in number, but three of whom are living—Joseph, Benjamin and John, all of whom live in Missouri. Lettice was the wife of Robert Williams; Jane married Thomas Griffin and moved to Missouri, where Mr. Griffin died, and she subsequently married a Mr. Cowan; William died in Missouri. Thomas married Mary E., daughter of Daniel McCroy. Her mother was killed in Ohio by a falling tree, and her father afterward married again and came to De Kalb County. He died in Allen County. Thomas and Mary E. Miller had a family of eight children—Wesley D., John G., Lydia J., wife of Samuel Andrews; Mary, died at the age of ten years; Emma, wife of Fremont Smith; Celia, deceased, wife of Thomas Stafford; William died in infancy; and Addie, now living with her widowed mother. Thomas Miller was killed in 1871 by the overturning of his wagon loaded with railroad ties. Wesley D. Miller was married Jan. 21, 1875, to Rebecca Coy, a native of Jackson Township, born April 1, 1852, a daughter of John Coy, who came to De Kalb County from Wayne County, Ohio, in 1845. After his marriage Mr. Miller remained a year on the old homestead, and then moved to his present home on section 9. In addition to cultivating his small farm, he has for the past eleven years been engaged in brickmaking, and by his skill and industry has made it a successful and lucrative business. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have had three children—Ada, Minnie, who died at the age of three years, and May. Mr. Miller's uncle John has been a great

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hunter, enjoying the sport and making a good shot, which in an early day was very useful to the old settlers.

Samuel Osborne, son of Elias and Mary Ann Osborne, was born in Jackson Township, Aug. 5, 1844. His grandfather, Aaron Osborne was a native of New Jersey, and subsequently moved to Wayne County, Ohio, and thence in November, 1841, to De Kalb County, Ind. He was one of the pioneers of Jackson Township, locating on section 16. He gave each of his sons, Moses, William, Elias and John, eighty acres of land. Moses, now of Michigan, is the only one living. His two daughters, Mrs. Permelia McClellan and Mrs. Jane Lige, reside in Jackson Township. Aaron Osborne died in February, 1883; his wife many years earlier. Elias, his son, married Mary Ann, daughter of John Watson, a pioneer of 1836. They reared a family of four children—Samuel, Aaron W. and John W. (twins) and Elizabeth. Elias Osborne died Nov. 24, 1875. His widow lives on the old homestead on section 16, with her daughter. Samuel Osborne was married Nov. 10, 1869, to Mary Ellen Friend, a native of Ohio, born May 18, 1845, a daughter of Michael and Eliza Friend. They have two children—George F. and an infant. Mr. Osborne has a pleasant home on section 16, Jackson Township.

John C. Owens, the youngest of six children, and the fourth born on New Year's day, of John and Phœbe Owens, was born Jan. 1, 1828, in Wayne County, Ohio. His father died when he was an infant, and his mother was left to rear her family. His educational advantages were limited, but he was ambitious, and by private reading and observation has acquired a good business education. He was reared on a farm, and has made agricultural pursuits his life work. In the fall of 1849, with very little money, he came with his brother, Marchall, to De Kalb County, Ind., intending to enter land, but the next winter was sick with typhoid fever and was unable to work. This exhausted the little money he had, and he was obliged as soon as able, to work by the month to regain what he had lost. In 1851 he bought forty acres of heavily timbered land on section 1, Jackson Township, and in 1852 began to clear it, working on his own land when not employed by some one else. In August, 1852, he was married to Julia A., daughter of John and Anna Thomas, who came to De Kalb County in 1840. The following May Mrs. Owens died, and Mr. Owens afterward married

Mary Jane, daughter of Robert and Margaret Culbertson, of Concord Township. Five children were born to them—Robert W. died in his fifth year; Margaret E., wife of Henry McGinnis; James M. and Marshall, at home, and John W. died in infancy, Dec. 5, 1872. Mr. Owens' home was again left motherless, and in December, 1873, he married Elizabeth Wilson, a native of Holmes County, Ohio, born May 30, 1854. Mr. Owens' mother makes her home with him. She is now in her eighty-fifth year, and enjoys good health. Mr. Owens' farm contains sixty-five acres of good land, well cultivated, and he is one of the most esteemed men of the township. He is in politics a Republican.

Marshall Owens, farmer, section 1, Jackson Township, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, Jan. 1, 1825, a son of John and Phebe Owens. His father died when he was three years of age. His mother is living with his brother John in Jackson Township. Reared by a widowed mother he was early obliged to learn the lesson of independence. He remained in his native county till of age, and in the fall of 1846 came to Indiana and lived in Auburn the following winter. The next year he worked at anything that offered, and in the spring of 1848 bought the land which is now his home and went to work to clear the timber, in connection with a friend, William Reynolds, who had land near him. In the fall of 1848 he returned to Ohio and remained a year. In the fall of 1849 he came again to De Kalb County, but the following winter was sick and unable to work, and on his recovery was obliged to work for others to pay his indebtedness and to get the money to enable him to resume work on his own land. He was married November, 1854, to Nancy McDowell, a native of Ohio, born Feb. 20, 1829, a daughter of Abraham and Mary McDowell, pioneers of Wells County, Ind. Together the young couple went to work, and by energy and good management they made for themselves a good home. Understanding by experience the hardships having to be undergone by the poor they are always ready to assist worthy applicants and help them to a more comfortable way of living. They have had a family of six children, but three are living—Julia Ann, Effie A. and Etta A. (twins). The eldest died in infancy, Mary at the age of sixteen years and Laura A. aged two years.

Adam Prosser, a son of William and Mary Prosser, was born

in Ashland County, Ohio, Jan. 18, 1835, and was fifteen years of age when his parents came to De Kalb County. He remained with his parents till twenty-four years of age and then enlisted, Aug. 6, 1862, in Company C, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry. He participated in the battle of Perryville, but the engagement at Stone River found him sick in the hospital. He was again in the ranks at Chickamauga, and he was with Saerman at Atlanta and in all the subsequent engagements till July, when he was wounded in the right thigh, which ended his active service. He then served on detached service till his discharge, July 15, 1865. He is now receiving a pension on account of injuries received while in the service of his country. After his return home he went West and was employed about ten years in the building of railroads, the greater part of the time by the Kansas Pacific. July 14, 1876, he bought the farm which is now his home, on section 3, Jackson Township. He was married Oct. 8, 1882, to Barbara, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Stroh. She was born in Union Township, De Kalb County, March 25, 1852. Mr. and Mrs. Prosser have one child—Arlington, born May 21, 1884.

Joseph C. Prosser, son of William and Mary Prosser, was born in Ashland County, Ohio, April 25, 1841, and was twelve years of age when his parents moved to De Kalb County. He remained at home till Aug. 15, 1862, and then enlisted in Company A, One Hundredth Indiana Infantry. His first engagement was at Holly Springs, Miss., in the fall of 1862. Subsequently he participated in the siege of Vicksburg, battle of Mission Ridge, and all the battles of his regiment in the campaign with Sherman to Atlanta and the sea, and thence to Washington, D. C., where he participated in the grand review of the army May 22, 1865. June 8, 1865, he was discharged and returned home, where he has since been as faithful to the duties of a citizen as he was to those of a soldier. He participated in eighteen battles and many skirmishes. Mr. Prosser was married April 24, 1879, to Louisa Baltz, a native of Franklin County, Pa., born Oct. 15, 1853, a daughter of Jacob and Barbara Baltz, natives of Germany, coming to the United States before their marriage, locating in Pennsylvania, and later in Indiana. Her mother died in November, 1877.

William Prosser was born in Erie County, Pa., Sept. 12, 1802, and was there married in 1829 to Mary Lefler, who was born

in Canton County, Sept. 26, 1868. Their early married life was spent in Ohio, and in 1853 they came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on section 10, Jackson Township. He was one of the most prominent citizens of the county, residing here till his death, May 9, 1881. His widow is still living on the old homestead with her son, Joseph C. To them were born twelve children, nine of whom went to De Kalb County with their parents—Nancy (wife of John Lawhead), Henry, Adam, William S., Joseph C., Sarah (wife of Daniel Stroli), Elizabeth (wife of John A. Provines), Maria (wife of Jacob B. Coy), and Mary (wife of Samuel Goodwin). James came to the county in 1854 and now resides in Auburn. The eldest son, John, died in October, 1851, in his twenty-second year, and the youngest died in infancy, March, 1853.

Alexander Provines was born in the village of Burgettstown, Washington Co., Pa., Jan. 31, 1818, a son of Robert and Jane (Smith) Provines, natives of Pennsylvania, of Irish descent. He is the third of five children, and the only one now living. In the fall of 1818 his parents moved to Harrison County, Ohio, where his mother died April 27, 1823. Sept. 11, 1823, his father married Esther Jenkins. Two of their three children are living—Mrs. Lovina Dickason and Mrs. Esther Dickason. His father entered 160 acres of land in Harrison County, and remained there seven years, when he moved to Tuscarawas County. The second wife died Oct. 7, 1828. He then left the farm and worked at the blacksmith's trade till taken with the sickness which resulted in his death, Aug. 3, 1829. Alexander Provines was thus left an orphan at the early age of eleven years. He lived with a relative, William Moore, a short time, and then went to Wayne County, Ohio, where he spent the greater part of the time till his majority, working at the carpenter's trade and in grist-mills. He early learned the lesson of independent action, and it has tended to make him a self-reliant, energetic and prosperous business man. His education was mainly obtained by private reading and observation. He is a close observer of passing events, a man of decided convictions, and one free to express his opinions on matters of public interest. He is a ready and pleasing conversationalist, a genial, social friend, and is esteemed by all with whom he comes in contact. It has been his habit for many years to keep a daily record of temperature and rain and snow fall, and in extremes

of heat or cold an hourly observation from sun to sun. He is an ardent Republican, and, although on the side of the minority in his township, has held several positions of trust. He was Assessor two years in an early day, and has been County Commissioner five years. Mr. Provines was married Oct. 21, 1841, to Dorcas Adams, a native of Ashland County, Ohio, born Jan. 16, 1821. In April, 1853, they came to De Kalb County, and settled on section 9, Jackson Township, where they have a pleasant home of 157 acres all well improved. But fifteen acres had been cleared when he settled on it. The first year he planted an orchard, which is now one of the best in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Provines have had nine children, four of whom were born in De Kalb County. The eldest and youngest died in infancy. Those living are—John A., James, Alexander H., Lucian, Robert C., Mrs. Jane Prosser and Mary. John A. is a druggist of Spencerville, the rest all reside in Jackson Township.

James Provines, third child of Alexander and Dorcas Provines, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, Jan. 7, 1846, and was in his eighth year when his parents moved to De Kalb County. His early education was received in the schools of Jackson Township, and but for his ambition would have ended there, as his services were needed on the farm, but his studious habits when not otherwise employed have made him one of the best informed men in the township. April 30, 1864, he enlisted in the war of the Rebellion in the 100-day service, in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Indiana Infantry, and served till Sept. 29, 1864. Nov. 11, 1869, he was married to Helen Woolsey, a native of Delaware County, N. Y., born Nov. 10, 1844, a daughter of Joseph and Maria Woolsey. They have three children—Frank A., Mary E. and Perry M. Mr. Provines is an active, successful business man. In connection with carrying on his farm he deals extensively in stock, shipping to the Buffalo market. Mrs. Provines' parents came to De Kalb County in February, 1848, and settled on section 3, Jackson Township, the west half of their homestead of 160 acres being the home of Mr. Provines. They had a family of eight children—Elizabeth, a prominent school teacher, died at the age of twenty-six years; Abigail, widow of William Stewart, who died while in the war, a member of the Twenty-fourth Iowa Infantry; Mary, wife of Henry Straub, of Sargent County,

Dak.; Jotham, of Smithfield Township; Catherine, wife of Charles Sherlock, died in Kansas in March, 1884; Frances, wife of Athens Carr, died in Michigan in February, 1874; Helen, wife of James Provines; Charlotte, died in 1851, aged five years, and Clarinda. Joseph Woolsey was a liberally educated man for his time, a cousin of President Woolsey of Yale College, and was born the same year, 1801. He was Township Superintendent of Schools fourteen years in Delaware County, and after coming to Indiana was prominent in all matters of educational interest, and at the time of his death, Nov. 6, 1858, was Township Clerk. His widow died March 10, 1880, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Provines.

Nathan Squiers, son of William A. and Susan (Wyatt) Squiers, was born in Richland County, Ohio, June 30, 1830. He remained with his parents till manhood, assisting in the work on the farm and attending the district school. Nov. 15, 1853, he was married to Anna S. Marshall, a native of Cornwall, England, born Jan. 17, 1826, a daughter of James and Anna S. (Prout) Marshall. Her mother died when she was an infant, and her father soon after came to the United States and settled in Ohio, where he died in 1860. Mr. Squiers was married in East Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, in 1853, and immediately came to De Kalb County and bought the farm where he now lives on section 22, Jackson Township. Aug. 9, 1862, Mr. Squiers enlisted in Company A, One Hundredth Indiana Infantry and participated in the siege of Vicksburg, Chattanooga, and Mission Ridge where he was wounded, and was in the hospital two months. Joined his regiment and was then with Sherman at Atlanta and on the march to the sea, and through the Carolinas to Washington where, in May, 1865, he was in the line at the grand review. He bore an honorable part in fifteen battles and many skirmishes, and was discharged June 8, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Squiers have had twelve children, ten of whom are living—James W., of Whitley County, Ind.; Samuel A., Sydney N., Fillmore A., Susan A., wife of Frank Dancer; John S., Wyatt M., Horace C., Orange V. and Daisy. One child died in infancy and one aged two years and three months.

William A. Squiers was born in New Milford, Conn., March 17, 1799, and when a young man emigrated to Ohio, where he was married Jan. 1, 1820, to Betsey Frisbee, who died April 12, 1824, leaving two children—Jonathan, of Allen County, Ind.,

and Elizabeth, wife of Lester Wright, of Georgia County, Ohio. Aug. 12, 1826, Mr. Squiers married Susan, daughter of Nathan and Mary Wyatt, and in 1837 came with the Wyatt family to De Kalb County, and settled on section 13, Jackson Township, on the farm now owned by William Johnson. To this marriage were born eight children, four of whom are living—Nathan; Rebecca, wife of Newton Askew; Harriet, wife of Burton Brown; and John W., of Kansas. Asher C. Squiers died Aug. 12, 1863. Mr. Squiers is making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Burton Brown.

James K. Stafford, the third child of James and Ann Stafford, was born in Jackson Township, April 23, 1846. He was reared to the life of a farmer, remaining with his parents till manhood. He received a good education in the common schools. Sept. 19, 1872, he was married to Margaret Ann Duncan, a native of Ohio, born March 6, 1848, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Duncan. Her father having died in the fall of 1848, her mother moved to De Kalb County with her father, John Dancer, and settled in Jackson Township, and is now the widow of William Essig. Mrs. Stafford is a very cultured woman and before her marriage was a prominent teacher in the De Kalb County schools. Soon after their marriage Mr. Stafford settled on section 14, Jackson Township, where they have since lived. They are genial and hospitable, and have many friends, who always find a welcome at their fireside. Their eldest child died in infancy. Two children, Ida B. and Charles D., now make the home a happy and lively one. In politics Mr. Stafford is a Democrat.

Samuel Stafford the eldest child of James and Ann Stafford, was born in Richland County, Ohio, Feb. 11, 1840. In October, 1841, his parents came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on section 23, Jackson Township, where they lived till their death. The mother died in October, 1873, aged fifty-five years, and the father the following February, aged sixty-seven years. They had a family of twelve children, eleven born in De Kalb County, nine of whom are living—Samuel, John, James K., Emanuel, Jane (wife of Samuel Morr), Rebecca Ann (wife of Frederick Morr), Thomas, Sarah E. (wife of Joseph Williams), Malinda (wife of John Brown). Samuel lived with his parents till his marriage, and then settled on section 15 where he has since lived. He has a good farm of eighty acres, well-improved

land. He is a practical farmer, and a representative man of the township. He was married Sept. 1, 1864, to Susan Saylor, a native of Richland County, Ohio, born Dec. 10, 1846, a daughter of William and Rose Ann Saylor, who came to De Kalb County in 1847. Her mother died Nov. 27, 1855. Her father is still living on the homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Stafford have had five children; three are living—George W., James F., and Perry A. Their second son, William W., and their youngest, Herman, died in infancy. In politics Mr. Stafford is a Democrat.

John M. Steward, son of James P. and Fanny Steward, pioneers of De Kalb County, Ind., was born in Jackson Township, July 6, 1841. James P. was born Sept. 12, 1792. He first married Salley Bidwell Nov. 17, 1816, to whom were born seven children—Eliza, Horace, Mary, Irena, James L., Caroline and Salley, of whom none are now living. Salley, his wife, died March 10, 1833. He again married, Oct. 23, 1833, Mrs. Fanny Pellet, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McGown, born Nov. 25, 1802. She was married to Richard Pellet Jan. 2, 1825, and to them were born three children—Lucinda, Adelbert and Richard. Richard and Lucinda are deceased. Richard Pellet died April 15, 1829. To Mr. and Mrs. Steward were born four children—Harriet N., now Mrs. Jonathan Ervin; Dulcena, David W., and John M. Dulcena is deceased. James P. Steward died Jan. 2, 1841, and in 1844 or 1845 his widow married John Watson, an early pioneer to Indiana, from the State of Maryland, and settled and lived in Jackson Township. To them was born one son—James W., who is now dead. Mrs. Watson died Sept. 5 and Mr. Watson Sept. 26, 1871. James P. and Fanny Steward emigrated from Pennsylvania to Indiana in 1836, entered and bought eighty acres of land on section 36, Jackson Township, which is now the property of John M., the youngest son. Nine children, as follows, came with them to Indiana—Eliza, Horace, Irena, James L., Caroline, Sally, Harriet N., and Dulcena Steward and Lucinda Pellet. John M. has made this township his home a greater part of his life. In 1861 and 1862 he worked with J. and R. Ettinger, in Auburn and Waterloo, at the cabinet-maker's trade. With this exception, and the time he was in the army, he has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, but has also given his trade some attention. He has held the agency for the sale of sewing-machines and agricultural machinery. He enlisted in Company A, Eighty-eighth Indiana

Infantry, Aug. 10, 1862, and served nearly three years; his discharge bearing date of June 7, 1865. He was in the campaign with General Buell against General Bragg, and in the battles of Perryville, Tullahoma and Stone River with General Rosecrans, in battles of Stevenson, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge and Tunnel Hill and intermediate skirmishes with Generals Thomas and Sherman; in battles of Ringgold, Buzzard's Roost, Rocky-face, Resaca, Kingston, Rome, Allatoona Pass, Kenesaw Mountain, Chattahoochee River, Decatur and Atlanta, and all intermediate skirmishes; with Sherman to the sea, through the Carolinas, via Richmond to Washington City, D. C., and was in review at Richmond, May 11, 1865, and also in grand review at Washington, May 24, 1865. After his discharge he returned to Indiana. March 3, 1866, he married Mrs. Lydia J. Steward, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Tarney, early pioneers to Indiana from Ohio, and widow of his brother James L., who was a soldier in Company B, Thirteenth Indiana Infantry, and died at Fort Fisher, N. C., Feb. 14, 1865, leaving six children, Samuel T., Elizabeth T., now Mrs. Samuel George; Jasper N., Ida A., now Mrs. James Furnish; Lewis W., Eva J., now Mrs. Wm. C. Reed. To Mr. and Mrs. John M. Steward have been born two children—Adelbert Sherman and Rosella Myrmetta. Mr. Steward is of patriotic parentage, his father having served in the war of 1812. His brother, David W., served in Company E, Eleventh Indiana Zouaves.

Samuel J. Tarney, youngest child of Samuel and Elizabeth (Wyatt) Tarney, is the oldest native resident of Jackson Township. He was born on the old homestead, Feb. 4, 1841. His father was born in Pennsylvania in 1794, and was left an orphan before his recollection. In his boyhood he went to Ohio, where he was apprenticed to the miller's trade, and there grew to manhood. He married Matsey Maloy Sept. 14, 1820. She died April 14, 1822. Aug. 21, 1823, he married Catharine Horn, who died Oct. 1, 1826. Nov. 8, 1827, he married Elizabeth, daughter of Nathan Wyatt, and in 1837 came to De Kalb County, Ind., with the Wyatt family and bought 160 acres of land on section 24, Jackson Township. He was also engaged in milling in the pioneer days, and was the first miller of Spencerville. To this last marriage were born six children, all of whom are living—Mrs. Magdalena Henderson, of Allen County,

Ind.; Mrs. Lydia Jane Steward, Joan W., Nathan, Simeon N., and Samuel J. A daughter by the second marriage, Mrs. Mary Ann Galloway, is living in Ashland County, Ohio. Mrs. Tarney died June 20, 1867, and Aug. 7, 1870, Mr. Tarney married Mrs. Ann Berry, also a daughter of Nathan Wyatt. Mr. Tarney died Feb. 18, 1878. He was an energetic, public-spirited man, and is remembered by the pioneers for his many good qualities. He helped organize the township and was for eighteen years Town Clerk, in addition to holding other positions of trust. Samuel J. Tarney lived with his parents till manhood. He was married May 22, 1862, to Nancy Walter, a native of Wayne County, Ohio, born Aug. 27, 1842, and came with her parents, Joseph and Sarah Walter, to De Kalb County in 1846. She is the third of a family of fourteen children. Her father died Dec. 31, 1882, aged sixty-five years. Her mother is living on the old homestead on section 16, Jackson Township. Sept. 20, 1864, Mr. Tarney enlisted as a recruit in Company D, Seventy-fourth Indiana Infantry, and served till July 27, 1865. He participated with Sherman in the march to the sea and through the Carolinas. After his return home he remained on his father's farm till the fall of 1868, when he bought 100 acres on sections 15 and 22, where he has since resided. His farm is well cultivated, and his residence and farm buildings are among the best in the township. Mr. Tarney is a Democrat in politics. He is a very popular man with his fellow townsmen, and has held several official relations. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Tarney—Sarah E., a graduate of the Indiana State Normal School, now Principal of the High School at Bourbon, Marshall Co., Ind.; Walter Marion died in 1871, aged four years; Cora Olive, Estella May, Joseph Byron, and Frank Marion are at home.

Daniel Wyatt, son of William and Nancy (Strong) Wyatt, and grandson of Nathan Wyatt, was born in Concord Township, De Kalb County, Ind., Dec. 8, 1845, where his parents settled after their marriage. His father died in January, 1870. His mother still lives on the homestead, four children, Isaac, Israel, James and Lydia, living with her. Daniel Wyatt lived with his parents till his marriage. In the spring of 1874 he moved to his present residence on section 13, where he has a finely improved farm of fifty acres, with good farm buildings. He was married Dec. 12, 1869, to Susan Beaty, a native of De Kalb County,

born Feb. 14, 1849, a daughter of William and Rebecca Beatty. Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt have had four children, but two of whom are living—Charles W. and Blanch Pearl. Ida Alice and William Oscar died in infancy, the latter aged seventeen months. Mr. Wyatt is a most worthy representative of the Wyatt family, being an energetic, industrious, and liberal-minded citizen.

John Wyatt, son of Nathan and Mary Wyatt, was born in Mercer County, Pa., April 4, 1811, and came to De Kalb County, Ind., in 1836. He was married April 1, 1834, in Medina County, Ohio, to Eva Kitchen, who died Feb. 12, 1839. Their only child, Rachel, was born about sixteen months after they came to this county, and died at the age of four years and twelve days. Sept. 12, 1839, Mr. Wyatt married Sarah Jane Robe, a native of Cumberland County, Pa., born in 1820. They have had a large family of children, viz:—Mary Jane, wife of Jacob Hull, M. D., of Spencerville; Rebecca H. died in infancy; William T., of Allen County, Ind.; Rachel M., wife of Israel Horn; Rebecca A., wife of E. J. Coder; Matilda J., wife of S. T. Gallo-way; Maggie M., at home; Samuel W. died Nov. 27, 1881, aged twenty-eight years; Andrew R., a physician of Rome City; Euphemia E., at home, and John Edmund. Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he adheres to the Republican party. Mr. Wyatt has one of the finest farms in De Kalb County, consisting of 240 acres of improved land. His residence is large and comfortable, and the host and hostess are hospitable to friend and stranger alike. Their home is the home of the oppressed, peace reigns supreme, and a happier home is not to be found. Frugality and industry have gained them a competency for their declining years. [For a more extended account of Mr. Wyatt's coming and early life in De Kalb County, see his "Recollections," page 639.]

Nathan Wyatt, the pioneer, settled on section 34, Jackson Township in June, 1837, bringing with him from Richland County, Ohio, his wife, Mary, and three sons and one daughter. Of these children, William afterward settled in Concord Township and died several years ago; S. Bostwick lives in Rome City, Ind.; James lives in Allen County, and Rachel married Charles Watson, of Jackson Township. The eldest son, Samuel, came to the county in 1842, and lives in Newville Township, aged

eighty-four years. Another son, Thomas, came with his family in company with his father, and now lives in Allen County. Two daughters, Jane and Mary, wives of two brothers, Amasa and Abraham Johnson; Susan, wife of William A. Squiers, and Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Tarney, with their families, completed what was called the tribe of Wyatt, a most valuable addition to the infant settlement of Jackson Township. About two years later another daughter, Ann, came with her husband, James P. Plummer. After the death of Mr. Plummer she married Mr. Berry, and after his death became the fourth wife of Samuel Tarney, her sister, Elizabeth, Mr. Tarney's wife, having died in 1867. She is now the widow of Mr. Tarney. In 1847 Mr. Wyatt's daughter, Lydia, with her husband, Samuel Watson, moved to the township. She died in 1849, and still later another daughter, Rebecca and her husband, Jacob Maurer, (now deceased) came and settled where she still lives. Nathan Wyatt joined the Methodist Episcopal church in his boyhood, but the last forty years of his life was a member of the Methodist Protestant church, the greater part of the time a class-leader. His influence was felt on the side of right and was a power for good in the new settlement. He was loved and honored by all who knew him, and his death was a bereavement to many friends as well as his own family. He died Dec. 28, 1862, in his eighty-fourth year. His widow lived till Sept. 20, 1874, and died in her ninety-seventh year, retaining her mental vigor till nearly the close of her life journey.



CHAPTER XVII.

KEYSER TOWNSHIP.

YOUNGEST TOWNSHIP IN THE COUNTY.—SITUATION.—GEOGRAPHY AND TOPOGRAPHY.—ORGANIZATION.—REMINISCENCE OF HARRISON ROGERS.—POPULATION.—PROPERTY AND TAXATION.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.—GARRETT.—BUSINESS.—PRESENT BUSINESS DIRECTORY.—PROFESSIONAL.—PAPER.—TOWN OFFICERS.—CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES.—BIOGRAPHICAL.

The youngest township of the county is Keyser, in the western tier. It is bounded on the north by Richland Township, on the east by Union and Jackson, on the south by Butler, and on the west by Allen and Swan Townships, Noble County. It is drained by several small creeks, tributaries of Cedar Creek. Its territory is crossed by three railroads. The Baltimore & Ohio runs east and west through the center of the township, and the Wabash and Michigan Southern lines run across the southeastern corner.

Keyser owes its organization to the construction of the Baltimore & Ohio Road, which led to the founding of the town of Garrett on the line between Richland and Butler townships. To avoid having the town on two townships, a new township was formed by the Board of Commissioners at their June term, 1876, when it was "ordered, directed and decreed by the Board that the territory bounded by a line commencing at the northeast corner of section 25, township 34 north, range 12 east, and running from thence west on the north line of sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, to the west line of said township of Richland; thence south on the west line of said township 33 north, range 12 east, to the southwest corner of section 7 in Butler Township; thence east on the south line of sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, to the east line of said township; thence north along the east line of said township to the place of beginning; shall be known by the name and style of Keyser Township." It thus includes

twenty-four sections, or two-thirds of a Congressional township.

The following is the reminiscence of Harrison Rogers, of this township:

"In the fall of 1846 I moved from Medina County, Ohio, with my family, my wife and son Charles, then three years old. I hired Orrin Rogers, my cousin, to help me to remove to the eighty acres previously bought and still my land. Orrin traded his team for the piece of land on which John Bell now lives, and gave me a job of chopping to enable me to pay a debt of \$6. We stopped for a few days with Henry Clark, where Jo Strouse now lives; then moved into an old cabin which stood on an eighty owned by O. C. Clark at the time, now the property of Henry Probst, and situated a hundred rods west of Hopewell church. I was laid up by a cut in the knee during the winter, yet managed in the spring to put out a truck patch and some corn. The deer fed at night upon my corn, and watching for them, I was able to kill some of them. Oct. 16 we moved into the woods where we now live. My father moved in and entered forty acres. Building a house for him, we all moved in together, and April 1, following, we raised a cabin for ourselves. I bought a yoke of stags of Uriah Wigent on time for \$40, and mortgaged my land as security. Parties advised me not to pay the note, and to let the land go, but I redeemed the land, six acres of which I have since sold for \$100 per acre.

"We had no road farther north than to the present site of Hopewell church. I prepared a petition, obtained signers, and presenting the same to the Commissioners, a road was located as far north as the present site of Altoona; and from that point it ran a zigzag course until intersecting the State road near the residence of Albert Hathaway. Later we had the route changed north from Altoona, and intersecting the State road in front of John Yaw's place. My team was the first to go through the old road. I hauled a saw-log to Hight's mill, west of Hathaway's. Robert Showers entered the land now owned by James Downend. O. C. Clark, R. B. Showers and myself worked together to make 'black salts.' A tract of timber land abounding in elm was chosen. Trees were felled, cut, hauled by oxen, and piled, trunks and branches. When burned, the ashes were leached, the lye boiled into the 'black salts,' and this product sold at Fort Wayne for two to three dollars per hun-

aged pounds." Mr. Rogers has killed 330 deer since he moved to Indiana.

The population of Keyser Township, exclusive of Garrett, is estimated at 944, or about 40 to the square mile. The rate of taxation in 1884 is \$1.71; poll tax, \$1.25. The number of acres of land assessed is 14,589.27; value of same, \$317,726; value of improvements, \$21,780; value of lands and improvements, \$339,506; value of lots, \$3,564; value of improvements, \$4,311; value of lots and improvements, \$7,875; value of personal property, \$54,080; total value of taxables, \$401,461; total number of polls, 224; total amount of taxes levied, \$7,267.11.

The following crop statistics are for the year 1881: Acres in wheat, 1,956; product of same, 23,572 bushels, or 12 bushels per acre; acres in corn, 1,036; product of same, 31,845 bushels, or 30 bushels per acre of upland, and 45 for lowland; acres in oats, 380; product of same, 11,400 bushels, or 30 bushels per acre; acres in meadow, 420; product of same, 630 tons, or a ton and a half per acre; acres in Irish potatoes, 63; product of same, 1,260 bushels, or 20 bushels per acre.

GARRETT.

The town of Garrett, named in honor of the lately deceased John W. Garrett, President of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, is indebted to that road for its very existence. It is located four miles west and one mile south of Auburn, on sections 34, 33, 4 and 3, of Keyser Township, and is a flourishing town of varying population, which may now be fairly stated at 1,200. The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company has extensive repair shops here, and Garrett is the home of many train men, conductors, engineers and other employes. On the old township line (which divided Butler and Richland, before the formation of Keyser) is located the round house, a semi-circle of masonry 265 feet in diameter, and containing stalls for 32 locomotives. A machine shop, 265 x 100 feet in dimensions, built of brick, stone and iron, contains a number of lathes, drills, planes and bolt-cutters and other machinery. These buildings have a capacity to employ a thousand men.

Fifty acres were set apart by the railroad company for their purposes, and several hundred acres were purchased by B. D. Thomas, with a number of Ohio men. The tract was laid out and desirable building lots placed on the market. The first

town lots were sold in April, 1875, and within a year 128 buildings had been constructed, ranging in cost from \$150 to \$76,500. In the time named \$125,000 worth of lots and land had been sold to the enterprising men, and fully \$300,000 has been spent in improvements and valuable buildings. A large three-story brick hotel (now the De Kalb House) was built, and meantime, while this and other accommodations were being prepared, not a few resorted to the expedients of pioneer times.

An incident worth recording is that a prize was offered to the first child born in the new city. The parents of two children claimed the honor and reward, and each child was duly honored. William Penfield, Esq., of Auburn, was the orator on the felicitous occasion.

BUSINESS.

There were as yet but five houses in Garrett when John L. Davis, of Auburn, started the pioneer hardware store of the place, and installed John Robbins (brother of Albert Robbins, of Auburn) as manager. In the same building, occupied in part by the hardware, F. E. Davenport, also of Auburn, started the first drug store, in company with Eli Kuhlman. Among the hotels put up were the De Kalb House, owned by M. & G. Ohmer, and operated by C. Kennecht; City Restaurant, by J. W. Wagner; Tarney House, by N. Tarney; and the Sargent House, by W. E. Sargent.

Dry goods stores were started by Litman Bros. & Co., T. E. & N. W. Lancaster, Joseph Wyman & Co., and L. Covell. A boot and shoe store was opened by H. Upmeyer, a wholesale grocery by Samuel G. Lemmon, and a furniture store by Roons & Rowe. E. Wing, H. Bicknell and Putt Bros. opened drug stores. Charles Beckmeyer was the first jeweler; Messrs. Clark & Embury the first butchers, and W. G. Pierce was the pioneer in the lumber trade. Saloons were soon under headway. R. Beuniston, formerly of Auburn, was the first blacksmith; and E. F. Allen, A. Landers and S. O. Hinkley followed painting. The pioneer carpenters were W. McMorgan, R. W. McLean, M. Thomas and W. J. Frederick. At the present writing, those following the trade of carpentry are, William Sanders, Walter Vaughn, Newton Hall, Harry Vaughn, C. A. Branch and Chris. Watz.

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BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

The following are the business firms of Garrett:

E. B. Alsbaugh, jeweler and watchmaker; Austin Bros., boots and shoes; Charles Bacon, blacksmith and wagon shop; Asa Bennett, grocery; R. Bloom, saloon; Miss Phemie Bender, milliner; Boyd & Smith, jeweler and newsdealer; Fritz Behler, shoemaker; George Behler, saloon; Albert W. Behler, barber; H. M. Bicknell, drug store; C. W. Camp, drug store; Miss J. Comesky, jewelry and notions; John Crow, saloon; Isaiah Decker, livery stable; John L. Davis, hardware; Emil Duck, furniture; P. K. David, grocery; Mrs. Elizabeth Downend, Bowen House; W. J. Frederick, lumber; Fyke & Gunnett, millers; E. Grover, broom factory; Frank Gilmore, barber; A. B. Haynes, blacksmith and repair shop; B. Hunsel, tailor and dealer in boots and shoes; Haynes & Ray, dressmakers; William Imler, bakery; Jaques, barber; C. B. Jones, saw-mill, planing-mill, wood and lumber; N. Korniske, renovating establishment; Mrs. C. Lindorfer, millinery and fancy goods; G. W. Lackey, dry goods; Charles Linkenhelt, saloon; Mager & Bevier, meat market; B. W. Ocker, De Kalb House; A. H. Phillips, postoffice; Otho J. Powell, *Herald*; Mrs. Rice, dressmaker; J. V. Reyher, sewing-machine; C. Reyher, dry goods; George Reeves, saloon; Mrs. V. Schnitzer, grocery; R. L. Simpson, repair shop; Miss F. G. Stickney, millinery and fancy goods; Joseph Single, grocery; A. J. Stewart, grocery; T. C. Sargent, Sargent House; Thomas Sullivan, photographer; N. Tarney, Tarney House; J. William Wagner, saloon.

PROFESSIONAL.

The first physician to locate and remain, was S. M. Sherman. Others who came later were: A. S. Parker, C. E. Pratt, S. Simpson and J. F. Thompson. Those practicing at present are: A. A. Kester, J. F. Thompson, D. B. Roether, T. H. Stewart and Dr. Dunn. The legal profession is represented by L. Covell and P. M. Bacon (Justice of the Peace and Notary Public).

PAPER.

The press was first represented by the *Garrett News*, published by C. W. Wing & Co., and edited by Thomas Maloney. It was started in October, 1875, but was of brief existence. In August, 1877, the present *Garrett Herald* was started, for an account of which see the Press chapter.

TOWNSHIP OFFICERS.

The first township officers, elected in the fall of 1875, were as follows: Trustees, William A. Pratt, Jr. (3d district), Charles Luckenhelt (2d district), and Hiram M. Hodge (1st district); Clerk, Thomas Maloney; Marshal, James R. Skelling; Treasurer, Joseph Hyman; Assessor, A. Harvey Putt; Attorney, Lewis Covell. At present the Trustees are: Walter Vaughn (3d district), Joseph Singler (2d district), and Joan McLaughlin (1st district); Clerk, W. H. Schnitzer; Marshal, George Reeves; Treasurer, Barney Hunsel.

RELIGIOUS.

The first sermon at Garrett was preached by Rev. William Long, brother of Michael Long, Sr., so well known to the old residents of the county. There are now three well-supported religious organizations in the town.

The Protestant Episcopal church was built in 1876, and dedicated in July, 1877. The land was purchased, building erected, furniture put in, and everything provided for use by John King, Jr., and William Keyser, First and Second Vice-Presidents, respectively, of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, and presented as a free gift to Bishop Talbot of the Indiana Diocese. It cost \$3,000, is of brick, and will seat 250 to 300 people. The first pastor was Rev. B. L. Trimble. After he left, the pulpit was unfilled for a time, and then for some months a Rev. Mr. Weatherby, of Lagrange, came here to hold services once in two weeks. After another vacancy, R. H. Dennis was here as pastor about one year. The church was then closed once more. In the winter of 1883-'4 Rev. S. M. C. Orpen came from Lima, Ind., and preached every two weeks. He was succeeded by Rev. Benjamin R. Phelps, who resides now at Garrett and holds services on alternate Sundays. He is from East Orange, N. Y. Mr. Phelps also acts as Superintendent of the Sunday-school. The church is located at the corner of Ijms and Houston streets.

The Methodist Episcopal people have built a neat brick edifice on Cowan street, at a cost of \$3,000. It was constructed in 1879. Among the pastors who have served at Garrett are: Revs. Adams, Sawyer, Diven, Hunter, Stout, Madden and McCarthy. Rev. C. King, the present incumbent, came in the spring of 1883. The well-attended Sunday-school is presided over by C. B. Jones.

The *Catholic church* is a neat white frame structure built under the direction of Father Young, of Auburn, who still ministers to the Garrett Catholics.

SOCIETIES.

The town is well supplied with benevolent and social organizations, of which the leading are here enumerated:

Garrett City Lodge, No. 537, F. & A. M., was instituted in 1876 with D. Nichols as Worthy Master. It now has a membership of sixty-five, and meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the Duck building. The present officers are as follows: G. W. Lackey, W. M.; W. Gill, S. W.; H. M. Bicknell, J. W.; J. H. Kookan, Sec.; W. J. Frederick, Treas.; Edward Hilgardner, S. D.; James Kellum, J. D.; F. Behler, Tyler. The lodge is in an excellent financial condition.

Garrett Lodge, No. 602, I. O. O. F., was instituted Aug. 29, 1883, with T. C. Sargent as N. G.; H. M. Bicknell as V. G.; Charles W. Camp as Sec.; B. D. Thomas as Treas. At present Charles W. Camp is N. G.; Lyman Lockwood, V. G.; Thomas S. Merica, Sec., and H. F. Sembowen, Treas. The lodge is in a flourishing condition, having thirty-five members in good standing, and meets every Wednesday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall.

Charles Case Post, No. 233, G. A. R., was instituted in September, 1883, with William E. Sargent as Commander; W. J. Frederick as Senior Vice-Commander; J. H. House as Junior Vice-Commander, and William A. Shreve as Adjutant. The present officers are: W. J. Frederick, Commander; William A. Shreve, Senior Vice-Commander; J. H. Houser, Junior Vice-Commander; D. B. Rother, Adjutant; R. L. Simpson, Chaplain; M. L. Duck, Quartermaster. The post has twenty-five members, and meets the first and third Saturdays of each month at the B. of L. E. hall.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers holds its meetings in the Duck building on Randolph street. The brakemen and conductors have recently organized lodges. Garfield Lodge, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, No. 203, meets Friday evenings at the B. of L. E. hall.

The B. & O. reading room was established by the company in 1882, and has a library of several hundred volumes, besides keeping on file many standard papers and periodicals. The W.

C. T. U., established in the winter of 1887, by Misses Emma Smith and Addie Sherman, assisted by Mrs. C. B. Jones of Garrett, holds very interesting meetings Sunday afternoon in the reading room. Mrs. C. B. Jones is President of the Union.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Isaac N. Askew was born in Richland (now Ashland) County, Ohio, Feb. 19, 1824, the son of Isaac T. and Mary (Harvout) Askew, his father a native of Maryland, and his mother of Ohio, and a grandson of Colonel Jonathan Harvout, of Revolutionary fame. He was reared in his native county on a farm, remaining there till 1847, when he came to Indiana and bought an unimproved tract in Allen County, residing there about six years. He then sold his land and moved to De Kalb County, buying a farm east of Spencerville, on the St. Joe River, which he improved. He subsequently sold this farm and bought one west of Spencerville, where he lived till April, 1874. He then sold out and moved to Keyser Township, buying the farm where he has since resided. He owns eighty acres of finely-cultivated land, and is surrounded with all that makes life pleasant. For the past twenty years he has in connection with attending to his own farm assisted his neighbors during harvest, running a threshing-machine. Mr. Askew was married Nov. 27, 1853, to Rebecca H. Squiers, daughter of William A. and Susanna Squiers. They have had five children—W. T. M., born March 11, 1855; George W., born Sept. 16, 1858; Perry, born Dec. 16, 1860, died in infancy; Nettie, born Oct. 4, 1877, and Jennie, born Aug. 29, 1871. Mrs. Askew is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically, Mr. Askew affiliates with the Democratic party.

H. M. Bicknell, druggist, Garrett, Ind., was born in Noble County, Ind., June 16, 1848, the youngest son of Dr. T. P. and Lydia (Myers) Bicknell. His youth was spent in assisting his father in the drug store, and in attending school. He completed his education at Notre Dame Academy, South Bend, Ind., in 1866, and after his return home engaged in the drug business at Kendallville, in partnership with Dr. Ericson. In 1875 he moved to Garrett and built what is known as the Pioneer Drug Store, where he has since carried on a successful and lucrative trade. He was married Jan. 1, 1869, to Jennie Dunn, a native of New York, who came with her parents

to Noble County when a child, and subsequently moved to St. Joseph County where she lived at the time of her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Bicknell have one daughter—Nellie. Mr. Bicknell is politically a Republican. He is a member of Garrett Lodge, No. 602, I. O. O. F., and Garrett Lodge, No. 537, F. & A. M. He was the first Vice Grand, the second Noble Grand and the first representative to the Grand Lodge from the Garrett Lodge, I. O. O. F.

T. P. Bicknell, M. D., deceased.—Although not a resident of De Kalb County, there are few who will be longer remembered by the early settlers than Dr. Bicknell. He was a native of Chenango County, N. Y., and received his education in his native State. In 1846, realizing the more favorable opportunities offered a young man in the West, he moved to Northern Indiana and settled in Lisbon, Noble County, at that time little more than a wilderness. Being a skillful physician, he soon gained a wide reputation in Noble, De Kalb, Steuben and surrounding counties, and he was obliged to ride night and day in all kinds of weather. From constant exposure his health became impaired and for several years he was unable to engage in active practice. Such was the confidence reposed in him and his skill that when he was unable to visit patients they were brought to him from miles away on cots. In 1854 Dr. Bicknell was elected to represent Noble County in the convention to revise the Constitution of the State of Indiana, and was the youngest member of the convention. In 1861 he was the first Examining Surgeon appointed in his district, and was twice appointed by Governor Morton as Surgeon (first of the Thirtieth and second of the Forty-fourth Regiment), but was obliged to decline on account of his health. Dr. Bicknell died in 1863, leaving a large circle of friends to mourn his loss. He was married in New York to Lydia Myers, and to them were born three children—Hattie, Thompson P. and H. M. Mrs. Bicknell resides in Fort Wayne.

Jacob Brechbill was born in Bedford County, Pa. Sept. 2, 1832, the second son of Martin and Barbara (Guyer) Brechbill, natives of Pennsylvania, of German origin. In 1834 his parents moved to Indiana County, Pa., where he was reared and educated. In 1854 he moved with his parents to Stark County, Ohio, where he assisted his father till his marriage, and then rented land till 1862, when he moved to De Kalb County, Ind.,

and bought the farm in Keyser Township, where he has since lived. His first purchase was eighty acres, and that only partially improved. He went bravely to work and cleared his land, and has from time to time made additions to it till he now owns 370 acres. He was married Feb. 3, 1859, to Sarah Ober, a native of Bedford County, Pa., who moved to Stark County, Ohio, with her parents, John and Nancy (Becktel) Ober, when fifteen years of age. They have had eight children; but six are living—Martin, John, Nancy, Lizzie, Sarah Ann, and Mary J. Cora A. and Francis C. are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Brechbill are members of the United Brethren church. Politically he is a Republican.

Devolzo Bruce, an honored and respected farmer of Keyser Township, was born in Cayuga County, N. Y., May 9, 1824, a son of Ezra and Anna (Glazier) Bruce, his father a native of New York, and his mother of Massachusetts. When he was a child his parents moved to Erie County, Pa., and about 1836 to Noble County, Ind., where his father died in 1854. In his boyhood Mr. Bruce learned the carpenter's trade, and followed it till within a few years, although at the same time he devoted the summer seasons to agricultural pursuits. In 1855 he moved to De Kalb County and settled on section 8, Keyser Township, where he owns ninety acres of choice land all under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Bruce was married Oct. 3, 1850, to Sarah M. Clark, daughter of Henry Clark, who came from New York to De Kalb County, Ind., in 1841. They have three children—Charles E., Henry C. and Jennie. Politically, Mr. Bruce affiliates with the Republican party.

Thomas Jefferson Clark was born in Richland County, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1850, the eldest son and second child of George and Delilah (Schaffer) Clark. In 1851 his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and here he was reared and educated. When he was ten years of age he began to assist his father in running a threshing-machine, and since eighteen years of age has had charge of a machine, working for the farmers in harvest. He has been successful in his business transactions and is one of the most prosperous young men in the county. He owns 110 acres of choice land, all well improved, with a pleasant residence and good farm buildings. Mr. Clark was married in 1871 to Harriet Weaver, daughter of David Weaver, of Auburn, Ind. To them were born two children—Mary M. and

May. In 1876 Mrs. Clark was burned while lighting a fire with kerosene, and lived but a few hours. Feb. 27, 1879, Mr. Clark married Dorothea Ann Cochran, daughter of Thomas Cochran, of Keyser Township. They have two children—David E. and Walter S. Politically, Mr. Clark is a Republican.

Thomas Cochran, a son of John and Mary (Cubison) Cochran, was born in Perry County, Ohio, Aug. 24, 1815. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, and his mother of Ireland, coming to America in childhood. They were married in Pennsylvania, and soon after moved to Perry County, Ohio, being among the earliest settlers. Thomas was reared in his native county, making the old homestead his home for over forty years. After attaining his majority he bought the interests of the other heirs to his father's estate, and took care of his parents till their death. In September, 1858, he moved to Indiana, purchasing land in Richland, now Keyser Township, where he has since resided. He has been an industrious, energetic man, and prosperity has crowned his labors. He was married March 17, 1844, to Amanda Soine, born Jan. 18, 1826, daughter of Henry and Catherine Soine, natives of Maryland. They have had thirteen children—Hannah C., born Dec. 26, 1844; Edward T., born July 9, 1846, died July 17, 1850; Mary A., born Jan. 8, 1848; Emily M., born Aug. 22, 1849; William H., born May 15, 1851; Joseph P., born Jan. 8, 1853; David S., born Feb. 21, 1855; Dorothea A., born March 28, 1857; Eli T., born May 13, 1859; Benjamin F., born April 19, 1861; Ira A., born Dec. 25, 1862, died May 8, 1864; Ralph B., born Aug. 24, 1864; Charles K., born Sept. 14, 1867. Mr. and Mrs. Cochran are members of the Baptist church. Politically he casts his suffrage with the Democratic party.

Josiah Cottell was born in Burlington, N. J., Aug. 22, 1814, a son of John and Sarah (Grant) Cottell. When he was fifteen years of age his parents moved to Columbiana County, Ohio, and there he grew to manhood. He was reared a farmer, but after reaching his majority learned the carpenter's trade and worked at it fifteen years. In 1852 he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought a tract of wild land in Keyser Township, which he cleared and improved, and which is now transformed into one of the best farms in the county. He passed through all the hardships and privations of pioneer life, and surmount-

ing every difficulty, has gained the top of the ladder of prosperity. His farm contains 160 acres of land, his farm buildings are commodious, and his residence one of the best in the township. He has by his uprightness and success gained the confidence of the people, and has been chosen to transact the business of the township in several of its offices. Mr. Cottell was married in 1837 to Jane Chance, by whom he had one child, Sarah Jane (deceased). His wife died in 1839, and in 1842 he married Mary Teeters, of Stark County, Ohio. To them were born five children—John, James, Elizabeth, Winfield H. and George. The eldest and youngest only are living. Mrs. Cottell died in 1853, and in 1855 Mr. Cottell married Mrs. Annie Houser. They have three children—Theodore, Mary and Jonathan. Mrs. Cottell has two children by her former marriage—John Henry and David. Politically, Mr. Cottell is a Democrat.

Jacob Cupp, farmer, section 35, Keyser Township, was born in Somerset County, Pa., Jan. 19, 1808, a son of Frederick and Mary (Sholtz) Cupp, of English and German descent. He remained in his native county with his parents till twenty years of age, when he went to Stark County, Ohio, where he worked by the day and month eight years. He then bought a farm and followed agricultural pursuits till 1832, when he came to Indiana and settled in De Kalb County, where he has a good home, and now in the seventy-eighth year of his age can look back on a life of industry and honesty, and can enjoy the fruits of a well-spent life. Mr. Cupp was married Nov. 26, 1835, to Elizabeth Hoover, a native of Stark County, Ohio, who died in 1843, leaving three children—Mathias, Ethelinda (now Mrs. W. Teeters), and Hiram. In 1860 Mr. Cupp married Mrs. Barbara Smith. They have one child—Levi H. Politically, Mr. Cupp is a Democrat.

Abel Depew, deceased, was born in Marion County, Ohio, Dec. 16, 1817. He was reared a farmer, receiving a practical education in the district schools. In 1836 he left home and took a prospecting tour in the Southern and Western States. In 1846 he settled on a farm in Noble County, Ind., remaining there till 1851 when he moved to De Kalb County, and bought the farm in Keyser Township which has long been known as the Depew homestead. He was married Feb. 27, 1841, to Catherine Gifford, a native of Athens County, Ohio, who moved with her parents, Alexander and Isabel (Cain) Gifford,

in Noble County, Ind., when she was nine years old. To them were born twelve children; ten are living—William Henry, Mary, Hannah, Lucy E., Catherine J., Minerva, Alice A., Margaret J., Almon O. and George F. Melissa and Phœbe are deceased. Mr. Depew died Oct. 29, 1871.

Elias Fisher, farmer, Keyser Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, in 1829, a son of Jacob and Rebecca (Hoover) Fisher. In 1846 his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and his father entered a tract of land in Wilmington Township. His father died in 1851. He remained with his mother till 1870, superintending the farm. He was married in 1858 to Matilda Freeman, a native of Allen County, Ind. Of their five children, but two are living—Lewis C. and Adelphi J. William F., Harvey L. and Catherine, are deceased. Mrs. Fisher died in 1871. In 1872 Mr. Fisher married Mrs. Sarah K. Butler, a native of New York, who died in 1876, leaving one child—Lena R. March 16, 1879, Mr. Fisher married Mrs. Catherine De Pew, widow of Abel De Pew, and since this last marriage has resided in Keyser Township. Mr. Fisher is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Elihu Fortner, farmer, section 7, Keyser Township, was born in Franklin County, Mass., in 1814, a son of Elihu and Sarah (Burnington) Fortner, of Scotch and English descent. His father died about a month before his birth, and his mother when he was seven years of age. He lived with his grandfather Burnington till fourteen years of age and then came West to Lenawee County, Mich., and worked as a farm hand a number of years. He then worked at the lime kilns four years, and in the lumber business the same length of time. After his marriage he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought 160 acres of unimproved land in Keyser Township. He lived on this land two years and then returned to Michigan and remained four years. He then came again to his farm in De Kalb County where he has since resided. He has brought his farm from the wild state of nature to a high state of cultivation and has one of the pleasantest homes in the township. He was married in 1853 in Michigan, to Urania Hoppema, a native of Wayne County, N. Y. They have three children—Sarah, Ernest and Clyde. Politically, Mr. Fortner is a Republican.

William Fountain was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1811, a son of Simon and Rebecca Fountain. His mother died when

he was three days old. He followed farming in his native country till 1848, when he moved to the United States. He lived a short time in Ohio, and then settled in De Kalb County, Ind., on wild land, which he cleared and improved. He was married Dec. 12, 1848, to Sarah, daughter of Thomas Truclove, a native of England. Together they commenced life, and with energy and an ambition to make life a success they have been untiring in efforts, and as a result have triumphed over every adverse circumstance and have accumulated a property that enables them in their declining years to live with ease. They have 400 acres of good land, 200 acres of which is under a good state of cultivation. In performing the practical duties of life they have not omitted the higher and more important. From childhood they have been connected with the Episcopal church, and have lived with strict conformity to all her tenets. They have been at all times mindful of the needs of the poor, and are ever ready to assist them. Hospitable, their home is always open to friends and strangers, all feeling that they are welcome. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fountain—Sarah Ann, Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Tarlton, and William Richard. Politically Mr. Fountain casts his suffrage with the Republican party.

Calvin Grub, farmer, section 12, Keyser Township, was born in De Kalb County, Ind., July 23, 1853, the second son of John and Catherine (Ketchum) Grub, prominent citizens of Keyser Township. He was reared on his father's farm, and from him learned the practical and hence successful mode of agriculture, and since attaining manhood has utilized his knowledge for his own benefit. Mr. Grub was married March 5, 1873, to Miss Mary Rhoadenough. To them have been born two children—Alice May and Joan. Politically Mr. Grub affiliates with the Democratic party.

John Grub was born in Stark County, Ohio, Sept. 22, 1822, a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Rex) Grub, natives of Pennsylvania, of German and French descent. When he was five years old his father died leaving his mother with nine children to rear and educate. He remained with his mother on the farm till twenty-five years of age, and from his eighteenth till his twenty-second year taught school in the winter, working on the farm in the summer. In 1844 he began clerking in a store and remained there till 1851, when he came to Indiana and bought a

tract of unimproved land in what was then Butler Township, De Kalb County. When he came to Indiana he had but \$150; this he paid for his land, and then commenced to improve and make a home. He has by his indomitable will and perseverance overcome the obstacles of settling in a new country, and has by his continued additions to his first purchase a landed estate of 424 acres, all under cultivation. Having no one but himself to rely upon, he early in life learned the lesson of independent action, and it has tended to make him through life self-reliant and sagacious. Mr. Grub was married May 7, 1847, to Catherine Kutchner, a native of Stark County, Ohio. They have had five children, but three of whom are living—Jefferson, Calvin and Clara. Politically, Mr. Grub is a Democrat. He has served his township as Justice of the Peace eight years, and as Trustee four years, and has proved himself to be an efficient and worthy officer, attending to public affairs with the same fidelity as his own. Mrs. Grub is a member of the Dunkard church.

Albert Hathaway was born in Lake County, Ohio, May 9, 1828, a son of Nathan and Hannah (Hamilton) Hathaway, natives of Massachusetts, who moved to Ohio in the early days of that State's existence. He remained with his parents till twenty-two years of age, and with them in 1842 came to Indiana and settled in Richland Township, De Kalb County, where his father died Dec. 16. He was reared a farmer and has always made agricultural pursuits his occupation. He now owns 156 acres of choice land, well improved. He was married Dec. 25, 1854, to Phoebe Haulk, a daughter of John Haulk, who moved from Pennsylvania to Ohio in an early day, thence to Adams County, Ind., where Mrs. Hathaway was born. Mr. and Mrs. Hathaway have had thirteen children, eleven are living—Eunice Ellen, Hannah, Mary Jane, Nathan, John, Anna, Lydia, Silas, Dollie, Stella and Calvin. Politically, Mr. Hathaway casts his suffrage with the Democratic party. He and his wife are members of the German Baptist church.

Lucian Hathaway was born in Lake County, Ohio, in 1836, a son of Nathan and Hannah (Hamilton) Hathaway. He was but six years of age when his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and his education was all obtained in the county of his adoption. He remained on his father's farm till manhood. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion in Company H, Thirtieth

Indiana Infantry. While in the service he had the measles, and owing to exposure and lack of attention, took cold and has never regained his former health. He was discharged Aug. 12, 1863. In 1866 he bought the farm where he resides, in Keyser Township, which contains eighty acres of well-improved land. Mr. Hathaway was married Sept. 27, 1866, to Elizabeth Swanders, a daughter of Jonathan Swanders, who moved from Pennsylvania to Carroll County, Ind., in an early day. Mr. and Mrs. Hathaway have had eight children; but seven are living—Diana, Miles, Ellen, Pogie, Alton, Cyrus and Milton. Politically Mr. Hathaway is a Democrat. He is a member of Charles Case Post, No. 233, G. A. R.

Amos Jackson was born in Niagara County, N. Y., April 15, 1827, the second son and sixth of eleven children of Jesse and Edith (Smith) Jackson. In 1834 his parents moved to Michigan, and in 1837 to De Kalb County, Ind. His father entered 120 acres of Government land in Butler Township, which he improved and made his home the rest of his life. Amos was but ten years of age when his parents moved to De Kalb County, and hence by far the greater part of his life has been identified with her interests. Reared a farmer, he chose the vocation as his life work, and is now one of the most prosperous and enterprising agriculturists in the township. He owns 160 acres of land, all well improved. Mr. Jackson was married March 24, 1863, to Catherine Simon, a native of Columbiana County, Ohio, daughter of George Simon, an early settler of Allen County, Ind. They are the parents of three children—Charles A., Dora O. and Vesta L., the latter deceased. Politically Mr. Jackson is a Democrat. He was reared in the society of Friends, but he and his wife are now members of the Lutheran church.

Edward Kelham, farmer, section 31, Keyser Township, was born in Lincolnshire, England, Nov. 15, 1826, the tenth of thirteen children of Thomas and Mary (Boothby) Kelham. He was reared and educated in his native country, and in 1849 came to America and located in Richland County, Ohio. He worked on the railroad and on lake steamers three years, and by being economical saved enough to buy forty acres of land, and began making a home. In 1857 he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought eighty acres of unimproved land, to which, by good management and industry, he has added till he

now owns 400 acres of the best land in the township, all well cultivated. He is a public-spirited and liberal man, and is held in high esteem by all who know him. In 1878 he was elected County Commissioner and served three years; was again nominated, but refused to serve on account of the demands of his personal business. Mr. Kelham is a purely self-made man, coming to this country as he did a poor man he has worked his way from poverty to affluence, and now ranks with the best business men of De Kalb County. He was married in Richland County, Ohio, April 22, 1853, to Miss Sarah Downend, a native of England, who came with her parents, James and Mary (Shaw) Downend, to America when she was eight years old. They have had ten children—Thomas, Edward, Jr., Mary, Joseph A., James, Martha, George, Charles T., Matilda and William F. Matilda, William and Martha are deceased. Politically Mr. Kelham is a Democrat.

A. A. Kester, M. D., Garrett, Ind., the second son of Peter S. Kester, a pioneer of De Kalb County, was born in this county, Oct. 5, 1844. His early life was passed on the farm in a manner common to pioneer days, and he experienced a mixture of hardship and pleasure incident to that day. In the schools then in vogue he laid the foundation of his education. By close application, the difficulties of an imperfect school system and the greater imperfections in the manner of imparting instruction, were successfully overcome, and a practical understanding of the fundamental principles was acquired. He was married in January, 1864, to Miss Sarah Bassett, daughter of Sanford Bassett, formerly of Madison County, Ohio, but later of De Kalb County, Ind. For ten years after his marriage nothing of importance took place in his life. In 1874 he began the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. George Kester, a skillful physician of Richland County, Ohio, and subsequently matriculated at Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago, Ill. Afterward he returned to Ohio, and practiced in partnership with his preceptor till 1876, when he returned to his native county and located at Cedar Creek, remaining there seven years. During this time he built up a practice extending over a large area of country, and in order to have his residence and office near the geographical center, in 1883 he moved to Garrett. His success as a physician has been remarkable for the short time he has devoted to the profession, and being ambi-

tious and a close student his prospects are bright for a future of usefulness and prosperity. Politically Dr. Kester is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant church. They have six children—Cora A., Ida M., Orville, Estina, Roy and Mabel.

James A. McClure is among the prominent citizens of Keyser Township, and no one is more worthy of extended notice in the history of the township than he. He is a native of Indiana, born near Fort Wayne, Allen County, Dec. 18, 1838, the only son of William and Eve (Moody) McClure, of Ohio and Pennsylvania birth, respectively. His mother died when he was three months old and he was adopted into the family of his Grandfather Moody, of De Kalb County, Ind. He remained with his grandfather during his minority and attended the common schools, subsequently taking a thorough course of study at Fitch's Seminary, in Allen County, Ind. After leaving school he worked a year for \$80, which he applied as part payment for fifty-five acres of land, for which he was to pay \$575. Energetic and of unlimited perseverance, with a bright and hopeful disposition, obstacles were overcome and hardships endured. Adverse circumstances which would have discouraged many, were endured by him with a cheerfulness and a more determined will to succeed, and from poverty he reached a life of affluence and a position of usefulness and prominence in the county. His farm, which contains 135 acres, is one of the best in the township. He has served in different official relations, among them Assessor four years. Politically he is an uncompromising Democrat. Mr. McClure was married Aug. 30, 1865, to Sarah J. Swihart, daughter of Samuel and Harriet Swihart. They have three children—Clara A., William Warren and Samuel E.

Benjamin Franklin Moody was born in Richland, now Morrow County, Ohio, Jan. 26, 1826, the youngest son and tenth of thirteen children of Daniel and Mary Ann (Davis) Moody. In 1836 his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in a dense forest, and his youth was spent in assisting to clear and improve the frontier farm. Being the youngest son he remained on the homestead till after the father's death, and then bought the north half, and has now lived on the same farm over forty-eight years. From a wilderness he has seen De Kalb County grow into one of the best in the State, and has assisted materi-

ally in promoting this growth. He was elected Township Trustee in 1874 and served four years. He was married Jan. 1, 1849, to Margaret, daughter of John and Susanna (Culler) Teagle, who came from Montgomery County, Ohio, to De Kalb County. They have four daughters—Rosanna, Mary Ann, Miranda and Alida. Mrs. Moody is a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Moody is a member of Auburn Lodge, No. 214, F. & A. M. Politically he has been a life-long Democrat.

Harvey Moody, one of the most successful and prominent farmers, now retired, of De Kalb County, was born in Pennsylvania, Aug. 14, 1818, the fifth of thirteen children of Daniel and Mary Ann (Davis) Moody, and grandson of Peter Moody who came to the United States from Germany in an early day. In 1824 Daniel Moody moved with his family to Richland (now Morrow) County, Ohio, and in 1836 to De Kalb County, Ind., and entered eighty acres and bought forty, which he improved and made his home till his death at the age of eighty-four years. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church in early life, but after their removal to De Kalb County united with the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically he affiliated with the Democratic party. Harvey Moody remained with his parents till twenty-four years of age. He entered from the Government the land on which the village of Corunna, Richland Township, is now located, which he exchanged for eighty acres in the same township, which he improved and subsequently sold and bought the farm which he now owns in Keyser Township. In 1877 he retired from active farm life and moved to the city of Garrett. Mr. Moody was married Oct. 10, 1843, to Elizabeth De Witt, who died in May, 1848. They had three children, but one of whom is living—Marcus H. Ann and Delilah are deceased. Mr. Moody was married May 31, 1850, to Azuba Axtell, a native of Knox County, Ohio, and to them were born four children—William A., Ann (deceased), Maria, and Lenora E. Mrs. Moody died in 1856. Feb. 25, 1858, Mr. Moody married Mary Melvin, of Summit County, Ohio. They have three children—Daniel H., Phoebe A., and Saloma T. Politically, Mr. Moody is a Democrat.

David W. Ocker was born in Wilmington Township, De Kalb Co., Ind., Feb. 25, 1849, a son of Elihu U. and Nancy A. Ocker. He received the advantages of the common school, remaining with his parents till fifteen years of age. In October,

1854, he enlisted in Company 11, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry, and was soon after transferred to Company 11, One Hundred and Fifty-second Indiana Infantry. He served with the Western Division of the army, and was discharged at Indianapolis in August, 1865. After his return home he attended school in the winter three years. In 1869 he began working at the plasterer's trade, and served an apprenticeship of two years. He then worked at his trade in the summer and on the railroad in the winter till 1873. From 1873 till 1879 he was employed as brakeman and conductor on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. In 1880 he moved to Garrett and took charge of Sargeant's Hotel till August, 1881, when he went to Butler and bought the Commercial House, which he sold in February, 1882, and went West on a prospecting tour. Upon his return he again assumed the charge of Sargeant's Hotel, and in January, 1883, took the De Kalb House. He is genial and accommodating, and well calculated to succeed in the hotel business. He was married April 1, 1872, to Belle M., daughter of W. E. and E. J. Sargeant, of Butler, Ind. They have two children—Jessie D. and Edna M. Mr. Ocker is a member of Garrett Lodge, No. 537, F. & A. M., William Hecker Chapter, No. 65, R. A. M., and Butler Lodge, No. 182, I. O. O. F.

Elihu U. Ocker, deceased, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, May 25, 1825, a son of David and Elizabeth (Underwood) Ocker, his father of German and his mother of English descent. He received a practical education in the common schools, residing on the farm with his parents till manhood. In 1837 his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Wilmington Township. He worked as a farm hand in the summer and taught school in the winter till after his marriage, and then settled on a farm in Wilmington Township, remaining there three years when he was burned out, and then moved to his own farm, where he lived till 1864. In his early life he studied medicine and acquired a thorough knowledge of the profession, although he never put it to practical use. He was a township official nearly eighteen years, serving as Assessor and Land Appraiser. He sold his farm in 1864 and moved to Butler, where he resided till his death. In 1867-'68 he was engaged in the mercantile trade. He was married in 1845 to Nancy A. Ball, of De Kalb County. To them were born seven children; six lived till maturity—John William, David H., Abraham, Stephen L., James

Mr. Oiler M. One died in infancy. John W. enlisted in Company 11, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry, and died while in the service in 1865. Mr. Ocker was a member of the Odd Fellows' order, both subordinate lodge and encampment, and was Deputy Grand Master of the latter. He represented Butler Lodge, No. 282, in the Grand Lodge of Indiana five times, and was well and favorably known by the Odd Fellows of the State. His death was sudden and without warning, falling dead on the street June 24, 1882. His wife died April 30, 1872. They were exemplary members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he was for many years a class-leader and Sunday-school Superintendent. In his political views he was an uncompromising Republican.

Henry Probst, Commissioner of De Kalb County, was born in this county Aug. 12, 1846, a son of Charles and Lydia (Kemp) Probst, his father a native of Lehigh County, Pa., born Feb. 20, 1819, and his mother a native of New Hampshire. Charles Probst lost his father when he was eighteen years of age. He then went to Newark, N. J., and three years later to Miami County, Ohio, where for a time he taught school, and while there was married to Lydia Kemp. In February, 1844, they moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on section 8 of what was then Butler Township. He was a prosperous business man and a prominent citizen of the county. Among the official relations sustained by him was that of County Surveyor four years and Township Trustee several terms. He was an exemplary Christian and a consistent member of the Lutheran church. Politically he was a firm supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. He died May 7, 1880. His wife survives him. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Their family consisted of two sons, Henry being the only one living. George died from the effects of a wound received by the accidental discharge of a gun. Henry Probst grew to man's estate on his father's farm, receiving a practical education in the district schools. He has given his attention to agriculture and now owns a fine farm of 500 acres. He was married April 21, 1867, to Almira E., daughter of Leonard E. Chase. They had a family of five children—George W., Chloe E., Lydia A., Margaret A., Lophena M. Lydia A. died Aug. 7, 1877. Almira E., wife of Henry Probst, died May 11, 1880. Henry Probst was married to Myrtilla A., daughter of John and Elizabeth

Grim, Aug. 18, 1881. They have two children, twins—Charles B. and Christina B. Henry Probst was elected Trustee of Keyser Township in 1882, and in June, 1884, was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of one of the County Commissioners, and in the fall of 1884 was elected to the same position for a term of three years. Henry Probst is a member of the German Baptist church. In politics he is a Democrat.

Maklon Rakestraw, farmer, section 6, Keyser Township, was born in Clark County, Ohio, Dec. 26, 1830, a son of Joseph and Priscilla (Dates) Rakestraw. He was reared on a farm, assisting his father, and attending school the earlier part of his life. After reaching manhood he engaged in the mercantile business, which he followed successfully six years. In September, 1865, he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought eighty acres of land in Keyser Township, where he has since resided. He is an enterprising and thrifty agriculturist, and has made a success of this as of other vocations in which he has engaged. Politically Mr. Rakestraw is a Republican, but has no aspiration for official honors. He was married Dec. 26, 1865, to Elizabeth Barber, a native of De Kalb County, a daughter of Akalis and Rebecca Barber, who came from Dayton, Ohio, to De Kalb County in an early day. Mrs. Rakestraw died Dec. 27, 1874, leaving one daughter—Melissa Estella.

C. Reyher, dealer in general merchandise, Garrett, Ind., is one of the most prominent representatives of the retail mercantile trade in De Kalb and adjoining counties. He carries a stock valued at \$10,000 or \$15,000, comprising the best grades of all goods in his line. Buying in large lots and always for cash, he is able to compete with any of the large dealers and is recognized as a rival hard to be excelled. Mr. Reyher was born in Beaver County, Pa., in 1835, the eldest child of John P. and Susanna Reyher. When he was twelve years of age his parents moved to Ashland County, Ohio, where from that time till twenty-one years of age he attended school, and assisted his father, who was a blacksmith, in the shop. Upon attaining his majority, he went to Williams County, Ohio, where he engaged in the manufacture of wagons and buggies eleven years, conducting a successful business. Disposing of his stock, he embarked in the general mercantile business, and for two years was a successful merchant of Williams County. In 1872 he moved to Kendallville, Ind., where he remained two years:

then spent the same length of time in Goshen, Ind., and in 1876 located in Garrett, where he has had a constantly increasing trade. Mr. Reyher was married Nov. 27, 1856, to Miss Helen M. Vanminan, of Ashland County, Ohio. They have had five children, but four are living—Blanche, wife of Addison Stewart; John V. married Lizzie Rowe; Edward C. married Mary Zimmerman; and Eben E. The sons are associated with their father in business, and are young men of promise and ability. Mr. Reyher is one of the self-made men of the times, having by his own industry worked his way through the many obstacles that beset the life of mankind, and has reached the top of the ladder of success. He is an enterprising, public-spirited man, giving readily of his substance and influence to assist any laudable undertaking. Politically he is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Christian church.

Harris Rogers, farmer, section 4, Keyser Township, was born in New York, Nov. 12, 1821, a son of Elisha and Hannah Rogers. When he was a child his parents moved to Pennsylvania, and in 1836 moved to Medina County, Ohio, where he grew to maturity. In 1846 he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought eighty acres of land in section 4, Butler (now Keyser) Township. His land was unimproved, but he has put it under good cultivation and erected good farm buildings, and has increased his farm to 100 acres. In addition to agriculture he has engaged extensively in the manufacture of drain tile, being the first man in the vicinity to engage in the enterprise. Mr. Rogers was married Jan. 2, 1842, to Miss Paulina J. Vaughn, a native of the State of New York. They have one son—Charles F. They reared to young womanhood a daughter—Cornelia Ensley, now the wife of William Dove. Mr. Rogers is not identified with any religious or secret organization. Politically he is a Republican. He is a strict temperance man, and that all may know his principles has a cabinet-size photograph of each member of the family, ten in number, with the date of birth inscribed on each, on the wall of the front room, and over the door is the motto, "A Temperance Family." If one should become a drunkard or tippler, his picture will be turned face to the wall, that all may know who has caused the division on this question.

Jonathan Rummel, Superintendent of County Poor Farm, was born in Portage County, Ohio, Jan. 26, 1837. He is the

second son of John and Sarah (Brown) Rummel, natives of Ohio, of German descent. When he was eight years old his father died. He remained with his mother till fourteen years of age, the greater part of the time being devoted to study. At the age of fourteen he began to work at the harness-maker's trade, which he was obliged to abandon on account of ill health. He then returned to the farm, but the next year (1852) came to Indiana, locating in Wells County. He was variously employed till 1858, when he began to work at the painter's trade, and followed that vocation till the breaking out of the Rebellion. May 19, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, Thirteenth Indiana Infantry, the first three years' regiment in the State. Among the more prominent battles in which he participated were: Petersburg, Jones' Run, Winchester and Richmond. At Greenbrier Creek, Oct. 3, 1861, he was wounded in the right leg, and disabled for two months, and at Fort Fisher received four slight flesh wounds. A portion of his term of service he performed the duties of Commissary Sergeant. He was discharged Sept. 3, 1865, after a service of four years and four months. Upon his return to civil life he resumed work at the painter's trade in Fort Wayne. In 1870 he moved to Waterloo, Ind., and in 1876 accepted the management of the De Kalb County Poor Farm. At that time the farm was in a deplorable condition, being a source of expense to the taxpayers, but under Mr. Rummel's wise administration, system has been adopted, chaos changed to order, and the farm is now self-supporting. Mr. Rummel was married July 13, 1865, to Mary E., daughter of Simon Acker, of Portage County, Ohio, and later of Wabash County, Ind. To them have been born six children; but one is living—Cora E. The deceased are—Charles W., Bradford E., Lillie G., Ada and Ida. Mr. and Mrs. Rummel are members of the Lutheran church. He is a member of Waterloo Lodge, No. 420, K. of H. Politically he casts his suffrage with the Republican party upon issues of national interest.

Daniel Swihart, one of the most prosperous farmers of De Kalb County, was born in Stark County, Ohio, in 1826, a son of John and Rebecca (Palmer) Swihart, his father being a native of Pennsylvania and his mother of Maryland. He was reared in his native county, remaining with his parents till manhood. He received but a limited education, as early in life he was obliged to rely on his own resources. In 1852 he

came to Indiana and bought some wild land in Richland Township, De Kalb County. Although his early life was a struggle with poverty, he was undaunted, and by perseverance he overcame all difficulties, and success ultimately crowned his labors. He owns one of the best farms in the township, containing 100 acres of finely cultivated land, and his residence and farm buildings are comfortable and commodious. Mr. Swihart was married in 1854 to Miss Elizabeth Bowman. To them were born seven children—Jennie, Wilson, Monroe, Clara, Sarah Jane, Martha and Sylvester. Jennie and Sylvester are deceased. Mrs. Swihart died in May, 1865. Oct. 11, 1866, Mr. Swihart married Samantha Sherlock, who came with her parents to De Kalb County in 1855. Politically, Mr. Swihart is a Democrat.

Washington Teeters was born in Stark County, Ohio, Oct. 6, 1827, the second son and fourth child of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Roller) Teeters, his father a native of Pennsylvania and his mother of Tennessee. When fifteen years of age he began learning the carpenter's trade of his father. In 1850 he came to Indiana and worked at his trade in De Kalb County four years. In 1854 he bought the farm where he now lives. At that time the land was heavily timbered, but he has cleared and improved and now has 120 acres of the choicest land in the county. He has been a prominent man of the township, and has held several offices of trust, among others, Justice of the Peace eight years and Township Trustee six years. Mr. Teeters has been twice married. Lydia Ann Houser, a native of Pennsylvania, to whom he was married Aug. 9, 1855, died July 12, 1856. April 9, 1858, he was married to Ethalinda, daughter of Jacob Cupp, of De Kalb County. To them have been born seven children—Franklin M., Samuel S., Josiah C., Annie E., Isaac S., Lydia B. R. and Mary S. Mrs. Teeters is a member of the Presbyterian church. Politically, Mr. Teeters is a Democrat. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Robert Truelove, deceased, was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1818, a son of Thomas Truelove. When a young man he came to the United States, and lived for a time in Marion County, Ohio. In 1842 he moved to Indiana and bought (on time) 145 acres of heavily timbered land in Keyser Township, De Kalb County. During the summer he worked for the farmers and in the winter seasons applied himself to clearing his land. He was married June 1, 1852, to Mary, daughter of

William Beveridge, who came with her parents to the United States from England when four years of age, and settled in Richland County, Ohio, where she grew to womanhood. The September following their marriage they settled on the farm in Keyser Township, where just as he was prepared to enjoy the fruits of his early life of toil Mr. Truelove died, March 4, 1864. He was a gentleman of true merit, respected by all who knew him. Their only child, William R., was born on the homestead, March 19, 1853. He was married Feb. 10, 1881, to Katie, daughter of Thomas Malone. William R., like his father, is a strong adherent to the principles of the Republican party. His wife is a member of the Evangelical church.

J. William Wagner was born in Germany Oct. 1, 1835, and was there reared and educated. In 1854 he came with his father's family to the United States and settled in Mansfield, Richland Co., Ohio. In 1872 he was appointed Deputy Clerk of the Probate Court of Richland County, and held the position three years. Dec. 1, 1875, he moved to Garrett, Ind., and established the saloon and restaurant which he is still conducting. Mr. Wagner has been a reliable citizen, and has been honored with the most of the town offices. At present he is serving as School Trustee. Politically he casts his suffrage with the Democratic party. He is a member of the Odd Fellow's order, Richland Lodge, No. 161, at Mansfield, Ohio. Mr. Wagner was married May 1, 1864, to Catherine Martin, a native of Germany. To them have been born eight children; but six are living—Fannie, Julia, Clara, Walter, Lizzie, and Herman. Fanny and Adolph are deceased.

Allen Weaver, farmer and stock-raiser, is a native of De Kalb County, Ind., and was born on the farm where he now lives May 24, 1848, the eldest son of David and Kittie Ann (Swan) Weaver. He was reared a farmer, receiving a good education, attending first the district schools and then the Auburn Academy. In 1870 he went to Kansas and was engaged in dealing in stock in Brown County a year. Then returned home and remained two years, and then went again to Brown County and for two years sold sewing-machines, meeting with good success. In 1875 he returned to De Kalb County, and has since lived on the old homestead, having charge of the farm. He was married Sept. 10, 1878, to Etta Garver, a native of De Kalb County, daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann Garver, pioneers of

the county. To them have been born two children—Kittie and Daisy May. In politics Mr. Weaver affiliates with the Democratic party.

David Weaver, one of the old settlers of De Kalb County, is a native of Stark County, Ohio, born Aug. 18, 1807. His parents, Valentine and Martha Weaver, were natives of the State of Virginia, and early settlers of Stark County, Ohio. He was reared in his native county on a farm, receiving but limited educational advantages. He remained with his parents till manhood, and in the spring of 1838 came to Indiana and settled in De Kalb County, where for several years he ran a saw-mill. He was married in 1847 to Kittie A. Swan, a native of Stark County, Ohio, but a resident of De Kalb County at the time of her marriage. After his marriage he settled on a tract of heavily timbered land, and began to open and clear a farm. On this farm he lived till 1875 and then removed to Auburn where he has since lived retired from the active labors of life. His farm contains 320 acres of choice land, and is now carried on by his sons Allen and Henry. To Mr. and Mrs. Weaver were born three children—Allen, Henry and Harriet. Their daughter was the wife of Jefferson Clark. She died in 1875, from the effects of burns received by the explosion of a kerosene lamp, and left two children.

Henry Weaver, farmer and stock-raiser, Keyser Township, was born on the old homestead where he now lives, Aug. 19, 1850, the youngest son of David and Kittie Ann (Swan) Weaver. He was reared on the farm, receiving a common-school education and remained with his parents till twenty-four years of age. He then went to Missouri and engaged in the sewing-machine business, traveling in different counties of the State three years. Then went to Kansas and engaged in stock dealing two years. In 1879 he returned to De Kalb County and located on a part of the old homestead, and has since followed agricultural pursuits. He was married Jan. 1, 1879, to Delphia J. Secrest, a native of Missouri, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Ann (Stoltz) Secrest. To them have been born two children—Orrea Leona and Lura Leslie. In politics Mr. Weaver is a Democrat.

John Yarde, Sr., was born in Devonshire, England, March 12, 1812. His parents died when he was a child, and he was reared by his mother's sister and given a collegiate education. When seventeen years of age he began teaching school, and, with the

exception of a year and a half in the grocery business, followed that vocation thirty-five years. He married Mary Symonds, a native of Devonshire, and to them were born twelve children, eleven daughters and one son; but four are living—Mary J., Emma, Lucy and John, Jr. In August, 1852, Mr. Yarde came with his family to the United States. He lived in Summit County, Ohio, about one month, and then came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought fifty acres of unimproved land, and after paying for his land had \$75 left. Having the use of only one hand, the burden of the work of clearing and improving the land fell to his son, then only sixteen years of age. This farm has since been the home of Mr. and Mrs. Yarde, and they are among the most highly esteemed citizens of the township. They are members of the Protestant Episcopal church. Politically Mr. Yarde is a Republican.

John Yarde, Jr., was born in Devonshire, England, Nov. 17, 1836, the son of John and Mary (Symonds) Yarde. His early life was spent in school, and before sixteen years of age he had taught seventeen months. He came with his parents to De Kalb County, Ind., and assisted in clearing and improving his father's farm. He has been very successful in his business pursuits, and now owns 280 acres of fine land. His residence and farm buildings are among the best in the county. He was married Oct. 10, 1858, to Lydia Ann Houser, a native of Wayne County, Ohio, born July 22, 1840, a daughter of David and Rebecca Houser. They have six children—Martha, Frank, David, Nettie, Henry and Bertha.



CHAPTER XVIII.

NEWVILLE TOWNSHIP.

SITUATION.—GEOGRAPHY AND TOPOGRAPHY.—PIONEERS.—
NEWVILLE.—EARLY TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS.—POPULATION.—
PROPERTY AND TAXATION.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.—
BIOGRAPHICAL.

Occupying the southeastern corner of De Kalb County, and lying adjacent to the State of Ohio, is the fractional township known as Newville, being six miles long and two and a half wide, and containing twelve whole and six half sections. It is bounded on the north by Stafford Township, on the east by the State of Ohio, on the south by Scipio Township, Allen County, and on the west by Concord Township. It is crossed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad east and west, nearly midway, and is drained by the St. Joseph of the Maumee, which flows through the northwestern corner, from northeast to southwest. The land is of much the same character as that in Concord, and may be divided into three classes—the rich river bottom lands, the oak-timbered wheat lands, and the beech and sugar maple timbered lands at the south end of the township.

The pioneers of Newville Township were John Platter and Solomon De Long, who, traveling through the woods in the summer of 1834, became bewildered, and encamped at the border of a prickly ash swamp. Here they dug a hole for water, being almost perishing with thirst, and by using their axes and ~~tools~~ succeeded in finding water; but the fluid was so heavily impregnated with the juices from the roots as to be scarcely drinkable, though impelled by their natural cravings to make the best of it. Their adventures are described at length in the chapter on "early incidents."

John Platter settled on section 7, just north of his present location, and there lived till within a few years, when he moved upon his present farm. Marilla, his eldest daughter, was for many years a teacher in common and graded schools, and was

in honor to the profession. Solomon De Long settled on the St. Joseph, across from Newville; was one of the early County Commissioners; served during the war in the Forty-fourth and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Regiments, having the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the latter, and died some years ago. Daniel Strong was a pioneer, and settled on the farm afterward owned by Jackson Andrew, deceased. Other old settlers were: Dwight Moody, J. S. Peck, John Thompson, I. N. Blood, Alva Lawrence and Ephraim Strong. S. H. Bartlett, his father, and altogether a family of eleven persons moved into the township in 1836. George Weeks, ex-surveyor, came in at the same date.

"The Mound" is an elevation of ground on section 7, on the Ashman farm. It is about ten rods from the "Little St. Joe," and on the south bank of a small creek that empties into the St. Joe at this point. It was opened in the fall of 1837 by Silas H. Bartlett, Daniel Strong, Jr., John Platter and Frasier Bartlett. They found a large quantity of human bones about three feet from the surface. The elevation was then ten feet, but is now only about four. It is evident that this was a sepulcher of the mound builders, and the rude earthworks indicate that here was also at some time a fortification.

The village of Newville, formerly called Vienna, is situated on the northwest bank of the river, on the southwest quarter of section 6. It was surveyed and platted by George W. Weeks, in March, 1837, for Washington Robinson, a pioneer settler and owner of the land. The original plat contained twenty-six and a half acres, exclusive of streets. Washington Robinson was the first Justice of the Peace in the county, and at his house the first election was held. N. L. Thomas, a Methodist minister, was the first storekeeper in Newville. In the chapter on "Pioneers' Association" is told how he transported his merchandise on horseback from Fort Wayne. The first church, a log house, was raised by the Methodists. One Dodge was the host of the first tavern opened, and Dr. John Lattman was the pioneer physician. John Cary, the first shoemaker, and also an early Justice of the Peace, afterward became a storekeeper at Salem Center, in Steuben County. Several bridges have been built across the St. Joseph River at Newville, at considerable expense to the county. Heavy freshets convert the stream into a flood, deluging the low lands

and sweeping away all obstruction. Newville is a small place on the railroad, but its people have always been known as an intelligent, progressive community. There are now two general stores, one drug and grocery store, two physicians, three blacksmith shops, two wagon and carriage shops and one saw and planing mill.

The Newville Christian church was organized in the fall of 1831 by James Hadsell, in a school-house where the United Brethren parsonage now stands, across the river and southeast from Newville. Of the twenty-seven first members, three are yet living—Mrs. Henrietta Strong and Mrs. Julia A. Rex, of Newville, and Sarah Coburn, of Hicksville. At the close of 1879 the church had a membership of 192. There are now 154 communicants. The present pastor is Elder Oscar B. Jewell. Services are held on alternate Sundays, and on the other Sundays social meetings are held.

The Newville United Brethren church was organized in 1842 by Rev. H. Kumler, with four members, of whom S. De Long was Leader and M. Soper, Steward. Their house of worship was erected in 1855. A new roof was put on and other repairs made about 1880, and at the present writing (1885) a brick foundation is being constructed, which, with other changes, will cost \$500. The successive pastors have been: Revs. H. Kumler, J. Thomas, J. Fink, — Briggs, J. Geer, S. Linsey, E. Day, William Mathers, William Butler, C. O. Lawrence, T. Osmund, J. K. Alwood, D. Holmes, J. Lower, C. Crossland, — Rhodes, William O. Butler, J. Dixon, J. Brown, J. G. Bowersox, G. Crawford, J. N. Martin, S. J. Colgen, and R. T. Martin, who now fills the pulpit. The present membership is fifty-nine. The Trustees are: Messrs. Nichols, May and Tarney. A good parsonage, near the church, is the property of the society. The Sunday-school has an average attendance of about seventy-five.

The first school-house was built of round bass-wood logs, about 16x20 feet, with a "shake" roof held in place by weight poles. There were two small windows, and the door of rough lumber, was hung on wooden hinges; a string raised its wooden latch. The fireplace was surmounted by a stick and mud chimney. A round piece of timber was split in two, and the flat side of each turned up, and four or five pins inserted for legs, to form the seats. A puncheon laid upon pins stuck in the wall formed a writing desk. This house was built in the spring

of 1839, and the following fall the first term of school was taught by Marietta E. Robinson, for \$1.50 per week. A new frame school-house was built about 1843, on what is now the site of the United Brethren parsonage, and in 1850 a church and school-building was erected, under the lead of R. Faurot. In 1852 a select school was opened by R. Faurot, which was maintained until 1861. After Mr. Faurot, the principals were: J. E. Hendrix, A. Hartness and L. Barr. Since 1861 it has been a township school. It has now two departments, primary and high. The latter is presided over by F. M. Merica, and has an enrollment of eighty pupils. Mrs. Josie De Long teaches ninety-six pupils in the primary department. William Seely is Trustee.

The first school in the township, however, and also the first in De Kalb County, was taught in 1837, by Eunice Strong, daughter of Daniel Strong, and now the wife of James Thomas, of Kearney Junction, Neb. The house was a frame, sided up with shaved clapboards, or whip shingles. It was the first frame house built in the county. It still stands, on section 7, Newville Township, on the homestead of Ephraim B. Strong, a brother of Eunice.

Among the early Justices of the Peace in Newville Township were, besides Washington Robinson already mentioned, J. Helwig, John Cary, J. S. Peck and Dwight Moody. Early Constables were: John P. Widney, John Thompson and Asa Overacker; and the first few Trustees were: D. Strong, A. B. Fetterer, N. Fuller, John Newton, John Murphy, N. L. Thomas, Newton Thomas, I. N. Blood, Alva Lawrence, S. De Long, D. Moody, Ephraim Strong and John Platter.

The population of the township is now 760, or 51 to the square mile, and the valuation per capita is \$314.81. The number of acres of land assessed is 8,813.25; value of same, \$161,677; value of improvements, \$21,220; value of lands and improvements, \$182,897; value of lots, \$1,270; value of improvements, \$5,375; value of lots and improvements, \$6,645; value of personal property, \$51,880; total value of taxables, \$241,422; rate of taxation, \$1.71; number of polls, 119; poll tax, \$1.50; total amount of taxation, \$4,388.54.

The following crop reports are for 1881: There was in wheat, 1,518 acres, producing 10 bushels per acre, or 15,180 bushels; in corn, 929 acres, producing 25 bushels per acre, or 23,255

bushels; in oats, 504 acres, producing 25 bushels per acre, or 12,600 bushels; in meadow, 595 acres, producing at one ton per acre, 595 tons of hay; in Irish potatoes, 26 acres, producing at 28 bushels per acre, 728 bushels.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Silas H. Bartlett, proprietor of the Newville Hotel, and insurance agent, was born in the town of Melbourne, County of Sherbrooke, Lower Canada, Jan. 20, 1825, a son of Frazier and Arolina (Brown) Bartlett, natives of Vermont. His grandfather, Joseph Bartlett, served seven and a half years in the Revolutionary war; three years of the time was Washington's body-guard. In July, 1836, his parents came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Concord Township, and the following October moved to section 7, Newville Township. The country was inhabited mainly by Indians who often visited them, trading venison and berries for supplies. One evening in the fall of 1837 when the family were at supper, they were startled by an Indian's voice, and on looking around saw an Indian's head sticking through a hole in the wall, called a window. After trading a ham of venison for some potatoes and a pumpkin, he left in delight. The Bartlett cabin was made of round hickory logs, 20 x 30 feet in size, with puncheon floor, clapboard ceiling and roof. They cooked by fire-place. Wild animals were numerous and very troublesome. Their home was in the woods and they were obliged to undergo many hardships. The father went to Maumee to buy corn, a distance of fourteen miles. Six miles of the way he had to cut a road through the woods, and two miles had to cut through the ice. He took a part of the corn to Hughes Mill and took home a box full of ears. His oxen gave out on the way, and he was obliged to leave a part of his load. He hung some pork, which he had bought, in the bushes to keep it from the wolves. For five weeks the family lived on hulled corn. The father died in May, 1860, and the mother Dec. 27, 1882. They had a family of eleven children, but four of whom are living—Mrs. Lucina Woodcox, Silas H., Simon S. and Mrs. Delilah Ayers. Silas H. Bartlett was married March 29, 1849, to Almira A. Weeks, daughter of Luther Weeks. To them have been born seven children; but five are living—Adelaide, Sarah, Charles, Evaline and George. He engaged in farming till forty years of

age and then in saw-milling several years. He has been Justice of the Peace twelve years, and is now a Notary Public. He is a member of the Disciples church.

Benjamin F. Blair, druggist and grocer, Newville, Ind., was born in Lorain County, Ohio, Feb. 3, 1833, a son of John Blair, who brought his family to De Kalb County in the fall of 1833 and settled in Concord Township. They made the journey by teams, having two spans of horses and one yoke of oxen. They often made but one mile in a day, the road being through the black swamp, and the trip was a long and tedious one. At that time the country was inhabited by Indians, but they were friendly and rarely made them any trouble. Our subject was reared in the woods of De Kalb County, and early learned the duties of a pioneer life. His educational advantages were limited, as schools were few and his services were needed at home. The land settled on by the Blair family has all been cleared, and is the present site of the town of St. Joseph. Aug. 23, 1863. Mr. Blair was married to Caroline A. Dodge, a native of Newville, born Feb. 9, 1840, daughter of Anthony Dodge, a pioneer of this township. They have two children—Belle and Don Juan. In 1862 he moved to Newville and bought and shipped stock from that time till 1876. In the spring of 1884 he engaged in his present business, and carries a full and complete stock of drugs, medicines, paints, oils, groceries, etc. He has a good trade, which is constantly increasing, having by his genial and accommodating manners won the confidence and esteem of the entire community. He was elected County Commissioner in 1876, and made an efficient and reliable officer.

