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Robert Lytle



George Monroe

BIOGRAPHICAL

CAPT. ROBERT LYTLE.

The late Capt. Robert Lytle, who died at his home in Xenia in the summer of 1907 and who for years was prominently identified with the business life of his home city, particularly well known in local banking circles, left many friends in Greene county who will appreciate the preservation of something of a biographical character respecting their old friend in this definite record and history of the county in which he had spent the most of his life and in which he was so well and so favorably known.

Robert Lytle was a native of the old Keystone state, born in Huntington county, Pennsylvania, August 14, 1834, a son of James and Frances (Smart) Lytle, also natives of Pennsylvania, who came with their family to Ohio in the early '40s and settled on a farm in Cedarville township, this county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. James Lytle was seventy-three years of age at the time of his death. His wife lived to the age of seventy. They were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being the following: John, deceased, who was engaged in the shoe-manufacturing business at Dayton; David, also now deceased, who for some time was engaged in the shoe business with his brother John at Dayton and later went to Cincinnati, where he became engaged in the same business in association with his younger brother Patterson, the latter of whom died in 1915, and Frances (Mrs. McKee), who is living at Beaver, Pennsylvania.

Having been but eight or nine years of age when he came with his parents from Pennsylvania to this county, Robert Lytle grew up on the home farm in Cedarville township and early turned his attention to commercial pursuits, when eighteen or nineteen years of age becoming employed as a clerk in the dry-goods store of J. C. McMillan & Company at Xenia and was thus engaged at the time of the breaking out of the Civil War. He enlisted his services in behalf of the Union and was elected captain of Company D, Twelfth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until mustered out at Columbus in September, 1863, after which he returned to Xenia and resumed his place in the commercial life of that city. In 1864 Captain Lytle became employed as teller in the old Allen bank, at the southwest corner of Detroit and Main streets, and afterward was promoted to the

position of cashier of that institution. Later he transferred his services to the Second National Bank of Xenia and was cashier of that institution when it closed its doors in 1888, after which he became engaged in the local real-estate, loan and insurance business and so continued until the time of his death, although during the later years of his life he had been living in practical retirement from business cares. Captain Lytle was noted for his goodness of heart and his generosity toward those who were in need of help and many a young man who was getting a start in life in this county during the period of the Captain's business activities had cause for gratitude for his kindly assistance and helpful advice. Besides his interest in banking affairs, Captain Lytle had other business connections; was a member of the board of directors of the cordage manufacturing concern which afterward was taken over by the Kelly concern, and was also for years the secretary of the Peoples Building and Savings Company at Xenia. He was a Republican and was an active member of Lewis Post No. 347, Grand Army of the Republic, in the affairs of which patriotic organization he ever took a warm interest. He was a member of the Second United Presbyterian church of Xenia, as is his widow. Captain Lytle died at his home in Xenia on June 9, 1907, and there was sincere mourning in the large circle of his friends throughout this county.

On January 12, 1881, Capt. Robert Lytle was united in marriage to Elizabeth Monroe, who survives him and who is still living in the house in which she was born, at 218 East Main street, Xenia, the old home of her father. Mrs. Lytle is a member of one of the pioneer families of Greene county, the Monroes, who came from Scotland, having settled here in the year 1818. She is a daughter of George and Martha (Cunningham) Monroe, the former of whom was born in the village of Cooper Angus, in Scotland, and who was but thirteen years of age when he came to this country with his parents, David and Barbara Monroe, the family settling in Greene county, which by that time had become one of the most influential centers of the old Scotch Seceder, or Associate, church in America, of which church the Monroes were ardent adherents. After the union of the Associate and Associate Reform church, which union effected the organization of the United Presbyterian church, the Monroes continued adherents of this latter church and so remain. David Monroe, the pioneer, was a wheelwright and was from the very beginning of his residence in Xenia regarded as one of the influential residents of that city. He had a fine house on East Market street and he and his family were among the leaders in the early social life of the city. He and his wife were the parents of five children, those besides Mrs. Lytle's father having been Margaret, William, James, who became a furniture dealer in Xenia, and Mary Ann, who married John Moore, a merchant tailor of that city.

George Monroe grew to manhood in Xenia and presently became associated with his brother James in the furniture business in that city, the firm operating a furniture factory on South Collier street and conducting a retail furniture store on East Main street, and he continued engaged in that business until his retirement. He and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian church and their children were reared in the rigid tenets of that faith. There were four of these children, of whom Mrs. Lytle was the third in order of birth, the others being as follows: Anna, deceased, who was the wife of the Rev. James Witherspoon, a minister at Allegheny City, Pennsylvania; Mary Belle, who married James B. Watt, of Chicago, and who died leaving two children; and David, who died during the days of his young manhood. As noted above, Mrs. Lytle continues to make her home in the old brick house on East Main street in which she was born. During the year 1913 she and three other ladies from Xenia spent the year in Paris and Scotland.

JUDGE HORACE LEE SMITH.

The Hon. Horace Lee Smith, former judge of the court of common pleas of the third subdivision of the second judicial district of Ohio and a member of the Greene county bar, with offices at Xenia since the spring of 1875, is a native son of Ohio, born at Loganville, in Logan county, August 28, 1853, son of Dr. Clinton and Mary (Davidson) Smith, the former of whom was born in Dublin, in Franklin county, this state, and the latter at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. In 1855 Dr. Clinton Smith moved with his family from Loganville to Bloomingburg, in the neighboring county of Fayette, where he continued engaged in the practice of his profession the rest of his life, his death occurring there on November 9, 1879. His widow survived him for twenty-seven years, her death occurring in 1906. They were the parents of three children, the subject of this review having a brother, Dr. Homer Smith, of Westerville, and Dr. Eva Smith, of Middletown.

Having been but two years of age when his parents moved from Loganville to Bloomingburg, Horace L. Smith was reared in the latter village and there received his early schooling, later entering Bloomingburg Academy, where he prepared for entrance at Wooster University, from which he was graduated in June, 1872, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then entered the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and was graduated from that institution in March, 1875, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In April of that same year he was admitted to practice by the supreme court of the state of Ohio and straightway afterward opened an office for the practice of his profession at Xenia, where he ever since has

made his residence. In the fall of 1888, as the nominee of the Republican party, Judge Smith was elected judge of the court of common pleas of the third subdivision of the second judicial district of the state of Ohio and in the following February ascended the bench, occupying the same, by re-election, until February 9, 1899, a period of ten years. Upon the completion of this term of service Judge Smith resumed practice at Xenia and has so continued, though of late years he has sought to confine his personal practice chiefly to taking care of the needs of his old clients, the general practice of the office being looked after largely by his son, Harry Smith, who for some time has been associated with his father in the practice of his profession at Xenia, under the firm name of Smith & Smith, and who now occupies the official position of prosecuting attorney for Greene county.

Judge Smith has been twice married. In April, 1875, the month in which he was admitted to practice, he was united in marriage, at Bloomingburg, to Mary A. Jones, of that place, who died in 1885, leaving two sons, Harry, mentioned above, who was elected prosecuting attorney for Greene county in 1916, and Charles Earl, now a commander in the United States navy and further and fitting mention of whom is made elsewhere. Besides these two sons there were born to that union a son and a daughter who died in infancy. In January, 1887, Judge Smith married Mrs. May Loughry, a daughter of John Orr, who for eighteen years was clerk of the court of common pleas. During the period of raising the second Liberty Loan in the fall of 1917 Judge Smith had charge of Greene county's participation in that patriotic "drive."

FINDLEY DAVID TORRENCE.

One of the most prominent business men of a past generation in Xenia was the late Findley D. Torrence, a resident of Xenia from the time of his birth, August 1, 1842, until his death, June 24, 1916. His whole career of seventy-four years was spent in the city, and for half a century he was connected with its business, social, religious and political life in such a way as to stamp him as a man of more than ordinary ability. It is to such substantial men that Xenia owes its present growth in all lines of civic activity, in all avenues of business endeavor, in the various phases of community life which go to make up the life of a city. Hence it seems fitting to present in this history of the county, the place where his whole life was spent, the main facts concerning his career. A brief summary of his ancestry is first given. He was born of parents who had been residents of the county for nearly forty years; his father, David Torrence, was born in Kentucky in



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1804 and came to Greene county with his parents the following year. His mother was born in 1816 in Clark county, Ohio.

David Torrence was a son of John Torrence, who was born in County Londonderry, Ireland, in 1758. John Torrence, a son of Aaron Torrence, came to America as a British soldier during the Revolutionary War. At the age of twenty (1778) John Torrence enlisted in a Pennsylvania regiment and served until the close of the war in the cause of the revolution he had been brought over to help quell. He had an uncle, a brother of his father—Joseph Torrence by name—who rose to the rank of a colonel in the Revolutionary War and who later settled in Cincinnati and there lived the remainder of his days. One of Joseph Torrence's sons, George Paul Torrence, subsequently became mayor of Cincinnati. This son married one of the daughters of President William Henry Harrison. The Torrence family were Irish Covenanters, and because they desired greater religious freedom than was accorded them in Ireland they came to this country. Aaron, the first of the family to come to America, was accompanied by three of his brothers. After the Revolutionary War the four brothers left Pennsylvania and located near Lexington, in Kentucky. Here the family resided for a number of years, John Torrence, the grandfather of Findley David, being the first member of the family to locate in Greene county, Ohio.

John Torrence was married in Kentucky, his wife being Jane Jolly, the widow of Captain Jolly, a soldier of the Revolutionary War. She was noted for her courage and upon one occasion exhibited her bravery in a most striking manner. During the siege of a fort in Kentucky by the Indians, some time before 1800, she and her family and a number of others, were gathered in the fort for protection. The besieged became exhausted for lack of water and it was imperative that water be obtained in some manner. It was at this juncture that Jane Jolly volunteered to get some water outside of the stockade. She crawled from the stockade to a spring in the immediate vicinity one night, with the Indians surrounding the place and on the alert all the time, and returned with a pail of water. John and Jane Torrence were the parents of ten children: Susan, William, Jane, Betsey, Mary, Aaron, Ann, John, David (father of Findley D.), and Clarissa. Of these children it is recorded that William, Aaron, Ann and David were long residents of Greene county. When John and Jane Torrence came to Greene county from Kentucky in 1805 they bought a farm three miles west of Xenia in what was known as the McClellan neighborhood. This farm, now owned by W. G. Taylor, lies in the northern part of Sugarcreek township. After coming to the county he was granted a pension for his services in the Revolutionary War, and continued to draw a pension until his death in 1840. He was buried in the Associate church cemetery, but his

descendants had his remains removed to Woodland cemetery at Xenia in later years.

David, one of the ten children of John and Jane Torrence, was only about a year old when his parents came to the county from Kentucky. He grew to manhood on his father's farm west of Xenia, and so applied himself in school that before reaching his majority he was teaching in his home neighborhood. Later in life he located in Xenia, where he engaged in the mercantile business for several years before his death in 1851. David Torrence was twice married. His first wife was Sarah Finney, and to this first marriage one son was born, Walker Torrence, who lived most of his life in Marysville, and whose one daughter, Mrs. Emma Torrence Gordon, is living in Columbus at the date of this writing. His second wife was Ann Ingram Stewart. She was born in Clark county, Ohio, in 1816, and died in 1906 at the age of ninety. To the second marriage were born six children: Elder, who died at the age of twenty; Findley David; Samuel Wilson, who was killed during the Civil War at Beverly, West Virginia; Jane Eliza, who died unmarried at the age of sixty-five; Sarah Ella, who died in infancy; Anna Mary, who died in her early girlhood. There was also in this family a half-brother, James Cowan, a son of Ann Ingram Stewart by a former marriage.

Findley David Torrence, as before stated, was born in Xenia on August 1, 1842. He received his education in the public schools of Xenia, and at Wittenberg College at Springfield. On August 20, 1861, he enlisted in the Sixteenth Ohio Battery, and served three years; then re-enlisted as a veteran volunteer for the remainder of the war, being mustered out in August, 1865. In this four years and three months he participated in twenty-seven battles, among which was the siege of Vicksburg during the summer of 1863. He was mustered out with the rank of a sergeant. After the close of the war he returned to his home in Xenia and clerked in the Millen dry-goods store for six years. In 1873 he became a partner of Austin McDowell, under the firm name of McDowell & Torrence, in the lumber business. Their yards and office were located at the southeast corner of Detroit and Third streets, and here Mr. Torrence was in business until his death—a period of forty-three years. The firm prospered and became one of the most widely-known retail lumber firms in this section of the state. Mr. Torrence was one of the organizers of the Ohio Association of Retail Lumber Dealers and of the Lumbermen's Mutual Insurance Company. He was interested in other enterprises, but it was to the lumber business that he gave practically all of his attention. He was stockholder and director in the Xenia National Bank, and also in the Home Building and Loan Company of Xenia, being president of the latter institution for about twenty years until the time of

his death. In politics he was a Republican and was always keenly interested in local political matters. He was a member of the city council and served as its president for several terms.

Mr. Torrence was married on January 29, 1874, to Mary Ridgely, who was born at Clearspring, Washington county, Maryland, the daughter of Richard and Louise (Snyder) Ridgely. She became an orphan when a small girl, and when twelve years of age, came to Xenia to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Baughman, Mrs. Baughman being a relative. She remained with the Baughman family until her marriage and now resides in the old Baughman homestead at 220 North King street, the house having been erected in the '40s. Findley D. Torrence and wife were the parents of three children: Frederick Ridgely, Mary Pauline, and Findley McDowell. The daughter makes her home with her mother in Xenia. Frederick Ridgely Torrence married Olivia Howard Dunbar, of Boston. Findley M. Torrence married Patricia Broadstone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Broadstone, and have one daughter, Jean Broadstone Torrence.

Findley D. Torrence was active in business until a short time before his death on June 24, 1916. He was an active worker in the First United Presbyterian church of Xenia, served as a deacon and also as a trustee of the church for many years, and in every way furthered the interests of the congregation. He was interested in the work of the Xenia Theological Seminary and served as a member of its board of trustees for several years. In his everyday life he exemplified the teachings of the church to which he was so devotedly attached, and thus lived in such a way as to merit the high esteem in which he was universally held by his fellow citizens.

Such in brief was the life of Findley David Torrence, a citizen of Xenia for nearly three-quarters of a century, a man whom to know was to honor. With his passing the city lost one of the men who helped in every way to make the city in which he lived a better city for his having lived in it.

WILLIAM H. DONGES.

William H. Donges, for some years past a member of the school board of the city of Xenia and the proprietor of a drug store at the northwest corner of Detroit and Second streets, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Xenia since he was twenty-five years of age. He was born in the city of Hamilton, county seat of Butler county, November 27, 1875, a son of Henry and Marie (Schmaedcke) Donges, the former of whom also was born in that city, of German parentage, in 1842, and the latter, in the city of Berlin, Germany, in 1850, who were married in Hamilton and there established their home, Henry Donges being there

for years employed in a packing house. Henry Donges and wife were the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being the following: Minnie, wife of J. Rentschlar, now living at Middletown, this state; Susan, who is married and is now living in Michigan; Louis, who married a Miss Neidermann and who was drowned at Hamilton during the great flood of 1913; Phoebe, wife of Edward Knox, of Hamilton, and David, unmarried, who is also living at Hamilton.

Reared at Hamilton, William H. Donges left school at eleven years of age to take a place in a foundry and machine shop. He was engaged at that form of labor for some time, but presently his health began to break under the strain and he turned his attention to the study of chemistry and the drug business in a drug store in Cincinnati, in which city he remained until 1900, in which year, he then being twenty-five years of age, he came up to Xenia and bought out the store of the Cunningham Drug Company at the corner of Detroit and Second streets and has ever since been operating the same. Seven years ago Mr. Donges was elected a member of the city school board, for a term of four years, and three years ago was re-elected to that position, his term of service having yet a year or two to run.

At Hamilton, Ohio, William H. Donges was united in marriage to Magdaline Mistler, who was born in the town of Kroppen, in Prussian Saxony, and who was but a child when she came to this country with her parents, the family locating at Hamilton. To that union three children have been born, Marie, Eleanor and Ralph. Mr. and Mrs. Donges and their children are identified with the United Presbyterian church at Xenia.

CHARLES L. BABB.

Charles L. Babb, cashier of the Commercial and Savings Bank Company of Xenia, proprietor of a hardware store in that city and formerly and for years treasurer of Xenia township, was born in this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm three miles south of Xenia, in Xenia township, a son of James S. and Phoebe (Lucas) Babb, whose last days were spent in this county.

James Babb was a native of the Old Dominion, born in Frederick county, Virginia, but had been a resident of Greene county since the days of his childhood, he having been but a small boy when he came here with his parents, the family settling on a farm on the Burlington pike. On that pioneer farm James Babb grew to manhood and later got a farm of his own, but later returned to the old home farm. His wife, who was a native of Indiana, died at the age of seventy-nine years and he lived to be eighty-three, both dying in Xenia. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church



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and their children were reared in that faith. There were seven of these children, two sons and five daughters, of whom four are still living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Horace Babb, an attorney, now living in Chicago, and two sisters, Stella, wife of Harry McDaniel, a farmer, of this county, and Flora, unmarried, who is living at Dayton.

Reared on the home farm in Xenia township, C. L. Babb received his early schooling in the neighborhood district school and supplemented the same by a course in the old Xenia College, which then was flourishing on East Church street. He remained an assistant to his father in the labors of the home farm until January 1, 1885, when he entered into a partnership with John C. Conwell and engaged in the hardware and farm-implement business at Xenia, under the firm name of Conwell & Babb, in the building now occupied by the Greene County Hardware Company on Main street; and he was thus engaged there for thirteen years, or until 1897, when the firm started a second hardware store at No. 16 South Detroit street. In the following year, 1898, the firm was dissolved and Mr. Babb retained possession of the South Detroit street store, which is now operated by his sons, but which he still owns. When the Commercial and Savings Bank Company was organized in 1906 Mr. Babb was elected cashier of the same and has since been serving in that capacity, recognized generally throughout the county as one of the most competent, courteous and obliging bank officials the county has ever had, it being no secret that much of the success attained by this bank is due to the personal popularity of the cashier. The Commercial and Savings Bank, which was organized under the laws of the state on July 7, 1906, with a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars, is situated at the southwest corner of Main and Detroit streets, the very heart of Xenia's business section, where it has admirably equipped quarters, and has been a success from the day it opened its doors. Mr. Babb is a Republican and for twenty years has served as treasurer of Xenia township. He also takes an active interest in the general business affairs of the city and the county at large and has long been regarded as one of the most enthusiastic and effectual "boosters" hereabout.