Otis S. Blood is a native of Ohio, born Jan. 15, 1842, and in 1846 accompanied his parents, Albert N. and Sophia Blood, to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Newville Township. Here he was reared and educated, remaining with his parents till the breaking out of the Rebellion. In the fall of 1861 he enlisted in Company F, Forty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served till Nov. 23, 1864. After his return home he engaged in agricultural pursuits, locating on the old homestead where he has since lived. He was married Dec. 13, 1867, to Leah Culler, a native of Massillon, Ohio, daughter of Joseph Culler. His father, Albert N. Blood, was a local preacher of the United Brethren church. He served his township as Trustee and Assessor several terms. His three sons were all soldiers in the

war; the eldest, Elias, died in the hospital, and the youngest died at home from the effects of disease contracted in the service. He died March 1, 1863, and his wife is now living at Hicksville.

Henry W. Coburn, merchant, Newville, Ind., was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, March, 15, 1830, a son of Ebenezer and Delia (Wilson) Coburn, his father a native of Burlington, Vt., and his mother of Massachusetts. In 1838 his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in the Coburn settlement in Concord Township, where he was reared and educated. In 1857 he was married and moved to Newville, and located on the lot where he has since lived. In 1864 he built his residence. He worked at the carpenter's trade a few years, and in the spring of 1863 bought a half interest in the Newville saw-mill, which he ran four years. He then worked at his trade till the spring of 1870, when he engaged in merchandising in company with A. A. Fetterer, under the firm name of Fetterer & Coburn. In 1876 he bought his partner's interest and has since carried on the business alone. He carries a capital stock of \$5,000, consisting of dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, hats, caps, crockery, hardware, etc. He keeps constantly on hand a complete stock of everything in his line and has a good trade, doing an annual business of \$10,000. In 1881 he built a new store 24 x 50 feet in size, which is one of the neatest and most conveniently arranged in the town. Mr. Coburn was married Nov. 27, 1857, to Sophia Mathews, a native of Concord Township, daughter of John Mathews, a pioneer of De Kalb County, now deceased. Mr. Coburn is one of the representative business men of Newville, but is quiet and unassuming in his manner, and never seeks official honors, preferring to attend strictly to his own affairs, and leaving the cares of office to others. He and his wife are members of the Christian church.

Randal Faurot, A. M., was born in the town of Hopewell, near Canandaigua, N. Y., in 1826. He was the seventh son of Randal and Urana (Dolittle) Faurot, who moved to Royalton, near Cleveland, Ohio, when he was twelve years of age. Having a desire for an education, he relinquished his share in the prospective fine farms for a few terms in an academy and the time to study. As soon as competent he taught school in the winter and devoted his summers to study, and finally entered Oberlin College where he remained several terms. He subse-

recently graduated from Bethany College, Virginia. In early life he took a decided stand with the Disciples of Christ and worked earnestly with the people who built up so many large churches of devoted Christians on the Western Reserve, Ohio, and soon became a successful preacher as well as teacher. While on a visit to his father and brothers who had moved to Michigan, he met the natural orator and revivalist, Benjamin Alton, whose labors were so productive of good in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana, and engaged in holding meetings with him in Stafford, Newville, Coburn's Corners, and other points. Feeling drawn toward this part of the vineyard, he decided to remain in De Kalb County and became of great assistance in building the churches at Newville, Waterloo, Kendallville, Mishawaka, Edgerton, riding on horseback over the rough roads, and in addition to holding meetings, visiting the sick and afflicted, comforting the poor and needy, and leading many to righteousness. He was largely instrumental in the building of Newville Academy, which flourished and was a great source of good for many years. His memory is held in grateful remembrance by many in different States, because of his arduous labors in the cause of education. He was a persistent and thorough worker. His work was never left half done. He was strongly opposed to secret societies, and was a clear, shrewd debater, carrying his audience with him more by the force of his logic than by his persuasive powers. Kind and thoughtful, his greatest desire was to be useful to his friends, finding his greatest pleasure in seeing those he loved happy. While preaching in Philadelphia, he wrote and had published, "Pilgrim's Progress," a book written in imitation of John Bunyan, in which he showed the advantages and joy of living a Christian life. It was a work of great interest to a Christian, and of benefit to a young convert, and he received many letters, acknowledging the help derived from its perusal, and thanking him for giving the public a work of the kind. At the breaking out of the Rebellion many of his students enlisted, and it was the wish of some that he should go as their Chaplain, but one who knew him well, said: "No; Elder Fautot could not look on sin and intrigue with sufficient allowance to work among those who so misused each other." However, he and his wife went twice to Tennessee during the war, first as volunteer nurses after the battle of Marfreesboro, and again to look after wounded friends.

Yours truly
J. D. Leighty.

While there they lent such valuable aid in starting schools for the colored people that he was subsequently called South to locate a school for the oppressed race, and after many months of labor, during which he was engaged much of the time in missionary work, he, with Dr. W. A. Belding, located the Southern Christian Institute on an old plantation of 800 acres, lying on the railroad fourteen miles east of Vicksburg and twenty-six miles west of Jackson, Miss. Here in the midst of the work he builded, and which was as dear to him as his own family, he died Oct. 10, 1882, the day before his sixty-second birthday. He was married in May, 1847, to Letitia Hutchings, in Cortland County, N. Y. She had preceded him in the pioneer educational work of De Kalb County, and there they met in 1845. She proved a worthy help-meet for a noble man, sympathizing with him in all his work, and aiding him by her counsel and prayers in all his varied vicissitudes. Her kindly ministrations to the sick and oppressed endeared her to the hearts of all who knew her. They had no children to gladden their home, but reared from childhood a motherless nephew and niece, Marvin Faurot Hall, of Hillsdale, Mich., where he attended college, and subsequently located and is engaged in the electric-light business; and Mary L. Hutchings, now the wife of Dr. W. P. Andrews, proprietor of the magnetic springs at St. Louis, Mich. Their home was ever the home of the widow and orphan, and the weary and oppressed were ever welcome, and given a resting place. Truly, the deeds of the good live after them and shine as bright stars in the crown of their rejoicing.

Nathan T. Fuller, section 9, Newville Township, was born in Strongsville, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, Aug. 11, 1821, a son of John Fuller, a native of Vermont who settled in Cuyahoga County in 1818 and lived there till 1841, when he moved to Henry County, Ohio. Nathan remained with his parents till manhood, accompanying them to Henry County, and in 1844 began life for himself. He worked three years by the month on farms and in saw-mills, and in the spring of 1847 went to work on a lake steamer. The following fall he went to Cincinnati and enlisted in the Mexican war and served till August, 1848. In September, 1848, he came to De Kalb County and lived with Southard Ellis four years, and in April, 1851, bought the farm where he now lives. He has 110 acres of good land, sixty-five of which he cleared himself, it being all heavily

timbered when he settled on it. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, at which he is very successful. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion Sept. 20, 1861, in Company F, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, and served till Nov. 22, 1864. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Battle Creek, Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, and thence to Chattanooga where his regiment was on guard duty till their discharge. At Stone River he had four bullet holes shot in his clothes, and his pocket-book was torn to pieces, but he was unharmed. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization in which he is much interested. He was married July 4, 1854, to Lucinda Nichols, and to them were born five children, but three of whom are living—Francine, Flora and Logan. Francine married Benjamin F. Nelson, of Hicksville, Ohio, and has three children—Inez L., Earl D. and Ivah F. Mrs. Fuller died in September, 1873, and March 4, 1875, Mr. Fuller married Mrs. Mary Hull, daughter of Hazard Webster and widow of John Hull, who was killed at the battle of Stone River. To them have been born two children, but one of whom is living—Harry. She had three children by her first marriage, but two of whom are living—Ellen and John. Mr. Fuller has served his township three years as Trustee and two terms as Assessor.

Henry Fusselman was born in Warren, Trumbull Co., Ohio, May 6, 1815. He was the youngest of fourteen children, and his eldest sister had married and emigrated to a distant State before he was born. Of all the influences which surrounded his early life we know nothing, but they must have been gracious to form a character so strong in its simplicity, purity and integrity of purpose. If of the learning of schools he was taught little, he learned somewhere the better lessons of love for God, obedience to His laws and enduring trust in His mercy through Christ; of patience, charity and good will toward all his fellow beings; of industry, perseverance and economy as regards his own life and practice. These qualities, added to strong good sense, made him an excellent business man, a valuable citizen and a faithful friend. He was married in Braceville, Portage Co., Ohio, Dec. 22, 1836, to Almeda M. Gay, who was born May 15, 1810. She was a woman of strong intellect, and distinguished among her acquaintances for her bright, keen wit, whose shafts, to her credit be it said, were

never poisoned by envy or malice. To her husband she was a valuable and valued helper; to her neighbors a ready and sympathizing friend; in her family, energetic and untiring. Mr. and Mrs. Fusselman arrived at the St. Joe River in Stafford Township, April 15, 1838. On the 11th of August after, their eldest child, Barbara, was born. She is now Mrs. Geo. Garver, of Des Moines, Iowa. Afterward were born to them Sarah (Mrs. Henry Herrich), Harriet (Mrs. Charles Thomas, of Omaha, Neb.), Lester, who died in the army; Henrietta and Quincy. The following sketch of Mr. Fusselman was written to his eldest daughter, Mrs. Garver, by John P. Widney, himself long an honored citizen of De Kalb County, but now a resident of Belleville, Richland Co., Ohio. It is so just a characterization, and so honorable to its author that we give it verbatim: "I became acquainted with your father, Henry Fusselman, when he first moved into the county. I went with him and Wm. Scoville to Fort Wayne in a pirogue when he laid in his first supplies as a settler. This was our first acquaintance, and it was a pleasant one. I found Mr. Fusselman to be one of the most genial companions, of more than average intelligence and of the most unswerving integrity. This first opinion of his character was fully confirmed in after years, for his sterling qualities of head and heart were soon appreciated by a wide circle of friends, and he became a leader in every enterprise that tended to build up good society. In him the widow and the orphan found a fast and reliable friend, as he was frequently called upon to manage the estates of decedents and minors. And such was the confidence of his neighbors in his justice and his judgment that he was, perhaps, more than any other man selected as referee in personal disputes, and his decision was generally satisfactory. For many years he held the office of Justice of the Peace in his township (Stafford), and in after years was selected as one of the County Commissioners. In all his public duties he fully met the confidence of his friends. His religious instincts were not less marked than his social. In the church of his choice, the Disciples or Christian, he stood among the foremost. Firm in his convictions, but tolerant and kind to those of opposite views, as a lay preacher he had but few equals. His public addresses were the overflowings of a sympathetic nature guided by a clear head. As a business man he had many excellent traits, and was specially useful as a dealer in farm pro-

duce. His energy and industry in this direction brought on, by exposure, the disease that closed his life. In the accumulation of property he was fairly successful, but all through life his generous nature made large draughts on his accumulations. In his death the county lost a good and useful man; one who was respected by all, and highly esteemed for his many virtues." Five or six years before he died, perhaps more, Mr. Fusselman removed to Newville where he opened a store and carried on an active business while he lived. He died Feb. 27, 1863, of congestion of the lungs. When the news of his serious illness went abroad his friends came from many miles distant, anxious to see him, to help, if possible, but at least to testify in some manner to their affectionate sympathy. The peace of God which passeth all understanding went with him through the valley and shadow of death. For him it had no sting, and a visible joy shone on his dead face, as if even the lifeless clay were witness to his happiness. His widow survived him nearly twelve years, dying Jan. 29, 1875. To her whose life had been maimed by the loss of her husband, to whom the intervening years had been a period of waiting, death came as a welcome friend. Let us humbly hope that it reunited in paradise those whom it had separated here.

Isaac Gunsenhouser, section 4, Newville Township, was born in Stafford Township, De Kalb County, Ind., on the old homestead, on the southeast quarter of section 6, March 8, 1838. In 1836 his father, John J. Gunsenhouser, came to this county and settled in Stafford Township. At that time the county was all heavily timbered and the inhabitants were principally Indians and wild animals. Isaac Gunsenhouser was reared a farmer and has followed that vocation the most of his life, with the exception of the decade from 1872 to 1882, when he ran a steam saw-mill on the St. Joseph River at Newville. He received a common-school education, attending the schools of his native township. He moved to Newville Township in 1872 and settled on section 4, where he owns seventy-six acres of choice land, under a good state of cultivation. He served as Justice of the Peace three years in Stafford Township, and has held the same office eight years in Newville. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity. He was married in 1860 to Rosanna, daughter of Jacob Dickerhoff. They have had two children--Inez (deceased) and Mary E.

H. H. Hull, M. D., was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, Feb. 4, 1815, a son of Henry and Christiana (Cox) Hull, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania. He lived on his father's farm till twenty-one years of age, receiving his education in the public schools of Knox County, Ohio. When nineteen years of age he began the study of medicine, and when twenty-one began his practice. In 1851 he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and located at Newville, where he has built up a large and lucrative practice. He was married April 24, 1856, to Melissa Rex, daughter of Joshua and Martha (Watson) Rex, natives of Vermont and New York. To them have been born six children, four of whom are living—Lorinda, C. O., Inez and T. M. Dr. Hull became a member of the Masonic fraternity in the fall of 1857, and is a member of William Hacker Lodge, No. 326, Newville.

Wilson S. Headley was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, June 26, 1843, a son of James Headley, who was born Jan. 10, 1810, in Greene County, Pa., and a grandson of Maurice Headley. In 1845 James Headley brought his family to De Kalb County, Ind., and entered eighty acres of land on section 8, Newville Township, where he has since lived. Wilson S. received a good common-school education, completing it at the Newville select school. He remained at home till after the breaking out of the Rebellion, and in 1863 enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Indiana Infantry, and served nearly two years. He participated in the battles of Kenesaw Mountain, Burnt Hickory, Atlanta, Franklin, Nashville, Bentonville, and others of less importance. After his return home he worked on the homestead three years and then spent two years on Bear Creek, Concord Township. In 1877 he moved to Newville where he has since lived. He has been prominently identified with all the interests of the town since living here, and in 1884 was elected Justice of the Peace, and makes an efficient and reliable officer. He was married Jan. 5, 1867, to Sarah E. Bradley, daughter of Joseph Bradley. To them have been born six children—Vernon D., James, Maud, Lee, Dott and an infant son.

Rev. Oscar B. Jewell, pastor of the Newville Christian church, was born in Washington Township, Licking County, Ohio, April 12, 1845, a son of William Jewell, now of Ottawa Lake, Mich., a native of Elizabeth City, N. J. He was reared on a

farm but received a good education in the schools of Utica Ohio, and after leaving school taught fourteen years. April 12, 1878, he was ordained a minister in the Disciples church, and has since given his time to the pastoral work of the church. He came to Newville in February, 1884, and now has charge of the churches at Newville and Coburn Corners. He is a gentleman of pleasing address, a fine orator, and a ready expounder of the doctrines of the Bible, and has many friends both in and out of the church. He was married Nov. 14, 1867, to Melissa Cullison, daughter of John M. Cullison. They have one child—Frank, aged sixteen years.

John Mathews was born in one of the New England States Aug. 9, 1790, and died in Newville, Ind., Aug. 27, 1862. His father, John Mathews, was one of the pioneers of Shelby County, Ohio. He was married in the fall of 1832 to Priscilla H. Clayton, daughter of Robert Clayton, and to them were born twelve children, eight of whom are living—Mrs. Eliza McCosh, Mrs. Elizabeth Fetterer, Mrs. Jane Stoughton, Mrs. Mary E. Moody, Mrs. Sophia Colburn, Mrs. Melissa Briggs, Aaron and Mrs. Alice McCabe. William H. was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, and was killed in the battle at Vicksburg. Aaron was also a soldier in the late war. Robert, Mrs. Rebecca Snook and Mrs. Ettie Sanders are also deceased. Mr. Mathews came to De Kalb County in December, 1833, and located on the present site of Spencerville, and from that time till his death was one of the prominent citizens of the county.

John Nelson, farmer and stock-raiser, section 28, Newville Township, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, Feb. 26, 1819, son of Hugh and Mary (Wilson) Nelson, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Virginia. He was reared in his native county, and in the fall of 1853 came to De Kalb County and settled on the farm where he now lives. The first year he lived in a small pole cabin, but in the fall of 1854 built a log house. He owns ninety-six acres of land, sixty acres of which he has cleared with his own hands. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion in Company F, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Indiana Infantry, and served two years. He participated in the battles of Resaca, Nashville, Kingston, and others. At the battle of Nashville he was shot through the wind-pipe, when making a charge, the second day of the fight, Dec. 15, 1864. He enlisted as a private and was discharged as

a Duty Sergeant. He was married Sept. 22, 1842, to Eliza Thornburg, daughter of Benjamin and Nancy (Underwood) Thornburg. To them have been born eight children, seven of whom are living—Benjamin F., Jennie, John W., William H., Hugh A., Samuel L., and Celia. All are married except Henry and Celia. Benjamin married Francinia Fuller and has three children—Inez L., Earl D., and Ivah F. Jennie married Edwin O. Harris, of Antwerp, Ohio, and has six children—Frank, Mabel, Elva, Myrtle, Ross and Ethel. John W. married Matilda Clark and has one child—Ray. Hugh, of Cole City, Ill., married Dellia Pardee, of Grundy County, Ill., and has one child—Ralph. Samuel married Carrie Lupton, and lives in Springfield, Ill. Their eldest child, Thomas J., died at the age of six years. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He has served his township as Constable two terms, and as Justice of the Peace the past nine years.

James W. Platter, the first white male child born in De Kalb County, Ind., was born in Concord Township, Oct 11, 1836, a son of Jacob and Jane (Weeks) Platter, his father a native of Miami County, Ohio, born Feb. 16, 1805, and his mother of Rockbridge County, W. Va., born Aug. 18, 1809. He was educated in the pioneer log school-houses, and in his youth learned the blacksmith's trade, although the greater part of his life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits. He now owns a fine farm of 100 acres on section 18, Newville Township. He lived in Concord Township till twelve years of age, and then went with his parents to Defiance County, Ohio, where he lived fourteen years. Then moved to Allen County, Ind., and seven years later returned to De Kalb County, and in 1873 settled on the farm where he now lives. He was married Dec. 23, 1859, to Harriet Reaser, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Reaser, of Wayne County, Ohio. They have had four children—Cornelius, born Sept. 12, 1861; Ulysses, born July 26, 1863; died April 2, 1884; Arthur, born Aug. 13, 1866, and John, born March 21, 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Platter are members of the United Brethren church.

Captain Marquis L. Rhodes, deceased, was born in Piqua, Ohio, Feb. 15, 1835, a son of Jeremiah Rhodes, who settled in De Kalb County in 1836, and is now a resident of Spencerville. He remained at home on the farm till fourteen years of age, and then

went to Fort Wayne, and for six years was employed as clerk in the store of Henry Orff. He then returned to Spencerville and established a general store, which he conducted till the fall of 1857, when he moved to Auburn and carried on his business there till August, 1862, when he raised Company A of the One Hundredth Indiana Infantry, and was appointed its Captain. He was a valiant soldier, serving till the following December, when he died at Memphis, Tenn., from the effects of measles. He was married Dec. 4, 1856, to Sarah E. Harmony, daughter of Jacob Harmony, of Decatur, Ind. To them were born three sons, but one of whom is living—Cecil, who lives in one of the Western States. One son, Leon, died in June, 1880, aged twenty-one years. Mrs. Rhodes is a resident of Newville, and one of the most esteemed ladies of the place. Captain Rhodes was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity.

William Seeley is a native of New York State, born in 1833, the eldest of three sons and one daughter of Amzi and Mercy Ann (Ray) Seeley. July 3, 1843, his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and the following fall settled on the Richmond farm where they lived two years. In the fall of 1845 they moved to Orangeville where the father bought an interest in the flouring mill. In 1858 he sold his mill and moved to Newville where he died in the spring of 1877. He was one of the prominent men of the county, and held the office of County Commissioner four terms. William Seeley lived with his parents till eighteen years of age and then learned the cabinet-maker's trade, at which he worked till the spring of 1872, when he bought the saw-mill which he has since run. He has built up a good trade, and is one of the prosperous citizens of the township. He was married in 1863 to Ellen Stager, a native of Ohio, born in 1836. They have a family of five children, all living at home. In 1882 Mr. Seeley was elected Township Trustee, and re-elected in 1884.

Alpha Warren Smith, farmer and stock-raiser, section 4, Newville Township, was born in Erie County, Pa., March 17, 1827, a son of Daniel Smith, a native of Saratoga County, N. Y., and an early settler of Erie County. He was reared and educated in his native county, and when sixteen years of age, in 1843, left home and, after wandering in several States, in 1849 located in Putnam County, Ohio, where he remained till the fall of 1860, and then went to Lawrence County, Ill., and spent the winter,

and the following spring came to De Kalb County, Ind., where he has since lived. He owns seventy-six acres of choice land all well improved, and in addition to his agricultural pursuits has worked at the shoemaker's trade. He was married in the fall of 1849 to Sarah Miller, daughter of Jacob and Anna (Roberts) Miller. The father died about 1870, and the mother is living with Mrs. Smith, aged seventy-five years. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born seven children; but two are living—Minerva and Paulina. Minerva married Willis Aten, of Newville Township, and Paulina married William Countryman, and has one child—Carl. One son, Oscar, died at the age of twenty-two years. He married Dora Bailey, and left one child—Blanch.

Philander Smith, section 5, Newville Township, was born in Morrow County, Ohio, Dec. 4, 1825, a son of Elisha Smith, a native of New York and a pioneer of Delaware County. He was reared and educated in his native county, and in the early part of 1851 came to De Kalb County and spent several months in Newville making fanning-mills. He then returned to Ohio, but in 1852 came again to Newville, and in company with John S. Peck established the first cabinet shop in the place. A year later he sold his interest to Mr. Peck, who ran the shop till 1860, when he sold out to William Seeley, and in 1865 Mr. Smith bought an interest in the business and they ran it together five years. The latter then sold his interest, but in 1879 bought the entire business and ran it alone till 1882, when he sold out and moved to the farm where he now lives. He has forty acres of good land on his farm, and also owns forty acres in Henry County, Ohio. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion in 1861 in Company E, Eleventh Indiana Infantry, and served a year, when he was discharged on account of disability. In 1863 he helped raise Company H, of the Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry, and was commissioned its First Lieutenant. The following winter he was wounded at the battle of Murfreesboro and resigned. In 1864 he helped raise and enlisted as private in Company F, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Indiana, but was soon after appointed Second Lieutenant and subsequently First Lieutenant. He participated in the battles of Pittsburg Landing, Burnt Hickory, Murfreesboro, Perryville, siege of Atlanta, Franklin, Nashville, Kingston, and others of less importance. He was married in the spring of 1846 to Lucy Lord, and to

them were born two children—Elizabeth (deceased) and Philura. Mrs. Smith died in the spring of 1850, and in December, 1851, he married Caroline Griffith. To them have been born eight children, six of whom are living—Loretta, Corlistia, Effie, Alfred, Ellsworth, and Birdie. Mr. Smith is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He and his wife are members of the Disciples church.

Ephraim B. Strong, section 7, Newville Township, was born in Geauga County, Ohio, Jan. 5, 1815, a son of Daniel and Eunice (Bundy) Strong, natives of Northampton, Hampshire Co., Mass., a grandson of Daniel Strong, a hero of the Revolution. His grandfather's brother John was a Colonel in that war. His father was Captain of a military company in the early days of Ohio. His parents moved to Geauga County, Ohio, in 1813, and in 1836 to De Kalb County, Ind., landing in Newville Township, June 4. There were no roads through from Defiance County, Ohio, and they were obliged to cut their way through the woods. They settled on section 7, where our subject now lives, which at that time was heavily timbered. They cleared the timber from four acres that fall and sowed it to wheat, without plowing the ground, dragging it in, and harvested a crop of 102 bushels. There was a family of twelve children, but five of whom are living—Ephraim B., Eunice, Stephen W., Nancy and Albert B. Two died in childhood and five, Daniel B., Lucy, Laura, Triphosa, and Israel, had reached maturity. Albert B. was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion. Ephraim B. Strong remained with his parents till manhood, assisting his father to clear and improve a frontier farm. He was married May 28, 1840, to Marietta E., daughter of Ralph F. Robison. To them have been born five children, three of whom are living—Henry B., William L., and Ida G. Lisbon E., and an infant are deceased. Henry married Anna L. Leitch, and has one child. He lives in Clay Center, Neb. Ida is the wife of Andrew C. Harrod, of Newville Township.

James W. Wair, section 4, Newville Township, was born in Paulding County, Ohio, Dec. 23, 1839, a son of J. M. Wair, a native of New England, who moved West when our subject was small and died there. James W. was reared and educated in his native county. He was married June 22, 1871, to Mrs. Almeda S. Boland, widow of Edward Boland, and daughter of Samuel Swetland. She was born in the State of New York,

January, 1834, and when eleven years old her parents moved to Lorain County, Ohio, and she was married there when nineteen years old to Edward Boland, and came directly to this county. Mr. Wair has been a cripple since two and a half years of age. He and his wife are members of the United Brethern church.



CHAPTER XIX.

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP.

SITUATION.—GEOGRAPHY AND TOPOGRAPHY.—ORGANIZATION.
—EARLY TOWNSHIP OFFICERS.—FIRST SETTLER.—OTHER
PIONEERS.—FIRST SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES.—POPULATION.
—PROPERTY AND TAXATION.—CROP STATISTICS.—SEDAN.—
CORUNNA.—BIOGRAPHICAL.

The township known as Richland is situated in the western tier, and is bounded on the north by Fairfield, on the east by Union, on the south by Keyser, and on the west by Allen Township, Noble County. Through the northern part the air-line of the Michigan Southern Railroad Company runs, having two villages within the limits of Richland, Corunna and Lawrence, or Sedan. It has several small streams, tributary to the Cedar and Little Cedar, and one or two small lakes. The surface is uneven and somewhat hilly. The soil is sandy, with occasional tracts of clay. This latter is of beautiful color and superior quality for the manufacture of tile or bricks. The prevailing timber is beech and maple, but there is interspersed a supply of ash, oak and poplar; there is little walnut left.

Richland was organized as a civil township in September, 1837, as a whole Congressional township, and Jacob Weirick was appointed its first Supervisor. At the first election held, but six votes were cast, and William Showers was elected Justice. On the formation of Keyser Township, in June, 1876, 12 sections were taken from its southern side, reducing it to 24 sections. Some of the early township officers were as follows: Justices, besides William Showers, already mentioned, James Blake, D. Shaw and L. D. Britton; Constables, Lyman Green, John Clay, Robert Williams, Leeman Fulson, J. Simons, D. Mallery, A. P. Bristol, John Palmer, L. Thomas, B. Sanders, David Swander and C. B. Kagey; Trustees, Peter Treesh, Joshua Brubaker, David Lawrence, A. J. Hunt, Jacob Palmer, Jefferson Wallace, Christian Fretz, Solomon Showers, H. Wil-

lis, W. Connelly, J. C. Mead, Japhet Ingraham, James Blake, Lyman Green, W. Showers, L. D. Britton, H. Sherlock, H. Knapp and I. Kanaga; Assessors, William Welker, C. Knapp, John Shaw and Henry Sherlock.

The first settler was Joseph Miller, who, during August, 1836, cut his way in from his father's clearing in Jackson, and located on the farm later sold to and occupied by George Olinger, two miles west and one half mile south of Auburn. Previous to moving his family he had chosen a site for a cabin; then one day he cut logs; the next he made the clapboards, having to chop off the timber (for want of a saw) two clapboard lengths, then split it into bolts, and chop them in two before riving. He and two others put up the house without any further assistance on the third day.

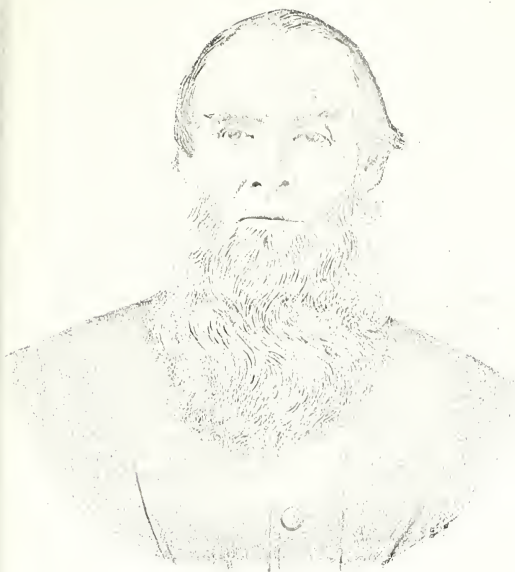
During October following, Jacob Weirick and Joshua Feagler moved in; the former occupied a log house built for him by Miller, Van Sickle and Obadiah Whitmore. Mr. Feagler passed his life upon this place, and his name is perpetuated by the name "Feagler's Corners" applied to the intersection of roads. Weirick's entry was the land which later became the property of Peter Raub. Calvin Calkins set out in the fall of 1839, from Sandusky County, Ohio, on foot, with a knapsack upon his back to carry his provisions, and arriving in this township, selected a quarter-section, or two eighties, lying on the present road south of Corunna. He learned that another land-hunter had chosen part of the same lands, and made the best time possible to the land office at Fort Wayne, and was scarcely half an hour in advance of his competitor. The family moved in during June, 1840. Neighbors were few and scattering; Peter Kronkite, who had come during the previous fall, had a cabin in the woods on his entry of land, adjoining Calkins on the west, and Peter Moody had located previously on land about a mile east of Corunna, and had begun a small clearing about his cabin.

In the northeast part of the township was the Showers' settlement. Solomon Showers being the pioneer was called upon to give lodging to those who were moving in to become his neighbors. His cabin was small, but room was always found, and his garden and truck patch of two or three acres indicated to others the initial steps of early settlement. Lyman Green, for whom the corners south of Sedan were named, Daniel

Webber, William Beck, William Showers and Daniel Showers were others who soon established themselves in this neighborhood. Japhet Ingraham settled where L. D. Britton afterward lived, having purchased it from Samuel Jones, by whom it had been entered as early as 1836, and Peter Treesh made the first clearing of the Amos Britton farm. Thomas Daily moved in from Michigan and settled in the western part of Richland, and Dimick Harding came from Lima, Ind., and chose a tract for his life-long home. Other early settlers were: The Moodys, Peter, John and Harvey; the Connellys, Ezra, William and John; Samuel Haynes, James Blake, Heman Bangs and James McCrum. Henry Willis, afterward Sheriff, and who subsequently settled in Waterloo, came at an early date and located in the northeastern part of the township. He by chance or choice located on a sugar-timbered tract, and there he gathered the sap from the tall maple trees with neck-yoke and pails, manufactured sugar, and this was exchanged for breadstuffs, sometimes requiring a three-days' journey. This was a very common expedient with the first settlers, and was of invaluable service. Indeed, they would have fared very poorly had it not been for sugar and saw logs. It was well, indeed, that they had this means of "sweetening" their bitter experiences of pioneer life.

The first school-house was erected at Green's Corners prior to 1841. In 1849 a frame was put up by Charles Knapp on the old site. A year or two later L. D. Britton was a teacher in this building. In 1842 a log school-house was built a half a mile northeast of Calkin's Corners; Loretta Rawson was teacher, and she had fifteen pupils. Harvey Smith was the first male teacher. The Baptists were the first religious organization, and erected the pioneer log church on Calkin's Corners. Early ministers were: Elders Town, Spear and Blanchard. The first grist-mill was built at Corunna by Obadiah Bear, and the first water saw-mill on section 16, by John Weaver. Burgess and Green put up a steam saw-mill on the land belonging to Mr. Green.

The population of Richland Township is 1,598, or 66 to the square mile. The valuation per capita is \$337.96. In 1884 the number of acres of land assessed was 14,787.70; value of same, \$383,334; value of improvements, \$49,010; value of lands and improvements, \$432,344; value of lots, \$6,999; value of im-



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provements, \$16,690; value of lots and improvements, \$23,689; value of personal property, \$109,232; total taxables, \$565,265; rate of taxation, \$1.56; number of polls, 214; poll tax, \$1.50.

The following figures of staple crops are for 1881: Acres in wheat, 1,834; product of same at 5 bushels per acre, 9,170 bushels; acres in corn, 1,113; product of same at 25 bushels, 27,825 bushels; in oats, 636 acres; product of same at 30 bushels per acre, 19,080; in meadow, 518 acres; product of same at two tons per acre, 1,036 tons of hay; in Irish potatoes, 40 acres; product of same at 15 bushels per acre, 600 bushels.

Sedan and Corunna are two stations on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, the latter being far more important as a business point. At Corunna the following are the business firms: F. G. Fried, general store; Helmer & Metz, general store; Mercer & Baughman, drugs; B. G. Cissle, drugs; John Lipsett, grocery; Wallace & Knapp, hardware; W. B. Adams, hardware; G. H. Miles, harness; J. Kirkpatrick, agricultural implements; J. Lanning, grocery; John Baker, blacksmith; J. Kirkpatrick, blacksmith; Al. H. Williamson, wagon and repair shop; Dewitt Griffith, barber; James Gettings, saloon; John Finch, repair shop; Mel. Reynolds, meat market; Osborn & Kline, saw-mill; Miles Calkins, saw-mill, brick and tile yard; Charles Imus, Union Hotel. The medical profession is represented by Drs. F. Snyder, W. M. Mercer and W. H. Nusbaum. Corunna has two churches, both brick. The M. E. church was built about fifteen years ago, and that of the United Brethren denomination was erected in 1875.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Heman Bangs, farmer, section 11, Richland Township, was born in Bennington County, Vt., June 14, 1813, a son of Nathaniel and Judah (Elwell) Bangs, of English descent. His great-grandmother went with her sixteen sons to the place of enlistment and saw them all enrolled in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary war. She died at the age of 104 years. His father died at the age of ninety-seven years. His mother was drowned in the Erie Canal, at Lockport, N. Y., when on her way West to visit him. She was in the fifty-first year of her age. When our subject was eleven years old he went to live with Robert Madison, a neighboring farmer, and remained with him till manhood, moving with him when fifteen

years of age to Genesee County, N. Y. When he reached his majority he had \$100 as a nucleus upon which to build his future. After working a time by the month he bought a farm in Niagara County, N. Y., of the Holland Company, and lived there two years. In 1839 he sold his farm and came West. The first winter he spent in Kalamazoo, Mich., and March 13, 1840, came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on the farm where he now lives. It was heavily timbered, and neighbors were few, there being but twelve families in Richland and three in Fairfield Township at the time. He was a young man of energy and ambition and went bravely to work to make a home. He also for a time worked at the carpenter and joiner's trade in connection with farming, there being a demand for that kind of labor. In addition to his home farm, Mr. Bangs has had 320 acres of land which he has given to his children. He has been prosperous in his business operations, and is now one of the wealthiest farmers of Richland Township. He was married Nov. 22, 1842, to Catherine E. Chaffy, born in 1821, a daughter of Joshua and Polly (Bowers) Chaffy, who came to De Kalb County from New York in 1838, and subsequently moved to Lagrange County. They have had seven children—Eunice L., Nathaniel, John H., Winfield Scott, Caroline L., Charles H., and Matilda (deceased). In 1841 Mr. Bangs united with the Protestant Methodist church, but afterward transferred his membership to the United Brethren church, which church his wife joined later. He has always taken an interest in church and Sabbath-school matters, and has for several years been a Trustee and Steward, and Leader of the United Brethren church for five or six years, and Superintendent of the Sabbath-school. Politically he was formerly a Whig, and is now one of the foremost workers in the Republican ranks. In the spring of 1840 Mr. Bangs helped to build the first school-house in Richland Township. He also made the first coffin for the first person who died in the township, it being for a child of Obadiah Smith. The first loom in the county was made by Mr. Bangs in the spring of 1840.

Christian C. Browand was born in Erie County, Pa., June 30, 1838, the fifth child of David M. and Catherine (Shank) Browand, natives of Lancaster County, Pa., of Swiss descent. When our subject was five years old his parents settled in Fort Wayne, Ind., where he lived till fourteen years of age when they settled

on a farm. In 1859 our subject went to Noble County, Ind., where he was employed as a clerk in a store till his enlistment, Oct. 20, 1862, in Company G, One Hundredth Indiana Infantry. His regiment was in the army of the Tennessee, and participated in the battles of Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Big Shanty Station, Dallas, New Hope, Hardy and Allentown; was with Sherman in his march to the sea, and at the close of the war he participated in the grand review at Washington. July 15, 1865, he was honorably discharged, after which he returned to Noble County and found employment in the store he left at the time of his enlistment where he worked two years. Jan. 7, 1867, he married Miss Samantha Crogley, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Solomon and Susana (Gault) Crogley, natives of Lehigh County, Pa., of German and Irish descent, who settled in this township in 1848. They have had four children, but one living—Alice. The deceased are Minnie J., Beatrice and Gracie E. Mr. Browand lost his health in the army, and for ten years he was unable to do any labor, but is now partially recovered. In 1878 he settled in De Kalb County. Mr. Browand and wife are members of the Disciples church. He is a member of F. & A. M. and I. O. O. F. fraternities. In politics he is a Republican. He had five brothers in the late war, three in the Eighty-eighth, one in the One Hundredth, and one in the Twenty-sixth Indiana Infantry. Two received wounds; all served three years.

Christian C. Buss, the eldest of twelve children of Christian and Margaret (Staley) Buss, was born in De Kalb County, Ind., July 2, 1844. His father was a native of the canton Berne, Switzerland, and after arriving at manhood came to the United States and located in Ohio, where he married Margaret Staley, also a native of Switzerland. In 1843 he came to De Kalb County and entered eighty acres of land, and then returned to Ohio and moved his family to the new home, making the journey with ox teams. He lived one season on the farm of John Husselman, and then moved to his own land, which he had been preparing in the meantime for his family, erecting a log house and clearing a part of the timber. He made this place his home till his death in 1867. His widow survived him a few years. They had a family of six sons and six daughters, two sons and five daughters are living. Mr. Buss was a graduate of a high school in his native country, and was one of the finest

German scholars in the county. He worked at the cooper's trade in his early life, and later at the carpenter's trade. He was a skillful mechanic, and many buildings are still standing in De Kalb County as an evidence of his handiwork. C. C. Buss, the subject of our sketch, was reared a farmer, and in his youth learned the art of surveying. His father owned a saw-mill, and when not in school he assisted on the farm and in the mill. He subsequently went to Smithfield Township and ran the Lockhart Mills three years; then returned to Richland Township, where he is now doing a good business, buying and sawing hard wood lumber. His farm contains 120 acres of choice land, all well improved, and is one of the most valuable in the township. He was married March 14, 1866, to Elizabeth, fourth daughter of William and Barbara Park. To them have been born eight children, seven of whom are living—William H., John H., Isaac H., George H., Charles L., Barbara M., and Belle. Eda May died in infancy.

Pollaus N. Calkin was born in Essex County, N. Y., Nov. 27, 1830, the sixth son and twelfth child of Calvin and Kezia (Kellogg) Calkin. In 1833 his parents moved to Sandusky County, Ohio, and in 1840 to De Kalb County, Ind., locating on 160 acres of wild land in Richland Township. Here our subject grew to manhood and was early inured to the hardships and privations of life on a frontier farm. He was married March 27, 1851, to Matilda Brown, daughter of Levi and Jane (Peak) Brown, who came to De Kalb County from Seneca County, Ohio, in 1850. After his marriage he settled on a part of his father's farm where he still remains. In 1873 he engaged in the manufacture of tile, brick and lumber, which he still continues, at present, however, is also superintending his farm. He has 110 acres of land all well improved, with a good residence and farm buildings. Mr. and Mrs. Calkin have eight children—Horace N., Milo L., Frank C., Lindal G., Adna W., Charles F., Mary J., and Rosa May. Mr. Calkin in his political affiliations is a Republican. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Benjamin A. Chaffie, Postmaster, Corunna, was born Oct. 11, 1815, in Tompkins County, N. Y., a son of Benjamin and Clarissa (Brefford) Chaffie, the former a native of Massachusetts, the latter of New York. In 1836 he removed to Medina County, Ohio, and Nov. 25 of that year was married to Caroline, daughter of George Story. In 1845 he settled in Fairfield Township this

county, on forty acres of land entered from the Government. He changed locations several times, but continued farming pursuits till 1858, when he engaged in the mercantile business at Turkey Creek, which he followed till 1861, when he came to Corunna, where he was similarly engaged till 1869. In 1873 he received the appointment of Postmaster and Express Agent, positions he still holds. To him and his first wife, who died Feb. 4, 1864, were born three children—Orlin, Lavisa (deceased), and Albert O. April 30, 1865, he married Mrs. Mary Conway, whose maiden name was Thompkins. At the first election held in Fairfield he was elected Trustee, and while living in Steuben County, Ind., served as Magistrate two terms. He is a member of the United Brethren church. He casts his suffrage with the Republican party.

Andrew F. Cox was born in Wayne County, Ohio, Nov. 5, 1833, the fifth of nine children of Jacob and Jane (Denman) Cox, natives of Pennsylvania, his father of German and his mother of Scotch descent. Jacob Cox died March 15, 1885. His golden wedding was celebrated Dec. 5, 1874, and the following April his wife died. Our subject remained with his father till manhood. In 1854 he came to Indiana and taught school in Miami County, one winter; then returned home, and after a brief stay came to De Kalb County, and March 18, 1856, was married to B. A. Helwig, daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Garsnape) Helwig. The first year after their marriage they lived in Noble County, Ind., then moved to Steuben County and bought twenty acres of unimproved land, which he improved, and subsequently sold and bought fifty acres in the same township where he lived till March 28, 1882, when he came to De Kalb County, and bought eighty acres of improved land in Richland Township. Mr. and Mrs. Cox have a family of three children—Sarah L., Belle O., and George Elmer. Mr. Cox is a member of the Baptist, and his wife of the Evangelical Lutheran church. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party.

Thomas D. Daily was born in Ontario County, N. Y., Oct. 25, 1818, a son of William and Elizabeth (Dillingham) Daily, the former a native of Vermont and of Irish descent, and the latter a native of Massachusetts and of Welsh origin. In the fall of 1827, our subject with his father's family removed to Oakland County, Mich., where he was reared on a frontier farm receiving a limited education in the early schools of that county.

When he was sixteen years old he purchased his time of his father and began working for himself. In the spring of 1841 he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and purchased eighty acres of wild land, which his brother had previously entered. He cleared ten acres during the summer, and then returned to his home in Michigan, where, Oct. 25, 1825, he was married to Miss Susan Knapp, a daughter of Henry and Esther (Moses) Knapp. She was born in Livingston County, N. Y., and came with her parents to Michigan when ten years of age. After his marriage our subject removed to his new home in De Kalb County, where they passed through all the hardships and privations of a pioneer life, but by close attention to his pursuits, and through their good management he has accumulated a good property. He has one son—William H., who married Mary L. McDonald, and now resides on the old homestead. In 1882 Mr. Daily and his wife removed to the village of Corunna, where they are enjoying the accumulation of many years of hard toil. Politically Mr. Daily is a Republican.

T. J. Eldridge was born in Sandusky County, Ohio, April 9, 1835, the only son of Benjamin and Ellen (Hite) Eldridge, natives of Ohio, of English and German descent. His mother died when he was five months old. When he was fourteen years old he began to work by the month for farmers, and when eighteen years of age began to work at the carpenter's trade, which he followed fourteen years. In the meantime the Rebellion broke out, and May 2, 1864, he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Ohio Infantry, and served till Sept. 4, 1864. In 1866 he came to De Kalb County, and settled in Richland Township on land he had bought in 1858. Here he has since resided, engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Eldridge was married March 31, 1859, to Mahala Kenan, of Sandusky, Ohio. To them have been born six children, but three of whom are living—Benjamin F., Ann M. and Oliver P. The deceased are Henrietta, Ida M. and Emeline. Politically Mr. Eldridge is a Republican.

Manoah Franks was born in Wayne County, Ohio, April 17, 1827, the third son and fifth child of Peter and Julia (Fletcher) Franks, his father a native of Fayette County, Pa., born May 21, 1797, and his mother of Virginia, of English parentage. His father was a son of Jacob and Sarah (Livengood) Franks, a grandson of Jacob and Barbara (Bradbury) Franks, and a great

grandson of Michael Franks, who with three sons came from Alsace, Germany, to America in the early part of the eighteenth century. A record of the Franks family for a period of 500 years is preserved by them, and is now extant in Ohio. Our subject was reared on a farm, remaining with his parents till manhood. He received a fair education in the common schools of his county. He was married Feb. 7, 1849, to Lucinda, daughter of William and Mary (Hackett) Mackey, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Pennsylvania, of French descent. In the spring of 1851 Mr. Franks, with his wife and one child, moved to Indiana and bought 160 acres of land on section 12, Allen Township, Noble County. It was heavily timbered land, but after building a small cabin for his family he went bravely to work to clear it and make a home. When he reached Indiana, after paying for his land, he had just money enough to buy a cow, ten bushels of wheat and two bushels of corn. Possessed of unlimited energy, he improved his land, and for twelve years made Noble County his home. In 1863 he bought the farm in Richland Township, De Kalb County, where he resided for twenty-two years, moving back to the old homestead in Noble County in the spring of 1885. His farm in De Kalb County contains 131½ acres of fine land, all well improved. Mr. and Mrs. Franks have had three children, but two of whom are living. John, the eldest, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, Oct. 8, 1850, and died of consumption at the homestead in De Kalb County, Ind., Sept. 8, 1872. Marion and Mary (twins) were born at the homestead in Noble County, Ind., June 8, 1854. Marion married Minnie Britton, and lives on the old homestead in De Kalb County. Mary married Francis L. Britton, of Richland Township. Mr. and Mrs. Franks are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a Democrat.

Thomas F. Franks, fourth son of Peter and Julia (Fletcher) Franks, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, Nov. 29, 1833. He was reared on a farm till his marriage, receiving only a common-school education. Feb. 27, 1855, he was married to Miss Eliza Ann Millard, a native of Crawford County, Ohio, and a daughter of Richard and Rebecca (Moore) Millard, who were natives of Lancaster County, Pa., coming to Crawford County, Ohio, among the early settlers. After his marriage Mr. Franks resided in his native county till 1864, when he removed to De

Kalb County, Ind., and purchased his present farm of eighty acres of improved land on section 5, Richland Township. Mr. Franks and his wife have been active members of the Methodist Episcopal church for thirty years. Of their eight children, seven are living—Julia R., Mary Almeda, William J., Lucinda A., Samantha Alma, Frank N. and Harvey Peter. Virgie O. is deceased. Mr. Franks was appointed Township Trustee to fill a vacancy, June, 1881, and elected to the same office in 1882, and has held the same position by re-election ever since. In politics Mr. Franks is a Democrat.

F. G. Fried, merchant, Corunna, Ind., was born in Germany, June 11, 1840, a son of Gottlieb F. Fried. When our subject was fourteen years of age he emigrated to America, landing in Kendallville, Ind., Jan. 5, 1855, and in 1857 he went to Fort Wayne, where he found employment in a store till the breaking out of the Rebellion. July 12, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, Seventy-fourth Indiana Infantry. He participated in the battle of Chickamauga, the Atlanta campaign, and a number of other engagements. He rose from the ranks to Orderly Sergeant and subsequently to Sergeant-Major of the regiment. Later he was detailed to the Commissary Department, and while in the discharge of his duty met with an accident, and was afterward furloughed and went home to vote for Lincoln's second term, after which he joined his regiment at Goldsboro, N. C. He was discharged June 30, 1865. He returned to Kendallville, and soon after embarked in the mercantile business with W. S. Northam, and after a short time sold his interest and clerked till 1867, when he bought an interest in a store in Wawaka, Noble County, which he conducted two years, and in 1869 located at Corunna where he has since carried on a prosperous business. Dec. 31, 1866, he married Orie R. Brown, daughter of Rev. William C. Brown. They have four children—F. Eugene, William C., Heber M. and Fletcher. Mr. and Mrs. Fried are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is an earnest and efficient worker in the Sunday-school.

James B. Frost was born in New Haven, Huron County, Ohio, Oct. 24, 1842, the only son of Richard and Mary (Lewis) Frost, his father a native of Waterbury, Conn., and his mother of the State of New York. They moved to Ohio with their parents when children, and there grew to maturity and were married. In 1845 they moved to Noble County, Ind., where the mother

died July 4, 1879, and the father June 13, 1883. Our subject grew to manhood in Noble County. He was married July 6, 1862, to Margaret King, daughter of Christian and Christina (Stark) King, natives of Germany, who moved with their family to America and settled in Ohio where the mother died. Mr. King moved to Indiana in 1851, and died in Wabash County in 1873, aged sixty-three years. Mrs. Frost was reared by Jacob C. Miller, of Noble County. After his marriage Mr. Frost settled on a farm a mile from the old homestead where he lived till March, 1882, when he sold his property and bought a farm in Richland Township, De Kalb County, where he now lives. Mr. and Mrs. Frost have two children—Chloe B. and Arthur D. In his political affiliations Mr. Frost is a Democrat.

James M. Goetschius, known by the early settlers as the noted wolf hunter of De Kalb County, was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., July 4, 1812, a son of Lewis and Helen (McMasters) Goetschius. In 1815 his parents moved to Tioga County, N. Y., and there he grew to manhood and married, in 1833, Miss Betsey Waterman, a native of New York. The next spring he moved to Huron County, Ohio, where, in August, 1834, his wife died, leaving a daughter—Catherine, now the wife of Daniel Hoffman, of Auburn, Ind. In the spring of 1836 he came to Indiana and entered 240 acres of land in Butler Township, De Kalb County. He cleared and improved a part of the land, built a log house, and May 22, 1839, married Miss Catherine Barnes, a native of Tioga County, N. Y. They had many hardships to contend with, but were young and ambitious, and succeeded in making the farm tillable, and in placing themselves on an equal footing with their neighbors. In 1850 Mr. Goetschius crossed the plains to California and remained there a year and a half, successfully engaged in mining. He returned home through Central America, via the Nicaragua route. In 1856 he sold his farm in Butler Township and bought the one in Richland Township, section 14, where he has since resided. His farm contains 160 acres of land, and his residence and farm buildings are among the best in the township. Mr. and Mrs. Goetschius have had ten children, but six are living—Helen, Elizabeth, Emily, Philander, Abraham and Ira. Mary and three infants are deceased. Politically Mr. Goetschius is a Democrat. He has held many offices of trust and responsibility in the township, and served three terms as County Commissioner.

Nelson Griffith was born in Fayette County, Pa., Jan. 24, 1812, a son of Asa and Jane (Blair) Griffith, natives of York County, Pa., of Welsh and Irish descent. In 1817 his parents moved to Wayne County, Ohio. When he was eighteen years of age he went into a woolen factory and served an apprenticeship of three years. He then worked in the same factory four years as a journeyman. In 1839 he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and entered eighty acres of land in Jackson Township, where he lived fourteen years. In 1853 he sold his farm and purchased the one in Richland Township where he now lives. At the time he bought his land it was mostly heavily timbered, but he has cleared and improved it, and now has one of the finest farms in the township. Mr. Griffith was married March 19, 1837, to Sarah Ann Cobbler, daughter of Philip and Charlotte (Wolf) Cobbler, who moved from Lancaster County, Pa., to Ohio in 1822. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith have had ten children, eight of whom are living—Lewis C., Annie, Clark W., Philip A., Lottie, John and Aaron (twins), Dewitt. The deceased are Harriet and David K. Politically, Mr. Griffith is a Democrat. He has served as Assessor of his township six years and as County Commissioner three years. He and his wife are members of the Disciples church.

Peter Grogg, a successful and enterprising farmer of Richland Township, residing on section 22, was born March 2, 1821, in Stark County, Ohio, the youngest of seven sons of Solomon and Mary (Snyder) Grogg. After attaining his majority he worked for the neighboring farmers and rented land in Stark County seven years. In 1849 he came to Indiana and bought 160 acres of his farm in Richland Township, De Kalb County. His land was a wild, uncultivated tract, but he and his wife were industrious, and came to a new country expecting to undergo hardships and privations, and looking ahead to the time when they would have a home and the accompanying comforts. They endured their hard life without a murmur of complaint. He has been successful, and now has 320 acres of finely cultivated land, a good residence and comfortable farm buildings. He was married Sept. 3, 1846, to Eliza Smith, a native of Stark County, Ohio, daughter of Benjamin Smith. They have had a family of nine children—Amy Ann, Benjamin S., Lucinda, Jacob W., James H., Mary, Daniel S., Ellen and Elmer Ellsworth. The eldest is deceased. Mr. and

Mrs. Grogg are members of the English Reformed church. Politically he is a Republican.

John F. Harter was born in Stark County, Ohio, Oct. 24, 1848. He is the third son and fifth child of six children of Emanuel and Mary Ann (Rasor) Harter. The former is a son of Jacob Harter, a native of Pennsylvania and of German parentage; the latter was a daughter of William and Mary Ann (Everhard) Rasor, formerly from Westmoreland County, Pa., and later of Medina County, Ohio. Our subject was reared on a farm, the district schools affording him the means for an education. He lived with his parents till twenty-two years of age, when he came to De Kalb County and remained one year, then returned to his former Ohio home. A year later he returned to De Kalb County, and Jan. 8, 1873, was married to Eliza, daughter of William and Catherine Schoup, and again returned to Ohio, where he remained till after the death of his father, which occurred June 24, 1873. His mother died July 14, 1882. Returning to De Kalb County he rented land, and in 1881 purchased eighty acres, on which he now lives. He has two children—William E. and Rosetta. He is a member of the Lutheran church.

Samuel S. Haynes, farmer, section 20, Richland Township, was born in Portage (now Summit) County, Ohio, Aug. 1, 1813, a son of Benjamin and Christiana Haynes, his father a native of Maryland and his mother of Virginia. He was reared and educated in his native county, of which his parents were early settlers. In May, 1841, he moved to Indiana and purchased forty acres of heavily timbered land north of Auburn, and began making a frontier farm. He cleared the land which is now the public square of Auburn. In 1844 he sold out and bought eighty acres in Richland Township, and the second time settled in the woods and cleared a farm in De Kalb County. He has made this last purchase his home, and now has one of the finest farms in the township. Mr. Haynes was married Feb. 22, 1837, to Marian Meed, a native of Vermont, who came with her parents, Julius and Marian (Bain) Meed, to Ohio when she was sixteen years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Haynes have had ten children—Julia L., George B., Charles S., Lorenzo D., Egbert M., Tryphena C., Freeman E. (deceased), Perry F., Alfred G. and Chloe K. Politically Mr. Haynes is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the German Baptist church.

J. W. Helmer, dealer in general merchandise, grain and produce, Corunna, Ind., was born in Allegany County, N. Y., Jan. 12, 1824, a son of Godfrey and Barbara Helmer, natives of New York, of German descent. He was reared on a farm, attending the district schools till sixteen years of age, when his parents moved to Ashtabula, Ohio, where he began to work at the cabinet-maker's trade, and served an apprenticeship of three years, receiving as a remuneration \$30 a year, and was also to have the privilege of attending school eleven months, which was not given him. After completing his time he went to Buffalo and worked as a journeyman two years. He then came west to Conneaut, Ohio, and bought the shop that he formerly learned his trade in and employed his old boss, and continued in business at that place for himself for the next three years, during which time he married Miss A. Z. Spalding, and bought a home. He rented his property and moved to Pierrepont, where he built a saw-mill; after running it one year he sold it and built another, three miles from the first, running that one year and sold it, making \$3,500 in two years. At this time his health failed and he went to Sheboygan, Wis., where he engaged in the livery business till 1852, when he went to California, remaining there two years, then returned to Ohio and bought a farm; he remained ten years (till 1864) when he sold and moved to Goshen, Ind., and engaged in the livery business and a stage route from there to Warsaw, which he sold a month later, making \$1,200. In 1864 he moved to Kendallville, and the following fall to Corunna, where he engaged in the general mercantile business till 1870. He then moved to a farm in Steuben County, which he had traded for, and subsequently engaged in the mercantile business in Kendallville till 1876, when he returned to Corunna, where he has since resided. Mr. Helmer was married in April, 1847, to Anna, daughter of D. Spalding. They have two children—Guilford S. and Hattie. Mr. Helmer is a member of the Presbyterian and his wife of the United Brethren church. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Helmer's life is a strong incentive to our young men, as by hard labor and close economy and strict honesty in business he has succeeded in accumulating a handsome fortune.

Horatio S. Hinc, miller, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in Erie County, Ohio, Aug. 10, 1822, the second son of Shelden and Sally Hine, natives of Connecticut who settled in Ohio in

1819, where the former spent the rest of his life. Mrs. Hine died in De Kalb County, at the age of eighty-three years. In the district schools and at the academy at Norwalk, Ohio, our subject obtained a good education. Nov. 15, 1847, he was married to Cynthia, daughter of Deacon Lonson Brooks, of Erie County, Ohio. Mrs. Hine died Sept. 22, 1855, leaving three children—Shelden, Charles and Frank. His second marriage was celebrated with deceased wife's sister, Jane S. Brooks, Nov. 10, 1857. They have three children—Nellie, Brooke and Lemon. In 1838 Mr. Hine's father bought 384 acres of land in Richland and Fairfield townships, now the site of Sedan. When nineteen years old our subject came to pay taxes on this land, but considering it worthless after seeing it, he returned home with the money in his pocket. In 1856 he returned and began making improvements, cleared a site for a saw-mill, and in six weeks time had a mill running, which for ten years he operated successfully. In 1868 he bought a flouring-mill, and run the two for about two years. In 1873 this business was left in charge of his sons, and he went to Williams County, Ohio, where he had interests, remaining there ten years, after which he returned to De Kalb County where he has since lived. At present he owns 280 acres of highly improved land. He and wife are consistent members of the Lutheran church. Politically he is Republican.

Christian B. Kagey was born in what is now Ashland, then Richland County, Ohio, Oct. 21, 1829, the second child of Isaac and Ann (Brinker) Kagey, natives of Virginia, of English and German descent. He was reared on a farm, attending school till twelve years of age, when his father died, and being the eldest son the care of the farm devolved on him. He remained with his mother till her death which occurred the day he attained his majority. After the estate was settled, in 1852, he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought eighty acres of his present farm, six acres of which were partially cleared. He has cleared his land, and to his first purchase has added twenty-six acres, having now a good farm, and his buildings are among the best in the township. Mr. Kagey was married March 23, 1854, to Mary Ann, daughter of Michael Treeśh. They have five children—John F., Sarah C., Daniel E., Eliza Ann, and Nancy Bell. They have also taken a nephew, John Frederick Rohn, now nine years old, to rear and educate. Mr. and Mrs.

Kagey are members of the Lutheran church. Politically he is a Democrat. He has held the office of Township Trustee one term, and Assessor three terms.

George Keen, farmer, section 17, Richland Township, was born in Somersetshire, England, in 1825, a son of Samuel and Jane (Dorsetter) Keen. In 1835 his parents came to the United States and settled in Onondaga County, N. Y., and three years later moved to Huron County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. In 1849 he came to Indiana and built a log house on land he had previously purchased in De Kalb County; then returned to Huron County and was married in the spring of 1850 to Caroline Parker, a native of New York. The next fall he moved to his frontier home, where the following spring his wife died. Mr. Keen's first purchase was eighty acres of uncultivated land. To this he has added till he now owns 300 acres of choice land, all well improved. He was married a second time, in 1852, to Minerva Franklin, a daughter of George and Esther (Loomis) Franklin, who moved from Sandusky County, Ohio, to Steuben County, Ind., in 1840. Mr. and Mrs. Keen have had twelve children—Mary J., Caroline (deceased), Alvia, Millie Bell (deceased), Amos, Sarah, Henry, John, Edward (deceased), Boyd, Wesley, and one who died in infancy. Politically, Mr. Keen is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Joseph Kirkpatrick, farmer, section 7, Richland Township, was born in Perry County, Pa., March 18, 1830, a son of Joseph and Matilda (Murphy) Kirkpatrick, natives of Pennsylvania, of Irish descent. When he was eighteen months old his parents moved to Richland County, Ohio. When he was thirteen years old his father died. He remained with and assisted his mother on the farm till he was eighteen years of age, and then went to learn the blacksmith's trade, but on account of his health was obliged to abandon it after working a year, and then learned the carpenter's trade at which he worked and was successful till 1857, when he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on land he purchased in 1853. His original purchase was 160 acres. This he cleared and improved, and in 1872 bought eighty acres adjoining, and now has one of the best farms in the township. Mr. Kirkpatrick was married Sept. 16, 1855, to Elizabeth Marks, a native of Richland County, Ohio. They have had eight children—Francis M. (deceased), John R.,

George W., Matilda M. (deceased), William H. (deceased), Charles L., Joseph E. and Sarah A. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick are members of the Protestant Methodist church. Politically he is a Democrat.

Charles H. Knapp, of the firm of Wallace & Knapp, hardware dealers, Corunna, Ind., was born in Richland Township, De Kalb Co., Ind., May 30, 1851, the only son and child of Charles and Sarah (Calkins) Knapp. The former was a native of Livingston County, N. Y., and removed to Michigan in an early day, thence to De Kalb County, Ind., where he was married to Miss Sarah Calkins, a daughter of the late Coburn Calkins. Mr. Knapp died while engaged in the Auditor's office in Auburn, when our subject was ten months old, after which Mrs. Knapp and her son resided with her father for about fourteen years, when he went to work for himself, working with his uncle, P. N. Calkins, for about ten years in the summer season and attending school in the winter. After completing his education at J. B. Jordan's Commercial College, Toledo, Ohio, in 1876, he went to Portland, Mich., and engaged as clerk in a general merchandise store for two years. In 1883 he engaged in his present business, where he is meeting with flattering success. June 26, 1877, he was married to Miss Clara, daughter of John McCulloch, of Fairfield Township, De Kalb County. They have had two children born to them—Inez M. and Karl C. Mr. Knapp is a member of the Portland, Mich., Lodge, No. 22, A. F. & A. M. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party.

David Lawrence, one of the earliest settlers of Richland Township, was born in Philadelphia County, Pa., Nov. 30, 1821, a son of John and Sarah (Ritzer) Lawrence, who were of English and German descent. His mother died when he was ten years old. He remained with his father till manhood, receiving a good education in the district schools. In 1845 he came to Indiana and went to work for Jacob Case. De Kalb County at that time was heavily timbered. He was determined to have a home, and worked by the month till he had paid for sixty acres of wild land. He then began to clear and improve his land, and has since added to it till he now owns 200 acres of highly cultivated land. His farm buildings are among the best in the county. His residence, which was built in 1884, is the finest frame residence in the county. Mr. Lawrence was married Nov. 30, 1848, to Mary Charlotte, daughter of James and Sarah

(Camp) Symonds, who came from Genesee County, N. Y., to De Kalb County, Ind., in 1841. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence have had three children; two are living—Emily and John. Politically Mr. Lawrence is a Republican.

Jacob Lehner, retired farmer, was born in Germany, March 10, 1807, and is the youngest of twelve children born to Jacob Lehner. His mother died when he was eighteen months old, and his father when he was six years old. He lived with his oldest brother till fourteen years of age, after which he worked for one man till he was twenty-three years old, at which time he was drafted into the army and for six years served as a soldier. In the spring of 1836 he emigrated to America, landing in New York, where he worked for one month to get funds to carry him farther west, and eventually landed in Stark County, Ohio, where for eighteen months he worked for William Treesh. May 27, 1838, he was married to Mary A., daughter of his late employer. The September following he removed to Knox County, Ohio, where he bought fifty acres of land, on which he lived six years; then removed to Richland County, Ohio, where he bought land and lived for seven years. In 1854 he came to De Kalb County and bought eighty acres of timbered land which he cleared and improved, and has added to it till he now owns 140 acres of good land. To him and wife were born eleven children; eight are living—Susan, Christian, W. H., George, Washington, Michael, John and Rachel. The deceased are William, Catherine and Nancy. His wife died Oct. 24, 1877. Both were exemplary members of the Lutheran church.

Irwin Lockwood is one of the pioneer children of De Kalb County. He was born in Jackson Township, April 12, 1844, and is a son of Alonzo and Rosamond (Phelps) Lockwood. His youth was spent with his parents, and he was early inured to the duties devolving on a farmer. His education was limited to the district school. Arriving at man's estate he began farming for himself, and now owns a good home in Richland Township. His land is well improved, and his residence and farm buildings are pleasant and convenient. Mr. Lockwood was married April 20, 1865, to Mary E. Lawhead, a native of Concord Township, born April 3, 1843, daughter of Isaac and Jane M. (Widney) Lawhead, pioneers of De Kalb County. They have had two children—Carrie and Emil, the latter deceased. Politically Mr. Lockwood is a Republican.

Daniel Linty, deceased, was a native of Germany, born Sept. 10, 1816, a son of Daniel and Catherine Linty. In 1818 his parents came to the United States and lived in New York City seven years, then removed to Stark County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. He was married May 23, 1839, to Sarah Shuman, a native of Center County, Pa., born March 28, 1820, a daughter of George and Hannah (Arney) Shuman, natives of Pennsylvania, of German descent. After his marriage Mr. Linty settled on his father's farm, and cared for his parents till their death. In October, 1855, he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought the farm in Richland Township where his family reside, and where he died Aug. 21, 1883. The farm contains 120 acres of choice land, well cultivated, with a good residence and farm buildings. Mr. Linty was an honorable, upright citizen, a kind husband and father, a good neighbor, and an honored member of society. To him and his wife were born eight children, but four of whom are living—Catherine, Amanda, Eli and Nettie. The deceased are—Hannah, George, Ella and Artie. Politically Mr. Linty was a Democrat. He was, as is his wife, a prominent member of the Lutheran church.

Elijah S. McDowell, farmer, section 24, Richland Township, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, April 18, 1826, a son of John and Mary A. (Marshall) McDowell, natives of Pennsylvania, of Irish descent. He received a good education, completing it at the high school in Dalton, Ohio. He remained on the farm with his parents till 1850, when he went to California, and was ninety days in making the trip from St. Joseph, Mo. He remained there four years, engaged in mining the greater part of the time, and in July, 1854, returned to Ohio, where he followed agricultural pursuits till 1862. In 1862 he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and located near Auburn. In 1864 he bought the farm in Richland Township where he has since resided. He owns 194½ acres of choice land, all well improved. Mr. McDowell was married May 29, 1855, to Mary Ann George, a native of Ashland County, Ohio, daughter of James George, an early settler of De Kalb County. Mr. and Mrs. McDowell have had eight children; but six are living—Ida, James F., Minnie, Mollie, Nannie and Roy. Jennie and an infant are deceased. Politically Mr. McDowell is a Republican. He has served his township two terms as Trustee. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

Hon. William M. Mercer, M. D.—In France, the home of the paternal ancestry of this honorable gentleman, the name was spelled M-e-r-c-i-e-n, which has been changed by the descendants of those who settled in this country to the present orthographical mode, which has been universally adopted in America by all of that name. The time of settlement and the Christian names of the founders of the family in the New World are unknown to the present generation, which prevents the biographer from going farther back in the Doctor's ancestral lineage than his worthy parents, who are Samuel and Sarah (Cavender) Mercer, of the State of Ohio by birth and education; his mother being a descendant of English stock. Samuel Mercer died in Ohio in 1834, leaving his wife with the care of two children—William M., born in Miami County, Ohio, Oct. 30, 1830, and Samuel, who was two years his brother's junior. Mrs. Mercer subsequently married John B. Blue, who still survives and is a resident of Newville, this county. For six years following his father's death our subject was cared for by his widowed mother, who to him proved a wise and faithful counselor, and by her early teachings inculcated in him principles that later in life have resplendently shown to his credit and honor. At the age of ten years his mother's marriage with Mr. Blue was consummated, and from that time until sixteen years of age he resided at home—having had only such advantages for obtaining an education as the primitive schools of that day offered. Upon leaving the home of his youth he went to Fort Wayne, Ind., which was the opening of his career, and from which time on he vigorously applied himself to the irksome duties of a clerkship in the store of John Hamilton, with whom he found employment for three years, having devoted a portion of that time to attending school. Leaving Fort Wayne he returned to his former home and entered a store of which his stepfather was proprietor, and labored assiduously for two years in the capacity of clerk, after which he took up the study of medicine with Dr. John Champer, of Leo, Ind., a pioneer physician of note, who was his preceptor for three years, and during that time his leisure hours were spent in assisting his stepfather in the store. The Doctor was now twenty-four years of age, one-third of which time his existence had been maintained by his own efforts, and only by the strictest economy and greatest self-denial had he been able to save the

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small sum he then possessed. Desiring to take medical lectures, but hindered by the inadequacy of his means, he was in sore perplexity to find a way out of the difficulty, which was eventually accomplished by the generosity of his brother Samuel, who contributed the "mite" he had saved (which was afterward repaid), and thus by "doubling teams" the Doctor matriculated at the Ann Arbor School of Medicine and Surgery in the winter of 1854. The following spring he entered upon the practice of his profession at Fairfield Centre, De Kalb County. This section at that time was comparatively new and sparsely settled by men of small means, who, nevertheless, to the Doctor's advantage, were subject to the ills to which flesh is heir, and he had an extensive practice during the summer season, which upon settling the following winter he found to exceed his most sanguine expectation. At Leo, Ind., on the 9th day of November, 1856, he was united in marriage with Miss Rachel Ann, daughter of Henry A. and Hannah McEwen, pioneer settlers in Indiana. Always ambitious, the event of his marriage spurred him to greater efforts and risks, and becoming infatuated by glowing accounts from Iowa, which was then settling up, he and his young wife started for the Eldorado of the West and selected a location at Penora, Guthrie County. Here he found himself confronted by seven other physicians, all competitors for a practice that two or three could easily have attended to. Nothing daunted, however, by the array of professional talent ahead of him, he entered the "lists" and soon made his competition felt by the other disciples of Esculapius and built up a paying practice. At this juncture his former friends and patrons at Fairfield Centre earnestly solicited him to return to them, and after careful deliberation assented to their request. After a stay of six months in Iowa he returned and was installed in the practice he had previously vacated. The labors of his practice were of the most arduous kind, his calls, owing to the treacherous and at times almost impassable roads, were made mostly on horseback, and at times in inclement weather the horse had to be dispensed with. After six years of unremitting toil and incessant hardship, in which he won laurels in his profession and put dollars in his pocket, he went to Auburn where he purchased a stock of drugs. This venture proved unfortunate, and after a year's operation it terminated in a failure, and the Doctor once more returned to his

former field of success, this time locating at Corunna, near Fairfield Centre. In 1864 he was commissioned by the late Governor, Oliver P. Morton, Assistant Surgeon of the One Hundred and Fifty-second Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in which capacity he creditably served till the close of the war. Upon his return to civil life he entered upon the duties of his profession at Corunna, and the following year entered the medical department of the University of Medicine and Surgery at Buffalo, N. Y., from which he graduated with honors. In 1870 he entered the Rush Medical College, Chicago, Ill., and afterward the Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis, and received diplomas from both institutions. He has spared neither time nor expense to acquire such skill in his profession as the most learned could impart. His library comprises one of the best private collections in the State, embracing both literary and medical works of all best known authors. In his cabinet is also to be found all the modern instruments used in the most delicate and difficult surgical operations. For nearly thirty years the Doctor has gone in and out before the people of this county in a professional way, and by his prompt and efficient responses to the call of duty he has endeared himself to a host of patrons and friends. In 1876 he received the nomination of State Senator in the Republican Senatorial Convention of this district, to which office of responsibility and trust he was subsequently elected, and served his constituency ably and well for one term. By his zeal and party devotion in the promulgation of Republican principles he evidenced the ability of an able legislator. Of late years he has not been active in his practice, having during his service in the army contracted inflammatory rheumatism, from which he at times suffers severely. Otherwise the Doctor is well preserved considering his age and the amount of exposure he has endured. To him and his estimable wife have been born six children, four of whom are living—Charles E., Frank M., Arthur E. and William M. The deceased were—Warren E., aged two years, and Katie, the only daughter, aged ten years.

G. B. Monroe, farmer, section 11, Richland Township, was born in Knox County, Ohio, Dec. 6, 1831. His father, William Monroe, was born in Fairfax County, Va., in 1803, and when a boy moved with his uncle, William Harris, to Knox County. His uncle was a distiller, and he worked with him till thirty

years of age. He was married in 1823 to Rachel Knight, a native of Knox County, and in 1836 moved to De Kalb County, and settled in Concord Township, paying \$1.25 an acre for eighty acres of heavily timbered land. He also engaged in the manufacture of brick, and was the first to establish that industry in the county. He was a man of influence in the township, and held several offices of trust. He died July 14, 1867, and his wife Sept. 20, 1881. He was a member of the Disciples church, and his wife of the Methodist Protestant church. They had a family of thirteen children; but six are living—Greenberry, Aseneth, Susannah, Rhoda, Missouri and Mary. The deceased are: David, William, Elias and Elijah (twins), Sophronia and Priscilla. G. B. Monroe was five years of age when his parents moved to De Kalb County. He was reared on a frontier farm, his early education being obtained in the Sunday-schools. After he had reached man's estate he helped build the first school-house in his district. He was married May 20, 1855, to Didamia, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Van Gordon) Hall, who came to De Kalb County from Pennsylvania in 1842. After his marriage Mr. Monroe settled on the farm in Richland Township where he now lives. He has 130 acres of improved land, and is one of the most successful agriculturists of the township. He and his wife are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church. They have had five children—Ella, William (deceased), Nettie, Jonathan, Mary Belle. Politically he is a Prohibitionist.

Peter Moody was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, Sept. 11, 1824, the eldest of ten children of Peter and Nancy (White) Moody. The former was a native of Waynesburg, Pa., and when twenty years of age came to Ohio where he was subsequently married to the above. She was a daughter of James White who immigrated from Ireland to Ohio a short time previous to the birth of Mrs. Moody, where he taught school for many years. Mr. Moody followed farming in Ohio until 1840 when he removed his family to De Kalb County, Ind., where he entered seventy-two acres of Government land in Richland Township, which he cleared and improved, and resided here until 1871, when he sold out and removed to Noble County and purchased a farm where he passed the balance of his days, and where his widow now resides at the age of eighty-four years. When our subject was sixteen years of age he

came with his parents to De Kalb County, remaining with them until he was twenty-six years of age. He was married Nov. 13, 1850, to Miss Matilda M. Barnes, a daughter of Edmund and Susan H. (Beardsley) Barnes, who were natives of New York, and came to Ohio when Mrs. Moody was three years old, and to Lagrange County, Ind., in 1844. Mr. Moody has cleared and improved several farms in Richland Township, and in 1869 he settled on the place where he now resides, which is one of the finest in the township. To Mr. and Mrs. Moody were born five children; three are now living—Mary E., Ida I., and Frank B. The deceased are: John R., and one died in infancy.

Henry Ober was born in Mifflin County, Pa., June 26, 1822, the eldest son and second child of John and Nancy (Bechtel) Ober, natives of Pennsylvania, of German descent. He remained with his parents till his marriage and then bought sixty acres of heavily timbered land in his native county, which he cleared and improved. In 1852 he moved to Stark County, Ohio, and rented land four years. He then bought eighty acres of land and made it his home till 1862, when he moved to De Kalb County and bought the farm in Richland Township, now Keyser, which he still owns, and where he lived till 1879. In 1879 he bought twenty acres in Richland Township and built a fine residence, rented his farm and retired from the active scenes of agricultural life. He was married March 31, 1846, to Elizabeth Deihl, a native of Germany, who came with her parents, John and Margaret (Stilser) Deihl, to America when four years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Ober have had five children—Isaac, Margaret, John, Aaron and Nancy. The latter is deceased. Politically, Mr. Ober is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Brethren in Christ church.

Harlan Page Mead, deceased, was born in Auglaize County, Ohio, Oct. 2, 1840, a son of Julius C. and Marium (Barr) Mead. When he was an infant his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Richland Township, and here he was reared and educated, receiving a common-school education. He was married Sept. 1, 1861, to Mary Ellen Hathaway, a native of Richmond, Lake Co., Ohio, third daughter of Nathan and Hannah Hathaway, early settlers of De Kalb County. He remained on his father's farm five years, and then moved to Smithfield Township. In 1873 he moved to Keyser Township, where he died, June 12, 1873. He was an industrious, energetic man, a

good manager, economical and enterprising, and although but a young man when his life work was finished he had accumulated a good property, and had the prospects of a prosperous and useful future. During his last sickness he said to his wife, "Mary, my time has come, prepare to meet me in heaven." He was unable to speak above a loud whisper, but conversed with all who visited him till the last, urging them to prepare for death. He said he would like to see all his friends and neighbors, and told his wife to tell them how he died in the triumph of a living faith, and urge them to prepare to meet him with the blood-washed throng. He talked constantly of his Savior, and at one time said, "I suffer, Mary, but my sufferings are not to be compared with those of my dear Savior's, for he sweat, as it were, great drops of blood." At one time he called Mrs. Hathaway to his bedside, and said: "Mother, I came here with good intentions to care for you in your old age and make you comfortable, but God has ordered it otherwise. My time is about to close on earth, I will leave you in the hands of your Savior and my Savior, and he will eventually take you home." At one time he laughed, and said: "Mary, can't you laugh? If you could see what I see you would laugh." His wife said: "Page, what do you see?" He said: "They are all there, and there is my Savior spreading for me his precious hands. I have but one thing to make me cling to earth and that is my dear wife, but I will leave her in the hands of a just God and he will take care of her." "Mary, prepare for death, and when the pale horse comes mount on and I will meet you." He told his two brothers-in-law and nephew to care for his wife, and never see her trampled on or abused. He selected the hymns to be sung at his funeral and the text for the discourse. The latter was Job xiv: 14, 16. He had no fear of death. "It is just a step and I am on the other side where Jesus stands ready to receive me," he said. He was very anxious to make his will, that his wife might have all the property, and after that was done was content. Mrs. Mead is living on a farm in Richland Township, which she superintends, and is a woman of unusual energy and ability. She was a member of the Disciples church in early life, but in 1875 transferred her allegiance to the German Baptist church. In politics Mr. Mead was a Democrat.

Jacob S. Palmer, farmer and gunsmith, section 15, Richland

Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, Dec. 10, 1810, a son of John and Margaret (Swihart) Palmer. In 1812 his father took the family to Washington County, Pa., and left them with the mother's father and enlisted in the war of 1812; was taken ill and died five days later. Our subject was reared by his grandfather, Peter Swihart, remaining with him till twenty-one years of age. His grandfather was a gunsmith and also carried on a farm, and he learned the trade and worked on the farm. He received a good education in the subscription schools. After reaching his majority he worked as a journeyman till 1833, when he moved to Ohio, and in 1836 opened a shop of his own. In 1850 he moved to De Kalb County, arriving in Auburn, Sept. 6. He remained in Auburn till the following spring, when he bought a farm in Richland Township, which he has carried on in connection with his trade. He was married April 5, 1831, to Susan Tiger, a native of Pennsylvania, who died March 10, 1866, leaving five children—Margaret, John, Maria, Caroline and Eli. Sept. 12, 1867, Mr. Palmer married Mrs. Abigail (Walford) Baird. They have five children—Amos, Sabina, Annie May, David L. and Marion Edwin. Politically Mr. Palmer is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the German Baptist church.

Gilbert I. Patterson.—Among the prominent citizens of De Kalb County, none are more worthy of notice than the gentleman, whose name stands at the head of this sketch. He was born near Canandaigua, N. Y., April 5, 1834. He is a twin son of William and Rachel (Ireland) Patterson, natives of New York, and probably of Irish descent. In 1836 they settled in Steuben County, then a dense wilderness. In 1838 Mr. Patterson died, leaving his wife with six children to care for. After this our subject lived with John R. Moody, his brother-in-law, in De Kalb County, till of age, at which time he went on a prospecting tour through the Western States and purchased land at Government price in Waupaca County, Wis. March 10, 1859, he was married to Mary Ann, daughter of George De Long, an early settler of De Kalb County, and with his wife moved to their new home in the West, remaining there about three years. In the fall of 1861 they returned to this county where his wife died March 28, 1862, leaving one son—John R., who died aged about three years. The following August he sold his Wisconsin property and enlisted Oct. 12, 1862, in Com-

pany II, Thirtieth Indiana Infantry, serving ten months. He was discharged July 31, 1863, and then took another trip West, going through Texas and New Mexico, returning in 1864, and in November of that year enlisted in Company H, Fifty-third Indiana Infantry, and served till the close of the war, participating in the grand military review in Washington, June, 1865; was discharged July 21, 1865, at Indianapolis and returned to his home in De Kalb County. March 1, 1866, he was married to Mrs. Eliza E., widow of Harry McClellan, and daughter of John T. George. He lived on a farm west of Corunna one summer, and then purchased where he now lives in Richland Township, owning at this time 140 acres of highly improved land. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Patterson—Mary Ann, Clara Ellen, Amy Estella, Ida Irene and Rosa. Mr. Patterson has held many local offices of trust and responsibility. Politically he is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the German Baptist church. Mr. Patterson is a self-made man in every sense of the term, and from his means, which are ample, contributes with unstinted hand to every laudable enterprise, calculated to benefit the public.

Joseph Quince, son of Acla and Mary (Rogers) Quince, was born in Lincolnshire, England, May 17, 1825. He resided in his native country till he was almost twenty-six years of age when, in 1851, he came to America, and worked on a farm two years. He then came to Richland County, Ohio, and rented land till 1864, and in the fall of 1864 he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and purchased the farm where he has since resided, and which contains eighty acres of well-cultivated land. He was married Jan. 1, 1857, to Miss Christina Liprett, a daughter of Anthony and Mary Liprett, who came from Ireland and settled in Richland County, Ohio, at an early day. To Mr. and Mrs. Quince have been born five children, of whom three are living—Emma J., Ida Bell and Thomas E. Those deceased are: Henry L. and Willie E. Mrs. Quince and her daughter are members of the Protestant Methodist church. Politically, Mr. Quince affiliates with the Republican party.

Jacob Ringer was born in Stark County, Ohio, Aug. 4, 1826, and is the only son of George and Mary (Herbster) Ringer, his father a native of Pennsylvania, of German descent, and his mother of Maryland, of German and English descent. He grew to manhood in his native county, receiving a common-school

education. He learned the shoemaker's trade after his marriage and worked at it several years in Ohio. In September, 1853, he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on eighty acres of timbered land which he had bought in the spring of 1851. He now has a good farm, all well improved, with a pleasant residence and farm buildings. Mr. Ringer was married Dec. 8, 1846, to Mary M., daughter of Peter Raub, of Stark County, Ohio. She died Sept. 9, 1865, and March 25, 1866, he married Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Wright, an early settler of De Kalb County. They have three children—Mary M., Sarah A. and Martha S. Mr. Ringer and his family are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church. Politically he is a Republican.

Gilbert Showers was born in Greene County, N. Y., March 11, 1828, a son of Solomon and Mahala (Greene) Showers. When he was four years old his parents moved to Michigan, and five years later to De Kalb County, Ind., where he was reared and educated. He helped to build the first school-house in Richland Township. With the exception of three years, when he was engaged in the manufacture of lumber at Show-er's Corners, he has lived near the old homestead, and in 1864 settled on the home farm where he still lives. He was married Oct. 6, 1854, to Elizabeth, daughter of Charles and Barbara (Thomas) Chancy, who moved from Ashland County, Ohio, to De Kalb County, Ind., in 1853. They have three children—Ida, Gilbert M. and Almeta M. Mr. and Mrs. Show-ers are members of the United Brethren church. Mr. Showers is the only surviving member of a family of eight children. His father was born in New York in 1801, and was married to Mahala Greene in 1827. They moved to De Kalb County in 1837, there being at the time of their settlement but three other settlers in Richland Township. Their deceased children were—Catherine J., Jane M., Emily, Seth, Alfred, Rosetta and Solomon. Alfred died while in the defense of his country in the war of the Rebellion. Mr. Showers was a member of the first Board of Township Trustees of Richland, and a man universally respected. He and his wife were members of the United Brethren church. He died April 24, 1851, and his wife Sept. 1, 1884. The April following his settlement, his brother William, a bachelor, followed him to the township and became one of the most prominent citizens. He was the first Justice of the

Peace of Richland, and a County Commissioner several terms. He died Aug. 8, 1861.

Henry A. Shull, farmer, section 24, Richland Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, April 3, 1817, the eleventh of thirteen children of Henry and Catherine (Reed) Shull. His grandfather, Peter Scholl, came from Germany to the United States when seven years of age, being the only one of his father's family to reach America, the rest all dying on shipboard. At that time the name was spelled S-c-h-o-l-l, but when our subject's father moved to Ohio he spelled it Shull, and it has never been changed by the family. Henry A. Shull received his education in the German and English schools in his native county. He remained with his parents till his marriage Sept. 8, 1844, when he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought 160 acres of heavily timbered land in Richland Township. This land he cleared and improved, and now has one of the best homes in the township. He was married Feb. 4, 1841, to Ann Eliza Weaver, a native of Stark County, Ohio, daughter of Henry and Susanna (Bender) Weaver. But one of their five children is living—Elias. Levina, Ephraim, Isaac, and an infant are deceased. Ephraim enlisted in the Rebellion in Company K, Thirty-third Indiana Infantry, and died while in the service, Nov. 15, 1861. Mrs. Shull died May 27, 1849. April 7, 1850, Mr. Shull married Rebecca Bain, a native of Stark County, Ohio, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Thomas) Bain. To them have been born nine children, but four of whom are living—Daniel B., Peter, Josiah and Rebecca Ann. The deceased are—Obadiah, Henrietta, Harvey, Mary C., and Edward. Mr. and Mrs. Shull are members of the Lutheran church. Politically he is a Republican.

George Simons, farmer, section 21, Richland Township, was born in Devonshire, England, Oct. 23, 1823, a son of Charles and Sarah (Trout) Simons. When he was thirteen years of age his parents came to the United States and located in Portage (now Summit) County, Ohio, where his youth was spent in assisting his father clear and improve a farm, attending the subscription schools a portion of the time. He was married Dec. 31, 1846, to Mary A., daughter of Peter and Fanny (Saunders) Pipher, natives of Pennsylvania, but early settlers of Ohio. After his marriage he settled on a part of his father's farm, remaining there till 1851, when he moved to De Kalb County,

Ind., and bought the farm in Richland Township, where he has since resided. He was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits, and was very successful till the breaking out of the Rebellion, when, Nov. 5, 1862, he enlisted in Company K, One Hundredth Indiana Infantry. After serving about one year he was taken sick with typhoid fever, and for weeks his life was despaired of, but he finally recovered sufficiently to be taken home, after two years' service, where he partially regained his health, but has never been able to endure manual labor. He was discharged from the service Oct. 29, 1864. Politically Mr. Simons is a Republican. He has never aspired to official honors, the only office he ever held being Constable two years in the early part of his settlement in the county. He is a member of Charles Case Post, No. 233, G. A. R. Mr. and Mrs. Simons have had seven children; but five are living—Lucinda, Charles, Sevilla, Eliza Jane and Wesley. Alice and an infant are deceased.

James L. Smith, farmer, section 20, Richland Township, was born in Dalton County, Pa., July 13, 1837, a son of Joseph and Annie (Guist) Smith, natives of Pennsylvania, the father of English and the mother of Scotch descent, his paternal ancestors coming to America with William Penn. In 1839 his parents moved to Columbiana County, Ohio, where he was reared and educated. When he was sixteen years of age he went to Stark County, Ohio, and served a two years' apprenticeship at the carpenter and joiner's trade. He then worked as a journeyman till twenty-one years of age, when he engaged in business for himself. In 1865 he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought 100 acres of land in Keyser Township, a part of which is now the town site of Garrett. He rented his farm and worked at his trade till 1875, when he sold out and bought the farm of 100 acres in Richland Township, where he has since resided and has given his attention to agriculture. He has been successful in his business transactions, and has a good home, where he is surrounded with all the comforts of life. Mr. Smith was married Oct. 4, 1858, to Amanda, daughter of Samuel and Leah (Baker) Shirk, who came from Lancaster County, Pa., to Stark County, Ohio, in 1846. To them were born eight children—Isaiah J., Elmer (deceased), Harrison H., Alice E., Ida W., Ella, Minnie, and Samuel (deceased). Mrs. Smith died Sept. 6, 1877. Sept. 13, 1878, Mr. Smith married Priscilla

Wyant, a native of Champaign County, Ohio, born Dec. 20, 1847. They have had four children—Arta May, Cora (deceased), James M. and Frances B. Mr. Smith is a member of Garrett Lodge, No. 537, F. & A. M. Politically he is a Democrat.

Daniel Thomas was born in Stark County, Ohio, Oct. 30, 1831, and is the second son and third child of David and Anna (Batchie) Thomas. The former was born in Washington County, Pa., in 1805, and was a son of John and Mary Thomas, who settled in Ohio in 1810. John Thomas was a soldier in the war of 1812. The mother of our subject was born in Switzerland, and was twenty-one years of age when her parents came to America; her father dying at the age of 100 years and nine months. The parents of our subject were married in Stark County, Ohio, where they lived till 1846, removing then to Louisville, Ohio, and in 1848 came to this county and township, where they lived the remainder of their lives. Eight children were born to them, five still survive. Mr. Thomas died March 3, 1862, and his wife April 26, 1883. Daniel lived with his parents till twenty-two years of age, and in his minority obtained a limited education in the district schools. He began life by working by the month, and in this way earned eighty acres of land which he yet owns. By close attention to his business and hard work he has grown in wealth, and now owns 115 acres of good land and a living compensation, besides his improvements being among the best in the county. Mr. Thomas ranks among the self-made men of the county, having hewn from the rough his fortune by his own industry, and is now surrounded by all the comforts of life. He is known by all as a man of much public spiritedness and generosity of heart. He was married Oct. 14, 1858, to Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Rietenwald, an early settler of De Kalb County. To them have been born two children—Milo and Elmira. The latter died aged six weeks. The son received a practical education at the State Normal School, Valparaiso, Ind. They have reared two other children, Thomas and Martha Wiseman, now grown and in homes of their own; and have recently taken another little girl to raise, Minnie Ann, aged fifteen years, daughter of J. J. Thomas. Mr. Thomas and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. Politically he has voted the Democratic ticket all his life.

Levi W. Treesh was born Jan. 10, 1846, in Stark County, Ohio,

and is the third son and ninth child of Michael Treesh. When seven years of age he removed with his parents to De Kalb County, Ind., where he was reared on a farm, and educated in the district schools. He remained at home till Sept. 10, 1854, when he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Forty-second Indiana Infantry, and served in the armies of the Potomac and Cumberland till the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged June 28, 1865, at Nashville, Tenn. After the war he worked out during the summer and engaged in teaching vocal music during the winter seasons till 1872, when he settled on a part of his father's farm, and has since followed agricultural pursuits. He was married April 3, 1873, to Miss Margaret, daughter of Henry Ober, and to them have been born four children—Olive May, Chester Lloyd, Jesse Eugene and Earl Leroy. Mr. and Mrs. Treesh are members of the Lutheran church. Politically he is a Democrat. He was elected Justice of the Peace in the spring of 1884. He has been Superintendent of the Sabbath-school for five years, and is President of the De Kalb County Sunday-School Association.

Michael Treesh is another of the early settlers of this county. He was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., March 28, 1811, and is the second of eleven children of William and Christina (Barlien) Treesh, natives of Pennsylvania, and of German descent. His Grandfather Treesh was a Captain in the continental service during the Revolutionary war, and his Grandfather Barlien was a soldier in the ranks during the same struggle. Both were brave and intrepid soldiers, and did their country excellent service. When our subject was seven years old his parents removed to Stark County, Ohio, where his youth was spent in assisting his father on the farm, with whom he remained till twenty-two years of age. Nov. 15, 1832, he was married to Catherine Wagner, a native of Pennsylvania. In 1833 he and his bride settled in the woods and cleared up a farm on which they lived till 1853, when they removed to Indiana. Fifteen children were born to this couple, nine now living—John, Mary Ann, Eliza, Michael, Sarah, Levi W., Elizabeth, Lydia and Silas. The deceased are Harriet, Daniel, William A., Catherine and two infants. In 1853 Mr. Treesh removed to this county and purchased 160 acres of land in De Kalb County, which he has mostly cleared and improved. Mrs. Treesh died Sept. 28, 1858. March 29, 1860, he was married to

Mrs. Nancy Vail, a native of New York, who has borne him two children—Amy and Martin Luther. Mr. Treesh is a self-made man, having by his own exertion acquired the wealth he possesses, owning at this time 234 acres of excellent land. He and his wife are exemplary members of the Lutheran church. He is a Democrat in politics.

Peter Treesh, farmer, section 16, Richland Township, was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., March 3, 1815, a son of William and Christina (Barlien) Treesh. His father was a native of Bedford County, Pa., a son of John Treesh, a native of Holland, who was married on shipboard while en route to America, and after his arrival enlisted in the war of the Revolution. His mother was a native of Westmoreland County, Pa., a daughter of Jacob Barlien, who was a native of Holland. In 1819 his parents moved to Stark County, Ohio, where he was reared and educated. He was married Nov. 10, 1836, to Rachel Hubler, a native of Stark County, Ohio, daughter of Abram and Elizabeth (Darick) Hubler. After his marriage he settled in Richland County, Ohio, and Oct. 28, 1842, moved to De Kalb County, Ind. He purchased the northwest quarter of section 10, Richland Township, which at that time was heavily timbered. He cleared and improved his land, residing on it till 1865, when he sold it and bought the northeast quarter of section 16, where he has since resided. When Mr. Treesh came to De Kalb County, after paying for his land he had but \$1.50 in money and a small team of horses. He went to work with a determined will and has outlived the hardships and privations of his early life, and can now enjoy the fruits of his early life of toil. Mr. and Mrs. Treesh have had eleven children—William Philip, Jacob, Samuel, Caroline, Sarah, Henry, Daniel, Mary M., Josiah, Almira and Joel. Samuel and Almira are deceased. Mr. Treesh is politically a Democrat. He was the second Trustee of Richland Township. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church.

William Treesh, the youngest of eleven children of William and Christina (Barlien) Treesh, was born in Stark County, Ohio, Dec. 28, 1830. He was reared on a farm and resided with his father until the death of the latter. He was first married Aug. 30, 1853, to Miss Christiana Hontz, of Stark County, Ohio, and to them were born three children—John H., Mary M. and Anna R. He lost his wife by death Nov. 18, 1860, and

was again married May 18, 1861, to Miss Lydia Horten, of Stark County, Ohio, and to this union were born four children—Jonathan H., Emanuel, Sarah C. and Lydia A. In 1863 Mr. Treesh removed to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on his present farm of 100 acres of highly improved land. He and his wife are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church. Politically he affiliates with the Democratic party.

William J. Wallace, of the firm Wallace & Knapp, hardware dealers, Corunna, was born in Auburn, De Kalb Co., Ind., Jan. 16, 1857, a son of Thomas Wallace and a grandson of the late Jefferson Wallace, who was a native of Pennsylvania, who removed to Ohio, thence to De Kalb County, Ind., in an early day. His mother, Fidiela (Strate) Wallace, was a daughter of William Strate, who was one of De Kalb County's early sheriffs. Thomas Wallace, the father of our subject, died in 1861, when our subject was but four years of age, after which his mother, with her family, in company with her father's family, removed to Marshall County, Iowa, where, after three years' residence, she returned to De Kalb County on a visit, when our subject was left with his Grandfather Wallace, with whom he lived for two years. He then worked on a farm till he was sixteen years of age, when he began learning the tinner's trade, serving three years as an apprentice to William B. Adams, of Corunna, after which he worked as a journeyman until 1883, when he engaged in his present business, which has proved successful. He was married Oct. 9, 1880, to Miss Amanda J. Reed, a native of Richland Township and a daughter of Isaac Reed, of this county. To this union were born two children—Effie May and Bessie Bell. Politically Mr. Wallace affiliates with the Democratic party.



CHAPTER XX.

SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP.

SITUATION.—GEOGRAPHY.—TOPOGRAPHY.—FIRST SETTLER.—ISAAC B. SMITH.—HIS NARRATIVE.—ENTERING LAND UNDER UNUSUAL DIFFICULTIES.—OTHER PIONEERS.—FIRST BIRTHS IN THE TOWNSHIP.—FIRST MILLS.—FIRST SCHOOL.—FIRST CHURCH.—FIRST ELECTION.—A POEM(?).—EARLY TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS.—POPULATION.—PROPERTY AND TAXATION.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.—BIOGRAPHICAL.

The township of Smithfield occupies the north central part of De Kalb County, and is bounded as follows: on the north Steuben Township, Steuben County; on the east, Franklin Township; on the south, Union Township; and on the west, Fairfield Township. The Fort Wayne, Jackson & Saginaw division of the Michigan Southern Railroad runs due north and south through the central part of the township, and has one station within its limits—Summit. The township is drained by tributaries of the Cedar, all very small streams. On section 30 is Cedar Lake, a very pretty body of water. This township has an excellent soil, mostly mixed with sand and gravel, with but very little of that flat clay land found in many other parts of the county.

The first settler in Smithfield was Isaac B. Smith, after whom the township was named. His own narrative is given in "Pioneer Sketches," from which we quote:

"Mr. Smith came to Mr. Murray's, at Pleasant Lake, Steuben County, and from thence explored the woods of Smithfield Township to find a piece of vacant land that would suit him for a home. Three several times he had selected pieces, and he went afoot each time to Fort Wayne (thirty-two or thirty-three miles); and finding the pieces selected already entered, had to return to Pleasant Lake, upward of forty miles, and renew his search for a home. The fourth time he returned to the land office, only to meet with another disappointment. Tired in

body and heart sick with hope deferred, he met a man at the land office from Wells County, not far from where Bluffton now is, who represented to him that he was building a mill in that region, and knew of a very good quarter section of land still vacant; and stated that although he had thought of entering it himself, yet he would give way and let Mr. Smith have it.

"The Register of the Land Office told Mr. Smith that he might depend on the veracity of this man, and accordingly he entered the tract and went afoot to where it lay. When he found it, he discovered that he was badly imposed upon, as the entire tract was an unbroken cottonwood swamp, boot-top deep with water. He now returned to the land office, and told the Register the facts in regard to the land, and was told that by taking a man with him as witness and examining the land, the man making oath that it was unfit for cultivation, he could have about a week to change his entry to another piece of land. Meeting with Wilbur Powell, afterward of Fairfield Township, at the land office, he prevailed on him to accompany him as a witness. On reaching the place they traced all the lines around the quarter section, and passed through it twice diagonally from corner to corner, and did not see a single tree except cottonwood on the entire tract. Returning to Fort Wayne, now for the sixth time, he got a newly corrected plat of Smithfield Township, and took the trail for the north again.

"Traversing the woods again, in company with two others, he selected a suitable tract, but just as he was about striking for the Auburn trace, to start again for Fort Wayne, he met with three other men looking around the same lines. He inquired of them if they were going to Fort Wayne to enter land. They replied in the affirmative. He inquired when, and they replied, 'not for two or three days;' but from the expression of their eyes, he concluded that they were trying to deceive him. So, when the two companies parted, he told his companions that they would have a race for it. Both parties struck for the shanty built by Park on Cedar Creek, where Uniontown now is; but Smith and his friends got too far north, and came out to the trace near the site of what was afterward Mr. Smith's residence, and discovered their whereabouts by means of the mired ox mentioned in Park's narrative. It was now dusk and they were three miles north of the desired shanty.

"Passing over these miles they reached their lodging place sometime after dark. Their competitors were not there. The next morning they were off before day, passing down the trail at an Indian trot, and ate no breakfast until they reached 'Squire' Caswell's, some twenty miles from where they started in the morning. All this distance was traversed in a continual trot. Mr. Smith having gained on his companions some, they told him to call at Caswell's and order something to eat 'instantly.' He did so, and by the time the rear came up, breakfast was on the table. Eating in great haste, they left their coats, and trotted on, arriving at Fort Wayne, a distance of thirty miles in all, at eleven o'clock, A. M. On going to the land office, lo! the pieces of land selected were entered.

"After spending about an hour in resting and taking refreshments, Mr. Smith started back to look again, and as he was crossing the St. Mary's bridge close to town, he met his competitors, also afoot, puffing and sweating, *en route* for the land office. He gave them the comfortable assurance that their race was in vain, without intimating at all that he was in the same row. He returned that night to Mr. Park's at Auburn, having traveled that day over fifty miles on foot. There were two men at Park's that night, Reuben J. Daniels and Ira Camburn. The next morning Mr. Smith gathered from their conversation that they were going up into the north regions to look for land, and that Mr. Park was to go with them; for which each was to pay him one dollar. He proffered his dollar also for the privilege of accompanying them, and having the assistance of Park in finding vacant land.

"The proposal was accepted, and the result was that Park showed them the tracts on which they afterward severally settled. It was agreed that each should privately mark for his first choice of the lands, and providentially or accidentally as you may please to consider it, each one marked the tract on which they subsequently settled as their several choices, and each without knowing anything about the choice of the others. It was now Friday evening, and Mr. Smith had but one more day to change his entry. So he had another race to get to Fort Wayne before the land office closed on Saturday. This time he was successful, but was nearly worn down with fatigue and anxiety. Eight times had he visited Fort Wayne before he secured his future home.

"It was on Friday, the 27th of May, 1837, in the afternoon of the day, that Isaac B. Smith, Cyrus Smith and Joseph Delong, with their families, arrived on the hill where Mr. Smith fixed his residence. There was not even a shanty, or wigwam then. To keep off the night dews, they cut forks, and driving four of them in the ground, and laying poles on these covered them with brush. Under these they lay on the ground on Friday night, and on Saturday they put up a cabin (such as the three men could raise) to the joist; and again lay under the brush that night.

"The next morning they discovered an unwelcome bedfellow, in the form of a 'massasauga,' or black rattlesnake; and not being very much disposed to share their bed with these 'natives,' they went at it on Sunday morning and 'clobbered' up the cabin. They covered one side with black-ash bark peeled from the adjacent trees; and, fixing poles in the crevices between the logs, laid their beds some feet above the ground that Mr. Massasauga might have the ground to himself. On Monday they covered the other side of the cabin and the joists with bark, and carrying in some pole sleepers, laid a puncheon floor. By the time the floor was laid, the joists were found to be so low that even a woman (Mrs. Camburn), who afterward settled in the neighborhood, could not walk straight under them. We will not say but that she may have been taller than the majority of her sex.

"Whatever may be thought of cabin raising on Sunday, it must be remembered that necessity knows no law. It seemed fortunate that the cabin was finished as soon as it was, for no sooner was the bark roof laid than it began to rain; and for twenty days there was scarcely one that was not more or less rainy. In this cabin, 16x18 feet, the three families lodged together for two months, and then Mr. Delong moved back to Pleasant Lake, and Cyrus Smith put up a cabin for himself.

"On leaving Ohio, Mr. Smith had boxed up five bushels of potatoes, and among them had packed his pots and kettles not wanted on the road, and sent the box with other goods, by public conveyance to Adrian, Mich. He did not get them to his cabin until about the first of July, and on opening the box found them 'awfully' smashed up by the ironware. He thought it was now too late to plant them, but Mr. Park advised him by all means to do so. He planted them on the 8th

and 9th of July, and in the fall dug eighty-six bushels from the five bushels of mangled seed!

"In July following his settlement, Mr. Smith took the ague, and had it with but little intermission till the June following. In December, 1837, he had it so severely each alternate day that he was unable to be about. On his well day he could be around; but, of course, was very weak. Getting out of bread-stuff, it became necessary that, sick as he was, he should go in quest of some. So, yoking up his oxen, he started for the town of Gilcad, Mich., six miles beyond Orland, or the 'Vermont settlement,' as it was then called. It had rained much, and the streams were swollen. He made his way along, however, lying by sick every other day, until he reached Gilcad, where he got eight bushels of corn and started back to the Vermont mills, in the settlement of the same name. It had now turned 'cold as Greenland,' and the wind was blowing fiercely while the air was filled with descending snow. It was yet early in the morning, and he had gone but three-fourths of a mile on the road to the mill when the wind blew a tree down across the road, almost brushing the oxen's heads.

"To get around the tree, he turned out of the road, expecting to come right in again, but failed to do so; and getting bewildered amid the falling snow, he drove on through the openings as near as he could in the direction of the mills, on—for hours after hours, and still no road or mill was found. Mr. Smith had on his head a palm leaf hat that had been rather a fine one, but was now rather the worse for wear. While traveling, bewildered, through the openings, a whirling blast whisked it from his head, and the last he saw of it, it was mounting on the wings of the wind, rising higher and higher, until it was lost to sight in a cloud of snow. Having a comforter on his neck, he drew the end of it over his head and traveled on.

"Thus the time passed in continual traveling through the cold, stormy, dreary day, and the failing light told the lost man that night was near. He began to picture to himself the long cold night that would follow, in all probability the last that he should see; or if he should survive, a morning of distressing sickness to follow the night of suffering, and he all alone in the snow-clad forest. Just then the cloud broke in the West, and he could see the place where the sun set. Striking out in that di-

rection, in about eighty rods he found the road he had left in the morning, and the bridge across Crooked Creek about half way from Gilead to the mills; so that he had not advanced more than three miles in all his hard day's travel. Place yourself in his circumstances, reader, and imagine, if you can, his joyful feelings in seeing the road again. In an hour he was safely housed at the home of Deacon Stocker.

"Here he lay sick the next day, and on the day following left his corn at the mill and started for Tull's mill near the White Pigeon prairie. There he obtained fifteen bushels of very smutty wheat, which he brought to the Vermont mills also. Here at Deacon Stocker's again he spent three days, two of them too sick to travel, and the third waiting for his grist. Finally starting for Pleasant Lake, he lay there during a sick day, and on the next day got a man to go with him to break ice in the streams. By dint of hard work all day they got within a half mile of home, where they had to leave the wagon, the trail, turn out the oxen in the woods and 'foot it' in. The next day, being the eleventh since leaving home, he got his wagon home. His grist, not counting the price of the corn, which was paid as he moved in, cost him in all in cash, \$45."

The second permanent settler in Smithfield Township was Reuben J. Daniels. He emigrated from Orleans County, N. Y., and came by way of Michigan to this county. He was accompanied by Ira Camburn, and they, having located and entered 200 acres, paid for it in silver which they had carried with them. These two settlers together erected a cabin, into which they moved on January 28, 1838. It was said of this cabin, that it was doorless, without upper floor, and without daubing. There were plenty of Indians and wolves at that time. The next summer Mrs. Daniels went to the bed to move a chair, when lo! a massasauga lay coiled up thereon.

Pharez Blake, of Ohio, came next and located on section 27. His son, Norton, married Huldah Holmes in 1839, and this ceremony, performed by Squire Daniels, was the first in the township. None of the family are now residents of this county. Jacob McLeish and sons, Isaiah and Jacob, and Thomas Locke, moved in during the spring of 1838 and settled upon section 19. Joseph Delong and family moved by way of Pleasant Lake into this county in 1839, and took up a tract of land on section 22. He afterward became a resident of Waterloo. Solomon

Brandeberry came during the same year and located upon a part of section 23, which he still occupies. The McEntaifers, John and his sons, William, Jacob and Abraham, were also settlers of 1839. The two last named afterward removed to Union Township. Daniel Kepler, a pioneer of Franklin, moved into Smithfield, and became known as an enterprising settler of the township. The same may be said of Cyrus Bowman, a well-known farmer and citizen. Other early settlers were: Henry Shoemaker, Thomas Locke, David Martin, J. Haun, John Baxter, Jeremiah Hemstreet, Isaac Grate, William Clark, Hugh McOsker and George Seiner.

The first birth in Smithfield was that of Martha Smith, who married Edward Richards and moved to Missouri. The second birth was that of Lucinda Daniels, since a well-known teacher.

Cedar Lake is situated on the west border, adjacent to Fairfield. At the foot of this sheet of water the first saw-mill was raised about 1844. Daniel Martin, an early settler, built a saw-mill on the south branch of Cedar Creek, and one Fansler put up a grist-mill on the west branch about a mile below the lake. A part of the old frame of this latter was incorporated into the Waterloo mill, and continues to do service. Isaac B. Smith planted the first potatoes, Reuben J. Daniels the first wheat, and Norton Blake introduced the use of the reaper in harvesting.

Education was not neglected by the pioneers; and Isaac B. Smith and Reuben J. Daniels put up a log school-house on a corner of the farm of the latter during 1839. Miss Murray was the first teacher and Laura Phelps the second. The better financial condition of the farmers in later years was apparent in the erection of several frame school-houses at nearly the same date. Among the more intelligent and skillful teachers were: Albert Blake, afterward a lawyer; George Duncan, since County Commissioner, and Peter Colgrove, at present a County Superintendent in Kansas.

Organized Christianity was first introduced by the United Brethren, who had regular services at the Smith school-house, now known as "Number Six." The pioneer minister was Rev. Samuel Chaplin. The Methodists met at Barker's and formed a class of which Mr. Barker was the leader, and they have held steadily together to the present time. A frame church built at

a later day, now serves their purpose. The Disciples, organized under the able and devoted leadership of Revs. Bartlett and Hadsell, have a church at Cedar Lake.

The first township election was held at Smith's log-house in the spring of 1839, and there were only five present, just enough to form a board. Ferris Blake was chosen Township Clerk; Isaac B. Smith, Isaiah McLeish and Pharez Blake, Trustees; N. Blake, Constable, and R. J. Daniels, Justice of the Peace. Daniels had a large territory, with scant population, and on one occasion, when called upon to join in wedlock Jake McLeish and Miss Chaffee, he went on foot to Story Lake in Fairfield Township, performed the ceremony, and consented to take his fee in wild hogs, but failed to catch any of them.

Thursday evening, Feb. 19, 1863, by Rev. A. H. Widney, at the residence of the bride's father, in Smithfield Township, Mr. Henry A. Zwilling and Miss Theodosia A. Childs, both of De Kalb County, became one. Whereupon some graceless wit perpetrated the following:

"He always was (Z)willing to take a wife;
She never was (Z)willing in all her life,
But now, strange to say, her objections are past,
And she vows she is (Z)willing, while life shall last.

The following are some of the early township officials of Smithfield: Justices: R. G. Daniels, David Martin, Daniel Gingrich, Jeremiah Hemstreet, R. McBride, J. E. Rutan and Aaron Smith; Constables: Daniel Shull, Henry Nevin, Henry Treesh, Thomas Lock, Aaron Smith, Justus B. Howard and Edward Richards; Trustees: Pharez Blake, Isaac B. Smith, D. Smith, I. Grate, Isaiah McLeish, Augustus Ball, H. Freeman, Samuel Delong, John Leas, Thomas Lock, Harman Mullen, John McOsker, John Hornberger, George W. Froust, George J. Duncan, William Hoffman, R. Lockhart and William Cox; Assessors: John Baxter, H. Freeman, John Schrantz and Cyrus Duncan.

The population of Smithfield is 1,424, or 40 to the square mile. The valuation per capita is \$363.45. The number of acres of land assessed in 1884 is 22,272.08; value of same, \$389,482; value of improvements, \$40,115; value of lands and improvements, \$429,597; value of lots, \$334; value of improvements, \$413; value of lots and improvements, \$747; value of personal

property, \$104,275; total value of taxables, \$534,619; rate of taxation, \$1.50; number of polls, 230; poll tax, \$1.50.

The following statistics of staple crops are for 1881: Acres in wheat, 3,236; product of same, at 6 bushels per acre, 19,416 bushels; acres in corn, 2,121; product of same, 65,430 bushels, or 30 bushels per acre of upland, and 40 for lowland; acres in oats, 1,177; product of same, at 35 bushels per acre, 41,195 bushels; acres in meadow land, 709; crop from same, at 2 tons per acre, 1,418 tons of hay; acres in Irish potatoes, 75; crop from same, 10 bushels per acre, or 750 bushels; acres in tobacco, 11; crop, at 500 pounds per acre, 5,500 pounds.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Milton P. Barker, section 11, Smithfield Township, is a son of Edward Barker, who settled on section 10, Smithfield Township in 1852. Edward Barker was a native of Nottinghamshire, England, born June, 1806, and came with his parents to the United States in 1834. He lived two years in Detroit, Mich., and then moved to Branch County, Mich., where he lived till 1850. He then came to Indiana and lived two years in Steuben County. He was by trade a miller, serving an apprenticeship of seven years in England, and worked at his trade in connection with farming prior to his settlement in De Kalb County. He was a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal church and a zealous worker and liberal supporter of the church of his choice. He was mainly instrumental in the building of Barker's chapel on section 10; was the first to advocate the enterprise and contributed freely of time and money to accomplish the object. He was much respected by all who knew him and was often called upon to officiate at funerals and weddings. He was married in England to Susanna Pitts, who died in September, 1840, leaving four children; but two of whom are living—Mary Ann, now Mrs. Dirrim, and Milton P. Edward and Emma are deceased. Emma married Henry J. Salander, and died March 10, 1860, leaving one son, who died in June, 1884. Mr. Barker subsequently married Rebecca Oram, of Knox County, Ohio, who died in 1876. Their only son, Edward O., resides in Pratt County, Kas. Mr. Barker died Sept. 21, 1872. Milton P. was born in Branch County, Mich., in 1840. Forty acres of his farm of 140 acres is a part of the homestead. He was married to Margaret, daughter of James Dirrim, of Franklin

Township. They have five children—Clara, wife of Preston Miller; Hannah D., wife of William Updegraph; Isaac E., Charles M., and James C.

Cyrus Bowman, Postmaster, Waterloo, farmer and stock-raiser, a son of John and Matilda Bowman, was born in Van Buren, Onondaga Co., N. Y., Nov. 9, 1818. His father was a native of New Jersey, and his mother of Connecticut. Mr. Bowman lived with his parents till he was twenty-one years old, and worked on his father's farm. He then came to this county where he spent three years a single life, clearing land, splitting rails, by the job, etc., and in the meantime cleared twenty acres of 160 given him by his father, entered in the fall of 1838. He then returned to his home in New York, where, June 15, 1843, he married Miss Rachel Waterman, a native of Van Buren, N. Y. In the fall of 1843 he and his wife moved to this county, built a cabin in the woods where they lived until her death, Oct. 17, 1855. To them were born two children—Harriet Matilda, who died Oct. 8, 1855, aged nearly eleven years, and Rosa G., born June 19, 1851, now the wife of Phineas D. Childs, of Fairfield Township. Sept. 4, 1858, Mr. Bowman was married to Sarah Ann Smith, his present wife, a native of Stark County, Ohio, but an early settler in this county. They have two children—Archie S., born July 1, 1859, a farmer of Cass County, Mich., and Fred C., born Nov. 1, 1866. Fred is still at home, and superintends the work of the farm. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman are now on the shady side of life very pleasantly situated, both of them of strict integrity, and loved and respected by all their acquaintances.

Adam Boyer, section 19, Franklin Township, came from Ohio with his father, Peter Boyer, in 1836. The following fall, after assisting his father to build a log cabin and clear a small patch of ground, he returned to Ohio, but in March, 1837, came again to De Kalb County, accompanied by his brother-in-law, Daniel Kepler. He made his home with his brother Michael, who came in 1836, till his marriage, Jan. 11, 1838, to Rebecca Holden, daughter of Samuel Holden, a native of Highland County, Ohio, born in 1813. She came to De Kalb County with her brothers, Mathew and Francis Holden, in 1837. He built a log cabin, but notwithstanding their inconveniences they made the best of his circumstances, and with the energy of youth and the hope and happiness of newly married life passed the winter in

comparative comfort. Their household effects were limited, but in the spring of 1839 he returned to Southern Indiana for furniture belonging to his wife. In 1840 he returned to De Kalb County and settled where he now lives. To Mr. and Mrs. Boyer have been born five children; but four are living—Elimina, wife of Andrew Duncan; Balis H.; Mary Ann, wife of R. J. Fisk; Irene, wife of A. T. Smith. Their youngest son, Ira, died Dec. 21, 1873, in the nineteenth year of his age.

Balis H. Boyer, section 10, Smithfield Township, bought his farm in 1863 of Samuel Strugh. He is a son of Adam and Rebecca (Holden) Boyer, early settlers of Franklin Township. He was born in Highland County, Ohio, April 17, 1846. He was reared on the old homestead, receiving a good education in the common schools. He was married to Susan Oberlin, daughter of David Oberlin, early residents of Franklin Township. She was born in Stark County, Ohio, in 1843. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer have four children—Warren J., Mary M., Adam D., and Francis M., all living in Smithfield Township.

Oliver J. Camp was born in Stark County, Ohio, in 1852, a son of John and Susanna (Smith) Camp, natives of the same county. His parents came to De Kalb County, Ind., in April, 1855, and settled on section 6, Smithfield Township, on land bought several years previous of Mrs. Camp's father, Benjamin Smith. The first house on the place was built by Mr. Camp in 1855. The present residence, one of the best in the township, was built in 1878. The farm is under a good state of cultivation; there is a fine orchard of about 125 trees, and all the improvements are in good order, and among the best in the township. Mrs. Camp still resides on the homestead. They had a family of four children, three of whom are living—Aaron W., Luther B. and Oliver J. The latter still resides on and has charge of the farm.

Abel Campbell, deceased, was one of the early settlers of Smithfield Township, locating on the southwest quarter of section 28 in May, 1847. He was a native of Pennsylvania, born Oct. 26, 1807, and when a boy moved with his parents to Stark County, Ohio, where he was reared and married June 16, 1831, to Jane Taylor, a native of Washington County, Pa., born May 25, 1812. In 1836 they moved to Summit County, and thence to De Kalb County, making the journey hither by teams, taking two weeks to make the trip. Mr. Campbell bought his

farm of Andrew Houhn the previous fall. It had been entered in 1836 by John Taylor, father of Mrs. Campbell, who sold it to Mr. Houhn. Sixteen acres were cleared, and there was a small round-log house on the land which the family moved into. Mr. Campbell cleared about seventy-five acres and erected good buildings, making it his home till his death in November, 1860. Mrs. Campbell is still living on the homestead. They had a family of eight children, four of whom they brought with them to De Kalb County. Six are living—Margaret, John, Edward H., Ruth (wife of E. R. Leas), James D. and Lewis P. William C. died in 1871, aged twenty-three years; Benjamin F. died Sept. 4, 1855, aged three years. Mr. Campbell was one of the most prominent men of the township. Politically he was a Whig, but after the organization of the Republican party was a strong adherent of its principles. He died the day following the election of Abraham Lincoln as President of the United States. Edward H. resides on the homestead, a part of which he owns. He was born in Summit County, Ohio, in 1841. He has always lived with his parents, and has assisted in clearing the farm. He was married to Mariam E., daughter of Brickard Childs, who settled in Fairfield Township in the fall of 1847, and subsequently moved to Smithfield Township, where he died in 1878 and his wife in 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Campbell have five children—Frank, Elnora, Albertis, Clark and Thomas.

George H. Duncan, a prominent farmer of De Kalb County, settled on section 16, Smithfield Township, in 1858. He was born in Washington County, Pa., in 1827. His parents moved to Ashland County, Ohio, about 1838, and there he grew to manhood and was educated. In the fall of 1849 he began teaching school in Holmes County, Ohio, and subsequently taught twenty-six terms, his schools being in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. His first school in De Kalb County was in the Bell district in the winter of 1853-'4. He was very successful, and for several years was one of the most prominent teachers of De Kalb County. Since 1862 he has devoted his attention exclusively to farming. He was married first to Mary Chapman, a native of Ashland County, Ohio, who died in 1862, leaving one daughter—Mina, now the wife of Wm. F. Till. In 1863 he married Jane Chapman, a sister of his first wife. They have three children—Clementina, Benjamin F. and George B. Mr.

Duncan has served six years, 1874-'80, as Commissioner of De Kalb County. He is one of the representative men of the county, having been prominently identified with her interests since his first settlement in 1853. His father, George J. Duncan, was born in Washington County, Pa., Jan. 21, 1803, and was married in March, 1825, to Mary Baxter, also a native of Washington County. He moved to Ashland County, Ohio, in 1836, when that country was new, and in 1853 moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on section 10, Smithfield Township, where he died Jan. 8, 1870. His wife died Dec. 10, 1877. They had a family of eight sons and four daughters, all of whom lived till maturity. Seven sons and two daughters are still living, all save one son in De Kalb County. William B. resides in Kansas.

Robert T. Duncan, son of George J. Duncan, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, in 1848. He came with his parents to De Kalb County and remained with them till their death. Since his father's death in 1870 he has lived on the old homestead, a sister, Margaret Duncan, also making her home with him. He has been twice married. His first wife, Florence Wilson, came to De Kalb County from Ohio with her mother, Mrs. Mary Jane Wilson, her father having died in Ohio. Mrs. Duncan died Jan. 4, 1878, leaving one son—Andrew W. Mr. Duncan subsequently married Sarah Ann Freed, daughter of Peter Freed, of Smithfield Township.

Edward Erwin, farmer, section 16, Smithfield Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, in 1838, a son of William Erwin, a native of Pennsylvania, who went to Ohio when a boy, and in 1853 with his wife and five children moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Union Township. He bought a partially improved farm and lived in Union Township several years; then removed to Smithfield. Edward Erwin received a good education. He remained on the farm, assisting his father till manhood. In 1861 he enlisted in the Second Indiana Cavalry and served three years. His regiment was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Stone River, Chickamauga, siege of Corinth, and other important engagements. Since his return home he has engaged in agricultural pursuits, and has a fine farm, with a pleasant residence and good farm buildings. He was married to Elizabeth McEntaffer, daughter of Michael McEntaffer. She

was born in Franklin Township, De Kalb County, in 1844. Mr. and Mrs. Erwin have five children—Mary C., Arthur H., Mina, Delilah M. and an infant son.

David Feagler, son of Joshua Feagler, was born in Richland Township, De Kalb County, Ind., June, 1847. His father was a native of Maryland, and subsequently moved to Dayton, Ohio, from whence he came to De Kalb County. He was one of the first settlers of Richland Township, and made it his home till his death, May 30, 1875. The mother now resides in Auburn. They have six children living in De Kalb County. David Feagler was reared a farmer, and since attaining manhood has given that industry his attention. He has been very successful and now owns a fine farm on section 27, Smithfield Township, which is well cultivated and improved, with a good residence and farm buildings. He was married to Lucinda Grogg, daughter of Peter Grogg, of Richland Township. They have now two children—Elmer and Jesse.

Henry Frick was born in South Huntington Township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., Nov. 23, 1815, and in 1825 removed with his father, Henry Frick, to Stark County, Ohio, where he was reared and educated. He was married in 1838 to Christina Smith, a native of Bedford County, Pa., and in 1854 they moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Smithfield Township, where he bought 160 acres, paying \$8 an acre. He has cleared and improved 100 acres of his land, and now has one of the best farms in the township. To Mr. and Mrs. Frick have been born ten children, nine of whom are living, five sons and four daughters—Henry, Jr., married Appy Davis; Abraham married Berna Weaver; John married Nettie Cool; George married Silby Delond; Daniel, at home, unmarried; Lovina, wife of George McEntaffer; Mary, wife of John Reu-
pey; Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Bathael; and Sarah, wife of Harman Whareham. Henry, Abraham and Lovina live in Branch County, Mich.; Mary in Steuben County, and the rest in De Kalb County, Ind. Henry enlisted Aug. 12, 1862, in Company A, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry, and served till March 21, 1863, when he was discharged on account of disability. After his recovery, in September, 1864, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Forty-second Indiana Infantry, and served till June 28, 1865. He participated with General Thomas in the battle of Nashville.

Richard Gramling, section 10, Smithfield Township, was born in Pennsylvania in 1831, a son of Isaac and Mary (Hornberger) Gramling. Isaac Gramling was a native of Bucks County, Pa., born in 1805. He was married in his native State and subsequently moved to Stark County, Ohio, and from there in 1849 to DeKalb County, Ind. He settled on a tract of unimproved land on the southwest quarter of section 4, Smithfield Township, which he improved and made his home till his death July 2, 1883. His wife died in April, 1881. They had a family of eleven children, eight of whom came with them to De Kalb County. The eldest was married, but followed his parents to Indiana the next year. Six of their children are living, all in Smithfield Township, within a mile of the old homestead—Richard, Peter, John, William, Frank and Amanda. Eliza, Sarah, Henry, Susan and Mary are deceased. Richard Gramling was married in 1858 to Margaret Mortorff, daughter of Moses Mortorff, who settled in De Kalb County in 1843. They have one son, William Albert, born Sept. 24, 1859; married Mary, daughter of Lewis Chapman, and has one son—Rollin. Mr. Gramling has a fine farm, on which he settled in 1860. His residence and farm buildings are good, and he is one of the most enterprising farmers of the township.

Franklin Hamman, section 22, Smithfield Township, was born in Franklin Township July 1, 1848, a son of John Hamman, an early settler of that township, who died May 27, 1885. When two years of age he went to live with an uncle, Solomon Branderburg, and remained with him till manhood. He was married to Phoebe Martin, daughter of John Martin, of Smithfield Township. They have two children—Francelia and Olive. Mr. Hamman, in connection with his agricultural interests, is extensively engaged in the manufacture of draining tile, brick and lumber. He has a patent kiln for the manufacture of tile, and makes all sizes, having a capacity for making 400,000 annually.

Thomas Hamman, one of the most successful farmers and stock-raisers of De Kalb County, bought his farm on section 16, Smithfield Township, in the fall of 1847. The next April he began clearing his land which was heavily timbered, and the same year began the erection of a dwelling which he finished in the spring of 1849. This was the first frame house in Smithfield Township. It is 18x30 feet in size, with 13-ft.

posts. Mr. Hamman has always been a hard working man. The first six years he was in De Kalb County he cleared and fenced sixty acres of heavily timbered land, and since coming to the county has chopped the timber from 140 acres. He now has 312 acres of land, 135 of which is under cultivation. His buildings are among the best in the township. His barn, which is 85 x 42 feet in size, was built in 1864, and for a long time was the best, and is not excelled now by any in the township. Mr. Hamman was born in Stark County, Ohio, in 1823. His father died when he was fifteen years old, and from that age he was obliged to rely on himself for a livelihood. He was married in 1850 to Elizabeth Sayler, a native of York County, Pa., who came with her stepfather, Adam Hood, to De Kalb County in an early day. Mr. and Mrs. Hamman have had nine children, but five of whom are living—John, Henry, Caroline, Thomas and Simon. Samuel died at the age of thirty years in 1883; Eliza and two others died in infancy.

Jeremiah Hemstreet was born in Half Moon, Saratoga Co., N. Y., in 1803. He was reared in Herkimer and Lewis counties, N. Y. He married Sabrina Merchant, who died in New York. Their four children are also all deceased. After the death of his wife he went to Huron County, Ohio, and there married Mariam M. Smith, a native of New York, who went with her parents to Ohio when twelve years of age. In 1842 Mr. Hemstreet loaded his household goods on a wagon and with his family started for De Kalb County. He entered a tract of wild land from the Government on what is now section 22, Smithfield Township. He has been a hard working, persevering man, and has cleared, broken and fenced over 100 acres of land with his own hands, and at the age of eighty-two years is still hale and hearty. To Mr. and Mrs. Hemstreet have been born seven children; but five are living—Cornelia, wife of John Campbell; Sabrina, wife of Jotham Woolsey; Mary, wife of Orlando Seery; Ellen, wife of Adam Strow; Albert D., of San Francisco, Cal. The latter is a native of Smithfield Township, born Sept. 12, 1843. Melvina died at the age of nine months, and Alonzo, aged thirty years.

Edward M. Jackman was born in Carroll County, Ohio, July 13, 1835, a son of Edward Jackman. His parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., in 1840, and here he was reared and educated, and with the exception of four years residence in Iowa

has since lived here. He was married in 1856 to Margaret A. Taylor, a native of Stark County, Ohio, born in 1833, daughter of John Taylor, who settled in De Kalb County in 1848, and in 1865 moved to Cedar County, Iowa, and subsequently moved to Carroll County where he died. Mr. and Mrs. Jackman have had six children; but two are living—Margaret Ella and Charles F. A daughter, Sarah F., died in July, 1879, aged twenty-two years. The others died in early childhood. Mr. Jackman has a pleasant home on section 1, Smithfield Township, which he purchased in 1878. He is one of the most successful and influential farmers in the township, and is a public-spirited, liberal citizen, doing all in his power toward the promotion of enterprises of public benefit. His eldest sister, Mrs. Sarah Boyer, is the widow of Joseph Boyer, who died in 1881. She has five children—Edward H. and Oliver, in Kansas; Cyrus C., in Franklin Township; Alma Celestia, wife of William Boyles, of Wilmington Township; Electa L., wife of Walter Thompson, of Steuben County.

Wesley Jackman was born in Carroll County, Ohio, in 1827, a son of Edward Jackman. In 1837 Edward Jackman came to De Kalb County, accompanied by his brother Robert, and entered 440 acres of land on sections 17 and 18, Franklin Township, and 160 acres on section 12, Smithfield Township. He then returned to Ohio, and in 1840 moved with his wife and nine children, and settled on the east half of his land on section 18, Franklin Township, where he lived till his death in 1848. His wife died Jan. 1, 1855. One son, John, was married in Ohio, but followed the family to Indiana in the fall of 1840. Five of the ten children are living—Sarah, widow of Joseph Boyer; Cyrus resides on the homestead in Franklin Township; Wesley and Edward M. in Smithfield; and Adam C. in Grand Rapids, Mich. Wesley Jackman settled on the land entered by his father in Smithfield Township in April, 1853, and now has one of the finest farms in the county. He was married to Sarah M. Baxter, daughter of Moses Baxter, of this township. They have had eight children; but seven are living—Edith L., a teacher in the normal school at Mitchell, Ind.; Mary E., a teacher; Florence V., teaching in the State Normal School of Alabama; Charles S. and Harry E. (twins); Minnie A. and Addie. Florida V., a twin sister of Florence, died March 4, 1881, at the age of twenty-two years. She was at that

time a student at the normal school at Danville. Mr. Jackman has taken great pains to educate his children and fit them for any position in life to which they may be called. Edith is a graduate of the normal school at Lebanon, Ohio, and the others, save Minnie, of Danville, Ind. He left the farm and resided in Danville several years, that his children might have the advantage of the school of that place.

John Jenkins, section 26, Smithfield Township, was born in the State of Maryland, near Washington, in 1815, a son of John Jenkins. His father was a slaveholder in Maryland. He died when our subject was a child. In 1833 John Jenkins, Jr., went to Knox County, Ohio, at that time sparsely settled, and remained there about twelve years. He was married in Ohio, to Margaret Hull, a native of Pennsylvania, but a resident of Knox County from her infancy. July 17, 1845, he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought a tract of heavily timbered land on section 16, Concord Township. He cleared 120 acres, erected good buildings and made it his home till 1879, when he bought his present farm of eighty acres, of Homer Henning. He has made a specialty of stock-raising and for several years has dealt extensively in horses, buying and shipping West. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins have had eight children; but seven are living—Martin, Mary Ann, Henry, Alvin, John, Sarah and Orange. A daughter, Ellen, is deceased.

Samuel Kennedy, section 23, Smithfield Township. His father, John Kennedy, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, June 10, 1810, and subsequently went with his parents to Stark County, where he married Sarah Oberlin, and in 1844 removed with his family to Wayne County. In 1852 he came to De Kalb County, and bought a farm on section 23, Smithfield Township, forty acres of which was improved, where he died Oct. 20, 1854. He had a family of ten children, seven of whom are living—Samuel, William, Benjamin F., and Philip are in De Kalb County; Josiah, of Kansas; Joseph, also in the West, and Mary J., wife of A. S. Blake, of Colorado. Five of the sons were soldiers in the war of the Rebellion. Samuel enlisted in 1864 in the Ninth Illinois Cavalry, and served till the close of the war. Josiah enlisted in 1861, in the Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry. Philip enlisted in the Thirtieth Indiana, and was transferred to the Mississippi Marine Brigade. He was severely wounded twice. Benjamin F. enlisted in 1863, in the

Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry and served till the close of the war. Joseph served in the First Indiana Heavy Artillery, serving in the Mississippi Marine service. Samuel, the only son living in Smithfield Township, owns and occupies the old homestead. He was born in Stark County, Ohio, in 1830, and was therefore a young man when he came with his parents to Indiana. He was married in De Kalb County, to Annette Holmes, a native of Seneca County, Ohio, born in 1838, a daughter of Benjamin and Nancy (Knapp) Holmes, natives of New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have been born two sons—Jay S., born March 14, 1863, and one that died in infancy. Mrs. Kennedy's father moved to De Kalb County in 1843, and in 1867 sold his farm and removed to Tiffin, Ohio, where he died the following March. He was married three times, his third wife is living in Kansas. Five of his nine children are living, three in De Kalb County: Mrs. Flora McTaffin, Mrs. Olive Kennedy, and Mrs. Annetta Kennedy.

Daniel Kimmell, section 5, Smithfield Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, in 1827, and was reared and educated in his native county. In 1853 he came to De Kalb County and bought the tract of land of Peter Grogg, where he has since resided. Twenty-five acres were cleared and a log cabin had been erected. He has cleared 110 acres, and now owns 135 acres of choice land under cultivation and about twenty acres of woodland. He has built a good residence and farm buildings, and has one of the best farms and pleasantest homes in Smithfield Township. Mr. Kimmell was married to Lucinda Smith, a native of Stark County, Ohio, born in 1825. They have six children, all save the youngest, born in Ohio—Orlando, John, Benjamin, Martha, Alma and Jennie.

John Martin, section 23, Smithfield Township, was born in York County, Pa., in 1822. When he was fourteen years of age his parents moved to Ohio, and in 1841 he came to De Kalb County, Ind. He was married in 1845 to Almira Cole, a native of Erie County, Ohio, born in 1826. Mrs. Martin's father died when she was a child, and her mother subsequently married Isaac B. Smith, and May 27, 1836, they came to De Kalb County, Ind. The family afterward moved to Missouri, where Mrs. Martin's mother died. Mr. Smith and his two eldest children, a son and a daughter, are living in Missouri. His youngest son, Isaac B., Jr., died while a soldier in the war

of the Rebellion. When Mrs. Martin came to De Kalb County, forty-nine years ago, Indians were more numerous than white men, and wild game of all kinds were in abundance. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have had two children—Phœbe, wife of Franklin Hamman, and a daughter deceased.

John McOscar, section 9, Smithfield Township, was born in Bedford County, Pa., in 1822. His father, Hugh McOscar, was a native of Ireland, and came to America when a young man, and settled in Pennsylvania, where he was married, and in 1845 came with his family to De Kalb County, and located on section 9, Smithfield Township, which he had bought the year previous. The mother died in 1855 and the father July 3, 1857. They had a family of four children—John; Fergus, of Pratt County, Kan.; James died in Montana several years ago; Jane, wife of Ferdinand Fetters, of Smithfield. John McOscar resides on the farm adjoining the old homestead of his father, and has one of the best farms in the township. He was married in 1856 to Mary Skilling, daughter of Michael and Rosanna Skilling, who located in De Kalb County in 1846. Mr. Skilling was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, and came to America in 1829, and settled in Philadelphia, Pa., where he married Rosanna Riley, who was born in Philadelphia in 1808. Mr. Skilling died in Notre Dame Hospital in June, 1879. Mr. and Mrs. Skilling had a family of six children, five of whom are living, three sons and two daughters. Mrs. McOscar was born in Philadelphia, Dec. 29, 1834. Mr. and Mrs. McOscar have had seven sons, four of whom are living—William, Edward, Amos and Emory. Their eldest son, James, died Jan. 4, 1879, at the age of twenty-one years. Two died in early childhood. Edward J. graduated from the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1884. The rest of their family are at home.

John D. Porter, section 24, Smithfield Township, was born in Ripley, Huron County, Ohio, in 1821, and when he was two years of age his parents moved to Wyandotte County, Ohio. When he was twelve years of age his father died, leaving a widow and five sons. John D. and his youngest brother, Mathew, of Ohio, are the only ones living. His mother died in 1860. When he was fifteen years of age he went to live with a maternal uncle, but a year later began to work by the month. In 1842 he came to De Kalb County, Ind., with Hiram Holmes, for whom he worked four years, remaining with him

till his marriage. Mr. Holmes settled in Franklin Township, remaining there five years, when he moved to La Porte County and laid out a town on the Michigan Southern Railroad, which he named Holmesville. He subsequently left there and moved to Iowa. Mr. Porter was married in 1846 to Catherine McAndaffer, daughter of David McAndaffer, and a native of Stark County, Ohio, born January, 1829. He then settled on his father-in-law's farm, in Smithfield Township, and after the latter's death, in 1851, rented the farm five years. He then bought the homestead of the heirs, at that time containing 154 acres, seventy of which were improved. He now owns 196 acres, 150 improved. He has about 700 rods of tiling on his farm and other valuable improvements. Mr. and Mrs. Porter have had four children, three sons and a daughter; but two sons are living—David, born Aug. 6, 1849, married Martha, daughter of Joseph Ballby, of Waterloo; Franklin E., born September, 1859, was married Feb. 7, 1884, to Emma, daughter of John Lowe, of Franklin Township.

Charles L. Rempis, Jr., was born in Germany, March 21, 1831, a son of Charles L. Rempis, who was born in Germany in 1801, and came to America with his family in 1832 and settled in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and later in Massillon, Ohio, remaining there till 1853, when he removed to De Kalb County and bought 120 acres of land on the southeast quarter of section 22, Smithfield Township. Forty acres of the land were cleared and under cultivation, and had a log cabin and barn. He went to work to improve his farm, but lived only six years after coming to the county, dying in December, 1859. His wife survived him a number of years. They had a family of eight children, six of whom are living, four in De Kalb County. Charles L. Rempis, Jr., went to California in 1851, and remained on the Pacific coast three and a half years. In the fall of 1854 he returned East, and his father having in the meantime removed to De Kalb County, settled in this county. He was married to Elizabeth, daughter of William Middleton, who settled in Adams County, Ind., in 1842, and in 1843 removed to De Kalb County, and in 1845 settled on section 4, Union Township, but sold out in 1864 and moved to Waterloo, where he died in 1866. His wife died July 19, 1874. They had a family of four children—Isaac, died in Idaho Territory; Mrs. Rempis; Hester, wife of Jacob K. Norton, of Eaton County, Mich.;

James. The latter born in De Kalb County. Mrs. Rempis is the only member of the family living in De Kalb County. Mr. and Mrs. Rempis have three children—William H., Lewis F. and Theodore. Mr. Rempis has a fine farm on the northeast quarter of section 32, and is one of the most enterprising and influential farmers of the township.

Jacob Sawvell, section 24, Smithfield Township, bought his farm in 1847 of John Anthony. At that time but very little of the land was improved; now it is one of the best farms in the township, sixty of the eighty acres being under cultivation. Mr. Sawvell was born in Adams County, Pa., near Gettysburg, April 23, 1807, and lived in his native county till twenty-one years of age, when he moved with his parents to Stark County, Ohio, where he was married to Sarah Anthony, who accompanied him to De Kalb County. She was a native of Pennsylvania, but was reared in Stark County. They had a family of ten children, but seven of whom are living, two in De Kalb County. Mrs. Sawvell died in July, 1862, and Mr. Sawvell subsequently married Mary Mortorff, a native of Adams County, Pa., born in 1822. He has been a hard working, economical man, and his efforts have been crowned with success.

Eli Stoffer was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, in 1836, a son of Samuel Stoffer. In 1864 he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Fairfield Township, and in 1874 moved to the southwest quarter of section 19, Smithfield Township, where he has since resided. In 1884 a cheese factory was built on his farm, and May 23 he began manufacturing, the firm name being Smithfield Dairy Association. Mr. Stoffer is President of the association. The factory has the capacity of manufacturing 500 pounds of cheese per day. Mr. Stoffer is one of the most successful and enterprising business men of the township. He was married in Ohio to Elizabeth Weaver, a native of Columbiana County. They have seven children—Oliver, Delilah, Amanda J., Edwin O., John F., Mary K. and Ella N.

Aaron A. Stout was born in Lenawee County, Mich., in 1829, a son of George and Delight W. (Bliss) Stout, his father a native of New Jersey, born in 1799, and his mother a native of Vermont, a daughter of Nelson Bliss. His father moved to Western New York with his parents when about five years of age, and when a young man moved to Lenawee County, Mich..

where he was married, and in November, 1836, moved to De Kalb County, and settled in Fairfield Township. In 1834 he had entered eighty acres of land in Steuben County just across the line from De Kalb, and in the spring of 1837 settled on this land and improved it, making it his home several years. He subsequently moved to section 1, Smithfield Township, and thence to Jackson Township, Steuben County, where he died in the spring of 1866. His wife died in 1853. They had a family of five sons and two daughters—Herbey B., the eldest, died of cancer, aged fifty-three years; Aaron A.; George L. died at the age of twenty-three years; Orville L. died at the age of forty years; Nancy W., wife of Frederick Story; Caroline, now Mrs. Forst; Edwin went West several years ago, and is supposed to be dead. After the death of his first wife Mr. Stout married Mrs. C. (Shotto) Clark, who is still living. To them were born four children. Aaron A. Stout remained with his parents till his marriage to Malinda Bower, who was born in New York, April 13, 1834, daughter of John Bower, who settled in Fairfield Township in 1851. Her father is now living in Kent County, Mich.; her mother died in 1861. Mr. and Mrs. Stout have had three children, but one is living—Frances A., wife of Archie W. Irwin. Lydia L. died Jan. 29, 1878, aged twenty-two years, and one died in infancy. In 1861 Mr. Stout enlisted in the Forty-second Indiana Infantry for three years, but was discharged in January, 1862, on account of disability. In April, 1863, he settled on his present farm on section 12, Smithfield Township, where he has one of the pleasantest homes in the county.

John R. Walker, section 35, Smithfield Township, bought his farm of 160 acres of Wesley Parks in August, 1844. At that time it was heavily timbered, but he cleared and improved it, and in 1860 bought the quarter section adjoining. By hard work and economy he has acquired a competency, and is one of the successful farmers and most respected citizens of the county. Mr. Walker was born in York County, Pa., in 1808, and was there reared and married to Catherine Chrumrine, a native of Maryland, born in 1810. In 1835 they settled in Columbiana County, Ohio, and lived there till their removal to De Kalb County in 1844. Mr. Walker's father, Nicholas Walker, was a distiller, and in his youth he learned the business and followed it a number of years in Ohio. Mr.

and Mrs. Walker have had eight children; but four are living—Sarah, Amanda, Eli and George, the two latter born in Indiana.

Frederick C. Waterman, section 8, Smithfield Township, a son of Othniel and grandson of Elijah Waterman. His grandfather settled on section 30, Franklin Township, De Kalb County in 1837, and resided there till his death in 1863. His father, Othniel Waterman, settled on section 9, Smithfield Township in 1840, but about 1843 moved to Steuben County, and from there two years later to Milwaukee, Wis.; thence to Waukesha County, Wis., and from there to Fox Lake, Dodge County, and thence to Tomah, Monroe County. He engaged in the lumber business north of Tomah, till 1868, and then bought a farm near town, where he lived till his death in the fall of 1882. The mother, Mary (Gambia) Waterman, still resides on the homestead. Of their six children but three are living—Frederick; Alice, wife of Mervin Jones, of Monroe County, Wis.; and Charles, a conductor on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. Frederick was born in New York Mills, Oneida Co., N. Y., Aug. 26, 1841. He remained with his parents till the breaking out of the Rebellion, when, May 11, 1861, he enlisted in the Second Wisconsin Infantry, which was a part of the famous Iron Brigade of Wisconsin. He participated in the first battle at Bull Run, July 21, 1861, Gainesville, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and on the first day of the battle of Gettysburg, was taken prisoner, but was paroled by General Early the same evening. However, instead of being allowed to report immediately at parole camp, he was required to assist in taking care of the wounded. He rejoined his regiment at Bristow's Station, a few days later, and subsequently participated in the battles of the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, North Anna; was forty-two days in the trenches before Petersburg; was at Five Forks, and Appomattox at the surrender of General Lee. After the close of the war he returned to Wisconsin, and worked at his trade (printer) in Milwaukee a short time; then returned home and assisted his father for sometime, and subsequently went to Walworth County, Wis., where he engaged in farming till 1870, when he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., where he has since lived. He owns eighty acres of good land on section 8, which formerly belonged to George Brunner. Mr. Waterman was married to Ellen, daughter of Orris Danks. They have two sons—Herbert and Orris O.

CHAPTER XXI.

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP.

SITUATION.—GEOGRAPHY AND TOPOGRAPHY.—EARLY SETTLERS.—RELIGION AND EDUCATION IN AN EARLY DAY.—FIRST TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS.—POPULATION.—PROPERTY AND TAXATION.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.—BIOGRAPHICAL.

On the east line of the county, midway north and south, lies Stafford, one of the three small townships in the county. It is bounded on the north by Troy Township, on the east by the State of Ohio, on the south by Newville Township, and on the west by Wilmington. The northern end is crossed by a railroad used by both the Michigan Southern and the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railroad companies. The St. Joseph River crosses the southeast corner, and Big Run has its course west to east across the north end. On the river and creek the lands are quite fertile; between the two they are variable in quality, but none too poor for wheat when properly cultivated. The surface is generally level, with bluffs in the south on the river. The township is six miles long, north and south, and nearly two and a half wide east and west; thus containing twelve whole and six fractional sections.

The earliest settler of this township was James Lytle, who located during the summer of 1836, and after a short stay left the county. The next and permanent settlers were John and Hazzard Webster, Rufus Coats and John Rose, and their families, in all a colony of twenty-six persons. They emigrated from Trumbull County, Ohio, and arrived at their destination in this township on Oct. 4, 1836. John Webster bought some hundreds of acres of very rich land on the river near the Ohio State line and settled on the same. He was a somewhat eccentric man, an ardent devotee of wealth, careless on religious subjects, and yet a good citizen and neighbor. He was very useful in supplying the early settlers with corn, potatoes, etc.,

at very reasonable rates for the times, and, some years later, by erecting a good saw and gristmill on his premises. He and all his sons, three in number, have been in the spirit land for thirty years or more. His brother, Hazzard Webster, was also an early settler, respected by those who knew him. He died in California a generation ago.

Other early settlers were: Jacob Gunsenhouse, John Rose, Rufus Coats, James W. Rose, James E. Rose and Daniel Coats. The first habitation was built by Lytle, and the next four were raised about the same time by the families above named. During the year following Edward Scoville and Ariel Walden (for years an Associate Judge for this county) came in. During the years 1838 and 1839 many families moved in, entered land and engaged heartily in the work of developing the country. Prominent ones were: Christian Wanemaker, Henry Fusselman (a Justice and County Commissioner) and Thomas Strote. John Barber made his home in the northern part of the township, and C. R. Wanemaker (since County Commissioner), and Stephen W. Hackley, were other early settlers in the same locality.

Though there was hard labor and few comforts save as they were won by industry, yet these settlers were not unmindful of the claims of religion and of education. Early preachers there were, men unschooled, and appearing in their shirt sleeves, who were full of zeal and awakened religious fervor in many a cabin home. Lewis Hicklen was a Methodist Protestant minister, and preached in the settlers' cabins. Then there were Byron Miner and Henry Kumler, the latter since known as Bishop Kumler; Jonathan Thomas, of the United Brethren church, and Elder Josiah Cooper, a Methodist Episcopal. The first school patronized by the people of Stafford was taught by Miss Emily Handy. The building occupied for the purpose was a cabin not in use, and owned by Walter Slaughter. It stood near Coats' Corners. The first school-house, erected as such, stood near the residence of Mrs. Joslin, in the Wanemaker settlement, and has known many occupants, teachers and pupils, now engaged in other duties. The youth of the early days have grown to manhood; and, in vivid contrast with the husbandry of the present, memory recalls

"How we grasped the old sheepskin with feelings of scorn,
As we straddled the back of the old sorrel mare,
And rode up and down through the green rows of corn,

Like a pin on a clothes-line that sways in the air;
We can hear our stern fathers reproving us still,
As the careless old creature comes down on a hill."

Some of the early Justices of the Peace in Stafford Township were: Rufus Coats, Henry Fusselman, David McDaniel, Noyce Coats, Samuel Wanemaker, F. Hoffman and J. J. Imhoff. Early Constables were: I. Galt, C. R. Wanemaker, H. Dickerhoof and H. H. Wanemaker. The first Trustees were: J. J. Gunsenhouser, Isaac Deal, A. Fusselman, Joseph A. Coats, Noyce Coats, J. J. Imhoff, F. Hoffman, Peter Walter, John Crouse, Samuel Headley, John W. Rose, Jesse W. Rose, C. H. Wanemaker, William Brown, John Webster, William Webster and Chris. Wanemaker. C. R. Wanemaker, James Cather and Jacob Crise, were early Assessors.

The Big Run U. B. church was organized in the spring of 1843 by Rev. Jonathan Thomas, who is still living in Hamilton, Steuben County. The charter members were Jacob Gunsenhouser and wife, Thomas Olds and wife, David Flickinger and wife, Stephen Hackley and wife, and Mary Willard. They organized in the house of Jacob Gunsenhouser, and worshiped there for about five years, afterward using the old log school-house on Mr. Gunsenhouser's land. While using this house, they had a most successful revival, resulting in the conversion of sixty souls. Rev. Chester Briggs conducted the meetings. Their present church building, 30x40 feet, was begun in 1861, and completed during the war. Services are held alternate Sundays by Rev. James Martin. The cemetery by this church was the first in the township. The first person buried there was Miss Abigail Hackley; her death occurred several years before the organization of the church.

The population of Stafford Township is 569, or 38 to the square mile. The valuation per capita is \$453.73. In 1884 the number of acres of land was assessed 9,311.57; value of same, \$198,975; value of improvements, \$26,240; value of lands and improvements, \$225,215; value of personal property, \$48,465; total value of taxables, \$273,680; rate of taxation, \$1.66; number of polls, 93; poll tax, \$1.00; total amount of taxation, \$4,698.31.

The following statistics are of staple crops raised in 1881: there were 1,526 acres in wheat, producing 7 bushels per acre, or 10,682 bushels; 879 acres in corn, producing 15 bushels per

acre of upland and 25 per acre of lowland, or 13,460 bushels; 531 acres in oats, producing 35 bushels per acre, or 16,585 bushels; 353 acres in meadow land, producing a ton to an acre of hay, or 353 tons; 44 acres in Irish potatoes, producing 15 bushels per acre, or 660 bushels.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Robert Arford, section 4, Stafford Township, was born in Fayette County, Pa., March 27, 1828, a son of Jacob Arford, a native of Maryland, who moved to Wayne County, Ohio, in the spring of 1831, and to Tuscarawas County in 1839. Robert Arford grew to manhood in the latter county, and in 1852 came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on the land where he now lives. He cleared a small patch of ground and built a hewed log house 26 x 18 feet in size, a story and a half high. He was in meager circumstances when he came to this county, and after paying for part of his land and buying a few necessary articles, had but \$12 dollars left. He bought seventy-five acres of land for \$350, and paid \$130 cash. He went to work for others till he had paid the rest. He made all the furniture in their house with the exception of two chairs and a bureau. He had no team, and he and Jacob Crise bought a yoke of oxen together. Although commencing life in what seemed adverse circumstances, he has toiled bravely on, assisted by a noble wife, till he now has a fine farm of nearly 200 acres, all under a good state of cultivation. He was married June 16, 1850, to Margaret Weimer, daughter of John Weimer. They have had a family of seven children, but three of whom are living—Mary E., Maville C. and Charles S. Mr. and Mrs. Arford are members of the United Brethren church.

Daniel Beha, farmer and stock-raiser, section 9, Stafford Township, is a native of Baden, Germany, born Jan. 25, 1845. He was reared in his native country, and when twenty-five years of age, in 1870, came to the United States, and in 1872 settled in Stafford Township, De Kalb Co., Ind. Till within the past three years he has worked for the railroad, but since then has engaged in farming. He owns forty-three acres of land, thirty-eight acres being in Stafford Township and five acres just across the line in Ohio. He was married in 1872 to Caroline Barmmaert, and to them have been born three children—Rosa, Katie and John. Mr. and Mrs. Beha are members of the Catholic church at Edgerton, Ohio.

David W. Blaker, section 18, Stafford Township, was born in Lycoming County, Pa., May 19, 1830, a son of Jesse Blaker, a native of Bucks County, Pa., and what was called a Hickory Quaker. He enlisted in the war of 1812, but the war closed before he was called into service. David W. lost his mother when he was seven years old, and before he was nine years old began to take care of himself. Before he was fourteen years old he found himself 200 miles from home without friends, barefooted and with no shoes nor money. He worked on the canal nearly a year and then at the blacksmith's trade fourteen years. In 1853 he came to De Kalb County and located at Butler, where he worked at his trade for the contractors of the Lake Shore Railroad. He remained in Butler till 1867, working at his trade with the exception of one year, when he was associated with his brother in a meat market and grocery. In the spring of 1867 he settled on his farm, which at that time contained eighty acres of land, partially run down, but by diligence and care he has made it equal to any farm in the township. He now owns 120 acres of fine land, and his crops are among the best in the county. He was married July 4, 1852, to Ethilinda Fowler, of Flat Rock, Wayne Co., Mich., and to them have been born ten children, but five of whom are living—George W., Frederick D., Ella M. B., William L. and James C. George married Emma Flickinger and lives in this township. Mr. and Mrs. Blaker are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Joseph Bradley, deceased, was born in New Lisbon, Ohio, Oct. 26, 1815, a son of William Bradley, a native of Ireland. When he was five years old he went with his mother to Maryland, and soon after to Belleville, Washington Co., Pa. When nineteen years of age he came West as far as Ohio and located in Wayne County, and a few years later moved to Defiance County. April 18, 1854, he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on section 32, Stafford Township, where he opened a farm and made for himself a home, remaining here till death, Oct. 20, 1865. He was married Jan. 2, 1838, to Mary E. Tharp, daughter of Isaac Tharp. To them were born nine children, seven of whom are living—Mary J., Melissa, William, Sarah, Margaret, Mandana and Zelma. Elmer and Caroline are deceased. Elmer married Louisa Johnson and left a son, Franklin, who lives with his Grandmother Bradley. Mary J. is the wife

of John McCollough, of Bryan, Ohio, and has six children—Scott, Bertha, Charles, Nelia, John and Estella. Melissa is the wife of Ryer McDonald, and has nine children—James A., Elmer, Laura, Bertha, Ida, Frank, Dea, Minnie, Mattie. William, of Butler County, Kas., married Mary E. Smith, and has two children—Frank L. and an infant son. Sarah is the wife of Wilson Headley. Margaret is the wife of Ephraim Allen, of Defiance County, Ohio, and has five children—Darius, Mary, Gertrude, E. C. and an infant. Mandana is the wife of Sumner Rose, and Zelma of David Ball, both of De Kalb County.

Rev. James Cather, section 6, Stafford Township, is a native of Guernsey County, Ohio, born Aug. 25, 1816. His parents moved to Frederick County, Pa., where he was educated, and subsequently attended the Lutheran Literary and Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. He began preaching in the Allegheny Mountains while there recruiting his health, and in 1842 came West and preached a year in Stark and Tuscarawas counties, Ohio. He came to De Kalb County in 1844 and settled near Butler. He was employed as a missionary by the English synod of Ohio, and to organize churches, and in September, 1844, organized the Kepler church. He also organized the Wittenberg, Melbourne Station, Denmark, and Spencerville churches. He was engaged in the work of the ministry thirty years, and in 1872 retired to agricultural life, although he still preaches occasionally to fill vacancies. He settled in Stafford Township on a farm, where he owns 120 acres of choice land. He was married Jan. 1, 1847, to Lydia Norris. They commenced married life with nothing but their clothes, a horse and \$3 in money. Mrs. Cather lived at home till he could buy an acre of land in Franklin Township. He then built a log house, which at that time was the best one in the county. He taught one winter and preached on the Sabbath and at night hunted raccoons, at which he made more money than both his other occupations. He has made his home in De Kalb County since 1844, with the exception of three years spent in Elkhart. He was Assessor of his township sixteen or seventeen years. He has experienced all the trials and hardships of a pioneer preacher, but has been rewarded for his toil by the consciousness that his labor has not been in vain. To him and his wife have been born nine children, but three of whom are living—Isabella, now the wife of Rev. J. B. Hawkins, of Ashland, Ohio;

Charles F. and Pitt. Elizabeth, William, Kate, Susannah, James and Josephine are deceased. Mrs. Cather's father, Charles Norris, was a pioneer of this county, and laid out the town of Butler. He was a native of New England, a soldier in the war of 1812, and died at an advanced age.

David McDannel, section 5, Stafford Township, is a native of Stark County, Ohio, born Feb. 11, 1816, a son of James McDannel, an early settler of that county. He was reared on a farm, but when a young man learned the carpenter's trade, at which he has worked the most of the time since. He came to De Kalb County in June, 1843, and July 4 settled on the land where he now lives. He lived in a board shanty till the following fall, when he finished his present residence, which was the first frame house in the township. He owns seventy-five acres of fine land, but the greater part of it is carried on by tenants. He has been an influential citizen of the township, and has served as Justice of the Peace thirteen or fourteen years, and several years as Trustee. He was married Oct. 27, 1839, to Annie Gunsenhouser, daughter of John Gunsenhouser. To them have been born six children, but three of whom are living—Emily, Mary, and Martha. Emily married Frederick Ginder, and Martha married Philip Ginder, of Wilmington Township. Sarah, Elizabeth and John are deceased. John lost his hearing when five years of age from the effects of brain fever, and was educated in the deaf and dumb institute at Indianapolis. He was a very intelligent young man, and especially skillful in fine cabinet work. He was run over and killed by the last express train on the Lake Shore Road, May 11, 1882, when on his way to Butler. Mr. and Mrs. McDannel are members of the Lutheran church.

Isaac Diehl, farmer and stock-raiser, section 7, Stafford Township, was born in Adams County, Pa., Nov. 25, 1812, a son of Jacob Diehl, a tanner and farmer. His father died when he was eleven years of age, and he was early thrown on his own resources. He learned the cooper's trade when a young man, and followed it three years. He came to De Kalb County, Ind., in June, 1843, and settled where he now lives, entering eighty acres of land from the Government. He cleared away enough of the timber to build a log cabin, and then went to work to make a farm out of a tract of heavily timbered land, working at his trade in the fall and winter months. He was in

limited circumstances when he came to the county, but he has by industry and good management accumulated a competency for his old age, owning 160 acres of finely cultivated land. He was married in October, 1835, to Susannah Daily, and to them have been born eleven children, seven of whom are living—Eliza, Ephraim, Daniel D., William, Eunice, Leander J., and Isaac M., all married but Ephraim. Mr. Diehl and his wife are members of the Evangelical Association.

James Gaff, section 6, Stafford Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, Dec. 24, 1818, a son of David and Ruth (Ceres) Gaff. When he was seventeen years of age his parents moved to Wayne County, Ohio, and in 1848 he came to De Kalb County, and settled in Troy Township on the land which is now his farm. With the exception of five acres from which he hired the trees chopped, he has cleared and brought under cultivation 105 acres of timber land. He owns 272 acres of valuable land which is now carried on by his son Frank. He was married Feb. 26, 1842, to Mary Haverstock, daughter of Tobias and Peggy Haverstock. Her father was opposed to her marriage and they left home and were married in Mount Eaton, Wayne Co., Ohio. Her father then refused to give her her clothes and she was obliged to wear the ones she wore till she could make more. Their first years of married life were filled with disappointments and adverse circumstances, but they finally overcame all obstacles and secured for themselves a good home. The days were spent in working for others and the nights till midnight in clearing and improving his own farm, his wife assisting in clearing away the brush. To Mr. and Mrs. Gaff have been born nine children, but four of whom are living—Margaret, David, Amanda and Frank. One son, Hiram, was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, and was wounded at the battle of Shiloh, from the effects of which he died at Evansville, Ind., soon after. Another son, Orlando, died at the age of nineteen years. Their children are all married and have good homes of their own. Margaret married David Jennings, of Indiana, and has two children—James and Zella. David married Melvina Jennings, and has six children—Mary, Nellie, James, Charles, Frank, and an infant. He lives in Elkhart, Ind. Frank married Julia Christophle, and has one child—Dora. Amanda married James Shull, of Butler, and has one child—Milton. In religious faith, Mr. and Mrs. Gaff adhere to the

United Brethren church. He has been Constable of his township four years.

Daniel Greenwalt, section 31, Stafford Township, was born in Berks County, Pa., June 26, 1837, a son of Jacob and Trafnia (Correll) Greenwalt, and grandson of John Correll. His parents came to De Kalb County in 1847, and settled in Concord Township, and the next spring his father bought the farm now owned by Catherine Greenwalt, where the father died in July, 1882, and the mother February, 1883. There was a family of three children, but two of whom, Daniel and Catherine are living. Lovina is dead. Daniel and his sister are unmarried and live together on the old homestead, which contains forty acres of good land. He recently sold a farm of forty-seven acres in Wilmington Township. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion in Company F, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, and served three years and four months. He participated in the battles of Stone River and Perryville. He was wounded at the battle of Stone River and has never recovered from its effects, and draws a pension of \$15 a month. The greater part of his term of service he was detailed to duty in the hospital at Evansville. Mr. and Mrs. Greenwalt are members of the Disciples church. Mr. Greenwalt is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Peter Grube, section 16, Stafford Township, is a native of Bavaria, Germany, born Dec. 26, 1804. He was married in December, 1835, to Elizabeth May, also a native of Bavaria, born Nov. 23, 1811. In the spring of 1836 they came to the United States and lived the first two years in New York City, and in August, 1838, moved to Stark County, Ohio, and in August, 1844, to De Kalb County, Ind. The second year after coming here he left his wife with two small children and went to Hicksville, where he worked at fifty cents a day to buy flour for his family. When he reached New York he had but \$11, and at one time had but fifty cents, but by hard work and perseverance he has accumulated a competency for his old age, owning at present 215 acres of choice land. When he bought his first eighty acres he paid \$50 cash, and the rest in eight years at 6 per cent. interest, it being school land. His son Peter now has charge of the farm, his health not permitting him to perform the duties necessary on so large a farm. His wife died Dec. 22, 1868. To them were born five children, but three of whom are living—Henry, Elizabeth, now Mrs. Can-

non, and Peter. Kate and Jacob are deceased. Mr. Grube has been a man of almost unlimited endurance. He has often walked to Auburn and return, a distance of twenty-nine miles, in one day, reaching home by four o'clock in the afternoon. He worked on his farm in the daytime and at weaving in the evening.

William Henry Grube, section 9, Stafford Township, was born in Massillon, Ohio, in October, 1843, a son of Peter Grube, of this township. He was reared a farmer, having but limited educational advantages, and after reaching manhood worked at farming by the month several years. He then bought a Canton, Ohio, thresher, and during the summer threshed seven years, working in the pineries of Michigan in the winter. He now owns a fine farm of 111 acres, and is a successful farmer and stock-raiser. He was married May 20, 1881, to Mary Haas, daughter of Michael Haas. They have one child—Charles, aged three years, and one child died in infancy. Mr. Grube has been a member of the Odd Fellows' order fifteen years.

John Jacob Gunsenhouser, farmer and stock-raiser, section 6, Stafford Township, is a native of Switzerland, born May 28, 1806, and in 1816 came with his father, John Gunsenhouser, to the United States and settled in Lancaster County, Pa., and in 1823 moved to Stark County, Ohio. In 1836 he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on the northeast quarter of section 7, Troy Township, in the woods, where they were surrounded by wild animals and Indians. He entered over 400 acres of land and went to work to clear and cultivate a farm, having many hardships to endure and many obstacles to overcome. He has sold the greater part of his land, owning at present but forty-nine acres in his home farm, but in addition to this owns village property in Newville. He tells many amusing incidents and many thrilling accounts of his life in the woods, of the hardships and privations to be undergone, and the pleasures to be found in the chase. He was a true pioneer, and has assisted in a large degree in developing and improving De Kalb County. He was married June 14, 1827, to Mary Strole, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth Strole. To them have been born eleven children—Olive, Elizabeth, Mary A., Henry, Jacob, Nancy, Isaac, Ursula, Sarah, George and William (twins). One son, John, enlisted in Company F, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, and was appointed its Captain. He

was killed at the battle of Chickamauga, and left a widow and four children.

John Hollinger, deceased, was a native of Huntingdon County, Pa., born Sept. 16, 1812. He received a common-school education, and was reared a farmer, a vocation he always followed. In 1816 his parents moved to Stark County, Ohio, and there he grew to manhood and married, March 26, 1835, Elizabeth Borgner, and to them were born eight children, six of whom are living—George, Jacob, Mary, Isaac, Samuel and Daniel. John and Sarah are deceased. In 1846 they moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Stafford Township where the father died Oct. 7, 1883. The farm is now carried on by Samuel and Daniel, enterprising and industrious young men. It contains 140 acres of choice land, and the residence and farm buildings are large and commodious. Mr. Hollinger united with the Evangelical Reformed church Oct. 13, 1832, but after coming to De Kalb County he and his wife united with the Lutheran church.

Peleg Hull, farmer and stock-raiser, section 5, Stafford Township, was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, June 12, 1830, a son of Christopher Hull, a native of Allegany County, N. Y., who moved to Mercer County, Pa., in 1822, and thence to Trumbull County, Ohio, and in 1836 to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Wilmington Township where he died about 1844. Peleg is the sixth of a family of eleven children, five of whom are living—James, Hiram, Peleg, Benjamin F. and Phebe. James and Benjamin live in Kosciusko County, Ind.; Hiram, in Muskegon County, Mich., and Phebe, in Martin County, Minn. Six brothers were in the war of the Rebellion. John was killed at Stone River; Amos was killed at Chickamauga; Benjamin F. was wounded and captured at Richmond, Ky., was paroled and subsequently sent to Johnson's Island to guard rebel prisoners. Hiram served in the Twenty-first Michigan Infantry, and Peleg and Amos, in Company H, Thirtieth Indiana Infantry. Peleg participated in the battles of Shiloh, Hoover's Gap, Chickamauga, Big Shanty, Kenesaw Mountain, Fall's Church, siege of Atlanta, Franklin, Flint River, and others of less importance. Since his return from the war he has engaged in agricultural pursuits, and now owns a fine farm of sixty acres. He was married April 18, 1865, to Maria Wannamaker, daughter of Samuel Wannamaker. To them have been born four

children, but two of whom are living—Anna and George. Mr. and Mrs. Hull and their daughter are members of the Disciples church.

Lucius C. Loveland, section 31, Stafford Township, postoffice, Newville, is a native of Defiance County, Ohio, born June 3, 1844, the eldest son of Luther and Mary M. (Clemmer) Loveland, the former a native of Connecticut, born in 1816, and the latter of Virginia, born in 1815. He is a descendant of Thomas Loveland who settled in Glastonbury, Conn., in 1670. His great-grandfather, Pelatiah Loveland, was a blacksmith, and made the nails with which to shingle the first frame barn in that town. Two of his brothers were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. He was married Dec. 7, 1774, to Mollie Goodale, and the second time, Oct. 27, 1816, to Eunice Butler. He died in 1823. He reared a family of thirteen children; the youngest son, the grandfather of our subject, Luther Loveland, was born March 18, 1793, and was married May 15, 1814, to Lucy Wickam, and in 1824 moved to Lorain County, Ohio. His family consisted of nine children, six sons and three daughters. Luther Loveland, our subject's father, came to the Maumee River in 1834, and to Hicksville, Defiance Co., Ohio, in 1837, where he bought 160 acres of land on section 7. He sowed the first crop of wheat in the township, on unplowed ground, where the town of Hicksville now is, for A. P. Edgerton, and made a harrow with wooden teeth to harrow it. He was married in 1840, and had a family of seven children, three sons and four daughters. Lucius C. Loveland learned the tinner's trade when twenty-two years of age, and carried on that business eleven years. In the fall of 1866 he came to DeKalb County and worked at his trade in Newville two years, and in 1868 removed to Hicksville. He was hurt by a falling tree when about eighteen years of age, and was obliged to have the lower part of his right leg amputated. In 1871 he was elected Treasurer of Hicksville Township, and served five years, and in 1873 was elected Justice of the Peace, and served six years. During this time he was Clerk of Hicksville corporation, and served one year on the Village Council. In 1876 he, with his father and John Crowl, built the Anchor Mills at Hicksville. In 1879 he exchanged his interest in the mill for the farm where he now lives, which was entered in 1836 by A. Walden. He was elected Justice of the Peace of Stafford Township in 1880, and served

three and a half years, when he resigned. He is a prominent member of the Odd Fellows' order. He was married Dec. 22, 1864, to Margaret J. Shroll, of DeKalb County, Ind. To them have been born nine children; eight are living—Frank S., Luther J., Cora and Ora (twins), Maud M., Ray P., Maggie, Mary F. and George. Maggie fell in a ditch and was drowned April 26, 1880, aged two years.

Samuel Miller, farmer and stock-raiser, section 16, Stafford Township, was born on the old homestead, on the same section where he now resides, Feb. 24, 1844, a son of Jacob F. Miller, of Edgerton, Ohio, an early settler of De Kalb County, Ind., entering eighty acres of land where our subject now lives. He is a baker by trade, but is now living a retired life, at the age of eighty-four years. Samuel Miller was reared a farmer, a vocation he has always followed. He was educated in his native county, attending the district schools. He has been successful in his business pursuits and now has a fine farm of 151 acres. He was married in January, 1867, to Elizabeth Eck, and to them have been born five children—Joseph N., Ida E., Mary L., Daniel D. and an infant daughter.

Edward Scoville, one of the old pioneers of Stafford Township, resides on section 29, where he owns fifty-two acres of valuable land. He was born in Ontario County, N. Y., Dec. 15, 1813, a son of Enoch Scoville, a native of Connecticut, and grandson of Michael Scoville, a hero of the Revolution and the French and Indian wars. In 1827 he accompanied his parents to Trumbull County, Ohio, and in February, 1838, came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Stafford Township, where he rented land two years. He then moved to Newville Township, where he had previously entered land on section 4, and in 1857 bought and moved to the farm where he now lives. He has been one of the hardest working men in the county, and has helped to clear and log over 100 acres of land. He has run a threshing-machine several years, and run the first separator in De Kalb County. He has never sought official honors, but has served as Constable and Supervisor several terms. He was married Oct. 15, 1835, to Lydia Culp, and to them were born six children, but two of whom are living—William H. and Warren E. They are members of the Disciples church.

William H. Scoville, section 20, Stafford Township, is a native of this township, born May 10, 1840, a son of the pioneer, Ed-

ward Scoville. He was educated in his native township and reared a farmer, a vocation he has followed for a livelihood. He owns ninety-eight acres of valuable land, and is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He, in addition to raising stock, buys and ships it to the Western markets. For the past twelve years he has been selling farm implements and machinery, wagons, reapers and mowers, having a salesroom and warehouse in Butler, but canvassing throughout the county. He is agent for the Champion Reaper and Binder, which is considered the best in the market, and his sales of this machine are more than any other. He has met with good success in this branch of his business, being a good salesman and an honorable, upright gentleman. He was married Jan. 16, 1839, to Mary Dickerhoff, daughter of Jacob Dickerhoff. To them have been born seven children—L. Ellen, George E., William E. (deceased), Ida D., Charles R., Letitia and Ross.

Warren E. Scoville, son of Edward and Lydia (Culp) Scoville, resides on section 29, Stafford Township, where he has charge of the old homestead of his parents. He was born in Stafford Township, Sept. 10, 1850, and was reared and educated in his native county, attending the common-schools of his district. He is an enterprising and industrious young man, and one of the representative farmers of his township. Reared a farmer, he understands all the details of agricultural life and is making a success of that vocation. He was married Oct. 9, 1877, to Hattie Joslyn, a native of Cortland County, N. Y., born Feb. 3, 1858, daughter of Clark Joslyn, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Scoville have been born two children, but one of whom is living—Frank. Mrs. Scoville is a member of the Disciples church.

John Shoub, section 7, Stafford Township, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, Jan. 31, 1827. His father, Henry Shoub, was a native of Switzerland, and came to the United States in 1816. While on shipboard crossing the ocean, he made the acquaintance of Elizabeth Huffman, and they were married soon after reaching America. They settled in Wayne County, Ohio, where they passed the remainder of their lives. John Shoub was reared and educated in his native county, remaining with his parents till manhood. In 1849 he came to De Kalb County and remained till the spring of 1850, when he returned to Ohio, and April 13, 1851, was married to Mary A. Strole, daughter of

Thomas Strole, an early settler of Stafford Township. The First eighteen months after their marriage they lived in Wayne County, Ohio, and then moved to De Kalb County in the spring of 1853 and bought forty acres of the land where he now lives, at that time regarded as swamp land, and sold by the State to him as such. He now owns eighty acres of finely cultivated land, and is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He takes great interest in the public welfare of his county, but never seeks official honors, although he served one term as County Commissioner. To him and his wife have been born three children—Thomas H., Sarah E. and Alice E. Sarah E. married Hugh H. Maxwell, and has one child—May. Alice married Walter S. Maxwell, and has two children—Lloyd L. and Mary D. Thomas is an intelligent, enterprising young man, and is in the employ of D. Appleton & Co., Publishers. Mr. and Mrs. Shoub are members of the Disciples church.

John Smith, section 30, Stafford Township, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, May 9, 1830, a son of John and Susannah (Light-foot) Smith, the former a native of Pennsylvania, of German descent, and the latter a native of Maryland, of English descent. When he was four years old his father died, and when seven years old he began to take care of himself, working for his board and clothes till fifteen years old. He then worked a year for his guardian for \$40 and three months schooling, and during harvest overworked and for two years had the ague. When twenty years of age he began to learn the carpenter's trade, which he has followed the greater part of his life. In December, 1859, he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Jackson Township where he lived till December, 1866, when he moved to the farm where he now lives in Stafford Township. He owns sixty acres of good land, all well improved. He was married Sept. 2, 1862, to Frances Donaldson, daughter of Henry and Jane (Laird) Donaldson, her mother a sister of the Laird Brothers, tobacconists of Covington, Ky., from whom she heired quite a fortune, but owing to the dishonesty of the administrators never received any of it. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born eight children—Catherine I., Henry W., Jennie, Myrtle (deceased), Leora, Warden B., Albert P. and Cassius C. Henry married Clara Swaysgood. Catherine married Benjamin Seigler, and has one child—Leora. Jennie married Daniel Bearer. Mr. Smith has been a member of the

Methodist Episcopal church since twenty years of age. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Lutheran church. Their daughters are members of the Methodist church.

George B. Soule, section 6, Stafford Township, is a native of Schoharie County, N. Y., born April 15, 1831, son of George Soule, of Franklin Township. When he was five years of age his parents moved to Lenawee County, Mich., and in 1847 to Steuben County, Ind. In 1852 they moved to Kent County, Mich., being the third family to settle in Solon Township, and in 1857 came to De Kalb County, and settled in Franklin Township. George B. Soule was reared a farmer, and also in his youth learned the carpenter's trade of his father, at which he has worked in connection with his agricultural pursuits. He has assisted in the development of several counties, and has experienced all the phases of pioneer life. He lived in Franklin Township till 1869, and then went to Montcalm County, Mich., where he lived ten years, and in 1879 returned to De Kalb County. He owns a good farm in Montcalm County and one in Franklin Township, this county. In 18 he moved to Stafford Township where he has since lived. He was married in the fall of 1851 to Matilda Lent, daughter of James Lent. To them have been born four children, but two of whom are living—Mary and Laura. A son, Frank, was drowned in Montcalm County, Mich., aged fourteen years. Mary married Franklin Hoy, and has three children—Daisy, Mertie, and Lillie. Laura married Homer Maurice, and has three children—Wilmer, Hattie and George. Both daughters reside in Montcalm County. In politics Mr. Soule is a Republican. He served as Justice of the Peace in Franklin Township one year and is holding the same position in Stafford Township.

Henry Tinstman, farmer and stock-raiser, section 7, Stafford Township, is a native of Beaver County, Pa., born Aug. 26, 1826, son of Mark Tinstman. He worked with his father, who was a miller, till eighteen years of age, and then learned the wagon-maker's trade at which he worked fifteen years, when he began the manufacture of pumps which he followed fifteen years. When he was quite small his parents moved to Carroll County, Ohio, and in the spring of 1855 he moved to Elkhart County, Ind., and in the fall of 1864 to Butler, De Kalb County, where he lived till the fall of 1866, when he settled on the farm where he has since lived. He owns 109 acres of valuable land

which he has improved and now has under a fine state of cultivation. He was married Jan. 2, 1848, to Leah Fisher, daughter of Jonathan Fisher. To them have been born twelve children, but three of whom are living—John W., Adam H., and Alonzo E. The eldest two are brick and stone masons and plasterers of several years' experience, and are conversant with every detail of their business. John William married Sarah K. Gunsenhouse, and has one child—Warren Clyde. Adam H. married Maville C. Arford, and has had three children, but one of whom is living—Arthur Roy. Mr. and Mrs. Tinstman and their sons, John and Alonzo, are members of the United Brethren church.

Stewart Paterson Wartenbe, section 29, Stafford Township, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, March 29, 1823, a son of Joseph and Nancy (Smith) Wartenbe, and grandson of William Wartenbe, an early settler of Muskingum County. In 1834 his parents moved to Defiance County, Ohio, and later to De Kalb County, Ind. They experienced all the privations and inconveniences of pioneer life, often being without food or water, except what was found in the swamps. Since he was seventeen years of age he has had charge of the family, and although so young he nobly did his duty, and has the consciousness of having done his best to minister to the comfort of those he loved. His father died in 1854, and his mother has since made her home with him, and is now in the eighty-fourth year of her age. He has been a good manager, industrious and frugal, and has now a competency with which to enjoy life. He owns 136 acres of choice land, all well improved, and is one of the most successful stock-raisers in the township. He learned the carpenter and joiner's trade in his youth and followed it several years in connection with farming. He was married Feb. 3, 1859, to Mrs. Cordelia Webster, daughter of Rev. Samuel Wanemaker, and widow of Mr. Webster. To them have been born two children—Corwin G. and Charles S. Corwin married Mary Ellen Joslyn and has one child—Clara. Mrs. Wartenbe has one child by her first marriage—Wallace C. Mr. and Mrs. Wartenbe are members of the Disciples church at Newville.

Hazard Webster, deceased, was a native of Rhode Island, born Jan. 31, 1805, and when a small boy accompanied his parents to Trumbull County, Ohio, where he lived till eighteen

years old, when he started for the West and traveled over thirteen States and Territories, spending three years in the Galena, Ill., lead mines. He was married March 18, 1831, to Laura Ackley, and to them were born seven children, but three of whom are living—Betsey, Mary and Lucretia. Sarah, Hannah, Asel and John are deceased. The latter was killed at the battle of Stone River when fighting in defense of his country. Mr. Webster came to De Kalb County in the fall of 1836 with a colony of fifteen wagons. His first house in the county was made of poles covered with bark, with a puncheon floor, 14 x 16 feet in size. The first night in the county fifteen persons staid in his house. They were obliged to undergo many hardships, as life in a new country was not all sunshine; neither was it all shade, and they had many hours of pleasure. Mrs. Webster was a doctress, and was often called from home and obliged to cross the St. Joseph River when her horse nearly swam. Twice she has been carried across the river on a man's back. In 1849 Mr. Webster crossed the plains to California, stopping two days in Salt Lake City. He died in California Feb. 6, 1850. Mrs. Webster is living with her daughter, Mrs. N. T. Fuller, and is in the seventy-sixth year of her age.



CHAPTER XXII.

TROY TOWNSHIP.

SITUATION.—GEOGRAPHY AND TOPOGRAPHY.—EARLY SETTLERS.—THE LOST CHILD.—CHURCH.—POSTOFFICE.—EARLY TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS.—POPULATION.—PROPERTY AND TAXATION.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.—BIOGRAPHICAL.

In the extreme northeastern corner of the county, farthest from the county seat, and without village or railroad, is the little township of Troy. It is six miles long north and south, and two and a half miles wide east and west, thus containing twelve whole and six fractional sections. It is bounded on the north by Richland Township, Steuben County, on the east by the State of Ohio, on the south by the township of Stafford, and on the west by the township of Franklin. Fish Creek enters the township from the northwest, passes through the center, and crosses the State line a mile north of the southeast corner. It is the largest creek in the county after Cedar. It was on it, near its mouth, that Houlton & Hughes erected their saw-mill in 1827, as narrated in another chapter. Troy is an excellent township of land, agriculturally, considered as a whole. The northern portion is generally of a clay soil. The central and southeast sections are a rich, sandy loam, and to the southwest there is clay soil again.

The advantages of good water-power stimulated early and rapid settlement. Besides the Houlton & Hughes mill, already mentioned, the Hamilton mills were built on the outlet of Fish Lake, on the borders of Steuben County. The earliest settler in the township was Isaac T. Aldrich, who later became a resident of Franklin. In the year following, Roger Aldrich, brother of Isaac, became a settler; and Simeon Aldrich subsequently moved in. The old log house built by the pioneer Aldrich still serves as a habitation, and the first frame building raised by Simeon is also used as a residence. Other families moved

in and settled on farms destined to remain their homes for life; and among these were: George Skinner, Asa Haynes, G. Williams, R. Reed, Willard Eddy, S. Call, and the Casebeers, John and A. S. The last named built a saw and grist mill on the creek at an early day, to the great advantage of the settlers. Amos Stearns settled early in the fall of 1838. He was soon taken sick, and from then till Jan. 1, 1839, the women of his family had the work to attend to, both indoor and without. Peter Helwig, Jacob Helwig, Updegraff Clawson, I. Clawson and W. R. Herbert, were well-known pioneers.

In May, 1850, Mr. and Mrs Samuel Learned took their little four-year-old daughter, Sabrina, to visit a family by the name of McDonald, in the northern part of Troy Township. This family lived in a log cabin which had an addition that was used for a school, taught by Mary Chase. Going with other children into the field to gather flowers, Sabrina climbed over the fence into the woods. The children, instead of going after her, ran to the house and told her mother, who ran out and called her. The little one started, supposing she was going to the house, in exactly the opposite direction, which led her off into the big Tamarack swamp. She there stopped, took off her shoes and stockings and bonnet, and tied them up in her apron. Swinging them over her neck, she crawled for a long distance in the mud and mire, when seeing a black stump that she took for "Nigger Jim" (the only colored man then in the community, and known all over the country), and being frightened, she lay down on a grassy plat by a stump to hide—the first grass spot she had come to in the swamp. Going to sleep, she remained in blissful unconsciousness the remainder of the afternoon and all night, the sun being high in the heavens when she awoke. She heard the neighbors hunting for her, but was at first afraid, and kept herself in hiding. As two men came walking near her she crawled into some brush to conceal herself; but after they had passed by she recognized them as her father's hired hands. She then spoke, saying, "John, won't you take me home?" He took her up and began to blow the horn, giving the signal that the child was found alive. All at once assembled at her house where they had a regular feast. The wolves had followed her trail for some distance, but were frightened off by the searchers, who kept fires all night and also made all the noise possible. The night was very cold, and ice

formed on the water, yet the little girl was bareheaded and barefooted, and was exposed for thirty hours. She was four years old the day she was rescued, May 22, 1850. She is now the wife of Simeon G. Aldrich, of Troy Township.

Artic postoffice was established in 1850, and was in charge of Amos Stearns until his death, in 1860. His son James was Postmaster the following three years, and then John Stearns for one year. Resigning, he was succeeded by James McDonald, who held the office when it was discontinued, in 1865. It was re-established in 1884, with Joseph Bell as Postmaster.

The Lutheran church was organized by Rev. James Cather, in 1843, in the house of John A. Zimmerman, on section 30. It flourished for many years, but by deaths and removals it has become a small congregation. The house of worship is on section 28. Services are conducted twice a month by Rev. Mr. Diefenbach.

The first Justice of the Peace was A. S. Casebeer; other early incumbents of that office were: S. Learned, Hambright Reese, Jacob Helwig, G. C. Everetts, John McDonald and George Smiley. Early Constables were: Willard Eddy, Peter Helwig, R. R. Emmerson, H. Casebeer, and George Smiley. Among the Trustees prior to 1860 were: Amos Stearns, Jacob Helwig, Roger Aldrich, Jacob Casebeer, John Robinet, Peter Jennings, W. R. Emmerson, Simeon Aldrich, William Knisely, B. Wise, B. Wallick, Timothy McClure and Daniel Knisely. W. R. Herbert, A. F. Pinchin, F. G. Biddle and D. McCurdy, were Clerks during the same period, while the office of Treasurer was filled by S. Learned, D. W. Aldrich, J. A. Zimmerman, Amos Stearns and G. C. Everetts.

The population of Troy Township is 646, or 44 to the square mile. This is a gain of 46 over the population by the United States census of 1870. The valuation per capita is \$290.79. In 1884 the number of acres of land assessed was 9,569.64; value of same, \$151,650; value of improvements, \$17,360; value of lands and improvements, \$169,010; value of personal property, \$55,730; total value of taxables, \$224,740; rate of taxation, \$1.56; number of polls, —; poll tax, \$1.50.