In 1887, Charles L. Babb was united in marriage to Minnie L. Richter, who was born in Cincinnati, and to this union four children have been born, namely: Elbert L., who was graduated from Denison University at Granville and who, in association with his brother Karl R., is in charge of the South Detroit street hardware store; Alma L., who was graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University and is now a teacher in the Xenia high school; Karl R., a graduate of Denison University, associated with his brother Elbert in the management of their father's hardware store, and who married Dorothy Schwartz and has one child, a daughter, Virginia; and Lois R., who also was graduated from Denison. The Babbs reside at the corner of Market and

Galloway streets. Mr. Babb is a Royal Arch and Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the local council of Royal and Select Masters, affiliated with the blue lodge, the chapter and the council at Xenia and the consistory, Valley of Dayton, at Dayton, and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

MANSEL J. HARTLEY.

When in the spring of 1917 the people of Xenia began to take kindly to the notion of a commission form of government for that city and a committee of fifteen was elected to draft a tentative charter for submission to the people as a basis for the administration of the city's affairs under such a form of government, the name of Mansel J. Hartley appeared as one of the members of that committee. Mr. Hartley gave his earnest attention to the duties thus entailed and did much of the actual work performed by the committee in the preparation of the charter which was later adopted by the city and upon which Xenia's present commission form of government is based. Prior to taking up his residence in Xenia in 1878, in which year he arrived there to enter upon the duties of superintendent of instruction in the Ohio State Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home, Mr. Hartley had been engaged in teaching school and during that period gave much of his leisure to the study of law with the view eventually to adopting the legal profession as his life work. In 1881 he was admitted to the bar and has ever since been actively engaged in the practice of his profession at Xenia.

During the period 1903-06 he served as a member of the board of public service; 1907-08, director of public safety, and one year as a member of the city's sinking-fund commission. In 1881 he was elected school examiner for the city of Xenia and for more than twenty years served in that capacity. For two years, 1889-91, he was a member of the board of trustees of the Ohio State Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home, under appointment by Governor Campbell; in 1892 was the nominee of the Democratic party for Presidential elector from this district and was for some years United States commissioner of the circuit court for the southern district of Ohio. Mr. Hartley is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association and has served that body on various occasions in an official capacity, and is likewise a member of the American Bar Association, for the past three or four years an Ohio officer of the latter organization. He is a member of the board of directors of the Law Library Association of Xenia. Not only does he practice as a trial lawyer, but in a fiduciary capacity he has handled numerous large estates, trusteeships, guardianships and the like. Mr. Hartley is the vice-president and a member of the board of directors of the Peoples Building and Savings Company of Xenia; a member of the board of directors

of the Shawnee Refrigerating Company, a director of the Willon Engineering and Contracting Company of Xenia; a former director of the Xenia, Cedarville, Jamestown & Wilmington Traction Company and attorney for the same, and likewise attorney for the Dayton, Springfield & Xenia Southern railroad company. Mr. Hartley is a Democrat. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a member of the grand lodge of that order since 1888 and a former trustee of the same and ex-officio trustee of the Odd Fellows Home at Springfield. He also is a Scottish Rite Mason, past worshipful master of Xenia Lodge No. 49, Free and Accepted Masons, and affiliated with the consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the valley of Dayton. He still retains his old college affiliation with the Greek-letter fraternity with which he was connected in college days.

Mansel J. Hartley was born on a farm at the edge of Quaker City, in Guernsey county, Ohio, August 9, 1853, a son of William P. and Eleanor E. (Johnson) Hartley, the former a native of the state of New Jersey and the latter, of Ohio, whose last days were spent at Quaker City. The Hartleys are of old Colonial stock and Quakers ever, the first of the name to settle in this country having been a member of William Penn's colony, and the Hartleys are still numerous in Pennsylvania and in New Jersey, as well as in Ohio. William P. Hartley was but a boy when his parents settled in the Quaker City neighborhood in Ohio in 1837 and there he grew to manhood, married and established his home, becoming a substantial farmer. He and his wife were the parents of three children, two of whom are still living, the subject of this biographical sketch having a sister, Anice H., wife of S. F. McBurney, of Quaker City.

Reared on the home farm, Mansel J. Hartley received his early schooling in the schools of Quaker City and when little more than a boy began teaching school, spending his winters thus for four years. He then entered Bethany College (West Virginia) and upon completing the course there was graduated from that institution in 1877 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, a classmate of the late Justice Joseph R. Lamar of the United States supreme court. Upon his return home from college, Mr. Hartley was elected superintendent of the schools of Quaker City and in the next year, 1878, was appointed superintendent of instruction for the Ohio State Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home at Xenia, since which time he has been a resident of Xenia. In 1879 Mr. Hartley received from the state board of examiners a life certificate to teach school in Ohio. During his period of teaching Mr. Hartley had been giving such attention as he could to the study of law and not long after his arrival in Xenia he placed himself under the preceptorship of Charles Darlington and upon the completion of his

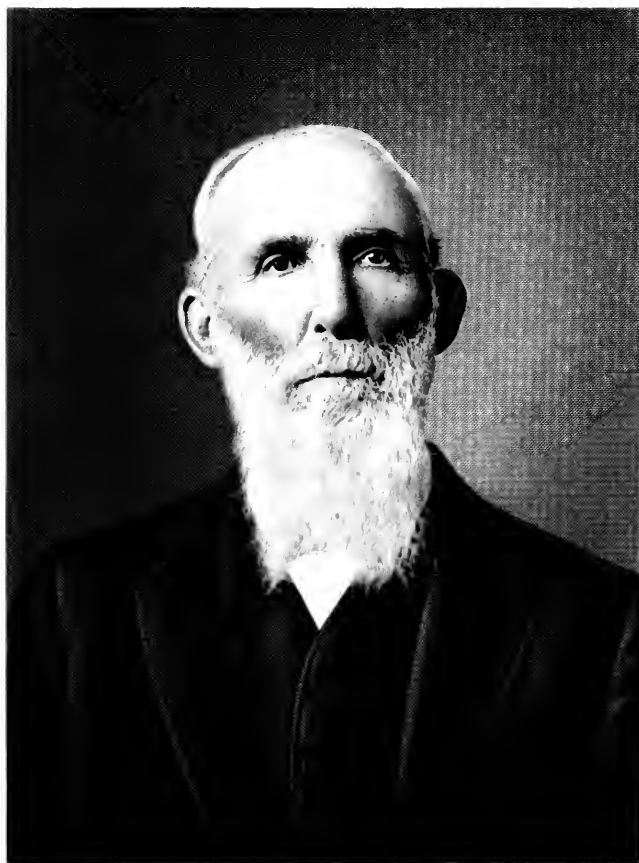
term of service as superintendent of instruction at the Home in 1880 gave himself unreservedly to his law studies and was admitted to practice in April, 1881. Upon his admission to the bar Mr. Hartley engaged in practice in Xenia and some time later formed a partnership with Benoni Nesbit, a mutually agreeable arrangement which continued from 1886 to the time of Mr. Nesbit's retirement from the practice in 1892. With the exception of that period of six years Mr. Hartley has always been alone in practice.

On September 11, 1884, Mansel J. Hartley was united in marriage to Laura H. Coffman, of Dayton. Mrs. Hartley is a member of the Baptist church and Mr. Hartley is a supporter of the same.

AGNEW ELLSWORTH BRYSON.

Elsewhere in this volume, in a biographical sketch relating to the Hon. William B. Bryson, elder brother of the subject of this sketch, there is set out at considerable length something of the history of the Bryson family in this county and of the part that family has taken in the labors of developing the county. It therefore will not be necessary here to repeat the genealogical details relating to the Brysons, the reader being respectfully invited to note the sketch above referred to for such details in connection with the present sketch of Agnew Ellsworth Bryson, who is living on the old home place on the Springfield pike north of Xenia, where his father, the late James Bryson, died in 1912 at the great age of ninety-six years and six months, after having lived there and in that immediate vicinity ever since he came over into Ohio with his parents from Pennsylvania in 1834, he then having been nineteen years of age. James Bryson married in this county, here established his home, became one of the county's leading landowners and representative citizens and here reared his family, all of which is set out at length in the sketch above referred to, and the fourth and fifth generations of the family of his parents, Robert Bryson and wife, the pioneers, are now doing well their respective parts in the life of this community.

Agnew Ellsworth Bryson was born on the old home farm north of Xenia on October 28, 1863, last-born of the four children born to his parents, James and Nancy A. (Bradfute) Bryson, three of which children are still living, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, the Hon. William B. Bryson, a biographical sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume, and Robert E. Bryson, a retired farmer now living at Xenia. Reared on the home farm, Agnew E. Bryson received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and always remained with his father, when the latter erected the big brick house on the farm a mile north of Xenia in 1880 moving there with him and ever since continuing to make that place his home. Upon



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his father's death in 1912 he inherited one hundred and twelve acres surrounding the home and a hundred-acre tract along the Little Miami in the neighborhood of Trebein and has since been successfully operating the two farms. Mr. Bryson is a Republican and is a member of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia.

JUDGE MOSES BARLOW.

In the chapter relating to the Bench and Bar of Greene County mention is made of the official services of Judge Moses Barlow, many years ago judge of the court of common pleas, who died at his home in Xenia in the spring of 1888. Wholly self-educated, Judge Barlow came to be a man of profound learning and of a ripeness of judgment that placed him easily among the leaders of his profession in Ohio. The extent of his erudition may be inferred by recalling the fact that he was jocularly known among his friends and associates at the bar as "the walking library;" and when it is further recalled that he gained the elements of learning by his own incessant application to the contents of such books as he could command during the days of his boyhood and that the basic points of his legal learning were acquired by poring over law books while working at the cobbler's bench, the observant reader must give credit to the ambition that fired the heart of this humble student and to the indefatigable industry with which the instinctive scholar pursued his studies in the face of difficulties that would have daunted any but the most persistent lover of learning for learning's sake. Judge Barlow was gifted with a wonderful memory and thus was able to store away in his mind the essential points of the books he read, with the further ability to revert to these points when needed; his associates at the bar often relying upon him to save them an hour of research when seeking a citation that would fit a case in hand. Not all of his time did the Judge give to his books, however; for, even as much as he loved his books, his affection for them was divided with his devotion to his beloved violin. The Judge was a violinist of rare skill, another accomplishment he acquired untaught of professionals, and his close friends often were entertained by his playing at his own fireside. When Judge Barlow, after having studied his precious law books in such leisure as he could command, by the candle light of an evening or from the open page of the book propped up alongside his knee at the cobbler's bench—for he was a shoemaker before he became a lawyer—went to Columbus to enter the examination for admission to the bar, he carried with him such a fund of elements of the law and of the basic principles of practice that he was given the highest grade that had ever been given to any applicant for admission in this state.

Judge Barlow was a native of the state of New York, born at Duanes-

burg, in Schenectady county, that state, March 23, 1819, son of Thomas and Polly (Clark) Barlow, also natives of that state and both of English stock, who came to Ohio with their family about the year 1832 and located at Xenia, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Thomas Barlow had for a time taught school and though in no position to extend to his children the benefits of an education in colleges or higher institutions of learning was able to inculcate in their minds a love of learning and to impart to them the rudiments of a practical education, and it was thus that Judge Barlow, who was but one of the thirteen children of his parents and was thirteen years of age when the family settled in Xenia, early became a close and observant student. By application to his books he qualified himself for teaching and for a while was thus engaged, teaching in the schools at Yellow Springs and at Oldtown, in this county. He also had early learned the shoemaker's trade and during the periods when not engaged in teaching continued working at the cobbler's bench until he felt himself qualified for admission to the bar, when he passed the examination above referred to and entered upon the practice of his profession at Xenia, where he spent the rest of his life. In 1868 he was elected judge of the common pleas court and occupied that position until failing health compelled his retirement, and the last nine years of his life were spent under an invalidism which incapacitated him for practice. The Judge died in March, 1888 and is buried in Woodland cemetery at Xenia. His widow survived him for more than twelve years, her death occurring in November, 1900.

In January, 1844, Judge Moses Barlow was united in marriage to Philipina Schroeder, who was born in the kingdom of Hanover, near the city of that name, April 19, 1822, and who had come to this country with her parents in the days of her girlhood. Mrs. Barlow was a gentlewoman of many graces of mind and heart and was ever a devoted and valued helpmeet to the Judge. To that union were born four children, namely: Henry, who is now living retired in the city of Columbus, this state; Philipina, widow of Horace Sabin, who is still making her home in Xenia; Mrs. Henrietta Walton, also of Xenia, and Mrs. Amy Laughead, of Xenia. The Judge and Mrs. Barlow were members of the Presbyterian church. The Judge was a member of the local lodges of the Free and Accepted Masons and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

CLARENCE G. McPHERSON, M. D.

Dr. Clarence G. McPherson, Xenia physician, with offices at the corner of South Detroit and Third streets, is a native son of this county, born on a farm in Xenia township on October 28, 1880, son of John H. and Eliza-

beth G. (Githens) McPherson, the former of whom, a veteran of the Civil War and former auditor of Greene county, also was born in this county and is still living here.

John H. McPherson was born on July 11, 1840, son of William and Mary Ann (Rader) McPherson, the former of whom was born in the city of Xenia on February 16, 1816, son of John H. and Margaret (Hivling) McPherson, the latter of whom was born in Maryland and was the daughter of John Hivling, sheriff of Greene county during the years 1813 and 1814. The elder John H. McPherson also served the community in a public capacity, having been for some time postmaster of Xenia and for ten years, 1830-40, recorder of Greene county. Of the considerable number of children born to him and his wife, John Moses, Sophia and William grew to maturity and reared families. The latter, grandfather of Doctor McPherson, learned the trade of saddle-maker at Dayton and later returned to Xenia and engaged in that business there, continuing thus engaged until 1840, when, after his marriage, he began farming on his grandfather Hivling's old place on the Dayton hill, in the upper part of town, and was there thus occupied until his removal to a farm he had bought on the lower Bellbrook pike, four miles southwest of Xenia, in 1850. His wife, Mary Ann Rader, was a daughter of Adam and Christina (Smith) Rader. William McPherson and wife were the parents of nine children, seven of whom reached the age of maturity, those besides John H., the first-born, having been Joshua, who went to the front as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, a member of Company C, Seventy-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and died at Nashville while thus engaged in service; Ann, who married E. S. Barnett, of Xenia township; Sophia, who married William Priest, of that same township; Charles, who continued the management of the home farm; Adam R., who moved to Iowa and there became a farmer, and William, who was graduated from Ohio State University and later became a professor of chemistry there.

Reared on the home farm, John H. McPherson was residing there when the Civil War broke out. He presently enlisted his services in behalf of the Union cause and went to the front, serving for three years and two months, or until honorably discharged at Savannah, Georgia, in 1865. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. McPherson returned to the home farm and after his marriage established his home there, continuing there engaged in farming until 1884, when he became engaged in the hardware business at Xenia, a member of the firm of Williams & McPherson, and was thus engaged when he was elected to the office of county auditor. He is still living at Xenia and is now serving as justice of the peace.

Clarence G. McPherson was but four years of age when his father, John H. McPherson, moved to Xenia and he received his early schooling in that

city, in due time being graduated from the high school. He then entered Ohio State University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1904, and then entered Starling Medical College at Columbus, from which he was graduated in 1908. For a year after receiving his diploma Doctor McPherson served as an interne in the Protestant Hospital at Columbus and then as an interne for two months in the State Hospital in that city, after which he returned to Xenia and opened an office for the practice of his profession in his home town and has there been thus engaged since then. Doctor McPherson is a member of the Greene County Medical Society, of the Ohio State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association. While attending the university he was a member of Delta Upsilon and Alpha Kappa Kappa fraternities.

On October 14, 1909, Dr. Clarence G. McPherson was united in marriage to Margaret Bates, who was born in Nelsonville, this state, daughter of Louis A. and Electa C. Bates, the latter of whom is still living. Mrs. McPherson was formerly a professional nurse and was thus engaged at Columbus at the time she met Doctor McPherson. The Doctor and Mrs. McPherson are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church at Xenia and the Doctor is a member of the Sons of Veterans, the Masons, the Maccabees and the Modern Woodmen of America.

THOMAS B. JOBE.

In the memorial annals of the Yellow Springs neighborhood there are few names held in better remembrance than that of the late Thomas B. Jobe, a veteran of the Civil War, who died at his home in Yellow Springs early in 1916 and whose widow is still living there. Mr. Jobe has served as mayor of Yellow Springs, as postmaster of the village, as member of the village council, and at the time of his death was a member of the local school board. He also took an earnest part in local church and lodge work and in all that he did labored with an eye single to the common good, so that at his passing there was sincere regret expressed throughout the community of which he had been a member since the days of his boyhood.