The following are statistics of the staple crops raised in 1881: Acres in wheat, 1,398; product of same, at 6 bushels per acre, 8,388 bushels; acres in corn, 993; product of same, at 30 bushels per acre for upland and 35 bushels for lowland, 30,035

bushels; acres in oats, 685; product of same, at 30 bushels per acre, 20,550 bushels; acres in meadow land, 424; product of same, at a ton and a half per acre, 636 tons of hay; acres in Irish potatoes, 28; product of same, 28 bushels per acre, or 784 bushels.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Roger Aldrich, deceased, was born in Guilford, Vt., in 1798. He received but a limited education, being reared on a farm in the early days. In 1836 he came to Indiana and entered 160 acres of land on section 18, Troy Township, De Kalb Co., and eighty acres in Franklin Township. At that time it was heavily timbered and Indians were their neighbors. He cleared a small patch and built a log cabin 20x24 feet in size, which at that time was the best house in the county. The roof was covered with shakes, and the lumber for the floor was brought from Houlton's mill in Williams County, Ohio. Mr. Aldrich was one of the prominent men of the early days of the county, and for several years was Trustee of his township. He died on the homestead in December, 1869. Mrs. Aldrich still lives with her daughter, Mrs. Rummel, on the old homestead, and although in the ninetieth year of her age is able to read, sew and knit, and goes about the house without assistance. The day she was seventy years old she spun her daily work of forty knots of yarn. Her maiden name was Lucy Tubbs, a daughter of Miah Tubbs. She was married to Mr. Aldrich in September, 1820. To them were born six children, but one of whom, Lucy M., wife of Talma Rummel, is living. One daughter, Mrs. Amelia Pinchin, died at the age of twenty-seven years, and another, Elizabeth, aged fifteen years.

Simwon J. Aldrich, farmer and stock-raiser, Troy Township, section 7, was born in this township, Aug. 4, 1842, a son of Simeon Aldrich, one of the old pioneers, now deceased. He was reared on the farm, remaining at home till after the breaking out of the Rebellion, and then enlisted in Company F, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, and served nearly four years. Two years of the time he was fife-major, and he has the fife used by him while in the service, which was presented to him by his comrades. He participated in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Stone River, Chickamauga, and many others of less importance. Since his return from the war he has engaged in agricultural pursuits. He owns a fine farm of 170 acres where

ne has lived for the past eighteen years. He was married Feb. 24, 1867, to Sabrina, daughter of Samuel Learned, and to them have been born seven children—Samuel, Oren, Seth, Asa, Emily, Sarah and Leola. Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich are members of the United Brethren church.

Jacob Brunner, farmer and stock-raiser, section 4, Troy Township, is a native of Stark County, Ohio, born July 30, 1837, the eldest of eight children of Ulrich and Mary M. (Durler) Brunner. His father was a native of Switzerland, and came to America in 1832, settling in Stark County, and subsequently moved to Tuscarawas County, and in the fall of 1852 to De Kalb County, Ind., and died in Troy Township in 1861. He was twice married, having four children by the first marriage, three of whom are living—Ulrich, Christian and Peter. Of the eight children born to him by his second wife, but five are living—Jacob, Caroline, David, Sarah A. and Susan, all residents of De Kalb County except Caroline, who lives in Wyandotte County, Ohio. Jacob Brunner was reared a farmer, and also learned the mason's trade which he has followed at intervals. In 1865 he settled on the farm where he now lives, which was then heavily timbered, the only improvements being a log house and well. He now owns sixty acres of well-improved land, with valuable and convenient farm buildings. He was married Jan. 5, 1862, to Mary E. Reese, daughter of Ham-bright Reese, who settled in this township in 1846. She is the second of five children, and the only daughter. Her brothers are: Benjamin F., of Ionia County, Mich.; John, of Crawfordsville, Ind.; George, of this township, and David, of Pleasant Lake, Steuben County. To Mr. and Mrs. Brunner have been born five children—Ettie E., Ada S., J. Marian, Melvin H. and Adda. They are active and influential members of the United Brethren church.

Henry Burkhart, farmer and stock-raiser, section 5, Troy Township, was born in Germany, April 25, 1815, a son of Peter Burkhart. He was reared in his native country and in 1837 came to the United States with his parents and settled in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, where his parents died. About 1844 he moved to Williams County, Ohio, and early in 1859 to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on the farm where he now lives, which is carried on by his sons. He owns 110 acres of valuable land under a good state of cultivation. When he started

in life for himself he was entirely without means, but went bravely to work, and just as he was getting a good start was laid up several months with a broken leg. This put him back and it was some time before he finally got his land paid for. Although he has had many adverse circumstances to contend with, he has overcome all obstacles, and now has a competency for his old age. He married Mary, daughter of George Nihart, and to them have been born five children—Jacob, Mary, George, Lucinda and Daniel. Mr. Burkhart was reared in the Episcopal church, but is a member of no religious denomination.

George Casebeer, formerly of Troy Township, but now of St. Joseph Township, Williams Co., Ohio, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, Oct. 5, 1831, a son of John Casebeer. His parents came to De Kalb County, Ind., in 1840, and settled in Troy Township on the line of Williams County, Ohio. His education was limited to the district school of his township, and this was two miles and a half distant. His services were early required on the farm in assisting to clear and improve a frontier home. He has made farming and stock-raising his life work and now has a good farm on section 18, St. Joseph Township, Williams Co., Ohio, near the old homestead. He has run a threshing-machine twenty-five seasons, helping to run the first thresher in the county. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion in the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Indiana Infantry, and participated in the battles of Kenesaw Mountain, Resaca, Atlanta, and others of less importance. He was detailed in charge of an ambulance train in February, 1865, serving till discharged, Aug. 29, 1865. He is a member of the Odd Fellow's order and the Grand Army of the Republic.

John Casebeer, deceased, was born in Virginia, Dec. 24, 1799. When he was sixteen years of age his father, John Casebeer, moved with his family to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and settled near Canal Dover. When he was eighteen years of age he began to learn the trade of a blacksmith at which he worked the greater part of his life. In 1840 he came to De Kalb County and settled in Troy Township, on the Ohio line, his land at that time being all heavily timbered. In addition to clearing his land and making a farm, he made cow-bells and maple sugar and traveled over the country with them, sometimes going forty and fifty miles, selling them to farmers for provisions. He cleared a farm of 120 acres on which he lived till his death. In 1871 he

moved his house just over the line into Williams County, Ohio, where his son George now lives. He was married Jan. 11, 1821, to Nancy Smiley, a native of Washington County, Pa., daughter of George Smiley. To them were born twelve children, but nine are living—William, Ann, Jane, Sarah, George, Kate A., Rachel, John F., and Nancy. One son, Jacob, was killed when twenty-one years of age by a horse falling on him. Robert died when twenty-four years of age. Mr. Casebeer and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church from their childhood. Mrs. Casebeer died May 4, 1870, and he subsequently made his home with his children till his death, Sept. 4, 1881. They were among Troy's most esteemed citizens; charitable and kind to all, and will long be remembered by many for their many virtues and honorable, upright lives.

John F. Casebeer, section 21, Troy Township, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, Sept. 11, 1839, a son of John Casebeer, who settled where our subject now lives in 1840. He was reared a farmer, and received a good education in the district schools of his township. He remained at home till after the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion, and in June, 1863, enlisted in Company E, Eighty-sixth Ohio Infantry, and was appointed Corporal, serving till discharged in February, 1864. Since his return from the war he has engaged in agricultural pursuits, and now owns a fine farm of seventy-two acres, all well improved. He was married in August, 1866, to Harriet Weitz, daughter of Adam Weitz, of Edgerton, Ohio. To them have been born six children—Lulu, Curtis, Frances, Howard, Daniel and Hattie. Mr. and Mrs. Casebeer and their daughter Lulu are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Gilbert G. Everetts, deceased, was born in the State of Pennsylvania, Aug. 25, 1816, a son of Cyrus M. Everetts. He remained in his native State till the fall of 1851, and then came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Franklin Township, but soon after moved to section 7, Troy Township, where he improved a farm and lived till his death, which occurred Nov. 2, 1874. He was a most estimable gentleman, and had many friends in the township. He was a Justice of the Peace twenty years, and always counseled dissenting parties to settle without law, when it was possible to do so. He was a Trustee of his township many years, and in all public affairs used the same thought and carefulness that characterized the management of

his personal affairs. He was a devoted member of the Disciples church and was a liberal supporter of the gospel, and also of all charitable institutions, thereby laying up his treasures in heaven. He was married in Pennsylvania to Adeline Enzor, who died, leaving two children, but one of whom is living—Franklin. Nov. 24, 1853, he married Mary C. Haynes, daughter of Asa P. Haynes, who brought his family to De Kalb County and settled in Troy Township in the early part of 1837. To Mr. and Mrs. Everetts were born ten children, seven of whom are living—Martin C., Abraham L., Andrew A., Joseph W., Reuben C., Mary A. and Gilbert C.

Abraham Fisher, farmer and stock-raiser, section 5, Troy Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, Oct. 9, 1822. His father, Jacob Fisher, was a native of Westmoreland County, Pa., and moved with his parents to Stark County before the war of 1812. Abraham Fisher learned the trade of a tanner and currier in his boyhood and followed it twenty years. In the fall of 1855 he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Troy Township, and in March, 1857, moved to Butler and established a tannery, in partnership with John Oberlin. He subsequently exchanged his tannery for eighty acres of land on the northeast quarter of section 26, Franklin Township, where he lived till 1864, when he returned to Troy Township. He was married Jan. 11, 1844, to Elizabeth Shane, daughter of Abraham Shane, a General in the war of 1812. General Shane was a Civil Engineer, and was employed by the Government to survey a part of the State of Indiana, and subsequently surveyed the country as far West as the Rocky Mountains. To Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were born six children, three of whom are living—Albert W., Jacob F. and Cullen R. Jacob married Elizabeth Shoemaker; Albert married Eliza Leason, and Cullen married Ella North. All are residents of Troy Township. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are members of the United Brethren church.

George Heller, blacksmith, Troy Township, was born in Lancaster County, Pa., Sept. 23, 1822, a son of Philip Heller. When he was six months old his parents moved to Stark County, Ohio, and from there when he was eight years old to Holmes County, where he grew to manhood. He learned the trade of a blacksmith of his father, and has made that industry his means of obtaining a livelihood. In 1854 he moved to

Steuben County, Ind., and lived in Richland Township till December, 1883, when he moved to De Kalb County and settled in this township. He has a good trade and owns the place on section 29, where he lives. He was married in December, 1842, to Barbara Tinstman, daughter of Mark Tinstman. To them were born six children; but two are living—Philip and Dewitt. Mrs. Heller died in 1860, and in 1862 he married Abigail King, daughter of Peter King. To them have been born six children, but three of whom are living—George, Edwin and Edward, the two latter twins. Mr. Heller served two years as Constable in Steuben County.

Peter Jennings, section 29, Troy Township, was born in Hunterdon County, N. J., Sept. 13, 1802, a son of Peter Jennings, a native of the same county, of English descent. He was reared a farmer, receiving a common-school education, and in 1821 left his native county and with his parents moved to Tuscarawas County, Ohio. In 1843 he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on the land which is now his valuable farm. At that time it was all heavily timbered, and he was obliged to clear away the trees before he could build his log cabin. He now owns 209 acres of choice land, all well improved, which is cultivated by his son Abraham. He has been a hard working man, and has lived to reap the benefit of his many years of hardship and toil. He has seen all the varied changes that have converted the wilderness as it was when he came to the county into the present prosperous county, with its populous towns and villages and thrifty and valuable farms, and has the consciousness of having done his part to bring about this change. He was married April 29, 1829, to Catherine Rainsberger, daughter of John Rainsberger. To them have been born eight children, seven of whom are living—Elizabeth, John, Isaac, William, George, Phæbe and Abraham, all married and settled in homes of their own. Mrs. Jennings died Feb. 20, 1881. Mr. Jennings is in the enjoyment of good health, and though eighty-three years of age can see to read without the aid of glasses.

William Jennings, section 21, Troy Township, was born in Carroll County, Ohio, Oct. 14, 1835, a son of Peter and Catherine (Rainsberger) Jennings, of this township. He came with his parents to De Kalb County in 1843, and was here reared and educated. He early was obliged to assist his father in the

woods, doing what he could as a child, and later helping to fell the trees and cultivate the soil. In his youth he worked at the carpenter's trade, serving an apprenticeship of two years, and has since worked at it at intervals in connection with farming. In 1860 he settled on the farm where he now lives, where he owns sixty acres of choice land, with a good residence and farm buildings. He also owns ten acres on section 30, this township. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, having a fine grade of Spanish Merino sheep. In 1884 he got 102 pounds of washed wool from ten of his fleeces. Mr. Jennings was married May 4, 1859, to Anna, daughter of David McCord, who moved from Ohio to Steuben County, Ind., in 1840, where he died. Her mother afterward married Amos Stearns, and in 1844 they moved to De Kalb County. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings have had a family of six children, five of whom are living—Hiram S., Olive L., Eldora, Jesse M., and Jacob W.

John Kenistrick, farmer and stock-raiser, section 19, Troy Township, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, Dec. 7, 1819, a son of John Kenistrick, a native of Maryland, who settled in Tuscarawas County in 1812. He was reared a farmer, receiving his education in the old-fashioned log cabin schools of his native county. In 1852 he moved to Crawford County, Ohio, and in the spring of 1864 came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on the farm where he now lives. He owns 120 acres of valuable land, and his farm buildings are all commodious and in good repair. He was married Nov. 6, 1845, to Martha Lewis, daughter of Joseph Lewis (deceased), and sister of Jere Lewis, of Franklin Township, this county. To them have been born eight children, six of whom are living—Mary, Joseph, Sarah, Amelia, John and Sherman. Sarah is the wife of J. H. McCurdy, of Butler, and Amelia is the wife of William Moore, also of Butler. Their two eldest children died in 1849 of cholera. Seventeen of their relatives died of the same disease in two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Kenistrick and four of their children are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Thomas Leason, farmer and stock-raiser, section 8, Troy Township, is a native of Derbyshire, England, born in December, 1813, a son of Francis Leason. He was the twelfth of a family of fifteen children, and his parents being in limited circumstances he was early obliged to depend on his own resources for a livelihood, receiving but meager educational

advantages. He remained in his native country till 1845, and then came to the United States and settled in Sandusky, Ohio, where he lived till 1863, when he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and located on the farm where he has since lived. He owns a good farm of ninety-eight acres, and his improvements are among the best in the county. He was married in Erie County, Ohio, in 1850, to Mary Gillett, who died in June, 1855, leaving three children, but two of whom are living—Martha and Eliza. April 6, 1857, he married Mrs. Mary Abbott, widow of Jarius W. Abbott, by whom she has one child—Dow. Mr. and Mrs. Leason are members of the United Brethren church.

David McCurdy, deceased, was a native of Ohio, born July 27, 1830, a son of Rev. John McCurdy, of Butler, Ind. He came to De Kalb County, Ind., with his parents in 1845, and settled in Wilmington Township, where he grew to manhood. He received a good education and taught several terms of school in his early life, but the greater part of his life was engaged in farming. He was married in October, 1853, to Jenima Casebeer, daughter of Andrew Casebeer. She was born in Wayne County, Ohio, in 1834, and came to this county with her parents in 1839, locating on section 30, Troy Township, and later moving to section 29. Mr. and Mrs. McCurdy lived in Stafford Township till 1876, and then moved to Troy Township and settled on the old homestead of her father, on section 29, where she has since lived, and where he died Jan. 14, 1885, of cancer of the stomach, after an illness of two months. To them were born seven children—James N., Ida L., Rosella, Ann E., Lonka, Sadie and Mary M. James is a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church, and is now at Elkhart, Ind. He married Nettie Reynolds, and has one child—Roy. Ida married Byron Gilmore, and lives near Little Sioux, Iowa. Mr. McCurdy was a consistent Christian, and had been a member of the Methodist church since nineteen years of age. He was a kind, courteous gentleman, hospitable and generous, giving liberally of his means for the support of his church and the promotion of benevolent causes. In his death the community lost a valuable member, and his family a kind husband and father.

Dr. James Milligan, section 32, Troy Township, was born in Washington County, Pa., May 31, 1816, a son of James Milli-

gan. He was reared on a farm and received his education, attending a select school in his native county. He began the study of medicine with Dr. James P. Scroggs, and in 1842 removed to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and began his practice. In the winter of 1843-'44 he attended the Cleveland Medical College, and then returned to Tuscarawas County and continued his practice till 1853, when he came to De Kalb County and located at Butler, residing there till the fall of 1865, when he settled on his present farm. He continued his practice till about 1879, and since then has given it into younger hands. He owns a fine farm of 240 acres, which is carried on by tenants. He also owns a house and lot in Butler. Dr. Milligan was married Oct. 17, 1848, to Margaret Browning, a native of Jefferson County, Ohio, daughter of John F. Browning. They have had a family of five children, all deceased. Four died in childhood, and one daughter, Inez, died Oct. 10, 1877, at the age of eighteen years.

George Reese, agent for the Wabash Railway at Troy Station, Troy Township, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, March 11, 1846, a son of Hambright Reese, a native of Greene County, Pa. His parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., in the fall of 1840 and settled in Troy Township, where he was reared and educated. When he was twelve years of age he began firing a stationary engine, and subsequently partly learned his trade in Butler. He has been in the employ of the railroad since about 1880, and since 1884 has had charge of the office at Troy Station. He was married Aug. 10, 1869, to Mrs. Matilda J. (Long) Whitner, daughter of Rev. Frederick Long, a Methodist clergyman, for many years a resident of this county, and widow of J. J. Whitner. To them have been born five children—Charles H., Margaret E., Martin E., Leona A. and Harry E. Mrs. Reese has two children by her former marriage—Lora E. and Arba W. Mr. Reese is an earnest worker for the temperance cause, and is one of the prominent citizens of the township.

John Robinett, section 17, Troy Township, is a native of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, born Oct. 22, 1815, a son of James Robinett, who moved to Holmes County, Ohio, when our subject was a child, where he was reared and educated. He remained in Holmes County till 1846, and then came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on the farm where he now lives. At



that time the land was heavily timbered, but he has cleared and improved it, and now has ninety acres of the best land in the township. He was married Oct. 19, 1837, to Mary Swick, daughter of Peter Swick. She is a native of Pennsylvania, and moved with her parents to Stark County, Ohio, when she was a child. To them have been born nine children, but three of whom are living—George, John W. and Theodore. George is a minister of the United Brethren church, and lives at Metz, Steuben County. He married Mary A. Geddis, and has three children—Corintha, John and William. John W. married Maria Anspaugh, and has two children—Mary L. and Hattie B. Theodore married Sarah A. Brunner, and has two children—George and John R. John and Theodore reside on the old homestead and have charge of the farm. Two of their daughters were married and at their death left families. Hannah was the wife of Conrad Rench, and left three children—Ida, Etta and John. Harriet was the wife of Robert Geddis, and left nine children—Lillie, Della, John C., Arthur, Hattie, Mary, Jane, Nye and Alice. Mr. and Mrs. Robinett are members of the United Brethren church. He has served his township one year as Trustee.

Talma Rummel, farmer and stock-raiser, section 18, Troy Township, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, Sept. 5, 1833, and in 1844 moved with his father, Henry Rummel, to Steuben County, Ind., and settled in Otsego Township, where the latter still lives. He received his early education in a small frame school-house, his teacher being Amos Letcher, a cousin of President Garfield. He was also captain of the canal boat on which Garfield worked when a boy. Talma remained at home till manhood, and Jan. 2, 1859, married Lucy M., only child of Roger and Lucy Aldrich. The day of their marriage they settled on the farm in Troy Township where they now live, and have since made it their home. He owns 160 acres of choice land which he has brought under a good state of cultivation, and has made valuable improvements, his residence and farm buildings being among the best in the county. He takes an active interest in all public affairs of his township, and has served two terms as Assessor and one term as Trustee. To Mr. and Mrs. Rummel have been born four children—Roger A., Henry E., Ella E. A. and Chauncey S. Roger married Ada C. Jennings, daughter of George Jennings of this township



and has one child—Elsie A. Mr. and Mrs. Rummel and their son Roger and his wife are members of the Disciples church.

George W. Smiley was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, June 25, 1823, a son of George and Jane (Blake) Smiley, his father a native of Somerset County, Pa., and his mother of Susquehanna County, N. Y. He was reared on a frontier farm, and was obliged to walk two or three miles to school, his brothers carrying him a part of the way the first term. He came to De Kalb County in 1842 and settled in Troy Township, and was elected Constable of the township before he was twenty-one years old. After living in the county four years he returned to Ohio and cared for his parents the rest of their lives, returning to this county six years later. In 1858 he moved to English Prairie, Lagrange County, and from there to Orland, Steuben County, in 1862, remaining there till 1867, and then bought a farm four miles north of Angola and remained there till Sept. 6, 1878, and then ran a saw-mill till 1884; is now engaged in the rail and wire-fence business. He was married Jan. 12, 1841, to Catherine Deaner, a native of Baltimore, Md., daughter of Conrad Deaner. To them were born eight children, seven of whom are living—Mary J., Artimesia, David W., Margaret, Shannon O., Maria A. and Ernest E. Mrs. Smiley died Sept. 6, 1878, and two years later Mr. Smiley broke up housekeeping. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church since sixteen years of age. He served his township as Justice of the Peace three years and four months. His daughter Mary is an elocutionist and has been a temperance lecturer several years. His Grandmother Smiley was taken a prisoner, with three other children, by the Indians during the Revolutionary war, and two of the children were killed. Her father was an officer in the continental army. Although but seven years of age, she remembered passing a stone against which Judge Wells was leaning, scalped and dead.

Jacob H. Smith, farmer and stock-raiser, section 4, Troy Township, is a native of Columbiana County, Ohio, born July 10, 1846. In 1847 his father, Adam Smith, moved with his family to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Franklin Township where he was reared and educated, attending the common schools of the district. He was reared on a farm and has always followed agricultural pursuits, and by his industry and energy has accumulated a good home, owning a farm of seventy-three

acres, with a comfortable residence and farm buildings. In 1870 Mr. Smith took a trip West, visiting Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin and Minnesota, returning to De Kalb County in the winter of 1872. He was married Oct. 12, 1873, to Mary E. Olds, daughter of Carlisle Olds. Three children have been born to them—William E., Ettie E. and John A.

George B. Souder, farmer and stock-raiser, section 19, Troy Township, was born in Perry County, Ohio, June 30, 1846, a son of John Souder, of Richland County, Ohio. His parents moved to Richland County in 1859, and there he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the common schools. He was reared a farmer, and since attaining manhood has given his attention to agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. He came to De Kalb County in the spring of 1874 and settled on section 24, Franklin Township, and in the spring of 1879 moved across the line into Troy Township. He owns 160 acres of valuable land, and his residence and farm buildings are among the best in the county. He pays special attention to raising Durham cattle and Clydesdale horses, and much credit is due him for his efforts to improve the stock of horses in the county. His horse Cap is five years old, a son of the celebrated Buck Allen, and weighs 1,600 pounds. He is one of the finest horses in the county. Mr. Souder was the first man to introduce dram tiling in his neighborhood. He is an enterprising, progressive citizen, and assists any project and adopts any improvements that promises benefit to his county. He was married Feb. 27, 1868, to Sarah M. Adams, daughter of Andrew Adams, of Richland County, Ohio. To them have been born six children, five of whom are living—Charles M., George M., Ernest C., Jessie M. and Harry L.



CHAPTER XXIII.

UNION TOWNSHIP.

POSITION.—ADVANTAGES.—GEOGRAPHY AND TOPOGRAPHY.—EARLY SETTLERS.—REMINISCENCES.—ORGANIZATION OF TOWNSHIP.—EARLY JUSTICES, CONSTABLES AND TRUSTEES.—POPULATION.—PROPERTY AND TAXATION.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.—AUBURN.—ITS EARLY HISTORY.—FIRST MERCHANTS, PROFESSIONAL MEN, BUILDINGS, ETC.—PROGRESS.—BUSINESS DIRECTORY.—MANUFACTURING.—PROFESSIONAL.—NEWSPAPERS.—HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.—CHURCHES.—SOCIETIES.—WATERLOO.—ITS BEGINNING AND GROWTH.—BUSINESS DIRECTORY.—PROFESSIONAL.—BANKS.—RELIGIOUS.—SOCIETIES.—BIOGRAPHICAL.

The township named Union may well be regarded as the most favored one in the county. Central in location, and possessed of excellent railroad facilities, it is also the possessor of two incorporated towns, one being the county seat. It is bounded on the north by Smithfield, on the east by Wilmington, on the south by Jackson, and on the west by Keyser and Richland. It is crossed by the Baltimore & Ohio, Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific, and the Fort Wayne, Jackson & Saginaw Division of the Michigan Southern railroads, which meet at Auburn Junction, and the air line of the Michigan Southern road crosses the last named at Waterloo. Cedar Creek flows through the township from northeast to southwest.

Taken as a whole, Union is agriculturally a rich township of land. There are, however, several Tamarack swamps that are useless until drained. The northern and western portions of the township are generally rolling and somewhat sandy. The southeastern is more level and clayey. Early settlers in the township on farms were: Kneeland Abbott on the south, David Altenburg and Levi Walsworth on the east, and the Husselmans and McEntaffers on the north. Altenburg and Walsworth moved in during November, 1838; James R. Cosper and John Weeks in the spring of 1841; and the same year John Somers





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and Lyman Chidsey settled southeast of Auburn. In the northeast, Rockwell, Lightner and Moringston were the first settlers. Two days were occupied in raising the heavy frame of the Husselman barn, and most of the able-bodied settlers for miles around were engaged in the work.

Union is one of the oldest townships in the county, being but two months younger than Franklin. At the first regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of De Kalb County, Sept. 5, 1837, present Peter Fair, Samuel Widney and A. F. Beecher, it was "ordered that the congressional township 34 north, range 13 east, be organized as a township for judicial (civil) purposes, to be known by the name of Union Township, and that townships 34 and 35 north, range 12 east, and townships 33 and 35 north, range 13 east, be attached thereto." It was also ordered "that Wesley Park be appointed Supervisor for the road district No. 1, comprising the whole of Union Township; and all the lands residing within said township are allotted to said district." The first election was appointed for the first Monday in December following, and Lanslot Ingman was named as Inspector of Elections.

Among the early Justices of the Peace of Union Township were: Lanslot Ingman, David Altenburg, John Carpenter, W. Griswold, John Davis, G. Wolf, S. W. Russell, J. D. Davis, J. W. Case and William Lessig. Early Constables were: J. O. P. Sherlock, William Shirter, Lyman Chidsey, T. J. Freeman, Isaac Latson, Joseph Garver, John Drury, Z. Tanner, H. Siberts, J. Powlas, H. Jones, L. Weaver, S. Bowman, L. Leasure, Jonathan Hall, A. O. Espy, J. Haun, Zopher Johnson, Jeremiah Plum, William Valeau, Andrew Harsh, J. H. Piles, Emanuel Miller, George Jones and J. B. Howard.

The Trustees prior to 1860 were: J. B. Rockwell, David Altenburg, J. F. Coburn, John Husselman, N. Payne, James C. George, C. Simonds, S. W. Sprott, Aaron Hague, James R. Cospier, T. J. Freeman, Kneeland Abbott, William Middleton, Henry Clay, G. R. Baker, J. E. Hendricks, A. Watkins, T. R. Dickinson, H. Moneysmith, D. Eldridge, J. Hawk, Dr. W. Dancer, Jacob Cupp, J. J. Huffman, John Davis, O. A. Parsons, O. C. Houghton, John Somers, John Lightner, W. W. Griswold, Adam Stroh, J. K. Hare, John Ralston, S. Sanders, and Jacob McEntaffer. Isaac Kutzner and John C. St. Clair were early Assessors.

The population of Union Township, exclusive of Auburn and Waterloo, is 1,200, or 35 to the square mile. The assessed valuation averages \$624.44 per capita. In 1884 the acres of land assessed numbered 20,985.12; value of same, \$617,829; value of improvements, \$79,494; value of lands and improvements, \$697,323; value of lots, \$5,035; value of improvements, \$9,015; total, \$14,050; value of personal property, \$124,075; total taxables, \$835,448; rate of taxation, \$1.46; number of polls, 226; poll-tax, \$1.00; total amount of taxation, \$12,567.17.

The following statistics of staple crops are for the year 1881: Number of acres in wheat, 2,845; product of same, at 8 bushels per acre, 22,760 bushels; acres in corn, 1,757; product of same, 20 bushels per acre of upland, and 40 bushels per acre of lowland, or 37,000 bushels; acres in oats, 946; product of same, 35 bushels per acre, or 33,110 bushels; acres in meadow land, 1,054; product of same, at a ton and a half per acre, 1,581 tons of hay; acres in Irish potatoes, 104; product of same, 125 bushels per acre, or 13,000 bushels.

AUBURN.

"Sweet Auburn, loveliest village of the plain."—*Goldsmith.*

In the chapter of "Early Incidents," Wesley Park's narrative describes the trip of that pioneer, and his purpose in coming here. He had in view from the very first the founding of a county seat. His selection was finally adopted in preference to the rival site of "Centerville," in the geographical center of the county. Mr. Park doubtless had in view little more than a central position, easy of access, and level in surface. He laid out two parallel streets north and south, known as Main and Jackson streets, and these were intersected by numerous cross streets. Many of these were for a long time useful only as affording pasturage for the live stock kept by the villagers. Park gave a lot to each settler who would build thereon, and by this and other public-spirited measures he hastened the growth of the village. He and a man named Ogden built a saw-mill in 1837, and he had the satisfaction of seeing steady improvement take place. L. Ingman built the second cabin in Auburn, and John F. Coburn, first County Clerk, put up the third. He set out some fruit trees, one of which, prominent for its size, still stands on the place. Riley Jacobs and Thomas Freeman were also early settlers.

The first store was opened by a man named Comstock, whose stock was valued at \$170, and whose license to sell was 85 cents. Freeman opened a store in a frame building which stood on the southwest corner of Fourth and Cedar streets, and a source of profit was the revenue from the sale of liquor to the Indian and settler. Nelson Payne formed a partnership with Freeman. Then Payne and Jefferson Wallace kept a store in the front room of a house just completed by Payne. Next the firm was Payne & Ralston. Samuel Ralston is still in trade here, and is the oldest merchant in the county. O. A. Parsons had in the meantime opened a store-tavern in what was called the "Parsons' Rookery," north of Rant's. Hart's saloon stood near the site of Davis' hardware store. Following the lead of those given, stores and groceries were opened and ran their brief career—some long and others short—and there are but few in business to-day of Auburn's merchants, even from 1865.

The first hotel, intended as such, was kept by Freeman, who some years afterward built what has been variously known as the Franklin, Griswold, and now the Auburn House. J. O. P. Sherlock, Sr., opened a hotel in the house which was afterward long the home of Sheriff Miller. Nelson Payne had an ashery on Main street; he was an early blacksmith, and later a merchant and judge. Henry Moneysmith was also a pioneer blacksmith. The first physician was Dr. Ross; then followed Drs. Haynes, Cooper, Pritchard, Oliver & Roe. Succeeding these were Dr. Hendricks, prominent as a physician, mathematician, farmer and teacher; Dr. J. H. Ford, still a resident; and Dr. W. B. Dancer, who died in 1853, and was buried in the old cemetery.

Samuel Reed, a young, energetic and talented man, was the first minister in Auburn, and represented the Methodist Episcopal denomination. The Presbyterians were supplied about 1845 by James T. Bliss, the first of that denomination to come here, and a pious, earnest preacher.

The first resident carpenter was James R. Cosper, now a farmer in the township. Next came Samuel Ralston, Amos Hutchinson and O. C. Houghton. The first cabinet-makers were J. O. P. Sherlock and L. Ingman. The first gunsmith was Isaac Savage; soon after came Charles Stimely. The first wagon-maker was Jonathan Hall, who occupied as a residence the place afterward refitted by George H. K. Moss, on South



Main street. Philip Fluke was the first and only tanner. He continued the business until the demands of trade required his lots for building sites, when he retired from business and converted his tannery into a harness shop, on the corner of Seventh and Jackson streets. The first shoemakers, in order of time, were Cyrus Smith, A. Forshe and S. Latson. Messrs. Bolinger & Carpenter made fanning-mills. William Albright was the first saddle and harness maker. Isaac Jones, Sr., introduced the first tinshop, followed by Abram Bass. Harrison Jones, Tridell and J. D. Davis, followed the business of hatters.

In October, 1841, Auburn had a population of 72, and almost all the inhabitants were prostrated by sickness. Judge Mott, the pioneer lawyer who came in 1843, found Main street full of logs. He lived in a cabin put up by James Cooper, where A. J. Ralston's dwelling stands, and could chop his firewood in the forest but a few rods distant. In 1849 the town contained about 50 houses, all of wood, and 300 inhabitants. For years it gained slowly, and, being without railroad communication, became tributary to the rival and thriving town of Waterloo, and was threatened with a loss of the county seat. An Auburn *Republican*, of date Sept. 26, 1856, affords a glimpse of the time when Wesley Park was receiving new goods; S. W. Widney dealt in books; Ralston & Gross in ashes; T. Boldock kept hotel; G. W. Stahl conducted the "Emporium of Fashion;" L. Bowers had a grocery and variety store, and J. W. Rickel dealt in boots and shoes. At the close of the civil war Auburn was a quiet, retired village of some six or seven hundred inhabitants, its principal features being two long, tree-lined, handsome streets, the court-house just completed, the woolen factory and the academy. The last two have been destroyed by fire. The octagonal brick building, then the home of A. Wheelock, but now of Alonzo Lockwood, marked the western limit of dwellings. Where now stands the Fort Wayne & Saginaw station, was then the original forest. In the cool shade of the towering beech and maple trees, the celebrations were held. There speeches were made, glee clubs sang, flags waved, drums beat and cannon roared; but the ax has done its work and the grove exists no longer.

The vicinity of Cedar Creek and the clearing of heavy timber from surrounding lands caused miasmatic fogs, subjecting residents to attacks of fever and ague, from which there were

few exemptions. The roads in an early day leading from town were execrable. Hacks run to Waterloo and to Fort Wayne, making a halt at Hometown. Teamsters hauled grain and goods over roads which for chuck-holes defied comparison. An effort was made to change the location of the county seat to Waterloo, but this proved unsuccessful on account of railroad privileges secured by the Fort Wayne & Jackson road, constructed in the county by local aid. Again in 1874 an effort was made in behalf of Waterloo as the county seat, and this for a time bade fair to be successful. At this crisis Auburn joined hands with Butler to complete the Eel River road, and quashed the movement.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

The following list of business firms in Auburn is believed to be complete, and it shows that the town is second to few in number and character of its business men, while the diversity of enterprise is conducive to the independence of the place:

Christopher Asherman, grocery; Austin Bros., boots and shoes; John Aber, photographer; Joseph Albright, jeweler; Englebert Ashlee, wagon shop; Fred Behringer, tailor; Ephraim Berry, machine shop; Fred Bass, tobacco and confectionery; Brown & Culbertson, musical instruments and sewing-machines; James A. Barnes, *Courier* paper; I. O. Bahzell, Eagle mills; Beugnot & Ober, stave factory; John Burke, blacksmith; J. Beuret, hardware; I. N. Cool, wagon shop; James O. Clifton, broom factory; Casebeer & Matheny, livery stable; Humphrey Chilcoat, Central House; Casebeer & Matheny, drug store; Miss Cass, hair dresser; J. L. Davis, boots and shoes; F. E. Davenport, drug store; Dickinson & McMillen, meat market; William Edgerton, barber; Edward Eldridge, saloon; Ensley & Harter, dry goods and millinery; George Ensley, agricultural implements; Farmers' Bank; First National Bank; Grush Bros., flouring-mill and hoop factory; J. H. Gugerli, merchant tailor; G. W. Gordon, post-office; Phineas Gibson, bakery and grocery; Ben. Goodman, hardware and tin shop; Mitchell Huston, saloon; J. C. Henry, drug store; F. A. Hoff, grocery; Sherman Hollister, restaurant; Heberling & Lewis, farm implements; Houser & Hoisington, *Republican* paper; Hebel Bros., grocery; Mrs. Jones & Son, dry goods and millinery; John Kreger, ashery; John



Knoder, blacksmith; W. H. Kiblinger, hardware; Peter Lorenz, saloon; Mrs. Little, millinery; Long & Trout, livery stable; Lewis & Widney, lumber; Jacob Mitchell, saw-mill and hoop factory; Morell Bros., foundry and machine shop; John R. Moody, Auburn House; McQuiston & Long, dry goods and groceries; M. Myers, general store; W. L. Meese, insurance; B. Miller, grocery and bakery; J. N. Myers, agricultural implements; John Otto, grocery and shoe shop; Charles Pommart, barber; J. A. Potter, boots and shoes; S. Pommart & Co., barbers; G. A. Porter, Auburn Woolen Mills; Sylvester Rogers, brewery; Rodenbaugh & Coleman, millinery and dressmaking; Rainier & Headley, meat market; C. Raut & Sons, boots and shoes; S. C. Ralston, grocery; Harry Rush, harness shop; W. E. Rush, confectionery; Charles Ressegee, saloon; A. J. Ralston, grocery; C. C. Shafer, furniture; Thomas Summers, saloon; Smith & Madden, Auburn Marble Works; Steele & Son, painters; Augustus Stutz, saloon; Schaab & Beugnot, groceries, dry goods and clothing; Frank Slayball, grocery; L. Spitler, grocery; J. W. Shafer, wagon shop; S. W. Swineford, Swineford House; George Stahl, tailor; William Sheffer, harness shop; William Snyder, blacksmith; John Stondecker, scroll factory; Sibely & Co., oar factory; Snyder, McClellan & Best, Auburn Wagon Works; Shearer & Wilson, church furnishing company; S. U. Tarney, meat market; James Umber, grocery; Veley & Husselman, saw-mill; George Wagner, blacksmith; Joseph Williamson, saloon; M. S. Willis, books and stationery; Peter Young, merchant tailor; J. H. Yesbera, merchant tailor; Zimmerman & Co., Monitor Windmill Company.

MANUFACTURING.

Auburn possesses several manufacturing establishments, which, though unpretentious, yet do a very respectable business, and give employment to a goodly number of people. Among them should be mentioned: The Auburn Marble Works of Smith & Madden, wagon and carriage factory of I. N. Cool, the broom factory of James A. Clifton, wagon shop of J. W. Shafer, Eagle Mills of I. O. Bahtel, Auburn Woolen Mills of G. A. Porter, saw-mill of Veley & Husselman, cooper shop of George Wagner, Jr., stave factory of Beugnot & Ober, Monitor Windmill Company of Zimmerman & Co. (also manufact-

arers of shingles and other articles), wagon shop of Englebert Ashlee, machine shop of Ephraim Berry, Church Furnishing Company of Shearer & Wilson, foundry and machine shop of Morell Bros., saw-mill and hoop factory of Jacob Mitchell, flour-mill of Grush Bros., Auburn Wagon Works of Synder, McClellan & Best, oar factory of Sibely & Co. (one of the two establishments of the kind in the United States), and the brewery and bottling works managed by Sylvester Rogers. Many of these are described further in the personal sketches of the proprietors.

BANKS.

Auburn supports three of these institutions, two being private banks. The First National Bank of Auburn was organized Dec. 19, 1874, and began doing business March 25, 1875. It lost heavily by the well-remembered George Hazzard some years ago, but is now in a prosperous condition, and does an extensive business. In the summer of 1876 a brick building was erected at a cost of \$8,000, including fixtures, and this was occupied in August of the same year. The present Cashier is W. H. McIntyre. The bank's statement for the year ending Sept. 30, 1884, shows the capital stock, all paid in, to be \$50,000; surplus, \$3,600; deposits, \$2,697.23; loans and discounts, \$59,139.49. The directors are: W. McIntyre, Ephraim Berry and C. A. O. McClellan. The Farmers' Bank began business in February, 1883. The stockholders are: Jacob Walborn, Nicholas Ensley, Albert Robbins, Guy Plumb and J. C. Henry. Albert Robbins is Cashier. John L. Davis also does an extensive banking business.

PROFESSIONAL.

The members of the De Kalb County bar, who reside in Auburn, are as follows: W. L. Penfield, Henry J. Schaffer, W. H. Dills, James E. Rose, F. K. Blake, R. D. Teft, Ezra D. Hartman, B. Green, Thomas H. Sprott, P. J. Lockwood, C. Emanuel, H. C. Peterson, D. D. Moody, P. V. Hoffman, D. Y. Husselman, C. A. O. McClellan and John Baxter.

The medical profession is represented by Drs. J. H. Ford, J. A. Cowan, Casebeer & Matheny, J. J. Littlefield, D. J. Swarts, Mrs. Vesta Swarts, W. S. Allen, J. V. Lewis and David Sebring.

NEWSPAPERS.

Auburn supports two weekly newspapers—the *DeKalb Republican* and the *Auburn Courier*. For full sketches of these, see the Press chapter.

EARLY SCHOOLS.

The first school-house in Auburn stood about a block west of the Auburn House, built and kept in those early days by Thomas J. Freeman, who also had a little store in the north-west room, which then, as now, was the bar-room. This school-house was also used as a general meeting-house for religious purposes. It was a low, one-storied building, containing one room, without closet or vestibule. Around three sides ran sloping desks, with their backs against the wall. High benches furnished uncomfortable seats for the larger scholars when they were obliged to use the desks. They were, however, privileged to sit upon other benches with backs to them, rows of which faced toward the center of the school-room from three sides of it; the lowest seats for the little ones, being nearest the big black stove in the middle of the room. Here assembled in the winter seventy-five or eighty pupils of all sizes, from the strapping six-footer who cast sheep's eyes at all the pretty girls, down to the urchin proud of his first pair of boots, who said his a-b-c with unvarying monotony through half the winter. The three R's, "Reading, Riting and 'Rithmetic," were taught with varying energy and success; but spelling was the class in which the ability of both teacher and pupils was expected to assert itself pre-eminently. The hour for studying the lesson was a serious time. Seated on the benches, with open books in hand, each pupil conned the words in a loud whisper, while, keeping time with the voice, each form swayed back and forth. The buzz became at times almost deafening. "Not so much noise," the almost distracted teacher would enjoin, but neither he nor his pupils seemed to imagine that the lessons could be learned quietly. All honor to the old-fashioned schools, however! They did turn out some good spellers—but then "they gave their time to it."

Each pupil in arithmetic was taught by himself. Black-boards had not come into use in the backwoods, and each scholar with his slate and book "went it alone." If a boy were ambitious, and his teacher attentive, remarkable progress would

he made in the course of a winter term; but some of the teaching was rather remarkable. One lady relates that when about eleven years old she went to a summer school taught by a man. She had a tolerably good knowledge of addition, multiplication and subtraction, and could divide a little, but had not the most remote idea what long division meant. Her arithmetic was Pike's; no answers to the problems were given. The teacher asked her how far she had advanced in arithmetic. She told him. He did not examine her, but told her to go on. She went on solving each problem to the best of her ability. Some time during each day the teacher would come around and inquire how far she had gone, and if she had any trouble, but never asked her to solve a problem for him to examine, and therefore never discovered that his ingenious pupil divided the dividend by each figure of the divisor in succession, and then added the quotients for a final quotient—which was the *longest* division she could invent. How long this might have gone on is uncertain, as the parents of the child becoming dissatisfied took her out of school.

Of course there were some very good teachers among many inferior ones.

Mr. Mott taught during the winter of 1843-'4. He was an unusually good scholar, and had been as a young man, a successful teacher in Pennsylvania.

Hendricks B. Wright, afterward distinguished as lawyer and politician, was one of his pupils there, and so long as he lived, Mr. Mott used to refer with pleasure to the energy, industry and ability, which young Wright manifested as a school boy.

Another good teacher was William Reynolds, a maternal uncle of Mrs. A. J. Ralston, who taught the Auburn school during the winter of 1848-'9. This tribute to his energy, ability, and goodness is paid by one of his scholars who mourned his untimely death, and has always remembered him, as one of her first teachers, with affectionate respect. He was a brother-in-law of James George, who lived about a mile east of town. They were both men of excellent principles and agreeable manners. Mr. George had a remarkably pleasant face, and when he smiled it lit up with sunshine. Both men died toward the close of 1849 with typhoid fever. A young man by the name of Webb who lived with Mr. George died of the same disease.

Miss Letitia Hutchings, who afterward with her husband, the

Rev. Randal Faurot, was for many years identified with the educational interest of the county, taught a summer school in Auburn in 1845 and again in '46. She was an excellent teacher and continues to be what she was then, a most admirable Christian woman. Her good deeds will bring forth fruit, and her good influence be felt, long after her eyes have closed in their last slumber.

In the spring of 1849, a short term of school was taught by Miss Sophia Merrill, a sister of Mrs. Bliss, wife of the Presbyterian minister. Both sisters were women of much more than ordinary intelligence and culture. In urging her pupils to faithful study, she used the argument that the mind must continue developing through all eternity, and that all which is gained here will help us there. During the winter of 1849 and '50 the public school was taught by Alexander McMinn, a tall, slender young fellow, with an uncontrolled temper. He governed, emphatically, by the rod. Not a day passed that some one was not hauled over the benches and thrashed. The school was kept in a constant ferment, and the best scholars grew insubordinate under the constant provocation to anger. One day Mr. McMinn saw William Freeman with his head down upon the desk apparently asleep. He approached him cautiously with uplifted whip. It came down with stinging force upon the boy's shoulders. He raised his hand, stupidly, to ward off the second blow, which descended only the more heavily. Again and again the master struck. William lifted his head and fell over backward, frothing at the mouth. He was in a convulsion. The terrified teacher sent for Mr. Freeman and the doctor, while the children, all semblance of order gone, huddled together like a flock of frightened sheep.

As it transpired, the boy had been eating camphor gum and borax, and was poisoned. It is possible that the teacher's remedy, though severe, may have done no harm under the circumstances. However, it is safe to say that no teacher ever bore away the ill-will of a greater proportion of his scholars.

In the autumn of 1850 John B. Clark came from Lagrange County and opened a select school. He was divorced from his wife, but had three children—Jane, Ezra and Mary. He was an excellent teacher and enthusiast in his profession. He was the first teacher who ever formed an arithmetic class. He made his scholars learn the process of solution, and then followed

drill, drill, drill, until the most stupid among them had mastered the necessary principles. So in reading; he was the first teacher who compelled his pupils to learn the rules for reading in McGuffey's series, and then obliged them by precept and example, and by the same constant *drill* to follow them. In the spelling lesson the definition also was required. To awaken ambition and inspire a worthy emulation, Mr. Clark offered prizes to the head scholar in every class.

I would like to know how many of these were carried home by a little, quiet, demure girl, who later grew up into a brilliant woman, the daughter of Judge Morris, now Mrs. James Woodworth, of Fort Wayne. She was one of Mr. Clark's favorites because so faultless in deportment and recitations. There must be many in the county who look back thankfully to Mr. Clark's thorough teaching. He loved to awaken thought in his pupils. At one time he electrified the school by demanding suddenly: "If I call a sheep's tail a leg, how many legs has a sheep?" "Five," responded the too eager voices. He paused for a moment waiting, then asked quietly: "Does calling a sheep's tail a leg make it one?" The lesson was worth a volume of elaborate discourses.

Farewell, old teacher. Some, perhaps, would dwell upon thy faults, but not I. Thou wast a kind master to me, and let those who have no faults linger in recollection upon thine. It is for thy good qualities I remember thee.

The first Sunday-school was organized in the fall of 1844, Wesley Park being Superintendent. It met in the school-house. There was very little teaching done at first. The chief idea seemed to be to have singing and prayer, and give an opportunity to the scholars to recite all the verses of Scripture which they had learned during the week previous. This edifying exercise left little time for lessons. The pupils were encouraged by prizes to do the best they could.

There are preserved two small volumes, Nos. 1 and 2 of the *Evangelical Spectator*, one of which contains the inscription:

"Egbert Mott—

"Merit book, July 4, 1845. He recited 1,169 verses last quarter.

"W. PARK, Supt."

The other:

"Julia Mott—

"Merit book. She recited 1,114 verses last quarter.

"W. PARK, Supt."



The recipient had just completed her eighth year.

After an interval, question books were introduced, and the custom of learning verses dropped into disuse, but not until some of the scholars had learned all of the four Gospels. Although the practice of offering prizes is to be deprecated as affording an insufficient test of excellence, and tending to discourage the many who could learn some, but not the greatest number of Scripture texts; yet on the whole I am inclined to think much good was done, by forming in the children the habit of attending some public worship on the Lord's day.

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

The old school-house that was most familiar to the citizens of Auburn was burned in the winter of 1875-'6, and in the spring following the School Board commenced the erection of a fine brick building, in a little park of five acres, that was intended to be an ornament to the town for a generation to come. It was two stories in height, besides a roomy basement. The dimensions were 61 x 75 feet, and the highest point was sixty feet above the ground. The contract was let to J. W. Case for \$9,760, he having twelve competitors, bidding all the way up to \$13,000. The total cost of building, grounds, furniture, furnaces, etc., was \$14,300. The entire building was heated with hot air furnished from the basement.

This beautiful building, the pride of Auburn, was destroyed by fire on the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1880. The fire was first seen near the heating apparatus in the basement, where it undoubtedly originated. It was of very small proportions when first seen, and with any sort of facilities it could have been easily extinguished. Efforts were made, but they were unavailing. The insurance on the building amounted to \$7,000, and the net loss was about an equal amount.

The disaster was a grievous one, but, not discouraged, the authorities at once took measures for rebuilding the school-house. The new structure is now in use its third year, and is a credit to Auburn, though it is generally pronounced somewhat inferior to its predecessor. The present Principal is M. W. Harrison, who taught two years as assistant and is now in his third year as Principal. His assistant is H. E. Coe, who is teaching his first year here, having been at Waterloo the four years previous. The other teachers are: Letitia A. Coats,

now teaching her fifth year; Flora L. Hoffman, second year; Tilly McTighe, fourth year; Violet Bowman, first year; Mrs. Clifton, first year. Altogether there are seven rooms and eight teachers.

CHURCHES.

The first Methodist Episcopal church was organized in 1839, by Rev. Samuel Reed. He was a very brilliant young minister, and died at a comparatively early age. This was first called the St. Joseph Mission. Rev. Geo. M. Deswick was then the Presiding Elder. To Wesley Park is given the credit of forming this first class, which comprised forty-two members. The only two now living are Daniel Altenburg and James R. Cosper. The church was built in 1843, at the northeast corner of the square, on a lot still owned by the society. It was removed about 1870 to its present site and refitted, a lecture room being added. This was under the pastorate of Rev. J. N. Welch. The church is in an admirable state of preservation, and few would suspect that it is forty-one years old. The present pastor is Rev. C. W. Church, who came from Fort Wayne in the spring of 1883. The present membership is 245. M. F. Long is Superintendent of the Sunday-school.

The Baptists have long held religious services in this county. Their Cedar Creek church in Richland Township was organized about 1842, among the prominent members being Dimmick Harding, T. D. Daily and Erastus Calkins. Their second branch was the Wilmington church, started in the township of that name in 1845. Among its leading members were: Richard Hicks, Dewitt Hicks, S. B. Ward and wife, and Mrs. Haynes. This church had a membership extending over half of this then thinly settled county, and numbering at one time seventy. Aug. 13, 1852, a number of the members, having taken letters from the Wilmington church, organized the Auburn church, and in two or three years the former society disbanded. Among the first members here at Auburn were: Elder S. B. Ward and wife, and Vesta M. Ward, Deacon J. R. Bacon and wife, Emily Clark, Robert Culbertson and wife, Darwin Eldridge and wife, Philo Sanford and wife, Jeremiah Hemstreet and wife, and others. Elders J. M. Whitehead and William N. Welker had conducted protracted meetings before the organization. Elder Ward served as pastor several years, and Elder A. Town preached for one year. The church dis-

banded about 1859, on account of removals, etc. The present church was organized in October, 1870, with eleven members: S. B. Ward and wife, John H. Ehlers and wife, Mrs. C. C. Shafer, Mrs. John McKay, Mrs. Joseph McKay, Mrs. Maria Woolsey, Mrs. Hannah Totten, Mrs. Anna Burlingame and Addie Reed. The pastors since then have been successively: S. B. Ward, R. P. Jones, W. Langdon Sanders, P. J. Ward and H. J. Finch, the last named, who came in May, 1884, being the present incumbent. The church building was erected in 1872, at a cost of \$3,000. It is on the corner of Jackson and Sixth streets, and has a seating capacity of from 250 to 300. The membership of the society is now about eighty. The Sunday-school has been under the charge of Elder Ward ever since its formation.

The Presbyterian society was organized in the fall of 1846. Auburn first belonged to the Logansport Presbytery; but this being divided, it was added to the Fort Wayne Presbytery. Rev. Mr. Bliss, who was first assigned to this place, was stated supply until the spring of 1856, at that time the membership numbering forty-three. In the spring of 1857 Rev. Edward Wright took charge; in 1863 Rev. Charles A. Munn; and from 1866 the church was for a short interval without services. Then Rev. C. A. Evans was here for two years. After another interval, in the spring of 1872, Rev. J. Emory Fisher commenced conducting services every other Sunday. Rev. Henry Johnson came in the spring of 1874, and remained until the fall of 1880. During his pastorate, in the fall of 1876, the brick structure now occupied by the society, at the corner of Jackson and Twelfth streets was erected, at a cost of \$6,000. It was dedicated in January, 1877. The Trustees were: E. D. Hartman, S. B. Miller, Joseph Abright and Richard Elson. These gentlemen are the present Trustees. Rev. Wm. F. Mathews was here one year, from the spring of 1881. Rev. H. D. McCord came in the fall of 1882 and remained through 1883. The present pastor, Rev. G. W. Barr, came from Albion in January, 1884. Recently the church has been nicely finished off, the Ladies' Aid Society having expended \$300 upon seating, gas fixtures, etc. The membership of the church is about 150. The Elders are: E. D. Hartman, S. B. Miller, Richard Elson, A. C. Wilson and Edward Baker. Richard Elson has charge of the Sunday-school.

The English Evangelical Lutheran church was organized in 1876. They bought the old Presbyterian church and refitted it, the total cost being \$1,000. Rev. Levi Rice, the first pastor, came from Wabash County, and is now in Lagrange. He was succeeded by Revs. Samuel Kelso, Waltman and W. T. Trover. The last named came from Monroeville in the fall of 1883. The society has a membership of thirty-eight. The Sunday-school is in charge of George Ensley. The Catholic church was built in 1874 at a cost of \$3,000, by Father August Young, who came from Fort Wayne in 1872. The church has a congregation of 150, and is a frame structure on the corner of Fourth and Railroad streets.

The Germans have three churches. The Reformed church was organized here in 1868, and their building was erected in 1868, at a cost of \$1,500. The successive pastors have been: Revs. Kiessel, I. Matzenger, W. P. Sandoe, P. Ruhl, J. Rettig and J. F. Winter, who came in June, 1882. The church is on Fourth street. The membership is 14. The Sunday-school is in charge of John Lohm. The German Methodist Episcopal church is a frame structure built in 1874, at a cost of \$2,800. The society is thirty-five years old. The church was built under Rev. Andrew Myers. Other pastors since him have been: Revs. Charles Treischel, Charles Kunselman, Joseph Carn, Hamp, Mesling and John Gummer. The German Lutherans have a frame church built in 1873, at a cost of \$1,000. The first preachers were: Revs. Steinbach and Boese. At present Rev. Reichard, who lives near Avilla, comes here every three weeks. The membership of this church is twenty-five.

SOCIETIES.

De Kalb Lodge, No. 214, F. & A. M., was chartered May 28, 1857, and instituted and the officers installed June 6, 1857. The Masters of the lodge have been successively: Milton F. Pierce, Joseph H. Ford, John Butt, Guy Plumb, Joseph H. Ford, Guy Plumb, Wm. A. Lowrey, Wm. E. Rush, J. E. Rose, F. E. Davenport, J. J. Van Auken and F. E. Davenport. The present officers are: F. E. Davenport, W. M.; S. H. Rush, S. W.; T. G. Matheny, J. W.; W. H. McQuiston, Treas.; J. E. Rose, Sec.; W. H. Keeran, S. D.; Joseph Abright, J. D.; H. A. Lesh, Tyler. The present membership of the lodge is sixty-five.

Wm. Hacker Chapter, No. 63, R. A. M., was organized under



dispensation Sept. 3, 1866, and chartered May 23, 1867. John Butt was High Priest until 1878. George H. K. Moss held that position in 1879; F. E. Davenport in 1880, and G. T. Abbey from 1881 to 1883. The officers elected for 1884 were: Jay J. Van Aiken, H. P.; John Butt, K.; George E. Boots, S.; G. W. Lackey, C. of H.; S. H. Rush, P. S.; A. R. Stevens, R. A. C.; R. J. Fisk, T.; F. E. Davenport, Sec. The membership of the chapter is now seventy-two. It meets the first Monday of each month at Masonic hall. The chapter was moved to Waterloo the year after it was started, and brought back to Auburn November, 1883.

Mentor Lodge, No. 591, I. O. O. F., was organized in February, 1882, and has now forty members. It meets every Tuesday. The present officers are: B. F. Culbertson, N. G.; Thomas H. Sprott, V. G.; W. Baker, Sec.; G. W. Gordon, Treas.

Auburn Council, No. 511, Legion of Honor, is an insurance society, organized April 8, 1881. It has at present ten members, but holds no meetings.

De Long Post, No. 67, G. A. R., was mustered May 8, 1882, with the following officers: Ezra D. Hartman, Com.; John Otto, S. V. C.; Nicholas Ensley, Jr., J. V. C.; H. C. Peterson, Q. M.; J. J. Littlefield, Surg.; P. W. Silver, Chap.; William Snyder, O. of the D.; George W. Gordon, Adj.; Fred April, O. of the G.; H. E. Altenburg, Aid-de-Camp; B. F. Culbertson, Ass't Ins. The present officers are as follows: John Otto, Com.; Nicholas Ensley, S. V. C.; J. R. Thomas, J. V. C.; D. K. Houghton, Q. M.; J. A. Cowan, Surgeon; M. B. Willis, Chap.; P. W. Silver, O. of the D.; Robert Simpson, O. of the G.; George W. Gordon, Adj.; George H. Hoffman, S. M.; Thomas Hallam, Q. M. S.; H. E. Altenburg, Aid-de-Camp; B. F. Culbertson, Ass't Ins. The post is in good condition, financial and otherwise, and has a membership of seventy. It meets every alternate Monday.

THE LADIES' LITERARY SOCIETY.

In the afternoon of April 3, 1882, a few thoughtful, intelligent women met by previous appointment at the residence of Mrs. Augustus Leas, and organized a Literary Society. The preamble to the constitution declares that—

"We, the undersigned, feeling that home and society demand of the women of to-day the broadest and fullest culture, and being well assured that our usefulness and enjoyment will be

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increased by such culture, believing, also, that the interchange of thought and a unity of purpose will stimulate our mental growth, do hereby unite ourselves in a club for the sole purpose of study and mental improvement, and for the attainment of our object do adopt the following Constitution," etc.

The Ladies' Literary Society, as the first clause of the Constitution declares it shall be called, took up Taine's History of English literature as the first text-book. A careful study of its pages, and the subjects discussed therein, occupied more than two years. In October, 1884, the society selected Underwood's American Literature from among several works under consideration, and its members are now engaged in studying the authors of whom the work treats.

The society has three times celebrated its organization by social and literary entertainments, each succeeding one giving evidence of increasing power and intellectual advancement.

Its regular meetings are held every Saturday afternoon in the parlor of some member of the society, where the time from 2:30 to 5 o'clock is spent in the recitation of a lesson assigned the preceding week, and in a variety of literary exercises, as orations, essays, discussions, recitations, songs and instrumental music. The report of a critic, who censures or approves, as the exercises may deserve, concludes the work.

A list of members is appended:

Mrs. J. A. Barns,* Mrs. F. K. Blake, Mrs. Willis Brown, Mrs. F. E. Davenport, Mrs. Albert Dawson, Mrs. Mary A. Ehlers,* Mrs. C. E. Emanuel, Mrs. Nicholas Ensley,* Mrs. G. H. Forkner, Mrs. E. D. Hartman,* Mrs. M. W. Harrison, Mrs. Chester P. Hodge, Mrs. C. P. Houser, Mrs. A. S. Leas,* Mrs. John L. Leasure, Mrs. B. A. Lewis, Mrs. W. H. McQuiston,* Miss Lilly McTighe, Mrs. Lottie F. Osgood,* Mrs. A. J. Ralston,* Mrs. Albert Robbins,* Mrs. James E. Rose, Mrs. George Schaab, Mrs. Vesta M. Swartz, M. D.,* Mrs. M. Willis,* Mrs. Elias Zimmerman, Miss Della McClellan.

Removed from Auburn: Mrs. Theo. Reed,* Mrs. Louis Johnson, Mrs. W. P. Myers,* Miss Laura Clark.

WATERLOO.

The town of Waterloo is four and a half miles from Auburn, six and a half miles from Corunna, and eight miles from Butler,

*Charter members.

on sections 3 and 4, Union Township. It is at the junction of two railroads, both belonging to the L. S. & M. S. system, and thus, with railroads leading in each of the four points of the compass, the place is destined to be of permanent importance. The first improvement in this vicinity was made near the Cedar Creek, northeast of Waterloo, and was called Uniontown. It is now a mere appendage, or "suburb" to the town. Wesley Park, Sheriff of the county, put up a board shanty on the site of Uniontown in 1838 as a shelter for two men employed to build a bridge over the Cedar at this point. At this small cabin, in November, 1838, D. Altenburg, L. Walsworth, their families and the two bridge-builders, passed a night while the settlers were on their journey from Steubenville to their selections of land in Union Township. In a previous chapter a full account of their trip is given. One who stands on the present fine bridge and notices the high banks, cannot but wonder how the stream was crossed by Messrs. Altenburg and Walsworth. They ran poles under the wagon, between the spokes, so as to block all the wheels; then a yoke of oxen was hitched to the tongue to hold back, and another yoke to the rear of the wagon to pull back, and so the crossing was effected.

Being on the line of the State road from Fort Wayne north through Angola, and sufficiently remote from other settlements, this was thought a good site for a town, and a plat was accordingly made by Frederick Krum. A store building was put up, and a trading point established by George Trout. The firm of M. & A. Hale was the next to engage in the mercantile business at Uniontown. James Bowman erected a water-power saw-mill on the site of the Star Mills; and about 1856, after the laying out of Waterloo, changed it to a steam-power mill. School was started at an early day. Richard Burnistin was the village blacksmith, and bodily infirmities were cared for by Dr. Jones. Wareham was a gun-smith, and Smith kept a cabinet-shop.

The construction of the air line of the L. S. & M. S. R. R. through the county was the signal for laying the foundation of Waterloo City (as it was called for some years, while there was another Waterloo in the State). Miles Waterman, a prominent citizen of the county, and for several terms Representative in the State Legislature, had purchased a tract of land south of Uniontown, lying on both sides of the railroad track. On this

land the town of Waterloo was laid out by Miles Waterman and John Hornberger, and the acknowledgement taken before George Wolf, Justice of the Peace, March 14, 1856. The first structure erected was a railroad office which stood near the "Hale store," upon what is known as the Gillett lot. Eli Williamson, the pioneer carpenter, and yet a resident of the town, built the first dwelling house. This old building was shifted about, and finally owned and occupied by Wetmore, and was destroyed by fire some years ago. Store buildings were raised by James Irving and John Wood; the former rented to Willard & Keller, and the latter kept a grocery and restaurant. Lots sold rapidly, and building once begun continued briskly. Attention became directed to this place; business gathered hither, and leading citizens of other localities became residents.

T. Y. Dickinson removed from Auburn, and in 1858 began the publication of the *Waterloo Press*, which is still published, the oldest newspaper in the county. For a full history of the same, see the Press Chapter. Dr. J. N. Chamberlain, Sheriff of the county, from 1860 to 1862; Henry Willis, who filled the same office, from 1864 to 1868; Jacob Kahn, long a leading merchant; Gen. Lewis; J. Blair and others located in the new town and aided to give it that healthy and encouraging growth, which not only made it the mart of Northern De Kalb and and Southern Steuben counties, but enabled it to present a formidable claim to the county seat. John Shull opened the first tavern, which was later known as the Central House. J. P. Beers, from Auburn, was the first lawyer in the town, and later was heard from as a proprietor of a stage line at Stanton, Mich. The first grist-mill was built and run by Josiah and Jonathan Weaver. It stood in Uniontown and was built in 1868. The next mill was built by George Thompson in Waterloo, and is now operated by Crane, Duncan & Co. The third was the Star Mills, a fine brick building erected by Messrs. Best, McClellan & Moody. It was more than a local loss when this interest was destroyed by fire in 1876. The flouring-mill now owned and run by Messrs. Bauer & Weirich, is one of the finest in Northern Indiana.

Waterloo possesses a fire-engine, the only one in De Kalb County, and a citizens' volunteer fire department. The engine-house is centrally located by the railroad tracks. The fair grounds of the Northeastern Indiana Agricultural Association

(a full account of which is given in the Agricultural Chapter) are located just north of town, and the annual fair draws large crowds to Waterloo. The pioneer school-house stands in the southeast part of the town. It is a little old frame building, a striking relic of the poor educational advantages of the past. Just before the incorporation of the town, the township trustee caused the erection of what afterward became Agricultural hall near the Presbyterian church. In this ill-contrived structure, Spencer Dills, Peter Colgrove and Prof. J. A. Barns, taught as Principals, and the last named conducted several successful normal schools in the upper room. Finally the fine high-school building near the railroad in the western part of town was erected.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

Those now doing business at Waterloo are as follows:

L. Anderson, carriage and blacksmith shop; Bauer & Weirich, flouring-mill; Boyer & Beidler, dry goods; Jacob Beck, bakery; Best & McClellan, De Kalb Bank; William Bevier, drug store; Maggie Bateson, millinery; H. E. Brown, meat market; William Bigler, livery; Boozer & Smith, agricultural implements; Bassett & Maxwell, jewelers; Samuel Beck, grocery; J. S. Bowers, furniture; J. H. Clifford, saloon and restaurant; J. D. Campbell, drug store; Crane, Duncan & Co., planing-mill; F. Deventer, wagon and blacksmith shop; Duncan Bros., grocery; Dickinson & Willis, *Waterloo Press*; J. A. Dennison, restaurant and confectionery; Orris Danks, boots and shoes; Sol. Fisher, clothing; R. J. Fisk, grocery; Herman Froelich, marble works; Prentice Gill, sewing-machines; Moritz Grueter, grocery; John Heighn, blacksmith; Louis Henke, blacksmith; E. Klatz, wagon shop; Kennedy & Jackman, Long's Hotel; Koons & Son, livery; Loewenstein & Rothschild, clothing, dry goods, grocery; S. J. Locke, hotel and saloon; R. M. Lockhart, lumber; John Leas, Citizens' Bank; James P. McCague, saw-mill; Peter Montavon, shoemaker; Philip Morell, shoemaker; McBride & Seiler, hardware; H. R. Miller, saloon; H. H. Nutt, planing-mill; Frank Ryan, Butts' Hotel; A. V. Sinclair, grocery; George Shoner, tannery; Speer & Son, grocery; R. Shull, millinery; A. R. Stevens, tailor; Sinclair Bros., hardware; Richard Till, saloon; Wareham & Harley, barber shop; J. N. Winslow, drug store;



Willis & Co., book store; William Wallace, harness shop; Eli Williamson, fanning-mill factory.

PROFESSIONAL.

The first physicians were: Drs. Jones & Hornberger. Of the following who are now practicing, some are old residents: Drs. Solomon Stough, J. N. Chamberlain, A. Byron Darby, A. S. Farrington, Z. W. Shepherd (Homeopathic), A. A. Ward, Henry Lehman, (Homeopathic), C. M. Ewing and S. B. Johnston (dentist). The legal profession has always been creditably represented at Waterloo. James I. Best is now a member of the Supreme Court Commission, and is consequently at Indianapolis, but his home is really here. Other resident members of the bar are: R. Wes. McBride (present Circuit Judge), Somers & Roby, L. J. Blair, C. M. Phillips, William D. Leas and John A. Garwood.

BANKS.

The town supports two banking establishments. The De Kalb Bank was organized June 1, 1873. Its first Directors were: James I. Best, O. T. Clark and C. A. O. McClellan; first cashier, A. F. Best. It is now owned by Messrs. Best and McClellan, and Giles T. Abbey is cashier. The Citizens' Bank was organized July 21, 1875, with John Leas, Joseph Roger, W. C. Langan, Jacob Kahn and Artemas Corbett as directors, and Mr. Langan as cashier. This position is now filled by H. K. Leas.

RELIGIOUS.

Waterloo is well supplied with churches.

The Presbyterian Church was organized June 5, 1863, by Rev. C. Ford, with the following constituent members: P. B. Nimmons, Mary Nimmons, James Lockhart, Robert M. Lockhart, Elizabeth Lockhart, Abraham McCoy, Elizabeth McCoy, Mahlon Nimmons, Louisa Nimmons, Edward Craft, J. E. Rutan, Keziah Rutan, Joseph Mills, J. N. Mills, Jane Smith, Jane Madcen, J. H. Boon, Mary Hines, Celestia Hutchison, Laura Hutchison, A. A. Howard, Sarah A. Howard and Rachel Moore. The first ruling Elders were: P. B. Nimmons, Robert Lockhart and A. A. Howard. The church building itself, a frame structure on Maple street, was erected in 1867, at a cost of \$3,000. The first pastor, Rev. Edward Wright, remained

from 1863 to 1866. He died in 1875, in Bloomington, Ind. Rev. C. A. Munn came from Auburn, preached two years, and is now in Michigan. Rev. L. C. Littel succeeded him for two years, and is now in Michigan. Rev. J. B. Fowler then came from Elkhart, whither he returned after a six years' stay at Waterloo. After he left, Rev. Henry Johnson, of Auburn, came here alternate Sundays for two years. He is now in Michigan. Then Rev. W. F. Matthews, of Auburn, preached here alternate Sundays, and after him for one year the pulpit was filled in the same manner by Rev. J. D. McCord, likewise of Auburn. The present pastor is Rev. G. W. Barr, who commenced in the spring of 1884. The church has a membership of forty. The Sunday-school is under the superintendency of F. W. Willis.

The Catholic Church was built in 1863 and 1864, at a cost of \$1,400, by Father Achtereng. The congregation is small, and only monthly services are held. The priest is Father Max Bensinger, who has recently come from the seminary at Milwaukee, Wis.

The German Reform Church is a frame structure, just outside the corporation. It is on the Angola road, in Smithfield Township, and was built in 1876.

The Methodist Episcopal people bought a seminary building in 1867, which they used until recently. In the fall of 1884 they erected a very fine brick church on the corner of Douglas and Walnut streets, at a cost of \$4,000. The society is in a flourishing condition, having a membership of sixty-five. The present pastor, Rev. W. M. Slyke, came in the spring of 1883. The Sunday-school is in charge of Henry E. Coc.

The United Brethren in Christ built a church in 1860, and in 1879, at a cost of \$1,200, they rebuilt. Services were held long before the erection of the first mentioned building. The Revs. Fink and Lamon were the first to officiate here. They have been succeeded by Revs. Wm. Mollatt, Morthland, A. Lower, Leonard, T. Osmun, J. K. Swihart, C. O. Lawrence, J. G. Bowersox, D. Bender, John Martin, Crawford B. Baldwin, C. H. Kiracofe, Joseph Brown, W. O. Dinius, S. P. Klutz, James Snyder, W. O. Butler, J. S. Tedrow, and J. W. Lilly. The last named, the present incumbent, began his labors here in September, 1884. The society has a membership of 113. Simpson Duck is superintendent of the Sunday-school.

The Church of Christ, or Disciples, built a brick structure in

1872, on Maple street, at a cost of \$5,500. Rev. N. N. Barden, the first pastor, remained two years. He was a resident of this county in early life, and finally died at Painesville, Ohio. Rev. James Hodsell was at Waterloo for the ensuing two years. He was from Kendallville, though formerly a resident of this county, and died at Waterloo after two years' service. Rev. F. H. McCormick then came from Ossian for one year. He is now at Poe, Allen County, but is not preaching. Rev. M. M. Gleason, of Steuben County, was here for the ensuing year. Rev. M. L. Blaney succeeded him for one year. He came here from Kendallville, and is now at that place, though not preaching. The church has no services at present. Its membership is 25. A Sunday-school organization is maintained under Dr. A. Byron Darby.

The *English Reformed* church is a fine brick structure on the corner of Center and Union streets. It was built in 1872, at a cost of \$5,500. The first pastor was Rev. Henry Baer. The next was Rev. Mr. Fenniman. He was followed in 1880 by Rev. F. F. Christine, who now fills the pulpit.

The *Evangelical Association* built a church in 1877, at a cost of over \$4,000, though the society was organized before the war. The church was built during the pastorate of Rev. Geist. The pulpit is now filled by Rev. J. E. Stupps, who came from Defiance in the spring of 1884. The membership is about 100.

SOCIETIES.

Waterloo City Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M., was organized in 1861. It has now a membership of forty-two, and meets the Wednesday on, or preceding, each full moon. The present officers are: Giles T. Abbey, W. M.; A. J. Sinclair, S. W.; W. H. Leas, J. W.; Charles Bassett, Treasurer; H. K. Leas, Secretary; J. C. Brand, S. D.; Ed. Campbell, J. D.; S. Z. Dickinson, Tyler; A. R. Stevens and R. J. Fisk, Stewards.

Waterloo Lodge, No. 221, I. O. O. F., was organized in 1860. It has now a membership of forty, and meets at Odd Fellows' hall every Tuesday evening. The present officers are: Jacob G. Brown, N. G.; John M. Somers, V. G.; S. B. Johnston, Sec.; Phil. Morell, Treas.; C. K. Baxter, Perm. Sec.

Union Lodge, No. 1,436, K. of H., was organized about 1878; has now thirty-eight members, and meets every Friday evening. Dr. S. B. Johnston is P. D.; J. M. Waterman, Dic.; G. J. Beck,

V. D.; J. R. Duncan, A. D.; F. E. Adam, Rep.; J. A. Shall, Treas. Rep.; George Shoner, Treas. The lodge has paid one death benefit of \$2,000 to Jay B. Boyer's widow in 1882.

Waterloo Post, No. 52, G. A. R., was instituted in March, 1882. Its membership is now sixty-one, and the time of meeting is the first Wednesday of each month. Dr. S. B. Johnston is Com.; J. P. McCague, S. V. C.; F. D. Waterman, J. V. C.; Prentice Gill, Adj.; S. J. Locke, Q. M.; A. R. Stevens, O. of the D.; J. N. McBride, O. of the G.; B. F. Kennedy, S. M.; C. K. Baxter, Q. M. S.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

G. T. Abbey, cashier of the De Kalb Bank, is a native of Clyde, Sandusky Co., Ohio, born Nov. 24, 1827, a son of Alanson and Lucy (Daggett) Abbey, natives of New York, who moved to Ohio in 1819. Alanson Abbey was a soldier in the war of 1812 and received a pension for his services. His wife died in 1840 and he afterward married again. To him and his first wife were born ten children, six of whom lived till maturity. They were members of the Christian church. Mr. Abbey died in 1879, at the age of eighty-four years. Our subject, G. T. Abbey, remained with his father till manhood. In 1838 his parents removed to Steuben County, Ind., and there he grew to manhood. He received a very limited education, but by perseverance became fitted to enter the business world and compete successfully for positions of honor and trust. In 1864 he moved to Waterloo, which has since been his home. He was married in 1850 to Martha Long, a native of Ohio, daughter of James and Martha Long. To them were born three children, but two of whom are living—Ella J., wife of W. H. Hollister, of Butler, Ind., and Carrie J. Mrs. Abbey died in Steuben County in 1862. Mr. Abbey is a member of Waterloo City Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M., and has been Master of his lodge three years; Past High Priest and also Principal Conductor of the work of his council. For many years he has been identified with the educational and political interests of the town. Politically he is a Republican.

Joseph Abright, watchmaker and jeweler, Auburn, Ind., is a native of Ohio, born in West Rushville, Oct. 6, 1838, a son of David and Jane (Thompson) Abright. When fourteen years of age he went to Chillicothe and served four years as an apprentice at the watchmaker's trade; then worked in the same

establishment as foreman four years, and in 1860 went to Greencastle, Ind., and in the spring of 1861 to Lancaster, Ohio, where April 5, 1861, he enlisted in the Seventeenth Ohio Infantry for three months. After his term of service expired, Aug. 18, he again enlisted in the Forty-sixth Ohio Infantry for three years, and when the call was made by the President to re-enlist veterans, responded Oct. 29, 1863. He was mustered in as Orderly Sergeant. Jan. 1, 1862, he was promoted to First Lieutenant and soon after to Adjutant of the regiment. He served four years, three months and fourteen days, and was never away from his regiment for any cause. He participated in some of the most important battles of the war, among them Shiloh, siege of Corinth, Vicksburg, Jackson, Miss., Atlanta campaign, and was with Sherman on his march to the sea, being in twenty-eight engagements. He was wounded twice, but not severely. He was present at Johnston's surrender to General Sherman in April, 1865. He was mustered out at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 21, 1865. He soon after went to St. Paul, Minn., and remained till 1867. Then returned to Ohio and worked a year in Circleville, and in September, 1868, came to Auburn and established his present place of business, where he has built up a good trade. Mr. Abright was married Oct. 1, 1867, to Louisa McFee, of West Rushville, Ohio. They have one daughter—Maud. He is a member of De Kalb Lodge, No. 214, F. & A. M. He has served three years as Treasurer of Auburn, and has given perfect satisfaction to his constituents.

John W. Ashleman, the second son of John W. and Mary Ashleman, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, March 27, 1844. His parents were natives of Germany, and were married in Switzerland about 1834 and came to the United States and located in Wayne County, Ohio. They subsequently moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on a farm just east of Auburn, entering 160 acres. After getting ready to start for America, Mr. Ashleman's trunk was robbed of its contents, including all his money. His friends assisted him, but he arrived in a strange country with no means. He was possessed of a large amount of energy, and went bravely to work and was eminently successful, accumulating a large landed estate, owning at his death over 900 acres. His family consisted of nine children—Elizabeth, wife of A. J. Carmer; Moses; Barbara,

wife of Charles Eckart; Mary, wife of Fred Raut; Regina, wife of Enos Weaver; Anna, wife of George Walker; John W. Christian, and Rosa, wife of A. J. Saxton. John W. was reared on a farm, receiving a common-school education. After his marriage he settled on his present farm, where he owns eighty acres of land, with good buildings. He is a neat and thrifty farmer, and also pays considerable attention to stock-raising. He was married in 1868 to Aurelia Chidsey, daughter of Lyman Chidsey. To them have been born three sons—Lyman, William and Frank.

Isaac O. Bachtel, proprietor of the Eagle Mills, Auburn, was born in Canton, Stark Co., Ohio, April 7, 1844, a son of David and Elizabeth Bachtel. When twelve years of age he began to take care of himself, working in the mills of R. Elston at Magnolia, Ohio. He educated himself by working for his board during the winter and attending the public schools. His first work being in a mill, he early acquired a taste for that industry, and chose it for his life-work. When nearly eighteen years of age he enlisted in Company E, Sixty-first Ohio Infantry, and participated in the battle of Bull Run and subsequent skirmishes during Pope's retreat. His health becoming impaired from exposure, he was sent to the hospitals at Washington, D. C., and Alexandria, but after three months was discharged for disability, in November, 1862. In 1864 he again enlisted, in the One Hundred and Sixty-second Ohio Infantry, 100-day men, and served four months, doing guard duty at Covington, Ky. After his return to civil life he was employed in Magnolia Mills, where he learned his trade, a few months, and in October, 1864, went to Canton, Ohio, and was employed in the Union Mills till April, 1865, when he came to Indiana and worked in the Grove Mills at Kendallville till November, 1868. He then moved to De Kalb County, and worked in the mills at Sedan and Auburn till April, 1872, when he purchased the mills at Corunna which he ran till May, 1880, when he exchanged them for the Eagle Mills at Auburn. Mr. Bachtel thoroughly understands every detail of his business, which he superintends, and makes a first grade flour. He was married Oct. 16, 1870, to Amelia, daughter of Francis Baird, of Union Township, De Kalb County. They have three children—Elmer, Flora and Orris. Mr. Bachtel is a member of Mentor Lodge, No. 591, I. O. O. F.

J. O. Bachtel.

Frank Baird, a successful farmer of Union Township, was born in Lancaster County, Pa., Sept. 17, 1817, the youngest of four children of John and Agnes (Andrews) Baird. His parents moved to Wayne County, Ohio, in an early day, and in the spring of 1846 to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled one mile east of Auburn where the father died in 1851, and the mother in 1869. Frank Baird was reared a farmer, remaining with his parents till their death, and then inheriting the homestead. His father bought 160 acres of wild land when he came to De Kalb County, and to this he has added twenty acres. He now owns one of the finest farms in Union Township, all well improved. In 1876 he built a large two-story brick residence, with all modern improvements. He has two large barns, and his farm buildings are in good repair. Mr. Baird was married in Ohio, to Hester Stoner, who died in 1869, leaving six children—Amelia, wife of Isaac Beachlar; John H., Calvin L., Thomas F., Zora M. and William L. In 1871 he married Sophia Leas, daughter of John Leas, of De Kalb County. He is one of the successful and representative farmers of De Kalb County.

Charles Bassett, of the firm Bassett & Maxson, jewelers, Waterloo, Ind., was born in Brownhelm, Lorain Co., Ohio, Jan. 8, 1838, a son of Thomas and Nancy Bassett. While yet a child his parents died, and he was thus left to battle with the world for himself. When eight years of age he went to Erie County, Ohio, and remained four years; then went to Union City, Mich., and from there to Coldwater, where he began to learn the jeweler's trade, serving an apprenticeship with C. H. Thompson, remaining four years. In 1859 he came to Waterloo, and in company with J. F. Maxson, established their present business. They have had a steadily increasing trade, and rank among the most prominent and substantial business men of Waterloo. Mr. Bassett was married in Jackson, Mich., Jan. 11, 1859, to Caroline Maxson, a sister of his partner. They have four children—Carrie, wife of Amos B. Walworth; Charles Lewis, Bessie and William. In politics Mr. Bassett adheres to the Republican party. He has held several local offices of trust in the township. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, lodge, chapter and council, and has been Treasurer of Waterloo City Lodge, No. 307, twenty years. He and his wife are members of the Christian church.

Isaiah Baughman was born in Carroll County, Ohio, Jan. 5, 1843, a son of John and Nancy (Slentz) Baughman, natives of Ohio. His grandparents were natives of Pennsylvania, and early settlers of Ohio. In 1844 his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and entered a tract of 120 acres from the Government on section 23, Union Township, which he cleared, and to which he subsequently added forty acres. He was one of the sturdy pioneers, and endured many hardships and privations. After paying for his land he had a little money left with which he bought some salt and leather and a scanty supply of provisions. He was twice married. To him and his first wife were born eight children—Addison, George W., Isaiah, Eliza (wife of David Mizer), Nancy M. (wife of Charles W. Oider), Samantha (wife of Sheldon Crooks), Ermina (wife of Henry Smith), and Matilda (wife of James Seibert). His second wife was Elizabeth Weeks, and to them were born four children—John F., Idola, Ida and Carrie. Isaiah Baughman was reared and educated in De Kalb County, attending the log cabin district school. When seventeen years of age he enlisted in the defense of the Union in Company H, Thirtieth Indiana Infantry, and served from September, 1861, till February, 1862, when he was discharged on account of ill health. The following August he again enlisted, and was assigned to Company A, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry. At the battle of Stone River, Jan. 2, 1863, he was wounded in the right leg, and lay in the hospital till April 20, when he was discharged. After his recovery he again enlisted March 25, 1864, and served in Company A, First Indiana Heavy Artillery till the close of the war; was discharged in January, 1866. He then worked on the farm for his father till his marriage, when he settled on section 24, buying forty acres of land. Three years later he sold this land and bought eighty acres on section 14, where he now lives, located on what was known as the "Island." This land he has improved, and has erected a fine two-story dwelling and a good barn and other farm buildings. Mr. Baughman was married in 1868 to Sophia Weeks, daughter of John and Mary A. Weeks, early settlers of De Kalb County. To them have been born six children—Willis, Laura, Anna, Cora, Dora and Ward. Mr. and Mrs. Baughman are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

C. K. Baxter is a native of Wayne County, Ohio, born Nov. 30, 1838, a son of John and Sarah (Kelley) Baxter, natives of

Pennsylvania, the former of Washington County, and the latter of Huntingdon County. In 1831 his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on section 25, Smithfield Township, on a tract of heavily-timbered land. The father died in September, 1859, and the mother in 1879. They were among the prominent pioneers of the county, and contributed largely toward its development. C. K. Baxter was reared on a farm, but when sixteen years of age entered the *Messenger* office at Auburn and learned the printer's trade. When twenty-one years of age he bought an interest in the *Press* office at Waterloo, but in 1861 sold his interest to his partner, T. V. Dickinson, and enlisted in the Nineteenth Indiana Infantry, Company G, as a private, but was promoted to First Lieutenant. He participated in the second battle of Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness and Petersburg. He was discharged Sept. 8, 1864, after a service of three years. After his return home he again embarked in the newspaper business, editing the *Press* till 1884, when he sold out, and is now living a retired life. Mr. Baxter was married Nov. 10, 1863, to Mary A. Dickinson, a native of Portage County, Ohio, daughter of T. R. Dickinson. Mrs. Baxter died Feb. 26, 1866, leaving two children—William S. and Maurice. Oct. 7, 1869, Mr. Baxter married Harriet, daughter of David Landis, of De Kalb County. But one of their three children is living—Mary. Mr. Baxter is a member of Waterloo Lodge, No. 221, I. O. O. F., and Waterloo Post, No. 52, G. A. R.

Jacob Beck, baker and confectioner, Waterloo, Ind., was born in Wittemburg, Germany, Dec. 24, 1824. When he was fifteen years old he was apprenticed to a baker and served two years, receiving his board, but was required to pay \$20 for learning. He was married in 1848 to Louisa Fousel, and in 1854 emigrated with his family to the United States. He located in Buffalo, N. Y., and worked at his trade a short time, but subsequently moved to Toledo, Ohio, and was employed by M. C. Wortz several years. In the spring of 1863 he moved to Waterloo, Ind., and began business on the corner of Wayne and Van Vlick streets, but afterward bought the store where he is now located. Mr. Beck was in moderate circumstances when he came to Waterloo, but being a thorough master of his trade he has built up a good business, and is now one of the most successful men of the city. To Mr. and Mrs. Beck have been born

nine children, but five of whom are living—Augustus, Louis, Emma, Henry, and Ada.

Samuel Beck, one of the most enterprising and successful business men of Waterloo, was born in Crawford County, Ohio, Feb. 18, 1836, a son of Adam and Sarah (Gloyd) Beck, natives of Pennsylvania, but early settlers of Crawford County, where they were married in 1834. Four of their seven children are living. The father died in 1870 and the mother in June, 1882, both at the age of sixty-two years. Our subject received but a limited education, his father being a poor man and he being the eldest son, was early obliged to assist in the maintenance of the family. He came to Waterloo in 1861, and the following year became established in the general mercantile and produce business. He now has the largest trade in butter, eggs and poultry in Northern Indiana. Mr. Beck was married in 1863 to Lillie Staers, a native of Maryland, but a resident of De Kalb County since her childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Beck have three daughters—Dora, Mary and Alta. Mr. Beck is a member of Waterloo City Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M. He was drafted in the war of the Rebellion, but paid \$700 to a substitute.

John Beidler, the second son of Henry and Nancy (Ocherman) Beidler, was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., May 15, 1818. When he was two years of age his parents moved to Ohio and settled in Holmes County where they lived the remainder of their lives. In that county he grew to manhood, and was married when twenty-two years of age to Miss Elizabeth Fresher, a native of Holmes County. In the spring of 1847 they left Ohio and moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on a tract of wild, timber land in Union Township, which had been entered by his father. At that time the county was mostly inhabited by wild animals and Indians. Now a part of the city of Waterloo is located on his land. He has two good residence houses on his farm, and his other buildings are large and convenient. Although in meager circumstances when he commenced life, he has now a competency for his old age. He has a family of seven children—Frank M., Solomon, Catherine, wife of J. B. Taylor, of Waterloo; Henry, Hiram W., John C., and William S. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren church, of which he has served several years as Class-leader. Politically he is a Republican.

Ephraim Berry was born in Champaign County, Ohio,

March, 19, 1843, a son of David and Catherine Berry. He was reared in his native county, receiving a good education. From boyhood he was handy with tools and early began to work with machinery, although he never learned a trade. In October, 1848, he came to Indiana and worked two years in Solomon Pence's saw-mill in Butler Township, De Kalb County, and in the meantime built a new mill. The next two years he worked in different parts of the State, but in the spring of 1852 permanently located in Auburn. He worked at the carpenter's trade and mill building five years, and then built an engine and lathe and engaged in repairing machinery and turning broom handles, etc., ten years, when he built an engine and machine for making moldings, to which he soon after added a planing machine, and carried on that business six years, when he sold out and retired from active business. Jan. 1, 1845, he was married to Mary Jane Jenkins, of Champaign County, Ohio. He has always taken an interest in the public affairs of the city, and has served as Justice of the Peace and City Trustee several terms.

General L. J. Blair, one of the most prominent attorneys of De Kalb County, is a native of Franklin County, Ohio, and was born Dec. 29, 1829. When he was six years of age his parents moved to De Kalb County, and here he was reared on a farm, and in his early manhood was engaged in rafting. His early education was limited to the country schools, but having an insatiable thirst for knowledge, he bade defiance to all difficulties, and in his youth determined to make the profession of law his life-work. He devoted his leisure hours to such books as he could procure, and when nineteen years of age was given the use of Reuben J. Dawson's law library. He then became more diligent in his study, and in 1855 was admitted to the bar, and from that time till after the breaking out of the civil war practiced in De Kalb County. In July, 1862, he recruited a company, which was assigned as Company H to the Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry, and was commissioned its Captain. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland under the command of General Thomas and subsequently General Rosecrans. He participated in many of the more important battles; at Chickamauga had command of the regiment. After the battles of Lookout Mountain and Mission Ridge, in which battles he was engaged, he was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel.

He participated in all the engagements of the Atlanta campaign and marched with Sherman to the sea. After the battle at Savannah was promoted to Brigadier-General. He was present when General Johnston surrendered, and at the grand review of Sherman's army. After the close of the war he returned to De Kalb County, where he has since pursued his profession. He is one of the most eloquent orators and most powerful advocates before the bar in the State of Indiana, holding his audience spellbound from the commencement to the close of his argument. He is purely a self-made man, and has won his place at the head of the fraternity by his indomitable will, which allowed no obstacle to stand between him and success. The General was married March 10, 1853, to Mary, daughter of Manly Bruce, of Geauga County, Ohio. They have two daughters and one son.

James Arnold Blodgett is a native of Wayne County, Ohio, born March 30, 1836, the third son of James and Elizabeth (Howard) Blodgett, natives of Lower Canada, and early settlers of Wayne County, Ohio; later moved to Putnam County where the father died about 1838. In 1842 the mother moved with her family to De Kalb County, Ind., and located in Wilmington Township near the present site of Butler. Six years later she moved to the farm in Union Township, now owned by our subject, where she lived till her death in 1872, aged about seventy-six years. She was the mother of five children, three of whom are living—Azuba, wife of Zopher Johnson; Perry and James A. Our subject was but six years of age when his mother came to Indiana, and was, therefore, reared and educated in this county. He remained with his mother till manhood and assisted in the cultivation of the farm. He now owns the homestead, which contains eighty acres of fine land, and his improvements are among the best in the county. He is an energetic and enterprising farmer, and is also one of the most successful stock-raisers in the township. He was married in 1868 to Lillian L., daughter of John and Elizabeth Moser, natives of Maryland and early settlers of De Kalb County. To them have been born two children, but one of whom is living—James W., born Jan. 4, 1871. S. E. died in infancy. Mr. Blodgett has served as Constable of his township and as Road Supervisor.

Michael Boland, Auburn, Ind., was born in Toledo, Ohio, De-

December, 1851, a son of Patrick and Bridget (Owens) Boland. By an accident he lost his left arm when an infant, by falling asleep on the track of the M. S. & N. Ind. Railroad Company. He was given a good education, attending the Toledo public schools, and later the Toledo Commercial College, from which he graduated when sixteen years of age. In September, 1871, he entered the office of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad at Archibald, Ohio, to learn telegraphy. In 1872 the company gave him the charge of their office at Corunna, De Kalb Co., Ind. He filled the position till the fall of 1876, when he was elected on the Democratic ticket, Recorder of De Kalb County, a position he held by re-election eight years. In the fall of 1883 he became a stockholder in the First National Bank, Auburn, and in January, 1884, was elected one of its Directors. He was married Oct. 31, 1875, to Lottie, daughter of George W. McMiller, of Corunna. They have two children—Jessie B. and George C. Mr. Boland is entitled to much credit for his official and business career in De Kalb County. By his integrity and strict attention to business he has gained an excellent reputation, and his genial and pleasant intercourse with his fellowmen has made him many friends throughout the county.

William M. Boughan, Justice of the Peace of Auburn, De Kalb Co., Ind., moved to Auburn, De Kalb County, in December, 1868, and became associated with Charles Klotz in the dry goods and clothing business; remained in that business until the fall of 1871, when he was appointed station and ticket agent at Auburn Junction for the Bel River Railroad, now called the Wabash; remained in that office until 1873, when he became associated with V. A. Beard in the grocery business, under the firm name of Beard & Co. In 1875 he retired from the firm and the same fall was appointed ticket agent for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Auburn; remained in that office until the fall of 1876, when, upon the death of his wife, he resigned his office and went to St. Louis, Mo.; returned to Auburn in November and married a second wife. He was in no particular business until the summer of 1880, when he was appointed target man at Auburn Junction for the Baltimore & Ohio, Lake Shore & Michigan Southern and Wabash railroads, which office he retained until the fall of 1883. Being elected to the office of Justice of the Peace, he resigned his position with the



railroads to attend to the duties of his office in which he is still engaged. Mr. Boughan was born in Ross County, Ohio, Nov. 12, 1815. When four years old, he with his parents, moved to Union County, Ohio, where, Nov. 29, 1835, he was married to Nancy Dixon, from Loudon County, Va. There, on the same farm, he remained for forty years, having held several important offices of trust; served as Constable, Sheriff, Trustee, School Director, and nine years as Justice of the Peace. He was Captain of an Independent Rifle Company for fourteen years, during which time the war between Mexico and the United States came on, and he as Captain, with 100 men, fully armed and equipped, volunteered to go to Mexico, but the Governor would not let them go. He remained in Union County, Ohio, till March, 1860, when he moved to Richland County, in Southern Illinois, and carried on farming. Dec. 1, 1861, he volunteered in the service of the United States and raised a company of 100 men, of which he was made Captain. Dec. 10, 1861, he received a commission from Governor Yates as Captain of Company C, Sixty-third Illinois Infantry, and served in that capacity during the war; was offered promotion quite a number of times, which he refused, choosing rather to stay with the men he had enlisted. He participated in twenty-six battles, the names of which are all engraved on the sheath of his saber, which he still retains. He was mustered out of the service at Goldsboro, N. C., April 9, 1865, after going the entire route with Sherman through the interior of Georgia and other States to the sea. After going to Washington City and settling up with the Government, he returned to his home in Illinois. He was wounded three times, but none were very serious. He came to Auburn, as before stated, in 1868, and in 1876 his wife died. They had ten children, five of whom, two sons and three daughters, are living. In the winter of the same year he married Isabel F. Lanum. In 1880 she died, and he married Jane L. Goldey, with whom he is now living.

John W. Boyle, Sheriff of De Kalb County, Ind., came to Indiana in 1848, and settled in Concord Township, De Kalb County, where he followed farming till 1868, when he moved to Butler Township and resided there till his election to the office of Sheriff, when he moved to Auburn. He was re-elected for a second term in 1884. Mr. Boyle was born near Mount Gillead, Morrow Co., Ohio, July 24, 1831. He was reared a



James (deceased) with 12 children, John and Nancy Boyle, in childhood. In March 1852 he was married to Miss Lemor Lawhead, of De Kalb County. To them have been born six children; but three are living—James B., William D. and Jefferson N. Benjamin F. died in October, 1862, aged two years; Lillian Samantha died in December, 1873, aged ten years; Sarah Adelia died in June, 1872, aged one year. Mr. Boyle is politically a Democrat. He is a Master and Royal Arch Mason, and has filled all the stations in his lodge.

Captain J. C. Brand is a native of Ashland County, Ohio, born Jan. 8, 1844, a son of William and Matilda (Cline) Brand, his father a native of New Jersey and his mother of Pennsylvania. His parents were married in Ohio, and in 1849 moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and here he was reared and educated. Oct. 1, 1862, he enlisted in the Second Indiana Cavalry; was in camp at Indianapolis about six weeks, and then started for the South; participated in the battles of Resaca, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, Chattanooga, Atlanta, march to the sea, and West Point, where he fired his last shot at the rebels. The command was ordered to Macon, Ga., but before reaching there heard of Johnston's surrender. He was on the raid to Tallahassie, Fla.; from there marched to Nashville, where he was mustered out July 22, and was discharged July 28, 1865. He was in the service nearly three years, and was always a brave, intrepid soldier, never shrinking from any duty imposed on him. His most trying experience was while with General McCook on Stoneman's raid. He, with five others, was sent to tear up a railroad, and while crossing the Tallahatchie River he lost his horse and was cut off by the raid. They took to the woods, and were eleven days before they joined their command. The first five days they did not have a thing to eat. On the morning of the fifth day they got some corn bread and meat at a negro's shanty, and from that time till they joined the command had very little to eat. They were completely used up and nearly starved to death. After the close of the war he returned to De Kalb County, and has since been identified with her interests. He is a Republican in politics, and for two years was Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff Leas. He was married July 3, 1866, to Ann Amstutz, a native of Wayne County, Ohio. They have three children—Onie E., Gertrude M. and Frank D. He is

Captain of Company A, Waterloo Rifles, Indiana Lodge, G. A. member of Waterloo City Lodge, No. 507, F. & A. M., and Post No. 52, G. A. R., of which he is Junior Vice-Commander.

Isaac B. Brandon, farmer, was born near Canton, Stark Co., Ohio, May 12, 1836, a son of John and Mary (Beard) Brandon. In June, 1849, his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on what is now the Brandon farm, joining Auburn on the west. With the exception of about six months that he was clerking in Auburn he lived with his parents till 1862, assisting his father in the work on the farm. After his marriage he moved to a farm he owned in Richland Township, and lived there till the fall of 1873, when he moved to the old homestead. In the fall of 1874 he and his brother, Silas J., went to Nebraska with the intention of buying land and locating, but in their absence the father was taken sick, and upon his return he settled permanently on the old homestead. Mr. Brandon is a good manager, a practical farmer and a successful business man. He has never aspired to official honors, preferring a quiet business life. While in Richland Township he was elected Justice of the Peace, but did not qualify. He was married March 20, 1862, to Barbara A. Kutzner, a native of Canton, Ohio, daughter of Isaac Kutzner. They have seven children—Alva, a farmer of Union Township; Ira, Orin, Asa, Ulla, Myron and Artie, at home.

Moses Brandon is a native of Stark County, Ohio, born Oct. 25, 1824, the youngest of ten children of James and Sarah (Campbell) Brandon, natives of Virginia. His father died in Stark County, and the mother afterward moved with her family to Columbiana County, where she died. Moses Brandon was engaged in contracting and manufacturing brick in Ohio. In 1840 he bought 130 acres of land in De Kalb County, and in 1856 came to the county and began clearing the timber and cultivating it. He has erected good buildings and cleared ninety acres. For many years he and his brother Alexander lived together and kept bachelor's hall, but since the death of his brother, in the summer of 1875, he has hired a family to keep house for him. He has been a successful farmer, and has accumulated a good property. In addition to his farm he owns 202 acres of land in Stark County, Ohio.

Silas J. Brandon, Treasurer of De Kalb County, Ind., was born in Plain Township, Stark Co., Ohio, Dec. 29, 1849, a son



of John and Mary Brandon. In 1839 he came with his parents to Indiana and settled on a farm near Auburn, De Kalb County, where he lived till manhood. In 1864 he was married to Miss Maria Garver, of Auburn. He then carried on his father's farm till 1869, when he purchased a tract of wild land which he improved, and it is now his fine farm in Jackson Township. In 1878 he was elected Trustee of his township; was re-elected in 1880, serving four years. In the fall of 1884 he was elected on the Democratic ticket, Treasurer of De Kalb County, a position he is filling with efficiency. Mr. and Mrs. Brandon have had five children; but four are living—Clement V., Clyde, Bertha G. and John. Nora G. died July 2, 1876, aged nine months.

Henry E. Braun, proprietor of Braun's meat market, Waterloo, Ind., was born in Saxony, Germany, Feb. 28, 1831. He was reared and educated in his native country, and when eighteen years of age entered the German army and served two years and seven months. In August, 1852, he came to the United States; landed in New York, and thence proceeded to Licking County, Ohio. He soon after settled in Fort Wayne, Ind., where he remained till 1870, when he removed to Waterloo. He has been engaged in his present line of business since coming to this country, and has met with a successful patronage. He was married in Fort Wayne to Margaret Heath. They have had four children; but three are living—Katie, William and George. Mr. Braun is a member of the Knights of Honor. In politics he has affiliated with the Democratic party till the campaign of 1884, when he voted for St. John, the Prohibition candidate for President. His sons are also strong advocates of temperance and prohibition. Mr. and Mrs. Braun are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mrs. Delia Butt, wife of John Butt, of Auburn, De Kalb Co., Ind., was born Nov. 4, 1816, in County of Sussex, England. She was married to John Butt, Nov. 16, 1840, and emigrated to the United States in September, 1841, and settled with her husband in De Kalb County the following November; shared in the hardships and privations of frontier life without repining, and now in the decline of life, contemplates with pleasing reflections, the vast improvements made in this country of her adoption. She has witnessed its development from a vast forest to its present splendid improvement in agriculture, com-

merce and wealth; where the wild deer, bear and wolf roam, now the iron horse of the railroads rushes through the county, with its steam shriek and rumbling thunder.

John Butt, Recorder of De Kalb County, Ind., was born in London, England, Sept. 22, 1816, a son of John and Elizabeth (Tranter) Butt. He was reared and educated in his native country, and in November, 1840, was married to Delia Buss, also of London. In 1841 they came to the United States and settled immediately in Jackson Township, De Kalb County, Ind., where he found employment as teacher in the public schools. In 1842 they moved to Auburn, and he was appointed Deputy by Recorder Samuel W. Sprott. While acting in this capacity he also wrote in the Steuben County office, for Recorder Dr. James McConnell. In 1844 he engaged in merchandising in Auburn, a business he followed till 1856, when he became proprietor of the Weaver Hotel that stood on the present site of the Swineford House. In 1865 he moved to Waterloo and was employed as bookkeeper for Jacob Kahn till 1868, when he entered the employ of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad as freight clerk at Waterloo, serving in this capacity till 1870. He then purchased the Butt's Hotel, Waterloo, and again engaged in the hotel business till 1882, when he was elected Recorder of De Kalb County on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Butt is the father of Freemasonry in De Kalb County, and is also a prominent Odd Fellow. He has held all the important offices in his lodge, chapter and commandery, and also in the subordinate lodge and encampment of Odd Fellowship.

Jacob B. Casebeer, M. D., was born in Holmes County, Ohio, April 11, 1839; is the seventh child of thirteen children born to David and Rebecca (Kenestrick) Casebeer, natives of Pennsylvania and Maryland, respectively, and of German descent. The parents of David, John and Nancy (Best) Casebeer, settled in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, when he was a child, in which the greater portion of his after life was passed. He was married Oct. 26, 1826, to the above-mentioned lady. Nine of the thirteen children born to them are living, viz.: Susana, Enos L., David W., Rebecca M., Elizabeth N., Margaret C., Eliza E., Howard M. and Jacob B. Sarah A., Martha J., John and Joshua are deceased. Mr. Casebeer possessed an exemplary character, in which were harmoniously blended those admirable traits which



Yours truly
J B Chase Esq M. D.



so grandly embellish the life and career of the honorable and just. He was soundly converted at the age of six years, and ever after every deed and act of his life was animated by a pure Christian spirit. He lived nearly eighty years after his conversion, during which time he was an active and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His death occurred February 25, 1885, aged eighty-five years and four days. Mrs. Casebeer was a daughter of John and Sarah (Hivner) Kenestrick, and a most estimable woman, who possessed those sterling qualities of mind and heart, which alone give grace and beauty to the highest types of true womanhood. As a wife and mother, no praise can commensurate what the deeds and acts of her life justly merit. Christianity was the illumination which lighted her along life's pathway, and what she professed in the Methodist Episcopal church of which she was a useful member, she practiced in the daily walks of life. Her death occurred at Fredericksburgh, Ohio, July 18, 1873, aged sixty-four years, one month and seventeen days. The early life of the subject of this sketch was passed in a manner common with farmers' sons. He attended a district school during the winter seasons, in which, by close application to study, he had mastered the rudimentary branches when only thirteen years of age. He then attended the Middleton High School, two and a half miles from home,—to and from which he walked night and morning during a few terms. He was successful in passing a rigid examination by the County Board of Examiners, and the ensuing winter taught a country school; subsequently he attended the Fredericksburgh seminary for several seasons, which was alternated by teaching winter schools, and was eminently successful, having won by the faithful performance of duty, the confidence and esteem of both patrons and pupils. At the age of twenty he went to Kentucky and engaged in teaching, first in a district school and afterward in a select school at Stephensburg, where he won an enviable reputation as an instructor. During the latter period of his term of school at the above place, the "war feeling" began to pervade the minds and hearts of the "fire eating" Kentuckians, who never lost an opportunity to personally annoy the "school-teaching Yank" (a term derisively used by the unenlightened, and at that time unterrified ones), and numerous written imperative commands did he receive, ordering his prompt depart-

ure from "Dixie's land." Despite the threats of violence from the more radical ones, as well as the milder requests from conservative sources, he manfully stood his ground till his term of school by virtue of contract had expired, at which time he crossed the Ohio River into the patriotic atmosphere of the loyal North. The presidential election of 1860 came off several months previous to his departure, and on the morning of said election he astonished the "natives" by presenting himself at the polls, Abolition ticket in hand, and although violence was threatened if he persisted in voting for Mr. Lincoln, he boldly declared himself a citizen of the Government and a legal voter of the State, and demanded to be peaceably allowed to exercise the right of suffrage as guaranteed to such in the Constitution of the United States. His fearlessness and cool determination so disconcerted the excited rabble opposed to him that his Republican ticket was formally entered on the election books (a mode of voting then in vogue in Kentucky), and afterward received due credit in the count, as did that of his brother, L. Casebeer, there being only two Republican ballots voted in that precinct. For one year following his return to Ohio he taught the Middleton school, and the subsequent year was Principal of the Fredericksburgh graded school, in which he won new honors as an educator and disciplinarian. During this latter term of school he began reading medicine under the direction of Dr. James Martin, a skillful physician of more than local note, who was his preceptor till the winter of 1863-'64, at which time he matriculated at the University of Ann Arbor (Michigan) School of Medicine and Surgery. After taking a course of lectures he returned to his former tutor's office, and soon after the Government Medical Purveyor of Ohio appointed and assigned him to duty in the Deannison U. S. A. Hospital at Cincinnati, Ohio. In February, 1865, he was commissioned by Governor Tod, of Ohio, Assistant Surgeon of the One Hundred and Third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He immediately joined his regiment in North Carolina, with which he served till after the war was over. He was honorably discharged from the United States' service, June 27, 1865, in Cleveland, Ohio. Subsequent to his return to civil life he entered the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York, which institution conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Medicine, March 1, 1866. Immediately thereafter he located in

Auburn, where since he has devoted himself to the demands of a large, constantly increasing and remunerative practice, in which he has been eminently successful. He is devoted to his profession—a hard student, sparing neither labor nor expense to keep himself well abreast of the foremost in the rapid advancement of the sciences of medicine and surgery. His library of medical works is large and well chosen, embracing volumes of all best known authors, and in his cabinet is to be found all modern appliances and instruments which facilitate operations in the most delicate cases, and give an approximation to safety before unknown in the more hazardous ones. His writings have gained for him considerable celebrity as an author; two of his papers, written at the request of the American Medical Association, before which they were read, have been extensively copied by leading journals of the United States, receiving favorable comment wherever they appeared. He has also written numerous articles which have been read before the County and Northeastern Indiana Medical associations, which never failed to elicit meritorious praise for their conciseness and logic. There is in all his productions a style peculiarly laconic and terse, yet so comprehensible as to be entirely devoid of ambiguity. Of all the above societies he is a valued member, and of the last mentioned he is ex-President. Socially the Doctor is urbane and complaisant in speech and manner; never indulges in sophism nor pedantic generalities; is methodical and systematic in all his doings; and his conclusions are always founded on honest convictions, and if ever wrong he has the moral courage and frankness to admit his error. He is an uncompromising antagonist to immorality of every kind. For a quarter of a century he has been an acceptable, active and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church—a greater portion of which time he has served on the official board. In the religious, as in every other relation of life, the Doctor is no laggard, shirking responsibilities and content with the small “portion” passive inactivity always begets, but an energetic worker, whose reward is always commensurate with the efforts made to secure it. He stands perfectly erect; is of medium height; solidly or compactly built; his movements are quick, and graced with a business-like air that gives weight to his presence; is fluent and intelligible in conversation, the whole combining with an agreeability that makes him justly

popular with all. He has been twice married. To his first wife, Hattie G., daughter of Eli B. and Fannie Smith, of Fredericksburgh, Ohio, he was united in marriage in 1863. One child is the fruit of their union—Fannie R. Mrs. Casebeer departed this life Jan. 28, 1869, aged twenty-seven years, nine months and eleven days. His second marriage was celebrated with Sarah E., daughter of William and Margaret (Carr) Nycum, of Fort Wayne, Ind., June 4, 1873, by whom he has had one child—Hattie E., an unusually sweet-tempered and intelligent, lovely little girl.

James N. Chamberlain, M. D., is a native of Cayuga County, N. Y., born March 22, 1822. His father, Samuel Chamberlain, was a native of Adams County, Pa., near Gettysburg, and when a young man went to Cayuga County, where he met and married Mercy Cotton, a native of Vermont. To them were born twelve children, nine of whom lived till maturity. The father died in 1865, and the mother in 1881. James N. was educated in the district school and the academy in Cayuga. In 1844 he went to Ohio and taught school in Richland and Huron counties several terms. In the spring of 1845 he began the study of medicine, and subsequently attended the Western Reserve Medical College at Cleveland, graduating with honors in February, 1849. He located in Seneca County, but soon after returned to Plymouth, Richland County, where he remained till 1852. Then lived a year in Huron County, and in the fall of 1853 came to Indiana and located at Auburn, and in 1865 removed to Waterloo where he has built up a large practice. He is one of the most prominent physicians of the county, and is held in high esteem, not only by the public, but by his brethren in the profession. He is a member of the Northeastern and the De Kalb County Medical societies. In 1860 Dr. Chamberlain was elected Sheriff of De Kalb County and served two years. In the early part of 1865 he entered the United States army as Surgeon of the One Hundred and Fifty-second Indiana Infantry and served till the close of the war. Dr. Chamberlain has always taken an interest in local affairs outside his profession, and has been an active member of the Agricultural Society; was the first President of the society, and served nine consecutive years. He is a man of more than ordinary ability, and one capable of filling acceptably any position to which he may be called. Dr. Chamberlain was married March 29, 1849, to

Catherine H. Brink, a native of Ohio. Two of their four children are living—Ida, wife of Judge R. W. McBride, and Ella E., wife of John W. Baxter, of Auburn. Laura married John M. Somers, of Waterloo, and died Aug. 27, 1884. Mrs. Chamberlain died March 26, 1861. She was an active member of the Presbyterian church, and was highly respected by all who knew her. In 1862 Dr. Chamberlain married Sarah Thomas, a native of Wayne County, Ohio. They have two children—Harry D. and Nettie E. Politically Dr. Chamberlain is a Republican.

Lyman Chidsey was born in the State of New York, and in his youth removed with his parents to Medina County, Ohio, whence in 1841 he came to this county, where till his death, a period of nearly forty years, he resided. Jan. 11, 1844, he was married to a daughter of the late John Somers, Eliza, who survives him. Shortly after their marriage they moved upon the farm adjoining Auburn, on which he breathed his last. Mr. Chidsey was a quiet and retiring man, and because of his early removal to new and unsettled portions of the country, had not the advantages of early education as our youths now have. He was a man of many virtues in his character, of a sound judgment, and of enlarged views of man and his obligations. His mind was always open for information and to reason, and when made up was firm and unswerving, as was his attachment to family and friends. His neighbors and associates always knew his convictions, which he maintained with reason and judgment, and always on the side of morality and in the interest of and for the good of society. His neighbors and friends realized these good qualities in our friend and neighbor, as was evidenced by the large concourse who, regardless of the severe inclemency of the weather, attended the funeral from the Presbyterian church, of which denomination he had been a member for several years. Thus lived and died a good man (God's noblest work), a pioneer of the county, leaving to mourn his loss, a widow and one child, Mrs. William Ashleman, and hosts of friends and neighbors.

Orrin C. Clark, a pioneer of De Kalb County, was born near Beldingsville, Onondago Co., N. Y., May 6, 1825, a son of Henry and Betsy (Tappen) Clark, with whom he lived at his birthplace till seventeen years of age. In 1842 they came to Indiana and settled in Butler Township, De Kalb County.

had but limited educational advantages, but by private study and observation he acquired a reasonable business education. He remained at home till twenty years of age, but in the meantime had worked for the neighboring farmers, and although a part of the time he had been paid but \$11 a month, he had been economical and in 1845 had saved enough to buy eighty acres of wild land in Butler Township. He continued to work out for two years, mostly at chopping, and at odd times worked on his own land, and by the time he was married, in 1847, had considerable of it cleared. He lived on different farms in Butler Township till 1882, when he retired from agricultural pursuits and moved to Auburn. He has served several terms as Justice of the Peace and Assessor of Butler Township, and two terms as Trustee of Keyser Township, and has been the nominee of the Republican party for Sheriff, Commissioner, and Representative to the State Legislature. Oct. 17, 1847, he was married to Serena, daughter of Paul and Susannah Long, of Butler Township. She was born in Champaign County, Ohio, Oct. 14, 1832, and came to De Kalb County, Ind., in 1841. They have eight children living at this date, and have buried three. Those now living are—Harriet, wife of John Huston; Harvey, a farmer; Frank, a dealer in live-stock and butcher at Garrett; Nettie, Elmer, Origin, Mary and Roxanna at home. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are members of the Protestant Methodist church. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at Garrett; was one of the charter members, and has served as Treasurer. For thirty years he was a strong Abolitionist, and now an earnest, active Prohibitionist.

J. N. Cool, manufacturer of buggies and carriages, Auburn, Ind., is a native of De Kalb County, Ind., born in Jackson Township, Oct. 12, 1850. He is the second son and third child of Isaac and Catherine (Snyder) Cool, natives of New York and early settlers of De Kalb County, coming here in 1843. He was reared on a farm, receiving his early education in the district schools and completing it at the Auburn Academy. While attending school he taught for a time. After reaching his majority he began to clerk in a general store in Auburn, and a year later became associated with his employer in the grocery department. He subsequently bought his partner's interest and carried on the business alone two years. Then sold out and engaged in the livery business five years, and in 1881 estab-

lished his present business. He manufactures all kinds of buggies and carriages, and does a general repairing business. Mr. Cool was married July 16, 1877, to Allie Fair, daughter of Abraham and Christina (DeLong) Fair, early settlers of De Kalb County from Dayton, Ohio. They have three children—Vina F., Sidney M., and Franklin C. Politically Mr. Cool is a Democrat.

James R. Cosper, a pioneer of Union Township, was born in Tompkins County, N. Y., Feb. 20, 1813. His grandfather, John Cosper, was a native of Saxony; came to America in infancy; settled in New Jersey where he grew to manhood; married, and to him were born three children. Early in the war for Independence, his wife and two children were killed by Indians. He then enlisted and served seven years. At the close of the war, he again married and finally died in Pennsylvania. Of a second family, the eldest, David Cosper, father of the subject of our sketch, lived in New Jersey until eighteen, when he removed to Tompkins County, N. Y., where he married. In 1812 he entered the army; was engaged at Fort George, Chippewa, Lundy's Lane and Niagara; at the last-named place was severely wounded. Returned home and subsequently moved to Pennsylvania where he lived ten years, when he went to Ohio and settled in Knox County. In February, 1841, he came to De Kalb County, Ind., settled upon a small farm in Concord Township where he died, Jan 27, 1868, aged eighty-five years. James R. Cosper learned the carpenter's trade in his youth, was married February, 1835, to Mary McKay, and in May following migrated to Knox County, and settled in Chesterville, where he worked at his trade until 1841, when he purchased land in De Kalb County, Ind. He lived one year in Auburn and then returned to the farm where he still resides. He worked at carpentry and with the means thus provided, hired the chopping of his land. He put up his own buildings. He was burned out in 1850 and during the same year lost heavily in stock. Not discouraged by these losses he again took up his tools, and in time retrieved them. His land is now under a good state of cultivation. He has a good residence and capacious barns. Of eight children four are living; two died in infancy. The eldest son, James S., was a most promising young man; learned the trade of his father, and also taught school. At the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted in Company E, Eleventh



Indiana Zouaves, and was killed at the battle of Champion Hills, Mississippi, on May 16, 1863. A commission as Lieutenant reached the camp the day of his death. Mildred, second daughter, was educated as a teacher; married, had two children, and died in 1867. Anna Z. Cosper was born in Auburn, in September, 1841; became a teacher; was a nurse in the hospitals of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; taught a colored school under the auspices of the Christian Commission; married Wm. H. McIntosh, and resides in Auburn. Florence, third daughter, married H. P. Colgrove, and lives in Kansas; Byron A. and Frank B., sons, are married and live upon the farm.

John A. Cowan, M. D., was born in Decatur, Adams Co., Ind., March 1, 1843, a son of Israel R. and Eliza A. Cowan. He remained with his parents till 1862, receiving a high school education. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company 11, Eighty-ninth Indiana Infantry, and served till the close of the war; was discharged at Mobile, Ala., Aug. 19, 1865. He participated in thirty-seven battles; was slightly wounded twice, and was taken prisoner three times. He escaped from his captors twice and was exchanged once. After his discharge he returned home and taught during the winter, working on the farm the rest of the year for three years. In the meantime he commenced the study of medicine under the tutelage of Dr. T. T. Dorwin, of Decatur. In the winter of 1868-'69, he attended lectures at Rush Medical College, Chicago, Ill.; subsequently attended Detroit Medical College, from which he graduated June 9, 1869. In February, 1870, he located in Auburn and succeeded in building up a large practice. He was married Sept. 9, 1869, to Lydia A. Teeple, of Decatur. To them were born two children—Jennie and Annis. Mr. Cowan was a member of the De Kalb Lodge, No. 214, F. & A. M., and De Long Post, No. 67, G. A. R., of Auburn. He died June 18, 1885, of disease contracted while in the service of his country.

Mathew Crooks, one of the pioneers of De Kalb County, Ind., was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, April 10, 1816, a son of William and Jane (Nixon) Crooks; his father a native of Pennsylvania, and his mother of Maryland. When he was sixteen years old his father died, leaving the care of eleven children to the mother. In 1833 he came to De Kalb County, but remained only a short time, returning to Trumbull County in the spring of 1834. In 1836 he came again to De Kalb County and worked

by the day for farmers and on the canal several years. In 1833 he bought the farm in Union Township where he has since lived. He owns eighty acres of good land, valued at \$75 an acre. He was married in July, 1844, to Nancy Bryan, a native of Lancaster County, Ohio. To them were born twelve children, seven of whom are living—Marinda, Sheldon, Almond, Barbara, Amanda, George and Alice. Mrs. Crooks died April 20, 1884. Politically, Mr. Crooks was originally a Whig, casting his first Presidential vote for Harrison, but later has affiliated with the Republican party. When he first came to the county it was covered with timber and infested with wild animals. He was a noted hunter, and was often hired by the settlers to hunt for them, as their only meat was game. He relates many interesting anecdotes of his adventures in the early settlement of the county, incidents of thrilling interest, especially to all lovers of the hunt, as he has had many hair-breadth escapes from death by wild animals.

R. V. Crooks, farmer and stock-raiser, Union Township, was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, near Warren, Dec. 9, 1830, a son of William and Jane (Norris) Crooks, and grandson of Henry Crooks, a native of Scotland, who emigrated to America in an early day. William Crooks was one of the first settlers of Trumbull County, and was married there to Jane Norris, an early settler of the county, of Irish descent. Eleven of their thirteen children grew to maturity. Mr. Crooks, Sr., was a very energetic man and an active worker in the interest of the county. He was a very large man, he and two brothers being known as the "great race." When our subject was two years of age his father died, and the next year he went with his mother to Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and was there reared and educated, and there his mother died in July, 1850. He was married in 1850 to Melvina Reynolds, who only lived three months and two days after her marriage. In November, 1852, he married Mary Ann Burdick. Of the sixteen children born to them, thirteen are living—Martha L., wife of Christopher Newcomer; Linna, wife of B. F. Frets; Hattie M., wife of George Crowel; Lucy H., Mary Rebecca, Eudora, Laura, Robert W., Frederick E., Victor H., Burton B., Clyde E. and James. Mr. Crooks came to De Kalb County in July, 1859, and purchased a farm on section 11, Union Township. He owns a fine farm of 120 acres, valued at \$75 an acre. In politics Mr. Crooks was



originally a Republican, but later has affiliated with the Greenback party. He has held the office of Township Trustee six years, and was also elected Sheriff on the Greenback ticket. He is a member of Waterloo Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M., and has passed all the chairs in the Odd Fellows' order; is also a member of the Knights of Honor.

Captain E. B. Cutter is a native of North Hadley, Hampshire Co., Mass., born Oct. 12, 1831, a son of Elam and Mary (Gaylord) Cutter. His great-grandfather, Jairus Cutter, came to America with the Pilgrims in the Mayflower. His great-grandmother, Susan Bowman, was living in Charlestown at the time of the battle of Bunker Hill, and carried water to the gunners. She died in Boston at the age of 100 years, two months and five days. His Grandfather Cutter was a soldier in the Revolution, and his father in the war of 1812. Our subject was reared in his native county, and when sixteen years of age began to learn the carpenter and joiner's trade of his father. In the spring of 1851 he went to Walworth County, Wis., and raised the first crop of tobacco in that State for a man named Isaiah Hibbard. In 1852 he went to Texas, where he helped to build the first steam saw and grist mill in Bonham, Fannin County. He then built a cotton-gin and mill in Grayson County, and in 1853 went to Santa Fe, New Mexico, for his health, but soon after returned home. In the spring of 1856 he came to Indiana and spent a year in Steuben County, and there met Miss Eliza Vinton, to whom he was married May 10, 1856. May 3, 1857, he moved to Waterloo, where he followed millwrighting and house building till Aug. 6, 1862, when he enlisted in Company A, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry, as a private. At his first battle, Perryville, he was promoted to Orderly Sergeant; at Stone River, to Sergeant, and soon after to Second Lieutenant. He participated in the battles of Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain and Mission Ridge, and in December, 1863, was commissioned Captain for his bravery, having previously risen to the rank of First Lieutenant. He was subsequently in the Atlanta campaign and in all the engagements of the Fourteenth Army Corps, comprising Dalton, Resaca, Pumpkin Vine, New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain, Marietta, Chattahoochee River, Peach Tree Creek and siege of Atlanta. After the battle of Atlanta he was given a leave of absence, and subsequently was on detached service under General

Thomas, and engaged in the battle of Nashville and the pursuit after Hood. He was then stationed at Whitesides a short time; soon after joined his former command at Goldsboro, and with it participated in the battle at Raleigh where his command captured a rebel flag, a part of which is still in his possession. At the time of Sherman's and Johnston's armistice and Lincoln's assassination he was at Martha's Vineyard, N. C., and marched from there with his command to Washington. He participated in the grand review at Washington where he was mustered out, and June 16, 1865, was discharged at Indianapolis. He then returned to Waterloo where he has since resided. He has followed the millwright's trade, and has built mills in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Florida. He helped to erect the first grist-mill in Waterloo, De Kalb Co. To Captain Cutter and wife have been born six children—Carrie, Faney, Charles, George, Frederick and Earl. He is a member of Waterloo City Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M., and Wm. Hacker Chapter, No. 63, R. A. M. In politics he is a Republican, and has twice been nominated by his party as candidate for Sheriff.

Orris Danks, dealer in boots and shoes, Waterloo, Ind., was born in Onondaga County, N. Y., July 16, 1815, a son of Benoni and Phoebe (Earle) Danks, natives of New York. His grandfather, Robert Earle, was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and subsequently a very prominent man of his town. Our subject was reared on a farm, but received a good education for an early day. In 1836 he left his native home and started for the West to buy a home, and liking the looks of the country in De Kalb County, Ind., bought a tract of land on section 13, Smithfield Township, on which he lived two years, clearing the land of timber and preparing it for cultivation. In 1838 he returned to New York where, in 1840, he was married to Euseba, daughter of William Brown. In the fall of 1841 he moved to De Kalb County and settled on his land, in a little log cabin 16x20 feet in dimensions. The young couple were poor in purse, but rich in ambition and perseverance, and with a determination to make a home for themselves and their family, laughed at all difficulties and obstacles, and bravely endured privation that they might gain the end for which they toiled. After sharing his cares and participating in his joys eleven years, the young wife died in 1851, leaving two chil-

dren—Charles O., who enlisted in the fall of 1861 in the Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, and died at Battle Creek, Tenn., in August, 1862, and Ella, now the wife of Frederick Waterman, of De Kalb County. In the spring of 1862 Mr. Danks moved his family to Waterloo and formed a partnership in the hardware business under the firm name of St. Clair & Co. In 1870 he sold his interest and engaged in the grocery and boot and shoe business, but in 1874 disposed of his stock of groceries and has since devoted his attention to the boot and shoe trade. He was married in 1852 to Miss Estella Booge, who died in 1863, leaving one child—Emma, now the wife of Wm. H. Leas, attorney, of Waterloo. In 1864 Mr. Danks married Sarah A. Jones. He has been a prominent man in the township, and has served in many official positions.

A. Byron Darby, M. D., is a native of Fulton County, Ohio, born Nov. 18, 1839, a son of Samuel Bryant and Sepharna (Guilford) Darby, his father a native of Vermont and his mother of Massachusetts. His parents were married in Allegany County, State of New York, in 1826, and in 1836 emigrated to what was then Henry, now Fulton County, Ohio, with two yoke of oxen and lumber wagon (one of the yokes then used is still in the possession of the Doctor). Being among the first settlers of the county, Samuel B. Darby helped organize the first township in the county; kept the first postoffice; taught the first school and opened the first store which he carried on for several years. In early life he was a Democrat, but after its organization affiliated with the Republican party, and was a member of the Convention which nominated J. C. Fremont, and also Abraham Lincoln to the Presidency. Samuel Bryant Darby died July 15, 1884, aged seventy-seven years. Sepharna Darby is yet living, aged seventy-four years. They had a family of nine children, four of whom are living. A. Byron Darby attended Alfred College in Allegany County, N. Y., and subsequently Oberlin College, Ohio, where he paid his school expenses by teaching and working hours not required for study. Having early in life had the desire to study medicine, in 1862 and 1863 after reading the necessary text books, he attended the Eclectic Medical College at Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he graduated in the spring of the latter year. After his graduation he located at Flint, Ind., and practiced in partnership with Dr. H. L. Smith a year, when Dr. Smith moved from the place

and left him the only physician there. He built up a large practice, but his health becoming impaired, in 1864 he moved to Waterloo, De Kalb County, Ind., and has met with equally as good success here as in his former location. He is a member of the State Medical Society, the Northeastern Indiana Medical Association and the De Kalb County Medical Society, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of his colleagues in the profession, as well as of the families who employ him. He has been Secretary of the Board of Health of Waterloo since the organization of the Board. Being of a genial, but dignified and calm presence, he inspires the confidence of his patients, and his sympathetic and kindly nature wins for him their love and esteem. Dr. Darby was married April 28, 1864, to Linda M. Huyck, youngest daughter of John T. and Lucinda (Basil) Huyck, the former of whom was born in the State of New York and the latter in the State of Vermont. Dr. A. Byron and Mrs. Darby have three children—Hadsell Byron, born June 3, 1865; Frank Win., born Feb. 11, 1868, and their daughter Verna, born Nov. 6, 1878. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Church of Christ and workers in the Sunday-school. He is a member of Waterloo Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M., also No. 1,436, K. of H. He is a strong supporter of the temperance cause, and lends his influence at every opportunity in his practice to encourage men to be temperate, that they may not only preserve their health, but their character also.

John Davis, deceased, was born in Onondago County, N. Y., April 13, 1813, the son of Solomon and Margaret (Bailey) Davis, natives of Holland. When he was eighteen years of age his parents moved to Ohio and settled in Huron County. There he learned the trade of a carpenter and married Miss Jane Messner, a native of Dauphin County, Pa. After their marriage they moved to Crawford County, Ohio, and in 1847 came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on a farm two miles north of Auburn, which he cultivated and on which he put good improvements. He was a prominent man of his township and served as Justice of the Peace two terms; also served his township as Trustee. He was widely known and universally respected. He was a member of Auburn Lodge, No. 221, I. O. O. F. He died June 16, 1882. His widow lives on the homestead. She was born Dec. 31, 1820. She is the mother

of five children; two are living—Margaret, wife of E. D. Rant, and Eda, wife of C. D. Reed. Ida, Jay and Ado are deceased.

Ezra Dickenson, a retired farmer of Auburn, was born in Sharon, Litchfield Co., Conn., Aug. 26, 1798. He was reared a farmer, living with his parents till his majority. In 1819 he went to Ohio and located in Johnson Township, Trumbull County, where he bought a tract of wild land which he cleared and cultivated, residing there till 1836, when he came to Indiana and entered 120 acres of Government land in Concord Township, De Kalb County. In 1842, having three children who were mutes, he sold his farm in Concord Township and bought one near Hicksville, Ohio, that his children might have the advantage of the deaf and dumb asylum. In 1852 he sold his farm, and returned to De Kalb County and bought a farm in Wilmington Township where he lived till 1880, when, feeling the infirmities of old age creeping on, he sold his farm and bought a residence in Auburn that he might spend the rest of his life in a more quiet manner. When he came to Indiana, De Kalb County was a dense wilderness. Indians were plenty, but white people scarce. There were no roads, and oxen were the only teams used. He was one of the first Petit Jurymen of the first Circuit Court of De Kalb County. The first court was held in a log house on the site of the present court-house in Auburn. The jail was a loft over the court-room, which was entered through a hole in the floor, and the ladder taken away to prevent the escape of prisoners. The nearest markets were Fort Wayne and Hicksville. While living in Wilmington Township, Mr. Dickenson served four years as Justice of the Peace. In 1861 when, in his sixty-third year, he enlisted in Company F, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, barely passing the examination of the mustering officer, who took him to be about forty-five. April 3, 1862, he was discharged for disability. He is living with his fifth wife who was Mrs. Rebecca (Waldron) Sibert, to whom he was married April 22, 1882. He is the father of twelve children, eight of whom are living. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his wife of the Lutheran church. He is a member of De Long Post, No. 67, G. A. R. He has affiliated with the Republican party since its organization.

William H. Dills, attorney at law, Auburn, Ind., was born in Dearborn County, Ind., March 15, 1834, a son of Jacob and

Tena (Dawson) Dills. In 1844 his parents moved to De Kalb County and settled in Spencerville, where he grew to manhood. He was educated in the public schools and a select school in Fort Wayne. When nineteen years of age he was employed as civil engineer by the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Railroad, working in this capacity about a year when, in 1854, he began the study of law under the preceptorship of his uncle, Judge R. J. Dawson, of Spencerville, and in 1855 and 1856 attended the law school at Greencastle, Ind., and after his graduation was admitted to the bar. In October, 1856, he was elected Prosecutor of the Common Pleas District composed of De Kalb and Steuben counties, and the same year located in Auburn where he has since pursued his practice. During his residence in Auburn he has held various official positions, among others Town Clerk, and attorney for the town and county. He has been identified in the movements to secure the various railroads through Auburn, and at times has been connected with the local press, editorially and otherwise. He has always been identified with the Democratic party, and has taken an active part in politics, as speaker and writer, in both county and State. In 1882 he was a candidate for Circuit Judge, but was defeated by a small majority. In 1884 he was elected one of the Democratic electors, and took an active part in the campaign. He has the distinction of being the only man from De Kalb County that ever voted directly for the President and Vice-President of the United States, and also of receiving the largest number of votes from the people, of any resident in his Congressional District, viz.: 244,992. He has been Secretary of the De Kalb County Pioneer Association since its organization in 1876. He has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Emily A. Ralston, of Auburn, by whom he has two children—Frank and Kittie. May 30, 1879, he married his second wife, Mrs. Julia May (Miner) Brandon.

James Dragoo, a pioneer of De Kalb County, Ind., was born near Hayesville, Ohio, Aug. 5, 1817. He was the sixth of nine sons of Frederick and Martha (Angel) Dragoo. He came to De Kalb County in 1837 and entered land in Jackson and Concord townships. Then returned to Ohio and remained till 1841, engaged in farming. In 1841 he moved to De Kalb County and settled in Concord Township where he improved a farm of 125 acres, on which he lived till 1874 when he rented

his farm and moved to Auburn. While living in Concord Township he served as Justice of the Peace nine years. He has been variously engaged in various branches of business since coming to De Kalb County. At one time he was associated with John P. Widney in the mercantile business. At another he bought hogs and cattle and shipped to the Eastern markets, and in an early day he bought cattle and horses which he drove to markets in Illinois and Wisconsin. He has been twice married. First, in August, 1838, he married Zerniah Johnson, who died in Concord Township in March, 1873. In September, 1874, he married Mrs. Hannah Ferrell, of Newcastle, Pa. They have one son—Harry D. A son, Terry, died March 4, 1877, and a daughter, Clarissa, died July 11, 1880. Mr. Dragoo has three adopted daughters—Sarah H., now the wife of E. Burke, of Monroe County, Ohio; Harriet, wife of H. P. Culbertson, of Auburn, and Charlotte, wife of Jeremiah Davis, of Jackson Township.

George H. Dunn, the only son of George and Sarah A. (Miller) Dunn, was born in De Kalb County, Ind., May 21, 1861. His father was a native of De Kalb County and his mother of Ohio. His father died before his birth and his mother found a home with Joseph Gardner, by whom he was reared and educated. He obtained a good common-school education, and was early taught the rules of agriculture, which enabled him as he grew older to become successful in that branch of business. He has always made Mr. Gardner's house his home, and now has charge of and superintends his farm. He has made a specialty of stock-raising, and has some of the finest grades of cattle and sheep in the county. He is an energetic and industrious young man, and is one of the progressive and enterprising young farmers of Union Township. He was married Feb. 12, 1885, to Almettie, daughter of Gilbert Showers, of this county. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren church, and he has been Superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is a Republican in politics, and an active worker in the ranks.

Edward Eldridge has been a resident of Auburn since 1852, coming here from Fort Wayne, Ind. He was born in Sussex, England, March 24, 1826. When fifteen years of age he left his parents and emigrated to the United States. He landed in New York City, where he remained and was variously employed three years, when, in 1844, he came to Indiana and



located in Fort Wayne, and there worked at the carpenter and cabinet-maker's trades till 1852. He then came to Auburn and worked at the cabinet-maker's trade till 1861. Since 1861 he has been engaged in either the grocery or saloon business. At present he is running a saloon. He was married Jan. 15, 1861, to Salinda McDowell, of Auburn. They have two children—Jenkenson, a compositor in the *Republican* office, and James D., a tailor of Auburn.

Richard Elson, D. D. S., Auburn, Ind., was born in Stark County, Ohio, Oct. 28, 1839, a son of Thomas W. and Ann (Baker) Elson. When he was about a year old his parents moved to New Pittsburg, Wayne Co., Ohio, where he was reared, remaining with them till manhood. In September, 1861, he enlisted, at Wooster, Ohio, in Company C, Sixteenth Ohio Infantry, and served till 1864. He participated in the battle of Cumberland Gap, and at the charge made at Chickasaw Bayou, near Vicksburg, by General Sherman, in December, 1862, was seriously wounded, and was sent to the hospital at Paducah, Ky. After his recovery he was detailed Hospital Steward at St. Mark's Hospital, Paducah, and remained there till discharged at the expiration of his term of service. While in the service he was commissioned Second Lieutenant of the Eighth United States Heavy Artillery by General Thomas, but declined to serve on account of poor health. After his discharge he returned to New Pittsburg, and the following winter taught school. In the spring of 1865 he came to Auburn and engaged in the drug business till 1868, when he began the study of dentistry under Dr. W. K. Simpson, and practiced at Auburn till 1883, when he took a course of lectures at the Indiana Dental College, Indianapolis, graduating as D. D. S., March 5, 1884. While there he was appointed Demonstrator in the operative department. He is now permanently located in Auburn, where he is reaping the reward of a well-established professional reputation. In April, 1867, he married Helen Alda Alling, of Auburn, a granddaughter of Wyllys Griswold, one of the oldest pioneers of De Kalb County, by whom she was reared. They have one son—Francis Alling, born June 21, 1870. Dr. Elson is a member of De Kalb Lodge, No. 214, F. & A. M., and De Long Post, No. 67, G. A. R. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, of which he is one of the Board of Trustees.



Hon. Nicholas Ensley, merchant and banker, Auburn, Ind., was born near Bellview, Seneca Co., Ohio, Feb. 28, 1841. His parents, George and Lydia (Noel) Ensley, moved to Indiana the following November and settled in Butler Township, De Kalb County, where he was reared on a farm, helping his father cut down the forest for three large farms, and received a good education. Nov. 1, 1861, he responded to the call for volunteers by the President to defend the Union against rebel invasion, enlisting in Company K, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry. He served four years, and was mustered out at Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 14, 1865. For meritorious service he was detailed clerk of the military court at McMinnville, Tenn. In the spring of 1864, after the battle of Chickamauga, he was detailed chief clerk in the Provost office at Chattanooga, and remained there six months. Previous to being detailed provost clerk, he had been promoted to Second Sergeant of his company. In the fall of 1864 he was promoted to Quartermaster-Sergeant, and in the spring of 1865 was commissioned Second Lieutenant of his Company K, and from that time till his discharge acted the most of the time as Regimental Quartermaster. After the war he returned to De Kalb County and took charge of his father's farm, the old homestead at Butler Center. In 1872 he was nominated on the Republican ticket as a candidate for Treasurer of De Kalb County. Although his party was largely in the minority, he was elected by a majority of fifty-two votes, and in 1874 was re-elected by 160 votes. He became a resident of Auburn in November, 1872, and has since been identified with her successful and enterprising business men. He has been a member of the Auburn School Board three years, and takes a great interest in educational matters. In the spring of 1877 he engaged in the farm-implement business, discontinuing it in 1884. In January, 1879, he embarked in the general mercantile business and has met with good success. In February, 1882, he assisted in the organization of the Farmers' Bank of Auburn, and is still one of its members. He was elected State Senator to represent De Kalb and Steuben counties, Nov. 4, 1884, on the Republican ticket by a majority of 348. Mr. Ensley was married to Helen, daughter of John A. Ditmars, of De Kalb County. They have five children—Oliver P., Eva Adel, Oscar J., Marion E. and Amber L. He is a member of De Long Post, No. 67, G. A. R., Auburn, Ind., of which he is Senior Vice-Commander.

Dr. Almond S. Farrington, of Waterloo, was born in Jamestown, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., Dec. 4, 1832, a son of Keeler and Aseneth (Southwick) Farrington, of Scotch descent. His ancestors were heroes of the Revolution, and his father was a soldier in the war of 1812. When he was five years old his parents moved to Peru, Huron Co., Ohio, and when he was seventeen to De Kalb County and located near Sedan. He received but a limited education in his early life. The county being new and there being no public-school fund, the schools were supported by private subscription, which was with difficulty made large enough to carry on a school during the winter months. In 1849 his father bought a timbered farm in De Kalb County, and for about a year and a half he assisted in clearing and improving it, but wishing to have the benefit of a good school he then returned to Ohio, and attended during the winter for two years, working the remainder of the time to defray his expenses. In 1852 he entered Hiram College at Portage County, Ohio, where he was a student under President Garfield. He remained there five years, and in 1857 began the study of medicine under the instruction of Dr. Elisha Hall, of Norwalk, and the next year entered the Eclectic Medical College, Cincinnati, where he remained until March 1, 1860. The next month he located at Norwalk where he had a very satisfactory practice, but in 1862 moved to De Kalb County, and lived in Sedan seven years. In 1869 he sold his property in Sedan, with a view of locating in Waterloo, but not being able to suit himself in the village, bought a farm just outside the limits, which he superintended, although the greater part of his time was taken up with his practice. In 1871 he purchased his home on Maple street, which is one of the most valuable and desirable residences in town. For twenty-two years he has been identified with the medical fraternity of De Kalb County, with a constantly increasing popularity, and is now in the enjoyment of an extensive practice which yields him a good income. As a surgeon Dr. Farrington has always met with good success, being a skillful and reliable operator, but his greatest merit lies in his medical practice. A close student and a constant determination to excel, places him at the head of the profession, and to a marked degree he has the love and confidence of his patients and their friends. Possessed of a strong character, a cheerful and sympathetic presence, his

calmness impresses those about him of his ability and fidelity. He is a worthy and earnest member of the Christian church. In politics he is a Republican, and is firm and uncompromising in the support of his political convictions, yet generous and tolerant of others not in accord with him, and is in no sense a politician, as applied to an office seeker. He is an earnest and consistent temperance man, and in his practice as a physician aids, by his example, the cause. He is a genial, courteous, Christian gentleman, and is as greatly admired by the medical fraternity as by those outside the profession. Dr. Farrington was married Oct. 19, 1861, to Miss Elizabeth Link, of Union Township, a lady of rare intellect and pleasing manners; a kind neighbor and devoted Christian mother. They have eight children, five sons and three daughters. Dr. Farrington is in the prime of his manhood, notwithstanding he carries in his body several pieces of lead, received by the discharge of a gun in the hands of a maniac in 1871. This disabled him for sometime, but his strong constitution, aided by his correct habits, overcame all the evil effects, and he is to-day in the enjoyment of robust health.

Philip Fluke, retired currier and tanner, Auburn, was born in Bedford County, Pa., June 27, 1816, a son of Philip and Mary (Summers) Fluke, who removed to Richland County, Ohio, in the fall of 1816. He was reared and educated in Ohio, remaining there till 1844 when, in November, he moved to Auburn, Ind. His education was received in the public schools, and when eighteen years of age he was apprenticed to the currier and tanner's trade, serving three years. He then worked as a journeyman six months at Ashland, Ohio, and then returned home and attended school four months, and in 1838 began in business for himself. In 1842 he sold his business, and in 1844 came to Auburn and opened a tannery which he conducted till 1874 when he retired from active business life. When he started in life his father gave him \$500 and forty acres of land; this, added to a small amount he received from his father's estate, has been his only assistance. Possessed of good business management, he made the most of what he had, and has amassed a fortune, having a large landed estate adjacent to Auburn. He was married to Ruth, daughter of Thomas Ford, of Auburn, who died March 25, 1853, leaving one son—Wakeman C., a druggist of Clayton, Mich. Jan. 10,

1857, he married Sarah, daughter of David Thomas, of Richland Township, De Kalb County. She died in Auburn, Jan. 17, 1873. To them were born three children, two of whom are living—Eliza J., wife of S. L. Gibson, and Frank E., at home. Ida May died in April, 1865, aged four months. In politics Mr. Fluke has always been a Democrat. He has served two terms as Trustee of Auburn.

Herman Froehlich was born in Zduny, Prussia, April 1, 1841, a son of Eduard and Ernstina (Langner) Froehlich. His mother died in 1845. In 1862 his father, a younger sister and himself came to the United States and located in Warsaw, Ind. Herman Froehlich came to De Kalb County in 1865 and his father followed him in 1869, where he died in 1875. Herman learned in the old country in his father's shop the cabinet-making trade, and during his stay in Warsaw, Ind., he learned the marble monumental trade, and since has always followed this vocation. He is an industrious, economical man, and has accumulated a good property, being to-day among the most substantial business men of Waterloo. He was married in November, 1865, to Eva Eckhardt, daughter of George and Catherine (Pullman) Eckhardt. Her father came with his family from Hessen Darmstadt to America in 1847 and located in the State of New York, from whence he was sent by the American Tract Society to De Kalb County in 1851 to distribute tracts, and was employed by them four years, and subsequently a portion of his time for two years. Mr. Eckhardt died in November, 1874. Mrs. Eckhardt is living now in Toledo, Ohio. They had a family of four children, all of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Froehlich have three children—Olive E., Frederick H. and Edmund Carl. Mr. Froehlich cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln and his last for B. F. Butler. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Joseph Gardner, one of the early settlers of De Kalb County, was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., April 13, 1819, the eldest son of John and Barbara (Kampf) Gardner, his father a native of Maryland and his mother of Westmoreland County, Pa. In 1830 his parents moved to Holmes County, Ohio, where they both died. Six of their nine children are living. Joseph was reared on a farm and early became skilled in the mysteries of agricultural life. He has made that occupation his work through life and has been uniformly successful. In

the fall of 1845 he came to De Kalb County and bought a tract of 160 acres of wild land on time, paying for it with money he had earned. After paying for his land he worked for others, at clearing and farming, four years, and then married Catherine Beidler, eldest daughter of David Ash, and widow of Jacob Beidler. After his marriage he settled on his land and began to clear and cultivate it. Possessed of energy and good management, he has accumulated a competency for his declining years. In July, 1884, his residence was destroyed by fire, and he has since erected a neat and substantial two-story brick dwelling. His farm buildings are all large and conveniently arranged. In politics Mr. Gardner was in his early life a Whig, but since its organization has affiliated with the Republican party. His influence has always been on the side of temperance and good order. He has served his township acceptably in various offices of trust.

Don A. Garwood, of the firm McClellan & Garwood, attorneys at law, Waterloo, is a native of Cassopolis, Cass Co., Mich., born March 9, 1858, a son of Dr. Alonzo and Ellen (Brown) Garwood. His father is a prominent physician of Western Michigan, and has also figured in State political circles, representing his district in the State Senate in 1856. In 1876 Mr. Garwood entered Michigan University, at Ann Arbor, and after teaching one year graduated in 1881. In September of the same year he came to Waterloo and was employed in the office of Best & McClellan, and at the same time began the study of law. In 1883 he was admitted to the bar, and the following September, Mr Best having retired from the firm, he was given an interest in the business by Judge McClellan, the firm name being McClellan & Garwood. In October, 1882, Mr. Garwood was married to Jennie, daughter of Judge McClellan. They have one child—Aileen. Mr. Garwood is a member of Waterloo City Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M.; Wm. Hacker Chapter, No. 63, R. A. M., and De Kalb Council, R. & S. M., of Auburn, and of Apollo Commandery, K. T., of Kendallville.

Prentiss Gill, harness-maker, Waterloo, Ind., was born in Summit County, Ohio, Dec. 29, 1839, a son of Thomas and Sarah (Sapp) Gill, his father a native of Pennsylvania and his mother of Maryland. They were among the early settlers of Summit County, locating a little before Akron was laid out. Prentiss was reared and educated in his native county, and

when thirteen years of age began working at the harness-maker's trade, serving an apprenticeship of four years. In April, 1861, he enlisted in the Nineteenth Ohio Infantry (three months service) and was the first volunteer enrolled from Cuyahoga Falls. He served four months, participating in all the engagements under General McClellan. He was mustered out, and eleven days later enlisted in Company D, Fifteenth United States Infantry, Second Division (General McCook) Army of the Cumberland; afterward First Division, Fourteenth Army Corps. He participated in the battles of Chattanooga, Resaca, New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, and Jonesboro, Ga. He was mustered out as Sergeant at Atlanta in 1864 and returned home, but soon after enlisted in Company —, One Hundred and Ninety-seventh Ohio Infantry, and served a year. In July, 1865, he came to Indiana and began working at his trade in Kendallville, Noble Co. Remained there a few years, and then moved to Waterloo, where he now has a good trade. He was married Dec. 25, 1865, to Nancy Yant, to died in Waterloo in 1881, leaving three children—Kate, Jessie and Lloyd. In 1883 Mr. Gill married Mary Warren. He is a member of Waterloo Post, No 52, G. A. R.

Samuel Goodwin, one of the old settlers and representative citizens of Union Township, was born in Center County, Pa., in October, 1816, the second son of seven children of David and Catherine (Zimmerman) Goodwin, natives of Pennsylvania. In 1822 his parents moved to Wayne County, Ohio, and subsequently to Ashland County, where the father died and where Samuel grew to manhood. He was married in 1843 to Elizabeth Good, and settled in Ashland County, Ohio, where they lived till 1854, when they moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on the farm where he now lives. At that time it was a tract of heavily timbered land, but by hard work and perseverance he has cleared and reduced it to an advanced state of cultivation. He owns 115 acres of choice land, and his residence and farm buildings are large and comfortable. Although his early years were full of toil and hardship, he has accumulated a good property, and his latter years can be spent in comparative ease, free from care and labor, with a consciousness that his life has not been lived in vain. His wife died in 1865, leaving five children—Mary E., now the wife of Alfred Keck;

Leander S. married Rebecca Hively; Joseph W. married Olivia M. Brown; Lucy, now Mrs. Stephen George; Alice, now Mrs. William Atwood. Mr. Goodwin subsequently married Mrs. Mary J. (Prosser) Brubaker, and to them have been born three children—Ina, married, Frank Parnell and William F. Mrs. Goodwin has three daughters by her former marriage—Jennie, wife of Philemon Goodwin; Catherine, wife of Oscar Zimmerman; and Emma, wife of John Lilling. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin are members of the United Brethren church, and take an active part in the promotion of all objects of a religious or charitable nature.

George W. Gordon, Postmaster, Auburn, Ind., was born near Republic, Seneca Co., Ohio, Dec. 7, 1834. In 1841, when he was seven years of age, he came to Indiana with his mother and stepfather, Lydia and George Ensley, and was reared in Butler Township, De Kalb County. He received a good education, attending the district and select schools, and afterward the Methodist College at Fort Wayne. He assisted his stepfather to clear and cultivate his farms, and endured all the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life, remaining on the farm, and teaching school during winter months, till the breaking out of the Rebellion. Sept. 25, 1861, he enlisted in Company K, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, as a private, but was promoted to Orderly Sergeant. He participated in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, siege of Corinth. While on duty during the siege of Corinth he was taken sick with typhus fever and rheumatism and was sent to the United States Hospital at Keokuk, Iowa, where he remained under treatment from July till December, returning to his regiment on the battle-field at Stone River. He participated in all the further engagements of his regiment, including battles of Chickamauga and Mission Ridge. After the latter battle his regiment was detailed to provost duty at Chattanooga, and remained there till the end of their term of service. He was mustered out at Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 22, 1864, serving three years and nearly three months, and returned to Indiana. Soon after he went to Fort Wayne and engaged in the art of photography, remaining there one year. He then returned to the old home in Butler Township and engaged in farming till 1871, when on account of failing health, the result of army life, he located in Auburn and opened a studio which he carried on till January, 1882, when he was ap-

pointed, by President Arthur, Postmaster of Auburn. In politics Mr. Gordon is a Republican. In 1856 and 1857 '8 he served as Clerk of Butler Township, and in 1870 was nominated County Auditor, but was defeated by seventy-five votes, the county going Democratic. He was married Nov. 22, 1856, to Mary C., daughter of Charles F. Crouse. They have one daughter Minnie M. Mr. Gordon is a member of Mentor Lodge, No. 591, I. O. O. F., and De Long Post, No. 67, G. A. R. He is Past Grand of his lodge, and is Deputy Grand Master of the 467th District of Indiana. He is Commander of his post. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Hiram Griswold, bridge contractor and builder, of Auburn, Ind., was born in Litchfield County, Conn., April 4, 1827. He went with his parents when a child to Stark County, Ohio, and later to Massillon. In 1844 he began clerking for Freeman McMillan, wholesale dealer in dry goods and groceries, Massillon, remaining with him four years. In 1848 he went to Toledo, Ohio, and for three seasons followed boating, and from there to Dayton, where he followed the same business till 1853. In the summer of 1854 he came to Indiana and was associated with his father, Willis Griswold, in a saw-mill, which subsequently was burned. They then bought the old — Mills, which they carried on several years. He was then variously employed, being for some time Marshal of Auburn and Deputy Sheriff several terms, serving under S. W. Ralston, Jeremiah Plumb and John McMillan. In 1861 he began bridge building, and has since built the greater part of the bridges in De Kalb, Whitley and Steuben counties. He was married in December, 1849, to Mary Copsly, of Dayton, Ohio. She died in June, 1869, leaving three children—Grant, Alfred and Lilly, wife of Charles McDonald, son of J. B. McDonald, of Whitley County.

Daniel Grogg, one of the early settlers of Union Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, Aug. 13, 1818, a son of Solomon and Mary (Snyder) Grogg, natives of Northampton County, Pa., who emigrated to Stark County in an early day. The father died in Ohio, and the mother afterward came to De Kalb County, Ind., with her children, and died here at the age of ninety-five years. Daniel Grogg was reared on a farm, receiving a common-school education. In May, 1849, he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on the farm where he still

lives, at that time a tract of wild land. He first bought 120 acres, and to this has added till he now owns 380 acres. His residence is a large, two-story brick building, and his farm buildings are among the best in the township. He has made a specialty of wheat, but has also paid considerable attention to stock-raising. He was married in Ohio, in 1843, to Elizabeth Hutz, and to them have been born five sons—John, Abraham, George, Peter and Franklin. Their only daughter died in young ladyhood. Mr. and Mrs. Grogg are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Grogg is one of the representative farmers of Union Township, and has acquired his property by his good judgment and strict attention to his business.

Jacob Grogg, retired farmer, is a native of Ohio, born in Canton, Stark County, Feb. 14, 1814, a son of Solomon and Mary (Snyder) Grogg. When twenty-one years of age he began to learn the miller's trade in Rufner Mills, near Canton. In 1840 he took charge of the Roop Mills at Pekin, and remained one year. The next ten years he took charge of the Hostetter and Roop mills, and in 1851 came to Indiana and prospected in De Kalb County where he had two brothers, Peter and Daniel. He purchased land in what is now Keyser Township, and in the spring of 1852 moved his family to the wilds of De Kalb County. He cleared and cultivated his farm, residing on it till the fall of 1869, when he moved to Auburn, although he still owns it. He has never aspired to official honors, but has at different times been elected to positions of trust and responsibility. In November, 1837, he was married to Sarah Becher, of Canton, Ohio. They have had five children, but two of whom are living—Julia Ann, wife of Isaac W. Bard, of Dayton, Ohio, and Melinda, widow of Frank N. Barclay. Solomon died at Rufner Mills, Ohio, July 3, 1845, aged three years; Adam died December, 1865, aged twenty-eight years; and Sadie, Feb. 11, 1876, aged twenty-three years. Mr. and Mrs. Grogg are members of the Lutheran church.

John Frederick Groskopf is a native of Germany, born June 12, 1821. His youth was spent on a farm in his native country, receiving a common-school education. When he was twenty-one years of age he enlisted in the regular army and served seven years. At the expiration of his term of service he returned home, and soon after married Christina Crennion. In 1852 he started for the United States with his wife and three children.

His wife and one child died on shipboard and he arrived in New York with his two children, without friends and with very little money. He went to Buffalo and remained one winter, and in 1853 came to Indiana and found employment on the railroad in De Kalb County. From his earnings he saved enough to pay for sixty-five acres of land, and to this has since added till he now owns 100 acres. When he bought his land it was mostly heavily timbered, but he went bravely to work and soon had sufficient cleared to plant a crop. He has been industrious and frugal, and now has one of the finest farms in the township. He has a new two story brick house, and a new barn 40 x 50 feet in size. His other farm buildings are large and convenient. Mr. Groscop was married a second time to Mary Myers, a native of Germany, cousin of his first wife. He has a family of nine children—William, Charles, Frank and Frederick (twins), Harmon, John, Caroline (wife of Charles Rees), Emma and Sophia. Mr. Groscop and his wife are members of the German Reformed church. When Mr. Groscop was married the second time he had but fifty cents, and the first hay he bought he paid for with \$3 of his wife's money.

Isaac Hague, a pioneer of De Kalb County, Ind., was born in Holmes County, Ohio, June 29, 1837, a son of Aaron and Ruth (Culbertson) Hague. He came when a child to De Kalb County with his parents, who settled in Concord Township September, 1838. When he was sixteen years of age he was apprenticed to Isaac Brandt, of Auburn, to learn the shoemaker's trade. After serving four years he went to Newville, where he worked at his trade and attended and taught school, remaining there six years. In 1860 he located in Waterloo and worked at his trade. In 1869 he was appointed Postmaster of Waterloo. In 1874 he was elected, on the Republican ticket, Auditor of De Kalb County, and resigned the position of Postmaster and moved to Auburn. After his term of office expired, in the spring of 1879, he became associated with Charles Rant in the boot and shoe business in Auburn, but in February, 1883, sold his interest in the business. Mr. Hague was married to Miss Julia, daughter of J. B. Hoover, of Waterloo. They have two children—Stella M. and Charles E. He is a demitted member of Waterloo Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M. He and his wife are members of the Disciples church.

Ezra D. Hartman, attorney at law, Auburn, was born in

Lehigh County, Pa., May 16, 1841, a son of Abraham and Catherine Hartman, also natives of that State, his father of German, and his mother of English descent. Abraham Hartman was a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1847 he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on a farm three miles northeast of Auburn, where he lived several years and subsequently moved northwest of Auburn, where he died in the spring of 1873, aged sixty-three years. He was an energetic, progressive citizen, and was especially active in all matters of interest to the church. His wife is still living on the homestead with one of her sons, in the seventieth year of her age. Ezra D. Hartman received a good education attending the district school and the Auburn High School. He began teaching when but seventeen years of age and taught several years, attending school in the meantime as he had opportunity and means. While teaching he borrowed some law books of Judge Mott and read during his leisure hours under his direction. He afterward entered the office of J. B. Morrison, and remained with him till September, 1861, when he went to Ann Arbor, Mich., and entered the law department of the Michigan University, remaining there six months. Returning to Auburn he continued his studies and in June, 1862, was admitted to the bar. The following August he enlisted and helped to raise a company and on its organization was elected and appointed its Second Lieutenant; in less than two months he was promoted to First Lieutenant, and two months later to Captain, having served in that capacity the greater part of the time from the start. He participated in the operations of the army in Kentucky and Tennessee and later in the siege of Vicksburg and the capture of Jackson, Miss. While in the army he contracted disease, especially of the eyes, which disabled him for active service, and in the spring of 1864, having received an honorable discharge, he went to Cleveland, Ohio, for treatment and remained till July, 1866, attending in the meantime lectures at the law school from which he graduated in the spring, his previous knowledge of the law enabling him to pass the examination with very little reading. In July, 1866, he located in Waterloo, Ind., and began his practice. In the Republican Convention of that year he received the nomination for Representative in the State Legislature. His opponent was Hon. Freeman Kelly. Mr. Hartman entered at once into the campaign.

speaking at every available point in the county, and though the county was very close politically, was elected and served with credit. In the spring of 1867 he again began to practice in Waterloo, and the following fall was elected Prosecuting Attorney for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, composing the counties of De Kalb, Steuben, Lagrange, Noble, Elkhart, and Kosciusko, and served three years. In the meantime he had formed a partnership with J. L. Morland, and the firm of Hartman & Morland continued till the winter of 1871, when Mr. Hartman moved to South Bend, engaging in practice there. In 1873 he returned to De Kalb County and located in Auburn, forming a partnership with J. E. Rose. In September, 1881, this firm was dissolved and Mr. Hartman has since practiced alone. He is a popular and successful lawyer and has many friends both in and out of the profession. He is an eloquent speaker and although not a bitter partisan freely gives his services to the cause of the Republican party. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was the first Commander of the Post at Auburn. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and has served as Trustee and Elder since 1873. He was married Oct. 15, 1868, to Mary, daughter of Levi Cunningham, a prominent citizen of Bryan, Ohio. They have three children—Mabel, born May 16, 1870; Walter C., born Feb. 11, 1873, and Hubert Ezra, born Oct. 27, 1884.

Dewitt Clinton Headley was born in Concord Township, De Kalb County, Oct. 25, 1839, a son of Samuel and Rebecca (Woodcock) Headley. When fifteen years of age he began to take care of himself by working at the mason's trade and for farmers. His father was a merchant, and he assisted him in the store occasionally. In 1859 he went to California and teamed across the Sierra Nevada Mountains from Sacramento to Virginia City till December, 1863, when he returned to Newville and worked on a farm till March, 1864. Then he enlisted in Company H, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry, and served till August, 1865, when he was discharged at Indianapolis. He participated in all the engagements of Sherman's army after Buzzard's Roost. After his discharge he returned to Newville, and soon after went to Marshalltown, Iowa, returning to De Kalb County in 1868. The summer of 1869 he spent in Iowa, and then was associated with Joseph Rainier in the livery business till the fall of 1871. In the fall of 1872 he

became associated with John Greenamyer in the boot and shoe business in Butler, and in December, 1873, they moved their stock to North Benton, Steuben Co., remaining there till June, 1874, when, his partner having previously retired from the firm, he moved his stock to Auburn, and the following September sold it. From 1875 till 1881 he was variously employed, and then was appointed by Joseph Rainier assistant Postmaster, holding the position till Jan. 16, 1882, and since then has been associated with Mr. Rainier in carrying on the City Meat Market, the firm name being Rainier & Headley. April 10, 1875, Mr. Headley was married to Corlantha R., daughter of John H. Parks, of Marshall County, Ind. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Headley is a member of De Kalb Lodge, No. 214, F. & A. M.

Solomon R. Heberling, dealer in agricultural implements, sewing-machines and musical instruments, Auburn, Ind., was born near Somerset, Perry Co., Ohio, Feb. 7, 1838, the third son of Jacob and Susannah (Wymer) Heberling. His mother died when he was about eight years old, and his father soon after moved his family to Fremont, Ohio, where he was reared on a farm, attending school only five months in his life. He assisted his father till nearly twenty-two years of age, when, in the fall of 1859, he left home and with eight others went to Tennessee as agents for Dr. Gunn's medical work. They divided the territory, and he and three others commenced work in Obion County. The John Brown trouble at Harper's Ferry had just taken place, and there was a strong prejudice in the South against Northerners, and when about to deliver the books they had sold in Jacksonville, one man raised a mob and demanded their departure. Their gentlemanly bearing won them many friends, and after some excitement they were allowed to remain three weeks, and during that time many who were bitterly opposed to them, became their warmest friends. Their party disbanded, and with one associate he returned to Indiana, arriving at Evansville, March 1, 1860. While traveling through Kentucky, they paid their expenses by selling fluid lamps. Finding no territory in Indiana, they went to Missouri, but here met with the same opposition as in Tennessee, and, not wishing to pass through the same trouble, returned to Indiana penniless. He worked a month on a farm near Evansville, and then engaged in book canvassing in Vanderburg and Posey counties

and in three months sold between \$1,700 and \$1,800 worth of books, receiving half as his commission. In August he went to Vernon, Ind., where he was taken with typhoid fever and was sick ten months. He had but \$100 left, when he started for his father's house, and all but \$15 of this was taken from his pockets while on the way. He was taken with a congestive chill on the boat and was unable to proceed. Finally he reached his uncle's at Lima and remained there three weeks, arriving at home Jan. 21, 1861. Oct. 21, 1861, he enlisted in Company I, Seventy-second Ohio Infantry, for three years, but was discharged July, 1862, on account of disability. He participated in the battle of Shiloh. He returned to Fremont, and after his recovery bought a farm and remained on it till 1871, when he began traveling for J. I. Case & Co., of Racine, and was in their employ till November, 1883, having charge of Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. He was then employed by the Snyder Wagon Company till March, 1884, when he became established in his present business in Auburn. Mr. Heberling was married Dec. 4, 1881, to Mrs. Sophronia Alderman, of Van Wert County, Ohio. He is a member of the City Council of Auburn. He is a prominent Odd Fellow, a member of Helena Lodge, No. 592, and Thompson Encampment, No. —, Helena, Ohio. He is also member of De Long Post, No. 67, G. A. R.

John C. Henry, banker and wholesale dealer in notions and drugs, Auburn, came to De Kalb County, Ind., Nov. 28, 1862, and settled in Fairfield Township. He engaged in farming till August, 1864. He removed to Steuben County and engaged in farming until about 1871 when he removed to the town of Hudson (same county), Ind., and engaged in mercantile business until 1877. He removed to Auburn and engaged in the wholesale notion business, and in August, 1882, added to it the drug business and in February, 1882, he, with Nicholas Ensley, Jacob Walborn, Guy Plumb and Albert Robbins, instituted the Farmers' Bank of Auburn. He has been Treasurer of Auburn High School for two years, and is the incumbent of that office at the present writing. Mr. Henry is a native of Ohio; was born in Millersburg, Holmes County, Jan. 1, 1841. His father, Samuel S. Henry, died when he was about the age of twelve years. He remained with his mother, Jane C. (Allcook), until about the age of sixteen when, in the spring of 1856, he, thinking Ohio a poor place for a poor boy to get a



start, went to try his fortune in the land of gold—California, where he remained until the fall of 1860, when he returned to his home in Millersburg, Ohio. Not having an opportunity, he received only a limited education, but by natural ability and energy he has acquired a good business education. Nov. 28, 1861, he married Marian Baughman, of Millersburg, Ohio, by whom he has two children—Helen Louisa and Harry Cook. He is a Mason and a member of De Kalb Lodge, No. 214; was formerly a member and one of the founders of Hiawatha Lodge, No. 528, Hudson, Ind., and was Master of the same as long as he remained a citizen of the place.

Chester P. Hodge, the second son of the Rev. James Hodge and Keturah (Ransom), his wife, was born Dec. 16, 1834, in Leroyville, Bradford Co., Pa. Many of his ancestors on both sides were old settlers of Orange County, N. Y. Among them were the Colemans, Mollatts, Lamoreux, Tuttles and Davenport. In an old history of Orange County lists are given of those who held any office between 1760 and '65, and of those who in June, 1775, signed the pledge to support the Colonial Congress. Among these are the names of three of Mr. Hodge's great-grandfathers—Ismac Hodge, Thomas Lamoreux and Jeremiah Coleman. The fourth, Capt. Samuel Ransom, of the Continental Army, fell at the head of his company, July 3, 1778, one of the victims of the massacre of Wyoming. On the monument erected to commemorate the massacre his name heads the list. His son, George Palmer, grandfather of Mr. C. P. Hodge, who had enlisted in his father's company two years before, when fourteen years old, helped to bury the dead, among whom was his own father. He afterward served in the army until peace was declared. He married for his second wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Lamoreux and Keturah (Tuttle) his wife. March 25, 1830, the Rev. James Hodge, youngest son of William and Sarah (Coleman) Hodge, married a second wife, Keturah Ransom. He had a good mind, unusual refinement and an excellent command of language. His earnest piety and pure life commended to all the holy Gospel in which he believed, which he preached from the pulpit and whose principles were his constant guide. Those who knew him chiefly in the pulpit remembered always the wonderful sweetness of his voice in singing and his "gift in prayer." His wife was a fitting helpmeet for her husband; a

woman of great force of character and unusually capable in affairs. To them were born four children, of whom Chester P. was second. He showed no unusual inclination to study until when in his fifteenth year he began algebra. His enthusiasm in the solution of problems was very great, and gave an impetus to his mind in the prosecution of his other studies. He prepared for college at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pa., but taught much before entering Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., in the spring of 1860. His standing in his classes was always high, and he paid much attention to work in the laboratory. He was graduated in June, 1862, and received in course the degrees of A. B. and A. M. On the 13th of the following August he enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-first Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, but was discharged on the 29th of December, 1862, on account of disabilities existing before enlistment. He returned to a home made desolate by the death of his beloved mother, who "fell asleep" Nov. 21, 1862, aged sixty-one years, in full hope of a joyful resurrection. April 14, 1863, at 9:30 A. M., in the Methodist Episcopal church at Auburn, Ind., by the Rev. Randal Faurot, Chester P. Hodge was married to Julia E., only daughter of Hon. E. B. Mott. With his wife he returned to Leroyville, Bradford Co., Pa., where his father and sister lived in the old home. From that home his revered father went to rest Nov. 5, 1863, at the age of sixty-eight years. The following spring Mr. Hodge removed to Auburn, Ind. He made thorough preparation for work at the bar, and was admitted to practice, but he enjoyed more the class-room and blackboard, and in 1868, having been elected acting President of the Fort Wayne College, which was then in a state of collapse, he took charge of it, and under the stimulating effect of his judicious management and thorough work, it revived and began a more prosperous era. At the close of the academic year Mr. Hodge was offered the Presidency of the college, but declined as he preferred to teach mathematics. At the conclusion of the second year, the institution having passed into private hands, Mr. Hodge left Fort Wayne College and engaged in public school work. No State certificates were given in Indiana until 1872. Mr. Hodge was one of the first class examined and received a first grade certificate, unlimited as to time, which entitles him to teach in any school in the State without further examination. Mr.

Hodge has been a Superintendent of schools during most of the last fifteen years. There was one interval of three years during most of which he was part owner and business manager of the *Warsaw Indianian*. His long experience in teaching enabled him to make the educational department of more than usual interest. In November, 1882, in consequence of the death of Mrs. Hodge's oldest brother, E. B. Mott, Jr., Mr. Hodge removed his family to De Kalb County, and they now live on Green Hurst farm, a place which afforded Judge Mott much pleasure and amusement during his later years. It lies about a mile north of the court-house on the Waterloo road. Mr. Hodge has always been a strong Republican, but his moderation of speech and his consideration for the opinions of others have prevented political enmities, and he has reckoned among his staunchest friends many who are diametrically opposed to him in politics. He is a close reasoner, accurate and logical, a man honest in purpose and deed. This sketch of him was gathered from the facts of his life without his knowledge, and judging from his habitual reserve would have been withheld had he known that it was contemplated. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Hodge have been the parents of nine children, most of whom are not, for God took them, in their early infancy. Egbert Mott, born Nov. 24, 1867; Julia Mott, Nov. 12, 1869, and Chester James, Jan. 21, 1872, alone remain to them. Perhaps the sorest grief, which ever came to Mr. Hodge or his family, was the death on the fourth Sunday in Advent, Dec. 21, 1884, of his youngest child, and dearly beloved daughter, Teresa Morris, who was named for a noble woman, Mrs. Judge Morris, of Fort Wayne. She was almost five years old, a child of unusual promise in person, mind and character. Long dark lashes shaded eyes of the deepest blue, which looked out from a bright, sweet face upon a world in which she found much happiness and made it for others. Most loving, most truthful, most conscientious, she was a perpetual joy, an increasing delight to those who loved her. Her father was away from home when she was taken ill, and almost her first thought was for him. "Don't tell papa I have diphtheria, he will be so sorry," she begged. During her illness of ten days she showed courage, patience, unflinching trust and meek submission, while through all shone the unflinching sweetness of her nature. "I do not think I suffer so much,



mamma; I do not believe you will have to lose me," she said a few hours before the end came. As the eventide fell fast, she said to her father who watched by her bed: "Please, light a lamp, papa." He went to do so, and when he brought it she was gone—so swift the transition—to the arms of everlasting Love. Her's was a short life, but rounded and pure, and made perfect through suffering.

Sherman Hollister, restaurateur, confectioner and baker, Auburn, Ind., was born near Huron, Erie Co., Ohio, Jan. 25, 1834, where he was reared a farmer, and lived with his parents, Ashley and Cecilia (Pattee) Hollister. After reaching maturity he took charge of the farm and cared for his parents till their death. He left the homestead in the summer of 1876, and came to Auburn, Ind., and the same year built his business house, a brick structure on Main, between Seventh and Eighth streets, and opened his restaurant and bakery where he has built up a good trade. Mr. Hollister was married Dec. 21, 1859, to Miss Velona Benedict, of Fort Wayne, Ind. They have one daughter—Sarah E., now the wife of Prof. R. W. Cobb, professor of penmanship in the Champaign (Ill.) Industrial College. While residing in Huron Mr. Hollister served as Assessor of his township five terms, and as Trustee two terms. He is a Master, Royal Arch and Council Mason, and is a member of Marks Lodge, No. 359, Huron, of which he was Worshipful Master ten years. He is a demitted member of the Chapter at Milan, Ohio, and of the Council at Sandusky, Ohio. Mr. Hollister is of a warm, genial nature, and has a host of friends, both old and young, who delight to congregate at Sherm's as he is familiarly called.

Leonard Hoodelmeire was born in Wurtemburg, Germany, May 23, 1813. When sixteen years of age he accompanied his parents to the United States, and after forty-three days' voyage landed at Baltimore, Md., where they hired a team and went to Pittsburg, Pa., where our subject remained eighteen months and learned the weaver's trade. His parents proceeded to Stark County, Ohio, and bought land, and after completing his trade he followed them. In 1842 the family moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and located first on what is now John Pyle's farm. Subsequently moved to Auburn, and in 1844 returned to Ohio and worked for one man in Carroll County ten years. He then moved to Fort Wayne, and five years later returned to De Kalb



County, and settled on what is now the West farm. In 1861 he enlisted in Company K, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry and served ten months, when he was discharged on account of ill health. In April, 1864, he again enlisted and was assigned to his old regiment, and served till the close of the war. He participated in many severe battles, and was wounded in the wrist. After the war he returned to De Kalb County, and in 1867 settled on the farm where he now lives. He owns forty acres of fine land, and his buildings are all in good repair, and are comfortable and commodious. Mr. Hoodelmere was married in 1839, to Phillipiana Napp. To them have been born five children—Evaline, Maria, George, Harriet, and Christina.

Calvin Husselman is the youngest son of Samuel and Maria (Yager) Husselman, who were early settlers of De Kalb County, coming in 1845, and in 1847 settled on the farm now owned by Calvin. On this farm he was reared, receiving his education in the public school and later at the Auburn High School. When eighteen years of age he began the study of law with his brother, D. Y. Husselman, and was admitted to the bar in December, 1874. He was married in June, 1876, to Rosa E. Britton, daughter of L. D. and Martha Britton, early settlers of Richland Township, this county. After his marriage he settled on his farm and has since devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. His farm contains 122 acres of choice land, all well improved, and his buildings are large and comfortable. His barn, a bark structure, 40 x 80 feet in size, built in 1851, is one of the old landmarks. He makes a specialty of fruit culture, especially grapes, of which he has a number of varieties. Mr. and Mrs. Husselman have had three sons, but two are living—Carl B. and Leroy. Frank is deceased.

Daniel Y. Husselman, Clerk of the De Kalb Circuit Court, was born in Union Township, De Kalb Co., Ind., Jan. 15, 1848, a son of Samuel and Maria Husselman. He was educated in the county schools. When he was seventeen years of age his father died, and he remained with his mother and superintended the farm till twenty-one years of age. In 1870 he began the study of law in the office of R. Wes McBride, at Waterloo, Ind., and in August of the same year was admitted to the bar at Auburn. In June, 1871, he began his practice at Waterloo, and remained there till May, 1881, when he removed to Auburn and became associated with James A. Barns in publishing and editing the

Auburn Courier. On account of poor health he abandoned the newspaper business the following year and resumed the practice of his profession in Auburn. In November, 1882, he was elected on the Democratic ticket Clerk of the De Kalb Circuit Court over Hon. E. D. Hartman, the Republican nominee. Nov. 23, 1870, Mr. Husselman was married to Miss Mary J. Smith. They have three children—Milo, Thomas A. and Dollie (twins).

Theodore E. Imhoff is a native of Ashland County, Ohio, born Aug. 26, 1848, a son of Josiah and Matilda (Fenner) Imhoff, natives of Pennsylvania. His parents were married in Ohio, remaining in that State till the fall of 1850, when they moved to De Kalb County and settled on section 14, Union Township, where they lived till 1884, and then moved to Waterloo where they still live. Theodore was reared on the farm, being but two years of age when his parents moved to this county. He received a common-school education, and after attaining his majority began to work at the carpenter's trade, following it several years. In 1884 he settled on the old homestead where he still lives. He is now engaged in the manufacture of sorghum molasses, which he is making a successful business. In addition to this and to working at his trade he attends to the cultivation of the farm. He is an industrious and enterprising man, and one of the most prosperous citizens of the township. His farm contains eighty acres of finely cultivated land. He was married in 1873 to Miss Viola M. Scattergood, of De Kalb County. They have three children—Irvin S., Lula G. and Effie P. Mr. Imhoff is a member of the Odd Fellow's Order, Lodge, No. 221, Waterloo.

W. H. Kiblinger, the genial and wholesouled hardware merchant of Auburn, De Kalb Co., Ind., has attained a prominence in both business and social circles fully becoming any man. He has been generous without stint or ostentation in all enterprises pertaining to the growth and advancement of his resident town. He is a model in his bestowments of charity, and as a politician is firm, thoughtful, and has impressed his individuality upon the local politics of the county. No one man emphasized so much earnestness in the election of presidential, State and county officers as did Mr. Kiblinger. Strong but unpretentious, firm but magnanimous, he works diligently and successfully to make a given point in either business or political

undertakings. Few business men tower to an equal height with him for exactness, cleanliness and general good taste in and about his business room. His beginning in younger years marks out for him a long and successful career as a merchant, and although not yet matured to the turning point in life, he has established a substantial trade and amassed considerable wealth. He was born at Fish Lake, Lagrange Co., Ind., May 24, 1848, a son of Peter F. and Henrietta (Hoffman) Kiblinger. His preliminary education was received in the common schools, and at the age of fifteen was a pupil in the R. Patch Seminary, located at Ontario, Ind., and subsequently took a commercial course at Eastman's College, Chicago, Ill., from which institution he graduated in the fall of 1864. His first business venture was as clerk in the wholesale tobacco house of Samuel Barbosa, Chicago, which position he held for one year, and then as bookkeeper for Speakman & Proctor, wholesale booksellers and stationers, Chicago, until 1867. In the spring of the above year he became associated with his father in the hardware business at Williamsburg, Ind., under the firm name of Kiblinger & Co. In the spring of 1877 he sold his interest at Williamsburg and moved to Auburn, where he opened a hardware store, to which he soon after added farm machinery. He was very successful in his business pursuits, and in 1880 erected a fine business building at the corner of Main and Seventh streets. It is a brick structure two stories high and 22 x 130 feet in length. In the fall of 1877 he purchased the hardware stock of D. D. Snyder, and again in 1883 he bought out Snyder & Culbertson. From February, 1883, to February, 1884, he was associated with S. J. McBride in a branch store at Waterloo, Ind., under the firm name of Kiblinger & Co. He was married Aug. 23, 1873, to Miss Martha, daughter of John McBride, of Williamsburg, Ind. He is a member of Ligonier Lodge, No. 186, F. & A. M. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Kiblinger, although not united with any denomination, is in accord with the Presbyterian creed.

John M. Kimsey, Postmaster, Waterloo, Ind., is a native of Carrollton, Carroll Co., Ohio, born Oct. 9, 1833, a son of Dr. Thomas B. and Sarah (Carr) Kimsey, his father a native of Ohio and his mother of Ireland. He was the eldest of six children, five of whom are living. July 28, 1861, he was mar-

ried to Harriet E., daughter of R. J. Lent, of New York, and the following September enlisted in the Regimental Band of the Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry. He was present at the battle of Shiloh, first siege of Corinth and Perryville, serving till November, 1862, when by an order from the Government all regimental bands were discharged. After his discharge he returned to Indiana, and after remaining in Waterloo a short time, went to Angola, where for two years he had charge of M. & A. Hale's mercantile house, and in 1865 embarked in business for himself. In February, 1877, he was appointed Postmaster at Waterloo. Mr. Kimsey is a member of Waterloo City Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M., and a charter member of Waterloo Post, No. 52, G. A. R. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically he is a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Kimsey have had a family of six children—Lola, wife of Frank Broughton, M. D., of Avilla, Ind.; Jessie A. died May 6, 1884; Sarah E., Reuben T., Rose E. and Jay F. are at home.

Thomas B. Kimsey, M. D., was a native of Ohio, and one of the early physicians of De Kalb County. He began the study of his profession with Dr. Hunter, of Carrollton, Ohio, and after completing his studies located in Carrollton, where he practiced three years. He then went to Trenton, Tuscarawas Co., Ohio, and in the fall of 1840 to Adams County, Ind., making the last trip by teams. He located at Monmouth, and remained there till 1852, when he removed to Auburn, De Kalb County, where he was actively engaged in practice till his death, in May, 1856. He was a physician of the old school, a very successful practitioner, and was well and favorably known in the northern counties of Indiana. He married Sarah Carr, a native of Ireland, who came to America with her uncle, John Morrison, when seven years of age. They had a family of six children, but three of whom are living. Mrs. Kimsey died in September, 1876. The Doctor and his wife were exemplary members of, and active workers in, the Methodist Episcopal church.

Michael Kline, carpenter and builder, was born in Perry County, Pa., May 23, 1822, a son of John and Sophia (Frounfeldt) Kline. When he was six months old his parents moved to Mansfield, Richland Co., Ohio, where he was reared. His mother died in Ohio, and his father subsequently went with one



of his sons to Missouri, where he died. Michael Kline learned the trade of a carpenter in his youth of his father. He came to Indiana in January, 1850, and located in Auburn, De Kalb County, where he lived till the spring of 1855, when he bought a tract of wild land in Richland Township, which he cultivated and improved. He erected good buildings, including a fine brick residence, residing there till 1873, when he moved again to Auburn, and has since worked at his trade. In addition to his farm he owns two residences in Auburn, the one in which he is living being one of the finest in the town. Mr. Kline was married in Crawford County, Ohio, in May, 1849, to Mary A. Wallace, who died in March, 1850. In 1851 he married Ann M. Somers, a native of Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Elizabeth Somers, who came to Indiana in 1841. To Mr. and Mrs. Kline have been born six children, three of whom are living—John F., now of Butte City, Mont.; Mary E., wife of Amos Miller, of Ohio; Etta L., at home. Mr. and Mrs. Kline are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Calvin Kutzner, the youngest son of Isaac and Mary Kutzner, was born in Stark County, Ohio, Dec. 6, 1835, and was fifteen years of age when his parents moved De Kalb County, Ind. He received his primary education in his native county, completing it after coming to Indiana. He remained with his parents to maturity, assisting his father on the farm. In the fall of 1860 he was married to Mary E. Rhodes, daughter of Elijah and Priscilla Rhodes. After his marriage he settled on the farm where he now lives, which at that time consisted of eighty acres. To this he has added till he now owns 160 acres of valuable land. His residence, which is a large two-story brick, was built in 1873, and his farm buildings are large and substantial. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, his stock being of the finest grades. In politics Mr. Kutzner has been a life-long Democrat. He is one of the representative and substantial farmers of the township. To him and his wife have been born four children—Isaac S., Mark, Evena and Ella.

Myron S. Kutzner, the only son of Augustus and Amanda (Eberly) Kutzner, was born in De Kalb County, Ind., March 15, 1859. His parents were natives of Stark County, Ohio, his father, born June, 1828, died in March, 1860, and his mother, born about 1838, died Jan. 4, 1870. They were the parents of two children—Ellen F., wife of I. W. Lowman, and Myron.



Myron Kutzner was reared by Samuel Wilkman, remaining with him till the latter's death in 1884. He received a good education, attending the district school and later the Auburn High School. After leaving school he engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he has since followed with uniform success. He owns a good farm of 112 acres on which his father settled in 1853, and his improvements are all good, his buildings being among the best in the township. He is engaged in general farming, paying special attention to stock-raising. He is an enterprising young man and one of the representative farmers of the township. He was married January, 1881, to Mary, third daughter of John and Maria Coy, of this county. They have one daughter—Winnie C.

Sylvester Kutzner, a member of one of the pioneer families of De Kalb County, is a native of Stark County, Ohio, born near Canton, Dec. 15, 1832. He is the fourth of six children of Isaac and Mary (Zuaers) Kutzner, his father a native of Cumberland County, Pa., born in 1796, and his mother of Franklin County, Pa., born in 1801. They were married in their native State and moved to Ohio with a family of two children, and in 1851 came to De Kalb County, and settled on land Mr. Kutzner had located in 1836. The first entry was 200 acres, but to this he added till he had 400 acres, all in one tract. He died Feb. 4, 1883, and his wife now makes her home with her children. Their family consisted of six children—August (deceased), Sylvester, David, Calvin, Catherine, wife of John Grube, and Barbara A., wife of Isaac B. Brandon. Sylvester Kutzner was reared in his native county, being in his nineteenth year when he came to De Kalb County. He had a good education and after coming to this county taught school several winter terms. He also engaged in agricultural pursuits and subsequently became a stockholder in the woolen-mills at Auburn, which proved an unsuccessful venture. He was superintendent of the mills, but the confinement was injurious to his health, and he was obliged to resign his position. Since his return to the labors of the farm he has been successful, and his health has steadily improved. He owns 154 acres of choice land, and his buildings are substantial and convenient. He makes a specialty of stock-raising and has a fine grade of Durham cattle. He takes an active interest in township and county affairs, and has served one term as Trustee, and has also been a member of



the Board of School Examiners of De Kalb County. He is Secretary of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He was married in 1861, to——, of Stark County, Ohio. She died while on a visit to her old home, leaving one child—Maggie. In 1863 he married Clara Williams, who came to De Kalb County from the southern part of Ohio.