Thomas B. Jobe was born in Belmont county, this state, June 13, 1845, and was nine years of age when his parents, Allen and Rebecca (Aseneth) Jobe, natives of that same county, moved from there to Yellow Springs. Allen Jobe's parents were among the pioneers of Belmont county, having moved there from Maryland. Reared in Belmont county, Allen Jobe there learned the trade of carriage-maker and for some years after his marriage there continued thus engaged in his home county. He then, about 1854, moved with his family to this county and located at Yellow Springs, where he resumed his work as a wagon-maker and thus continued until his death. He and his

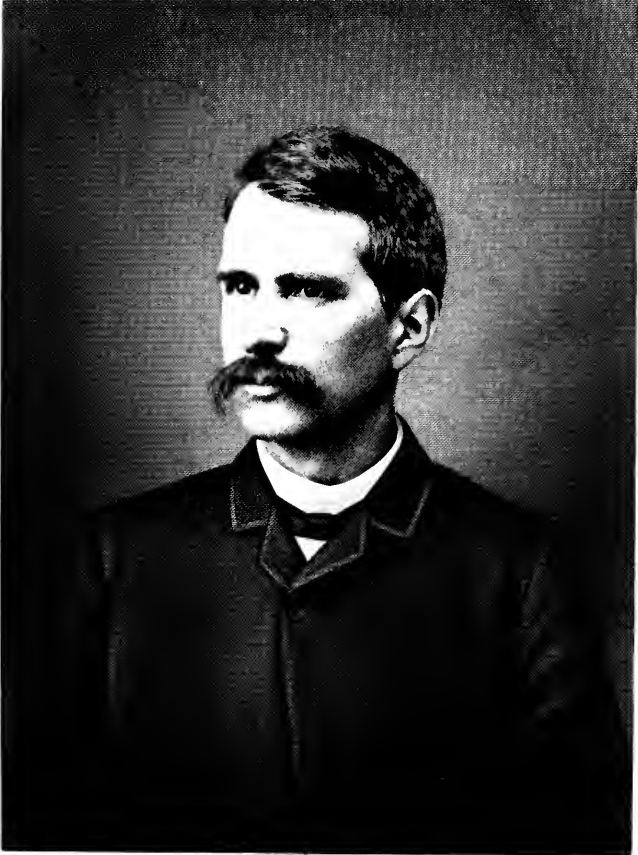


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Thomas B. Gale

wife were the parents of six children, Rebecca, Thomas, Emmet, Addison, Rachel and a daughter who died in infancy.

As noted above, Thomas B. Jobe was nine years of age when his parents moved to Yellow Springs. Upon completing the course in the common schools he entered Antioch College and was a student there when the Civil War broke out. In 1862, when but sixteen years of age, he enlisted for service in behalf of the Union cause and went to the front with a company that was raised at Springfield, his command being attached to the Army of the Potomac, with which he served until the close of the war. During the latter part of this period of service he was captured by the enemy and was for three months held in Libby Prison, being a prisoner of war there when the doors were thrown open following the fall of Richmond. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Jobe returned to Yellow Springs and there became engaged at the trade which he had learned in his father's shop, general blacksmithing and carriage-making, and about the time of his marriage in 1871 became engaged in business there for himself, doing a general business in the manufacture and sale of buggies, and was thus quite successfully engaged there the rest of his active life. Mr. Jobe was a Republican and under the Harrison administration he served as postmaster of Yellow Springs. He also had served as a member of the council and as mayor of the town and at the time of his death, which occurred on February 4, 1916, was a member of the city school board. Mr. Jobe was a member of the Friends church, a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, a Mason, an Odd Fellow and an honorary member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

On September 21, 1871, Thomas B. Jobe was united in marriage to Mary E. Coulter, who was born at Xenia, daughter of Asa and Lydia (Ellis) Coulter, the former a native of Maryland, who were married in Xenia and who were the parents of two daughters, Mrs. Jobe having a sister, Martha. To Mr. and Mrs. Jobe one child was born, a son, Walter A. Jobe, born in 1874, who was a college student at the time of his death on December 3, 1893, he then being nineteen years of age. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Jobe has continued to make her home at Yellow Springs, where she is very comfortably situated. She is a member of the Friends church and has ever taken an interested part in church work, as well as in the general good works of her home town.

JOSEPH WARREN KING.

The late Joseph Warren King, who in his day and for many years was one of the dominant figures in the business life of this section of Ohio and proprietor of the great powder mills which have so long been a distinctive

feature of industrialism hereabout, was a native of Connecticut, born at Suffield, that state, August 31, 1814, son of John Bowker and Hannah (Newton) King, both of old Colonial stock, the Kings having had representation on this side as early as 1672, the first of the name in New England having settled at Ipswich, Massachusetts, in that year. James King, son of this emigrant, settled in Suffield, Connecticut, in 1678. He had a son, Joseph, whose son, also Joseph King, served as a soldier of the patriot army during the Revolutionary War. John Bowker King was a son of this Revolutionary soldier. His wife, Hannah Newton, who was of "Mayflower" descent, was a daughter of John Newton, who also was a Revolutionary soldier. John Bowker King, who died on May 30, 1853, is mentioned in contemporary notes as "a man of good business ability, a substantial farmer and an upright man."

Reared on the home farm in Connecticut, Joseph W. King received a measure of schooling that was regarded as liberal in those days and as a young man made a satisfactory arrangement with his father whereby he was permitted to seek his fame and his fortune in fields farther to the west and with such an end in view came to Ohio and located at Westfield (now Leroy), in Medina county, his first business venture on his own account being as a book agent. In 1838 Mr. King returned to Connecticut to claim the hand of the young woman who there awaited him and straightway after their marriage he and his bride started for their Western home, going by canal and lake to Cleveland and thence down to Westfield, where they began their domestic life in a small house in which they set up what was said to have been the first cook-stove seen in that part of the country. In Westfield Mr. King opened a general store and presently moved to Lima, where he opened a store and where he also engaged in the pork-packing business under the firm name of King & Day. While at Lima Mr. King became interested in the subject of the manufacture of powder, presently, about the year 1850, moving to Xenia, where, in partnership with Alvin Austin, he engaged in the manufacture of powder, establishing mills for that purpose about five miles north of the city, the business being carried on under the firm name of Austin, King & Company. Mr. King after a while purchased Mr. Austin's interest in the concern and incorporated the business under the name of the Miami Powder Company, of which for more than twenty years he was president. In 1878 Mr. King disposed of his interest in the Miami Powder Company and established another powder-mill in Warren county, locating the same at Kings Station, now known as Kings Mills, on the Little Miami; incorporating the business under the name of King's Great Western Powder Company, of which concern he was elected president and continued an active factor in the same until his death, which occurred on July 8, 1885, since which time his interests in the concern have been represented by his daughters. In addition

to his powder-mill interests Mr. King had other interests. He was one of the organizers of the Citizen's National Bank of Xenia and from the time of its organization until his death was president of the same, as well as president of the Merchants and Manufacturers Bank of Columbus; had connections with the pork-packing industry at Lima, with iron and paper manufactories and with various other concerns.

In 1838 Joseph W. King was married at his old home at Suffield, Connecticut. His widow survived him for nearly eleven years, continuing to make her home in the house on East Main street which he had erected at Xenia not long after taking up his residence there, her death occurring there on March 3, 1896. She was born, Betsy Kendall, at Suffield, a daughter of Capt. Simon and Elizabeth (Kent) Kendall, the latter of whom was a lineal descendant of Gov. William Bradford, one of the "Mayflower" emigrants and governor of Plymouth Colony, and of Major John Mason, who won fame during the Pequot War in 1637 and who was to Connecticut Colony what Miles Standish was to the Plymouth Plantation. To Joseph W. and Betsy (Kendall) King were born five daughters, namely: Helen, now deceased, who was the wife of the Reverend Doctor Morehead, of Xenia; Mary, wife of G. M. Peters, of Cincinnati; Elouisa, wife of C. C. Nichols, a banker, of Wilmington, Ohio, and Isadora and Emma, who continue to reside at the old home in Xenia. Joseph W. King and his wife were members of the Baptist church and Mr. King was for many years superintendent of the Sunday school of the same. Miss Emma King was one of the chief promoters of the movement which led to the organization of Catherine Greene chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Xenia and was elected first regent of the same. Miss Isadora King is a member of the Greene County Library Board.

FRANK FISHER.

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Frank Fisher, proprietor of a grocery store at 239 East Main street, Xenia, was born on a farm about two miles west of Xenia, in Beavercreek township, April 24, 1868, son of George and Mary (Slate) Fisher, both of whom were born in Germany and who were married in this county. George Fisher was born on February 22, 1829, and was about eighteen years of age when he came to this country in 1847 and located at Eaton, Pennsylvania; a few years later coming to Ohio and locating in Greene county, where he spent the rest of his life. Mary Slate was born in 1833 and was seventeen or eighteen years of age when she came to this country, her family coming to Ohio and locating in Greene county, where she married George Fisher, who after living for some years on a farm west of Xenia, in Beaver-

creek township, disposed of his interests there and moved into Xenia, in 1870, and there engaged in the grocery business, continuing thus engaged until his death in 1909. To him and his wife were born nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being the following: David, who is living in Xenia; Samuel, also of Xenia; Clinton, deceased; George, Jr., deceased; Edward, who is now living in southern Ohio; Mrs. Anna Oster, of Yellow Springs, this county, and Elizabeth and Lena, also living at Yellow Springs.

Frank Fisher was but four years of age when his parents moved from the farm to Xenia and he grew up in the city and there received his schooling. He early became assistant to his father in the latter's grocery store and continued as such until his father's death in 1909, when he bought the interests of the other heirs in the store and has since been conducting it. Mr. Fisher has a small farm at the edge of town and takes delight in what "truck" farming he is able to do there. On that place he has five hundred and fifty bearing cherry trees.

GEORGE KREPPS.

No roll of the early settlers of Greene county would be complete without the name of George Krepps, a sturdy pioneer who came over into this section of Ohio from Pennsylvania with his family in 1834, set up a blacksmith shop in Xenia, later engaged in the same business at Trebein and still later settled on a farm in Spring Valley township, where he spent the remainder of his days and whose descendants in the third and fourth generation form a numerous connection in this and neighboring counties. One of his sons, Jeremiah Krepps, of Xenia township, and two of his daughters, Miss Henrietta Krepps, of Xenia, and Mrs. W. L. Fulkerson, of Xenia township, are still living, the two former now being well past eighty years of age.

George Krepps was born in Pennsylvania on August 30, 1802, and in that state grew to manhood, becoming a blacksmith by trade. He married Nancy Baughman, who was born in the state of Maryland on July 16, 1806, and after his marriage continued to make his home in Pennsylvania until 1834, in which year he came over into Ohio with his family and located at Xenia, where he worked at his trade as a smith, some time later moving to Trebein, a few miles northwest of the city, where he erected a blacksmith shop and there continued in business until about 1845, when he moved to a point about two and a half miles out on the Fairfield road, where he was in business until 1850, in which year he purchased a farm of one hundred and seventy-seven acres, known as the John Scarff farm, in Spring Valley township, established his home there in the winter of 1852 and there spent the re-



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mainder of his life, his death occurring on August 9, 1873. His wife had preceded him to the grave more than fifteen years, her death having occurred on January 15, 1856. They were the parents of nine children, namely: Mary Ann, born on February 28, 1829, who married Joseph W. Perryman, of Yellow Springs, and died on September 7, 1884; Jeremiah, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, July 17, 1831, and who is still living, one of Greene county's old settlers and the proprietor of a farm in Xenia township; Eli, born on November 29, 1833, who died on October 12, 1862; Henrietta, born on August 29, 1836, who is now living at Xenia, which has been her home for many years and where she is occupying the old Baughman home in North King street; Ann Rebecca, born on September 16, 1838, who died on November 29, 1899; Magdalena, February 17, 1841, who died on April 26, 1913; Sarah Elizabeth, July 30, 1843, who married Richard Sinnard, a farmer of Greene county, and died on February 5, 1890, leaving two children, Marietta and Anna Jane; Eliza Ann, August 24, 1846, who married Austin Stillings, a Greene county farmer, by whom she had five children, Florella, George (deceased), Frank (deceased), Hattie and Raymond; and Nancy Ann, twin of Eliza Ann, who married William L. Fulkerson, a farmer of Xenia township, now living retired. William L. Fulkerson was born on a farm in this county, on the Cincinnati pike, son of William and Eliza Fulkerson, and has always been a farmer. To him and his wife eight children have been born, namely: George Walter, who is a farmer in Jay county, Indiana; Mary Caroline, deceased; Minnie G., deceased; Clarissa Irene, who married Fernando Sanders, of this county; Harvey E., a teacher at Coal City, Illinois; Charles M., a teacher in the state of California; Ivy Foy, a farmer of this county, and Andrew L., a bookkeeper. George Krepps and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their children were reared in that faith. In his political views he held to the tenets of the Democratic party.

Jeremiah Krepps, only surviving son of George Krepps, was about three years of age when his parents came to Ohio and he grew up as an assistant to his father in the latter's blacksmith shop and later became a farmer, for many years the proprietor of a farm of about two hundred acres in Xenia township, on the Cincinnati pike. Jeremiah Krepps has been twice married, his first wife having been Diana Moore, who was born in Spring Valley, this county, daughter of John and Lana (Quick) Moore. To that union were born four children, Emma, who became the wife of David Anderson and died, leaving a daughter, Bertha; Nancy Olive, wife of L. J. Crumley, a farmer of Spring Valley township, by whom she had three children, W. Albert, Eva and one who died in infancy; Lana Belle, wife of L. L. Hickman, a farmer of Jay county, Indiana, and Diana C., who died in infancy. Fol-

lowing the death of the mother of these children Mr. Krepps married, March 31, 1866, Harriet A. Stillings, who was born and reared in Greene county, daughter of James and Lana (Fisher) Stillings, and to this union two children were born. Ada J., wife of G. W. Fudge, now living at Oxford, Ohio, and Marietta, who married Joseph E. Lyle, living on the old home place.

Nancy Baughman, wife of George Krepps, was a sister of Andrew H. Baughman, for many years one of the acknowledged leaders in the financial and commercial life of Xenia and who died at his home in that city in September, 1891. Andrew H. Baughman was born on a farm seven miles east of the city of Hagerstown, Maryland, son of Capt. Andrew and Esther (Herr) Baughman, the former of whom was born and reared in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where he was married and where he followed farming and inn-keeping, during the War of 1812 serving as captain of a volunteer company. Captain Baughman's wife died in 1814 and he survived her eight years. Deprived of a mother's care when he was but seven years of age, Andrew H. Baughman was reared on the farm of an uncle in the Hagerstown neighborhood and when fifteen years of age began to make his own way, working in a mill, where he remained until he was twenty-one years of age, never at any time during that period receiving more than nine dollars a month as wages. Upon reaching his majority he walked to Wheeling and worked his way by steamer down the Ohio to Cincinnati, whence he went to Hamilton, where he had two uncles living, and a few days later started out for this section of Ohio, making his way to Alpha, in this county. On Christmas Day he began working in Harbine's mill, at a wage of nine dollars a month and his board, and some time later, in association with his cousin, Jacob Herr, rented the mill and operated the same for a couple of years, 1830-31, after which he rented the Snyder mill and six years later, in association with Casper Snyder, bought the same and continued to operate it until 1853, in which year he sold out and bought a farm of two hundred and fifty acres, which he began to cultivate and improve, meanwhile, however, continuing his business association with Mr. Snyder, who at this time took charge of both the Oldtown mills, which they had purchased and in which Mr. Baughman retained a half interest to the time of his death. In addition to his other land interests Mr. Baughman bought a tract of seven acres in the Xenia city limits, included between King and Galloway streets and Church and Shawnee streets, and in 1871 erected on that tract a house, with beautiful surrounding lawn, that is still one of the most tasteful and attractive residences in the city.

As his affairs prospered Mr. Baughman began giving attention to the general business affairs of the city, his first connection with the banking interests of the city being as a member of the board of directors of the Xenia

Bank, afterward a branch of the State Bank of Ohio, and which was rechartered as the First National Bank of Xenia upon the passage of the national bank law. He was vice-president of the latter institution and upon the death of the president of the same was elected president, a position he filled until the expiration of the bank's charter; and when the bank was reorganized as the Xenia National Bank he was elected president of the same and so continued until failing health compelled his resignation, although he continued his financial interest in the bank and his place on the directorate until his death. Mr. Baughman also was an active figure in local political circles. His first vote was cast for Andrew Jackson for President and he continued his affiliation with the Democratic party until the organization of the Republican party in 1856, when he voted for John C. Fremont and ever afterward was a supporter of the principles of the Republican party. For twelve years he served as a member of the board of county commissioners and also for years served as a member of the city council, for several terms president of the same, and in other ways gave his attention to public affairs. For more than forty years he was one of the most influential members of the Reformed church in the United States and an office bearer in the local congregation of the same, his name being interwoven with the history of that church in America during the period of his activities, he being particularly remembered as the donor of a fund of twenty thousand dollars for the creation of the Baughman Professorship of the Latin Language and Literature and Biblical Instruction in Heidelberg University at Tiffin, this state. That he enjoyed in an unusual degree the confidence of the public and those with whom he was associated is shown by the fact that he had served as the guardian of fourteen minor children and had served as administrator or executor of ten extensive estates. For many years he was an active Odd Fellow and a member of the grand lodge of that order and of the grand encampment, Patriarchs Militant.

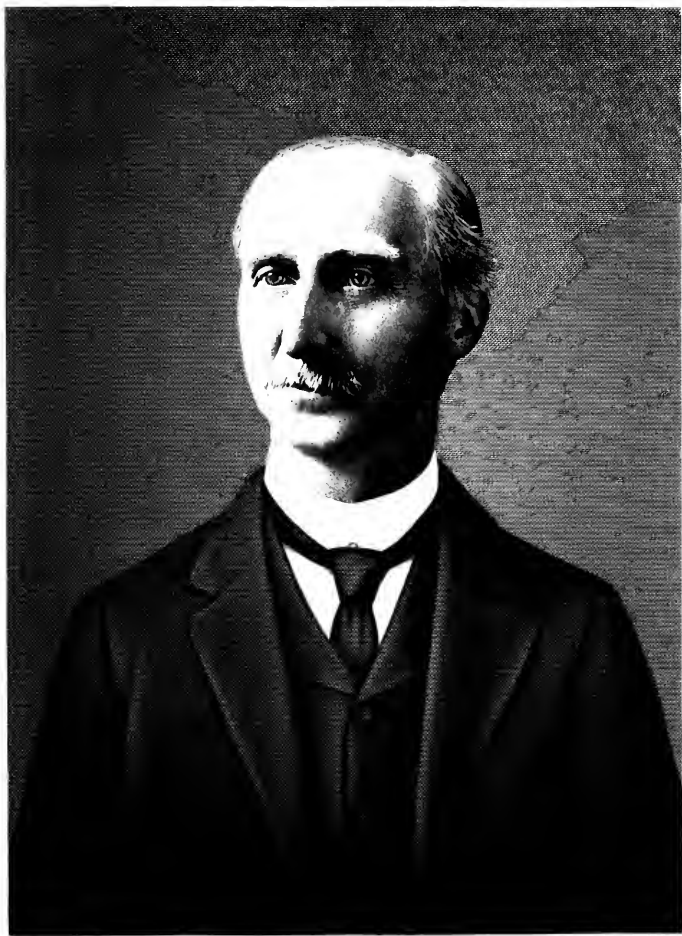
On February 7, 1833, but a few years after becoming a resident of Greene county, Andrew H. Baughman was united in marriage to Mary Snyder, who was born in Washington county, Maryland, September 7, 1814, and who was but an infant when her parents, Jonathan Snyder and wife, came to Ohio and settled with their family in Greene county, Jonathan Snyder becoming one of the pioneer millers of this county, proprietor of the mill in which Mr. Baughman later and for many years had an interest. To that union no children were born, but Mr. and Mrs. Baughman reared several children to whom they gave the same indulgent care that would have been bestowed upon children of their very own. Mrs. Baughman died in 1891, just a few months before the death of her husband. As the *Xenia Gazette* fittingly commented, following the death of Andrew H. Baughman: "Mr. Baughman will be missed by the church and by people in different walks of

life and he will be remembered for many years as one whose sympathies were as broad as the human race and whose integrity was beyond question." Another biographer also pointed out that "his love for his fellow men was deep and sincere, and surely the world is better for his having lived."

JOHN LUTZ.

In making up a list of those residents of Xenia aforesaid who contributed actively to the general business and industrial development of the city of Xenia, mention should be made of the life and services of the late John Lutz, a veteran of the Civil War, who for many years was engaged in the blacksmithing and wagon-making business at Xenia and who departed this life at his home in that city on December 17, 1912, and is buried in Woodland cemetery. John Lutz was a native of the state of Maryland, but had been a resident of Xenia since the days of his young manhood. He was born near the village of Clear Spring, Maryland, January 5, 1829, a son of Henry and Frances (Moudy) Lutz, the former of whom was born in the vicinity of Millersburg, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1802, and the latter, at Williamsport, Maryland. Henry Lutz was a son of Nicholas Lutz, whose father had come to this country from Germany in colonial days and had established the family in Pennsylvania, where and in other sections of the country there is a numerous connection of the family to this day. During the early '50s of the past century, Henry Lutz came with his family to Ohio and located at Xenia, but in 1859 moved over into Indiana and settled on a farm in the vicinity of Ft. Wayne, but after residing there about ten years returned to Xenia and there spent his last days, his death occurring in 1877. His widow survived him about eight years. They were the parents of five children, two sons and three daughters, of whom but two reached maturity, the subject of this memorial sketch having had a sister, Mary, the wife of B. Y. Berry, also a resident of Xenia.

John Lutz was reared in his native Maryland and there received his schooling and became proficient in the use of tools, becoming an expert blacksmith and wagon-maker, and when he arrived in Xenia in November, 1853, he became employed working at his trade, in the employ of James White. In the spring of 1855 he returned to Maryland and was there married to the girl to whom he had plighted his troth before coming to Ohio. Upon his return to Xenia he was accompanied by his father and together they set up in business with a smithy on Church street and were thus engaged until the spring of 1859, when they bought an established wagon-making shop in Xenia and engaged in that business. In that same year the father left Xenia to go over into Indiana and thereafter John Lutz conducted



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the business alone and continued so engaged until his retirement from business, not long before his death, having been continuously thus engaged for a period of nearly fifty years. During the later years of his life Mr. Lutz had associated with him in business his eldest son, Jacob H. Lutz, who is still carrying on the business at the same old stand. During the progress of the Civil War, in the early part of 1864, John Lutz enlisted for service, under the four-months call, and went to the front as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry; with that regiment participated in the battle of New Creek, Virginia, and was mustered out at Camp Denison at the end of his term of service, in September, 1864. Mr. Lutz was a member of Lewis Post No. 347, Grand Army of the Republic, and a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. By religious persuasion he was a member of the Reformed church and broke the ground for the erection of the present church edifice of that congregation in Xenia. Politically, he was a Republican.

It was in March, 1855, in Maryland, that John Lutz was united in marriage to Savilla Wolford, who also was born in that state, and to that union were born six children, Jacob Henry, John Edward, Laura B., Cora E., Ida S., and Frances Elizabeth, the latter of whom died in infancy. The mother of these children died at her home in Xenia on March 4, 1907, and is buried in Woodland cemetery, where her husband was carried to be laid by her side in the closing month of 1912, as noted above. Miss Cora E. Lutz is maintaining the old home residence, she having continued as housekeeper for her father after her mother's death, and is very comfortably situated there. She has ever taken an interested part in the general good works of the community.

Jacob H. Lutz, who is continuing the business established so many years ago by his father, has been twice married, his first wife, Anna Cisco, having died at the age of thirty-four years, leaving three children, Myrtle Bell, who married Roy Barnes, of Springfield, Ohio, and now lives in Jacksonville, Florida; Harry DeGroot, also living in Jacksonville, Florida, and John Wilbur, who now lives at Dayton, this state. In 1915 Mr. Lutz married, secondly, Mrs. Susie Matthews, of Dayton. John Edward Lutz also is married and with his family is now living at Vernon, Texas. He has seven children, John, Robert, Mary, Ida, Charles, James and Ruth. Laura B. Lutz married John F. Sanders, of Xenia, and has two sons, both of whom are married, Earl Lutz Sanders, now living at Kansas City, Missouri, and Frank Ira Sanders, living at Detroit, Michigan. Ida S. Lutz married George Sinz, who was engaged in the grocery business at Xenia and who died in 1896. She continues to make her home in Xenia, residing at the old home place with her sister Cora, and conducts the leading millinery estab-

lishment in Xenia, a business in which she has been quite successful. Mrs. Sinz has traveled widely having visited England, Holland, Germany, Switzerland and France and has witnessed the Passion Play. She has made thirty trips to New York City in connection with her business, it ever being her endeavor to introduce for the benefit of the patrons of her establishment the latest styles in millinery.

CHARLES W. WHITMER.

Charles W. Whitmer, for many years a member of the bar of Greene county and still actively engaged in the practice of his profession at Xenia, with offices at 18 East Market street, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born in the village of Rainsboro, in Highland county, July 4, 1852, a son of the Rev. David and Catherine (Fox) Whitmer, the former of whom, for years a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church, spent his last days in Xenia.

The Rev. David Whitmer was a Virginian by birth, but was reared in Ohio, his parents, David Whitmer and wife, the former of whom was a Pennsylvanian by birth, having come to this state and settled in Greene county, where they established their home and where they spent the remainder of their lives. Rev. David Whitmer's first charge was at Hillsboro, in Highland county, and, under the system of the itinerant Methodist clergymen, he afterward occupied charges at numerous places throughout this section of the state. In 1872 he was stationed at Jamestown, in this county, which charge he occupied for three years, and later was at Spring Valley. Upon his acceptance of the superannuate relation in 1876 he made his home at Xenia and there spent his last days, his death occurring there in 1881, he then being sixty-one years of age. He was twice married, his first wife, Catherine Fox, who was born at Richmond, Indiana, and who was a sister of Judge Henry C. Fox, of that city, having died in 1854. To that union two sons were born, Charles W. Whitmer having had a brother more than two years older than himself, William C. Whitmer, who was long connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad service, for some time trainmaster of the northern division at Columbus, who died in 1909. Following the death of the mother of these children Rev. David Whitmer married Amanda C. Gardner, of the neighboring county of Clinton, who survived him about five years, her death occurring in 1886. To that union were born nine children, six of whom are still living, namely: George Whitmer, trainmaster for the Pennsylvania Railroad, with headquarters at Xenia; Harriet, unmarried, who is living in Xenia; Clarence Whitmer, formerly teller of the Xenia National Bank, now living in Chicago; Florence, who married Walter Fulghum and is living at

Richmond, Indiana; Mary, who married Marshall Lupton and is living at Indianapolis, and Harry Whitmer, who is engaged in the undertaking business at Xenia.

Before he was fourteen years of age Charles W. Whitmer had passed the necessary examination for a teacher's license and taught a term of school in Champaign county, where his father then was located. The next winter he taught at the Stover school in that same county. During the time his father was located at Urbana he was graduated from the high school in that city and then entered Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, pursuing there the four-year course and was just ready to be graduated when he was stricken with the measles, which prevented his completion of the course and he never graduated. In the meantime he had learned the art of telegraphing and had been spending his vacations from college in the railroad service, a service he continued for some time after leaving college, spending his winters teaching school. He had married in 1876, two years before leaving college, and upon leaving college, in 1878, resumed teaching at the Mt. Tabor school in New Jasper township, this county, and was thus engaged there in 1881 when he took up the study of law. In 1884 he passed the examination for admission to the bar, resigned his position as superintendent of schools at New Burlington and moved to Xenia with his wife and two children, established his home there and opened an office for the practice of his profession. Upon locating at Xenia Mr. Whitmer secured the law office and practice of Squire W. J. Alexander, who had just been appointed superintendent of the Ohio State Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home, and upon the latter's return from that position a year later formed a partnership with him which continued until the death of Squire Alexander in 1886, since which time Mr. Whitmer has been engaged in practice alone. Mr. Whitmer is a Republican. He formerly was city solicitor, for fourteen years was a member of the board of tax equalization and for ten years a member of the county board of review. He was elected to the board of public service of the city of Xenia and in 1909 when the Legislature created the office of director of public service he was appointed to that office. For twenty years he has been the attorney for the Peoples Building and Savings Company of Xenia. He is affiliated with the Masons the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Improved Order of Red Men.

On November 24, 1876, Charles W. Whitmer was united in marriage to Libbie S. Cooper, who was born in New Jasper township, this county, daughter of Samuel and Polly Cooper, and to this union three children have been born, Effie C., who married Charles Cross, manager of the Springfield & Xenia Telephone Company; Freddie, who died in infancy, and John Raymond, now deceased, who was formerly connected with the Miami Telephone

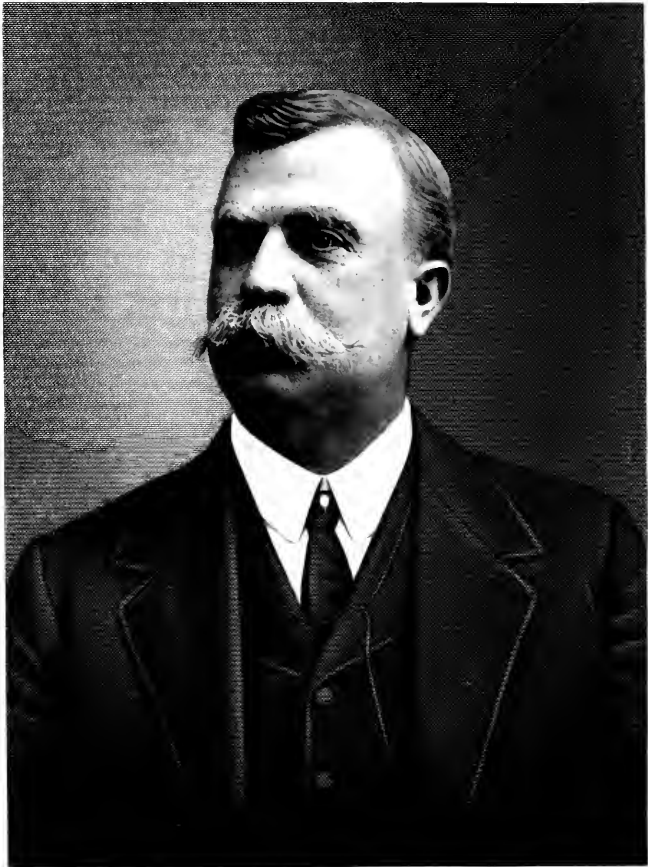
Company of Xenia and whose daughter Dorothy makes her home with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Whitmer. The Whitmers are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church.

THOMAS L. MAGRUDER.

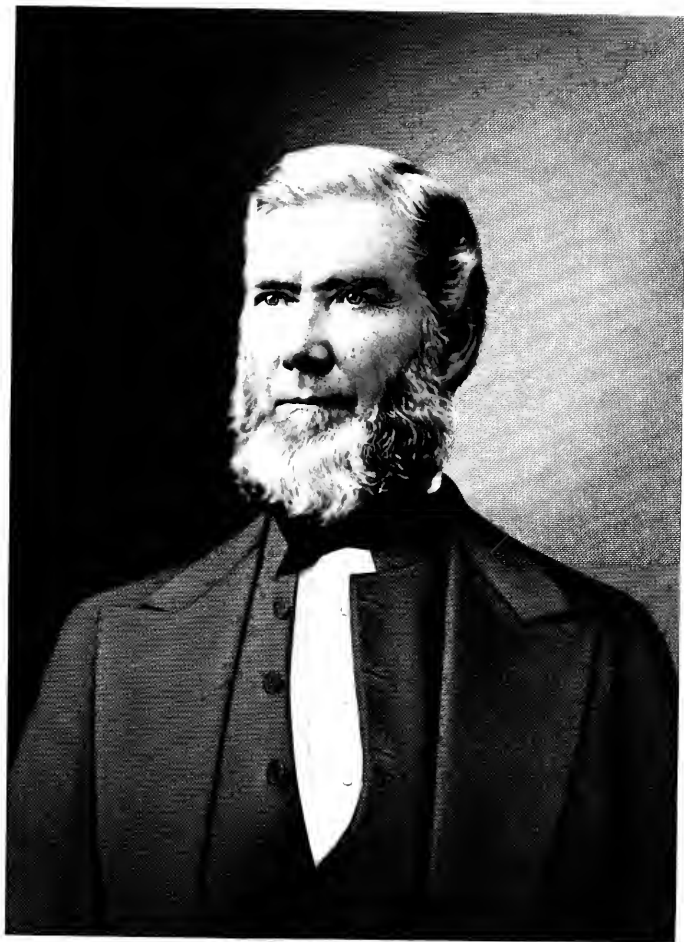
The late Thomas L. Magruder, attorney-at-law, who died at his home in Xenia in 1906, was born in Prince George's county, Maryland, not far from the City of Washington, July 3, 1848, and was consequently fifty-eight years of age at the time of his death. He was a son of Dr. Archibald and Narcissa (Adamson) Magruder, both of whom also were natives of Maryland, in which state they spent all their lives. Mr. Archibald Magruder died at the height of his powers, during the Civil War period, he then being forty-five years of age. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, five of whom died in infancy and three of whom are still living.

After the death of his father Thomas L. Magruder entered the University of Maryland, from which he was graduated in medicine at the age of nineteen years, the youngest man who had ever received a diploma from that college. He practiced medicine for one year in Washington, D. C., under the late Dr. Josiah Magruder, a one time mayor of the City of Washington, which in 1871 lost its local charter and was placed under the control of three commissioners under the direction of the Congress. Mr. Magruder later abandoned the study of medicine for that of law, and in 1874, he then being about twenty-five years of age, determined upon Xenia as a promising place in which to locate for the practice of his profession, and in that year was given a place in the law office of Little & Shearer, and was for two years thus associated, during that time securing admission to the bar. He then opened an office of his own and from that time thereforward practice alone. Mr. Magruder was an "independent" in politics. The only public office he ever held was that of prosecuting attorney for Greene county. He was intensely interested in the raising of fine stock and devoted many years to that avocation. Some of his more notable horses were exported to Europe after his death. By religious persuasion he was a member of the Episcopal church. His death occurred on September, 6, 1906, and his widow still survives him, continuing to make her home at Xenia, where she has always lived in the old Millen home, erected by her father many years ago at 230 North Detroit street, where she now lives with her niece, Miss Emma Davidson.

Mrs. Magruder was born, Margaret Emma Millen, in Xenia, daughter of David and Mary Patterson (Stewart) Millen, and was living there at the time of her marriage on June 24, 1877, to Mr. Magruder, which union



J. L. Magruder



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was without issue. David Millen, her father, was a native of South Carolina, born in Chester county, that state, one of the ten children born to John and Martha (Moffitt) Millen, the former of whom was born in Scotland and was but a lad when his parents, Robert Millen and wife, came to this country with their family and settled in South Carolina, Robert Millen having received a patent for his land in that state direct from King George. John Millen became an extensive landowner and slaveholder in South Carolina, but when he found death approaching he willed that all his slaves should be given their freedom and some of these freedmen David Millen later brought with him to Ohio when he came to this state. David Millen was born in the year 1813 and grew up on the home plantation in Chester county and was there married. His first wife died within the year of her marriage and after Mr. Millen's removal to Xenia he later married Mary Patterson Stewart of Clark county, Ohio. They located at Oxford, where they made their home for three years, at the end of which time they came to Xenia, where David Millen joined his brother Eli in the mercantile business, Eli Millen having previously located there in 1834. For many years David and Eli Millen carried on a general mercantile business at the northwest corner of Main and Detroit streets, where the Steele building now stands, and then moved to a point in East Main street, now occupied by the Orpheum Theater, where they were for years engaged in the dry-goods business. They also were for some time, in association with the Connable brothers, engaged in the pork-packing business and were likewise interested in various other business enterprises in the city, the Millen interests coming to be recognized as among the most extensive hereabout. David Millen also was engaged quite extensively in real-estate transactions and in this connection built numerous buildings about town, and he and his brother erected the building still known as the Millen block on Greene street. They took a deep interest in Xenia's upbuilding and were liberal contributors to all local good works, the Young Men's Christian Association, the public library and other movements of a beneficent or cultural character having their ungrudging support. Mr. Millen was a Republican and for many years served as a member of the city council. He and his wife originally were members of the Associate Reformed church, but after the "union" in 1858 became members of the United Presbyterian church, and in that faith their children were reared. There were five of these children, of whom Mrs. Magruder now is the only survivor, the others having been Eva, who married William Trow, and died at Madison, Indiana; Carrie, who was the wife of Dr. Eber Watt, of Xenia; Edwin Stewart Millen, who died at the age of twenty years, and Mrs. Martha Jane Davidson, whose children, David Millen Davidson, John M. Davidson, Edwin S. Davidson and Emma J.