H. K. Leas, Cashier of the Citizens' Bank, Waterloo, Ind., is a native of Steuben County, Ind., where he was reared on a farm, receiving his early education in the district schools. In 1875 he attended the Northern Indiana Normal School and Business College at Valparaiso, after which he engaged in the drug business, and during that time received an appointment as Postmaster, and served as such while he was in the business, when he resigned his position as Postmaster, in April, 1880. In 1880 he went to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and graduated from the college there the same year. After leaving school he returned to the farm, but soon after was given the opportunity to make a practical use of his education by his appointment to his present position, in which he has served faithfully and well. Mr. Leas was married in June, 1881, to Ida M. Taylor, daughter of John Taylor, of De Kalb County. He is a member of the English Reformed church, and of Waterloo City Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M.; and served three years as one of the Town Board of Waterloo, Ind., the last year as President of said Town Board. In 1885 was chosen as one of the Executive Committee of the Northeastern Indiana Agricultural Fair Association.

John Leas, President of Citizens' Bank, Waterloo, Ind., was born in Adams County, Pa., near Gettysburg, July 12, 1815, a son of Col. John, Jr., and Sophia (Spangler) Leas, natives of the same State. Ten children lived to be adults, eight of whom are now living. His grandfather was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. Mr. Leas was a farmer. In 1818 Mr. Leas emigrated to Stark County, Ohio, where he opened up a farm. In 1838 he went to Guernsey County and opened up his second farm in a wilderness. In the fall of 1852 he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and located on section 8, Smithfield Township, where he again made a farm. The Colonel was a man of more than ordinary ability, and was highly respected in the county where he resided. While in Stark County, Ohio, he was commissioned as Colonel of a militia regiment by Wilson Shannon.



In politics he was an old Jackson Democrat, and held several local offices. He died in De Kalb County in 1875. Mrs. Leas died in 1882. They were members of the Reformed church. The subject of this sketch was reared upon a farm. In early life his education was sadly neglected, as his parents were poor, and all the schooling he had was in the log cabin. He was married in Stark County, Ohio, to Susan Schimpff, a native of Germany, who emigrated to America when thirteen years of age. By this union there was a family of twelve children, nine of whom are living—Martin, Jacob, John, Obadiah, William H., Hezekiah K., Daniel, Elizabeth (wife of Oscar Taylor), Adeline (wife of Miles J. Waterman). In 1842 Mr. Leas came to Indiana, and in 1843 he moved his family, purchasing 143 acres of land. In 1867 he came to De Kalb County, where he has a fine farm and houses. When Mr. Leas came to Steuben County he was a poor man, with only \$85 in money and a yoke of oxen, and a wife and baby, but by hard work he has accumulated a competency, and to-day is among the wealthy citizens of the county. For twenty-two years he has followed the shipping business, riding night and day. June 15, 1881, Mrs. Leas died at her home, leaving a husband and nine children to mourn her loss. She was a true Christian, and highly respected by all. She was a kind and thoroughly respected and loving wife. In December, 1881, he was again married to Amanda Malory, widow of Robt. Patterson, by whom she had five children; two living—William and Frederick. In politics he is a strong Democrat, and has held several local offices of trust in the gift of the people. He is a member of the Reformed church. Mr. Leas is a Master Mason, and a member of Waterloo Lodge, No. 207.

Augustus S. Leas, ex-Sheriff of De Kalb County, was born in Stark County, Ohio. In 1852 he came with his parents to De Kalb County, Ind., where he married Nancy Ford, by whom he had one child—Franklin. Mrs. Leas died, and he then married Electa Fay, of Bryan, Ohio, and to them were born four children, three of whom are living—Frederick, Nannie and Agnes. Mrs. Leas died, and he was again married to Arrella Amidon (better known by the name of Teems). In early life he was a clerk in a store. In 1878 he was elected to the office of Sheriff of the county, and filled the same for four years. He is a Republican in politics.

Obe Leas is a native of Steuben County, Ind., born Nov. 5,



1851, the seventh of twelve children of John and Susan (Schimpff) Leas, natives of Pennsylvania. In 1849 his parents moved to Stark County, Ohio, and thence to Steuben County, Ind., locating on the line of De Kalb County; now live in Smithfield Township, De Kalb County. Obe Leas was reared on a farm, receiving a good education, completing it at Waterloo. He remained with his parents till manhood, and soon after his twenty-first birthday was married to Lydia, third daughter of Joseph and Nancy Plum. After his marriage he settled on the farm where he has since lived, known as the old Middleton farm, near the city of Waterloo. It contains ninety-six acres of choice land, the greater part under cultivation and the improvements are all substantial and in good repair. He devotes considerable attention to raising horses, having several of the celebrated Clydesdale breed. He is one of the enterprising young men of the township and a prominent and prosperous citizen. He has three children—Byron, Franklin O. and Lulu M.

William Lessig was born near Hancock, Md., Feb. 12, 1818, a son of John and Elizabeth (Keifer) Lessig. His maternal grandfather was a hero of the Revolutionary war, and his father was a descendant of Peter Stuyvesant of Colonial fame. His parents located soon after in Franklin County, Pa., where they resided until his father's death which occurred when he was seven years of age. Sept. 10, 1840, he married Miss Frances Barclay, a native of Franklin County, and located in Bedford County, Pa., where he engaged in the hatting business, then a lucrative occupation. In 1842 they moved to Wayne County, Ohio, and in 1850 Mr. Lessig went to California by the overland route, through Salt Lake City. In the spring of 1851 he returned home *via* Mexico. In Sept., 1853, they moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in the woods two miles east of Auburn, clearing and opening up a fine farm on which they lived till the fall of 1878, when they moved to Auburn where they have since lived retired, renting their farm. They have endured many hardships and privations, and are now reaping the benefits of their many years of toil. In all the struggles which fate heaps upon the pioneer his noble wife has stood by his side, and has done her share toward making a home and a competency for their old age. They have had four children, of whom all died in infancy, save one, a daughter—Ella E., wife of B. F. Culbertson, of Auburn, Ind. Mr.

and Mrs. Lessig have been for many years members of the Presbyterian church.

John J. Littlefield, M. D., was born in Verona, Oneida Co., N. Y., March 13, 1831, a son of Josiah and Rachel Littlefield. He lived with his parents in Oneida County, N. Y., and Monroe County, Mich., till manhood, and was given a good English education, attending the district schools and Holley (N. Y.) Academy. From 1854 till 1856 he superintended his father's mills at Grafton, Mich. Having had from his youth a desire to be a physician, in 1856 he entered the office of Dr. John L. Near, at Flat Rock, Mich., and began to study the profession. He remained with Dr. Near till 1861, and then entered the medical department of the Michigan State University and took two courses, 1860-'61 and 1861-'62. Ill health prevented him from finishing the last course. After his recovery, in May, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, Twenty-fourth Michigan Infantry, as a private. Soon after he was mustered into the service, while at Fort Lyons, Va., he was detailed dispenser of drugs in the regiment hospital, and also acted as Assistant Surgeon till his discharge for disability in August, 1863. He returned to Michigan and began the practice of medicine at Dundee, remaining there till August, 1864, when he was appointed recruiting officer and the following October was commissioned Assistant Surgeon of the One Hundred and Eighty-eighth Michigan Infantry, and served till the close of the war; was mustered out July, 1865. He returned to Dundee and resumed his practice. In 1868 he removed to Petersburg, Mich. In March, 1870, he entered the Philadelphia (Pa.) Eclectic Medical College and graduated the following June. He continued his practice in Petersburg till March, 1871, when he moved to Auburn, Ind., where he has built up a fine practice. Dr. Littlefield has been twice married. April 15, 1853, he married Mary A. Hawley, of Monroe County, Mich., from whom he was divorced in 1871. To them were born four children—Francis, Daniel, Carrie (wife of J. H. Pilkington, of Parsons, Kan.) and Addie (wife of Dr. Frank Pratt, of Jackson, Mich.). In June, 1872, Dr. Littlefield married Eliza E. Burdenow. They have one child—John. The doctor and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of Mentor Lodge, No. 591, I. O. O. F., and is agent and Examining Surgeon for the Odd Fellows' Mutual Aid Society of the State of Indiana.

Edgar E. Long, of the firm of Long & Trout, liveryman, Auburn, Ind., was born in Pleasant Lake, Steuben Co., Ind., June 13, 1850, a son of Benajah B. Long, who settled at Pleasant Lake in 1836, thence to Waterloo in 1859, and was for a number of years a leading merchant of that place. He was also engaged in the livery business eighteen years, and our subject remained with him all the time when not in school. He received a good education in the schools of Waterloo. He was married March 7, 1872, to Dora A. Dickinson, daughter of Timothy Dickinson, an early settler of Auburn. They have one child—Mary O. Mr. Long became proprietor of Long's Hotel in 1878 and carried it on six years. He moved to Auburn in September, 1884, and in company with Eugene Trout became established in the livery business. They have a good trade, their stock being valued at \$3,000. Mr. Long was Marshal of Waterloo in 1874 and 1875. He is a member of the Knights of Honor, Union Lodge, No. 1,436, at Waterloo.

Rev. Isaac W. Lowman is a native of Indiana, born in Wabash County, April 7, 1831, the eldest son of Martin and Priscilla (Pike) Lowman, natives of Ohio, and early settlers of Wabash County, Ind., and latter moved to Kosciusko County where they both died. Isaac was reared and educated in the last-named county, receiving his early education in the district schools. After teaching he subsequently began to study for the ministry, and in 1869 began preaching in the Church of God, his first circuit extending over a part of Lagrange and De Kalb counties. He continued preaching eight years, and since then has given his attention to agricultural pursuits. He was married in 1873 to Ellen F. Kutzner, only daughter of Augustus and Amanda Kutzner. After his marriage he lived on the Willaman farm till 1884, and then moved to the farm where he now lives, where he has eighty acres of finely improved land. Mr. and Mrs. Lowman have two children—Vernon W. and Marvin Bliss.

John Lutz, one of the early settlers of De Kalb County, came to the county with his parents, Michael and Magdeline (Crawford) Lutz, in 1847, and located in Union Township. His father died soon after their arrival, and the farm was cleared and cultivated by Mrs. Lutz, assisted by her children. Mrs. Lutz was an energetic, ambitious woman, and worked hard to make a home and rear her children. She died in 1882 after a

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long life of usefulness. Our subject was born in Stark County, Ohio, in 1826, and was, therefore, about twenty-one years of age when he came to De Kalb County. He assisted his mother as long as his services were needed, and then commenced to work for himself. He has been successful, and now owns 270 acres of land, 100 acres under cultivation. He was married March 24, 1868, to Susannah Oberholtzer, a native of Union Township, De Kalb County. To them were born six children, but four of whom are living—Jennie, Ada, Martha and John. Mrs. Lutz died April 24, 1880. She was a most estimable, cultured woman, and her friends were legion. A devoted wife and mother, and a kind, considerate neighbor, her loss cannot be estimated.

Timothy G. Matheny, M. D., a prominent physician of Auburn, Ind., was born in Morgan County, Ohio, April 20, 1830. He is a son of Nathan and Anna (Sheckley) Matheny, natives of Pennsylvania. His mother, who was a worthy member of the Baptist church, and a very estimable lady, was much beloved by all who knew her, and although idolized at home she was removed by death in 1837, when only thirty years old. After his mother's death he was sent to live with an uncle, George Daugherty, where he remained until eighteen years of age, residing in Washington and Hardin counties, Ohio. From 1848 to 1851 he attended school at Kenton, Ohio, working between sessions to defray expenses at school; thus heroically battling with poverty, determined to acquire as much of an education as his surroundings would permit. In those youthful days of hardships, without the sympathy and parental guidance which the young heart so much craves, he developed powers of independent thought and self-reliance, that with the maturer judgment of later years, goes far to make him the safe, careful, conscientious and valuable counsel, which reputation now crowns him with the desirable popularity he now enjoys with his patrons. On the 17th day of August, 1851, he was married to Miss Abi Hatch, daughter of Waterman and Mary (Young) Hatch. He is the third of five children in his father's family. Barbara A., Joseph E., Timothy G. and Martha J. yet living. One brother, Wm. N., died in Fort Wayne, Ind., in the spring of 1876, at the age of forty-four years. While at Kenton he began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Russell. In the fall of 1854 he removed from Kenton, Ohio, to Decatur, Adams Co., Ind., where he continued the study of medicine

under the instruction of Dr. Pierce. Later he attended medical lectures at Cincinnati, Ohio. While located at Decatur and prosecuting his studies, he found it necessary to do something to secure the necessary revenue to meet expenses in raising a family, and being a practical millwright he engaged in the milling business, where he had the reputation of turning out more flour, and of as good quality, as any of his compeers. In 1862 he was appointed by Gov. O. P. Morton as enrolling officer for Adams County. He enrolled the county during the summer, made the draft in October that year, and his men were mustered in the United States service in November at Camp Sullivan, Ind. He also enlisted a company, and was about to be commissioned as its Captain, when he was attacked with typhoid fever, which so prostrated him that for about one year he was unable to do manual labor. He continued his medical studies, and in 1863 removed to the north part of De Kalb County, and began the practice of medicine at Barker's Corners, and a few years later removed to Hudson, Ind., where he purchased some land and continued his practice at that place where he was blessed with a large and lucrative business. After moving to Hudson he opened a drug store, which he managed till 1877, when he sold his drug stock to and exchanged locations with Dr. J. J. Littlefield, and removed to Auburn. In 1879 he formed a partnership with Dr. J. B. Casebeer in the practice of medicine and surgery, also in the drug business. They are now proprietors of the Physicians' Drug Store, located on Main street, next door to the First National Bank, and are not only occupying a beautiful room, but are enjoying a nice drug trade as well as a very popular practice in medicine and surgery. The Doctor is a graduate of the Fort Wayne Medical College, and is an honor to his "Alma Mater" by the honorable and energetic manner in which he engages in the profession of his choice. In politics he is a pronounced Democrat, serving his party faithfully whenever opportunity occurs. He is a Master Mason, a member of De Kalb Lodge, No. 214; has also been a member of I. O. O. F. since 1851. Has five children living—David B., Sarah A., Robison W., Mary L. and Brownell. A daughter, Emma Z., died June 3, 1853, aged three months. Dr. Matheny has been a student all his life, keeping pace with the advancement of the medical profession. He comprehends his duties as a family physician, and

conscientiously perform them, and thus has endeared himself to the many families who have employed and thus become intimately acquainted with him. He is heavily built, but at the age of fifty-five his step is very firm and elastic. In conversation he is genial; in the social circle he is lively, and enjoys dealing in innocent jokes with as much zest as those that are younger.

J. F. Maxson, of the firm of Bassett & Maxson, jewelers, Waterloo, Ind., is a native of Greenbush, near Albany, N. Y., born April 4, 1832, a son of Jehu J. and Luna (Tompkins) Maxson, his father of Irish and his mother of Scotch descent. In 1836 his parents moved to Jackson County, Mich., and entered a farm from the Government. His mother died in August, 1839. Of her seven children six are living. His father afterward married Harriet Eastman, and to them were born eleven children, nine of whom are living. One son, Walter, was killed while in the service of his country in the war of the Rebellion. J. F. Maxson was reared on a pioneer farm, at a time when Indians and wild animals infested the country. When twenty-one years of age he went to Coldwater, Mich., and there learned the jeweler's trade of C. H. Thompson. While there he made the acquaintance of Charles Bassett, who was a fellow-apprentice, and after completing their trade, in 1859, together they came to Waterloo, Ind., and opened a store, at that time the only one of the kind in the place. They have the largest jewelry store in the county, and keep a complete stock of everything in their line. Their shrewd business qualities, combined with their thorough knowledge of their trade, has gained for them a high position among the business men of the county. Mr. Maxson was married in 1863 to Martha J., daughter of James and Mary Maybee, of Lockport, N. Y. They have four children—Matie, John C., Agnes and Earl H. Mr. Maxson cast his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont, and has since been a strong advocate of Republican principles. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren church.

William B. Maxwell is a native of Ohio, born in Wayne County, Aug. 9, 1841. His parents, William and Elizabeth (Woods) Maxwell, were natives of Pennsylvania, the father born March 1, 1801, and the mother July 8, 1806. They were married in Ohio, but in 1842 moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Wilmington Township. Of the twelve children

born to them seven are living. The father was an influential man in his neighborhood, and held several offices of trust. The mother died Oct. 25, 1855. Our subject received his early education in the district schools of his adopted county. When sixteen years of age he began to learn the cabinet-maker's trade, and served an apprenticeship of four years with J. & R. Ettinger, of Auburn, receiving \$140 a year for his services. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the One Hundredth Indiana Infantry, Company A, and participated in the siege and battle of Vicksburg and battle of Jackson. While at Bellfort, Ala., he was taken with rheumatism and was sent to the convalescent camp at Huntsville, where he remained till October, 1864, when he was given a furlough to go home and vote. After his return to Huntsville he was assigned duty in the light artillery service. He was mustered out at Nashville, Tenn., May 13, 1865. His health being impaired he was unable to work, and therefore attended school till the spring of 1866, when he went to Bureau County, Ill., and the following fall to Peru, LaSalle County. In 1867 he went to Omaha, and was in the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad till 1870, when he returned to De Kalb County and located in Waterloo. He was married in 1873 to Emeline Stroh, a native of De Kalb County, born Oct. 13, 1846, a daughter of William and Sarah Stroh. To them have been born three children; but two are living—Albert E., born Jan. 25, 1875, and Arthur A., born July 26, 1884. Frank W., born May 9, 1878, died Dec. 28, 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of Waterloo Lodge, No. 221, I. O. O. F., and Waterloo Post, No. 52, G. A. R.

Robert Wes McBride, Judge of the Thirty-fifth Judicial Circuit, was born near Mansfield, Richland Co., Ohio, Jan. 25, 1842, a son of Augustus and Martha A. (Barnes) McBride. His father was a volunteer soldier in the Mexican war, and died in the City of Mexico in February, 1848. His mother, now the widow of James Sirpless, resides at the old home, five and a half miles southeast of Mansfield. When thirteen years of age Mr. McBride went to Iowa and remained seven years. He acquired a good education in the common and high schools, and when seventeen began teaching in Mahaska County, Iowa. He taught three years, and in 1862 returned to Ohio and clerked in the hardware store of B. S. Runyan a year. In 1863

he entered the service of the United States as a member of Union Light Cavalry, Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, an independent squadron of cavalry of picked men organized by Governor David Tod, and remained a member of this organization till it was mustered out, Sept. 14, 1865. After about eight months of active service he became disabled and was assigned to detached service as clerk, and served successively from clerk to a military commission at the central guard-house, Washington, and in the Adjutant-General's office till mustered out. He was then appointed to a citizen's clerkship in the Quartermaster-General's office, which he resigned the following November and returned to Mansfield. He taught school at his old home in the winter of 1865-'6, and devoted his leisure time to the study of law. In the spring of 1866 he came to Waterloo, Ind., and obtained employment as clerk and bookkeeper for R. M. & W. C. Lockhart, still continuing his law studies. During the session of 1867 he acted as one of the clerks of the Indiana State Senate, and at the April, 1867, term of De Kalb Circuit Court was admitted to the bar. In September, 1867, a partnership was formed with Hon. James I. Best for the practice of law, but in July, 1868, this partnership was dissolved and he practiced alone till December, 1870, when he formed a partnership with Joseph L. Morlan, the firm being McBride & Morlan. In 1876 William H. Leas was admitted to the firm which was dissolved by the death of Mr. Morlan, Aug. 23, 1878. After Mr. Morlan's death, Mr. McBride practiced alone till November, 1882, when he was elected Judge of the Thirty-fifth Judicial Circuit, composed of Noble, De Kalb and Steuben counties. Judge McBride was for several years Captain of Waterloo Rifles, Company A, Third Regiment, Indiana Legion, and is now Lieutenant-Colonel of the regiment. He was married Sept. 27, 1868, to Miss Ida S., eldest daughter of Dr. J. N. Chamberlain, of Waterloo. They have four children—Daisy I., born Sept. 25, 1869; Charles H., born Nov. 11, 1871; Herbert W., born Oct. 15, 1873, and Martha C., born Feb. 13, 1876.

J. P. McCague, lumber dealer, Waterloo, Ind., is a native of Holmes County, Ohio, born July 12, 1846. His parents, Samuel C. and Eliza J. (Barfoot) McCague, were natives of Pennsylvania, but in early life went to Ohio, where they were married. Of their three children, two were born in Ohio and

one in De Kalb County, Ind. His father died in 1852, and in 1855 his mother married Aaron B. Smith, of Stark County, Ohio, and to them was born one son, Sanford S. The mother died in August, 1880. J. P. McCague was early in life thrown on his own resources, and therefore early learned the lesson of self-reliance. In 1861 he went to Winneshiek County, Iowa, and in July, 1862, enlisted in the Twelfth Iowa Infantry, but was discharged on account of his youth. He subsequently served in the Indian campaign in an independent company, and was present at the capture of 600 Sioux, who were sent to Davenport. While on a skirmish he was captured, and was tied to a guard, but while the guard was sleeping he loosened himself. In so doing he disturbed a dog, which he killed with the guard's knife. By this time the guard awoke and he then killed him and made his escape. He carries the scars of this combat on his hands to this day. He returned to Winneshiek County and attended school till the spring of 1864, when he enlisted in Company F, Forty-sixth Iowa Infantry, Sixteenth Army Corps, and participated in the battles of Tupelo and Guntown; was mustered out in August, 1864. After his discharge he came to De Kalb County where he has since resided. He is one of the most enterprising and influential business men of Waterloo. He is First Lieutenant of Company A, Third Indiana National Rifles (Waterloo Rifles), and is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was married in 1872 to Nancy A., daughter of James Bowman. They have six children—Charles A., Nellie, Eddie, Blanche, Eston and Eugene.

Hon. Charles A. O. McClellan, attorney at law, and President of the First National Bank, Auburn, Ind., was born May 25, 1835, in Ashland, Ashland Co., Ohio. His parents, William and Eliza (Wiggins) McClellan, were natives of New Jersey, his father of Scotch-Irish, and his mother of German descent. In his boyhood and youth Mr. McClellan had but limited educational advantages, only attending the district school in the winter months, assisting his father in his business the rest of the year, until reaching the nineteenth year when, having become a fine penman, he gave instruction in penmanship and pen-drawing for two years. Notwithstanding his meager opportunities he, by extra personal efforts, acquired an excellent English education. In 1856 he came to Indiana, settling in Auburn, De Kalb County, where he was employed as deputy in the County

Auditor's office under M. F. Pierce, serving in that position five years. In early life his inclinations were for the profession of the law, and while in the Auditor's office at Auburn he devoted his leisure time to its study, and at the same time made a complete abstract of the county records. In the spring of 1860 he was appointed one of the two United States Marshals to take the census of De Kalb County. In the fall of 1861 he went to Waterloo and engaged in the real-estate business, although he still pursued his law studies, and in 1862 was admitted to the bar. In January, 1863, he became associated with Judge J. L. Best in the practice of his profession and remained with him till February, 1879, when he accepted the appointment of Judge of the Fortieth Judicial Circuit of Indiana, and filled this responsible position with ability and honor. As a lawyer he occupies a distinguished position among his professional brethren. He has always been a leader in public improvements in De Kalb County, and was one of the original stockholders and a director of the Fort Wayne, Jackson & Saginaw Railroad, and exerted his influence to have it brought through the county, and is now Trustee of the Nickel Plate Railroad. In 1868, in company with Judge Best, he built the Star Mills at Waterloo, at a cost of \$18,000, which were operated only a short time, when they were destroyed by fire without insurance. In 1873 he was one of the incorporators of the De Kalb Bank of Waterloo in which he still retains an interest. He is also a stockholder of the First National Bank of Auburn, and was its Vice-President from 1878 to 1882, and since the latter year has been President of the corporation. He removed from Waterloo to Auburn in 1883. In 1884 he purchased the Snyder Wagon Works and organized the Snyder Wagon Company, the largest manufacturing establishment in the county. Mr. McClellan is a pronounced Democrat in his political views, and was a member of the Democratic State Central Committee of Indiana in 1878. He is a prominent Mason, having taken the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Knights Templar degrees, and has served as Worshipful Master and Eminent Commander. He was married Nov. 10, 1859, to Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel D. Long, one of the pioneers of De Kalb County. They have three children—Jennie L., wife of Don A. Garwood, an Attorney at Waterloo, associated with Mr. McClellan in practice at that place; Charles, a member of Governor Gray's military staff, and a graduate of Michigan

State University, Ann Arbor, and Della. All are graduates of the Waterloo High School, and the eldest, Jennie, is a superior musician, both vocal and instrumental, and graduated from the Musical Conservatory at Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1879.

Abram McEntaffer is one of the earliest settlers of De Kalb County, and has seen this country grow from a wild tract of heavily timbered land to its present state of advanced civilization. He has been an energetic, progressive citizen, and has assisted liberally in both time and money all projects that promise advancement to his adopted county. He came to the county with his parents, John and Catherine McEntaffer, and located in Smithfield Township. At that time there were but four or five white families in the township. Indians and wild animals were the principal inhabitants, and Mr. McEntaffer often visited the Indians and attended their dances in the early days. Our subject was born in Stark County, Ohio, April 20, 1821, and was, therefore, eighteen years of age when he came to Indiana. His education was received in his native county, and after coming to De Kalb County his time was devoted to clearing his farm. He was married July 4, 1842, to Margaret Crawford, a native of Stark County, Ohio. To them were born four children—Susan, wife of Samuel Rodenbaugh; David, now of Ohio; Hannah, wife of Lafayette Miser; Louisa, wife of Oliver Wharton, of Waterloo. Mrs. McEntaffer died in June, 1882. She was a devoted mother, a faithful wife, a kind neighbor and a consistent Christian, a member of the old Lutheran church.

William H. McQuiston, dealer in dry goods, groceries and queensware, Auburn, Ind., is a native of Indiana, born in Allen County, June 28, 1840, a son of John and Eliza (Rodgers) McQuiston, his father a native of Pennsylvania and his mother of West Virginia. His parents moved to Allen County in 1837, and are still residents of Washington Township. He received a good education, completing it at the Francisco Commercial College, Fort Wayne. He was employed as bookkeeper for C. Orr & Co. six years, and in 1871 located in Auburn and began business on his own account. In 1875 he became associated with J. N. Cool in the grocery business, carrying on dry goods and clothing by himself in a separate room. At the end of a year Mr. Cool purchased his interest in grocery stock. In 1878 he formed a partnership with G. C. Ralston, under the firm

name of McQuiston & Ralston. In 1882 Mr. Long bought Mr. Ralston's interest and the firm was changed to McQuiston & Long. Mr. McQuiston bought Mr. Long's interest in April, 1885, and he carries a complete stock of everything in his line and has one of the best stores in Auburn. Mr. McQuiston was married in 1870 to Malvina R. Manurin, daughter of Isaac Manurin, of Fort Wayne. He is a member of De Kalb Lodge, No. 214, F. & A. M. He has been a member of the City Council since 1882.

Christian Monroe Merica, Superintendent of Schools of DeKalb County, is a native of Ohio, born in Champaign County, Feb. 10, 1853. He was the next youngest of fourteen children of Henry and Diana (Bodey) Merica, natives of Rockingham County, Va., of German descent. His father died in 1859, and in the fall of 1864 his mother married David Houser, of this county, and moved here with her family. Young Merica lived with his parents till fourteen years of age, when he hired to his brother William, with whom he remained four years, working upon the farm in the summer and attending the district school in the winter. He then attended the Auburn High School two terms, and in the winter of 1872-'3 he taught his first term of school in District No. 6 (now No. 1) of Butler Township. He subsequently attended school at Auburn two more terms and then taught in the winter, and attended the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso in the summer until the spring of 1876, preparing himself for teaching. From this time until the fall of 1879 he taught school in the winter, and in the summer worked upon the farm and went with a threshing-machine. He was married March 2, 1876, to Minerva Wiant, daughter of J. P. Wiant, Esq., of Butler Township. They have one daughter, Estella, born Dec. 12, 1876. In the fall of 1879 Mr. Merica taught a successful ten-week normal school at Cedar Creek, and again in 1880. At the close of the latter he moved with his family to Valparaiso, and attended the Normal until the following June. He then returned to this county and accepted the Superintendency of the Garrett public schools, which position he held until elected County Superintendent in 1883. As Superintendent, he labored earnestly to establish more uniform and systematic work, to grade the schools, and to elevate the standard of both school and teacher, his work being attended with marked success. In the summer

of 1847, assumed by Mrs. Lelia Jagannay the conduct of an excellent work annual at Auburn, promulgating abstinence studies. He has made a specialty of the science and theory of handwriting, and is conversant with all the new and approved modern methods. In 1863, on suggestion, unanimously elected Superintendent of Schools, which position he still holds.

Peter Miser, the third son of Simon Paul Christian (blacksmith) Shickler, a native of Coshington County, Ohio, born Jan. 10, 1851. His father was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, May 2, 1802, and died Oct. 30, 1887. His mother was born in Pennsylvania, Feb. 3, 1800. She was a semi-slave of Joseph G. Gassner, of this township. In 1858 they came to De Kalb County, Ga., where he bought 150 acres of timber-land for which he paid \$850. He built a log house into which he moved his family, which consisted at that time of six children. They were members of the German Reformed church, and he was one of the elders for over thirty years, and a friend and associate of Rev. J. G. Kissell, the first preacher of the denomination in this part of the State. The mother is still living, aged seventy-two years. She is the mother of ten children, eight of whom are living—John, Peter, Christian, Susannah, wife of Christian Rohm; Mary, wife of Josiah McTiller; Catherine, wife of John Trench; Anna, wife of Albert Fickes; Elizabeth A., wife of George Bowser. Mrs. Miser has forty-six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Peter Miser was fourteen years of age when his parents came to this county. He received a good education in the common schools, remaining with his parents till maturity. He was married in 1857 to Elizabeth Kissell, a native of Ohio, daughter of J. G. and Susannah, natives of Pennsylvania. To them have been born nine children, eight of whom are living—Mary E., wife of Joseph Cochran; Sylvester A., John C., Samuel A., Cassa. A., Henry W., William O. and Susannah C. Edward is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Miser are members of the German Reformed church.

Hon. Egbert Benson Mott was born on his father's farm of Tackett Hill, Dutchess County, N. Y., July 23, 1795, being the third son of his parents. He was of English descent on both sides, but of families who came to America in early colonial days. His father, James Mott, an officer in the New York militia during the Revolutionary war, was fourth in direct descent, bearing the same Christian name, from Captain James Mott, of Mama-

Gen. Egbert B. Holt.

From the life size portrait in the Court House at Auburn.
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Mrs. Egbert B. Holt.

ronck, Westchester Co., N. Y. who was born in Bradstree, County of Essex, England, where the family was an ancient and honorable one. He came to America in 1805-'6 and chose the newly acquired province of New York for a residence, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. Each one of E. B. Mott's ancestors followed the same pursuit, he being the first to deviate from their course. Mr. Mott's mother was Mary, daughter of James Denton, of Newburg, N. Y., a Revolutionary soldier throughout the war, having begun his eight years of service under the Continental Congress, Aug. 22, 1775, as a First Lieutenant in a company of foot. He was fourth in descent from the Rev. Richard Denton, a puritan divine of Halifax, Yorkshire, England, who came to America in 1630 in the ship Arbella with Governor Winthrop and the company who founded Boston. When E. B. Mott was about twelve years old his father died, leaving a family of five sons and three daughters to the care of their mother. After a few years' residence in Saragota County, N. Y., the whole family removed to Lehman, Luzerne Co., Pa., about the year 1824. Mr. Mott was married Dec. 30, 1830, in Abingdon, Luzerne Co., Pa., to Mary, daughter of John Winterbotham, of Ashton, Lancashire, England. She was born Feb. 4, 1806. Her father emigrated to America in the summer of 1811 with his wife and three young daughters, Mary, Sarah and Ann, all of whom are yet living. Mrs. Mott is a sister of Hon. J. H. Winterbotham, of Michigan City, Ind. In 1836 Mr. Mott removed with his wife and two sons from Pennsylvania to Fredericktown, Knox Co., Ohio, where Mrs. Mott's family then resided. After living several years in Knox and Richland counties, Mr. Mott removed in May, 1843, to Kalida, Putnam County. At the tavern in that swamp-environed village he made the acquaintance of Judge Morris, then a young lawyer, who, with his wife and child, had arrived in Kalida the evening before. The acquaintance thus begun grew into a friendship between the two families very strong and as enduring as life. Not finding Kalida a promising place for the practice of their profession, Mr. Mott and Mr. Morris came during the summer in search of a location in Indiana. Mr. Mott removed to Auburn the same autumn, arriving here Oct. 16, but Mr. Morris remained in Kalida until the ensuing year. Mr. Mott was the first lawyer who settled in Auburn. His first property was the place now owned by

A. J. Raiston which he sold in 1845 to Miles Winterbottom. In 1849 he built a house on Cedar street, which was the family residence while he lived. In 1850 he was elected Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the district comprising the counties of De Kalb and Steuben. In politics Judge Mott was first Federalist, then Whig and finally Republican. He had a remarkable memory, excellent judgment, and the utmost firmness of principle. His opinions were formed by careful reading and after mature consideration. Once adopted, however, he held them with tenacity, and could defend them warmly if necessary, although, as his nature was not aggressive, he never altered the opinions of another. Through his whole life he was a faithful servant of God, exemplifying his faith by a life of practical righteousness. No man was ever more inclined by natural grace to exercise charity in word and thought and deed. He died Sept. 30, 1865, after an acute illness of three weeks. Two sons died before him—Reginald Heber, an infant, and Sherburne Edward, who, wounded at Chickamauga, Sept. 20, 1873, died in the hospital at Nashville, May 15, 1864. Judge Mott's wife and three children survived him. Of these, E. B. Mott, a man of unusual ability and remarkable social qualities, died in Sacramento, California, April 4, 1882, deeply lamented by all who knew him. He left a widow and five children. John Greenville lives in Michigan City, Indiana. He married a daughter of Hon. J. H. Winterbotham, and is one of the firm of J. H. Winterbotham & Sons. He has two children. Julia, the only daughter of E. B. Mott, is the wife of Chester P. Hodge. They have three children, and live a mile north of Auburn on Greenhurst farm, a place which gave Judge Mott pleasant occupation during many hours of his later life. Mrs. Mott is still living, having entered her eightieth year, Feb. 1, 1885. She is in full possession of all her mental faculties.

Mrs. Mary Winterbottom Mott, one of the oldest residents of the county seat, as well as one of the oldest inhabitants in point of years, is the subject of our next sketch—Mrs. Mary nee Mahy, Winterbottom Mott, widow of the late Judge E. W. Mott. Mrs. Mott is now in her eightieth year and in full possession of all her faculties, although her physical strength does not admit of her often leaving her house. Her memory is unimpaired, and she relates with evident interest and enjoyment many entertaining reminiscences of her earlier life. A bio-

graphical notice of one whose interests have for over half a century been identified with Auburn, cannot find a more appropriate place than in these pages. Mrs. Mott was born in the village of Mossley, Lancashire, England Feb. 3, 1796, the first of three sisters, children of John Winterbottom, a woolen manufacturer of that place, and his wife, Anna Wrigley. Her father was a man of unblemished reputation, one of those whose word is as good as his bond; reserved and quiet-tempered, a strict disciplinarian with his family and employees, an affectionate husband and kind father, but not an indulgent one. In referring to her father, Mrs. Mott remarked that she believed "there were no indulgent fathers in those days. As a firm hand guided them in youth, so they expected unquestioning obedience from their children when their turn came to govern." Mr. Winterbottom having read of the advantages of Kentucky as a permanent home, determined early in the present century to sell his property in England and remove thither. He accordingly made his arrangements and took passage in the summer of 1811 with his wife and three children and his wife's sister, Miss Rachel Wrigley, on board the ship "Herald," of New Bedford, Captain Price commander, from Liverpool for New York. The voyage lasted eight weeks, as was frequently the case in those times before the use of steam had made the mariner almost independent of winds and waves. At one time during the passage, as Mrs. Mott well remembers, they were stopped by an English man-of-war and their vessel searched for deserters from the army or navy; there happened to be a deserter from the army on board, a certain Jack Buckley from Mr. Winterbottom's native town, but he was so well concealed that his presence was not discovered, and the war-ship sailed away after purchasing some supplies of which the crew were much in need, and getting the latest news from England, having heard nothing for three months. It was this claim of a right to search vessels sailing under the American flag, which afterward led to the war of 1812. After arriving at New York Mr. Winterbottom was induced to forego his plan of settling in Kentucky, and instead decided to enter into partnership with Colonel David Humphreys, Judge John Humphreys and his younger brother, William, for the manufacturing of fine woolen goods, broadcloths, etc., at what is now the village of Seymour, Conn., then called Humphreysville. This was the

first successful attempt to be made by the United States in the China States. Shortly after locating at their new home, Mrs. Mott's mother died, and the following year her father married his sister-in-law.

By this marriage Mr. Winterbottom had several children, of whom the eldest is Hon. John H. Winterbottom, of Michigan City, Ind., for eight years State Senator from La Porte County. As will be noticed, the spelling of the surname has been changed since the family came to America. The Senator and his two sons have been for many years contractors of convict labor at the Northern Indiana State Prison at Michigan City, and also at the Illinois State Prison at Joliet; at both of which places large numbers of convicts are employed. Mr. J. Greenville Mott, Mrs. Mott's youngest son, is also a partner in the business at both places. He married the Senator's youngest daughter, thus connecting the families by a double tie. During her earlier years Mrs. Mott had many advantages, in a literary and social point of view, from her father's business associations with the Humphreys. Colonel Humphreys, the senior member of the firm, had been one of Washington's aides-de-camp during the Revolutionary war, and subsequently the United States Minister to Portugal and Spain, from which latter country he brought the first Merino sheep to America. He was a cultured gentleman of the old school, fond of literature, and the possessor of a considerable collection of books by the best authors, which were at all times at the disposal of Mr. Winterbottom or any of his family. At an early age Mrs. Mott was placed at a school in Derby, near Humphreysville, with her home in the family of Mrs. Edward Blakeslee, the widow of an Episcopal minister of that place, where her schooling was carefully attended to and her social training particularly watched. Under the circumstances it is needless to say her associations were of the very best; her closest friend for several years was Miss Jeanette, daughter of Judge Humphreys, an intimacy only terminated by what seemed such a breaking down in Mrs. Mott's health as prevented her attending school for a long time, but not until she had acquired a thoroughly good English education. In the meantime the family had removed to South Britain, and here she passed the years until she was twenty. At this time the condition of her health suggested a protracted visit to an uncle, Mr. Abram Wrigley, of Luzerne County, Pa.,

where she rapidly improved and not long after began to teach school. At Providence, a few miles from her uncle's residence, while teaching, she first became acquainted with her future husband, to whom she was united in marriage Dec. 30, 1836. A similarity of taste and mental bias made the marriage eminently suitable: Mr. Mott found in his wife one who could sympathize with him in his preference for substantial literature, history, biography, science, etc., as well as in a wholesome liking for such works of standard fiction as had been given to the world fifty or sixty years ago. That was not the age of newspapers, and those who cared for reading made their pursuits a mental discipline as well as a pastime. Three or four years after their marriage Mr. Mott became involved in business troubles, and determined to make a new start. An opportunity offered of going to Cuba to enter the service of a new railway company as surveyor and civil engineer, a position for which he was well qualified, but not deeming the climate desirable for wife and children, he determined to go to Ohio instead.

From there the family, now numbering parents and four children, the second child, Reginald Heber, having died in infancy, removed to Auburn, arriving Oct. 16, 1843. The road from the east into town then came in by Sixth street, where the only bridge crossing Cedar Creek at that time stood. A short distance east of town the teams nearly mired, and Mr. Mott, carrying his youngest in his arms, brought his family on foot to a point whence he could direct them to Mr. Parson's tavern, while he went back to assist in getting the horses out of the mire. To the tavern on the northeast corner of Fourth and Cedar streets the family betook themselves, crossing by a cow-path the corner where Mrs. Mott now lives, and the lot just above on which stands the old residence of the Mott family, built in 1849 and now (1885) occupied as a boarding and lodging house by Mrs. Roether. At that time Auburn was not much of a place, and Mrs. Mott has little difficulty in recalling its main features. Wesley Park lived where Charles Rant now does; John Butt just across the street west. Thomas Freeman had opened a tavern where the Auburn House, which he built, now stands. Mr. Launcelot Ingman lived on the site of Dr. Swartz's residence; Mr. Hague lived in a house which looked old even then, probably from never having been painted. It stood on the corner occupied by John Baxter's residence, and

was built by J. O. P. Sherdell. Samuel Robinson lived on the site of the Sherdell house; Mr. Thompson, at present the public square, east of him, and a little south, was his cabin. Elisha Paine's house was on the corner where James Conover's residence now stands, and Mr. John Garvey lived near his house on Edward Eldridge's lot. Mr. Abington had a log house on the lot where his widow still lives. Mr. Hill lived farther down the street. The old jail, where Jackson was, was west of the public square. In 1812 the court-house was built. It stood for twenty-three years, and was given by Daniel Abington, Sr., to be burned as a bonfire on the night of April 10, 1835, in celebration of the surrender of Richmond. Mr. Mott bought of James Cosper a log cabin and the lots on which now live A. J. Kaiston and James Barclay. The next spring he walked one blustering day to the farm of Robert Worth, eight miles south of town, and back again for currant-slips. Auburn has been greatly benefited both for fruit and flowers to the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Mott. The black Morelo cherries and fragrant flowering currants now so common everywhere in the village sprang from those which they planted thirty-five or more years ago. In 1847 Mr. Mott sold his property to Miles Waterman, intending to go back to Ohio for the benefit of Mrs. Mott's health, but before their arrangements were completed, she began to improve, and he finally bought vacant lots on Sixth and Cedar streets.

After living for two years, on the corner west of James Brainerd's property, in what was afterward known as the Timony House, until its destruction by fire in April, 1865, Mr. Mott removed in November, 1850, to his own house, the first one built in the county by Wallace & Kline, where the family continued to reside for many years, which witnessed only the natural gradual changes which time brings to all. The oldest son, Robert, "always a good boy," as his father said, with flying lips having spent some years in the store of Baldwin & Pride at Lima, Ohio, went to California in 1852. Meanwhile the flowers blossomed, the fruits ripened, the trees grew umbrageous year by year, the old house filled itself with fragrant memories, and changes came. Hence went Sheridan, now a young lawyer, in August, 1862, to battle for his country. April 14, 1863, friends gathered here for the marriage of the only daughter Julia. In July, 1863, the youngest son Grenville, who had been out dur-

ing a three months' term of service in an Ohio regiment, took a final adieu to his childhood's home before sailing for California. Hither came Sheridan home from war, no longer alert, eager, hopeful, but with sealed eyes, mute lips and folded hands. Hence he was borne, May 27, 1864, to be laid to rest, as the sun was setting within sound of the familiar home voices. Here on the evening of April 4, 1865, while the bells were ringing over the capture of Richmond, the first grandchild began her brief life. July 20, 1865, Egbert, the oldest son, married Eleanor, daughter of A. C. Baldwin, of Tiffin, Ohio, and hither he brought his bride, Sept. 23d, summoned home from happy journeying, to soothe his father's last hours, and lighten his mother's heavy burden. Here Judge Mott died Sept. 30, and hence, also, a week later went his grandchild, little Mary, the oldest and the youngest, united again in some one of the Father's many mansions. Here or in the newer nouse adjacent where she now resides, Mrs. Mott has lived during most of the years intervening since the death of Judge Mott, and for the greater part of the time no other member of the family has resided in the county, but two or three years ago her daughter and son-in-law, Professor C. P. Hodge, with their family, removed to this place from Lagrange, and are now living upon the farm just north of town, which Judge Mott bought in 1854 and named "Greenhurst." Mrs. Mott was never a strong woman, physically, and as her years have increased, it is not to be wondered at that her life has become a secluded one. It is very noticeable, however, that she retains her interest in the affairs of the world quite as much as those who are thirty or forty years younger.

A very little conversation with her, especially if the political affairs of foreign countries are referred to, is sufficient to disclose the fact that the land of her birth, the little island across the sea which is the cradle of the Anglo-Saxon race throughout the world, has a larger share in her affections than any other. The Soudan and Afghanistan have at this time more interest for her than anything on this side of the Atlantic Ocean, for at each of those remote points England is face to face with her enemies, and that is enough to dwarf other matters for the present. To quote nearly her own language: "I can hardly find words to express the love and admiration I feel for the land of my birth. My high opinion of her excellence has been formed upon good

and sufficient evidence. My husband and I read much together, and I believe I may say we did not differ much in our conclusions. Such authors as Allison, Hunt, Hallam, Murray, Vattel, Blackstone and Kent, with biographies of Nelson, Washington, Marlborough, 'The Lord Chancellors' and 'Queens of England,' give one an accurate idea of the Nation whose laws and history they elucidate, and furnish me what I deem ample reasons for placing my mother country first among Nations. Some of the venerable lady's reminiscences illustrate forcibly the changes of a lifetime. Imprisonment for debt was common in New England sixty or seventy years ago, and Mrs. May remembers one man of Berkshire County, Mass., who had been in the prison at Lenox for eight years for debt, and who, far as she knows to the contrary, died there. On one occasion when a member of the prisoner's family died, the body was brought to the jail that the unfortunate debtor might have one last look at the beloved features before they were consigned to the grave. It was not necessarily fraud which was punished in this manner, but inability to pay, however honest the intention. Probably in every day affairs the greatest change has been in letter writing and postal service. Envelopes have been invented and come into use within the last fifty years; the custom and comparatively recent times having been to fold the sheet of paper in a peculiar way, seal with a wafer or wax, and write the address upon the back. When the letter was dispatched twenty-five cents was paid at one or the other end of its journey, as the case might be. The postage on periodicals and other printed matter was high and very uncertain. Mr. John Pride, a friend of the family in Ohio, had been taking "Blackwoods Magazine," which, after reading, he usually forwarded to her. In 1845 it ceased to come, and he explains in a letter of that year that he had been paying \$1.25 per year postage on the Magazine, but there had "recently been a change of Postmasters, and with the change of officers new rules and regulations are almost always adopted. So in this case; the Magazine came to the office, and I was told that the former Postmaster had not charged me as much postage as the law required him to do, and instead of accepting the former rate, the present Postmaster considers it his bounden duty to tax me two dollars and eighty cents per year. I at once came to the conclusion that it was an outrageous post-

Lieut. Sheridan E. C. Holt.

Born March 15th 1840.

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"age, and ordered the Magazine discontinued." It is hard to realize the changes in ways of life and manners, which Mrs. Mott's memory can recall, extending as it does over three quarters of a century. Much of the national growth in morals and in social matters, so graphically depicted in McMaster's "History of the American People," has been accomplished within her recollection, and she reviews the past with the conviction that the result, taking it all together, is an improvement mentally, morally and physically. In religious matters Mrs. Mott is an orthodox member of the church of England, into which she was baptized, and of the American Episcopal church with which she is in communion. She is cheerful and bright, taking no gloomy views of old age, but preserving her serenity of mind, enjoying her books, whether novels or more substantial works, with the same zest as formerly, undisturbed by fears of the future. The Bible she reverences as the word of God, and delights in it as the master-piece of English prose, having read it again and again, both in English and French, in which latter tongue she is somewhat proficient. As she comes of a long-lived family we hope and believe she has length of days yet before her.

Lieutenant Sheridan E. Mott.

"Speak with a tender reverence, oh, friends!
Of those old comrades, bravest of the brave;
That silent army on the other side,
Of whom we say: 'They sleep within the grave.'"

In 185 , thirty years ago or more, four little boys were playing together. They were Sheridan Mott, his brother Grenville, with Samuel and Clark Ford. Said Sheridan: "My father says he believes there will be a war before many years, and if I am a man when it begins, I am going." "And so will I," "and I," "and I," echoed the others. Years passed. The lads grew toward manhood. The war came. They all went into it, and three out of the four sleep in soldiers' graves. Clark Ford was killed instantly at the battle of Shiloh. Samuel, wounded again and again, lingered on, suffering for more than twenty years before his spirit was released from its ruined tenement. Lieutenant Sheridan Edward Mott, the subject of the present sketch, and third son of Egbert B. and Mary (Winterbotham) Mott, was born in Belleville, Richland Co., Ohio, on Sunday, March 15, 1840. He was rather a delicate child, though not

sickly, but, in common with most others, suffered much from ague after the removal of his father's family to Auburn. It is still remembered how, one morning, standing before the fire, an ague chill, he turned himself around, exclaiming: "I can get hot, but I cannot get warm." During his boyhood he attended such schools as the village afforded, and developed quite early great fondness for reading, especially for historical studies. Aug. 12, 1857, Sheridan E. Mott began the school year at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pa. His nature was very reserved, and his attachment to home so deep and strong that he suffered greatly from homesickness, but he pursued his studies with great earnestness. A schoolmate writing of him at the time, said: "There are many students who do well, but I never saw another like Sheridan. He is always perfect." "I was marked 100 in all my studies," he wrote at the conclusion of an examination. He returned home in the summer of 1858, and soon entered his father's law office, where he pursued his studies during nearly three years. After passing an examination he was admitted to the bar April 15, 1861, just one month after he attained his majority. July 14, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, Eighty-eighth Regiment, Indiana Volunteers. He was very slight and delicate in appearance, but endured the long marches much better than many who were apparently much stronger. Always ready to assist a comrade, he earned the title of "The double knapsack man," because he so often relieved others of some part of their burden. Surviving soldiers of the Eighty-eighth will remember that when the regiment presented a sword to Colonel Humphreys, Sergeant Mott was chosen to make, and did make, the address. In battle he did not seem to know what fear was, and he fought as if that were the business of his life. He was shot in the battle of Chickamauga, Sunday, Sept. 20, 1863. The ball shattered the neck of the femur. A comrade, M. E. Rathbun, though not wounded, remained beside him until taken prisoner with him. After about a week, during which time he received as kind treatment as was possible under the circumstances, young Mott, with other wounded, was exchanged for wounded prisoners held by the Federal army. He lay in the hospital at Chattanooga, suffering at times in common with other wounded from the intense cold and a lack of proper food, until Jan. 24, 1864, when he was removed to better quarters in Nashville. A

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ford County, Pa., born March 1, 1844, a son of Joseph and Anna (Smith) Ober. He was reared a farmer, remaining at home till after the breaking out of the Rebellion. In the spring of 1864 he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Pennsylvania Infantry. He was captured at Petersburg and taken to Libby prison, thence to Belle Isle and from there to Andersonville, where he remained eight months. Then was taken to Millen, Ga., and a short time later returned to Andersonville. In April, 1865, he was taken to Florida Swamps, and was exchanged the 28th of the month. He was then discharged and returned to his home in Pennsylvania, and in the fall of 1866 came to Indiana and located in Butler, De Kalb County, where he engaged in the lumber business, furnishing ties, bridge tilting, etc., to the Baltimore & Ohio, Grand Rapids, Fort Wayne & Michigan Southern railroad companies. In 1873 he moved to Auburn and bought the interest of Mr. Girardot in the firm known as C. Beugnot & Girardot. This business was established in 1871, and is now doing a good business, having a large trade, being the leading manufactory of the kind in Auburn. He was married March 22, 1871, to Harriet Ditmars, daughter of John A. Ditmars. They have three children, two daughters and one son, viz: Laura E., Archie J. and Nellie M. Mrs. Ober has been a resident of the county for thirty-two years, having moved here with her father from Wayne County, Ohio, when a child five years old. She was educated in the town of Auburn, and taught a number of schools in the county, principally in Butler and Jackson townships.

John F. Otto, dealer in boots and shoes and groceries, Auburn, Ind., is a native of Prussia, born in Erfurt, Dec. 10, 1826. When fourteen years of age he was apprenticed by his parents to learn the trade of a glove maker, serving till he was eighteen. He then worked as a journeyman till nearly twenty-one, when he enlisted in the Prussian artillery service, and assisted in crushing the rebellion in the South German States, and participated in two battles and the siege of the fortified city of Rastadt in 1848 and 1849. In 1851 he was honorably discharged as a non-commissioned officer, and immediately after emigrated to the United States, landing in New York in May. He found employment as a farm hand near Albany, but was defrauded out of his wages, and the following winter was the hardest he ever saw, being in a strange land without money or friends.

His parents came to America in the summer of 1851 and settled in Buffalo, N. Y., but he did not find them till the spring of 1852. He remained with them till the fall of 1853, when they all came to Indiana and located in Fort Wayne, and he was employed in the shops of the Pittsburg & Ft. Wayne Railroad till October, 1861, when he enlisted in the Eleventh Indiana Battery; was mustered into service Dec. 17 and served till Jan. 7, 1865. At the organization of the battery he was commissioned Junior First Lieutenant, and Aug. 12, 1863, at Bridgeport, Tenn., was promoted to First Lieutenant. Nov. 17, 1863, he was placed in command of the Twentieth Ohio Battery, but was relieved Dec. 1 by an order from headquarters to return to Indiana on recruiting service, joining his battery again in the spring of 1864. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Nashville, Murfreesboro, Manchester, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Mission Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, Dalton, Resaca, Kingston, New Hope Church, Burnt Hickory, Kenesaw Mountain (where he was wounded), Chattahoochee River and Atlanta. After his return from the war he located in Auburn, and, in company with Ernest Myers, engaged in the boot and shoe business under the firm name of Myers & Otto. In 1867 Mr. Myers retired from the firm, and Mr. Otto has since carried on the business alone. In 1870 he added a stock of groceries, and now has a large and increasing trade. He was married Jan. 26, 1865, to Mariah C. Reehling, of Fort Wayne. They have six children—Kate, Francis, Lucy, Clara, Lizzie and Alpha Blaine. Mr. and Mrs. Otto are members of the Presbyterian church. He is a member of DeLong Post, No. 67, G. A. R.

George W. Pepple, the eldest son of John and Ann (Baker) Pepple, was born in Perry County, Ohio, Aug. 18, 1840. When he was fourteen years of age, in 1854, his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind. He remained at home till twenty-two years of age, and then began his career as a farmer. He is one of the successful agriculturist of the township, and owns 188 acres of choice land, 120 acres being under cultivation. His stock is of the finest grades, and he is one of the most successful wheat raisers in the county. Mr. Pepple was married in 1872 to Miss Catherine Husselman, the eldest daughter of John and Elizabeth (Dunn) Husselman, one of the first families in this part of the township. To them have been born five children, three sons and two daughters—Jennie, Laura, Jesse, John and Iraay.

John H. Pyle, farmer, section 25, postoffice Auburn, is a native of Wayne County, Ohio, born March 1, 1827, the only son of Michael and Isabel (Dysart) Pyle, natives of Pennsylvania, his father of Westmoreland County, and his mother of Franklin County. In the spring of 1849 they moved to De Kalb County and settled on the farm now owned by our subject, four miles east of Auburn. Their family consisted of four children—Elizabeth, wife of Ezekiel D. Wagar; Margaret D., wife of A. C. Brown, of Kansas; Isabel, deceased, was the wife of Thomas Weidner; and John H. Our subject was reared in his native county, and when sixteen years of age began to work at the cabinet-maker's trade, serving an apprenticeship of four years. He came to De Kalb County with his parents, remaining with them as long as they lived. He has given his attention to the farm since coming to this county, and now has 167 acres of choice land, with a large orchard of assorted fruits, a large brick residence and substantial farm buildings. He was married in 1852 to Jane Moore, daughter of James Moore, one of the early settlers of De Kalb County. She died in 1874, leaving four children—James S., of Crawford County, Kan., married to Hattie E., daughter of S. W. Emery, a farmer and stock-raiser of Kansas; Ella, wife of John Wingard, of Kansas; Mary, wife of Simon Miser; and Frank. In 1875 Mr. Pyle married Mrs. Mary J. Hoffman, widow of William Hoffman, by whom she has three children—William, Ori E., and Jennie.

Joseph Rainier is a native of Ohio, born at North Georgetown, Columbiana County, Oct. 14, 1841, a son of Levi D. and Christina (Goodbroke) Rainier, his father of French, and his mother of German descent. In 1850 his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Newville where he lived with them till fifteen years of age, obtaining a fair education in the public school. He then began to work at the mason's trade which he followed till Aug. 9, 1862, when he enlisted in Company H, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry, to serve three years. He was promoted from the ranks through the various grades to First Lieutenant of his company. He participated in all the battles of his regiment, including Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Resaca, Buzzard's Roost, Kenesaw Mountain and Atlanta. In July, 1864, while on a skirmish line on the Chattahoochee River he was severely wounded by a rifle ball, and did not fully recover while in the service. After a partial

recovery he was detailed on detached service in East Tennessee as Quartermaster and Adjutant in a provisional brigade commanded by Colonel Dillsworth, and served in that capacity till March, 1865, when he resigned his commission on account of disability and returned to Newville. He soon after went to Clinton, Ill., to work at his trade, and while there, Sept. 19, 1865, was married to Malinda, daughter of Thurston and Elinor (Beatty) Cundiff. Soon after his marriage he returned to Indiana and engaged in the livery business till 1874. He then carried on a grocery and provision store till 1876, when he was appointed Postmaster at Auburn, and served till January, 1882. He then became associated with D. C. Headley and opened the City Meat Market which he still carries on. Politically he is a Republican, and in 1880-'81 was associated with C. P. Houser in the publication of the De Kalb County *Republican*, selling his interest to Mr. Houser in December, 1881. Mrs. Rainier died Dec. 17, 1878, leaving four sons—Harry Carlin, Edwin North, Charles Elliott and James Bradford. Sept. 7, 1880, Mr. Rainier married Amanda Cundiff, a sister of his first wife. They have one child—Anna A. Mr. and Mrs. Rainier are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of De Kalb Lodge, No. 214, F. & A. M.

Samuel Woodburn Ralston, retired merchant, Auburn, is a native of Washington County, Pa., born Dec. 12, 1807, the fourth of ten children of Robert and Jane (Woodburn) Ralston. In 1814 his parents removed to Richland County, Ohio, now Ashland County, where he was reared and educated. When sixteen years of age he began to learn the carpenter's trade at which he worked twenty-five years. In the fall of 1842 he moved to Auburn, Ind. In 1846 he was elected Sheriff of De Kalb County, and in 1848 was re-elected. In 1849 he was elected Treasurer, and resigned the office of Sheriff. In 1856 he was again elected Sheriff and served till 1859. In 1862 he embarked in the mercantile business which he continued till 1880, when he retired from active business. He has been an energetic man, and has accumulated a good property. He owns one of the finest residences in Auburn where he is surrounded with all that makes life a pleasure. He was married in 1834 to Eliza J. Brink, of Plymouth, Ohio. To them have been born four children, but three of whom are living—Emily A., Andrew J., and George C. Mr. Ralston is a regular attendant at the Presbyterian church, of which his wife is a member.

Ephraim D. Raub was born in Stark County, Ohio, Sept. 13, 1846, the eleventh of thirteen children of Peter and Sophia (Grim) Raub. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, born near Delaware, York County, Feb. 22, 1801, and his mother of Maryland, born Jan. 18, 1806. They were married in Stark County, April 19, 1825, and remained there till 1854, when they moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on what is known as the Weirich farm, living there till the spring of 1880. The father is now living with a son in Steuben County, and the mother with our subject. Of their family of nine sons and four daughters, five are living. Two of the sons were soldiers in the war of the Rebellion, one, Solomon, dying while in the service. He was a member of the One Hundredth Ohio Infantry, and was taken prisoner at Chickamauga and taken to Belle Island, thence to Richmond where he died Dec. 28, 1863. John B. served three years and returned home uninjured. Ephraim D. Raub was eight years of age when his parents removed to De Kalb County. Here he received the most of his education, completing it at Roanoke Seminary, Huntington County. After leaving school he taught school about three years, and then began the study of medicine with Dr. J. A. Cowan, of Auburn, and took his first course of lectures at Detroit, Mich. He began his practice in the fall of 1874 at Salem Center, Steuben County, and later moved to Wells County where he remained several years. In the winter of 1882 he gave up his practice for a time, and removed to the farm where he has since lived. He was married in 1874 to Margaret E., eldest daughter of John and Jane Davis, of this county. They have four children—Maude E., Jay D., Eda F. and Charles Dudley.

Charles Raut, senior member of the firm Charles Raut & Son, dealers in boots and shoes, Auburn, was born in the northern part of Prussia at Rothmanshagan, July 31, 1837, a son of Charles and Charlotte Raut. In 1854 his parents came to America, and soon after landing in New York City, started for Indiana, arriving in De Kalb County, June 10. They located in Union Township on the present site of the City of Waterloo, where they built a shanty. They afterward bought land two miles from Waterloo, of which they made a farm. Our subject's first work in this country was on the Lake Shore Railroad, then being built. The following October he came to Auburn and worked as

journeyman at the shoemaker's trade, which he had learned in his native country. He was employed by John Rickle seven years, and then worked a time on his father's farm. In the fall of 1861 he returned to Auburn and worked at his trade, and the next spring formed a partnership with his brother Frederick in the boot and shoe business, the firm name being F. & C. Raut. In February, 1865, they sold out their store, and in the latter part of the year opened a harness-making establishment under the same name, selling their business in 1867. He then engaged in farming till 1872, when he again came to Auburn and worked at his trade, and in 1878 formed a partnership with Isaac Hague under the firm name of Hague & Raut. In February, 1884, his son, Clarence H., became the successor of Mr. Hague, and the firm name was changed to Charles Raut & Son. Mr. Raut was married Aug. 27, 1860, to Emeline Hoover, of Waterloo. They have had five children, two of whom are living—Clarence H. and Ulysses S. Three died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Raut are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Robert S. S. Reed is a native of Wayne County, Ohio, born March 12, 1837, a son of Robert and Anna (Fast) Reed, his father a native of Pennsylvania and his mother of Ohio. In the fall of 1853 his parents moved to De Kalb County and his father bought a claim of 120 acres of timber land on section 20, Union Township, which he began to clear and prepare for cultivation. He remained on this farm till 1859 and then moved to Waterloo where he died in August, 1870. His widow survived till 1873. They were the parents of nine children, four sons and five daughters, four of whom are living. Robert remained with his parents till 1860 when he was married to Emily Ditmars, daughter of John A. Ditmars, of Jackson Township. After his marriage he settled on the old homestead of his father, buying the interests of the rest of the heirs. He has improved his farm and has added to it till he now owns 200 acres located on sections 17, 20 and 21. His fine brick residence is on section 20, on the land of his father. His farm buildings are all in good repair. For several seasons Mr. Reed has run a threshing-machine for the accommodation of the neighboring farmers. He has served his township as Appraiser and Deputy Assessor. He was one of the organizers and is now President of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance

Company. To Mr. and Mrs. Reed have been born two sons—Curtiss D. and J. H.

Gilbert Rhodenbaugh was born in Summit County, Ohio, Sept. 24, 1834, the eldest son of Peter and Maria (Young) Rhodenbaugh, natives of Pennsylvania. In the fall of 1835 his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Butler Township where the mother died in 1855. His father is now a resident of Noble County. Our subject was reared and educated in De Kalb County, remaining on the farm till his majority when he took an extended trip through the Western States. On his return to Indiana he engaged in agricultural pursuits. He improved a farm of eighty acres near the town of Garrett, remaining there till 1874 when he moved to Auburn and opened a harness shop, which he carried on two years. His fine two-story residence on Fifth street he bought of D. Z. Hoffman. Mr. Rhodenbaugh was married in 1857 to Mary E. Hallopeten, daughter of Rev. Hallopeten, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. They have two children—Maria C. and James L. Mrs. Rhodenbaugh is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Albert Robbins, cashier of the Farmers' Bank, Auburn, Ind., was born near Amsterdam, Jefferson Co., Ohio, July 8, 1843, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Knox) Robbins. When he was eight years of age his parents moved to De Kalb County, settling in Butler Township three miles southwest of Auburn, where he lived with them till nineteen years of age. He was educated in the district schools of the township and the graded school at Auburn. After leaving home he clerked in Auburn and was in the grocery, dry goods and hardware business till 1878, when he was elected on the Republican ticket, Auditor of De Kalb County. In February, 1883, he, with Jacob Watson, Nicholas Ensley, Guy Plumb and J. C. Henry, organized the Farmers' Bank, and he was elected cashier. Mr. Robbins was married Jan. 5, 1865, to Anna, daughter of Russel Bumpus, of Auburn. They have two children—Albert C. and Edward. Mr. Robbins is a member of Mentor Lodge, No. 591, I. O. O. F., and of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Auburn.

James E. Rose, attorney at law, of Auburn, Ind., was born Dec. 22, 1832, in Mecca, Trumbull Co., Ohio. His father, John Rose, was a native of Maryland, and his mother, Sarah (Coats)

Rose, was a native of New York. The ancestors of both the Rose and the Coats families came from England. On Sept. 2, 1836, John Rose, with his family, consisting of his wife and four sons, of whom James was the youngest, and two daughters, started from their home in Mecca, Ohio, on a journey to a new home in the West, arriving in this county, in what is now Stafford Township, on the 3d day of October, having spent thirty-one days in performing a journey that can now be accomplished in six hours. De Kalb County was then a wilderness, there being but a few "settlers" and not twenty acres of improved land in the county. It was several years before the settlement became large enough to enable the neighborhood to organize a school, and in the meantime James was instructed by his mother and an older brother, improving the evenings in receiving instruction by the light generously reflected by the cabin fire-place. At the age of sixteen he had acquired sufficient education to teach a common school. He taught school during the winter months and worked on his father's farm during the summers until he had reached his twentieth year, when, being desirous of obtaining a better education than the schools of the county afforded, he went to Leoni, Mich., and entered the preparatory department of the Michigan Wesleyan University. After one year spent in that department he entered upon the scientific course in the university proper, and continued in the university until May, 1858, with the exception of a few terms spent in teaching to raise funds to enable him to pay his expenses. In May, 1858, at the close of the junior year, he left the university and married Miss Mary J. Moss, of Leoni, Mich. He then returned to his old home in this county and worked on a farm until October, 1862, when he moved to Auburn and accepted the principalship of the Auburn schools. At the close of the winter term of school he entered the law office of James B. Morrison, Esq., as a student, where he remained until December, 1863, and then removed to Butler, in this county, and formed a partnership for the practice of law with Hon. E. W. Fosdick, devoting his time assiduously to his studies; the business of the firm not being sufficiently large to interfere materially with his study for two years. This partnership continued until the firm of Rose & Fosdick had established a good business, when by mutual agreement the firm dissolved, Mr. Rose continuing in the prac-

tice at Butler until October, 1872, when he removed to Auburn and continued the practice of his profession alone until July, 1873, when he formed a partnership with Hon. E. D. Hartman, which continued under the firm name of Rose & Hartman until July, 1881, when they dissolved the partnership, Mr. Rose continuing in the practice alone. Mr. Rose's wife died Feb. 5, 1872, leaving three children, two sons, Frank E. and James H., and one daughter, Ella J. He was again married during the summer of 1872 to Miss Ellen D. Aldrich, of Butler, who died March 22, 1873, leaving one child, who died soon afterward. He was again married in September, 1873, to Miss Mary F. Nimmons, of Butler. They have three children—May E., Ines P. and Laura A. Mr. Rose has been actively identified with the Republican party since arriving at his majority, contributing liberally of his time and money for its success; not for the personal reward that it may bring him, but in the zealous discharge of a duty. He is a member of the Presbyterian church of Auburn, and is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having attained to the degree of Knight Templar. He is a zealous advocate of temperance and a practical temperance man.

William E. Rush is a native of Royalton, Fairfield Co., Ohio, born Nov. 17, 1814, a son of Jacob and Rachael (Bull) Rush. When he was fifteen years of age his father died, and he was thus early thrown on his own resources. He had obtained a good education in the Lancaster schools. After the death of his father he began to learn the cabinet-maker's trade, working by the month for William Busby, of Royalton, remaining there five years. He then went to Washington, Ky., and a year later to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he remained a year; then returned to Royalton and became associated with his brother in the mercantile business. Four years later his brother retired from the firm, and he continued the business alone three years. In 1843 he built a hotel in Royalton, which he kept a short time. In 1845 he ran a peddler's cart in Fairfield, Franklin, Pickaway, Fayette and Ross counties, Ohio, for Wm. L. Clemment, and then entered his store and clerked for him till 1849, when he came to Indiana and engaged in the grocery business in Auburn with John L. Butt. In 1850 he withdrew from the firm and went to California which proved a disastrous adventure, as he lost all his former accumulations. He then returned to Royalton and was employed by Wm. L. Clemment to take charge of

a store in Greencastle, Ohio. He soon after became associated with Michael Bowman & Jacob Joseph in the mercantile business, the firm name being Bowman, Joseph & Rush. In 1854 he retired from the firm and returned to Auburn. In 1858 he engaged in the furniture business with John Cannon, the firm name being Cannon & Rush. The next year Daniel Altenburg succeeded Mr. Cannon and the name was changed to Rush & Altenburg. About this time he was attacked with sciatic rheumatism and was unable to attend to business for three years. During this time, however, he was appointed Assistant Postmaster at Angola, and was elected Assessor of Union Township, serving two years. In 1862 he obtained employment in the cabinet shop of Christopher Shafer at Auburn, and in the winter of 1864 was appointed Postmaster at Auburn and served eighteen months. In 1868 he became associated with A. Hall in the furniture business. F. Buchanan succeeded Mr. Hall, but the business was closed out in 1870. He then engaged in the manufacture of brackets and picture-frames till October, 1873, when he added the grocery business, and from that time till 1883 was engaged in either the grocery or feed business. In December, 1883, he opened his present confectionery and stationery store where he is doing a good business. He was married Feb. 16, 1843, to Jemima A. Rigby, of Royalton, Ohio. They have seven children. Mr. Rush is a member of De Kalb Lodge, No. 214, F. & A. M. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Thomas J. Saxton, one of the oldest teachers of De Kalb County, is a native of New York, born in Baldwinsville, Onondaga County, Oct. 15, 1837. When he was sixteen years old his parents, Russell and Dorinda (Tappen) Saxton, moved to Lorain County, Ohio, and settled near Oberlin, where he lived with them on a farm most of the time till manhood. He received a good education, attending the Oberlin College and the High School at Fort Wayne, Ind., and in 1859 began teaching. He taught ten terms in Ohio, and twenty-six or more terms in De Kalb County, Ind.; four years of this time in the graded schools of Auburn. In 1873 he was appointed Deputy County Treasurer under N. Ensley and served four years, and has also at different times been employed as deputy in the offices of the Clerk of the Court and Auditor of De Kalb County. In 1876 he was nominated by the Republican party

for County Treasurer, but was defeated by 248 votes. In the spring of 1884 his health became impaired, and he left the school-room and has since been engaged in the insurance business. He was married Dec. 25, 1871, to Ruth, daughter of John U. and Mary Ashleman. They have three children—Erle S., Nora D., and Hugh J. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, of which he is Treasurer. He is also Treasurer and Secretary of the "Twelfth Congressional District Christian Temperance Union," and has for several years past been Secretary of the "De Kalb County Sabbath-School Association." With many disadvantages to overcome and poor health, thus far through life it has been with a great degree of energy and perseverance that much has been accomplished by him in the direction of this world's goods and an education, the latter of which he strove eagerly for, but was not able to accomplish much until after launching out upon the great ocean of life for himself.

Z. W. Shepherd, M. D., is a native of Wayne County, Ohio, born May 17, 1838, a son of Rev. Robert C. and Catharine (Jewell) Shepherd, his father a native of Virginia, born April 28, 1808, and his mother of Pennsylvania, born March 8, 1813. Robert C. Shepherd was by trade a shoemaker, and followed that vocation for sixty years, and fifty years of this time preached on Sunday. He is a self-made and self-educated man, and is well posted on all the public affairs of the country. A strong anti-slavery man, he has helped many a poor negro to escape from the land of bondage across the borders of the United States to Canada. His wife died in 1870. He is still living in Ohio. But three of their seven children are living. Z. W. Shepherd received a fair education in his early life, never attending any institution above the common district school. He also learned the shoemaker's trade, his father thinking every boy should have a trade. When seventeen years of age he commenced teaching school and taught four years, during which time he learned to read and speak the German language fluently, and studied higher mathematics without a teacher. In the summer of 1858 (July 4), when twenty years old, he preached his first sermon in the Disciples church, and since then has preached in different localities, a part of the time being engaged as an evangelist. During his ministerial life he studied and became familiar with Greek and Latin, especially

New Testament Greek. He commenced reading medicine in 1866 with I. J. Whitfield, of Big Rapids, Mich., and in the winter of 1876-'77 graduated from the Hahnemann Medical College, of Chicago, Ill. He commenced the practice of his profession in 1868 in Michigan, and subsequently went to Scranton, Pa., and practiced under the supervision of Dr. A. J. Clark. In the fall of 1873 he located at Quincy, Mich., and practiced till the fall of 1876. In July, 1877, after his graduation, he located in Waterloo, where he has built up a good practice. Dr. Shepherd was married when twenty-two years of age to Mary Ann, daughter of Rev. Stephen H. Heath (a Baptist clergyman) and Catherine (Everett) Heath, of Trumbull County, Ohio. They have four children living. One (the youngest) died in 1882. Mrs. Kate A. Kircher, Principal of the musical department of the American Normal College, Logansport, Ind.; Mellie M., wife of H. L. Hutson, Deputy Clerk of Steuben County, Ind.; Robert P. and William E. Politically Dr. Shepherd is an Independent Republican and Prohibitionist.

George Shoner, tanner, Waterloo, Ind., is a native of Germany, born Sept. 28, 1838, a son of John and Catherine Shoner. When he was thirteen years of age he came to America with acquaintances and located in Defiance, Ohio, where he worked at the cooper's trade two years. When eighteen years of age he began to learn the trade of a tanner, to which he has since devoted the greater part of his attention. In the spring of 1867 he moved to Waterloo, where he now has one of the largest tanneries in the county, doing an annual business of \$15,000. He also superintends his farm of 150 acres in Smithfield Township. He has a pleasant residence and five acres of land adjoining Waterloo. Mr. Shoner was married May 27, 1865, to Adeline Harris, widow of Peter Hermer, who was a member of the Sixty-eighth Ohio Infantry and died at Bolivar, Tenn., of disease contracted in the service. Mr. and Mrs. Shoner have three children—Lillie, Emma and Charles. Mrs. Shoner has one daughter by her former marriage—Mary. In politics Mr. Shoner is a Republican. He is a straightforward business man, and has the confidence of his fellow citizens. He has held several offices of trust in the township. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of Union Lodge, No. 1,436, K. of H.

Philip W. Silver, dealer in lumber, lath, shingles and building material, Auburn, Ind., was born near Dayton, Ohio, May 13, 1834, a son of Joseph C. and Margaret (Mills) Silver, natives of New Jersey. When he was six months old his parents moved to Fort Wayne, Ind., and in 1839 to a farm in Allen County, where he lived till nearly twenty years of age. His first attendance at school was in a rude log house, erected by a few neighbors; but his school days were rare, as he was permitted to go only when his services were not required on the farm. He was an expert hunter and enjoyed the sport, and as their only meat was game, his rifle was often put to use. His father was a large landowner, but money was scarce and he often helped his mother spin and weave flax and wool into cloth for the large family. Before leaving home he had helped his father clear 200 acres of land. He worked by the month three months, saving his wages that he might see something of the world. His first stopping place was Cincinnati. From there, in the fall of 1853, he started down the Ohio River for New Orleans, but it being a sickly season, when he reached Memphis returned to Cincinnati, where he worked the next winter chopping wood, and the next spring started across the country for the South. At a small town in Kentucky he got a job of bridgebuilding on the Licking River Valley Railroad, receiving \$1.50 per day. He worked till the following October, and while in Covington, Ky., where he went to draw his wages, learned of a colony forming to go to Kansas which he joined, but his parents wishing him to visit them before going West, he returned to Indiana and, while visiting a brother in Lima, was persuaded by him to remain and engage with him in blacksmithing. In the spring of 1857 they closed out their business and went to Manhattan, Kan., near where he pre-empted 160 acres of land which he partially improved. In 1860 he and his brother went to the plains on a buffalo hunt, and in about a month had 4,000 pounds of dried buffalo meat, 700 pounds of tallow and a large number of tongues. They returned to Leavenworth, Kas., expecting to dispose of their stock, but found no market and so peddled from house to house till they reached the C. B. & Q. Railroad in Iowa, where they left their team and shipped their meat to Chicago where they sold a part of it at a good price. The rest they shipped to Fort Wayne. April 7, 1861, on the first call for troops, he en-

listed in Company G, Twelfth Indiana Infantry, and was assigned guard duty. After being out two months the regiment became restless and wanted to be sent to the front, but the President refused to allow them to do so unless they re-enlisted for a longer period, and the 15th of June they enlisted for one year. They were then ordered to Baltimore and from there to Harper's Ferry, and were on guard duty on the Potomac River till February, 1862, when they were assigned to General Shields Fourth Brigade, under General Abercrombie, and went to Winchester and from there to Bull Run, and had charge of building the railroad from Washington to Richmond. May 21, 1862, he was discharged, and after his return to Indiana assisted in raising Company C, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry and enlisted as a private, but on its organization was commissioned First Lieutenant and subsequently promoted to Captain. In December, 1863, he resigned on account of poor health and returned home. He participated in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, and all the skirmishes from there to Chattanooga, Chickamauga and Mission Ridge. After his return home he engaged in the lumber business in Sedan, Ind., till April, 1867. Then moved to Bluffton, Ind., where he bought a saw-mill, and in 1876 sold it and moved to Auburn. He was married June 24, 1862, to Angeline, daughter of William Park, of Allen County, Ind. They have four children—Alice, wife of Jefferson Boyles; Maggie B., Desdemona and Ray Charles. Mr. and Mrs. Silver are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of De Kalb Lodge, No. 214, F. & A. M., and De Long Post, No. 67, G. A. R.

A. J. Sinclair, of the firm, Sinclair Brothers, hardware merchants, Waterloo, Ind., was born in Oneida County, N. Y., Sept. 9, 1833, a son of John and Elizabeth Sinclair. He was three years of age when his parents moved to Jonesville, Mich., and there he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the common schools. He was married in Coldwater, Mich., in 1858, to Ellen M., daughter of Emerson Marsh. They have four children—Arthur V., Agnes E., George G. and Harry M. In 1862 Mr. Sinclair moved to Effingham County, Ill., and remained two years. In 1864 he came to Indiana and located in Waterloo, and became established in the hardware business. In 1867 his brother John W. came to Waterloo and bought an interest in the business which they have built up, and are now

numbered among the most enterprising and successful citizens of the city. Mr. Sinclair has held several local offices of trust in the township and has been a member of the City Council. He is a member of Waterloo City Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M.

John W. Sinclair, of the firm, Sinclair Brothers, hardware merchants, Waterloo, Ind., was born in Monroe City, Mich, Sept. 6, 1831, a son of John and Elizabeth Sinclair. John Sinclair, Sr., was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, born in 1810, and when twelve years of age came to the United States and lived for a short time in New York City; then moved to Oncida County, and was there married. In 1830 he moved to Monroe City, Mich. Subsequently he returned to New York, but in 1836 again moved to Michigan and settled in Jonesville; is now living in Hillsdale, Mich. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious faith a Unitarian. His family consisted of four sons and three daughters. John W. Sinclair received a good education, remaining with his parents till twenty years of age, when he went to California and remained sixteen years. In 1867 he returned East and located in Waterloo, and the same fall was married to Florence L. Arnett. To them were born five children, four of whom are living—Abbie E., Robert W., Florence L. and Tannie. Mr. Sinclair is a member of Waterloo City Lodge, No. 307, F. & A. M. In 1868 he was appointed Agent of the United States Express Company, and also for five years was agent for the American. In politics he is a Republican, and is well posted in all county, State and National affairs.

David Sink, son of George and Polly (Linkenfelter) Sink, was born in Mahoning County, Ohio, in July, 1845, and was an infant when his parents moved to De Kalb County. In this county he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the schools of Union Township. He was early inured to the duties of farm-life, and since the death of his father has had charge of the homestead. He is an industrious, frugal young man, and a worthy successor of a worthy father. His ability has been manifest in the management of the estate and care of the younger children. He was married in 1870 to Louisa M. Wherly, daughter of Randolph and Mary Wherly, of De Kalb County. To them have been born three children—Tillie S., Ada E. and Adolphus H. Mr. and Mrs. Sink are members of the German Reformed church.

George Sink, deceased, was a native of Hesse, Germany, born

in 1800. He remained in his native country till after his marriage, coming to the United States with his wife and three children. He settled in Columbiana County, Ohio, where his wife died, leaving four children, one of whom was killed in one of the old-fashioned tread-mills. In 1844 Mr. Sink married Polly Linkenfelter, and in 1846 they moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on the farm now owned by Mrs. Sink. It contains sixty acres of choice land in a high state of cultivation. Here Mr. Sink lived till his death, of heart disease, in October, 1868. To his second marriage were born six children—David and Solomon (twins), Henry, Samuel, Elizabeth, wife of Dr. Fagton, of Waterloo, and Sophia, wife of Benjamin Fagton, brother of the doctor. Mr. Sink was an energetic, enterprising citizen, and was influential in the advancement of many interests of public benefit, both to the town and county.

Archibald T. Smith, of the firm A. T. Smith & Co., agricultural implements, Waterloo, Ind., was born in Medina County, Ohio, May 3, 1836, a son of Archibald and Mary (Thompson) Smith, his father a native of Teregles, Scotland, born Dec. 27, 1788, and his mother of Cumberland County, England, born Oct. 29, 1794. The parents were married in Liverpool, Aug. 11, 1818, and immediately started for America, and were ten weeks crossing the ocean. They lived in New York a short time and then moved to Stark and Medina counties, Ohio, and there followed agricultural pursuits till 1841, when they removed to De Kalb County, Ind. The father died April 27, 1861, aged seventy-two years, and the mother Dec. 4, 1876, aged eighty-two years. Eight of their ten children lived till maturity. A. T. Smith remained on the farm with his parents till manhood, receiving a good common-school education. In 1880 he was married to Bena Boyer, and to them has been born one son—Lisle Archibald. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Presbyterian church. In November, 1845, a cyclone passed over Franklin Township, De Kalb County, and damaged considerable property. Mr. Smith, Sr., had just erected a frame house, and the carpenters were at work inside. Archibald and two sisters started for the new house for shavings, and the black clouds and wind frightened them. As soon as they opened the door in the back of the building, the men who were at work saw what was coming and jumped through a trap-door into the cellar. One of them was caught by something in the

wall, but was uninjured. In a second's time the front part of the house was torn to atoms, and at the same time the timbers and joice came down with a rush and struck his sister Agnes, crushing her head and killing her instantly. The other sister and Archibald escaped with a few bruises.

David T. Smith, the fourth of twelve children of David H. and Margaret Treas Smith, was born in Indiana County, Pa. April 5, 1837. His parents were married Dec. 27, 1832, and in 1848 moved with their family to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Butler Township, where the mother died July 10, 1868, and the father July 2, 1870. David H. Smith was a well known and much respected citizen of the county, and was influential in advancing many of its public interests. Of a family of twelve children eight are living, all, save two, in De Kalb County. David T. Smith received the greater part of his education in Butler, completing it at the seminary. He remained on the old homestead till manhood, a part of which he once owned. In 1864 he went to Idaho, but remained only a few months. Returning to De Kalb County he worked at the carpenter's trade till 1877, when he settled on his farm and has since given his attention to agriculture and stock-raising. He owns eighty acres of good land a mile east of Auburn, which is well improved and on which is a good residence and farm buildings. He was married May 4, 1875, to Julia A. Plum, daughter of Jeremiah Plum, ex-Sheriff of De Kalb County. They have one son—Marion. One son died in infancy. Mr. Smith is an active politician of the old Jeffersonian school, although he never seeks nor desires office for himself.

William Snyder, one of the leading blacksmiths of Auburn, Ind., was born in Morrow County, Ohio, June 17, 1841, the eldest son of John and Mary (Helt) Snyder; the former a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter of Germany. They were early settlers of Morrow County, and in 1841 moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and a year later to Allen County where the father died in 1849, and the mother still lives. Their family consisted of eleven children, six sons and five daughters, ten of whom are living, one son having died in the defense of his country. William Snyder was reared in Allen County and when seventeen years of age came to De Kalb County and learned the trade of a blacksmith. After the breaking out of the Rebellion he enlisted in Company E, Eighty-eighth Indiana

Infantry, and served three years, participating in eleven active engagements, the more important being Perryville, Stone River and Chickamauga. He was discharged June, 1865, and returned to Allen County where he remained till Feb. 8, 1866; then he was married, and moved to De Kalb County and lived four years at Spencerville. In 1873 he removed to Auburn where he has since lived and has built up a large trade. He is a skillful workman and does a general business in repairing. His shop is located on Eighth street and is convenient to the business center of the town. He has a pleasant residence and a good farm of forty acres of choice land in De Kalb County, Ind. His property he has earned by industry and frugality, his father dying when he was but eight years of age. He was married Feb. 4, 1866, to Elizabeth Garland, a native of Zanesville, Ohio, born May 20, 1847; and to them have been born five children—Edward, born Nov. 14, 1866, and died July 12, 1873; James, born July 19, 1868; Maggy, born June 21, 1870; Lilly, born May 20, 1874; Sarah, born Feb. 10, 1876.

Jacob Somers is the eldest son of John and Elizabeth Somers, natives of Chester County, Pa. In 1830 they emigrated to Shelby County, Ohio, and in 1841 to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on the farm now owned by our subject, entering a tract of 200 acres. The father died July 5, 1873, and the mother July 19, 1877. They had a family of eight children, seven of whom are living. Jacob Somers received but limited educational advantages, his services being required on the farm. After the death of his parents he bought the homestead of the heirs, and to it has added till he now owns 185 acres in the home farm and 244 acres in another tract. He has made his property by his own industry, starting out in life with no means and receiving very little assistance.

John M. Somers, attorney at law, of the firm Somers & Roby, Waterloo, is a native of Steuben County, Ind., born Dec. 13, 1851, a son of John Y. and Betty (Pearson) Somers. His father was a native of New Hampshire, and in 1845 settled in Steuben County where he died in 1854. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was wounded at New Orleans. The mother is living in Steuben County. After his father's death John M. lived with his guardian, Dennis Hamlin. When eleven years of age he entered the office of the *Waterloo City Press*, and with the exception of teaching two terms of school in Illinois,

remained there till twenty-three years of age. While in the office he began the study of law. He had access to Judge McBride's library and devoted his evenings to reading. He afterward was in the office of James I. Best, one of the Supreme Court Commissioners and one of the leading attorneys of the State, two years, and while there was admitted to the bar. June 4, 1880, he commenced practice in Waterloo. Nov. 15, 1882, he formed his present partnership. He is a close student, and has been a successful practitioner, and promises to be one of the brightest lights of the profession. He is the City Attorney of Waterloo, and has held the office of Town Clerk. March 2, 1880, he was married to Laura N. Chamberlain, a daughter of J. N. Chamberlain, M. D. She died Aug. 27, 1884. Mr. Somers is a member of Waterloo Lodge, No. 221, I. O. O. F., and is Noble Grand of his lodge.

Joseph Stafford was born near Hayesville, Richland Co., Ohio, Oct. 2, 1843, a son of John and Maria (Enos) Stafford. When two years old his parents moved to a farm in Highland County, Ohio, and in 1849 to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Jackson Township. His father died in 1855, and in 1856 he began working for farmers by the month. Aug. 9, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company D, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry, and in December, 1863, was promoted to Corporal. He served till June 15, 1865, when he was discharged at Indianapolis. He participated in the battles of Perryville, Crab Orchard, Stone River, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Ringgold, White Oak Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Pumpkin Vine Creek, Dalton, Peach Tree Creek, siege of Atlanta, Sherman's march to the sea, siege of Savannah and Bentonville. While at Goldsboro, N. C., March, 1865, he was taken with smallpox, and was in the hospital six weeks, joining his regiment near Alexandria. He was present at the grand review of the army at Washington in May, 1865. During the year 1866 he worked on the old homestead, and in the spring of 1867 began to work at the mason's trade at Kendallville. The following August he came to Auburn, where he has since followed the trade. He was married Dec. 25, 1874, to Alice, daughter of George Ensley, of Auburn. They have two children—Flora May and Clara Edith. Mr. Stafford is a member of Mentor Lodge, No. 591, I. O. O. F., and DeLong Post, No. 67, G. A. R. In 1879 he was elected Marshal of Auburn, but resigned after holding the office a short time.

John C. St. Clair was born in Union County, Pa., March 3, 1823, the eldest son of Samuel and Susannah (Cline) St. Clair. He remained in his native county till maturity, learning in his youth the trade of a carpenter. In 1850 he came to De Kalb County a single man and worked at his trade two years. In 1852 he was married to Caroline McEntarffer, daughter of George and Catherine McEntarffer, early settlers of this county. After his marriage he settled on a farm near Waterloo, where he cleared and improved sixty acres of land. He lived on that farm till 1862, and then sold it and bought a tract of 160 acres of heavily timbered land on section 15, Union Township. To this he has added till he now owns 380 acres of valuable land. Cedar Creek flows across the farm, thus affording good water for his stock. His residence, which was built in 1874, is a large two story brick, situated on a knoll and commands a fine view of the surrounding country. His barn and other farm buildings are commodious and comfortable. Mr. St. Clair commenced life for himself a poor young man, but by industry and frugality he has accumulated a competency. He has a family of five children—Catherine, wife of H. P. Stroh; A. M.; J. H.; Susan, wife of Charles H. Pomort; and George W. In politics he is a Democrat. He has filled the offices of Assessor and has been three times elected Trustee of Union Township, and in 1876 was elected Sheriff of the county, serving two years.

Captain Almon R. Stevens, merchant tailor, Waterloo, Ind., was born in Brookfield, Fairfield Co., Conn., April 8, 1830, a son of Amos and Flora (Warner) Stevens, natives of Connecticut. His paternal grandfather was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. His maternal grandfather, Benj. R. Warner, held a commission in the war of 1812. His father was by trade a carriage maker. He died in 1874. The mother died in 1878. Their family consisted of one son and two daughters. Our subject learned the tailor's trade in his youth. In 1850 he went to Troy, N. Y., and worked there and in other towns as a journeyman till after the breaking out of the Rebellion, at that time living in Utica, N. Y. In the spring of 1862 he raised a company of volunteers and was commissioned Captain of Company H, One Hundred and Seventeenth New York Infantry. They were stationed near Washington till April, 1863, when they were sent to Norfolk, thence to Suffolk to meet Longstreet, and participated in several skirmishes; were then

ordered to Folley and Morris Islands under General Gilmore, and participated in the capture of Fort Wagner. The command was then ordered North, and arrived in time to engage in the battle of Cold Harbor, where their loss was heavy. They were also in front of Petersburg, and when on the first advance Captain Stevens was wounded in the right arm, the ball burying itself in the bone. He was sent to the hospital at Fort Monroe, a three day's journey, and the fatigue and discomfort of the journey nearly cost him his life. As soon as he recovered sufficiently to travel he was sent to Utica, N. Y., and thence to the Officers Convalescent Hospital, Annapolis, Md. While there he received a letter from Roscoe Conklin, requesting him to come immediately to Washington, but replied that there was an order prohibiting officers from coming to Washington without an order from the Secretary of War. He soon after received a telegram from Dana to report in Washington at once, and another from Conklin that it was all right. He was appointed one of the Election Commissioners and was sent to the armies of the James and Potomac and to North Carolina where troops from his own county were stationed, and in November returned home to vote, taking his documents with him. Soon after he was ordered back to Fort Monroe, where he again had his arm examined, thinking the bone had become diseased. In the meantime he received permission to visit his company on the James, and soon after was appointed by General Curtis, Inspector General of the First Brigade, Tenth Army Corps, and served as such until the winter of 1863-'64 when his brigade was sent to Fort Fisher. While on the second expedition and soon after the Fort was taken, he was (though the youngest Inspector in the Division) promoted to Inspector General of the First Division, Tenth Army Corps, which position he held till mustered out of service at the close of the war, when he again commenced working at his trade. In July, 1869, he removed to Waterloo, Ind., and became established in the tailoring business, and has built up a prosperous business and is considered one of the best tailors in the county.

Henry P. Stroh, son of William and Sarah (Husselman) Stroh, was born on the old homestead in Union Township, May 9, 1849. He was reared on the farm, reciving a common-school education, completing it at the Northwestern College,

Plainfield, Ill. After leaving school he assisted his father on the farm one season, and then was employed as brakeman on the Toledo, Wabash & Western Railroad four months. He was then transferred to the Lafayette, Muncie & Bloomington Road and ran a construction train nine months, when he returned to the Wabash Road and remained till the following summer. Typhoid fever then claimed him as its victim, and for several weeks he was unable to work. After his recovery he went to Texas and thence to Montana. He subsequently returned to Indiana, and April 12, 1883, was married to Catherine St. Clair, daughter of John and Catherine St. Clair. After his marriage he settled on a farm of forty acres in Union Township, where he has a pleasant home and is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, making a specialty of Norman and Clydesdale horses.