Davidson, are the only surviving grandchildren of David Millen. All live in Xenia with the exception of D. M. Davidson, who is a plantation owner in Guatemala, Central America. In both church and social service Mrs. Magruder has taken an earnest interest and her gentle influence has been helpful in many ways in promoting such movements as have been designed to advance the common welfare hereabout.

FLOYD ANDERSON.

Floyd Anderson, a florist at Xenia, with an establishment at 101 West Main street in that city, was born at Waverly, in Pike county, Ohio, November 29, 1873, son of Henry and Catherine (Holton) Anderson, both of whom were born in that same locality and there spent all their lives.

Henry Anderson was reared as a farmer and followed that vocation through life, and also was for some time a singing-school teacher in Pike county. He was born on June 20, 1850, one of the ten children born to his parents and all of whom are now deceased save two, William, who continues to live in Pike county, and Mrs. Jane Rankin, of Elkhart, Indiana, the others besides Henry having been James, Jonathan, John, Willis, Tennyson, Callie and Susan. On December 24, 1871, Henry Anderson was united in marriage to Catherine Holton, who also was born in Pike county, August 28, 1852, daughter of Thomas and Susan (Beekman) Holton, both of whom also were born in that same county and who were the parents of ten children, those besides Mrs. Anderson having been Branson, deceased; Catherine, who is living; Mrs. Euphemia Leeper, deceased; Douglas, deceased; James, who is still living in Pike county; Mrs. Callie Alexander, deceased; May, wife of C. L. Humphrey; Harvey, who lives in Pike county, and Chloe, of Waverly. To Henry and Catherine (Holton) Anderson were born ten children, those besides the subject of this sketch being the following: Arzie, who married Ella Ashbaugh and has six children, Callie, May, Opal, Harold, Robert and Donald; Dora, who married C. D. Legg, of Anderson, Indiana, and has two children, Donald and Lucile; Alta, who died in infancy; Merle, now living at Newark, this state, who married Zoe Ashbaugh and has two children, Donald and Dora; Mrs. Erma Beekman, who died at Newark; Bessie, who married Charles West, of Jeffersonville, Fayette county, and has six children, Esther, Howard, Cecil, Catherine, Maxine and Vernon; Thomas, living at Newark, who is married and has one child, a son, Paul; Harvey, who is married and lives at Newark, and George, also married and living at Newark.

Floyd Anderson early turned his attention to floriculture and upon

completing his schooling gave his attention seriously to that vocation. After three years of experience in a floral establishment in Warren county he went to Columbus, where he became employed in the floral department of the Livingston Seed Company and after some further experience there went to Dayton and thence to Xenia, in which latter city, October 27, 1913, he opened a floral shop at 101 West Main street, where he ever since has been engaged in business.

On November 12, 1902, at Harveysburg, this state, Floyd Anderson was united in marriage to Maude Davis, of that place, and to this union has been born one child, a son, D. Carlton Anderson, born on June 21, 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are members of the Friends church at Xenia. Mr. Anderson is an independent voter and, fraternally, is affiliated with the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Loyal Order of the Moose at Xenia.

BARNEY W. CARLOS.

The late Barney W. Carlos, who for years was a passenger conductor on the division of the Pennsylvania lines between Richmond, Indiana, and Springfield, Ohio, and who died at his home in Xenia on July 28, 1917, was born at Springfield on July 25, 1855, son of Matthew and Bridget (Gaffney) Carlos, both of whom also were born at Springfield, and who spent their last days there. Matthew Carlos was for years an employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Springfield, connected with the freight house there. He and his wife were members of the Catholic church and their children were reared in that faith. There were five of these children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the first-born, the others being Matthew, deceased; George, of Springfield; Winnifred, of Columbus, and Bridget, deceased.

Reared at Springfield, Barney W. Carlos received his schooling in the schools of that city and when seventeen years of age became engaged as assistant baggagemaster for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at that point. He later became a railway brakeman, presently was promoted to the position of conductor of a freight train and in due time was raised to the position of a conductor in the passenger service, a position he filled for sixteen years, during which time he became widely known along the line of the Pennsylvania between Richmond and Springfield. For years Mr. Carlos had made his home in Xenia and there his death occurred on July 28, 1917, he then being three days past sixty-two years of age. He was a member of St. Brigid's Catholic church at Xenia, was affiliated with the local

council of the Knights of Columbus there and was for years an active member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Conductors.

Mr. Carlos was twice married, his first wife having been Julia McDonald, of Xenia. To that union were born two children, James, who married Agnes Wade and is living at Dayton, where he is employed as a locomotive engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, and Gertrude, who is living at Xenia. Following the death of the mother of these children, Mr. Carlos, on August 12, 1903, married Mary Whalen, who was born at Newport, Kentucky, a daughter of John and Julia (Flynn) Whalen, natives of Ireland, who had come to this country in the days of their youth and were married in Ohio, later moving to Newport, Kentucky, where John Whalen became engaged in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, later becoming connected with the maintenance department of the road between Cincinnati and Xenia, making his home in Xenia in 1898. He died in that city on December 3, 1903, and his widow is still living there. They were members of the Catholic church and their children were brought up adherents of that faith. Of these children Mrs. Carlos was the eldest, the others being John, James (deceased), Patrick, Arthur, Catherine, Margaret and Anna. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Carlos has continued to make her home at Xenia. She is a member of St. Brigid's Catholic church.

ROBERT DUNCAN WILLIAMSON.

Robert Duncan Williamson, proprietor of the "R. D. Williamson Stock Farm" on the Jamestown pike, five miles east of Xenia, rural mail route No. 2 out of Xenia, in New Jasper township, this county, a member of the Ohio State Board of Agriculture, a member of the Greene county board of commissioners, chairman of the Greene county selective draft board and for years recognized as an authority on the breeding of Merino sheep, was born on the farm on which he is still living and has lived there all his life. He was born on February 13, 1862, son of Jonathan Duncan and Martha Anne (McMillan) Williamson and was the fifth in order of birth of the eight children born to that parentage, as is set out in a comprehensive narrative relating to the Williamson family in this county presented elsewhere in this volume in a biographical sketch relating to his elder brother, John C. Williamson, of Xenia, wherein the reader is informed of the coming of the Williamsons to Greene county in 1836, when David and Catherine (Duncan) Williamson, parents of ten children, of whom Jonathan was the eighth in order of birth, settled on a tract of three hundred acres of land on Caesars creek at a point about equidistant from Xenia and Jamestown.



ROBERT D. WILLIAMSON.

Jonathan Duncan Williamson not only was an excellent general farmer, but was a expert on the breeding of sheep and it was he who, in 1860, started the great Merino breeding cotes that have made the name Williamson familiar among sheep breeders all over the world. From the days of his boyhood Robert Duncan Williamson took an active interest in the sheep industry that was developed by his father on the home farm and in due time was made a partner of his father in the development of that phase of their farming operations. When the Ohio Merino Record Association was organized in 1876 the elder Williamson was one of the charter members of the same and a continuous register of the Williamson Merinos has ever since been scrupulously maintained. These register marks have been sustained by a series of successes in the greatest exhibition rings in the world. When in 1888 the elder Williamson retired and moved to Cedarville, where he spent his last days, he divided his farm between his two sons, John C. and Robert D., and the latter took over the Merino flock and has ever since maintained the same. He made his first exhibition at the Ohio state fair in the following season and has never missed a season as an exhibitor since then, besides showing at the leading state fairs all over the country. At the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis in 1904 Mr. Williamson won the prize as the premier champion exhibitor in the sheep department, the products of his flock carrying off more prizes than those of any other individual exhibitor, and he also won the prize awarded for having bred all the sheep he exhibited, his cash prizes at that World's Fair aggregating nearly fourteen hundred dollars. At dozens of state fairs Mr. Williamson has won the championship ram prize and in 1911 he brought away from the Ohio state fair the much desired Governor Harris cup, a trophy more hotly contested than any similar trophy ever put up in this state. This handsome silver cup was offered by the governor as a final for one of the most interesting contests ever taken part in by sheep breeders in this country. For three years the cup was held for the exhibitor of the best ram and the three best ewes. Each year the trophy was awarded to a different exhibitor, Mr. Williamson being one of the fortunate three. In the fourth year these three winners entered their sheep for the decisive contest and Mr. Williamson won the final. For twelve years prior to the breaking out of the great World War Mr. Williamson was a constant exporter of his breeding stock to South Africa, South America and Australia and the products of his cotes thus attained a wide reputation. At the same time, of course, he was being called on to supply his stock to sheep farms all over this country and Canada and this domestic demand is constantly growing. In 1912 Mr. Williamson started a pure-bred Shorthorn cattle herd on his farm and

now has a herd of registered Shorthorns, the increase of which has come to be in wide demand. Though he makes a specialty of Class B Merinos, he raises all types of this strain and is thus able to supply a wide market. Mr. Williamson is a Republican, but had never held an elective office until 1911, when he was elected a member of the board of county commissioners from his district. By successive re-elections he has been retained in that office and in September, 1917, entered upon his fourth term. In 1915 he was appointed by Governor Willis as a member of the State Board of Agriculture and in 1918 was reappointed to that position by Governor Cox, the only Republican thus retained on the board. Upon the enactment of the selective draft law following this nation's declaration of war against Germany in the spring of 1917 Mr. Williamson was appointed chairman of the draft board for Greene county and has given his most thoughtful attention to the duties of that trust. For twenty-five years he has been a member of the diaconate of the First Presbyterian church at Xenia. Of late years, since the return of his son, Robert C. Williamson, from college, Mr. Williamson has had an opportunity to relax somewhat his direct attention to the affairs of his stock farm, turning much of the management of the place over to his son and partner, who in the third generation is carrying on the great sheep-breeding industry started there by his grandfather nearly sixty years ago. The old farm house which stood on that place was destroyed by fire in April, 1897, and Mr. Williamson erected in its place the dwelling in which the family now resides.

On December 6, 1887, at the home of the bride on the Bellbrook pike a few miles south of Xenia, Robert Duncan Williamson was united in marriage to Ella Gowdy, who was born on that place on June 30, 1861, a daughter of Robert and Emily (Manor) Gowdy, of the pioneer Gowdy family in this county, further and fitting mention of which family is made elsewhere in this volume. The officiating clergymen at this wedding were two of the bride's brothers, the Rev. George Gowdy and the Rev. William Gowdy. To this union one child was born, a son, Robert Gowdy, born on February 21, 1890, who, as noted above, is now a partner of his father in the operation of the home farm, continuing to make his home there since his marriage. Robert G. Williamson was graduated from Cedarville College and then entered Harvard University, earning his degree there in two years. Upon his return home from college he was given charge of the farm and has since co-operated with his father in the direction of the affairs of the same. In October, 1916, Robert Gowdy Williamson was united in marriage to Ann Dickinson, daughter of the Rev. Edwin H. Dickinson, a minister of the United Presbyterian church, now stationed at Ligonier, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES DARLINGTON.

In the memorial annals of Greene county and of the city of Xenia there are few names held in better remembrance than that of the late Charles Darlington, a practicing attorney at Xenia from the time of his entrance into practice there until his death in 1908. He was born at Zanesville, this state, son of Capt. James and Margaret (Bowman) Darlington, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter in this state, a member of one of the old families at Zanesville. Capt. James Darlington was a steamboat captain and during the Civil War had charge of a boat in the government service. After the war he located at Zanesville, where he became a coal-mine operator and where he and his wife spent their last days. They were the parents of two children, the subject of this memorial sketch and a daughter, Virginia, widow of Arnold Green, a Cleveland attorney. Mrs. Green is a member of the Cleveland school board.

Upon completing the course in the public schools of Zanesville, Charles Darlington entered Wittenberg College at Springfield and later continued his law studies under the preceptorship of his uncle, Samuel Bowman, one of the leading lawyers of that city and who had three sons, Elden, Borden and Edward Bowman, all of whom became attorneys in that city. Upon qualifying for the practice of his profession, Charles Darlington located at Xenia and for a time was associated in practice with Judge Smith, but presently resumed his practice alone and so continued until his death, which occurred at his home in Xenia in July, 1908, he then being sixty-two years of age. Mr. Darlington never aspired to public office. Originally a Democrat, he abandoned the main wing of that party in the campaign of 1896 and affiliated himself with the "gold" Democrats, later espousing the Republican cause, and voted for Major McKinley for President, ever afterward continuing in the ranks of the Republican party. He was a Scottish Rite (32°) Mason, a member of the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias and was a member of the Episcopal church.

On August 31, 1873, Charles Darlington was united in marriage to Lissa Snively, who was born at Ft. Wayne, Indiana, daughter of Dr. David and Olivia (Bushnell) Snively, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter at Hartford, Connecticut, both long since deceased. Dr. David Snively was for more than thirty years a surgeon in the United States regular army, serving with the rank of major, and during that time was stationed at various stations at widely separated points in the United States. He is buried in the national cemetery at Arlington. He and his wife had two children, Mrs. Darlington having had a brother, Alonzo Snively, a writer of considerable note, who died in California in February, 1913.

To Charles and Lissa (Snively) Darlington one child was born, a son,

Capt. Charles LeRoy Darlington, who is now (1918) serving in the National Army of the United States, having enlisted his services and entered the officers training camp at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, shortly after the declaration of war against Germany in the spring of 1917, receiving a commission as captain. Charles L. Darlington was born at Xenia on May 28, 1877, and at the age of fourteen was placed in the University school at Cleveland, attending the same for four years, at the end of which course he entered Yale College and after a four-years course there was graduated in 1899. He then completed his law studies in the Cincinnati Law School and after a four-years course there was admitted to the bar and opened an office in the Union Trust building at Cincinnati. Upon the death of his father in the summer of 1908 Mr. Darlington returned to his old home at Xenia and reopened his father's office and was there engaged in practice, with offices in the Steele building, until he enlisted his services in behalf of the nation's cause in the spring of 1917. During the time of his residence in Cincinnati, Charles L. Darlington was united in marriage to Louise Swing, daughter of Judge Peter Swing, of that city. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Darlington has continued to make her home at Xenia. In her church work she has given special attention to the labors of the Missionary Society. She is one of the active members of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL DEAN.

In the memorial annals of that part of Greene county comprised in what is now New Jasper township there is no name entitled to more respectful consideration than that of William Campbell Dean, who died at his home in that township in the summer of 1888, and two of whose daughters, Miss Letitia Dean and Mrs. Susan Ballard, are still living there. The house in which they are living on rural mail route No. 2 out of Xenia was erected by their grandfather, Robert Dean, in 1833. It was constructed of brick burnt on the place and finished throughout in walnut cut from the midst of the magnificent forest that then marked the place.

It has been noted elsewhere in this volume that the Deans are one of the oldest and most numerous families in this section of Ohio. The family had its beginning here in 1912, when Daniel Dean came up here from Kentucky with his family of eleven children and settled on a tract of eighteen hundred acres of land he had purchased along Caesarscreek. Daniel Dean was born in the village of Tubermore, Londonderry, in the north of Ireland, in 1766, son of Roger and Mary Dean, and was eighteen years of age when he came to this country in 1784, landing at the port of Philadelphia. For about four



WILLIAM CAMPBELL DEAN.

years after his arrival here he sojourned in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia, "getting his bearings," and then went to Kentucky and bought a tract of land in the vicinity of Mt. Sterling, in Montgomery county. A couple of years later he sent back to Ireland for his mother, his father meanwhile having died, and a year later, in 1791, he married Janet Steele, who was born in Augusta county, Virginia, but who had moved with her parents into Kentucky, and after his marriage established his home on his land in the Mt. Sterling settlement, where he continued to live until 1812, when he disposed of his interests there and moved up here into the valley of the Little Miami and settled on the tract of land he had previously bought with a view to removing his family from the baleful influence of the institution of human slavery that had fastened itself upon the state of Kentucky. By this time his older sons were pretty well grown and it was not long until the Dean tract on Caesars creek began to be claimed from its wilderness state and as the children married homes also were established for them there. In that pioneer home on Caesars creek Daniel Dean's mother died on July 21, 1825, she then being eighty-six years of age. His wife died on November 28, 1841, and he died on January 24, 1843, all being buried in the burial ground he had established on his land and in which many others of the Deans have since been buried. In Kentucky Daniel Dean and his wife were affiliated with the Associate Reformed church, but upon coming up here put in their lot with that of the Associate congregation then being ministered to by the Rev. Robert Armstrong, there being here no congregation of their own communion, and were ever after active workers in the affairs of that congregation, as were their children. As noted above, there were eleven of these children, namely: Robert, the first-born, who was the father of William Campbell Dean, the subject of this memorial sketch; Mary C., who married James Moore; Janet S., who married Hugh Campbell; Elizabeth, who married James Campbell; Margaret, who married John Bickett; William, who married Catherine Shook; James, who married Elizabeth Pendray and moved to Delaware county, Indiana; Joseph, who married Hannah Boggs; Ann, who married Walter Perry; Daniel, who married Jane Campbell, and Julia, who married James Hopping. As all of these reared large families of their own, the numerous connection of the Dean family in the present generation is readily accounted for. It is worthy of note that thirty-six of the male descendants of the pioneer Daniel Dean served as soldiers of the Union during the Civil War.

Robert Dean, eldest son of Daniel and Janet (Steele) Dean, was born in the vicinity of Mt. Sterling, in Montgomery county, Kentucky, in 1792, and was about nineteen years of age when he came to Greene county with his father in 1812. Not long after coming here he enlisted his services in behalf of the struggle then going on between this country and England and served

as a soldier of the War of 1812, under Capt. Robert McClellan, on a tour of duty to Ft. Wayne, over in the then Territory of Indiana. On January 8, 1818, he married Elizabeth Campbell, who was born in South Carolina and who had come to this country with her parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (English) Campbell, about the year 1815, the family settling on a tract of land in the wilderness on what is now known as the Jasper pike in New Jasper township. Samuel Campbell and his wife were born in County Antrim, Ireland, and were there married, not long afterward coming to this country and locating in South Carolina, whence they moved to Tennessee, where one of their sons, William Campbell, remained and established a home. They later moved up into Kentucky and after a sometime residence there moved up here and established their permanent home. After his marriage Robert Dean established his home on a part of his father's land that had been given him and in 1833 erected there the brick house that has been referred to above. His wife, Elizabeth, died there on September 22, 1838, and he presently married Margaret Orr and continued to make his home there until his death on May 18, 1856. Meanwhile he had added to his land holdings. He was for years an elder in the congregation of the Associate Reformed church on Caesars creek. Robert Dean was the father of eighteen children, eleven of whom were born to his union with Elizabeth Campbell, namely: Daniel A., Samuel D., William C., Janet S., who married William Cooley; John D., Mrs. Elizabeth Harding, Robert Harvey, James Henry, who moved to Illinois; Andrew H., Joseph A. and Mary. Of these children, two are still living, Robert H. and Andrew H. By his marriage to Margaret Orr, Robert Dean was the father of seven children, namely: Albert, now deceased, who was a government inspector in the cattle yards at Kansas City; Eli, who is now living in the neighboring county of Warren; Milton, who died in infancy; Isaac, who also died in infancy; Cyrus, who is now a resident of Gibbon, Nebraska; Calvin, now a resident of Boulder, Colorado, and Mrs. Martha Ann Lackey, now deceased.

William Campbell Dean, third son of Robert and Elizabeth (Campbell) Dean, was born on the old Dean home place in what is now New Jasper township, but which then was a part of the original township of Caesars-creek, July 24, 1822, and there grew to manhood. He received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and as a young man went to Tennessee, where for eighteen months he was employed as a guard in the state penitentiary at Nashville. Upon his return home he married and became engaged in the grocery business in partnership with his brother Daniel at Xenia, the brothers opening at the northeast corner of Main and Detroit streets, now occupied by the Steele building, the first store for the exclusive sale of groceries ever opened in Xenia. For four years Mr. Dean continued thus engaged and then he sold his interest in the store to his brother and moved down into Clinton

county, where he was engaged in farming for three years, at the end of which time he returned to Greene county and bought the interests of the other heirs in his father's old home place, then comprising one hundred and eighty-four acres, and there established his permanent home, spending the rest of his life there, his death occurring there on August 27, 1888, he then being one month over sixty-six years of age. His widow survived him for more than eight years, her death occurring on February 13, 1897, she then being seventy-six years of age. She was born, Susan Janney, in Loudoun county, Virginia, daughter of Stephen and Letitia (Taylor) Janney, Quakers (the Janneys having become established as a family in this country with the establishment of William Penn's colony), both of whom were born in that same county, where they were married, and who came to Ohio in 1831 and settled in the Springboro neighborhood, in Warren county, where Susan Janney was living at the time of her marriage to William C. Dean on October 23, 1851. To that union were born five children, namely: Letitia E., unmarried, who is still living on the old home place, which she owns jointly with her sister, Mrs. Ballard; Anna, now living at Indianapolis and who has been twice married, her first husband having been William Hazelrigg and her second, William Baldock; William A., a retired farmer, now living at Columbus, Indiana, and a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume; Charles S., now living at Xenia, and a biographical sketch of whom also is presented elsewhere in this volume, and Susan, who married Edgar T. Ballard and is still living on the old home place which she owns jointly, as noted above, with her sister, Miss Letitia Dean, Mr. Ballard having charge of the operation of the farm. Miss Letitia Dean and her sister are members of the Friends church.

William Campbell Dean was reared in the Associate Reformed church, but after the "union" of 1858 became affiliated with the congregation of the United Presbyterian church on the banks of the north branch of Caesars creek, half a mile north of the Jamestown road. Reared a Whig, he became a Republican upon the organization of the latter party and for years served as township trustee.

BERT BLAIR.

Bert Blair, proprietor of a saloon at 16 North Whiteman street, Xenia, was born at New Burlington on March 9, 1873, a son of Joseph and Josephine (Smith) Blair, both of whom also were born in Ohio, the latter in Greene county and the former in the neighboring county of Montgomery, and who were married in Greene county. Joseph Blair was born on January 19, 1844, and his wife was born on February 22, 1845. She was one of the nine children born to her parents, the others being Wesley, deceased; Louis,

a former member of the board of county commissioners of Greene county, who died while serving in that office; Joseph, who is living at New Burlington; Mrs. John Holland, deceased; Mrs. Arabella Calvin, deceased; Catherine, who is living in Indianapolis; Mrs. Alice Peterson, of Dayton, and Nancy, of New Burlington. Joseph Blair had two brothers and one sister, namely: John, deceased; William, of New Burlington, and Mrs. Arabella Reeves, of New Burlington. The parents of these children were natives of Pennsylvania, of Scotch-Irish stock. To Joseph Blair and wife were born seven children, those besides the subject of this sketch being James, a widower, who has two sons, Everett and Elmer; Alva, who is married and has two children, Herman and Helen; Frank, of Xenia; Charles, of New Burlington; Lena, who married Berry Kelch and now lives in Chicago, and Dena, deceased.

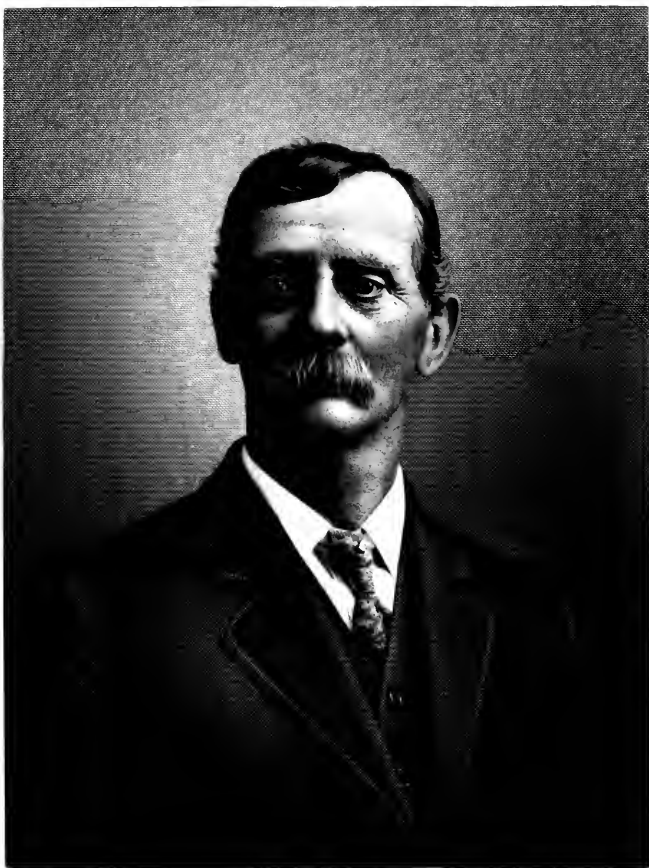
Reared at New Burlington, Bert Blair received his schooling in the schools of that village and became employed in a blacksmith shop there. Upon completing his trade he started out as a journeyman blacksmith, has travels taking him into every state of the Union. About 1902 he returned to Ohio and after a couple of years spent at Xenia again went West, remaining away for about seven years, or until 1911, when he again returned to Xenia and there became engaged in the blacksmith business in association with Nels Beal and so continued until in April, 1915, when he opened his present place of business in Xenia.

On September 27, 1917, Bert Blair was united in marriage to Theresa Brennan, who was born in Xenia. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of the Improved Order of Red Men and of the Loyal Order of Moose. His father's people were Quakers and his mother's people were adherents of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JAMES L. G. TROLLINGER.

James L. G. Trollinger, proprietor of a farm of one hundred and seventy acres in Bath township, was born in that township and has lived there all his life. He was born on February 5, 1864, son of Nimrod and Martha (Shaw) Trollinger, natives of the state of Maryland, who were married in that state and who later came to Ohio and located in Greene county, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

Nimrod Trollinger was born in 1827 and grew to manhood in his native state of Maryland. There he married Martha Shaw, who was born in that same state in 1831, and in 1853 he and his wife came to Ohio and settled on a farm in Bath township, this county, where they established their home, reared their family and spent the rest of their lives. Mrs. Trollinger died



James Trollinger



Rosa Trollinger



in 1896 and Nimrod Trollinger died in 1902. They were the parents of ten children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being Mrs. Sarah Batdorf, of Fairfield, this county; Mrs. Mary Jane Paxton, of West Alexandria, this state; Mrs. Elizabeth Burrows, of the Osborn neighborhood in this county; Mrs. Emma C. Harner, of Xenia; Mrs. Julia M. Wolf, of Bath township; Mrs. Martha Ann Lambert, of New Carlisle, Ohio; John H. and Jacob William, twins, the former of whom is living in Bath township and the latter in Miami township, this county, and Charles, who died in his first year.

Reared on the farm on which he was born in Bath township, James L. G. Trollinger received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood. After his marriage in 1887 he established his home on the farm on which he is now living, a part of the old home farm, and has ever since resided there. Mr. Trollinger has served as a member of the district and township school board, for some time clerk of the latter body; as township highway commissioner and as a trustee of the local cemetery association, of which latter organization he is now the secretary. On national issues Mr. Trollinger adheres to the Democratic party, but in local issues reserves his right to vote independently of political parties. In addition to his general farming he has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock.

On November 17, 1887, James L. G. Trollinger was united in marriage to Rosa Flatter, who was born in Miami township, this county, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Pearl Ann, who married Ray Wilson and has two children, a son, Howard L. Woodrow, and a daughter, Gladys Irene. Mr. Wilson is farming a part of Mr. Trollinger's farm and lives in a house across the road from the home of the latter. The Trollingers are members of the Reformed church and Mr. Trollinger has been an elder and a deacon of the local congregation for thirty years.

SAMUEL EWING.

The late Samuel Ewing, who formerly and for many years was one of the leading figures in the social life of the city of Xenia and who died at his home, "Roberts Villa," in that city on October 6, 1917, was born in Xenia and had spent all his life there. He was born on September 22, 1833, and was thus past eighty-four years of age at the time of his death. In a notice regarding Mr. Ewing's death the *Cincinnati Enquirer* referred to the deceased as "a member of one of Greene county's oldest and wealthiest families." As such, Mr. Ewing, of course, had a position to maintain in the community in which he had resided all his life, and he maintained it to the day of his death, a typical "gentleman of the old school."

Samuel Ewing was a son of John and Prudence W. (Roberts) Ewing, the latter of whom was born in Xenia on December 28, 1814, daughter of Silas and Cassandra (Sparks) Roberts, the former of whom was a Pennsylvanian and one of the early residents of Xenia, having settled there in 1808. Upon locating at the new town of Xenia, Silas Roberts bought a tract of two hundred and eighty acres of land immediately north of the townsite and extending south to the line now formed by Church street and gradually increased his holdings there until they comprised many hundreds of acres. Although some of this land was sold, the Roberts estate still comprises five hundred and seventy-eight acres and as all overtures in the way of taking over and platting the same for town-lot purposes have been discouraged by the estate the growth of the city to the north in that section east of Detroit street has been effectually blocked, the only building save "Roberts Villa" in that tract being the public library, a lot for which was set off by the estate when the new library was projected. Silas Roberts died on July 29, 1864. His wife had preceded him to the grave nearly seventeen years, her death having occurred on September 11, 1847. They were married in 1814, and they had seven children, those besides Mrs. Ewing having been the following: Micajah, who died in 1883; Emesetta, who died unmarried in 1900; Diana, who died unmarried in 1914; Louisa, wife of John Lackey, who died in 1910; Mathias who died in California in 1850, and John, who died in 1872. After their brothers and sisters had gone, the Misses Emesetta and Diana Roberts continued to make their home on the old home place and in the '70s they erected there a quite remarkable big brick house, typical of a much-favored style of architecture of the period and handsomely and lavishly appointed and finished within. In that big house on the edge of town, and which has ever been styled "Roberts Villa," they spent their last days and there Samuel Ewing, who inherited it, spent his last days in lonely splendor, maintaining his position to the end.

John Ewing, who was for years a merchant at Xenia, was born in Campbell county, Kentucky, January 6, 1800, a son of John and Margaret Ewing, who were reared and married in York county, Pennsylvania, and who in 1795 moved to Kentucky, moving thence in 1801 to Ohio, and until he was fourteen years of age John Ewing thereafter made his home in Hamilton and Clermont counties, this state. He then, in 1814, came up into this part of the state and became employed in the store of James Gowdy, one of the first merchants in Xenia. He continued that connection until he grew to manhood, when Gowdy admitted him to a partnership and upon Gowdy's retirement from business in 1838 he became proprietor of the store continuing thus in business at Xenia until his own retirement in 1861. Originally the Ewing, or Gowdy, store was located at the corner of Main and Greene

streets, but in 1849 Mr. Ewing erected a three-story structure at the corner of Main and Whiteman streets and thereafter carried on his business in the latter building. He also built what is now known as the Grand Hotel, but which in his day was known as the Merrick Hotel. He died at his home in Xenia in 1893. His wife had long preceded him to the grave, her death having occurred in 1858, and he did not remarry. They were married on December 12, 1833, and were the parents of six children, those besides the subject of this memorial sketch being Miss Elizabeth Ewing, of Xenia; Miss Ida Ewing, of New York City; Mrs. Cummins B. Jones, of Los Angeles, California; William Ewing, of Two Buttes, Colorado, and James Ewing, of Los Angeles. The father of these children was reared in the Covenanter church and his wife was a Methodist.

EDWIN H. HUNT.

Edwin H. Hunt, dealer in automobile accessories at Xenia, was born in that city on November 18, 1886, son and only child of E. C. and Luella (Karch) Hunt, the former of whom died on January 9, 1915, and the latter of whom is still living in Xenia. She also was born in Xenia, daughter of Isaac and Cornelia (Dunham) Karch, the latter of whom was born at Bellbrook, this county. Isaac Karch was but a boy when he came to this county with his parents and he grew up on a farm in Beaver creek township, later becoming employed as a clerk in the Millen store at Xenia. He died at his home in Xenia in 1912, he then being eighty-six years of age. The Hunts were a well-known family in Xenia in their day and are more particularly remembered by reason of the activity in local musical circles of Converse Hunt, uncle of Edwin H. Hunt, who was a singer of more than local note and who for years conducted a "conservatory of music" in Xenia.

When thirteen years of age Edwin Hunt became employed in George Galloway's drug store, where he worked for two years, at the end of which time he became a cutter in the local shoe factory. He then took employment during the summer as a baggageman on a steamer plying the waters of the Great Lakes and for two summers was thus employed. At eighteen years of age he began working in the Vanderpool bicycle establishment at Xenia and at the end of two years of that form of employment found himself possessed of a capital of fifty dollars. With this capital he opened a shop of his own for the repair of bicycles and guns, starting in the Glossinger building, and as the automobile business gradually developed added to his stock a line of accessories. In 1905 Mr. Hunt found it necessary to seek other quarters and he opened his present store at 39 West Main street, where he ever since has been engaged in business. In 1914 Mr. Hunt opened a

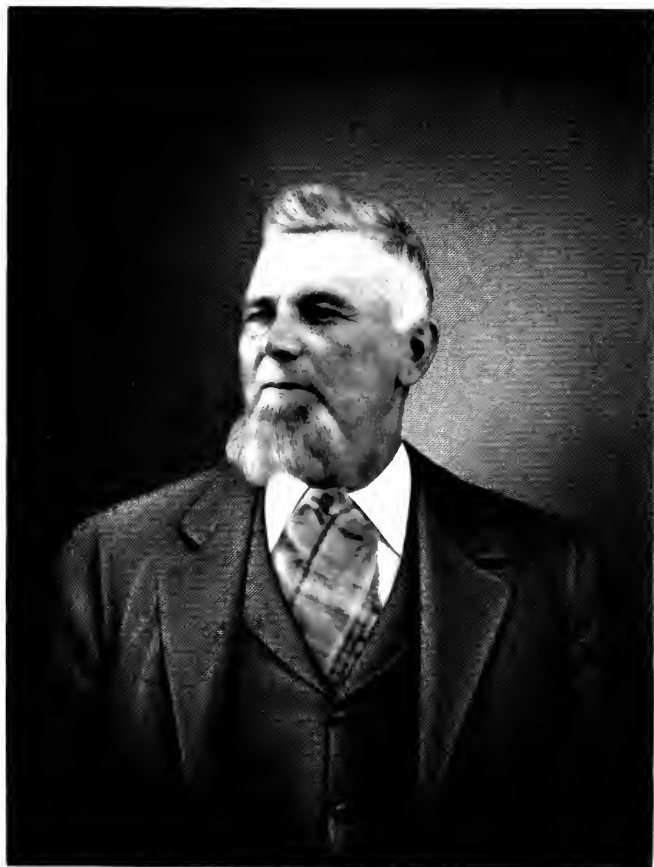
garage and operated the same under the name of the Xenia Garage Company, but a year later sold that establishment and has since confined himself to his old familiar line. He was the first man in Xenia to do general automobile tire repair work, as well as the first man in that city to do acetyline welding.

In June, 1906, Edwin H. Hunt was united in marriage to Evelyn Ora Ferguson, who also was born in this county, daughter of "Doc" Ferguson and wife, the former of whom, now deceased, was for years an auctioneer in this county and the latter of whom is now living in Dayton, and to this union have been born five children, namely: Louise, born in 1907; Harold, 1909; Evelyn, 1910; Robert, January, 1916, and Annis, January, 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt are members of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church. They own and reside on the old Clevenger place of eighteen acres on the Cincinnati pike just at the edge of town, where Mr. Hunt finds recreation in looking after a truck patch during the summers.