William Stroh, one of the early settlers of Union Township, was born in Dauphin County, Pa., Jan. 22, 1815, the third son of Henry and Catherine (Ulrich) Stroh, natives of Pennsylvania. His parents were early settlers in Wayne County, Ohio, where he was reared and educated. In 1843 he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and bought 160 acres of timber land, but little of which had been cleared. Two years later his parents followed him to the county and made his house their home the remainder of their lives. His father died in 1846, and his mother in January, 1874, aged eighty-six years. Their family consisted of eight children, four of whom are living. William Stroh came to this county a poor man, but by perseverance outlived all his difficulties and came off conqueror. At one time he had but three cents in money, but soon after collected \$100 from a man in Ohio, and that was the beginning of better times. He has been a successful stock-raiser, having some of the finest grades in the county. He has been a prominent man in the county, and has held several positions of trust and responsibility, among others those of Supervisor and School Trustee. He was married in Ohio to Sarah Husselman. To them were born nine children, six of whom are living—Adam, Catherine, Henry, Emeline (wife of William Maxwell), Mary (wife of Alvin St. Clair), and Fanny. Mrs. Stroh died in 1860, and in 1868 Mr. Stroh married Mary A. Roby, widow of Daniel Roby, by whom she has four children—Joel, Andrew, Salome, wife of Carl Rish, and Amos. The

latter is a minister in the Evangelical church, stationed at Rochester, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Stroh are members of the Evangelical church, of which he has been Class-leader fifteen years.

Solomon Stough, M. D., the oldest practicing physician of De Kalb County, is a native of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, born Feb. 14, 1820, a son of Dr. Samuel and Susan (Kinsley) Stough, his father a native of Virginia and his mother of Pennsylvania. Rev. John Stough, his grandfather, was the first Lutheran minister to cross the Allegheny Mountains. His father, now a resident of Kansas, in the ninety-sixth year of his age, was a practicing physician over sixty years. He is a graduate of the old Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and was one of the most prominent and able physicians of his day. He was twice married. His first wife, the mother of our subject, died in 1836. She was a true Christian, an affectionate wife, loving and devoted mother, and was universally loved by all who knew her. She was the mother of eight children. The second wife, Elizabeth Colepenny, died in 1845. Five of her seven children are living. Our subject in his early life attended Kenyon College. He early began the study of medicine in his father's office, and in 1843-'44 attended lectures at Rush Medical College, Chicago. He was subsequently appointed Censor at Fort Wayne Medical College, from which he graduated in 1847. The Doctor has been in active practice over fifty years, and has won the reputation he now has by close study and hard work. The opinion of no physician is respected more highly than his, and many of the younger practitioners consult with him when they are called to any difficult or complicated case. The medical fraternity as well as those whom he has treated have the utmost confidence in his judgment, and it will be difficult to fill his place in many of the hearts and homes of De Kalb County. Dr. Stough left Ohio in 1845 and came on horseback to Indiana. His first night in the county was spent with Judge Parker, and in the morning when it was proposed to divide the expense, the Doctor gave Mr. Parker 6¼ cents, all the money he had. The country was then a vast wilderness. The people were poor, the greater part of their money being from the sales of corn and deer skins. Roads were few, and the few were rough and seldom traveled, and the doctor of the pioneer period was

forced to undergo hardships and privations unknown to the young practitioners of to-day. Dr. Stough is a member of the De Kalb and Steuben County Medical Society. He was married Aug. 26, 1846, to Elizabeth, daughter of Hugh Wood, of New York. Of their six children five are living—Martha, wife of Silas St. Clair, of Chicago, Ill.; Morgiana, wife of Thomas Ward, of Birmingham, Mich.; Alphonso, a commission merchant of Chicago; Belle, wife of S. H. Schmuck, of Cleveland, Ohio; J. H., a physician of Louisburg, Kan. Mrs. Stough died Jan. 22, 1862, and Dr. Stough subsequently married Elizabeth S. Corkner. They have three children—Ernest S., Edith May and Solomon. Politically Dr. Stough affiliates with the Republican party.

David J. Swarts, M. D., was born near Jeromeville, Ashland Co., Ohio, June 30, 1832, a son of David and Catherine (Smith) Swarts. He remained on the farm with his parents till nineteen years of age, when he was sent by them to Vermillion Academy, Hayesville, Ohio, and remained there two and a half years. In 1856 he began the study of medicine with Drs. Robinson & Firestone, of Wooster, Ohio, remaining with them till the fall of 1858, when he entered the Ohio Medical College, at Cincinnati, from which he graduated in March, 1860. He located at Reedsburg, Ohio, but in November, 1860, removed to Auburn, Ind., where he has built up a large and lucrative practice. In June, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company A, One Hundredth Indiana Infantry, and at the organization of the company was commissioned First Lieutenant. The following October he resigned his commission and was commissioned Assistant Surgeon of the regiment, and served till mustered out in June, 1865. He participated in most of the battles of the Fifteenth Army Corps, under General John A. Logan, including Pigeon Roost, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, siege of Atlanta, siege of Vicksburg, Mission Ridge, Black River, siege of Jackson, Lovejoy Station, Bentonville and many others. In 1862, before his enlistment, while associated with Dr. J. N. Chamberlain, was with him employed as one of the county physicians. In 1880 he was again appointed, and is still serving in that capacity. He is also the present Secretary of the County Board of Health. Dr. Swarts was married Aug. 28, 1862, to Vesta M., daughter of Rev. Stephen B. Ward, of Auburn. She was born in Lorain County, Ohio, April 26, 1841, and came with her parents to De

Kalb County in 1842. She received her early education in Auburn, completing it at Northeastern Indiana Academy, Orland, Steuben County, in 1858, and from that time till her marriage was identified with the teachers of De Kalb County, and for some time was Superintendent of the Auburn schools. In 1863 and 1864 she was connected with the general hospitals at Louisville, Ky. In 1878 she began the study of medicine with her husband, and in August, 1880, upon examination she was admitted to the junior class of the medical department of the University of Michigan, and attended and completed that course for the session of 1880-'81, and March 1, 1882, graduated from the Fort Wayne College of Medicine. Since then she has been engaged in practice with her husband. They have two sons—Harris J., born Aug. 24, 1866; Williard Ward, born July 14, 1872.

William Swartz, one of the pioneers of De Kalb County, was born in Sugar Creek Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, March 11, 1830, a son of David and Catherine (Ishler) Swartz. His parents emigrated from Lebanon County, Pa., in an early day, and crossing the Allegheny Mountains with teams, located in Wayne County, Ohio, where they lived till 1848, when they moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and located on sections 9 and 10, Union Township, and made a fine farm out of a tract of heavily timbered land where they lived the rest of their lives. The mother died in 1865 and the father in 1866. They were members of the United Brethren church, and were loved and esteemed by all who knew them. William Swartz was eighteen years of age when his parents moved to De Kalb County, and from that time till his marriage assisted his father in clearing his frontier farm. Although he commenced life with limited means, he has been successful, and now has eighty acres of fine land, valued at \$75 an acre. Mr. Swartz was married in Stark County, Ohio, in 1853, to Elizabeth, daughter of William and Rebecca Welch. Her father was drowned in Lake Erie, when she was two years old. Mr. and Mrs. Swartz have had ten children, seven of whom are living—Adeline, wife of Josiah Kosht; Angelia, Isora, Tarring, Lulu Bell, Melvin and Jennie. In politics Mr. Swartz affiliates with the Democratic party.

E. H. Taylor, one of the most prominent men of Union Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, Dec. 19, 1818. His father, John Taylor, was a native of England, and came to America

with his parents when a child, and was reared and educated in Somerset County, Pa. He married Margaret Shaffer, of German descent, and soon after moved to Stark County, Ohio, where he worked at his trade (carpenter), and opened a farm in the new country. He subsequently sold his farm in Stark County, with the intention of moving West, but, not liking the country, bought land in Summit County, Ohio, where he lived ten years, and in 1847 moved to De Kalb County, Ind. He was a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal church, and a man whose opinion was always valued on matters of interest to the public. He was a Justice of the Peace twenty consecutive years, and his advice was always to have "peace" with as little strife as possible. The wife of his youth died in Stark County, Ohio, in 1833. They had a family of ten children, nine of whom are living. In 1835 Mr. Taylor married Elizabeth Stokely, widow of Joseph Stokely. She had a family of three children. Mr. Taylor died in 1870, and Mrs. Taylor in 1861. The subject of our sketch was reared on a pioneer farm and received his education in the primitive log-cabin school-house. As soon as old enough his services were required on the farm, and he was able to attend school only at intervals. In the spring of 1847 he left Ohio and started with teams for De Kalb County, Ind. There were no bridges, and the mud made the roads almost impassable the greater part of the way. He bought eighty acres of heavily timbered land in Franklin Township, and after getting it to a state of cultivation bought 192 acres more, making one of the best farms in the township. He followed agricultural pursuits, and also dealt extensively in stock, selling to the Government from the time of the war till 1877. In 1870 he built a residence in Waterloo, and is now living a quiet life, enjoying the fruits of his many years of hard labor. In politics Mr. Taylor was first an old-line Whig and subsequently a member of the Republican party. He has held several local offices of trust, such as Assessor, Collector, etc., and in the fall of 1858 was nominated County Treasurer, but was defeated by sixty-nine votes, his opponent being a Republican, running on an Independent ticket. In 1859 he was nominated County Clerk, but was defeated by only four votes. In 1874 he was nominated by the Republican party as Representative to the Legislature and was elected by four votes, but was defeated by fraud of one of the Board. Mr. Taylor was married in the spring of

1843 to Elizabeth Smith, a native of Akron, Ohio. They had a family of six children, but two of whom are living—Frances, wife of James A. Matson, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Florence E., wife of Jasper Waterman, of Waterloo. Mrs. Taylor died Feb. 2, 1882. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a most estimable woman.

John Thomas was born in Brown Township, Columbiana Co., Ohio, Nov. 4, 1806. Of a family of eight children, comprising five sons and three daughters, he was the third from the eldest. His father died when he was but sixteen years old, and consequently it became his duty to take charge of the family, which he did for a number of years. In 1832 he became acquainted with Miss Anna Hoover, to whom he was married November 4, 1832, she being the fourth daughter of the late Judge John Hoover, of Stark County, Ohio. From Stark County he and his estimable wife moved to Carroll County, where they resided till September, 1843, when they made their final removal, to De Kalb County, Ind., arriving here the 3d of October. The country then was nearly an unbroken forest, but with hard labor and a firm determination, large fields were put under cultivation from which ample harvests were gathered. They lived together in peace and harmony till 1861, when his amiable partner was called away to the immortalities of the spirit world from which no traveler returns. Dec. 13, 1863, he was married to Mrs. Rebecca Fisher, the second daughter of John Hoover, living with her till his death, Feb. 28, 1883, aged seventy-six years, three months and twenty-four days. He left a widow and six children. He was a kind father and a provident husband. Never at variance, but always at peace with his neighbors, his enemies were few, but his friends were many. In his early years he belonged to the Baptist church, but later joined the Dunkard church. The funeral services were held in Auburn in the Baptist church, and were conducted by Rev. Barden and Elder Ward.

"Time did not pause in its onward flight,
Welcome the day or welcome the night.
Take the eye's vision, as well as its hue,
Wrinkles for dimples more plentifully strew.
Take from the cheek the last of its bloom,
Only the faded belong to the tomb.
Withered and sere like the autumn leaf,
Ripe, full of grain, like the harvest sheaf.

Lord, I'm gathered safe into the fold,
Welcome be silver instead of gold."

Thomas H. Tomlinson, Auditor of De Kalb County, Ind., is a native of Ireland, and was born at Arklow, Wicklow County, Sept. 14, 1837, a son of James and Mary Tomlinson. Before he was three years of age his father died, and thus at a very early age he was obliged to battle with the world. When he was ten years of age, in 1847, he came with his mother to the United States and settled in Wilmington Township, De Kalb Co., Ind., near the present site of Butler. When a mere boy he worked out as a day laborer, and thus maintained and educated himself. In 1862, at Butler, he enlisted in the Union army as a private in Company A, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry, and served till the close of the war. He was mustered out in 1865. After his return home he taught school during the winter and worked as a farm hand the rest of the year. In November, 1882, he was elected, on the Democratic ticket, Auditor of De Kalb County for a term of four years. He is well qualified for the position, and makes an efficient officer. In the spring of 1866 Mr. Tomlinson was married to Mary E. Freman, who died in September, 1877, leaving three children—Martha I., Laura A. and George. In November, 1879, he was married to Mary Teutsch. They have one daughter—Dette Leola.

Eugene Trout, of the firm Long & Trout, liverymen, Auburn, was born in Union Township, De Kalb County, Ind., Sept. 16, 1858. He was the adopted son of George W. Trout, deceased, a pioneer of De Kalb County, and one of the first business men of Waterloo. He was reared and educated in Waterloo. He engaged in the livery business two years before coming to Auburn in 1882, and here was employed two years to superintend Casebeer & Matheny's livery stable. He then clerked a few months, and in September, 1884, formed a partnership with Edgar E. Long in the livery business. Mr. Trout was married May 12, 1881, to Frankie Buss, daughter of William Buss, of Smithfield Township. They have two children—George W., aged three years, and Cyrus B., aged one year. He is a member of the Knights of Honor.

Jay F. Van Auken, Surveyor of De Kalb County, Ind., was born at Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Feb. 8, 1852. He came to Indiana with his parents, Jacob and Nancy Van Auken, in the autumn

of 1860, they settling near Pleasant Lake, Steuben County. When he was eighteen years of age he came to De Kalb County and taught in the district schools. He obtained a scientific education by attending the Union High School at Angola, and the Wesleyan College at Hillsdale, Mich., defraying his expenses by teaching. In December, 1873, he was appointed by the Commissioners of De Kalb County, Surveyor, to fill a vacancy, and in 1874 was elected on the Democratic ticket to the same office, and re-elected in 1876 and 1878. In 1880 he was the nominee of the Democratic party for Sheriff of De Kalb County, but being so young, and running against an older and very popular man was defeated by a majority of ninety-six votes. In 1882 he was again nominated Surveyor and was elected by a majority of 451, and re-elected in 1884 by about the same majority. In May, 1873, Mr. Van Auken was married to Maggie Williams, of Auburn. They have had six children, but five are living—Ray, Roy, Maud, Frank B. and Jay J., Jr. A daughter, May, died May 1, 1880. Mr. Van Auken is a prominent Mason, and is a member of De Kalb Lodge, No. 214, William Hacker Chapter, No. 63, Angola Council, No. 27, and Apollo Commandery, No. 19, at Kendallville. He has been Master of his lodge, was twice elected High Priest of his chapter, and has filled the office of Warder in his commandery.

J. C. Veley, manufacturer and dealer in lumber, Auburn, Ind., was born near Butler, De Kalb Co., Ind., Feb. 27, 1840, a son of Aaron and Eleanor (Nelson) Veley, the former a native of New York and the latter of Ohio. His mother came to Indiana in 1835 and his father in 1836, and here they were married and settled on a farm. J. C. remained on the farm with his parents till twenty-one years of age, when he became engaged in riving staves in Butler, having in his employ a large number of men. He carried on this business till 1874, when he came to Auburn and purchased a saw-mill and has since manufactured both hard and soft wood lumber, shipping it to home and foreign markets. July 26, 1864, he was married to Nancy J., daughter of Rev. John McCurdy, an old settler of Butler. They have one daughter—Meta. Mr. and Mrs. Veley are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a de-mitted member of Forest Lodge, No. 229, F. & A. M.

Jacob Walborn is the eldest son of Jacob and Mary (Apple) Walborn, natives of Pennsylvania, who removed in early life

to Ohio, and in the spring of 1864 to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Keyser Township, where the father died Dec. 4, 1868, and the mother still lives. Of a family of thirteen children, all lived till maturity and nine are still living. When twenty years of age our subject began to learn the carpenter's trade, at which he worked about twenty years. He came with his parents to De Kalb County and located in Auburn, where he engaged in contracting and building, putting up some of the finest stores and dwellings in the place. He has a farm in Keyser Township, to which he has given considerable attention. On the retirement of George Hazard as President of the First National Bank of Auburn, he was elected to fill the vacancy and served two years, bringing the bank from its precarious condition to a substantial footing. After disposing of his stock in the First National Bank he assisted in organizing and is one of the stockholders of the Farmers' Bank of Auburn. He is a member of the School Board, and is now serving as its Secretary. He was married in Champaign County, Ohio, to Letitia Briggs, a native of Pennsylvania. They have two daughters—Amanda R., wife of L. T. Rice, and Clara R. Mr. and Mrs. Walborn are members of the Lutheran church.

William J. Walsworth is a native of New York, born in Genesee County, Jan. 12, 1827. When he was eight years old his parents, Levi and Mary (Latson) Walsworth, moved to Sandusky County, Ohio, where they remained four years, and in the fall of 1838 moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and the following January settled on a tract of wild land four miles east of Auburn. They made a home and resided there till their death. The mother died June 14, 1849, and the father July 16, 1880. They had a family of seven children; five are living—Sarah E., wife of Charles Piatt; George J., Wesley P., Matilda E., wife of Jerry D. Likens, of Nebraska; and William J. Our subject remained at home till twenty-four years of age, when he was married and settled on the farm where he now lives. At that time it was a heavily timbered tract of land, and by his own industry and good management he has brought it to its present advanced state of cultivation. His residence and farm buildings are all in good repair, and are large and commodious. He has been an enterprising, public-spirited citizen, and has assisted liberally all projects of public interest. He was elected Assessor of Union Township, and served one term. He was married Jan.

15, 1850, to Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Fiesher. They have two children—Mary E., wife of C. C. Boyer, and Amos B. Mr. and Mrs. Walsworth are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he has been Class-leader and Trustee. In politics he is a Republican.

Rev. Stephen Brown Ward, one of the early settlers of De Kalb County, Ind., was born in Randolph, Portage Co., Ohio, July 22, 1816, a son of Josiah and Mindwell (Harris) Ward. His parents died before he was four years of age and he was bound to William Jones of Randolph, with whom he lived till his nineteenth year, and had acquired a fair education in the public schools, and by private study, having followed a systematic course of reading. In 1839 he married Miss Laura Ather-ton Brooks, a daughter of Dr. G. Brooks, of Bath, Ohio. After his marriage he lived in Randolph and Columbia, Ohio, till 1842, when Jan. 22, he removed to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on a tract of land he had previously purchased in Wilmington Township. He was converted at the age of sixteen years and joined the Congregational church, but in 1841, while living in Columbia became a member of the Baptist church, and was licensed to preach. After coming to De Kalb County, while engaged in improving his land, he had appointments in different parts of the county, traveling through the woods on foot or horseback, often riding twenty and thirty miles a day. In the summer of 1847 he was regularly ordained a minister and since that time has given the greater portion of his attention to preaching the Gospel and pastoral work, till within the last five years when his age has obliged him to retire to a more quiet life. He moved to Auburn in 1852. He has probably performed more marriage ceremonies and attended more funerals than any other minister in De Kalb County. In the winter of 1857-'8 he represented his district in the Indiana State Legislature. To Mr. and Mrs. Ward have been born three children—Vesta M., wife of Dr. D. J. Swarts; Harris D., a merchant of Kendallville, Ind., and Mary A., widow of John H. Ehlers, late a druggist of Auburn.

John Morris Widney, of the firm of Lewis & Widney, Auburn, Ind., was born in Concord Township, De Kalb County, Nov. 6, 1855, a son of John P. and Mary H. Widney. He lived with his parents till his majority, when he began farming for himself in Union Township. He received a good educa-

tion, finishing it at the Auburn High School. He followed agricultural pursuits five years and in the fall of 1880 came to Auburn and became associated with Abner Lewis in the lumber business; firm name Lewis & Widney. They carry a complete stock of lumber, lath, shingles, lime, tiling and building material. Mr. Widney was married May 15, 1884, to Lulu M. Carpenter, of Antwerp, Ohio.

Moses B. Willis, dealer in books, stationery and notions, Auburn, was born in Salina, Oneida Co., N. Y., Nov. 8, 1839, a son of Henry and Emeline (Hewitt) Willis. In 1843 his parents moved to Indiana and settled in Richland Township, De Kalb County, where he was reared on a farm, receiving his education in the district schools, with the exception of two terms at the high school at Orland, Steuben County, and two at Auburn, De Kalb County. In the winters of 1859 and 1860 he taught two terms in Jackson and Fairfield townships. In September, 1861, he enlisted in Company K, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry for three years, and served a few days over four years, having veteranized in February, 1864. He enlisted as a private, but was appointed Third Sergeant, and April 17, 1863, was promoted to Second Lieutenant. Owing to the depleted condition of his regiment he was not mustered in as Lieutenant, but Jan. 16, 1865, he was commissioned Captain, the regiment having been filled up with recruits. He was mustered out in September, 1865. He participated in the battle of Shiloh, where he was slightly wounded, siege of Corinth, in the march from Corinth to Battle Creek, Tenn., where they remained about a month, and then joined the race between Generals Buell and Bragg to Louisville. Afterward participated in the battles of Stone River, Chickamunga, Mission Ridge and others. After the battle at Mission Ridge his regiment was stationed at Chattanooga on guard duty, where they remained till their discharge, and during their stay at Chattanooga, on June 17, 1865, he was detailed as a member of a general court-martial for the trial of several cases, and served as president of the court until detailed by order of General Thomas, on June 26, 1865, to act as Inspector of the Second Brigade, First Separate Division, Army of the Cumberland, which position he filled until the brigade was broken up, when he again returned to and took charge of his company, with which he remained until they were mustered out. After his return home he fol-

lowed agricultural pursuits in Richland Township till the spring of 1875, when he went to Waterloo and engaged with his father and brother in the notions business, retiring from the firm in the fall of 1877, when he came to Auburn and became established in his present business. He was married Nov. 9, 1865, to Miss E. J., daughter of L. D. Britton, of Cornua. They have three children—Marion B., Lewis H. and Nettie B. Politically he is a Republican. He and his wife and daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Henry A. Winslow, a native of Stark County, Ohio, was born Aug. 10, 1847. In 1852 he came with his mother to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Richland Township, living with her about one year. He was then taken and reared by his Uncle, Urias Thomas, with whom he lived till he was twenty-one years of age. He received a common-school education, attending the Auburn and Waterloo high schools. He began teaching in 1867, and taught about twelve years during the winter season, but worked on the farm in the summer. He was an efficient and successful teacher, and always popular with his pupils. Abandoning teaching, he turned his attention wholly to agricultural pursuits, at which he has been very successful. His farm contains sixty acres of choice land. Aug. 20, 1868, he was married to Cynthia M. Thomas, the sixth daughter of John and Anna Thomas, early settlers of De Kalb County, settling in Union Township in 1843. To Mr. and Mrs. Winslow has been born one son—Justus A:

George Wolfe was born in Stark County, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1821, a son of John and Elizabeth (Zahner) Wolfe, his father a native of Maryland and his mother of Pennsylvania. They were among the first settlers of Columbiana County, Ohio, where they were married. They subsequently moved to Stark County, and there spent the remainder of their lives. Nine children were born to them; all lived till maturity. George Wolfe was reared and educated in his native county, and was there married March 16, 1843, to Eliza Fisk, a native of New York. In 1847 they moved to De Kalb County, Ind., where Mrs. Wolfe died in August, 1855. Two of their five children are living. He was again married Jan. 18, 1857, to Sarah Lutz, a native of Stark County, Ohio. One of their two children is living. Mr. Wolfe was a prosperous man, and accumulated a fine farm of 100 acres, valued at \$75 an acre. He was a promi-

nent and influential man in the township, and served as Justice of the Peace twenty-nine consecutive years, besides holding other local offices of trust. In politics he was a strong supporter of Democratic principles. Mr. Wolfe died Feb. 27, 1885, at the age of sixty-three years, five months and eighteen days.

Oliver H. Widney, son of John P. and Jane (Linn) Widney, was born Nov. 12, 1841, near Newville, De Kalb Co., Ind. He was reared on a farm, and in early life attended the district school at Orangeville. After moving to Auburn he attended school at that place, completing his education at the Newville Academy, after which he taught school for some time. When a young man he cleared a farm of seventy acres, bringing it from a swampy state to be one of the best farms in his neighborhood. This farm he traded in 1877 to his father for the old homestead on the St. Joe River, near the town of St. Joe. He has been moderately successful in his farming pursuits, now owning a good farm of 134 acres which he has gained by his own perseverance and industry. He was married Nov. 3, 1864, to Emily F. Maxwell, a resident of Concord Township. They have two children—H. Mervin, born March 24, 1866, and Lenore, born May 18, 1881. Aug. 7, 1862, Mr. Widney enlisted as a private in Company H, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry. He was at Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Louisville, Ky., thence after General Bragg, through Kentucky, and participated in the battle of Perryville, Oct. 8, 1862. He was discharged at Nashville, Dec. 15, 1862, having been sick the greater part of the time while in the army, and returned home almost a living skeleton. He remained at home till he recovered, when he again enlisted, July 18, 1863, as First Duty Sergeant of Company D, One Hundred and Eighteenth Indiana Infantry, and was in the battles of Walker's Ford, Dec. 2, 1863, Bull's Gap, in October, 1863, and Tazewell, East Tenn., in January, 1864, and was discharged March 4, 1864. Mr. Widney is serving his first term as County Commissioner. He has been re-elected to serve a second term. He is a member of John C. Carnes Post, No. 144, G. A. R., and has served as Junior or Senior Vice-Commander since the organization of the post, being at the present time Senior Vice-Commander. In politics he was reared a Republican, but since 1870 has affiliated with the Democratic party. His parents were married in Pennsylvania in the winter of 1835-'36, and in 1836 came to this county, locating near Newville. They settled on the farm where our subject now resides in 1843. The father is at present living at Belleville, Ohio. The mother died at Auburn in October, 1851, while John P. Widney was Clerk of the De Kalb County Circuit Court.

CHAPTER XXIV.

WILMINGTON TOWNSHIP.

POSITION.—GEOGRAPHY AND TOPOGRAPHY.—FIRST SETTLEMENT.—EARLY INCIDENTS.—PIONEERS.—FIRST ELECTION.—IN THE WAR.—PIONEER LIFE OF JOHN N. MILLER.—FIRST MARRIAGE.—STORY OF DAN COATS.—THE "HARD WINTER."—ORGANIZATION AS A TOWNSHIP.—EARLY TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS.—POPULATION.—PROPERTY AND TAXATION.—AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.—BUTLER.—EARLY HISTORY AND SUBSEQUENT PROGRESS.—BUSINESS DIRECTORY.—PROFESSIONAL.—BANK.—NEWSPAPERS.—SCHOOLS.—RELIGIOUS.—SOCIETIES.—BIOGRAPHICAL.

Wilmington Township lies in the east central portion of the county, and is bounded as follows: on the north by Franklin Township, on the east by Stafford, on the south by Concord, and on the west by Union. It is crossed east and west by the air-line of the Michigan Southern Railroad, and northeast and southwest by the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific, the two roads meeting at Butler in the northeastern part. Agriculturally it is about second-class land, yet portions are excellent, especially along Big Run, a considerable stream running through the township. Wilmington is said to be the best township in De Kalb County for fine oak timber, and second only to Jackson for grass growing.

In 1835 no white man had yet invaded the soil of Wilmington Township. The following year the first log cabin was erected by Byron Bunnell; Mr. Lonsberry's house was next, and George Egnew's next. In 1837 the county was organized and township lines were established, these three cabins falling within the borders of Wilmington. Two of these cabins were located on what is now called the Newville and Auburn road, and one was called at an early day the Bunnell place; the Lonsberry place adjoined it on the north. In the early part of 1837 Ira Allen came in and pitched a cloth tent on an oak hill on the east side of the township. In that tent he remained perhaps a

month or two until he put up what was in those times a commodious house, composed of oak logs hewed square and notched down closely. When he came in he was a very large, stout, muscular man, apparently with an iron constitution. He finally became broken down with rheumatism. As an instance of the hardships and exposures that probably brought on this affliction, we will relate an incident.

Sometime in October, 1837, Mr. Allen went out to hunt his cattle of which he had a number, and after finding them far out in the apparently interminable woods and swamps to the north and west, he started home with them. On the way one of his work oxen mired down. After laboring hard in the mud and water for some time (the other cattle in the mean time getting scattered in the woods again) he started for his tent, but failed in reaching it and lay out through the cold and frosty night, wet and muddy as he was. The next day John N. Miller, an early settler of the same township, while making his way through the wilderness to the land he had entered, heard some one hail him away out where he was not looking for a human being, and on going where the voice came from, he found Mr. Allen and his boys laboring to get the ox out of the mire, it having lain there all night and until the afternoon of the next day. They had forgotten to bring an ax, and had to cut a pry by bending down a sapling and cutting it off with a pocket-knife, while the fibers of the wood were thus strained. Getting this pry under the beast, they finally raised him from his sunken condition, but had to roll him several times over before he could find firm footing.

The commodious block-house erected by Mr. Allen was long used as a meeting-house as well as a dwelling, and here in an early day was held many a prayer-meeting, or Sunday worship.

Others who came in 1837 were: Lot B. Coc, William P. Means, Charles Handy, Dr. Sawyer and several more. By this time the newcomers began to feel pretty good; they were getting neighbors within two or three miles of each other, and could hear their dogs bark, as well as hear the wolves howl every night. The sturdy yeomen battled their way through thick and thin to get a living for their families, and had to endure all the privations of a frontier life. Charles Handy was the first blacksmith in the township, and settled at what is now called Handy's corners. He rendered the pioneers much ser-

vice by making shoes and shocing a horse all round for 50 cents. Think of this, ye blacksmiths of the present day, and weep!

Amos Lonsberry was the first white child born in the township. At the close of 1837 twenty-two families were settled within the borders of Wilmington.

The first election was held at Ira Allen's, on the farm since owned by William Crooks. Says a pioneer: "As our township was in limited circumstances as to population, and most of them had the ague, and it took two of them to make a shadow, and even then they could not go to the polls, we had to apply to Stafford Township to help us fill up the board, and both townships held their elections together at the above place and elected the several officers. Among them were: William P. Means, for County Assessor, and Mr. Lonsberry, for School Commissioner. I don't recollect the balance of the officers that were elected in those days; we had not much use for 'squires or constables, but I think Ariel Walden was elected Associate Judge of the court for this county. The first Justice of the Peace elected was a Mr. Pearsons. Constables were not needed. There was nothing to quarrel about, and nobody to quarrel with; everything moved off nicely, and all were as happy as clams. Year by year emigration kept pouring in until we soon became a populous township, second to none in the county." Concord, the first settled, had the largest population until 1842.

In 1856 the township had quite a "boom" on account of the construction of the air line of the Michigan Southern Railroad, and the consequent growth of Butler, at first called Norristown. This railroad being completed opened up a market for surplus agricultural products. This brought in grain and produce buyers, and the farmers began to realize prices better than they had ever obtained at Fort Wayne. The consequent prosperity enabled Wilmington's farmers generally to improve their farms, build frame houses and barns, and drain their fields.

During the war Wilmington was an eminently loyal township, being among the first to respond to the call for three months' men, and every call that was made by the Government was promptly met by her quota. The draft was never resorted to in this township.

The construction of the second railroad across its territory

in 1872 gave a new and lasting impulse to the prosperity of the people; and with the substantial growth of the town of Butler, the township has attained an enviable position among its sisters in De Kalb County.

As before stated, John N. Miller, afterward of Auburn, was one of the very first settlers in Wilmington. We give a few incidents of his pioneer life, quoting from Mr. Widney's narrative:

"In the winter of 1836-'7 I took a job of chopping of Mr. Lytle, who had sold out where he first settled and had entered the tract of land since owned by the late William Pryor in Stafford Township. The job was on the river bottoms, where the timber was very heavy—huge oaks and elms, with enormous tops, being rather too plenty to get along fast; and as I had to take down all the timber and cut it up ready for logging. I received only four or five dollars (I do not now remember distinctly the wages), and was to take my pay in potatoes, pork, beans, etc. For potatoes I paid \$1 per bushel; for pork 16 cents per pound; and other things in proportion. The price of chopping was low, and that of the articles of pay high; yet I could not do better, as provisions must be had.

"While I kept busy at my job I could just about get provisions enough to keep us in the bare necessities of life, so far as eating was concerned; but I had no time to be sick, and no rest but the Sabbath. One cold March evening, after chopping hard all day, I took a bushel of potatoes and seventeen or eighteen pounds of pork on my shoulder and started for home about dusk. The distance I had to travel along a blind trail, through the darkness and brush, was about six miles. Coming to Buck Creek, over which a small limber log was placed, I undertook to walk it with my load, but fell off into the water, which was high. I then waded through the balance of the creek, getting very wet. Cold, wet and tired, I pursued my journey with my heavy load, until the long miles were passed, and I set down my pork and potatoes in my cabin.

"The worst part of the tale is that Lytle was not satisfied with my doing the job so cheap, and taking my pay in high-priced trade, but he actually moved the stakes first set so that the lines might take in several large elms that were just outside of the job; and besides, wanted me to chop up to a curving brush fence which ran from stake to stake on one side of my

square job, including about a quarter of an acre more than the straight line agreed upon. My job being finished, as agreed upon, including, too, the elms fraudulently brought in, I went to Lytle in his house to demand a settlement and the balance of my pay; but he refused to pay unless I chopped up to the brush fence. This, under the circumstances, with my hands covered with blisters from hard and incessant chopping (a kind of labor I was not accustomed to)—this, I say, provoked me almost beyond endurance, and I told him I should take it out of his hide *right then and there*. I was making toward him. His wife screamed, and Lytle turned it off with a laugh, saying he would pay me, and thus the matter ended."

"We will here interrupt friend Miller," says Mr. Widney, "by stating that this Lytle, as all the old settlers know, was a hard customer. He seems early to have exchanged his conscience (if he ever owned such an article) for a gizzard, with which to grind new comers. He was a very profane man, although Bill Mathews declared that Lytle didn't know how to swear, he strung his oaths together in such an awkward way. And surely Bill was a competent judge of the matter!"

"I used," continued Mr. Miller, "to go down to Lytle's sometimes on Sunday afternoon to be there on Monday morning to commence my job. Well, one afternoon Lytle, being an excellent boatman, asked me to take a little ride on the river in his canoe. I consented, and tried to help him navigate the craft, but was very awkward at the business. This provoked him, and he let out such a volley of angry oaths at me as I had not been accustomed to listen to tamely. In the midst of his imprecations he set down his pole with more than usual energy, and smack it went into two pieces, while he was leaning on it with all his weight. Plunge went Lytle, head foremost, into the deep, cold river. I laughed, of course, and he turned in the water and threatened to upset the canoe. I seized a paddle and told him if he undertook it I would split his head. Being in a cold element he soon cooled down and came out peaceably.

"In the spring of 1837 I had lent William Rogers half a barrel of flour; for, though six miles apart, we were neighbors, as was usual at that time. I expected that it would be returned before needed; but the bottom of the flour sack stared me in the face before it arrived. Getting up one morning I

found only flour enough for one small cake. I told my folks to bake and eat it while I went for the lent flour. It was six miles to Rogers', and there was but a 'trace' for a road. I set out early afoot, and barefoot at that, and made good speed, thoughts of breakfast spurring me on, until I came to a swamp, round which the trace wound. Thinking to gain time I struck across, expecting to find the place where the trace came round; but, the morning being cloudy, I missed the course and the trail. I traveled on rapidly, however, in what I supposed to be the right direction, until the sun broke out and I found that it was about noon, and I was only about a mile from home! I quickly sought the trace again, and passed down it at a rapid rate until I reached Rogers', where I got something to eat. Rogers proposed that if I left the flour he would bring it up on a horse the next day, but I knew this would not answer our wants. So I told him I could carry it; and taking the hundredweight of flour on my shoulder I trudged back the whole six miles without once laying it down.

"On one occasion the Coats and Rose families and myself being out of breadstuff, we held a consultation as to where we should go to get corn. I was for going to Fort Wayne, but they thought best to go to the northwestern prairies. They started to the prairies and I sent \$10 along. They were gone ten days and my money brought me ten bushels of corn, the milling and hauling of which cost me \$10 more. So my meal cost me \$2 per bushel, with much of it rotten, as there had been frost on the 29th of the preceding August, killing the corn on these prairies, leaving it too green to keep without rotting."

The first marriage in Wilmington was that of Dan Coats and Mary Allen. The knot was tied by Justice Washington Robinson, in January, 1836. The bridegroom was one of the largest and stoutest men in the county. Dan used to be swift of foot, and on one occasion this gift of nature served him a very good purpose. It was that year that hydrophobia prevailed to such an alarming extent that cattle, hogs, and even wild foxes "went mad." It was said that as Dan was walking through the woods a mad fox attacked him. Rightly considering that retreat was his best policy, Dan started at full speed, with the fox after him. They had a pretty even race until Dan jumped a large log, and seeing on the other side a good club, seized it

and let the fox have the weight of it, and of both his hands, as it came over the log in hot pursuit. This ended Reynard's mad career. A drop of his blood alighting on Coats' cheek as it flew warm from the head of the fox, burned like fire.

The following description of the well known "hard winter" is from the pen of the Rev. S. B. Ward:

"The winter of 1842-'3 will long be remembered by the early settlers of the county, and especially those of Wilmington Township. In 1841 and 1842 quite a number of settlers of small means came in, and they had raised but little to live on when 'he 'hard winter' set in. The fall had been fine, but about the first of November a light snow fell, which mostly went off soon after. On the 17th of the month it set in cold, with high winds and some snow. The snow continued to increase from time to time, until it was nearly two feet deep on the level, with occasional showers and hard freezes, so that it was almost impossible to get about. It snowed a little every day but one through February, and March came in with the severity almost of a polar winter. By this time most of the hay and grain was consumed, and hogs and cattle were daily dying all over the country from starvation. Some settlers lost all their hogs and most of their cattle before feed came in the spring. Very many had to depend on the browse of the tree tops as feed for their cattle for the last two months of cold weather. For the last few days of March, however, even this provision of nature was cut off. When all were anxiously looking for the opening of spring, heart-sick in view of the sufferings of the poor dumb animals, the sleeper in his lone cabin in the midst of the forest was awakened on the night of the 27th of March by the continual crashing of the tree tops, which did not cease until day dawned, when to the dispirited immigrant was revealed the cause of all the commotion of the night.

"It had been raining, freezing as it fell, until the tree tops were broken under their load of ice. That day and for several days it seemed that the cattle must all die; for when the trees were cut down for browse, the small twigs, encased in a hard coat of ice, would break off, with the ice adhering, and mingle with the snow. Besides this, the crust on the snow was so thick and hard that the cattle could hardly get about. The wild animals also suffered almost as much, seemingly, as the

domestic ones. It was nothing unusual to see squirrels so reduced as to be easily caught by hand. On election day (first Monday in April) snow was one foot deep in the thick woods, and it was good sleighing on most of the roads. That week, however, sent the snow in another form to Lake Erie or the Gulf of Mexico, and in a few weeks herbage began to appear, and hope sprang up again in the settler's heart. Shame on that man that now complains of hardships, or that does not thank and reverence the hardy pioneer of those forests."

Wilmington was organized Sept. 5, 1837, at the first regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. The board then consisted of Peter Fair, Samuel Widney and A. F. Beecher, who "ordered that the congressional township 34 north, range 14 east be, and it is hereby, organized as a civil township to be known by the name of Wilmington Township." They also directed "that Byron Bunnel be appointed Supervisor for the road district No. 1, comprising the whole of Wilmington Township, and all the hands residing in said township shall be allotted to the same district." In March, 1838, fractional township 34 north, range 15 east (now Stafford), was added to Wilmington for judicial and civil purposes, and a new election was ordered held the first Monday in April following, at the house of Ira Allen, with Milton A. Hull as Inspector.

Early Justices of the Peace in Wilmington Township were: Charles D. Handy, Moses L. Pierson, Daniel B. Mead, P. B. Nimmons, John Moore, Dr. Madden, Ezra Dickinson, Richard Worth, L. A. Benedict and H. C. Colgrove. Early Constables were: Daniel Coats, N. H. Mathews, Jesse Wood, William K. Straight, William Mathews, William Campbell, Edsall Cherry, Noble Cherry, Peter Kester, A. F. Packer, Hiram Freeman, N. W. Delano, Isaac Eakright, W. D. Armstrong, Joseph Norris and John Weaver.

The Trustees, prior to 1860, were: John Helwig, M. L. Pierson, Collins Roberts, Joseph Nodine, Joseph Totten, Asa Sawyer, S. B. Ward, Thomas Fosdick, E. W. Fosdick, Edgar Treman, William Maxwell, Nelson Smurr, Andrew Smith, William H. Thomas, Dr. Madden, Lot B. Coe, N. G. Sewall, G. Maxwell, W. K. Straight, P. B. Nimmons, W. D. Armstrong and A. Cochran.

The population of Wilmington Township is now 1,529, besides Butler (1,117). This is about forty-three to the square mile. The

valuation per capita is \$369.28. The number of acres of land assessed in 1884 was 21,817.07; value of same, \$472,894; value of improvements, \$46,915; value of lands and improvements, \$519,809; value of personal property, \$87,415; total value of taxables, \$607,224; rate of taxation, \$1.41; number of polls, 241; poll tax, \$1.00; total amount of taxation, \$8,953.59.

The following statistics of staple crops are for the year 1881: Number of acres in wheat, 3,188; product of same, at 7 bushels per acre, 22,316 bushels; acres in corn, 2,104; product of same, at 25 bushels per acre, 52,600 bushels; acres in oats, 1,154; product of same, at 30 bushels per acre, 34,620 bushels; acres in meadow land, 1,012; product of same, a ton and a quarter per acre, 1,265 tons of hay; acres in potatoes, 27; product of same, 20 bushels per acre, or 540 bushels.

Mount Pleasant U. B. Church is over thirty years old. In 1854 meetings were held in the house of Abraham Eakright, on section 20, by Revs. Benton and wife, both preachers. About this time, or soon after, a class was organized in Mr. Eakright's house, either by Revs. Benton and wife or Rev. Mr. Moffitt, who succeeded them in 1855. The constituent members were: William McBride, Mr. Dirrim, Abraham Eakright and their wives, and Mrs. Levi McBride. Services were held in Mr. Eakright's house until 1861, when they commenced to use the old log school-house on section 19. Here a remarkable revival was held in March of that year, over seventy persons being converted. Five of these afterward became ministers. Another of the number went to church one night, laughing and scoffing, but was converted then and there, with a whisky bottle in his pocket. The society was known as the Eakright class until the place of worship was removed to the present Mt. Pleasant chapel which was erected in the fall of 1870. This is a frame structure, 30x40 feet, on section 22. The present pastor is Rev. James Martin. Services are held every other Sunday. Sunday-school and prayer-meetings are maintained the year round. There are about 100 communicants.

A class was organized as early as 1850 at Wilmington Center by the United Brethren, but this was dropped in a few years. The Methodists also had a class in an early day at the Center.

The Lilly U. B. Church at Moore Station was organized by Rev. Aaron Lilly in December, 1882, with twenty-seven members. Services were held in the Mooresville school-house until

the next summer, when they built a fine large frame church, 32 x 44 feet, costing \$1,400, at Moore Station. Services are held every alternate Sunday, and Sunday-school and prayer-meeting are maintained weekly the year around. The present pastor is Rev. Richard Martin, of Newville. The Class-leader is Isaac Shaffer, and the Trustees are Henry Brown, J. E. Miller and John Cook.

BUTLER.

One of the brightest towns in Northeastern Indiana is that bearing the name of Butler, from an early settler of Wilmington Township. It is situated in the northeast corner of Wilmington, on sections 1, 2, 11 and 12. Here the air line of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern meets the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railroad. Of the latter road Butler is a division terminus. The population of Butler is not far from 1,300.

As early as the year 1844 the settlers in the vicinity of what is now a prosperous town had enjoyed postal facilities at a point two miles south of the incorporation at Oak Hill, the office being conducted by Thomas Fosdick, father of E. W. Fosdick, of Butler. In 1842 Messrs. Egnew, Hanes, Cherry, Morris, Tomlinson and others, erected a school-house on the land of George Egnew, near where now stands the blacksmith shop of John A. Moore; and this proved to be the first house in Butler. The first teacher therein was L. Harding, succeeded by Elihu Ocker, Andrew Cochran and E. W. Fosdick. In 1844 a dwelling house was erected by a Mr. Brainard. Religious services were held at the school-house by Rev. Mr. Spellman in 1843, Rev. Mr. Jones in 1845, and Rev. Mr. Forbes in 1846.

In 1851 a small stock of merchandise was established in a log hut on the southwest corner of the land of Charles Norris. The business was conducted by "Ladd" Thomas and Osburn Coburn. The first frame building was raised on the subsequent site of Haverstock's block, in 1855. It was destroyed by fire in 1870. The second frame structure was erected by Noble & Madden and used as a general store for all kinds of merchandise. A dozen other business men followed in rapid succession and made the nucleus of a town. The postoffice was now removed to the village, and was named Norristown, after Charles Norris, who was then selling lots and energetically advancing the interests of the place. Later it was known as Jar-

vis, and about the time of the war the name of Butler was adopted.

Among the early Postmasters were: E. W. Fosdick, George Noble, A. H. Howard, Solomon Rose, J. J. Hoopingardner and U. P. Carpenter. The Michigan Southern Railroad Company laid out plats July 31, 1856; Amasa Smith surveyed another March 9, 1855; George Egniew and I. C. Danforth one April 16, 1855, and later additions have been made from time to time. Butler's first railroad, the air line, was completed May 26, 1856, and in October, 1873, the Eel River road (now the Wabash) arrived. The first tavern was kept by John Shull, and July 4, 1857, A. A. Kennedy first opened the Waverly House for the entertainment of the public. The first saw-mill was erected by Messrs. Danforth, Carpenter and a third party, during the winter of 1853-'4, and was operated until very recently, the last owner being C. S. Stoy. It was destroyed by fire in 1884. The first brick building was put up by Henry Linderfer in 1856. The first death occurred in 1848, and was that of A. Robe who lived on the later site of Dr. Madden's residence. Henry C. Cherry, born in December, 1841, was the first birth in the town; and the first marriage was that of Amasa Smith to Miss Amelia Morris, the ceremony being performed by Elder Cherry. The town was incorporated in 1866, with W. P. Carpenter, J. A. Campbell and Elihu Ocker as Trustees; A. A. Howard as Clerk and William Thomas as Marshal.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

The following list includes all doing business at the present time:

Aldrich & Son, Hotel Aldrich; J. J. Ayers, bakery and grocery; L. Burgett, wagon and carriage shop; Joseph Beck, restaurant; John Baker, livery; Ed. C. Crane, Boots House; C. H. Crane, grocery; Mrs. J. E. Clark, ladies' fancy goods; I. Daily, wagon and blacksmith shop; L. J. Diehl, jewelry; Fosdick & Wilkinson, drug store; Fink & Son, grocery; W. F. Garrison, Butler *Record*; S. L. Hamlin, furniture; Isaac Hirschler, saloon; Harley & Co., hardware; W. Hartung, shoe shop; L. Harris, saloon; H. Haskins, livery; Isaac Hose, saloon; E. Hopkins, brick and tile factory; G. T. Johns, boots and shoes; Knisely, Boots & Co., bank; Kehrer & Stone, drug store; Knisely Bros., dry goods and clothing; J. N. Lingen-

seller, grocery; Latson & Mills, barbers; A. Levy, dry goods and clothing; John A. Moore, blacksmith and wagon shop; Edward May, tailor; D. T. McNabb, hotel and boarding house; Masters & Scoville, butter and egg packers; W. M. Mutsfeld, harness; W. A. Miltenberger, bakery; F. L. Nixon, news depot and cigar stand; Otis & Son, furniture and undertaking; T. Rudd, meat market; J. J. Sise, agricultural implements; F. J. Seed, dry goods; Stiefel & Strauss, grocery; Mrs. E. Seed, millinery; S. G. Seawright, tinshop; Mrs. J. A. Stoner, millinery and fancy goods; Joseph Strauss, sale stable; Isaac Springer, saloon; Tyson & Son, meat market; C. L. Thompson, barber; F. Vanconsant, saloon; A. Watson, blacksmith and wagon shop; Frank Walker, tailor; Miss Sudie Worth, millinery.

PROFESSIONAL.

The first physician was Dr. W. H. Madden. The present practitioners are: Drs. F. W. Fanning, J. B. Bennett, J. D. Kenestrick, J. S. Barnett and H. Lilly. The last named is of the homeopathic school; the others are "regular." The first law firm was that of Messrs. Rose & Fosdick. J. E. Rose now resides at Auburn, his quondam partner still practicing at Butler. The present resident members of the legal profession are: E. W. Fosdick, O. L. Young, C. J. Coats, A. F. Pigeon and A. J. Baxter.

BANK.

Butler has no National but one private bank, that of Knisely, Boots & Co. The cashier is E. T. Brysland.

NEWSPAPERS.

Each of the two political parties has an organ. The *Record*, the Republican paper, was started in 1877, and is now published by W. F. Garrison. The *Review*, a Democratic paper, was started by R. H. Weamer in 1882. For sketches of these papers see the Press chapter.

SCHOOLS.

The primitive log school-house was supplanted by a frame structure in 1855; among the teachers in this being Hamlin Fay, Mrs. Wood, Miss Stoy, Mrs. Butler and J. A. Campbell. The present fine three-story brick building was erected in 1867, at a cost of \$12,000. The first teacher in it was Deck. Thomas.

The first regular school was conducted by Rev. G. W. Bowersox as Principal. He was succeeded by William H. McIntosh, L. L. Hamlin, James Burrier, Leavitt, J. P. Rouse, D. D. Luke, C. A. Fyke (three years), O. Z. Hubbell (one year) and Prof. T. J. Sanders, the present incumbent, who came here in the fall of 1882. There are in the building six rooms, with seven teachers. The present attendance is 350, and the annual enrollment 440.

RELIGIOUS.

The *Methodist Episcopal* society was organized about 1839 at "the corners," before any town had started. Four years later the society commenced holding its meetings one mile north of the present site of Butler, at the house of John McCurdy. After eighteen months another removal was made, to the school-house at the corners, and the membership at once increased from fifteen to ninety. Mr. McCurdy, who is still living at Butler, was then living on the farm now owned by Jeremiah Lewis. The frame church now used was built in 1855 and 1856, at a cost of \$1,000. As much more has since been expended on a new roof, new stoves, new furniture, etc. The church is now very nicely fitted up. It is 34x46 feet in dimensions. Mr. McCurdy is the only survivor of the first Board of Trustees. The first pastor of the society was Rev. Jesse Sparks. Among his successors have been: Revs. John Paul Jones, Metz, Lamb, J. J. Cooper (still in the Northern Indiana Conference), Lynch (now Presiding Elder), Cooper, Lamport (now at Ligonier), Wilkinson and D. C. Wolfert. The last named, the present incumbent, came in the spring of 1883. He was preceded by Mr. Wilkinson for three years, and Mr. Lamport was here for the three years immediately preceding Mr. Wilkinson. The church has now about 175 members. The Sunday-school is in a prosperous condition, under the superintendency of J. N. Lingenfelter.

St. Mark's Lutheran Evangelical Church was built about 1867, under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Henderson. It is of brick, 70x45 feet in size, and originally cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000. It has been refitted twice at a cost of \$3,000. It is very nicely arranged, and will seat in the neighborhood of 500 persons. Mr. Henderson was followed for two and a half years by Rev. W. C. Barnett, brother of Dr. J. S. Barnett, who is now practicing in Butler. Mr. Barnett came here from Au-

glaize County, Ohio, and is now in Dixon County, Tenn. The next to fill the pulpit was Rev. Jabez Shafer, who came from Monroeville, and remained two and a half years. He is now at Albion. His successor, at Butler, Rev. S. P. Snyder, came from Indiana County, Pa., and remained one year, going then to Illinois. He was followed in this pulpit by Rev. J. M. Morris, who came from Berrien, Berrien Co., Mich., served two and a half years, and is now in Center Brunswick, Rensselaer Co., N. Y. Next, Rev. A. W. Burns came from Monroeville and officiated for three years. He is now in Michigan, and a member the M. E. church. D. F. Kain then came from Monmouth and remained two years. He is now in Williams County, Ohio. The present pastor, W. Dieffenbach, came from Dongola, Ill., in the spring of 1884. The membership of the church is about forty. The Sunday-school is under charge of Philip Plumb.

The Church of Christ was organized about 1870, and the church edifice erected about 1874. The latter is a frame structure on Oak street, and cost \$3,500. Rev. James Harris, the first pastor, came from Licking County, Ohio, and remained one year. He is now in Nebraska. He was followed by Rev. James Hadsell, who came from Trumbull County, Ohio, and officiated one year. He died in 1878. The pulpit was next filled by Rev. Thomas Sutton, who came from Michigan, and died at Butler after three years of effective ministry. Under his leadership the church was built. For some time after his decease the society was without a pastor, but finally the services were secured of O. Q. Oviatt, who was then at Newville, but whose home was at Kendallville. After a year and a half at Butler he returned to his home where he now is. The present pastor, Rev. E. C. Faunce, came from Michigan (originally from Trumbull County, Ohio) in the spring of 1882. The church is in excellent condition and has a membership of seventy. Mr. O. L. Young is Superintendent of the Sunday-school.

The Church of United Brethren in Christ was organized in January, 1884, with a membership of forty, which at the present time has been increased to fifty. Their frame church building was erected in the fall of 1883, at a cost of \$2,300, and dedicated in December, 1883. It is located on West North street. Rev. Joseph, of Pleasant Lake, Steuben County, served as their pastor until September, 1884, when the services were secured of Rev. W. O. Butler, of Waterloo.

SOCIETIES.

Forest Lodge, No. 239, F. & A. M., was organized in 1858, with the following as the first officers: H. S. Madden, W. M.; W. W. Straight, S. W.; W. R. Chilson, J. W.; Jason Hubbell, Sec.; J. H. Boon, Treas.; W. H. Madden, S. D.; A. Lampson, J. D.; Z. Handy, Tyler. The present officers are: F. W. Fanning, W. M.; S. W. Otis, S. W.; G. T. Johns, J. W.; F. A. Brink, Sec.; G. Wolff, Treas.; James Chambers, S. D.; C. S. Stoy, J. D.; John Bretzius, Tyler. The lodge is in splendid condition, having forty-five members, and meets the first and third Fridays of each month at Masonic Hall.

Forest Chapter, No. 44, O. E. S., was organized April 15, 1880, with about thirty members, and is a branch of Masonry in which ladies participate. The present officers are: Mrs. Kittie Johns, W. M.; Mrs. Susan Moore, A. M.; Mrs. Carrie Fanning, Con.; Mrs. Kate Eldridge, Asst. Con.; Mrs. R. A. Faunce, Sec.; Mrs. Jennie Wolf, Treas.; Mrs. Rachel Bennett, Warder; Mr. John A. Moore, Sent. The chapter is in a flourishing condition, has fifty members, and meets the second and fourth Tuesday in each month, at Masonic Hall.

Butler Lodge, No. 282, I. O. O. F., was instituted May 22, 1867. The five charter members were: Leonard P. Waterhouse, Jacob Apple, John T. Champion, William Macartney and Warren Closson. The only one of these who is now living, is John T. Champion. The present officers are: W. L. Holton, N. G.; J. W. Cannon, V. G.; John Swaysgood, Sec.; Russell Stevens, Fin. Sec.; H. Lilly, Treas. This lodge has a large membership—nearly sixty-five, and meets at their hall every Wednesday evening.

Butler Encampment, No. 160, I. O. O. F., was established March 17, 1884, with seven charter members. It now has thirty-two members, and meets the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month, at Odd Fellows Hall. The officers for 1884 are as follows: Charles Hanes, C. P.; H. C. Haley, S. W.; C. W. Beechler, J. W.; H. Lilly, H. P.; S. G. Stone, Scribe; G. Wolf, Treas.; W. C. Ditton, Fin. Scribe.

Unity Lodge, No. 21, Daughters of Rebecca, is a branch of the Odd Fellows fraternity to which ladies are admitted. It was established June 8, 1869, with the following charter members: J. M. Norford, Elizabeth Norford, E. H. Morehouse, Sarah C. Morehouse, L. P. Waterhouse, Margaret A. Waterhouse,

William P. Carpenter, Catherine Carpenter, James F. Fisher, Saloma M. Fisher and Kittie Carr. The lodge has forty members, and meets the second and fourth Fridays of every month. Mrs. Carrie Fanning is N. G.; Mrs. Elva Stone, V. G.; Miss Ollie Ocker, Sec.; Mrs. Dora Wyckoff, Treas.; Mrs. Russell Stevens, Fin. Sec.; Mrs. Mary Hanes, P. G.

Meade Post, No. 44, G. A. R., was mustered in February, 1882, with C. S. Stoy as Commander; G. T. Johns as Senior Vice-Commander; R. H. Weamer as Junior Vice-Commander, and A. G. Jones as Adjutant. The present officers are: G. D. Diehl, Com.; A. G. Jones, S. V. C.; J. S. Roberson, J. V. C.; John S. Ocker, Adj.; I. D. Daily, Q. M.; John M. Young, O. of D.; Gabriel Miller, S. at A.; Henry Crooks, Q. M. S. and I. G.; C. S. Stoy, O. G. The post has forty comrades on its rolls, and meets the second and fourth Fridays of each month, at Otis' Hall.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Eugene C. Ackley, engineer on the Wabash Railroad, Butler, Ind., was born in Manchester, Ontario Co., N. Y., July 19, 1848, a son of Revilo (the reverse of his father's name). He was reared and educated in the State of New York and in 1869 went to Detroit, Mich., and was employed as fireman on the Michigan Central Railroad two years. In 1871 he came to Columbia City, Ind., and was employed on a construction train three months, and in October of the same year was promoted to engineer, and since 1881 has run between Detroit and Butler. He moved to Butler in 1881, where he has a pleasant home. He was married May 16, 1869, to Ella Lyon, a daughter of Charles Lyon. She is a native of Ontario County, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Ackley have three children—Charles E., Emma M. and Clark M. Mr. Ackley is a member of the Odd Fellows' order, lodge and encampment, and of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, being First Engineer of the latter society.

William C. Aldrich, of the firm Aldrich & Son, proprietors of Hotel Aldrich, Butler, Ind., was born in Worcester, Mass., April 18, 1822, a son of Amos Aldrich, a native of Rhode Island. When he was quite small his parents moved to Connecticut, and in 1832 to Lenawee County, Mich., settling in Adrian, there being at that time but two frame houses in the town. When a boy he learned the wool-carding and cloth-dressing

trade, that being his father's trade, and worked at it several years in Adrian. In 1852 he crossed the plains to California and worked in the mines till 1854, when he returned to Michigan and worked for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad five years. In 1869 he went to Pleasant Hill, Mo., and remained six years; three years of the time was Deputy Sheriff and City Marshal. He then traveled through the Western Territories and Texas, visited Chili, South America, and the Sandwich Islands. In 1873 he came to Indiana and lived in Butler four years; thence to Bryan, Ohio, and engaged in the livery business four years, and in November, 1881, returned to Butler and bought the Boots House at the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern depot, and changed the name to Hotel Aldrich. His son, Arthur N., is a partner with him, and is a steady, thoroughgoing business man. They have a good patronage and keep a first-class hotel. Their house contains twenty-five rooms, well furnished. The dining-room, a large rectangle, is furnished with four tables and a handsome side-board. In connection with the hotel they run a lunch-room for the benefit of travelers over the road. Their clerk, C. L. Cramer, has been with them three years, and is admirably adapted to the position he occupies. Mr. Aldrich was married in the fall of 1844 to Helen Force. They have had two children; but one, Arthur N., is living. Mr. Aldrich is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and has taken the Knight Templar degrees.

Andrew J. Baxter, attorney at law, Butler, Ind., was born in Franklin Township, De Kalb County, Feb. 19, 1846, a son of Andrew Baxter, a native of Armstrong County, Pa., who located on the farm where he still resides March 5, 1840. Our subject is a self-made man; having few advantages he educated himself, and subsequently taught twenty-three terms, still keeping up his studies. In the spring and summer of 1867 he studied medicine with Dr. Hoopingarner, but not liking the profession, abandoned it. He taught in Elkhart County, Ind., and was so well liked that his services were engaged for a second year at an increased salary. He was assisted by his wife, who also taught the following summer at Jefferson Center, and with her earnings bought the books that her husband might further pursue the study of law, which he had already begun. When his eyes were tired from reading she read to

him, proving herself to be, in the full acceptance of the term, a "helpmeet." In June, 1872, he opened an office in Hamilton and remained there till 1879, when he removed to Butler, where he has built up a lucrative practice. He is an active member of the De Kalb County Bar Association. In politics a staunch Democrat. Mr. Baxter was married Nov. 26, 1867, to Helen Latson, daughter of James J. Latson, the well-known ex-Coroner of Auburn. To them have been born four children, but three of whom are living—Naomi, Aurilla and Otmar V.

John H. Baxter, contractor and builder, Butler, Ind., was born in Smithfield Township, De Kalb County, a son of John Baxter, and brother of C. K. Baxter, of Waterloo. He was reared and educated in his native township, and when eighteen years of age began working at the carpenter's trade, which he has since followed with the exception of one year, from the spring of 1876 to the spring of 1877, when he was Marshal of Butler. He located in Butler in 1872, and is now engaged in building. He does a paying business by building houses for himself, which he either rents or sells. He sold his farm in December, 1883, and now owns six houses and lots in Butler. He was married April 10, 1872, to Emily J. Whetsel, a daughter of Henry Whetsel, an early settler of Wilmington Township. But one of their three children is living—Worthy Ernest. Clark R. and Howard L. are deceased. Mr. Baxter is a generous, whole-souled man; his home is the synonym for hospitality. No worthy object is ever rejected when presented to him for assistance, and the needy always find in him a friend. He is an upright, honorable business man, always true to his word, and has never given any man cause to go to law against him.

Curtis W. Beechler, D. D. S., Butler, Ind., was born in Williams County, Ohio, Feb. 4, 1851, a son of George Beechler, a native of Lancaster County, Pa., but an early settler of Williams County. He was reared a farmer but received a good education, and in 1869 went to Virginia City, Nev., where he worked in a dental office till 1875. He then came to Indiana and with his brother opened an office in Butler. His brother died in 1876, and he has since carried on the business alone. Dr. Beechler is a good dentist, understanding all the improved methods of his profession, and has built up, as he deserves, a good practice in Butler. He was married June 24, 1876, to

Mary W. Phillis. They have three children—Achasa, Glenn C. and Dale Xenophen. Dr. Beechler is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Joseph B. Bennett, M. D., was born in Syracuse, N. Y., March 25, 1840. His father, Malcolm Bennett, was a native of Onondaga County, N. Y., and in 1836 moved to Branch County, Mich., and a year later to Steuben County, Ind., where he lived three years. Then returned to New York and lived in Syracuse till 1844, when he again moved to Steuben County, where he died in 1862. He was a member of Company II, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, and participated in the battles of Fort Donelson and Shiloh, but was soon after discharged for disability, and died a short time after reaching home. He married Catherine Beach in New York, and to them were born seven children, but two of whom are living—Joseph B., and Marietta C., widow of Birge Smith. Alexander C. and George H. lost their lives in the defense of the Union. George was shot through the head at Malvern Hill. Alexander was wounded in the same battle, and at Gettysburg was taken prisoner and died at Belle Isle. Birge Smith was Lieutenant of Company A, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, and resigned on account of failing health. He was afterward Lieutenant of Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Indiana Infantry, and was promoted to Captain, but died in the hospital at New York. Joseph B. Bennett was educated in the Angola schools and began reading medicine with Dr. C. D. Rice. He attended the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio, graduating in the spring of 1869. In March, 1869, he located in Troy Township, De Kalb County, and in January, 1872, located in Butler, where he has built up a good practice. Dr. Bennett was married in January, 1871, to Rachel Casebeer, a daughter of John Casebeer, a pioneer of Troy Township. To them have been born two children; but one is living—Josephine. Katie died of diphtheria at the age of four years. Dr. Bennett is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows' fraternities. He and his wife are members of the Disciples church.

William L. Blair, farmer, section 1, Wilmington Township, was born in Lorain County, Ohio, Nov. 27, 1832, a son of John and Margaret (Douglas) Blair. His parents moved to De Kalb County in the fall of 1835 and settled in Concord Township. At that time there were but eight families in the present limits

of De Kalb County, seven of them in Concord Township. The Indians were frequent visitors at the Blair house, and at one time our subject's sister turned an empty barrel over him while she ran to the field to tell the men of their approach. He was reared to the life of a pioneer, and early began assisting to clear the land, having but limited educational privileges. The first school he attended was taught by Benjamin Alton in a log house on land now owned by Chris. Crusa. Mr. Blair was married Oct. 19, 1859, to Amy Aldrich. They have two children—Corwin, and Lena, wife of George Corcoran, now of Dennison, Tex. Mr. Blair is a member of no religious denomination, but is a firm believer in trying to benefit and upbuild humanity. He has several relics of the olden time. One, a cane cut from an apple-tree in the first orchard in De Kalb County. It was set out by his father in the spring of 1836 on the old homestead, on the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 15. Another is a Mexican dollar bearing date 1826, which his father obtained while keeping tavern in Ohio; and still a third is a red cedar cane cut from Mt. Vernon near the tomb of Washington, in 1876. There are the same number of knots in this cane as there are States in the Union. Mr. Blair has had it mounted with gold.

Achilles Blaker, deceased, was born in Pennsylvania about 1803, a son of Jesse Blaker. In 1834 he moved to Maumee County, Ohio, where he followed blacksmithing several years. He built one mile of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad in 1852, and the same fall took a three-mile contract on the same road three and a half miles east of Butler at the State line. He moved his family to Butler in the spring of 1855, and the following spring bought the Butler House of John Rose. This building had four rooms, two below and two above, separated by board partitions. It was used for hotel, church, dancing-hall and public meetings for some years. Mr. Blaker was a public-spirited, energetic man, and was influential in advancing many of the improvements of the town of Butler. He was married three times; first to Susan Meers, by whom he had one child—Susan, who married J. M. Howard, and died in La Salle County, Ill., in December, 1884, leaving a family. Mrs. Blaker died in Pennsylvania, and he then married Mary Walton, who at her death left three children—George, of Maumee, Ohio; William, of Lafayette, Ind., and Arabelle, wife of Col. J.

D. McKain, of Marseilles, Ill. His third marriage was to Mrs. Eliza Scottow, a native of Gloucestershire, England, born in 1817, widow of John Scottow. She came to America in June, 1832. Mr. Blaker died Feb. 6, 1868, aged sixty-two years.

John Blaker, proprietor livery stable, Butler, Ind., was born in Lycoming County, Pa., Jan. 10, 1825, a son of Jesse Blaker, a native of Bucks County, Pa., of German descent, his ancestors coming to America with William Penn. The father died in February, 1872, in the ninety-fifth year of his age. John Blaker was reared on a farm; his parents being in limited circumstances, he had very limited educational advantages. He earned his own living after fourteen years of age. He came to Indiana in the year 1855, settled in Wilmington Township on what is now known as the Colgrove farm. The following year he moved to Butler where he has since resided. J. A. Moore and Eli Strauss are the only men now living in Butler who were here when he came. For several years Mr. Blaker dealt largely in stock, also carried on a livery stable, bought and shipped produce, wool, etc.; in 1877 he abandoned all other branches of business, and has since given his entire attention to livery. He has a good business, having constantly horses suitable for ladies or gentlemen to drive, also suitable for horseback riding; he has buggies and carriages of all descriptions, and is ready at any time to fill an order for single or double harness. Mr. Blaker was married July 20, 1848, to Mercy, daughter of Jonathan and Mary Hall. Eleven of their twelve children are living—Mary E., Sarah A., Lucy J., Achilles, Christiann, Chester, Jesse, John, Ella, Frank and Hattie. Frank is the only boy remaining at home, and assists his father in the livery.

Bond Brothers, proprietors of the Butler bakery and restaurant.—John W. and Charles O. Bond are natives of Perry County, Ohio, the former born May 23, 1858, and the latter Aug. 10, 1863. They were reared on a farm, receiving a common-school education. In 1881 John went to Grundy County, Iowa, but in 1882 returned to his native county. Charles was for some time a cook on a Baltimore & Ohio dining-car. In January, 1884, they came to Butler and bought the Butler bakery which they have enlarged, and have now a constantly increasing business. They make the famous cream bread and the finest coffee-rolls in the country, the latter by a new process invented by Charles Bond. Their father, David Bond, is also a

native of Perry County, a son of Peter Bond, of Baltimore, Md. Peter Bond was born in 1800, the youngest of thirteen children, and in 1813 accompanied his parents to Ohio and subsequently made his home in Perry County.

Edwin D. Briggs, of the firm Briggs & Co., grocers, Butler Ind., was born in Jefferson County, N. Y., Dec. 4, 1854, a son of Clark Briggs, a native of the same county. He was reared and educated in his native county, receiving a good education in the common schools. He worked at cheese-making several years, and in 1878 left his native county and removed to Wood County, Ohio, where he was employed in the general store of C. E. Palmer & Co., of Bairdstown, about four years. He then, in company with his brother, Myron C., bought out his employers and carried on the business successfully three years. He then sold his interest to his brother and William A. Jones, who still carry on the business. He formed a partnership with Morrison Brunstetter, and bought a stock of groceries, confectionery, etc., and in April, 1885, removed to Butler, where they are building up a large and constantly increasing trade. They are enterprising young men, and keep a full line of everything found in a grocery and provision store. Genial and courteous in their manner, their fair dealing and attentive treatment of customers has won for them many friends.

Prof. Frank A. Brink, teacher in the grammar school, Butler, Ind., was born in Richland County, Ohio, March 2, 1855, a son of Peter S. Brink, of Lorain County, Ohio. He was reared on a farm, but received a good education, and graduated from the college at Plymouth, Ohio, in 1876, with high honors, being the valedictorian of his class. He began teaching in 1870 in the district schools of Richland County, and with the exception of the year he was in college has devoted his attention to that calling. He commenced the study of law in Ohio, and in 1879 was admitted to the bar. He came to Butler in 1879, and has been employed in the schools of the place. He uses many of the latest and best approved normal methods, and is a very successful instructor and disciplinarian. In addition to his school duties he has given some attention to his profession, practicing in Whitley and De Kalb counties. He was married Jan. 26, 1882, to Jennie, daughter of Andrew Baxter, of Franklin Township. They have two children—John and George. Mr. Brink is a member of the Masouic fraternity.

Hiram Brundage, deceased, was born in Ontario County, N. Y., Nov. 15, 1822, and died at his home near Butler, Ind., March 10, 1880. He removed with his parents to Erie County, Ohio, in 1833, and there grew to manhood. In 1845 he came to Indiana and located in Allen County, and in 1848 came to De Kalb County. He learned the carpenter's trade when in Ohio, and made that his principal vocation through life. He was married Jan. 21, 1847, to Louisa A. Roberts, a native of Ontario County, N. Y., daughter of Collins Roberts, who came to Indiana in 1838, and located in Wilmington Township, De Kalb County. At that time the howl of the wolf was heard in the forest, and a few Indians remained here and there who frequently visited the homes of the white settlers. Mrs. Brundage was one of the early school teachers of the county. To Mr. and Mrs. Brundage were born six children; four are living—Mary, Lottie, and Calista and Celesta (twins). Mary is teacher of the A, Primary Department, of the Butler schools; Lottie is also a well-known teacher of the county; Calista is the wife of Hiram McCollough, and Celesta remains at home with her mother. Mr. Brundage had been a member of some branch of the Christian church for thirty-seven years, the last twenty-five years of his life being a member of the United Brethren church. Mrs. Brundage and her daughters are also members of the United Brethren church. She has been a Christian for many years, and was a teacher in the first Sunday-school organized in Newville, where she resided for several years.

Morrison Brunstetter, of the firm Briggs & Co., grocers and provision dealers, Butler, Ind., was born in Mahoning County, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1855, a son of Levi Brunstetter, deceased. He was reared and educated in his native county, and when eighteen years of age began to learn the carpenter's trade, at which he worked till the fall of 1884, with the exception of two years, when he was engaged in cabinet-making and undertaking in Bairdstown, Ohio, having moved to that place in 1873. In April, 1885, he came to Butler, Ind., in company with Edwin D. Briggs, they having previously bought a stock of groceries and confectionery. They have paid strict attention to their business since coming to Butler, and have built up a good trade. Mr. Brunstetter was married in March, 1879, to Miss Ollie E. Bailey, daughter of Jacob Bailey, of Wood County, Ohio. They have one child—Jessie Ionia. Mr. Brunstetter is

a member of the Odd Fellows' order, an organization in which he takes a great interest.

John A. Campbell, insurance and collecting agent, Butler, Ind., was born in Wayne County, Ohio, Dec. 25, 1836, a son of John Campbell, a native of West Virginia. He was reared a farmer, but received a good education, attending the schools of his native county, and later the High School at Fredericksburg, Ohio. In the fall of 1856 he began teaching school in Summit County, Ohio, and taught till 1875, twenty-four terms in all. In the summer of 1870 he was engaged in the insurance business, and since 1875 has given it his entire attention, with the exception of four years, during which he was serving as Justice of the Peace. He represents sixteen companies, including both fire and life insurance, and has built up a good paying business. He was married June 15, 1861, to Mary A. Jadwin, daughter of Andrew Jadwin. To them were born seven children, six of whom are living—Irene M., Mervale F., Orla I., Romaine C., Emlin V., and Charles W. Arvilla B. is deceased. Mrs. Campbell died Aug. 22, 1882, aged forty-one years. July 31, 1883, Mr. Campbell married Grace Champion, a native of Lorain County, Ohio. They have one daughter—Stella. Mr. Campbell is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and the Odd Fellows' fraternity. He has always taken an active interest in all causes of public benefit. During the past few years he has written the biographies of many of the old settlers, and the county press has been enlivened from time to time with interesting letters when he has been from home.

J. W. Cannon, of the firm of Johnson & Cannon, grocers, Butler, Ind., was born in Seville, Medina Co., Ohio, June 15, 1849, a son of Isaac and Margaret (Bordner) Cannon. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, but moved to Ohio when a child with his parents, and lived there the greater part of the time till his death. His mother still lives in Seville. J. W. was reared on a farm, receiving a common-school education. When he was a child his parents moved to Eaton County, Mich., but five years later returned to Ohio. In 1869 he came to Indiana and followed agricultural pursuits till 1880, when he embarked in the lumber business, and three years later commenced running a saw-mill. He abandoned this in 1884 and formed a partnership in the grocery business with David Johnson, under the firm name of Johnson & Cannon. Mr. Cannon

was married September, 1870, to Libbie Grube, daughter of Peter Grube, a pioneer of Stafford Township, now in the eightieth year of his age. Mr. and Mrs. Cannon have one daughter—Adella. He is a member of the Odd Fellows' fraternity, lodge and encampment.

James E. Cantleberry, railway conductor, was born at Wauseon, Fulton Co., Ohio, Aug. 12, 1851, son of David Cantleberry, a retired farmer of Wauseon. James E. was reared to farm-life and received a limited education in the public schools of Wauseon. At the age of sixteen years, in 1867, he began working for the Lake Shore Railway Company as brakeman, and was in the employ of that company twelve years and seven months, and during that time was conductor almost six years. He then dealt in agricultural implements in Wauseon over three years, after which he went to Delphos and ran an engine on the Toledo, Cincinnati & St. Louis Narrow-Gauge Railway for nine months. In the spring of 1882 he came to Butler and entered the employ of the Wabash Railway. He acted as brakeman for twenty-one days since which he has held the position of conductor. He was married Nov. 28, 1878, to Alice Oberlin, daughter of Benjamin Oberlin, of Butler. To them have been born two children—Freddie and Norie.

James Chambers, deceased, was born in Loudoun County, Va., near Harper's Ferry, Sept. 3, 1787, a son of William Chambers, also a native of Virginia, of English descent. He was married in 1811 to Sarah Barrack, and soon after moved to Jefferson County, Ohio, and settled in the woods with Indians and wild animals for neighbors. Subsequently he moved to Carroll County, Ohio, where he followed farming till the fall of 1844, when he came to De Kalb County and settled on section 15, Wilmington Township, making another home in the woods, where he lived till Sept. 15, 1860. His wife died July 2, 1881. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They had a family of eleven children, seven of whom are living—Lucinda, Catherine, Melinda, Robert, Mary, James and William. Lucinda is the widow of Samuel Hankins, and has had four children, three living. Melinda married A. T. Packer, and has had seven children; five are living. James married Sarah Griffith. One daughter, Delilah, who died in 1864, was the wife of T. T. McCurdy. Another daughter, Elizabeth, died Jan. 27, 1885. She was the wife of Nicholas Minich, of Massillon, Ohio, and

had six children, four of whom are living. Robert, William, Catherine and Mary live on the old homestead which contains 105 acres of valuable land.

James Chambers, Jr., was born in Carroll County, Ohio, May 2, 1830, a son of James and Sarah (Barrack) Chambers, and in 1844 came with his parents to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on section 15, Wilmington Township, where he grew to manhood. He in early life learned the mason's trade which has been his occupation since arriving at man's estate. He was married Oct. 12, 1851, to Sarah Griffith, daughter of Hezekiah Griffith, who settled in De Kalb County in 1850. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers have had five children, but two of whom are living—Calvin D. and Flora. A son, Walter W., died Dec. 8, 1880, in the twenty-first year of his age. Mr. Chambers has been Constable of Wilmington Township four years. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Cassius J. Coats, attorney, Butler, Ind., commenced the practice of law at this place Sept. 6, 1880.

Dr. Noyce Coats was born in Warren, Pa., in 1822, and died in Wilmington, Ind., in 1877. He had no educational advantages beyond a few terms in a district school in Green, Trumbull Co., Ohio, and the home instructions of his father and mother, Rufus and Mercy Coats, who, when their son was in his fifteenth year, in 1837, migrated to the woods of Indiana. Here Noyce grew to manhood as a farm laborer, but never without a book in his pocket or fastened on the plow he followed in a convenient place for his eyes to glance upon it that he might memorize that which proved, afterward, of great service to him, for in the succeeding years we find him employed as a teacher in the log school-houses of De Kalb County. He had a memory disciplined by methods not taught him by others, and an intellect that expanded for something more. In 1860, with his family consisting of his wife (Rebecca Culp, born in Youngstown, Ohio, in 1827, and died in Wilmington, Ind., in 1881) and three children—Cassius J., George W. and Letitia A.—he removed from this county to Ann Arbor, Mich., where he attended a full course of lectures. He received the appointment of Surgeon in the army during the Rebellion and served till the close of the war, when he returned to Indiana where he resided, in the practice of his profession. His manners were genial, his affections warm, his conversation

instructive, his temperament cheerful, his gayety overflowing, and the poor and destitute of the community lost a liberal and humane benefactor by his death, which occurred after an illness of four days, of inflammation of the lungs.

Herman N. Coffinberry, train master and traffic manager of the third, fourth and seventeenth districts of the eastern division of the Wabash Railway, was born in Sherman Township, St. Joe Co., Mich., April 23, 1846, a son of S. C. Coffinberry, an attorney of Constantine, Mich. Our subject's educational advantages were limited. At the age of fourteen years he was employed by John Putnam in his native county and worked as a farm hand at \$10 per month for ten months, after which he spent a few months in his father's office. In 1861 he went to Three Rivers, Mich., and worked as a mason for four months, and from there to Adamsville, Mich., where he worked two years for Hon. George Redfield. He then returned to Constantine, Mich., and was first employed in the freight-house of the Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana Railroad Company for one year, after which he had charge of the freight and ticket office until 1870. He then returned to Three Rivers, Mich., and took charge of the station there for the same company until February, 1873, when he went to Cleveland and was revising clerk in Addison Hill's freight office three months. His health failing him he went to Osage, Iowa, where he remained till 1875, and during that time he was engaged in the mercantile business. He was also Deputy U. S. Marshal some time. He returned to Constantine with his stock of goods and carried on the business at that place a few months. In the spring of 1876 he went to Wabash, Ind., and was engaged as master of transportation for the Cincinnati, Wabash & Michigan Railroad, and in the fall of 1878 entered the employ of the Wabash Railway Company, taking charge of the yards at Fort Wayne until the fall of 1881, when he came to Butler, assuming the duties of his present position. March 20, 1878, he was married at Wabash, Ind., to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of William Dittlor. They have two children—William H. and John B. Mr. Coffinberry has been a Mason for eighteen years, and a Knight Templar fifteen years, and has recently had the Consistory degrees conferred upon him. His father was formerly Grand Master of Michigan and at one time held the office of Grand High Priest of the chapter.

Charles Coffrin, carpenter and joiner, Butler, Ind., was born in Whitley, Canada, thirty miles east of Toronto, Dec. 8, 1839, a son of Robert Coffrin, a native of Vermont, who moved to Canada in 1836 and died there in 1849. His mother is now the widow of Abraham Scott, and lives in Butler. In 1859 Mr. Coffrin went to Dodge County, Wis., and worked at his trade till February, 1862, when he enlisted in Company E, Nineteenth Wisconsin Infantry, and served three years, participating in the battles of Fortress Monroe, siege of Yorktown, where the regiment met with a heavy loss, Suffolk, Dreary Bluff and others. His brother Amasa was in the same regiment and was killed at Dreary Bluff. After his return from the war Mr. Coffrin came to Indiana, in June, 1865, and worked for W. W. Egnew, of Butler, two years making pumps; then worked at his trade a few years, when he bought a farm near Butler. In 1883 he returned to Butler, and has since paid the greater part of his attention to horses. He has one horse, Farmers' Pride, which is four years old and weighs 1,700 pounds; another, Canadian Jack, is five years old and weighs 1,750 pounds. Mr. Coffrin was married June 11, 1861, to Mary Howard, daughter of Morris Howard, of Steuben County, Ind. To them have been born two children, but one of whom is living—Evalena. She is a well-known teacher of Franklin and Wilmington townships, and is a graduate of Butler High School.

Payne K. Coggsell, engineer for the Wabash Railway, Butler, Ind., was born in Litchfield County, Conn., Feb. 9, 1846, a son of Hiram H. Coggsell. He was educated in his native town, Canaan, remaining there till fourteen years of age, when he came West and went to work on the Illinois Central Railroad as newsboy, running from Chicago to Centralia. Two and a half years later he returned to Connecticut and followed the same business on the Housatonic Railroad till 1863, when he was employed on the same road as fireman; worked in that capacity two and a half years, and Sept. 19, 1865, was given charge of an engine. He was employed as engineer five years, and in 1870 was transferred to a new road, the Connecticut Western, on which he worked nine and a half years. He ran the engine on the first passenger train that went into Hartford on that road. In the summer of 1879 he entered the employ of the Wabash Railroad, running between Lafayette and Danville. In August, 1881, he was transferred to Butler, where he

has since lived. Mr. Coggsell was married Nov. 3, 1869, to Minnie E., daughter of Mervin R. Lente, of West Point, N. Y. They have two children—Katie M. and Alice B. Mr. Coggsell is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He was Master of his lodge in Millerton, N. Y., six years.

Charles H. Crane, grocer, Butler, Ind., was born in Seneca County, N. Y., Nov. 17, 1846, a son of John G. Crane, who moved to Carlton, Mich., in 1868. He was reared in his native county, and received a good education, completing it at the Onondaga Academy, near Syracuse, N. Y. He taught school three years in New York, and in 1859 came West as far as Michigan, and engaged in the hide and leather business in Ypsilanti till 1875, when he went to Toledo, Ohio, and was employed as a traveling salesman for a wholesale grocery till 1877. In January, 1877, he came to Butler and formed a partnership in the grocery business with James Fisher. Eleven months later he bought Mr. Fisher's interest and conducted the business alone a year and a half. Then for three years was in partnership with W. E. Crane, in the F. W. Oberlin building on Broadway. In the meantime they built the store now occupied by Lingenfelter, to whom they sold it in June, 1880, and the same year built the store he now occupies on Oak street, moving into it in December. This store is the largest and most convenient of the kind in Butler. The cellar is a rear basement, under the crockery and glassware departments, each of which is entered from the main room, and in full view of the front entrance. Mr. Crane keeps a large supply of everything in his line, consisting of groceries, provisions, crockery, glassware, etc., and is able to compete with any firm in the place. His annual sales amount to \$15,000, with a constantly increasing trade. He was married October, 1871, to Emma, daughter of Alexander Wallace. They have three children—Austin, Mary and Carrie. Mr. Crane is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Isaac D. Dailey, blacksmith, Butler, Ind., was born in Franklin Township, Summit Co., Ohio, Feb. 9, 1842, a son of Anthony Dailey, who was a native of Pennsylvania. He was reared on a farm, receiving a good education, completing it at Greensburg College, Ohio. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion in Company B, One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Ohio In-



Jacob Grogg

fantry, and served one year, participating in the battles of Murrefreesboro, Fort Anderson, Wilmington and others. In the fall of 1865 he came to Butler, and the next spring opened a grocery and provision store, which he conducted nine months, when he established his present place of business. He does general blacksmithing and repairing, and has a good patronage. May 26, 1867, he was married to Almira Noel, a native of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, daughter of Nicholas Noel, now of Wilmington Township. To them have been born four children; but three are living—Minnie Agnoss, Leota E. and Bertha E. One daughter, Ida L., died in the fifth year of her age. Mr. Dailey belongs to Meade Post, No. 44, G. A. R., and is a faithful member, always at his post performing his duty as Quartermaster, and never lacking in any business that is beneficial to the post.

William Demaranville, farmer and stock-raiser, section 35, Wilmington Township, was born in Freetown, Bristol Co., Mass., Aug. 13, 1838, a son of James Demaranville. In 1847 his parents moved to Tompkins County, N. Y., and as soon as large enough he began to chop in the pineries, working by the month till the breaking out of the Rebellion, when he enlisted in Company A, Thirty-second New York Infantry, and served two years, participating in several hard-fought battles, among them West Point, Malvern Hill, White Oak Swamp, and Chancellorsville. He was married March 25, 1865, to Sarah Cramer, daughter of Abram Cramer. To them have been born two children, but one of whom is living—George, born Aug. 30, 1874. Mr. Demaranville moved to Indiana in December, 1865, and in 1868 entered his present farm. He has engaged extensively in the dairy business, milking eighteen cows, and also makes a specialty of sheep growing, having a fine flock of over 200 sheep. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mrs. Demaranville's brother, Oliver Cramer, was a soldier in the late war, a member of Company F, One Hundred and Ninth New York Infantry, and was taken prisoner at the battle of the Wilderness and confined in Andersonville Prison. He contracted sciatic rheumatism and scurvy while a prisoner, and died from its effect, culminating in consumption, September, 1880. His wife has the last ration issued to him.

D. D. Dichtl, of Butler, Ind., was born in Summit County,

Ohio, Jan. 25, 1843, son of Isaac Diehl, who moved to De Kalb County, Ind., in April, 1843, and settled in Stafford Township. He remained on the farm with his parents until 1861, when he enlisted in Company F, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, and in March, 1862, was sent home on account of ill health. After his recovery in August, 1862, he re-enlisted in Company H, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry, under Captain, and afterward General Blair, and participated in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Resaca, Peach Tree Creek, Kenesaw Mountain, Chattahoochee River, in all the battles in front and around Atlanta, in the decisive charge of Jonesboro, which caused the fall of Atlanta, and marched with Sherman to the sea and through the Carolinas, and was in the last and bloody battle of Bentonville, N. C., where the first division of the Fourteenth Army Corps, under command of Jeff. C. Davis, Major-General commanding, did such gallant and noble fighting, his regiment being the first to open the fight, being put on the skirmish line very early in the morning. He was taken prisoner at Stone River, Jan. 2, 1862, and exchanged soon after. He had his full share of suffering, and contracted disease that will always remain in his system. He was married May 26, 1867, to Salina S. Walters, daughter of Peter Walters. They have had four children; but three are living—George C., Minnie M. and Lena A., the youngest now being twelve years old. He came to Butler in 1866, and the fall of 1867 moved to Tiskilwa, Ill., and remained two years; returning to Butler he has made this his home ever since. He was in the agricultural implement business three years, and the book and stationery business with Jones Brothers, Chicago, Ill., two years. He is a tin and copper smith by trade, and is foreman of the shop of Beadle & McCurdy, of Butler, Ind. He is a member of Meade Post, No. 44, Department of Indiana, G. A. R., and is the Commander of the post.

Abraham Eakright, farmer and stock-raiser, section 20, Wilmington Township, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, Dec. 30, 1827. His father, Samuel Eakright, was a native of England, and came to America in 1811 and soon after enlisted in the service of the United States, in the war of 1812. He settled in Ohio, and there married Mary Maxwell. In 1836 they moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Wilmington Township where he died in 1852. The mother died in 1872. They had

a family of thirteen children, five of whom are living—Isaac, Benjamin, John, Abraham and James. When the family first moved to De Kalb County their only neighbors were Indians, and it was eighteen months before Mrs. Eakright saw a white woman. Their children and the Indian children were play-mates, and exchanged potatoes, salt, meat and corn-meal for baskets, cranberries, etc. Their trading point was Ft. Wayne or Lima, reaching the former place by pirogue on the river. Abraham Eakright was married June 19, 1851, to Susannah Miller, a native of Cumberland County, Pa., daughter of Joel Miller. They have five children—John J., Sarah A., Edward W., Mary Ann and Ellsworth A. Mr. Eakright owns a good farm of ninety acres which is well-improved, with a pleasant residence and comfortable farm-buildings. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren church.

John J. Eakright, section 20, Wilmington Township, is a prominent teacher of De Kalb County. He was born three miles south of Butler, March 15, 1852, a son of Abraham and Susannah (Miller) Eakright. He was reared on his father's farm and educated in Butler and the High School of Auburn. He began teaching in the fall of 1873, and has taught nine winters in his home district. He taught one winter in Union Township, and the winter of 1884-'85 in No. 3, Wilmington Township. Mr. Eakright has been a very successful teacher, and has gained a reputation second to none in the county. He takes an active interest in the teachers' institutes of De Kalb County, and has never missed a session since he began teaching. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1884 for a term of four years. Mr. Eakright was married Oct. 28, 1874, to Acelia Treman, daughter of Edgar Treman, an old settler of Wilmington Township. They have one son—Orton E., born Sept. 9, 1877. Mr. Eakright has a pleasant home of forty-seven acres, and in the summer devotes his attention to farming.

Edward W. Fosdick, attorney at law, Butler, was born in Knox County, Ohio, July 12, 1822, a son of Thomas Fosdick, a native of Connecticut. In 1844 he came to Indiana and located in De Kalb County two miles south of Butler where he engaged in farming till 1855; in the meantime taught school several terms, and also devoted his leisure hours to the study of law. He was elected County Treasurer in 1854, and during the two years he held that office continued his law studies. He began

his practice in Butler with James E. Rose, under the firm name of Rose & Fosdick. Mr. Rose subsequently moved to Auburn where he has a good practice. Mr. Fosdick has since continued his practice alone and has met with good success. In 1869 he was elected State Senator and served four years. He was married in 1852 to Helen G. Totten, who died in May, 1856, leaving two children—Emma, now deceased, and Edwin L., of Butler. In 1859 he married Ruanna M. Brandon, who died in April, 1860. Sept. 17, 1878, he married Elizabeth H. Fetterhoff, a native of Springfield, Ohio, daughter of Joseph Fetterhoff, of Steuben County, Ind.

Edwin L. Fosdick, M. D., of the firm Fosdick & Wilkinson, druggists, Butler, was born in Auburn, Ind., May 1, 1856, a son of Edward and Helen G. (Totten) Fosdick. He received his elementary education in the public schools, and later attended the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. He then attended the medical department of the Michigan University, Ann Arbor, graduating in 1879. He practiced a year at Kewaunee, Ind., and then from December, 1879, till March, 1882, carried on a drug store. He then came to Butler, and the following July, in partnership with his father, opened a store in this place. In February, 1884, his father sold his interest to M. L. Wilkinson, and the firm name was changed to Fosdick & Wilkinson. They carry a complete stock of drugs, medicines, paints, oils, notions, etc. Their stock is valued at \$5,000, and they have an annual business of \$11,000. Dr. Fosdick was married Jan. 12, 1880, to Josie McCarter, a native of Kewaunee, born May 25, 1861, daughter of Alexander McCarter. He is a member of the De Kalb County Medical Society.