GEORGE W. WARNER.

George W. Warner, a retired farmer of Greene county, now living at Fairfield, where he has made his residence since 1886, was born on a farm three miles south of Fairfield on February 27, 1843, son of Henry and Harriet (Cosad) Warner, the latter of whom was also born in this county, her parents having been pioneers in Bath township.

Henry Warner was born in the vicinity of the city of Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1803, son of George W. Warner and wife, who came to Ohio in 1826 with their family and settled in Bath township, this county. Henry Warner married here and continued to live on his father's farm after his marriage until 1845, when he moved to a farm on the Yellow Springs road, where he resided for two years, at the end of which time he moved to the village of Fairfield, but two years later returned to the old home farm. There his wife died in 1852. He survived her for many years, his death occurring in 1895. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, those besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: Mrs. Christina Koogler, of this county; John, who died in the days of his boyhood; Paul P., a resident of the Fairfield neighborhood; Aaron, deceased; Henry G., a resident of this county; Mrs. Sophia Dellinger, of Osborn; Mary Alice, deceased, who was the wife of Taylor Gerlaugh; Mrs. Elizabeth Nicholas, of Versailles, this state, and Mrs. Ann Walsh, who lives two and one-half miles southwest of Fairfield. Henry Warner, the father of these children, had bought the old home place after the death of his father and there developed a fine piece of property. His parents, George W. and Christina (Harshman) Warner, came



G. W. Warner



Mrs. George Warner

to Ohio in 1826 and the Warners are thus one of the old families in Greene county.

George W. Warner, who was given his name in honor of his father's father, was reared on the home farm in Bath township and received his schooling in the neighborhood schools. After his marriage in 1866 he continued to make his home on the home place and there resided for ten years. He then moved to a farm a mile and a half west and there lived for nineteen years, or until his retirement from the farm in 1886 and removal to Fairfield, where he has since made his home. Mr. Warner is a Democrat and, fraternally, is affiliated with the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He owned two hundred acres of land that the Conservancy Board bought, and he then went across into Clark and Montgomery counties and bought 136 acres which he used for small grain production and potatoes.

On February 6, 1866, George W. Warner was united in marriage to Elizabeth Kreider, who was born on a farm on the banks of Mad river, in the extreme northwestern part of this county, a daughter of Henry and Susan (Kirkwood) Kreider. Mr. Kreider, a blacksmith, came from Pennsylvania to Ohio in an early day and located in Montgomery county, later coming to Greene county and moving from here to Springfield, where he died. His wife died while living in Greene county. They had three children, Elizabeth, who married Mr. Warner; Susan, deceased, and Mary, who married Frank Miller. The family belonged to the Reformed church.

C. HOWARD LITTLE.

C. Howard Little, former president of the Xenia city council and vice-president and treasurer and general office manager of the Xenia Grain Company, wholesale grain dealers, with offices in the Allen building at Xenia and an elevator at Bowersville, was born at the village of Jamestown, this county, February 25, 1870, son of Asa and Margaret (Moorman) Little, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families, and who are still living, making their home at Xenia.

Asa Little was born on a farm in Ross township in June, 1843, son of Robert and Elizabeth (Hiatt) Little, who were born in Hampshire county, Virginia, where they grew up and were married. In the year in which they were married Robert Little and his wife came to Ohio and settled on a farm in the woods in Ross township, this county, where they established their home and reared their family, becoming substantial pioneers of that community. They were among the leaders in the local congregation of the Campbellite, or Christian, church in their neighborhood and Robert Little acquired more than a merely local reputation as a preacher of that faith, filling

the pulpit of the local church in the absence of a regular pastor. He was reared a Whig and later became a Republican and for several years served his community as township trustee. He became the owner of a farm of about four hundred acres. He died in 1878, at the age of sixty-five years, and his widow survived him for ten years, her death occurring in 1888, she then being eighty-two years of age. They were the parents of six children, namely: J. H., now deceased, who lived at Yellow Springs; the late Hon. John Little, for years prominent in public life here; Lucy, who married Joseph Ritenour, a farmer of Ross township and is now deceased; Mrs. Emily Birch, wife of a merchant at Yellow Springs; Asa, father of the subject of this sketch, and Anna, who married Henry Flagg, of Xenia, and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased.

Reared on the home farm in Ross township, Asa Little completed his schooling at Antioch College and for fifteen years thereafter was engaged in teaching school, most of this time being spent in the schools of the neighboring county of Madison, although for some time he was superintendent of the schools at Yellow Springs. He also served for a time as superintendent of the schools at South Solon and at Sedalia. He then became engaged in the grain business at Yellow Springs and for four years was the owner of an elevator there and for a few years also had a lease on the Oldtown mill. In 1890 he was elected treasurer of Greene county, nominee of the Republican party, and in 1892 was re-elected to that office, thus serving as treasurer of the county for two terms, or four years, during which time he made his home in Xenia. Upon leaving the county treasurer's office he bought a farm of two hundred acres in Beavercreek township and there made his home until his retirement in 1913 and removal to Xenia, where he and his wife are now living, at 816 North King street. They are members of the Christian church at Xenia. Mrs. Little was born, Margaret Moorman, in Silvercreek township, this county, daughter of Charles and Matilda (Watson) Moorman, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter in Pennsylvania. Charles Moorman was but nine years of age when he came with his parents to this county from Virginia, the family settling in Silvercreek township. To Asa and Margaret (Moorman) Little were born two sons, the subject of this sketch having had a younger brother, Arthur Ward, born in 1877, who died in 1880.

C. Howard Little's early schooling was obtained in the various schools taught by his father and he completed the same by attendance at Antioch College and at Nelson's Business College at Springfield. When his father engaged in the grain business at Yellow Springs he became an active assistant in the management of that business and was thus engaged until 1897,

when he was made office manager for the Miami Grain Company at Xenia and so continued in the grain business in the latter city until 1910, when the Xenia Grain Company was organized and he was elected vice-president and treasurer of the same and also made office manager, the other officers being G. N. Perrill, president, and A. V. Perrill, secretary. This company maintains an elevator at Bowersville and offices in the Allen building at Xenia. Mr. Little is a Republican and was serving as president of the Xenia city council when the local government was changed to that of a commission form of government.

On December 25, 1905, C. Howard Little was united in marriage to Annie Lehow, who was born in Colorado, daughter of Charles and Mary E. Lehow, both now deceased, and to this union two children have been born, Margaret, born in 1907, and Lehow, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Little are members of the Episcopal church and Mr. Little is a member of the vestry of the same. Their home is at 810 North King street.

LESTER DUNCAN BALL.

Lester Duncan Ball, a dealer in and shipper of poultry at Xenia, is a native son of Greene county, born in the village of Spring Valley on November 4, 1886, a son of William G. and Martha (Gartrell) Ball, both of whom also were born in this county and here spent all their lives, the former dying at Xenia on January 6, 1913, and the latter, in October, 1911.

William G. Ball was born on a farm in the neighborhood of Yellow Springs and there grew to manhood. His parents came to this county from Pennsylvania. About 1880, at Spring Valley, he married Martha Gartrell, who was born at Yellow Springs, daughter of Robert Gartrell, and after his marriage began farming on his own account and so continued until about 1895, when he became engaged in the poultry business at Spring Valley and about 1902 moved to Xenia and there opened an establishment in South Collier street, where he continued engaged in the poultry business until his death. His wife had preceded him to the grave about two years, as noted above. William G. Ball and his wife were adherents of the Presbyterian church. They were the parents of four children, three of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Halleck, living at Richmond, Indiana, and a sister, Helen M., who is living at Osborn, this county. The other child, Ernest, died in infancy. Halleck Ball married Maude Armentrout and to that union five children have been born, two of whom are living.

Lester D. Ball "grew up" at Spring Valley, attending the schools of

that village, and when eighteen or nineteen years of age became employed in the express company's office at Xenia and was thus engaged for seven years, during which time he rose to the position of local agent for the company. Upon the death of his father in 1913 he left the express company's office and took over the poultry business his father had built up at Xenia and has ever since been engaged in that business, shipping to New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and other points East.

On July 14, 1910, at Xenia, Lester D. Ball was united in marriage to Gertrude Shelly, daughter of Frank and Minnie (Mitchell) Shelly, of Xenia, who were married on August 2, 1887, and who have two children, Mrs. Ball having a brother, Cary Shelly, who is now living at New Madison, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Ball have one child, a son, Lawrence Leroy, who was born on August 2, 1913. They attend the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Ball is an "independent" voter. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias at Xenia.

ANDREW H. CRESWELL.

One of the substantial and successful farmers who has been a lifelong resident of Cedarville township is Andrew H. Creswell, who was born on the farm adjoining the one where he now lives on January 2, 1856, the son of Samuel and Eliza (Huffman) Creswell, pioneers of Greene county.

Samuel Creswell was born on the same farm where his son Andrew H. was born, in the year 1820, and lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years on this same farm, his death occurring in 1912. His wife, Eliza (Huffman) Creswell, died in 1914, at the age of eighty-four years. They were the parents of ten children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the sixth in order of birth, the others being as follows: Martha Ann, the widow of J. S. Turnbull, of Ross township; Sarah, the wife of Alexander Kyle, a farmer of Cedarville township; Mary, living at home; James H., a farmer of Cedarville township; Julia, the wife of W. R. Sterrett, of Cedarville; William H., also a farmer of this township; George H., living on the old home farm; Nettie, the widow of James Ervin, of Xenia, and Ida, who is now living in Cedarville township, widow of J. H. Stormont. Samuel Creswell inherited one hundred and fifty acres of land at the time of his father's death, and at the time of his death was the owner of two hundred acres. He and his wife were members of the Reformed Presbyterian church at Cedarville. Mr. Creswell was a Republican during most of his long and useful life, but for twenty years before his death espoused the cause of prohibition. He always took an active interest in the civic



Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cornell



MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL CRESWELL.



SAMUEL CRESWELL HOMESTEAD.



and social affairs of his community and was for years a director of the school board of his township.

The paternal grandparents of Andrew H. Creswell were James Creswell and wife, who emigrated from Kentucky to Ohio in a very early day, coming here in 1804 with the Rev. Robert Armstrong, and in the then new country established the Associate Reformed church, of which he and his family were devout members. They were the parents of four sons and one daughter, all now deceased. A complete sketch of the ancestry of Mr. Creswell will be found elsewhere in this volume.

Andrew H. Creswell received his early education in the district schools of Cedarville township, later attending the high school at Cedarville. He was reared to the life of a farmer, and upon leaving the paternal home purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Cedarville township, two miles southeast of the village of the same name, and has lived there ever since. He is engaged in general farming and stock raising, and ranks among the progressive farmers of the county. He has rendered public service as a member of the board of township trustees.

On November 26, 1896, Andrew H. Creswell was married to Rachel Kyle, the daughter of Joseph and Hanassah (Kennedy) Kyle. Mrs. Creswell is a member of a family that has been connected with this portion of the state for nearly a century and is a sister of the Rev. Joseph Kyle, D. D., now president of Xenia Theological Seminary. Mr. and Mrs. Creswell are adherents of the Reformed Presbyterian church at Cedarville and Mr. Creswell has served as trustee of the local congregation most of the time for forty years.

JAMES H. CANADAY.

James H. Canaday, chief of police of Xenia, is a native son of Ohio and has been a resident of Xenia since he was fifteen years of age. He was born at Gallipolis, in Gallia county, June 16, 1866, a son of Reuben S. and Elizabeth (Adler) Canaday, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter of whom was of European birth, who later became residents of Xenia, but after some years of residence in that city returned to Gallipolis, where their last days were spent.

Reuben S. Canaday was born on August 26, 1841, of Scotch-Irish and French-Canadian parentage, and was but a youth when he left his native Virginia and came to Ohio, locating at Gallipolis, where he presently became engaged in the butcher and grocery business and where, on July 4, 1861, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Adler, who was born in the

grand duchy of Baden on July 28, 1840, and who was but eight years of age when she came to this country with her parents in 1848, the family locating at Gallipolis, Ohio. After his marriage Reuben S. Canaday continued in business at Gallipolis until the spring of 1881, when he disposed of his interests there and moved to Xenia, arriving in the latter city with his family on April 7 of that year. There he became engaged in the grocery business and so continued until 1892, when he and his wife returned to Gallipolis, where they spent the remainder of their lives, his death occurring on June 1, 1906, and hers, March 7, 1913. They were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follows: William R., of Logan, West Virginia, who married Laura Betz and has three children; John P. and George B., twins, who died in infancy; Reuben H., of East Liverpool, Ohio, who is married and has one child; the Rev. Fred L. Canaday, unmarried, who is an evangelist and makes his home at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Scott, of Rutland, this state, who is married and has one child; Myrtle, who married U. S. Losey, now living at Columbus, Indiana, and has two children, and Belle, who married J. C. Kearney and is now living at Detroit, Michigan.

James H. Canaday's early youth was spent in Gallipolis, where he completed the eighth-grade course in the public schools. He was fifteen years of age when his parents moved to Xenia in 1881 and for a few years after his arrival in that city he was engaged in his father's store. He then became employed as a clerk in the H. E. Schmidt grocery and was thus engaged for twenty-one years, or until the time of his appointment to the position of chief of police for the city of Xenia on February 1, 1914. The Chief is a Democrat.

Chief Canaday has been twice married. On September 15, 1887, he was united in marriage to Della Strickle, who was born in Xenia, a daughter of Samuel Strickle and wife, the latter of whom was an Anderson, also born in Xenia, and to that union were born four children, namely: Robert, born on May 26, 1890, now living at North Platte, Nebraska, who is married and has one child, a son, James Woodrow; Lawrence, October 31, 1893, also now living in Nebraska, who is married and has one child, a son, James William; Thyra, January 29, 1896, who died on November 12, 1898, and Fern, June 23, 1898, who is now living in Cincinnati. The mother of these children died at Gallipolis on September 4, 1898, and on January 10, 1901, Mr. Canaday married Gertrude Gatrell, who also was born in Xenia, daughter of William and Mary (Ginn) Gatrell, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Marion W., born on May 16, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Canaday are members of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church at Xenia.

WILLIAM HULICK BLAIR.

The late William Hulick Blair, former editor of the *Cedarville Herald*, who died in Loveland in 1909, and whose widow and daughter are now making their home in Cedarville, was a native son of Ohio and all his life was spent in this state. He was born at Georgetown, in Brown county, April 16, 1857, son of Brice R. and Margaret (Kirkpatrick) Blair, the latter of whom spent her last days at Clifton, this county.

Brice R. Blair also was born in Brown county, this state, and there became a cabinet-maker and contracting carpenter, following that vocation the rest of his life. He was twice married. His first wife, Elizabeth Dimmitt, died in 1851. To that first union there were born ten children, Erastus, Ezekiel, George, Ann, Kezia, John (now a resident of Ripley, Ohio), Irene (Mrs. McCreight, of Jamestown), and three who died in childhood. Upon the death of the mother of these children Brice R. Blair married Margaret Kirkpatrick and to that union were born three children, the subject of this memorial sketch having had a sister, Emma, who is a teacher in the Girls Industrial School at Delaware, this state, and a brother, Charles Blair, now deceased, who was engaged in newspaper work in Cincinnati. Brice R. Blair died in Brown county and his widow later came to Greene county, her last days being spent at Clifton, where she died on March 10, 1908. They were members of the Presbyterian church and their children were reared in that faith.

William H. Blair spent his youth in his native county and there received his schooling, later becoming a school teacher. He early took up newspaper work and became a trained editor and publisher. Years ago he came to this county and became engaged in the newspaper business at Jamestown, at the same time becoming associated there with his brother-in-law, M. T. McCright, in the mercantile business. Mr. Blair later bought the *Cedarville Herald* and for about eight years was editor and publisher of that paper, establishing his home at Cedarville. His newspaper activities were not confined to the *Herald* and he became the owner of a string of newspapers in this part of the state, including the *Morrow Tribune* as well as a German paper at Morrow, the *Tri-County Press* at Loveland and a paper at Blanchester, continuing actively engaged in the newspaper business until his death on April 11, 1909. He also for some time had been a resident of Loveland. Mr. Blair was a Republican and his newspapers reflected his views on the political questions of the day. He was a Mason, past master of the lodge at Jamestown, and a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He was a Presbyterian, affiliated with the church at Loveland.

On September 22, 1894, at Cedarville, William H. Blair was united

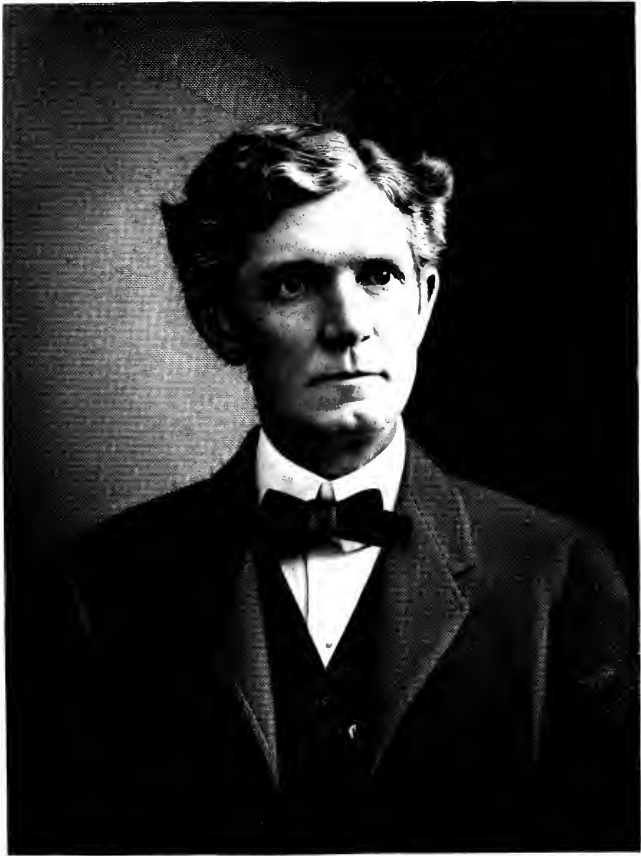
in marriage to Edith Satterfield, who was born in that village, daughter of James P. and Jane T. (Milbourn) Satterfield, who were born at Martinsburg, West Virginia, where they were married, later coming to Ohio and locating on a farm in the neighborhood of Urbana, from which place they presently moved to Cedarville, where Mr. Satterfield became engaged in the mercantile business and also operated a lime kiln. James P. Satterfield was born on February 8, 1826, and died at the age of seventy-five years. His widow, who survived him for some years, was born on June 12, 1826, and lived to be eighty-two years of age. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their children were reared in that faith. There were five of these children, those besides Mrs. Blair, the last in order of birth, being Robinson, who was a bookkeeper and who died in 1888; Stewart, a retired farmer, now living at Atlanta, Illinois; Collett, an artist and a traveling man, now a resident of Los Angeles, California, and Oscar, who is a rural mail carrier out of Cedarville.