Thomas C. Fralick, engineer on the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railway, was born in Lower Canada, Oct. 9, 1859, a son of Timothy Fralick, who moved from Canada to St. Lawrence County, N. Y., in 1860, and thence to Port Huron, Mich., in 1865, where our subject was reared and educated. In 1878 he entered the employ of the Chicago & Lake Huron Railroad Company as engine-wiper, and was subsequently promoted to fireman. In 1881 he came to Butler, and ran an engine on a construction-train from Butler to Detroit for the Wabash Railroad. He now runs on a through-freight from Detroit to Indianapolis. Mr. Fralick was married Oct. 10, 1883, to Irene M., daughter of John A. Campbell, of Butler. They have one child

—Cecile Adelaide. Mr. Fralick is a member of the Odd Fellow's order and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Frederick Ginder, farmer and stock-raiser, section 26, Wilmington Township, was born in Ashland County, Ohio, April 25, 1843. In 1853 his father, Jacob Ginder, moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Wilmington Township, where he was reared and educated, attending school in the log cabin school-houses. When eighteen years of age, in 1861, he enlisted in Company F, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, and participated in all the battles and skirmishes of the regiment, including Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, Stone River, Chickamauga. He was discharged in the fall of 1864, and returned to the farm, where he remained till the spring of 1868, when, in company with Henry Gunsenhouser, a fellow-soldier, he bought a saw-mill of Bass & Hannah at Fort Wayne, and ran it till January, 1876, when they exchanged it for land. In February, 1877, Mr. Ginder settled on his present farm, where he is doing a successful business. He was married Oct. 22, 1865, to Emily McDannell, daughter of David McDannell, of Stafford Township. To them have been born nine children; but seven are living—Jacob S., John P., Hiram and Byron (twins), David O., Nora M. and George Merrill. Frederick and Margaret are deceased; the latter was burned to death at the age of five years. Mr. and Mrs. Ginder are members of the United Brethren church.

Jacob Ginder, farmer, section 22, Wilmington Township, was born near the City of Worms, Germany, Nov. 6, 1822, a son of Jacob Ginder. He was educated in the public schools of his native country, and in 1833 came to the United States with his parents, settling in Seneca County, Ohio, and in 1838 moved to Wayne County, and thence in 1840 to Richland County. In 1854 Mr. Ginder came to De Kalb County and settled on the northwest quarter of section 27, Wilmington Township. He bought 200 acres at \$10 an acre, giving his note for \$900 of the money. He has been successful, and has paid his indebtedness and given his son forty acres of land. He still owns 200 acres, which is now improved, and also town property in Butler. He ran an ashery three years on his farm in company with Elias Fisher, and subsequently ran a threshing-machine and clover-huller four years and a saw-mill four years. When

Mr. Ginder was married he did not have money enough to pay the 'Squire, but chopped wood for him for the fee. He now has a good property and can look forward to an old age of peace and plenty, gained by his own frugality and industry, assisted by a noble wife. Mr. Ginder was married Jan. 10, 1843, to Margaret Miller, a native of Germany, daughter of Frederick Miller. To them have been born eleven children, but five of whom are living—Frederick, Catherine, Philip D., Eva and Mary. One son, George W., died in his twentieth year from the effects of a cold in a slight cut on his knee. Mr. and Mrs. Ginder are members of the United Brethren church. Mr. Ginder is a liberal, public-spirited citizen, and is always ready to assist any charitable enterprise or anything of benefit to the community.

Philip D. Ginder, farmer and stock-raiser, section 27, Wilmington Township, was born in Ashland County, Ohio, March 7, 1846, a son of Jacob Ginder, who settled on section 27 in 1854, and now lives across the street from his first settlement, on section 22. He was reared a farmer and has always followed that vocation. He lives on a part of the land entered by his father, and in connection with his own cultivates his father's farm. He owns forty acres of valuable land. His residence is a fine two-story brick, the main part 18 x 28 feet, with a one-story L 24 x 26 feet. He has the finest barn in the township. It is 36 x 62 feet in size, and eighteen feet high. Mr. Ginder was married in January, 1871, to Sarah C. Swaidner, daughter of John Swaidner, of Hicksville, Ohio. To them were born two children; but one, Mary A., is living. Sarah is deceased. Mrs. Ginder died Sept. 4, 1873, and April 16, 1874. Mr. Ginder married Martha McDannell, daughter of David McDannell. To them have been born five children, but three of whom are living—Jacob L., Inez B. and Zantha A. Ida and an infant daughter are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Ginder are members of the United Brethren church.

Edward A. Griffin, section 16, Wilmington Township, was born in Licking County, Ohio, Feb. 16, 1847, a son of Eli B. Griffin, a native of New York, and an early settler of Licking County, moving there in 1834, and in September, 1848, moved to De Kalb County and settled in Jackson Township, and in 1865 moved to Wilmington Township, where he died in April, 1875. Edward A. Griffin was reared a farmer and educated in

the common schools. Arriving at manhood he began farming for himself, and now owns seventy-two acres of choice land, well cultivated, with a good residence and farm buildings. He was married Feb. 27, 1868, to Susannah M. Miller, daughter of Jacob Miller. But two of their three children are living—Elvin S. and Lewis F. Mrs. Griffin died July 29, 1874. Aug. 22, 1875, Mr. Griffin married Mary A., daughter of Peter Menges. They have had three children; but one is living—Elnora L. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin are members of the United Brethren church.

Lafayette Griffith, engineer, Wabash Railroad, Butler, Ind., was born in Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 7, 1847, a son of Joseph Griffith, who moved to Wells County, Ind., in 1848 and settled in the northwest corner on an Indian reservation. These Indians were of the Miami tribe, the chief's name, White Loon. They were peaceable and our subject often visited them and learned their language. He received a good education, attending Roanoke Seminary. Before his majority he learned the carpenter's trade, serving an apprenticeship, but not liking it he went to work on the Wabash Railroad as a laborer on a work-train, and has since been in the employ of the company, being gradually promoted till he reached his present position in 1874. He lived in Peru, Ind., from 1866 till 1871; in Fort Wayne from 1871 till 1880, and in Butler since 1880. He ran a freight engine between Fort Wayne and Lafayette seven years, and Oct. 10, 1880, was transferred to the Detroit & Butler branch of the eastern division, and ran the first express engine over the road west from Detroit. Mr. Griffith was married Sept. 29, 1870, to Mary E. Walters. They have three children—Minnie A., Jessie B. and Harry Lafayette. Mr. Griffith has been a member of the Masonic fraternity since 1870, and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Henry Gunsenhouser, section 21, Wilmington Township, was born in Summit County, Ohio, Feb. 22, 1834, a son of Jacob J. Gunsenhouser, who brought his family to De Kalb County, and settled in Stafford Township in 1836, when the Indians were the principal inhabitants. He was reared a farmer, but after attaining his majority learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked about ten years. In 1861 he enlisted in Company F, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, and participated in the

battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, Perryville, Crab Orchard, Murfreesboro, Chattanooga, and others. At Fort Donelson he was wounded, and carried the ball in his body till January, 1884. Henry Gunsenhouser was married Oct. 21, 1857, to Ann Huffman, daughter of Frederick Huffman, of Stafford Township. To them have been born nine children, eight of whom are living—Mary, Ella, Ada, Ida, Florence, John, Myrtle, and Ernest. Sadie, twin sister of Ada, died at the age of four years. Mary is the wife of William Freidenbarger, and Ella of Peter Whitman. In the spring of 1865 Henry Gunsenhouser moved to Wilmington Township, where he has a good farm of eighty acres. He and his wife and two eldest children are members of the United Brethren church.

Anton Hablawetz, farmer, section 36, Wilmington Township, was born in Bohemia, Austria, Oct. 24, 1826, a son of John Hablawetz. He came to America in November, 1858, and settled in Richland County, Ohio, and in November, 1868, came to De Kalb County and settled where he now lives. His land was heavily timbered, but he moved his family into a small log cabin, and went bravely to work to clear it and make a farm. He owns ninety-nine and a half acres, sixty acres of which he has cleared. His farm shows the care of a thrifty owner. Mr. Hablawetz was married in 1849 to Anna Lippert, daughter of John Lippert. To them have been born six children, five of whom are living—John, Joseph, William, Maggie and Rose. Their daughter Mary was married to Frank Conteriman, and at her death left one child. Mr. Hablawetz and his family are members of the Catholic church.

Gavin Hamilton (deceased) was born in the city of New York on the 4th day of November, 1792. His father, William Hamilton, was a native of Lanarkshire, Scotland, born in Auldtown in the year 1767, and was married to Catharine Campbell, of Glasgow, Scotland, and with his new bride crossed the billowy Atlantic in the early part of the year 1792 to commence his new life in America. He engaged in mercantile pursuits in the city of New York, and continued in business until 1795 when he died at the early age of twenty-eight years, leaving his widow and his two sons, Gavin and John Hamilton, surviving him. His grandfather, Gavin Hamilton, was born in Scotland in the year 1723. He married Janet Greenshields, and died at the ripe age of seventy-six years. In the year 1799 his great-grand-

father, Gavin Hamilton, also a native of Scotland, purchased the lands known as Auldtown from the Weirs of Stonebyres in or about the year 1732. His wife was a daughter of Thomas Weirs, of Waterside, who was identified in Scotland with the persecuted Covenanters known as the Scotch Presbyterians, who, under the reign of Charles Second of England, had become exasperated by oppression and taken up arms against their oppressors, and when in the battle of Drunnilag, in the year 1679, he came to his death in a singular manner; the bridle rein having broken, his horse carried him into the enemy's ranks and he was mortally wounded. Gavin Hamilton, the subject of this sketch, was only three years old when his father died, and at the early age of eighteen years, in the year 1810, made his way westward as far as Troy, Ohio. In two years from that time he joined a Government surveying party and assisted in the survey of Northwestern Ohio and Northwestern Indiana and as far West as the Missouri border. In 1821 he was married to Anna Platter at Miami County, Ohio, and four years afterward removed to Defiance County where he resided until the year 1839, when he, with his family, took up their residence in the county of De Kalb, Ind., on the St. Joe River, then the frontier of civilization. In his new home his fortunes were as varied as the seasons. In the years 1839-'40 he built a saw and grist mill, and in 1841 a flood of water, filling the banks of the St. Joe River to overflowing (called by the pioneers a freshet), swept away the work of those two years. With indomitable energy and perseverance he again went to work, and in a few years had replaced his mills, only to be consumed by fire in the year 1847. Afterward the grist-mill was again rebuilt, and known as the "Orangeville Mills." Mr. Hamilton, in politics, was a Republican. He cast his first vote for James Madison, fourth President of the United States, and adhered to the party through its varied changes, supporting Harrison and Taylor as Whigs, and following his party to the succession of the Republican party in 1860, voting for Abraham Lincoln for President, and casting his last vote for General U. S. Grant for President in 1872. He neither sought nor held office, but was true to his friends and party. In 1823 he united with the Methodist church, and lived a consistent member until the day of his death which occurred on the 10th day of February, 1874. He had attained to the ripe old age of eighty-two years, his

wife having previously died in the year 1865 at the age of sixty-five years. Their family consisted of nine children, four only of whom survive him—three sons and one daughter. Mr. Hamilton was a man known far and wide throughout North-eastern Indiana and Northwestern Ohio. He was distinguished for his kindness and generosity. His house was always open to hospitality. He leaves behind many pleasant memories. His body now rests beside that of his wife in the cemetery at Newville, Ind., where a marble shaft marks his last resting place.

John Gavin Hamilton, retired farmer, Butler, Ind., was born in Orangeville, Concord Township, De Kalb Co., Ind., April 1, 1841, a son of Gavin Hamilton. He remained at home till the outbreak of the Rebellion, when he enlisted in Company 11, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry, and served three years, participating in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, and others. After his return from the war he worked on the farm for a time, and then bought a flour-mill in Orangeville, on the St. Joseph River, which he ran a few years. It is now owned by his brother James, but is run by a lessee. After he disposed of his mill he bought the farm near Coburn Corners, Concord Township, which he now owns. He left his farm and moved to Butler in 1881, and embarked in the hardware business, but sold out in April, 1884, to John H. McCurdy, and has since lived retired from active business life. Mr. Hamilton was married June 14, 1866, to Ursula Dawson, a daughter of Lorenzo Dawson, an early settler of Concord Township. They have two children—Correl and Guy. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton are members of the Christian church.

Sylvanus L. Hamlin was born in Orleans County, N. Y., Oct. 12, 1833, a son of Samuel Seymour, a native of the same county, who died when our subject was fourteen years of age. He received a good education, attending the academy in Millville, N. Y. After leaving school he worked for a time in his native county, and then went to Shelby, Ohio, and engaged in the grocery business two years, when he moved to Hudson, Lenawee Co., Mich., and worked at the carpenter's trade and at contracting with his brother Seymour nine years, and then moved to Medina, the same county. In the fall of 1874 he moved to Fayette, Ohio, and engaged in the furniture business till 1880, when on account of the ill health of himself and wife he sold out and went to Petoski, Mich. In October, 1882, he moved

to Butler, Ind., and engaged in the furniture business till Oct. 15, 1884, when he sold out and is now engaged in contracting and building. Mr. Hamlin was married Oct. 12, 1858, to Sarah Hamlin, a native of Orleans County, N. Y., a daughter of Luman Hamlin. Mr. Hamlin is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

George C. Haskins, proprietor Haskins Livery Stable, Butler, Ind., was born in Wood County, Ohio, July 23, 1850, a son of Henry Haskins, of Butler. He was reared and educated in Kendallville, De Kalb County, where his parents moved when he was a child. In 1864 they moved to Cornma, and in 1866 to Butler, where they have since lived. Upon reaching his majority he embarked in the livery business, and has built up a good trade. He keeps a good supply of carriage and road horses, and buggies of every description. Mr. Haskins was married Feb. 19, 1882, to Nancy J. Harn, a daughter of David Harn, who came to De Kalb County in 1851, living here till his death. She was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, in April, 1851. Mr. and Mrs. Haskins have one child—Leta H.

Jonathan Hazlett, engineer and grain inspector for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company, at Butler Ind., was born in Wayne County, Ohio, Feb. 26, 1831, a son of David Hazlett, a native of Pennsylvania, who settled in Wayne County about 1825. His father was a blacksmith and miller by trade, and his early life was spent in assisting on the farm and in the mill. He learned the wagon-maker's trade and worked at it five years. In the fall of 1854 he came to Butler, and in May, 1855, went to St. Joseph County, Mich., and in the fall of 1856 returned to Butler, and worked at his trade two years, and then ran an engine in a saw-mill till 1864. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion in Company H, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry. He was with Sherman on his march to the sea, and participated in the battle at Bentonville, N. C. He returned to Butler after the war, and in 1873 was employed in his present position. He was married in December, 1860, to Sarah E., daughter of John Helwig, of Monravia, Kan. They have three children—Florence E., now Mrs. Charles Huey; Carrie May and John H. Mrs. Hazlett and her daughter Florence are members of the Disciples church. Mr. Hazlett is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Grand Army of the Republic. He has served as Marshal of Butler one year, Trustee ten years, and Treasurer one year.

Charles F. Hepp, blacksmith, in the employ of the Wabash Railroad, at Butler, Ind., a son of Charles Hepp, was born in Richmond, Va., Sept. 13, 1852. In 1863 his father moved to Baltimore, Md., thence to Dayton, Ohio, in 1864, and in 1865 to Richmond, Ind., where he lived till 1875, and is now in the employ of the Pan Handle Railroad in their shops at Logansport. Charles F. learned the blacksmith's trade when a boy, serving an apprenticeship in the shops of Gaar, Scott & Co., at Richmond, Ind., manufacturers of saw-mills, threshing machines, etc. He subsequently went to Logansport and was employed in the shop with his father till 1881, when he came to Butler and entered the employ of the Wabash Railroad Company. Mr. Hepp was married May 27, 1878, to Flora E. Cariger, daughter of George Cariger, of Logansport, Ind. They have one child—Pearl, born May 27, 1879. Mr. Hepp is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and has taken the Knight Templar degrees.

Isaac Hirschler, proprietor of Hirschler's Opera House, Butler, Ind., was born in Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 3, 1839, the eleventh of thirteen children of Simon A. Hirschler, but six of whom are living. His father was a native of France, and served eleven years in the French army, nine years of the time was one of Napoleon Bonaparte's body-guard. At the battle of Waterloo he was wounded, and carried the ball in his leg fifty years. It was extracted in 1863 by Prof. Gross, of Philadelphia Medical College, and is now in the museum of that institution. He died in Philadelphia, Aug. 16, 1868. Two sons, Henry and Leopold, died of cholera in New Orleans in 1852. Isaac Hirschler removed from his native city to De Kalb County, Ind., in 1873, and located in Butler, where he has since lived. In 1883 he built his two-story brick opera house block, which yields him a good revenue. Mr. Hirschler was married Sept. 15, 1867, to Dora Myers. They have five children—Matilda, Dina, Amelia, Rosalee and Herman A.

Isaac Hose, one of the most energetic young business men of Butler, was born in Wilmington Township, Dec. 12, 1856, a son of Solomon Hose, of Steuben County, Ind., but an early settler of Wilmington Township. He was reared a farmer, remaining with his parents till manhood. He received a good education in the common schools, and after reaching manhood began farming for himself. In the spring of 1882 he moved to

Butler and worked for the railroad for a time, and then engaged in the mercantile business for himself. He is enterprising and ambitious, and is doing a good business. Mr. Hose was married Sept. 8, 1880, to Julia A. Crooks, a daughter of William Crooks, a pioneer of Wilmington Township. Mr. Hose is a genial, social gentleman, philanthropic, and a liberal supporter of all benevolent enterprises.

Solomon Hose, farmer, sections 23 and 24, Wilmington Township, was born in Summit County, Ohio, Jan. 1, 1849, a son of Solomon Hose, a native of Maryland, who settled in De Kalb County in 1856, and later moved to Steuben County, where he now lives. Mr. Hose was reared a farmer and has always devoted his attention to agriculture and stock-raising, at which he has been very successful. He now owns a fine farm of 107 acres, with a good residence and farm buildings, which he rents, boarding with his tenants. Mr. Hose enlisted in 1864 in the Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry, Company II, and served till June, 1865, participating in all the engagements of the regiment after he joined it, among them, Kenesaw Mountain, Buzard's Roost, Peach-Tree Creek, the Atlanta campaign, Bentonville, Savannah and Resaca. He was but fifteen years of age when he enlisted, but was brave and made a good soldier. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Jason Hubbell, deceased, was born in Kent, Litchfield Co., Conn., Nov. 15, 1792, a son of Ephraim Hubbell. When he was a boy his parents moved to Middlebury, Vt., and later to Newburg, Ohio. When sixteen years of age he went to live on the farm of his uncle, Samuel Eldred, and remained with him till twenty-one years of age. He subsequently bought a farm in Medina County, Ohio, where he became acquainted with Lydia M. Hosmer, to whom he was married April 13, 1823. In 1842 they moved to Franklin Township, De Kalb County, and bought a farm, on which they lived till 1859, when they moved to Butler. Mr. Hubbell was a progressive, influential man, and assisted in all enterprises of public benefit. He was one of the principal movers in securing the Wabash Railroad through Butler. He was a liberal, whole-souled man, and his many deeds of kindness and benevolence were not duly appreciated while he was living, many of them being unknown, save to the parties interested. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity. He died June 27, 1874. His widow still lives

in Butler, loved and esteemed by all who know her. They had a family of eleven children, seven of whom are living—William H., Mary J., Laura A., Orson J., Harris B., Alice L. and Corintha. One daughter, Harriet F., died at the age of twenty-four years, leaving two children. She was the wife of William Welch, well known as a civil engineer for the Lake Shore Railroad, and now a stockman of Bozeman, M. T.

Lester C. Hunt, engineer, in the employ of the Wabash Railway, at Butler, Ind., was born in Huntsville, Litchfield Co., Conn., Feb. 4, 1848, a son of Chauncey Hunt, a native of the same county. In 1855 his parents moved to Bristol, Ill., and there he was reared and educated in the common schools. In 1865 he returned to Connecticut and began to work on the Housatonic Railway at Bridgeport, remaining there nineteen years. He began on the road as brakeman, and from that was advanced to baggage-master, fireman, station agent, conductor and engineer. In 1881 he came to Butler, Ind., and entered the employ of the Wabash Railroad, a position he has since occupied. Mr. Hunt was married Jan. 18, 1882, to Amarett Crosley, a daughter of Thomas Crosley. They have two children—Rutheda and Jennie. Mr. Hunt is a member of the Brotherhood of Engineers.

Lewis Imhoff, farmer, section 15, Wilmington Township, was born on the farm where he now lives, Jan. 31, 1845. His father, Jacob Imhoff, was born in Canton de Baren, Switzerland, Aug. 1, 1801, and in 1821 came to the United States and lived in Millbrook, Wayne Co., Ohio, till 1844, when he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on the land that is now our subject's home. He was married in Ohio to Mrs. Jane (McKinley) Walker, widow of John Walker, by whom she had one child—James P., who died in the service of his country. The mother died March 4, 1878, and the father Oct. 8, 1881. Their family consisted of six children, Lewis being the fifth; four are living—John, of Washington County, Kas.; Elizabeth, wife of E. J. Shirts, of Shelby, Mich.; Jane, wife of William Rolph, also of Shelby, and Lewis. Z. B. enlisted in Company G, Nineteenth Indiana Infantry and died in the service. Ellen married M. V. Heffelfinger and at her death left six children. Lewis Imhoff enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Eighteenth Indiana Infantry, and at the expiration of his term re-enlisted in Company H, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry, following

the regiments in all their varied fortunes, and was finally discharged in June, 1865. He was married March 9, 1870, to Mary Cook, daughter of Thomas Cook. They have three children—Ernest W., John H. and Ella L. Mr. and Mrs. Imhoff are members of the United Brethren church.

David Johnson, of the firm of Johnson & Cannon, grocers, Butler, Ind., was born in Wilmington Township, Feb. 21, 1858, a son of Joseph Johnson, a pioneer of De Kalb County, who died in 1864. He was reared and educated in Butler. He formed a partnership with J. W. Cannon, in 1884, and established their present business. They carry a stock valued at \$3,000 and have a constantly increasing trade, keeping a full line of foreign and domestic groceries, provision, canned fruit, etc. They are thorough-going business men, and their courteous manners make them many friends. Mr. Johnson was married Nov. 25, 1880, to Alice Tomlinson, daughter of John Tomlinson, of Wilmington Township. They have had two children; but one is living—Bert. Harry died at the age of eighteen months.

Charles G. Kellner, section 25, Wilmington Township, was born in Prussia, Germany, March 5, 1842, a son of John Frederick Kellner. When he was fourteen years of age he began to work at the mason's trade, serving an apprenticeship. He worked at his trade in his native country till 1867, and then came to America and lived a year in Philadelphia, and in 1868 moved to Butler, Ind., where he worked at his trade two years. In the fall of 1870 he moved to his present farm, but in the summer still works at his trade. In the summer of 1882 he built a fine brick residence, the main building, two stories high, 17 x 29 feet, and an L seventeen feet square. Mr. Kellner was married in August, 1870, to Maggie Shoup, daughter of Peter Shoup, of Williams County, Ohio. They have five children—Emma, Fred, Anna, Herman and Henry. Mr. Kellner is a member of the Lutheran, and his wife of the United Brethren church. His farm contains 100 acres, forty acres in Wilmington and sixty acres in Stafford Township.

Joseph D. Kenestrick, M. D., is a native of Crawford County, Ohio, born Jan. 31, 1853. He is a son of John Kenestrick, of Troy Township, who came to De Kalb County with his family in the spring of 1864. He was educated at the Butler High School and Fort Wayne University. He began the study of

medicine under Drs. W. H. Myres and H. A. Clark, of the Fort Wayne Medical College, and graduated from that institution in 1878. He practiced one year in the St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne, and in 1880 went to Cincinnati and received the *Ad eundem* degree from the Ohio Medical College. He then located at Angola, Steuben County, and practiced three years with Dr. Hugh D. Wood, and in the spring of 1884 removed to Butler where he is building up a lucrative practice. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Northeastern Indiana Medical Society and the Indiana State Medical Society. He is a hard student of his profession and has a promising future. He has a great fondness for the natural sciences and classic literature. A man of strong religious convictions, he has often been heard to remark that "a reasonable faith in the eternal order of the universe and a fond hope in the immortality of the soul is the best creed known to man." He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, lodge and chapter.

Peter S. Kester was born in Sussex County, N. J., Nov. 27, 1813, of Quaker parentage. While yet a small child, he, with his parents, moved to Ontario County, N. Y. After obtaining his majority he moved to Huron County, Ohio, and in 1837 came to De Kalb County, Ind. He was married July 13, 1839, to Miss Anabell Widney, of Franklin County, Penn., and died from heart-disease, June 18, 1885, in Woodson County, near Yates Center, Kan. Mrs. Kester came to De Kalb County, Ind., with her widowed mother, brothers and sisters, her father, John Widney, having died a few weeks previous. To Mr. and Mrs. Kester were born eight children—John P., Alonzo A., Amanda M., Richard S., Adolphus A., Annenus M., Amelia D. and Mary M. Amelia is a graduate of the Valparaiso Normal School, and is now a teacher in B grammar department of the Butler schools. She has taught her fifth year in Butler, and has also taught as assistant under Prof. Bowersox; John P. is a minister of the Methodist Protestant church in Hancock County, Ill.; Alonzo is a physician of Garrett; Amanda is the wife of Abram Bell, of Yates Center, Kan.; Richard is a physician of Avilla, Noble Co., Ind.; Adolphus, a mechanic and farmer, four miles south of Butler; Annenus M., a farmer of Union Township; Mary M., the wife of E. B. Nimmons. The three eldest sons were soldiers in the war of the Rebellion.

Timothy J. Knisely, of the firm Knisely Brothers, Butler,

Ind., was born in Troy Township, De Kalb County, Ind., April 17, 1848, a son of William Knisely, an early settler of that township. Losing his father when quite young and being the eldest child, he was obliged to depend upon his own resources and assist his mother in the maintenance of the family. His education was obtained by study at home, when not at work, as he was able to attend school but two months in the year. When about eighteen years old he began teaching, and taught two terms. Then clerked six months for his brother-in-law, J. D. Aldrich, when he became a partner in the business. In 1870 he came to Butler, and the first winter worked in the hotel for his board. The next spring he was employed in Isaac Oaks' store at \$40 a month, and after a year and a half was given \$50 a month. He remained there three and a half years and then bought an interest in the drug business with Dr. Hoopingardner. The next year his brother, David H., bought the Doctor's interest, and they carried on the business six months when they sold the entire stock to the Doctor and established a general store. They carry a stock valued at \$20,000, and have an annual business of \$60,000. When they sold their drug store they had a capital of about \$6,000. They keep a full line of dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, caps, notions, groceries, furnishing goods, carpets, and also carry on a merchant tailoring establishment, having a good custom. They are among the most successful merchants of Butler, and among the rising young men of De Kalb County. Mr. Knisely was married May 10, 1868, to Jennie McCurdy. To them have been born four children; three are living—Lillie Dell, born Feb. 28, 1870; Ora T., Sept. 15, 1873; Sarah Dessie, Nov. 3, 1874. Mr. Knisely is a member of the Masonic fraternity, lodge, chapter, council, and commandery. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

David H. Knisely, of the firm Knisely Brothers, general merchants, Butler, Ind., was born in Troy Township, De Kalb Co., Ind., Nov. 18, 1854, a son of William Knisely. He remained on the farm till fourteen years of age, receiving a common-school education. Then went to Hamilton, Steuben County, and clerked for Aldrich & Knisely a year and a half. He then worked on the farm a year, and in 1871 came to Butler and attended school two terms, and clerked in a drug store three years. He then bought an interest in the drug business with

his brother, Timothy J., which they sold in the fall of 1875, six months after buying, and in September established their present place of business. Mr. Knisely was married Oct. 15, 1882, to Eva J. Mason, daughter of Albert J. Mason, an old settler of De Kalb County. They have one child—Mabel. Mr. Knisely is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

William Knisely, deceased, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, Jan. 1, 1804, a son of John Knisely, a native of Pennsylvania, of Swiss parentage. In 1841 Mr. Knisely came to De Kalb County and entered a tract of timbered land from the Government, which he cleared and on which he lived till his death, April 5, 1860. He was thrice married. His first wife was Susan Burl, and to them were born six children—Harriet, Elizabeth, Rhuama, Sarah, Solomon and Martha J. His second wife, Elizabeth Snyder, lived only a year after their marriage. His third was Susan McEndaffer. They had four children; but three are living—Timothy, William and David.

Edward Krafft, farmer and stock-raiser, section 34, Wilmington Township, was born in Baden, Germany, March 3, 1835, a son of John Krafft. He came to the United States in 1850, in company with some neighbors, and lived one year in Richland County, Ohio. Then came to De Kalb County, and in 1854 returned to Richland County and worked two years for one man, and in that time saved enough to pay for forty acres of land. In 1856 he returned to De Kalb County and bought his land in Wilmington Township, on section 27. He went to work to clear his land, and by industry and frugality has added to it till he now owns 150 acres. He is engaged extensively in stock-raising, making a specialty of Durham short-horned cattle. He has several very fine head; one, Flora Red, is registered. From the spring of 1863 till the fall of 1865 Mr. Krafft was engaged in the dairy business on the Thomas farm in this township. Mr. Krafft was married in November, 1862, to Henrietta Coleman, daughter of Conrad Coleman, who died in 1870, leaving three children—Mary A., Ida E. and Edward Mahlon. June 15, 1871, Mr. Krafft married Eliza A., daughter of Hugh Maxwell. He is a member of the Presbyterian and his wife of the United Brethren church.

William Krontz, farmer, section 22, Wilmington Township, was born in this township, March 5, 1844, a son of John Krontz, one of the pioneers of De Kalb County. He remained on the

farm with his parents till the breaking out of the Rebellion, and in 1862 enlisted in Company A, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry, and served nearly three years, participating in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Atlanta, and with Sherman to the sea. He was married July 30, 1865, to Amanda Wineland, daughter of John Wineland, one of the early settlers of Wilmington Township. They have six children—Mabel, Henry, Elam, Roy, Michael, and Lovina. Mr. Krantz has a good farm of fifty-six acres, well improved, with a good residence and farm buildings.

Joseph R. Lanning, merchant, Mooresville, Ind., was born in Cadiz, Ohio, Dec. 16, 1829, a son of John Lanning, a native of New Jersey, an early settler of Cadiz, and later of Ashland County, Ohio. He was brought up to the life of a merchant, beginning to work in a store when he was ten years of age. He first came to De Kalb County in 1849, but did not locate till 1851, when he became established in the mercantile business in Butler. He was elected County Clerk in 1867, and re-elected in 1871. He was Postmaster of Butler four years, and Justice of the Peace about the same length of time. In 1872 he was a delegate to the convention at Baltimore which nominated Horace Greeley for President. In the fall of 1867 he moved to Auburn, where he still resides. From 1875 to 1882 he was in business in Auburn, and then moved his stock to Mooresville. He carries a stock valued at \$1,500, having an annual business of \$3,000. Mr. Lanning was married in April, 1857, to Margaret Deeter, daughter of Edward Deeter, an early settler of De Kalb County. They have eight children—George L., Daniel K., Joseph R., Edward D., Margaret B., Minnie, Evelyn and Ella.

Aaron Levy, merchant, Butler, Ind., was born in Northern France in 1842, and came to America in 1865. In 1869 he began the mercantile business in Florence Township, Williams Co., Ohio, and two years later moved his stock to Archibald, Ohio, where he still has one of the largest stores in the place. In November, 1882, he opened a store in Butler, and now carries a complete stock of general merchandise, valued at \$20,000, and has an annual business of from \$35,000 to \$40,000. He was married in 1872 to Caroline Hirsh, and to them have been born six children—Sarah, Barnhardt, Henry, Ida, Rosa and Louis.

Hon. William H. Madden, M. D., of Butler, is a native of Wayne County, Ohio, born April 8, 1825, a son of John Madden. His early life was spent on a farm, but later his father moved to Freeport, Harrison Co., Ohio, and engaged in the mercantile business several years. He received a good education in the public schools, and after leaving school began the study of medicine with Dr. John E. Charles, of New Cumberland, Ohio. In 1847 he located in Butler, Ind., and practiced six months; then returned to Ohio and practiced in Jefferson County fourteen months, and in 1849 returned to Butler, where he has since resided, locating on section 1, Wilmington Township. He owns a fine farm of 375 acres of improved land, which he superintends in connection with attending to his profession. He is a member of the Indiana State Medical Society, and has the respect and confidence of the brotherhood. In 1876 Dr. Madden was elected to the Indiana Legislature, and while there introduced two important bills, which were adopted; one a bill to entitle trustees of two or more townships to build school-houses jointly, and the other to legalize the acts of the corporation of the town of Waterloo. Both these bills have been of great benefit to Wilmington and adjoining townships. As a legislator Dr. Madden was ever mindful of the needs of the people whom he represented, and all his voice was for the promotion of measures which promised the greatest good to his county and State. In addition to his service as Representative he has filled several local offices of trust, such as Justice of the Peace, Trustee, Notary Public, etc. He was the first Postmaster of Butler, appointed in 1853. Dr. Madden was married April 13, 1851, to Isabel Walter, daughter of Peter Walter. Of their seven children but five are living—Herman M., Melissa J., Ira B., Ida M. and Emma L.

Albert J. Mason, dealer in lumber, shingles, lath, etc., Butler, Ind., was born in Genesee County, N. Y., Dec. 29, 1829, a son of David and Sarah (Smith) Mason, his father a native of Vermont and his mother of Elmira, N. Y., both of English descent. In 1845 his parents moved to Williams County, Ohio, and settled in Northwest Township, and Albert J. began to work in a fanning-mill factory the following spring. He worked there one season and then began to work at the carpenter's and joiner's trade, which he followed continually until 1880. He came to De Kalb County in 1856, and has built some of the best



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houses and business blocks in the town. He established his lumber yard in 1875, and since 1880 has given it his entire attention. Mr. Mason was married in 1853 to Harriet M. Olds. They have had four children, three of whom are living—Byron C., a traveling salesman for a Cincinnati Safe and Lock Company; Warren A., a partner with his father; and Eva, wife of David Knisely. Mr. Mason is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is one of the most enterprising business men of Butler.

Elliott P. Masters, of the firm Masters & Scoville, Butler, Ind., was born in Fulton County, Ohio, Oct. 10, 1853, a son of Hon. Ezekiel and Susannah B. (Perkins) Masters. In 1869 his parents moved to Pioneer, Williams Co., Ohio, and there he followed farming and engaged in the produce business. He received a common-school education, remaining with his parents till his majority. In 1882 he came to Butler, Ind., and formed a partnership with J. M. Scoville. They keep constantly on hand a full supply of hard and soft coal, and buy and ship butter, eggs, and game to the Eastern markets. Mr. Masters was married Nov. 18, 1875, to Martha V. Fulton, daughter of Peter Fulton, of Pioneer, Ohio. They have three children—Bertha, Herbert and Lottie. Mr. and Mrs. Masters are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Masters's father, Hon. Ezekiel Masters, was born in Knox County, Ohio, Dec. 3, 1816, and in 1826 moved with his parents to Marion County, Ohio, where his father died, leaving him at the age of seventeen years with the care of eight younger children, and a debt to clear on the homestead. In 1836 he was appointed Orderly Sergeant of a volunteer rifle company, and eighteen months later was promoted to Second Lieutenant, and subsequently by succession till he was Colonel of the regiment. Early learning habits of frugality and industry, he was successful and accumulated a large property. In 1845 he removed to Williams County, Ohio, where he still lives. He has held many responsible offices in church and State, and was a member of the General Assembly from 1862 till 1868. Oct. 13, 1836, he was married to Mary Oliver, who died, and he afterward married Susannah B., daughter of Hon. Judge John Perkins. He has fourteen children, all well educated.

David Maxwell, section 27, Wilmington Township, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, March 12, 1838, a son of Hugh and

Ellen (Northgraves) Maxwell, and came with them to De Kalb County, in 1842, and was here reared and educated in the log-cabin schools. In 1859 he went to California, driving a team of mules all the way. There were twelve in the party when they left De Kalb County, intending to go to Pike's Peak, but at Belmont, Kas., receiving unfavorable reports seven of the party turned back. Mr. Maxwell bought the mules of Mr. Fosdick, who returned to the county, and the five proceeded to California. In the spring of 1860 he went into Nevada and bought a stock ranch which he ran till the fall of 1865 when he returned to Indiana, coming by water around Cape Horn, reaching home Jan. 10, 1866. Since his return he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, and now owns a farm of 160 acres, all well improved. March 27, 1870, Mr. Maxwell married Addie Bills, daughter of Francis Bills, an old settler of Wilmington Township.

Hugh Maxwell, farmer, section 34, Wilmington Township, was born in Mercer County, Pa., May 28, 1806, a son of James Maxwell, a native of Ireland, who came to the United States in an early day and in 1814 removed his family to Wayne County, Ohio. He was reared and educated in Ohio, attending the primitive log-cabin schools, and those very little as his services were usually required on the farm. After he was twenty-one years of age he learned the blacksmith's trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years, receiving in that time only his board and clothes. He worked at his trade seven years. In 1837 he came to Indiana and entered land on section 34, Wilmington Township, and in 1842 moved his family to it. He has been a hard-working man and has cleared his land of timber and made of it one of the best farms in the county. He owns 200 acres of valuable land, all well cultivated. Mr. Maxwell was married May 20, 1834, to Ellen Northgraves, daughter of Joseph Northgraves. But four of their seven children are living—Joseph, David, Ellen and James. Their eldest daughter, Jane, was married and at her death left two children, one son in Dakota and the other in Michigan. Mrs. Maxwell died in February, 1844. Mr. Maxwell subsequently married Mary A., daughter of David Ash. Eight of their nine children are living—Eliza A., Mary E., Hugh B., Walter S., Henry M., Calvin J., Sarah C. and Aurilla M. Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell and five children are members of the United Brethren church. Ellen is a member of the Christian church.

Daniel T. McNabb, proprietor of the Wabash House, Butler, Ind., was born in Center County, Pa., April 28, 1834, a son of Robert and Prudence (Parsons) McNabb. He was reared on a farm, receiving a good education in the common schools. When seventeen years of age, in 1851, he went with his parents to Lee County, Ill., and from there in 1855 to Ashland County, Ohio. In 1859 he came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Stafford Township, where he engaged in farming till 1862, when he enlisted in Company H, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry. He participated in the battles of Stone River, Perryville and several others, and in the latter part of 1863, at Stone River, he was taken sick, and February, 1864, was discharged on account of disability, and has never fully recovered. He now draws a pension on account of injuries received in the service. He remained on the farm about twelve years after his return home, and then moved to Butler, where he teamed till October, 1882, when he bought the Wabash Hotel. This house contains twenty-one rooms and is kept in first-class order. They set a good table, having everything the market affords; terms, \$1 a day or \$4 a week. Mr. McNabb was married June 5, 1855, to Sarah A., daughter of Jacob Hart. They have had five children; but four are living—Margaret E., Alice, Harriet and Augusta. John W. died in 1882, aged twenty-one years. Mr. McNabb is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. In political views he is a Republican.

Thomas H. Mitchell, deceased, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, Oct. 10, 1818, a son of John Mitchell, who was a native of Pennsylvania, but a pioneer of Ohio. He was reared a farmer, but obtained a good education, completing it at the Leesburg, Ohio, High School. He taught school nine winters, devoting the summers to agricultural pursuits. In 1853 he moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled on a farm in Franklin Township, where he died Oct. 23, 1860. He was a devoted Christian, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was an upright, progressive citizen, a liberal supporter of all charitable institutions, benevolent to the poor, and a kind and obliging neighbor. He was married May 22, 1844, to Rebecca Knisely, a native of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, born Feb. 25, 1823, a daughter of David Knisely, an early settler of that county. To Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were born eight children, but three of whom are living—William K., a physi-

cian of Ligonier, Ind.; John D., a farmer, residing on the old homestead, and Thirza. James O., Francis L., Mary E., Mattie and Sarah Belle are deceased.

Aaron D. Moore, one of the most prominent farmers and stock-raisers of Wilmington Township, resides on section 18, where he has a pleasant home and 200 acres of valuable land. He makes a specialty of raising fine stock. His Durham short-horned cattle are registered in the American Herd Book, Chicago; Spanish Merino sheep in the Vermont Merino Sheep Breeders' Association, Middlebury, Vt., of which he is a member; and his hogs in the Central Poland-China Record of Indianapolis. His ram, Burwell, No. 316, is a grandson of Bismark, who took the first premium at the Centennial, where there were twenty-seven competitors. He paid \$200 for this when a lamb nine months old. It shears twenty-two pounds. One ewe, No. 76, shears twelve pounds of first premium wool, and several shear eighteen pounds. His cattle and hogs are of the choicest grades. He is the only man save Dr. W. H. Madden, of Butler, in Northern Indiana, who has sheep registered in the Vermont Spanish Merino Record. Mr. Moore was born in Canal Fulton, Stark Co., Ohio, Jan. 17, 1831. He was reared and educated in his native town. His father was a shoemaker and in limited circumstances, and in his youth he began boating on the Ohio Canal in the summer, attending school in the winter. He came to De Kalb County in 1854 and settled in the dense woods where he now lives, and it was eight years before he saw a light in a neighbor's cabin, and often for weeks he saw no one. The first log cabin he built is still on his farm. He was a good hunter, and his gun and hounds were his main dependence. For several years he paid his taxes with hides and furs. He has cleared 160 acres of his own land, in addition to the assistance he has given to others. One season he walked nine miles Monday mornings, chopped in the woods all the week and returned home Saturday nights. While he was working for his neighbors his wife raised a crop of corn at home on land that had never been plowed. Mr. Moore was married in January, 1851, to Rebecca J. Caldwell, of Stark County, Ohio. To them have been born nine children, but six of whom are living—Hiram M., Margaret A., Ella, A. Alvin, George M. and John R. A daughter, Jane, died at the age of eighteen years, and a son, William, at the age of ten years.

Chester A. Newman, photographer, Butler, Ind., is a native of Michigan, born near Brighton, Livingston County. When he was four months old his parents moved to Percy, N. Y., where he remained till eleven years of age. He then returned to his native county and attended the schools at Pinckney and Howell, and after leaving school began to learn the art of photography in Brighton. He then opened a studio in Mendon, Mich., where he remained one year, and moved to Butler in 1883. He thoroughly understands his profession, and does the latest approved work. His business is constantly increasing, and he has the promise of a prosperous future.

Philip B. Nimmons, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in Broome County, N. Y., March 24, 1817, a son of Samuel E. Nimmons, an early settler of that county from New Jersey, who in 1832 moved his family to Richland County, Ohio. In 1844 Mr. Nimmons came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Wilmington Township, where he now lives, on land entered by his brother James in 1837. Five acres were partially cleared, but there was no house on the land. He immediately built a round-log house and moved his family into it. When he left Ohio he had a wife and two children, forty sheep, a cow and calf and \$27 in money. He paid his last dollar for fruit trees and exchanged his sheep for provisions, and in that way began life in the wilderness. He was taken sick and was obliged to sell forty acres of his 160 to pay for having his land cleared, but afterward bought it again. He has always followed agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, giving the latter industry his special attention for the past six years. When he began to give his attention to stock he bought a thoroughbred short-horn heifer of John Comstock, of Liberty Mills, Ind., for which he paid what was considered an exorbitant price. How well he has succeeded can be seen by viewing the splendid herd he has on his farm. The head of his herd is Sultan, No. 2, bred by B. F. Bedford, of Kentucky, his sire being Prince Adra, and his dam Valley Princess, both prize animals at the Paris, Ky., exhibition. He has eight head of thoroughbreds, and ten or fifteen grades almost as good in appearance as thoroughbreds. They sold two head of cattle at the Waterloo fair, and one calf six months old for \$75. They received eight first premiums at the Hicksville and nine at the Waterloo fair. Their fatted cattle bring $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents a pound more than other

grades. Durhams are acknowledged to be the best beef cattle and are easier kept than other grades. Although not considered as good milch cows as some other grades, Mr. Nimmons has one cow that is an exceptionally good milker. The farmers of De Kalb County are indebted to Mr. Nimmons for his untiring industry in improving the stock. Mr. Nimmons was married Nov. 14, 1840, to Mary A. Brink, daughter of Abram Brink. To them were born five children—Laura, Sarah, Mary, Emblen and Allie. Laura married William S. Best, an attorney of Minneapolis, Minn.; Sarah married Hon. J. I. Best, one of the Supreme Court Judges of Indianapolis; Mary married James E. Rose, attorney of Auburn; Emblen, now in partnership with his father, married Eliza Kester. Mrs. Nimmons died March 30, 1860. In May, 1861, Mr. Nimmons married Mrs. Mary Nimmons, daughter of Harvey Westfall. They have one son—Frank W., who married Allie Yarlotts. She had one son by her former marriage—George W. Mr. and Mrs. Nimmons are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Nimmons has never sought official honors, but has served two terms as Justice of the Peace, and five or six years as Township Trustee.

Prof. Augustus Obendorf was born in Tuscarawas Township, Stark Co., Ohio, April 28, 1861, a son of Jacob and Mary (Shaub) Obendorf. Jacob Obendorf was born in Lancaster County, Pa., Dec. 8, 1820. He enlisted in the war for the Union in the Sixty-fourth Ohio Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Murfreesboro, Dec. 31, 1862. He left a family of nine children—Mary A., Hiram, Martha, Ann E., Catherine, Alice S., Sarah S., Augustus and Jacob. Jan. 23, 1866, Mrs. Obendorf married Stephen Kutz, who was born Feb. 27, 1810, and died Jan. 15, 1880. To them were born three children, all deceased. In the spring of 1881 Mrs. Kutz moved with her family to De Kalb County. Augustus Obendorf received a good education in Ohio, and in the spring of 1880 came to De Kalb County, Ind., and the following fall was employed to take charge of the Centre School, Wilmington Township, and has taught four winters in that district. In the winter of 1883-'84 he taught in Stafford Township. He is a good disciplinarian, and is remarkably successful as an instructor, having a peculiar tact for imparting information to others.

Benjamin Oberlin, of Butler, was born in Stark County, Ohio,

Jan. 16, 1836, a son of John Oberlin, who came to De Kalb County, Ind., in the fall of 1845 and settled on a tract of heavily timbered land. His education was received in the log-cabin school-house, and was limited to but a small portion of the year. He was reared in the primitive log cabin, and spent the greater part of his youth in assisting to clear the farm. In 1856 he came to Butler, where he has since made his home. He was married Nov. 4, 1859, to Elizabeth Eckhardt, daughter of Henry Eckhardt, who came from Germany to the United States in 1847, and in 1854 moved to Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Oberlin have had nine children, seven of whom are living—Alice, Inez, George, Charles, Clyde, Pearl and Carl. Alice married James Cattlebury, and has two children—Frederick and Nora. Inez married Curtis McBride, and has two children—Winona and Leroy.

Frederick W. Oberlin is a native of Massillon, Ohio, born Sept. 21, 1826, a son of Adam Oberlin. When he was an infant his parents moved to a farm, and there he was reared, having early to help on the farm, and very limited educational advantages, as the school was some ways from their home. In 1847 he came to De Kalb County and settled in Franklin Township, where he followed agricultural pursuits several years, and at the same time ran a Massillon thresher for the farmers. He subsequently moved to Butler, where he kept a grocery three years. He owns the brick business block on the west side of Broadway, now occupied by a grocery and bakery. Mr. Oberlin was married in September, 1851, to Mary Slentz, who died in 1866. They had a family of seven children, five of whom are living—Lovina, Sarah E., Melinda, Jeremiah and Harriet. One son, James, died at the age of twenty-seven years. June 7, 1867, Mr. Oberlin married Mrs. Martha A. Miers, daughter of Joseph Favorite, and widow of Jacob Miers. They have one child—Mary Jane. Mrs. Oberlin has one son—Joseph F. Miers.

Abner F. Pinchin, attorney at law, Butler, Ind., was born Sept. 28, 1822, near the old fort in Ticonderoga, N. Y., a son of John Pinchin, a native of Massachusetts, of English descent. His grandfather was a soldier in the war of the Revolution; his father in the war of 1812, and he in the war of the Rebellion. When he was eight years of age he went to Vermont to live with a sister, and remained there till 1838, when he re-

moved with his sister to Huntington County, Ind., and thence the same fall to Troy Township, De Kalb County. In the fall of 1840 he returned to his native county and learned the blacksmith's trade. In 1842 he went to Racine, Wis., and was employed in the construction of the harbor, on which he dug the first shovel of dirt. In 1844 he returned to De Kalb County, and in 1856 went to Hamilton, Steuben County, where he began the study of law and was admitted to the bar in August, 1856. He has resided in Butler since 1865, and has built up a good practice. Mr. Pinchin was married Feb. 9, 1845, to Amelia P. Aldrich, who died in 1855, leaving two children, both now deceased, Sept. 19, 1855, he married Harriet Knisely. But two of the four children born to them are living—Emma O. and Abner E. From 1861 till 1863 Mr. Pinchin was a recruiting officer in the service of the United States, and during that time enrolled about 1,000 names. In December, 1863, he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Indiana Infantry, and March 7, 1864, was commissioned First Lieutenant. He remained with the regiment till January, 1865, when he was detailed Ambulance officer, and as such was mustered out. He participated in the battles of Resaca, Atlanta, Franklin, Tenn., and Nashville. At the battle of Franklin the rebels were in greatly the majority, but determined effort on the part of the Union forces won the day. The army reports at Washington, D. C., give A. F. Pinchin the credit of gaining the battle of Franklin. The supply of ammunition was run out and he volunteered to make the attempt to pass through the ranks and to the rear for more, but before he reached headquarters he was wounded, but revived, had the ammunition sent to the front and the ranks supplied, and they were able to repel the attacks. His bravery and determination inspired the soldiers, and with renewed effort Franklin was won by the Union forces.

Augustus Porter, section 1, Wilmington Township, was born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, Oct. 4, 1815, a son of Augustus Porter, a ship-carpenter, who worked at his trade in winter and in the summer attended to his farm. Our subject received a good education, attending the High Schools of Norwalk and Clarksfield, Ohio. He then taught seven or eight winters, working on the farm in the summer. During the summer of 1837 he chopped wood at 25 cents a day. In 1838 he came to

Indiana and lived in Steuben County till 1840; then returned to Huron County, Ohio, and thence in 1841 to Williams County, Ohio, and in 1854 returned to Steuben County, Ind.* In 1856 he again went to Williams County, Ohio, and in 1870 returned to Steuben County, and in November, 1873, moved to De Kalb County, and lived in Butler Township one year. In November, 1874, he moved to the farm in Wilmington Township, where he has since lived. In addition to superintending his farm he is engaged in securing soldiers' claims, bounties, pensions, and back pay. He is doing a good business, but has met with a number of losses through sharpers, amounting to \$7,000. He owns eighty acres of good land, and has given his son fifty acres. Mr. Porter has experienced all the phases of pioneer life, in both Williams and Steuben counties. The first year he lived in Williams County he cleared a small patch of ground, raised a crop of corn and fattened hogs for market, but found that the nearest one was seventy miles away, so he killed his hogs and salted them with salt that cost him \$5 a barrel. The next year he exchanged his meat for labor, getting 2 cents a pound for it. The nearest postoffice, mill, and trading point were twenty miles away. They raised the produce and vegetables required for the family, and paid their taxes and bought their groceries with furs and deer skins. Mr. Porter has held the offices of Postmaster, Justice of the Peace, and Notary Public. He was married March 10, 1845, to Rachel, daughter of Daniel and Isabel McLaughlin. They have had seven children, but two of whom are living--Clark and Grace. One daughter, Jane, married John Crise, and died at the age of thirty-one years.

Julius Proctor, farmer on section 12, Wilmington Township, was born in Huron County, Ohio, Jan. 3, 1819. His father, Oliver Proctor (deceased), was a native of Canada, who settled in Huron County, Ohio, in 1816. Julius Proctor was reared a farmer and obtained his education in the old log-cabin subscription schools. In the fall of 1846 he came to this county, settling on his present farm, at that time being all woods. There was but one house where Butler now stands. It was made of hewed logs, and is now occupied by Tim Otis. Mr. Proctor was married May 29, 1841, in his native county, to Matilda Brainard (deceased), whose parents settled where Butler now stands in 1840, and built the house mentioned above. To Mr.

and Mrs. Proctor were born five children, of whom only two survive—William Edward and John B. One son, Charles, was a soldier in the late war, in Company L, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Indiana Infantry, and participated in eleven hard-fought battles, besides several skirmishes. His death occurred March 11, 1871. Mr. Proctor also served in the late war in Company L, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Indiana Infantry, for seven months, he being one of the oldest volunteers from this county. He was crippled while in the service, for which he draws a pension.

George Pugsley, Justice of the Peace and farmer, section 29, Wilmington Township, was born Jan. 28, 1838, a son of Joseph Pugsley, a native of England, who came to America in 1845 and located in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. Mr. Pugsley was reared a farmer but obtained by his own exertion a good education, attending the seminaries at Chagrin Falls and Twinsburg, Ohio. When seventeen years of age he began teaching and has taught every winter save three since that time. Many began at A, B, C, and continued under his instruction at the same school until they were qualified to teach and became among the best teachers of the county. He came to Indiana in April, 1860, and settled on his present farm, which was very heavily timbered. He has cleared his land, doing all the work himself, and now has a good farm under excellent cultivation. Mr. Pugsley has been four times elected Justice of the Peace in his township and is now serving the fourth term. He was married in March, 1860, to Caroline Bailey, daughter of Cyrus Bailey. To them have been born ten children, nine of whom are living—Cora L., Mary E., Reuben J., Eugene E., George E., Emma J., Walter G., William H., Laura E. and an infant son. Mrs. Pugsley and three daughters, Cora L., Mary E. and Emma J., are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

James Revett is a native of Kinning Hall, County of Norfolk, England, born Aug. 14, 1806, a son of James Revett. He came to America in the fall of 1824 and located in Canada. He was a British soldier in Canada and Nova Scotia. In January, 1829, he came to the United States and lived in Pennsylvania a number of years, having a shoe shop in Bradford County the most of the time. In September, 1845, he came to De Kalb County and located three miles south of the present site of Butler. Not being able to get any work at his trade he worked on

Henry Fusselman's millrace at 50 cents a day, from daylight till starlight, and then had to carry water a half a mile and make porridge for his sick family. For several years he engaged in farming, and many times has hauled his grain to Fort Wayne and there sold it for 53 cents a bushel, half cash and half trade, and spent all the cash to feed his team on the way home. In 1855 he moved to Butler and began to work at his trade which he followed successfully several years, and now lives retired from active business life. He was married April 13, 1834, to Sarah M. Haskins, daughter of Aris Haskins. At their golden wedding in 1884, 250 people were in attendance, and they received many valuable presents. They have had nine children; but four are living—Eliza J., Abigail E., Thomas and Minerva Anna. James died at the age of thirteen years, John D., aged ten months; Matilda, aged twenty-five years; and George E., March 9, 1879. In 1861 Mr. Revett and his son George enlisted in the war for the Union. At Donelson Mr. Revett was wounded and now draws a pension. George participated in all the engagements of the Forty-fourth Indiana, and although wounded at Shiloh, had his wound dressed and remained with his regiment. He was a brave soldier, but died from the effects of his exposure during the war. Mr. Revett is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and has a gold-headed mahogany cane presented him by his brethren in the order. Mrs. Revett has been a hard-working woman, always doing her share to assist in the maintenance of the family. She is a native of New York, of English descent, her great-grandfather, Benjamin Haskins, coming to America in an early day and settling in Massachusetts, where her grandfather, Richard Haskins, was born.

Frank Reynolds, farmer, section 12, Wilmington Township, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, May 4, 1833, a son of James and Mary (McLellan) Reynolds, his father a native of Delaware and his mother of Greene County, Pa. His mother was a granddaughter of Colonel McLellan, who was killed by an Indian while camping by a spring. Some years after a son of Colonel McLellan met the Indian and was rowing with him across the river, when he learned the facts and attempted to kill him, but the Indian escaped by jumping into the river. Mr. Reynolds was reared and educated in his native county, and in 1849 came to De Kalb County, Ind., and taught school

the following winter. The next spring he returned to Ohio, with the intention of going to California, but his friends persuaded him to abandon the idea. In 1854 he came with his father's family to De Kalb County and settled near Auburn. He subsequently lived some years in Troy Township, and in 1872 moved to Wilmington Township and settled on the farm where he now lives. He was married Aug. 7, 1856, to Lucy A. Wannamaker, a native of Trumbull County, Ohio, born Jan. 8, 1834, a daughter of Elder Samuel Wannamaker. To them have been born four children—William W., deceased; Laura M., wife of Hon. W. W. Darby, of Bryan, Ohio; Frank E. and Alzein M. Mrs. Reynolds's father came to De Kalb County in 1844, and settled in Stafford Township, where he followed agricultural pursuits, and at the same time preached for the Christian church. He had a family of six children—Charles H., deceased; Lucinda, Cordelia, Maria, Lucy A. and Laura A. Mr. Wannamaker died in the spring of 1880. Mr. Reynolds has traveled over the most of the States and Territories. In 1879 he took a trip South, visiting Washington, Richmond, Cincinnati and several of the Southern cities, and in 1882 went to California, going by the Southern and returning by the Central route. He and his wife are members of the Christian church.

Jesse W. Rose, a pioneer of De Kalb County, was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, March 29, 1818, a son of John Rose, a native of Maryland, who settled in Trumbull County in 1816, and in 1836 moved to De Kalb County, settling in Stafford Township, in the dense woods. A colony of twenty-six persons came from Trumbull County, reaching De Kalb County Oct. 4. John Rose entered 320 acres of land on section 19, and by the next spring had enough of it cleared to raise some grain and vegetables. Their nearest market was Fort Wayne or Defiance. Two years later Rev. Ladd Thomas opened a small grocery in the colony, bringing his goods from Fort Wayne on horseback. He attended to their material wants during the week, and on Sunday administered to their spiritual needs. Indians were numerous, but peaceable and quiet. The chief, John Brown, was a frequent visitor to the Rose family. Our subject was one of the most energetic young men in the colony. He had a good team and was often called on to assist at log-rollings and house-raisings. He has done as much to make De Kalb County what it

is as any of the early settlers. He has been very prominently identified with all public interests, and has held several positions of trust and responsibility. But a few days after attaining his majority he was elected Constable and served four years. He has served as Clerk ten years, and Treasurer two years. He was married March 21, 1858, to Marilla A., daughter of Stephen W. Hackley. They had one child, now deceased. An adopted daughter, Martha, is now the wife of Samuel H. Tyson, and has two children—Rose and Herbert. Mrs. Rose died Feb. 1, 1880. She was a member of the United Brethren church, and a sincere, earnest Christian. None who applied to her for food or assistance was turned away. Her presence was comforting in the sick-room, and in any time of trouble her quiet ministrations were beneficial and cheering. Her death was a loss to the community and to her family that cannot be estimated.

William A. Rose, farmer, section 28, Wilmington Township, was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, March 5, 1842, a son of James Rose, who moved his family to De Kalb County in 1846 and settled in Wilmington Township, and in 1866 moved to Moore County, Minn., where he died in 1874. William A. Rose was reared and educated in De Kalb County. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion, in Company F, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, as private, and was promoted through the various grades to Second Lieutenant. He participated in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Stone River, Chickamauga and others, serving four years. Feb. 11, 1864, while home on a furlough, he was married to Celestine C. Matthews, a daughter of Nathan Matthews, who settled on section 27, Wilmington Township, in 1841. Five children have been born to them; but three are living—Grace, Bertha and Frank. Mr. Rose moved to his present farm in July, 1880. He has fifty-three acres of valuable land, with a good residence and farm-buildings, and is one of the prosperous farmers of Wilmington Township. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Thomas Rudd, dealer in fresh and cured meats, canned goods and oysters, Butler, Ind., was born in Bellevue, Ohio, April 30, 1854, a son of John W. and Mary (Wolcott) Rudd, natives of Devonshire, England, who emigrated to America in 1852 and settled in Ohio, where his father died in 1863. He then lived with a family named Chamberlain till sixteen years of age,

three years of the time in Monticello, Jones Co., Iowa. When sixteen years of age he began clerking for a man in a meat market, and in April, 1880, came to Butler and established his present place of business. He is a genial, courteous tradesman, and has built up a good trade. He keeps constantly on hand all kinds of goods in his line, and this added to his reasonable prices insures his success. Mr. Rudd was married Nov. 5, 1874, to Mary Link, of North Monroeville, Ohio. They have had two children—Robert, deceased, and Frederick. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Royal Arcanum, Bellevue, Ohio. He is a member of the Board of Town Trustees.

Prof. Thomas J. Sanders, A. M., was born in Wayne County, Ohio, Jan. 18, 1855, of humble but honorable parents. Of his ancestors on his father's side, though most probably of English descent, nothing is known certainly further back than his grandfather, who was a native of Pennsylvania. They are characterized by that vigor of body and mind, strength of passion, inflexibility of will, and boldness of character of those born to command. On his mother's side his ancestry can be distinctly traced through six or seven hundred years to the old English stock, tall in stature, and possessing great physical and mental power and fertility of resources. The subject of our sketch was reared on a farm, enduring many privations and practices of rigid economy and earnest toil. At the age of sixteen he resolved, though he knew not how, to push his education to the highest possible point. Having completed the work in the old "Stratton" school, he prosecuted his studies through many discouragements and sacrifices in the Smithville High School and the Canaan and Burbank academies. He then entered the classical department of Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio, from which he graduated in 1878, and in the summer of 1880 graduated from the Ohio Central Normal School, Worthington, Ohio. He is at present (1885) taking the post-graduate course, department of philosophy, in the University of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio. Was recently elected first life member of the Otterbein University Historical Society, and has just received from the State of Indiana a life license to teach. Previous to his graduation he taught two terms of district school, and assisted in the academies and High School where he attended. Soon after his graduation from the university he became Principal of the Edon, Ohio, public schools,

which position he filled for three years. Subsequently he was called to the Principalship of the West Unity, Ohio, public schools, and after serving one year was elected Superintendent of the Butler public schools, which position he has since filled. In teachers' institutes and associations he is an able and enthusiastic instructor. He is an earnest and faithful worker in the Sunday-school, engages heartily in all moral reforms, addresses public gatherings, and delivers scientific lectures. Prof. Sanders is a thorough, efficient instructor, a strict disciplinarian, and while he commands the love and esteem of his pupils by his ready co-operation and interest in their plans, inspires them to do good work, and assures them of his own competency to aid them. He has brought the schools of Butler to a high degree of excellence, and conducts them on the most approved methods of normal instruction. He believes that constant acquisition should be the law of the teacher's life; that no one can become a good teacher who is not a good student, and that it is the *animus* or spirit of the teacher that gives him his chief value. Says Prof. John Ogden, of Washington, D. C.: "He is a grand student. He combines thought and study with teaching; in other words, he studies his work. He teaches more than he knows, as every *good* teacher does; i. e., the pupils get more from his example than from his precept. Virtue goes out from him by contact, for he is an unconscious teacher—a *good man*." Prof. Sanders was married June 2, 1878, to Gertrude E., daughter of Rev. Charles A. Slater, of Burbank, Ohio, also a graduate of Otterbein University. They have one son, Ernest Avery, born June 28, 1881. They are members of the United Brethren church.

John M. Scoville, of the firm Masters & Scoville, dealers in coal and produce, was born in Lorain County, Ohio, July 19, 1841, a son of Ira B. and Harriet (Dennison) Scoville. In 1848 his parents moved to Ashland County, Ohio, and two years later to Medina County, returning to Ashland County in 1852, and in 1858 moved to Williams County. Mr. Scoville received a good education, remaining with his parents till manhood. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion, Sept. 1, 1861, in Company H, Thirty-eighth Ohio Infantry, and served nearly four years, re-enlisting as a veteran in December, 1863; was mustered out July 25, 1865. He enlisted as a private and rose to the rank of Sergeant. He participated in the battles of Corinth, Perryville,

Stone River, Jonesboro, Atlanta and others. After the war he settled in Pioneer, Ohio, and subsequently moved to Muir, Mich. He came to De Kalb County, Ind., and engaged in the produce business with E. P. Masters, and in January, 1884, added coal. Mr. Scoville was married Sept. 14, 1865, to Lydia R., daughter of Joshua Bear. They have had four children: three are living—Charles L., George S. and Nellie V.

Andrew Smith, section 36, Wilmington Township, was born in Trenton, Oneida Co., N. Y., May 10, 1814, a son of David Smith, a native of Dutchess County, N. Y., who moved with his family to Wayne County, Ohio, in the fall of 1814. His grandfather, David Smith, was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and was taken prisoner by the British, and with others was to have been put to death. The night before the day set for their execution he and a comrade plead with the door-keeper to give them a little air, and he opened the door slightly and Mr. Smith knocked him down, and then, with about half the prisoners, escaped. David Smith, Jr., was a soldier in the war of 1812. Our subject was reared in Ohio, and in 1845 came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in the thick woods on the site of his present farm. He cleared a small patch and built a cabin 18 x 20 feet, in which he lived nine years. He now owns 160 acres of valuable land, on which are good farm buildings. He was married Feb. 4, 1839, to Elizabeth Meacham, who died eighteen months after her marriage. Jan. 1, 1844, he married Susanna Rice, and to them were born three children; but two are living—George R. and Murray A. Marshall B. is deceased. Mrs. Smith died, and Dec. 23, 1862, Mr. Smith married Luthera A. Sutherland, who at her death left one son—Andrew M. Sept. 27, 1881, Mr. Smith married Maggie (Anthony) Corey, widow of Jackson Corey. Mrs. Smith has been married three times. Her first husband was John Kiser; they had three children—Lucinda, now Mrs. Wiles; Sarah F., now Mrs. Andrews, and George H. Mrs. Smith is a native of Jefferson County, N. Y., and was left an orphan when a child. She was reared by Abram Beecher, and with him came to De Kalb County in 1836. They lived in a tent ten days and were obliged to keep candles burning all night to keep the wolves away, but even then they would prowl around and growl. The Indian chiefs Popquah and Mashawness visited them often. The latter was 110 years old when the tribe left the settlement.

Samuel E. Stafford, engineer, Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, Butler, Ind., was born in Ashland County, Ind., July 4, 1844, a son of John Stafford, a native of Pennsylvania, but an early settler of Ashland County. In 1852 his parents moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Jackson Township, where he was reared. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion in Company H, Thirtieth Indiana Infantry, and participated in the battles of Atlanta, Franklin, Nashville and others, and at the close of the war was sent with his regiment to Texas, where they remained six months. After his return home he worked on the farm a year and then worked six years at the mason and plasterer's trades. In November, 1872, he entered the employ of the Michigan Southern Railroad Company, and has served them faithfully and well. Since that time he has changed his residence from Elkhart to Butler, alternating between the two several times, coming to Butler the last time in 1884. He has a pleasant residence in Butler. He was married Jan. 16, 1868, to Elizabeth Henderson, a native of Jackson Township, born Oct. 5, 1846, a daughter of Samuel Henderson, a pioneer of the township. They have five children—Frank M., Jessie M., Charles H. Effie L. and Gertrude M. Mr. Stafford is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mrs. Stafford is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Herman E. Stannard was born in Wyoming County, N. Y., Sept. 19, 1836, a son of Grinnell Stannard, a native of Scotland, who came to America in 1806 and settled in New York, and in 1840 moved to Allegany County, where he died in 1873. Our subject left home at the age of seventeen years and went to Joliet, Ill., and the same fall to Galesburg, and was employed in laying the track of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. He was fireman on the first engine that ran into Galesburg. He subsequently worked on the steamer New York, that ran from St. Louis to Keokuk, and went to Yankton, D. T., in 1856. Omaha at that time was a pile of wood, two flat-boats and a wood-chopper's shanty. He then returned to the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad for a few months, and then started for home, but on the way changed his mind and worked for the Michigan Central Railroad till November, 1857. He then was fireman on the Erie Railroad on a switch-engine two years, and on the road a year. He enlisted

in the service of his country in Company G, Twenty-seventh New York Infantry, and participated in the first battle at Bull Run, West Point, and the seven days' battle. He was wounded the second day of the latter battle, and was taken to Fort Wood on Bedlow's Island, and from there went home on a furlough. After the war, in 1866, Mr. Stannard came West as far as Michigan and lived in Linden five years, and in Whitehall a year. He had charge of the machinery in a tannery in the latter place. He then lived a year in Portland, Mich., and in 1874 entered the employ of the Wabash Railroad, beginning as pump repairer. He now has charge of the pumps on 360 miles of the road. He came to Butler, April 25, 1882. Mr. Stannard was married Feb. 4, 1863, to Martha Willcox, of Petoskey, Mich., a daughter of Abram Willcox. Their only child, Jennie, is deceased.

A. T. Strong was born May 14, 1845, in Whitley County, Ind., two miles north of Columbia City, on what was known as the Homer Alexander farm, a son of Ephraim and Angeline (Hill) Strong. When he was one year old his father moved one mile west of Columbia City on a piece of land which is now a part of the county farm, and when he was five years of age his father moved to Columbia City and engaged in the grocery and provision trade which afforded him a good opportunity of attending school, helping him in the grocery spare times. In 1856 his mother died, and in 1857 his father married Helenor Kiler. During the same year moved to the country, three and a half miles northwest of Columbia City, on what was known as the Walker farm, and in the winter of 1859-'60 removed seven miles north of Columbia City, on what was known as the Humbarger farm. He served his father until March 1, 1864, when he, with Vallorous Brown, enlisted in Company C, Seventeenth Indiana Infantry, arrived at Indianapolis, March 2, mustered into service March 3, and the 4th of March drew one month's pay (\$13) and \$50 bounty. Armed with revolver, paper-collar and pair of cavalry boots he got a furlough home for ten days; reported at Camp Carrington March 15; on the 16th boarded the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis train for Louisville; camped about two weeks at Louisville, when he was mounted and took up line of march for Nashville; passing through Nashville marched for Chattanooga, via Deckerd and Huntsville, and arrived at Chattanooga, May 1, 1864; May 7 was engaged

on the right wing reconnoitering and skirmishing at Tunnel Hill; was engaged at Buzzard's Roost, Dalton, Rocky Face Ridge, Snake Creek Gap, Rome, Alatoona, Kingston, Cartersville; was dismounted at Burnt Hickory by horse falling from under him; June 5th was put on detached duty at Columbia, Tenn.; on the 12th of July rejoined his command at Etawa Ridge and took part in the engagements at Buck Head, Cross Keyes and Peach Tree Creek; July 21st went to Covington, east of Atlanta, cutting telegraph lines and tearing up railroad track; about the 30th of July was engaged in the Jonesborough fight, following Hood back to Nashville. He was taken sick on the march and went into the hospital at Chattanooga; thence to Nashville Hospital, branch of No. 3. In November he rejoined his command which was sent to Louisville to be remounted; thence to Gravelly Springs, and went into camp for the winter; March 20th took up line of march for raid through Alabama and Georgia; April 2, 1865, had a hard fight at Selma. His comrade, Brown, was wounded in left cheek, but under the careful care of Strong he soon recovered, never leaving ranks; May 20th was one of the advance guard, taking the city of Macon, Ga., and was detailed as safeguard for Mr. Cox by Major-General Wilson; May 25th was called in and Company C started out along the Southwestern Railroad, via Oglethorp, Fort Valey, in search of Jeff Davis, who was escaping across the country. At Cuthbert, Brown was poisoned and unable to go any further, and he was detailed to take care of him; remained two weeks at Cuthbert and returned to Macon; was mustered out of service Oct. 5, 1865, and was honorably discharged; arrived at home Oct. 13, 1865. He then engaged in farming with his father and attended the High School under Professor Dolan. He opened the first winter school in December, 1865; attended the High School the following summer and graduated, and taught school the following winter. March 26, 1868, he was married to Almedia Iams. He farmed and ran a threshing-machine during summer, and in the fall and winter taught at Hively's school-house. In the spring of 1870 he removed to Columbia City and engaged in the manufacture of broom-handles, and May 21, 1871, he was employed at bridge-building on the D., E. R. & I. Railroad, then under course of construction; July 5 he went on the iron train, and Oct. 5 got the job of wiping; June 12, 1872, was promoted to fireman; in

May, 1874, to switch engineer, and to road engineer in August, 1874. He moved to Logansport in November, 1876, and was given the accommodation train; Aug. 15, 1881, he was promoted to passenger engineer, and Dec. 3 removed to Butler, Ind. In June, 1885, Mr. Strong took a trip with some of his comrades through the South, visiting the old battlefields on which they fought. Mr. and Mrs. Strong have two sons—Jeddy, born Dec. 28, 1868, and Heber, born Oct. 1, 1876.

George W. Swartz, farmer, section 26, Wilmington Township is one of the most prominent and influential citizens of the township. He bought his land in the fall of 1848 a part of which was on section 25, but did not move to it till 1859. He has cleared it from a heavily timbered tract and has made of it one of the best farms in the township. He owns 335 acres of valuable land, and has a fine residence and good farm buildings. He was born in Luzerne County, Pa., Oct. 3, 1817, a son of Michael Swartz, of German descent. He received a good education completing it at the Belvidere, N. J., Academy, and when eighteen years of age began to work at the carpenter and joiner's trade. In 1838 he came to Indiana and lived in Fort Wayne till 1842, and then went to Fort Defiance, Ohio, and to Lafayette, Ind., in 1845. In 1850 he went to California and worked in the gold and quartz mines till 1858, when he returned to Pennsylvania and in 1859 came to Indiana and settled on his land. He was married March 9, 1859, to Elizabeth Hollowpeter, daughter of Wesley Hollowpeter, of Pennsylvania. They have had five children, but three of whom are living—Ida E., Ollie and Minnie V. Mr. Swartz has been a Justice of the Peace eight years, and has served in several local positions of trust, such as Supervisor, School Director and Trustee, and has always given entire satisfaction to his constituents. Mrs. Swartz is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In addition to his farm Mr. Swartz owns a large flouring mill on the St. Joseph River in Stafford Township, where he carries on a large business.

John H. Topper, farmer, section 36, Wilmington Township, is one of the most successful and prominent young farmers of the township. He is a native of Wilmington, born Oct. 4, 1863, a son of William H. Topper, one of the early settlers. He has given his attention to agricultural pursuits since old enough to be of assistance on the farm. He went to Defiance County,

Ohio, about 1876 and worked two summers for his brother, Simon P. He now lives on the homestead which he superintends and thus relieves his father of the burden he has borne so long and faithfully. He united with the United Brethren church in 1878, but in 1883 changed his membership to the Dunkard church at Corunna.

William H. Topper, section 36, Wilmington Township, was born in Bedford County, Pa., June 20, 1828, a son of George Topper. He settled in Ashland, then Wayne, County, Ohio, in 1845, and in 1857 moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Wilmington Township. Mr. Topper was married in Ohio in 1847, to Phoebe Newman, daughter of Thomas Newman. Their two children are both deceased. Mrs. Topper died in 1849. In April, 1850, Mr. Topper married Tracy Easterday, a native of Wayne County, Ohio, born Sept. 30, 1831, a daughter of Michael Easterday. Nine children have been born to them, eight of whom are living—Simon, Margaret A., Mary L., John H., Laura E., William A., Letitia and Rosa L. Mr. and Mrs. Topper are members of the United Brethren church. Mr. Topper's first wife was the heir of one-seventh of \$64,000,000 in England, and had she lived her right to it would have been proven with very little difficulty.

William V. Troutman, station agent for the Wabash Railway at Butler, Ind., was born in Jefferson County, Ind., July 23, 1855, a son of Abraham and Margaret E. Troutman. He was reared and educated in his native county, and when twenty years of age went to Deputy, Ind., and learned telegraphy. He worked for the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis Railroad at Edinburg, Ind., four and a half years, and from there went to Roachdale, Ind., where he had charge of all the business of two companies a year. In August, 1881, he went to Kokomo, Ind., and attended to the telegraph office of the railroad company till March, 1883, when he came to Butler and has since had charge of the freight and ticket office of the Wabash Road. Mr. Troutman was married Nov. 24, 1880, to Lizzie Ford. To them have been born two children; but one is living—Lena W.

Albertus A. Waters, section 5, Wilmington Township, is one of the most prosperous farmers and stock-raisers in the township. He was born in Cortland County, N. Y., March 18, 1832, a son of Aretus and Caroline (Law) Waters, his father a native

of Connecticut and his mother of Oneida County, N. Y. There was a family of twelve children, nine of whom are living—Alexander S., Merton M., Albertus A., Orson, Oscar, Henry D., Curtis D., George W. L. and Emily A. In 1856 our subject came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Wilmington Township. He now owns a fine farm of 120 acres, all well cultivated. He makes a specialty of stock-raising and has some fine animals from registered herds. Mr. Waters was married July 18, 1852, in Orleans County, N. Y., to Cynthia Nodine, a native of Connecticut, daughter of Henry Nodine. To them were born six children—Henry, Elvena, Zella, Aretus A., Alta Ettie and George L. Henry married Climera Treman, and resides at Summit; Elvena married Edward Kiplinger, and has two children—George A. and Carlton H.; Zella married Almond Jennings, and has one child—Lola. Mr. Waters enlisted in the war of the Rebellion, in the One Hundredth Indiana Infantry, and served three years. He participated in the battles of Vicksburg, Black River Bridge, Jackson, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Dalton, Tunnel Hill, Resaca, Dallas, New Hope, Big Shanty, Kenesaw Mountain, Mission Ridge, Chattahoochie, siege of Atlanta, Jonesboro, Lovejoy, Cedar Bluff, Little River, Griswoldville, Savannah, Charleston, Branchville, Columbia, Bentonville, Raleigh and others. He enlisted as a private, and Nov. 22, 1864, was brevetted Second Lieutenant. Mr. Waters is now a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Post No. 52, Waterloo, Ind. He has served his township as Justice of the Peace. In religious faith he adheres to the Church of God.

Robert H. Weamer, proprietor Weamer House, Butler, Ind., was born in Indiana County, Pa., April 23, 1839. His father, Daniel H. Weamer, was a native of Pennsylvania, of German descent. In 1843 the family moved to Guernsey County, Ohio, and in 1845 to Plymouth, Ohio, where the mother died in 1848. The father afterward moved to Henry County, Ohio, where he died in 1873. In 1857 our subject went to Napoleon, Ohio, and worked two years with his brother, George W., on the *Napoleon Star*. Then went to Mansfield, Ohio, and worked on the *Shield and Banner* a year. While there cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, and that fall moved to Kendallville, Ind., and was employed as foreman of the *Kendallville Journal*. June 6, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Second Kentucky In-

fantry, and served three years. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Stone River, Chickamauga, Corinth, Antioch; was taken prisoner at Antioch. The first year of his service was in Kanawha Valley, Va., in an active campaign. After his return home in 1865 he went to Cardington, Ohio, and published the *Republican* a few months. In 1868 he formed a partnership with J. A. Myrtle in the publication of the *Steuben Republican*, at Angola, Ind. In 1874 he established the *De Kalb County Republican* at Auburn, and conducted it till 1879. In 1880 he began the publication of the *Butler Record*, and in 1881 established the *Review*, which he published till October, 1884, when he sold out and became the proprietor of the Boots House, now the Weamer House. He makes a genial, accommodating landlord, and keeps one of the best hotels in the county. Mr. Weamer was married Nov. 10, 1864, at Urbana, Ohio, to Elvira, daughter of Wm. M. Gregg. They have had three children—William L., born in 1865, died in 1869; Sadie B., born April 18, 1872; Mary Maud, born Nov. 28, 1876. Mr. Weamer is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Grand Army of the Republic. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

James M. Weeks, one of the most prominent and successful of the pioneers of De Kalb County, lives on section 32, Wilmington Township, where he settled in June, 1836. At that time the country was infested with wild animals and Indians, and the former made night hideous with their howling. The Indians were peaceable, but were beggars and thieves. He entered 160 acres from the Government on the northwest quarter of section 32, and has brought it from its wild wooded state to its present valuable condition. When he first came to the county he worked by the day or job at anything he could get to do. He at one time split 1,000 rails twelve feet long for William Thomas for 50 cents a hundred, receiving his pay in two bills, and the bank which issued one of them suspended payment the next day, and \$3 was all he realized for the job. He has cleared 100 acres of his land with his own hands, and has cleared nearly twice as much for other settlers. He met with serious discouragements when a young man, but his determination and pluck have carried him through all difficulties, and he is now reaping the reward of his hard labor. Mr. Weeks was born May 26, 1814, in Rockbridge County, Va., a son of John and Margaret

of Connecticut and his mother of Oneida County, N. Y. There was a family of twelve children, nine of whom are living—Alexander S., Merton M., Albertus A., Orson, Oscar, Henry D., Curtis D., George W. L. and Emily A. In 1856 our subject came to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Wilmington Township. He now owns a fine farm of 120 acres, all well cultivated. He makes a specialty of stock-raising and has some fine animals from registered herds. Mr. Waters was married July 18, 1852, in Orleans County, N. Y., to Cynthia Nodine, a native of Connecticut, daughter of Henry Nodine. To them were born six children—Henry, Elvena, Zella, Aretus A., Alta Ettie and George L. Henry married Climera Treman, and resides at Summit; Elvena married Edward Kiplinger, and has two children—George A. and Carlton H.; Zella married Almond Jennings, and has one child—Lola. Mr. Waters enlisted in the war of the Rebellion, in the One Hundredth Indiana Infantry, and served three years. He participated in the battles of Vicksburg, Black River Bridge, Jackson, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Dalton, Tunnel Hill, Resaca, Dallas, New Hope, Big Shanty, Kenesaw Mountain, Mission Ridge, Chattahoochie, siege of Atlanta, Jonesboro, Lovejoy, Cedar Bluff, Little River, Griswoldville, Savannah, Charleston, Branchville, Columbia, Bentonville, Raleigh and others. He enlisted as a private, and Nov. 22, 1864, was brevetted Second Lieutenant. Mr. Waters is now a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Post No. 52, Waterloo, Ind. He has served his township as Justice of the Peace. In religious faith he adheres to the Church of God.

Robert H. Weamer, proprietor Weamer House, Butler, Ind., was born in Indiana County, Pa., April 23, 1839. His father, Daniel H. Weamer, was a native of Pennsylvania, of German descent. In 1843 the family moved to Guernsey County, Ohio, and in 1845 to Plymouth, Ohio, where the mother died in 1848. The father afterward moved to Henry County, Ohio, where he died in 1873. In 1857 our subject went to Napoleon, Ohio, and worked two years with his brother, George W., on the *Napoleon Star*. Then went to Mansfield, Ohio, and worked on the *Shield and Banner* a year. While there cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, and that fall moved to Kendallville, Ind., and was employed as foreman of the *Kendallville Journal*. June 6, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Second Kentucky In-

fantry, and served three years. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Stone River, Chickamauga, Corinth, Antioch; was taken prisoner at Antioch. The first year of his service was in Kanawha Valley, Va., in an active campaign. After his return home in 1865 he went to Cardington, Ohio, and published the *Republican* a few months. In 1868 he formed a partnership with J. A. Myrtle in the publication of the *Stenben Republican*, at Angola, Ind. In 1874 he established the *De Kalb County Republican* at Auburn, and conducted it till 1879. In 1880 he began the publication of the *Butler Record*, and in 1881 established the *Review*, which he published till October, 1884, when he sold out and became the proprietor of the Boots House, now the Weamer House. He makes a genial, accommodating landlord, and keeps one of the best hotels in the county. Mr. Weamer was married Nov. 10, 1864, at Urbana, Ohio, to Elvira, daughter of Wm. M. Gregg. They have had three children—William L., born in 1865, died in 1869; Sadie B., born April 18, 1872; Mary Maud, born Nov. 28, 1876. Mr. Weamer is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Grand Army of the Republic. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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(McQuillen) Weeks. His father died in January, 1815, and his mother when he was ten years old. He is the youngest of four children. His brother John lives in Union Township; a sister Jane married Jacob Platter, and is now deceased; and Mary is the wife of Vinage Russell, of Miami County, Ohio. Mr. Weeks lived with an uncle till seventeen years of age, and then learned the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked five years, when he came to De Kalb County. He was married Dec. 18, 1849, to Mary Hay, a native of Germany, daughter of Valentine Hay. Their only child died at the age of ten and a half months. Mrs. Weeks died Oct. 3, 1872. She was an exemplary Christian woman, a member of the Lutheran church, and was beloved by all who knew her. Cornelius Platter, a son of Mr. Weeks's nephew, is living on his farm and superintends the work. He was born in Defiance County, Ohio, Sept. 12, 1861, a son of James Platter, the first white child born in the county. He was married to Eliza Davis, daughter of Isaiah Davis, and has two children—Charles and Harriet E. Mr. Weeks is therefore living with the fourth generation.

Henry Whetsel, one of the most influential farmers of Wilmington Township, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, Sept. 10, 1821, a son of Henry Whetsel, a native of Pennsylvania, and an early settler of Wayne County. In 1830 his parents moved to Seneca County, Ohio, and there he was reared and educated. He attended the old-fashioned log-cabin schools, where the mode of instruction was as primitive as the style of the house. In 1840 he came to De Kalb County, and worked five years for Wesley Park, a farmer near Auburn. He bought 160 acres of timber land on section 16, Wilmington Township, on which he afterward settled and which is now his finely cultivated farm. Mr. Whetsel married Julia Waterman, and to them were born ten children, eight of whom are living.

William J. Whetsel, a well-known teacher of De Kalb County, was born in Wilmington Township, April 4, 1856, a son of Henry and Julia (Waterman) Whetsel. He received a good education, attending the High Schools of Butler and Waterloo, and has taught five consecutive winters in his native township. He is a successful instructor and disciplinarian, and has now a good reputation as a teacher. His summers he devotes to study and work at the carpenter's trade. Mr. Whetsel is one of the best informed men of the township, keeping pace with all the local

interests as well as those of personal benefit. He owns forty acres of land, which has been cultivated by hired labor. Mr. Whetsel is a member of the United Brethren church.

John Wilson, farmer, section 30, Wilmington Township, was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, March 14, 1840, a son of James and Jane (Moody) Wilson, who came to De Kalb County in the fall of 1844 and settled in the woods on section 33, Wilmington Township, coming from Ohio in a one-horse wagon. The father died in 1847. When a youth our subject learned the carpenter's trade and worked at it several years. He spent a year and a half in Traverse Bay, Mich. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion in Company E, Eleventh Indiana Infantry, known as General Lew Wallace's Zouaves, and served over four years. He participated in the battles of Fort Henry, Fort Hymen, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Port Gibson, Champion Hills and several others. He was married May 17, 1866, to Amanda Bair, daughter of Rudolph Bair, who moved to Allen County, Ind., in 1845. Mrs. Wilson is a native of Holmes County, Ohio, born in September, 1844. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have been born four children—Morton R., James A. B., Alma O. and Mary M. Mr. Wilson served this township as Justice of the Peace five years, when he resigned. He has been a successful farmer and now owns 150 acres of valuable land, sixty acres of it being in Union Township. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and he and his wife and Morton and Alma are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

James D. Woods, farmer, and stock-raiser, section 23, Wilmington Township, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, Jan. 27, 1840, a son of Moses Woods. His father died in Ohio and in 1845 the family moved to Indiana and settled in De Kalb County, where James D. was reared and educated. He was early thrown on his own resources but having a desire to succeed in life has been energetic and owns a good farm of forty acres, all well improved, with a good residence and farm buildings. In 1862 he enlisted in Company A, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry, and was appointed Corporal. He served three years, participating in all the battles of his regiment, among others Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Atlanta, with Sherman to the sea and through the Carolinas to Washington, where he was in the line at the grand review of the army. After his return home

he resumed farming and soon after settled where he now lives. He was married Oct. 9, 1870, to Martha A. Kiser, daughter of John W. Kiser, of Wilmington Township. They have three children—Logan, John and Mary B.

Rev. David C. Woolpert, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, Butler, Ind., was born in Denver, Miami Co., Ind., Dec. 12, 1851, a son of Rev. Hosea Woolpert, one of the oldest members of the Northern Indiana Conference, now located at Whitewater. David C. was converted at the age of eight years, and early was convinced that he ought to preach, but resisted the conviction and studied and practiced medicine for a time. Finally he yielded to the promptings of the Spirit and in the fall of 1875 joined the Northern Indiana Conference. His first charge was Decatur, thence in the spring of 1876 to Muncie Circuit; in 1878 to Albany Circuit; in 1881 to Lima Circuit. His health failing he went South, and on his return, in April, 1883, was assigned to Butler. He is an able, eloquent speaker and a successful pastor, making many friends wherever he labors. He was married May 5, 1872, to Jennie Lash, daughter of Philip Lash. They have had four children, but two of whom are living—Chloe Maud and Carry H.

Peter Q. Wyckoff, deceased, was born in New Jersey, Sept. 26, 1816, a son of James Wyckoff, who removed to Carroll County, Ohio, in 1823. He was reared in Ohio, receiving a common-school education. He worked in a saw-mill several years in Carroll County and Belle Centre, Ohio, and in 1856 came to this county and settled in Wilmington Township, four miles west of Butler, but two years later moved to Butler and bought a saw-mill which he ran three years; then sold the mill and moved to a farm, but was obliged to take back the mill which he again sold two years later, and moved to a farm in Stafford Township, where he died March 7, 1877. He was married Dec. 16, 1841, to Mary A. Johnson, daughter of William Johnson. Of the nine children born to them but six are living—James W., William J., Cornelius, John, Mary M. and Ida. One daughter, Murtilla, died at the age of eighteen years. James W. lives in Stafford Township; John, in Butler; Cornelius and William, in Kansas, and Ida, on the old homestead. Maggie is the only one living with her mother. Mr. Wyckoff was a member of the Lutheran church, a faithful Christian gentleman. He was a quiet, unassuming man of few words, but his straightfor-

ward manner and strict business integrity gave evidence of his character and worth. He was one of the most honored citizens of the county, a kind husband and affectionate father. In 1881 Mrs. Wyckoff sold her farm and bought her residence in Butler where she has since resided. Mrs. Wyckoff is one of a family of twelve children, but two of whom are living.

Jacob Yoey, farmer, section 13, Wilmington Township, was born in Summit County, Ohio, April 5, 1840. His father, Isaac Yoey, was a native of Pennsylvania, but when a child was taken by his parents to Wayne County, Ohio. Subsequently he settled in Summit County, and in 1848 moved to De Kalb County, Ind., and settled in Stafford Township, and about a year later moved to the farm where our subject now lives, where he died in 1857. Mr. Yoey was reared on a pioneer farm and received his education in the old-fashioned log-cabin school-house. He began helping his father on the farm when a very small lad, and has experienced all the phases of pioneer life. His farm, which was entered by his father, is now under a good state of cultivation and is one of the best in the township. Mr. Yoey was married May 26, 1861, to Sarah C., daughter of Joseph Killinger. They have had two children, but one of whom is living—Frank, who was born April 1, 1867, and is now in school, fitting himself for a profession. Their daughter, Amanda E., died at the age of thirteen months.

Oscar L. Young, attorney at law, Butler, Ind., was born in Allen County, Ohio, Sept. 3, 1849, a son of William Young, a native of Maryland, and an early settler of Allen County. He was reared on a farm, receiving his early education in the log-cabin school-house. Later attended the Newville, Ind., High School, working on a farm nine months and attending school three months of the year. In 1873 he went to Fort Wayne and read law with Judge L. M. Ninde two years, and in 1875 came to Butler and began the practice of his profession before a justice, having been admitted to the bar in Fort Wayne. Subsequently returned to Fort Wayne and formed a partnership with A. H. Bittinger, and practiced with him till 1879. Then went to Southwestern Kansas and remained a year, employed as attorney for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad. In 1880 returned to Butler, where he has since remained. He was married May 24, 1882, to Jennie M. Walker, daughter of Leonard S. Walker, of Fort Wayne. They have one child—

Beulah B. Mr. and Mrs. Young are members of the Christian church.

Rev. H. W. Cherry was born in Erie County, N. Y., July 16, 1828. His father, Rev. Henry Cherry, was a native of Canada, and in 1841 brought his family to De Kalb County and settled on a farm in Wilmington Township, a mile south of Butler. He was a minister of the Free-Will Baptist church, but the latter years of his life had no regular appointment. Our subject was reared on a farm, but received a good education, and in 1854 entered the ministry of the United Brethren church. He was engaged in the regular work about twenty-five years; two years of the time was in Steuben County, two years in Hampdon County, Mass., and sixteen years in Wauscon, Ohio. In May, 1882, his health failing, he retired from the regular work and located in Butler. In 1883 he received an injury in his hip, from the effects of which he will probably never recover. He is a liberal supporter of his church and all its interests, and has given his farm near Butler, valued at \$6,000, to endow the Greek chair in the Union Biblical Seminary at Dayton, Ohio, reserving the income for his use till his death. Mr. Cherry was married in March, 1851, to Louisa French, a native of New York State. Their only child is deceased.