To William H. and Edith (Satterfield) Blair one child was born, a daughter, Kathleen M., who was graduated from the high school at Loveland, later attended Miami University and Cedarville College and is now a member of the teaching staff of the Cedarville schools, making her home with her mother. Mrs. Blair and her daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Cedarville.

HON. HORACE ANKENEY.

The Hon. Horace Ankeney, former member of the Ohio state Legislature from this district and a former member of the Ohio state dairy and food commission, was born in a log house on the farm on which he is now living, in Beavercreek township, this county, rural mail route No. 7 out of Xenia, February 11, 1850, son of Samuel and Margaret (Gettard) Ankeney, further and fitting mention of whom, together with a comprehensive review of the history of the Ankeney family in Greene county, is made elsewhere in this volume. Samuel Ankeney was a son of David and Elizabeth Ankeney, who settled in this county in 1830, having come to this state in that year from Maryland, and the Ankeney family have ever since been prominently represented here.

Horace Ankeney grew up on the home farm in Beavercreek township, received his early schooling in the schools of that neighborhood, prepared for college by attendance at a select school at Xenia and in the fall of 1867, he then being but seventeen years of age, entered Miami University, from which institution he was graduated in 1872 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, later receiving from the university his Master degree. Upon his



Horace Ankeny

return from the university Mr. Ankeney resumed his place on the farm and during the succeeding two winters was engaged in teaching in his old home school, meantime continuing to systematize his farm operations on that part of the home farm of which he had taken charge and on which he is still living, having permanently established his home there after his marriage in the fall of 1879. During the early '80s Mr. Ankeney was elected director of the county infirmary and he was retained in that position until his resignation in 1889. In 1881 he was elected director of schools in his district and he retained that position until 1901. In this connection it may be said that Mr. Ankeney's administration of affairs at the county infirmary was marked by reforms in that institution that attracted state-wide notice. It also is worthy of note that it was while he was a member of the school board in Beaver creek township that township was the first township in the state to adopt the system of township supervision of schools. During his later service in the Legislature Mr. Ankeney took an active part in promoting reforms in the laws regulating the country schools of the state. Mr. Ankeney's first nomination for the Legislature came to him in 1890, but he was unsuccessful in that race, as well as in a succeeding race. In 1899 his friends insisted that he again make the race and he was elected by a large majority. He was re-elected at the next election and thus served as a member of the House during the sessions of 1900 and 1902. Upon the completion of his legislative service Mr. Ankeney was elected a member of the state dairy and food commission, taking his seat in that body in February, 1903, and thus served for two terms, at the end of which time he returned to the operation of his farm, which since has engaged his attention. Mr. Ankeney and his family are members of the Reformed church and he is the vice-president of the foreign missionary board of that church in the United States, this office constituting him ex-officio a member of the executive board of that body, which holds meetings about eight times a year in Philadelphia, which meetings he attends. In 1888 he was elected treasurer of Heidelberg Theological Seminary, then located at Tiffin, but now the Central Theological Seminary at Dayton, and he still occupies that position. He also is treasurer of the Ohio State Rural Life Association. Politically, Mr. Ankeney is a Republican and has for years been an active factor in the activities of that party throughout this part of the state.

On October 14, 1879, Horace Ankeney was united in marriage to Lina Gertrude Cline, one of his former pupils, who also was born in this county, daughter of William and Nancy A. (Harner) Cline, and to this union seven children have been born, namely: Florence, wife of the Rev. W. T. Mabon, of Bellefontaine; Samuel, who is engaged in business at Dayton; Alfred, who is engaged in missionary service in Japan; Elizabeth T., who is at

home; William M., who was graduated from the medical department of the Western Reserve University at Cleveland in 1918; Herman K., at home, and Rachel H., now a student at Heidelberg University at Tiffin.

HON. WILLIAM BRADFUTE BRYSON.

The Hon. William Bradfute Bryson, representative from Greene county in the Ohio state Legislature, a member of the Greene county board of education, an extensive landowner and well-known horseman, was born on the farm on which he is now living, one mile north of Xenia on the Clifton-Oldtown pike, in Xenia township, August 19, 1854, a son of James and Nancy A. (Bradfute) Bryson, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Greene county, whose last days were spent on the home farm north of Xenia.

James Bryson was born on a farm in the neighborhood of Watsonstown, in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, March 1, 1815, and was nineteen years of age when he came to Ohio with his parents, Robert and Hannah (Corry) Bryson, the family settling on a farm just north of Xenia. Robert Bryson and his wife also were born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, of sturdy Covenanter stock, and it was on account of the presence in Greene county of a considerable colony of Covenanters that they determined to come out here and establish their home. In 1834 they disposed of their interests in Pennsylvania and drove through with their family to the point which they had determined on as their future place of residence, coming through with their essential household goods in a wagon and driving their stock along with them. Upon his arrival in Greene county Robert Bryson bought a tract of two hundred acres a mile north of Xenia, on the Clifton-Oldtown pike, in Xenia township, and there established the family home, he and his wife spending the remainder of their lives there. They were the parents of eight children, of whom James Bryson was the second in order of birth, the others being as follows: Matthew, who went West and spent his last days in Nebraska; Robert, who died while attending Miami University, where he was preparing for the ministry; Hester, who married John Miller and spent her last days on a farm on Clarks run in this county; Nancy, who married Samuel Nisbit and spent her last days at Cedarville; Ellen, who was the wife of John Williamson, also of Cedarville; Rebecca, who was unmarried and who after her mother's death remained as housekeeper for her father, and Ann, who died during the days of her girlhood.

As noted above, James Bryson was nineteen years of age when he came to Greene county in 1834 and he at once took an active part in the labors of developing and improving the home farm, remaining with his father until the latter's death, when he bought the interests of the other heirs and there con-

tinued to make his home for years. He added to the original home farm until it contained more than three hundred acres and also bought the old Sexton farm adjoining, on which is the spring which traditionally is said to have been the birthplace of the great Indian chief Tecumseh. In 1879 James Bryson bought a tract of three hundred acres one mile north of Xenia and there in 1880 he erected a large brick house, facing the Springfield pike, where he made his home the rest of his life. He also owned a hundred-acre farm on the Little Miami, near the village of Trebein, and had other interests in the county. Upon the organization of the Republican party James Bryson became affiliated with the same. For years he was a member of the board of trustees and an elder of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia, continuing earnest in good works until his death in 1911, he then being at the age of ninety-seven years.

On March 17, 1853, James Bryson was united in marriage to Nancy A. Bradfute, who was born in Cedarville township, this county, January 10, 1828, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Anderson) Bradfute, of the Cedarville neighborhood, the former of whom had come to this country from his native Scotland as a young man and had settled in this county. To James and Nancy A. (Bradfute) Bryson were born four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being Nettie, who died when four years of age, in 1861; Robert Edwin, born on July 29, 1860, a retired farmer now living in North Detroit street in Xenia, who married Ella Williamson and has four children, Harold, Agnes Louise, Martha Lucille and James C.; and Agnew E., unmarried, who continues to live on the farm in Xenia township where his father spent his last days and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume.

William B. Bryson was reared to the life of the farm. Upon completing the course in the district school he entered the old Xenia College on East Church street and after a further course there entered Monmouth College at Monmouth, Illinois, and was graduated from the same in 1876. While at Monmouth Mr. Bryson became acquainted with the girl, a fellow student, who a few years later became his wife. Upon his graduation from college Mr. Bryson returned to the home farm and entered upon the duties of operating the place. In 1881, shortly after his marriage, he bought the home place of three hundred and twenty-five acres, remodeled the house and there established his home on the place on which he was born and on which his grandfather had settled upon coming here in 1834. In 1913 this house was destroyed by fire and Mr. Bryson straightway erected a new dwelling place. Mr. Bryson has added to his holdings until he now is the owner of nearly seven hundred acres in the vicinity of Xenia, including the Collins farm of two hundred acres, the Carroll farm of one hundred acres adjoining his place on

the east and the Kelsey farm of about one hundred acres on the south. In 1890 Mr. Bryson began definitely his career as a successful breeder of fine horses. Not only has he earned a reputation as a breeder of fine horses, but for years his services as a lecturer before farmers institutes have been in demand and he also has done good service by giving a course of lectures on the subject at Wilberforce University. For years he kept a stable of a hundred or more head of fine horses, but of late years has not carried on his operations in that line quite so extensively, the popularity of the automobile having lessened the market for driving horses, though he still keeps in his stables from forty to fifty head to meet the demand. Mr. Bryson's specialty has been the Wilkes strain and for twenty-five years he has held annual sales at his farm. For years Mr. Bryson kept a string of horses, making the circuit of the best tracks in the country and kept on his place a competent trainer, racing merely to create marks for his sires, among some of his most noted horses having been the following: "West Egbert," son of "Egbert," Mr. Bryson's first fast sire; the sire "Tom Keene," with a mark of 2:04 $\frac{1}{4}$ and the sire of more than thirty fast colts; "Wilmons," 2:17 $\frac{3}{4}$, son of "Simmons," sire of a number of fast colts, one of which, "Harry Mack," had a mark of 2:08 $\frac{3}{4}$ and another, "Robert K.," 2:10 $\frac{1}{2}$, and "Wildemar," 2:16 $\frac{1}{4}$, son of "Wilmons" and sire of twelve fast colts. For two seasons Mr. Bryson has been the judge at the Ohio State Fair Association's race track and has many times acted as judge in show rings. He also for years has served as a member of the county fair board.

Mr. Bryson has for years been looked upon as one of the leaders of the Republican party in Greene county. In 1914 he was elected to represent Greene county in the state Legislature and served during the session of 1915, doing conspicuous service in that session as chairman of the House committee on prison reform. In 1916 he was re-elected and though the Republicans occupied the minority side of the House during the session of 1917 he was able, by diplomatic methods, to render some really valuable service, particularly as a member of the committee on agriculture, and was successful in getting through more bills than any other Republican member of the House. For many years Mr. Bryson served as a member of the Xenia township school board and is now a member of the Greene county board of education. When an attempt was made in the House of Representatives to do away with district supervisors, an important department of the new system of education in this state, Mr. Bryson vigorously defended the system and his speech in the House on that subject was given the credit for having defeated the reactionary attempt to weaken the new system.

On November 10, 1880, at Monmouth, Illinois, William B. Bryson was united in marriage to Mary Louise Graham, who was born in that city, a

daughter of David and Elizabeth Graham, the former of whom was one of the founders of Monmouth College, the proprietor of a dry-goods store in Monmouth and the owner of fifteen hundred acres of land in the vicinity of that city. Mrs. Bryson is a graduate of Monmouth College. Mr. and Mrs. Bryson have three sons, William Graham, James Robert and David Brown, all of whom have followed their parents in the ways of learning at the latter's *alma mater*. William G. Bryson, the eldest son, also got his wife at Monmouth, he there having met Jessie Graham, who though bearing the same surname as that of his mother is not related to the latter by ties of consanguinity, and not long after his graduation from Monmouth married her. They have two daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Sarah Frances. William G. Bryson is operating a part of his father's farm north of Xenia and he and his family live across the highway from the home of his parents. James R. Bryson, who also was graduated from Monmouth College, married Mary Fay and now lives on one of his father's farms, the old Carroll place, which he is operating. David B. Bryson is now (1918) a student at Monmouth College and is a member of the College Glee Club, in which he sings bass. The Brysons are members of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia. For years Mr. Bryson has been an elder of his church and for thirty-three consecutive years has been superintendent of the mission Sabbath school maintained by that church at Goes Station.

ASA CLAY MESSENGER, M. D.

Dr. Asa Clay Messenger, health officer for the city of Xenia, a member of the school board of that city, formerly and for years resident physician at the Ohio State Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home at Xenia and since that period of service and for the past fifteen years engaged in the general practice of his profession at Xenia, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Xenia since the spring of 1892. He was born at Jackson, county seat of Jackson county, November 20, 1861, only son and last-born of the four children born to Capt. Henry Clay and Sophia Eliza (Isham) Messenger.

Capt. Henry Clay Messenger's father was a native of New Hampshire and his mother, of Vermont. They were married in the East and then came to Ohio, locating at Granville, in Licking county, where they established their home, but later removed to Utica, Licking county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The Captain there grew to manhood and early became qualified as a civil engineer, in which capacity he was working for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad when, at Jackson, he met and married Sophia Eliza Isam, who was born in that city, daughter of Dr. Asa W. Isam, a pioneer

physician of that place, one of the acts for which he still is gratefully remembered there having been the gift of the tract of ground upon which the first Presbyterian church in Jackson was erected. Captain Messenger was stationed at Jackson when the Civil War broke out. He at once proceeded to raise a company, which was organized as Company C, Fifty-third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry; was chosen captain of the same and was commanding the company when stricken with mortal illness in camp, his death occurring at Moscow, Tennessee, in April, 1863. His body was brought back to Ohio and was interred in the cemetery at Jackson, where many years later the body of his widow was laid beside it. She remained faithful to the memory of her soldier husband and her last days were spent in the home of her son, Doctor Messenger, at Xenia, she having accompanied him to that city when he located there in 1892, her death occurring there in February, 1916. She was a member of the Presbyterian church. To Captain Messenger and his wife were born four children, the Doctor having had three sisters, namely: Nellie M., who married the Rev. C. E. Tedford, a Presbyterian minister, and died at Huntsville, Ohio, in 1907; Mary M., wife of the Rev. J. K. Gibson, present chaplain of the National Soldiers Home at Dayton, and Fannie M., wife of the Rev. Reese W. Edwards, of Jacksonville, Florida, pastor at large for the Presbyterian church in the state of Florida.

Following his graduation from the high school at Jackson, Doctor Messenger took a post-graduate course in the high school and then entered the Medical College of Ohio at Cincinnati, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1884. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Messenger opened an office at Coalton, in his native county, and five years later, in his old home county of Jackson, was married. He remained in practice at Coalton from January 1, 1885, until his appointment seven years later by Governor McKinley to the post of resident physician at the Ohio State Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home at Xenia, entering upon the duties of that position in the spring of 1892. Doctor Messenger continued his service at the Home for eleven years, or until 1903, when he opened an office and became engaged in general practice at Xenia, where he ever since has been thus engaged. In that same year the Doctor took a special course in the study of diseases of children at the Post Graduate Medical School at New York. The Doctor is a member of the Greene County Medical Society, of the Ohio State Medical Society, of the American Medical Association and of the Ohio Second District Medical Society, which latter he has served as secretary and as president. For the past twelve years or more Doctor Messenger has been the local health officer at Xenia, was one of the organizers of the Miami Valley Health Officers Association, and has served on the officary of that organization. For the past twelve years the Doctor also has been serving as a mem-

ber of the Xenia city school board. He is a Republican. The Doctor is a Royal Arch Mason, affiliated with the blue lodge, the chapter and the council, Royal and Select Masters, at Xenia, and is also affiliated with the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the local camp of the Sons of Veterans. Not long after entering upon his regular practice at Xenia, Doctor Messenger bought the house at the northeast corner of Second and Detroit streets and still resides there, with offices in the building. For the past year or more the Doctor has had associated with him in practice his son, Dr. Harold C. Messenger, a graduate of the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, who became associated with his father in practice at Xenia after a year as interne in the Miami Valley Hospital at Dayton, and is now the secretary of the Greene County Medical Society.

On October 8, 1889, in his old home county of Jackson, Dr. A. C. Messenger was united in marriage to Amanda L. Long, who also was born in that county, daughter of Elias and Emily (Carrick) Long, who are still living on their farm in Jackson county, the former the oldest native-born resident of the city of Jackson. Elias Long is a son of Elias Long and wife, who settled in Jackson county in 1804 and the former of whom became a pioneer merchant at Jackson. The junior Elias Long has for many years been a retired farmer in the neighborhood of Jackson. Mrs. Messenger was graduated from the Jackson (Ohio) high school in 1886 and attended Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio. Mrs. Messenger is an active member of the Junior Woman's Club, also of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution of which latter organization she was regent for four years..

Doctor and Mrs. Messenger have three children, Harold C., Lois and Emily, all of whom are at home. Dr. Harold C. Messenger was born on January 10, 1891, and after his graduation from the Xenia high school took a literary course at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, and at Dennison University at Granville and then entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1914. For a year thereafter he was stationed as an interne in the Miami Valley Hospital at Dayton and then entered general practice, in association with his father, at Xenia. In 1917 Doctor H. C. Messenger married Nelle Fairbanks, of Springfield, Ohio. Lois Messenger was born on December 9, 1895, and was graduated from the Xenia high school in 1914. Emily Messenger, born on March 15, 1898, was graduated from the Xenia high school, in 1915. The following fall she began her collegiate work at Denison University and later entered the National School of Domestic Art and Science at Washington, D. C., from which she was graduated in 1917. The Messengers are members of the First Presbyterian church and the elder Doctor has been a member of the session of that church for the past twenty-five years.

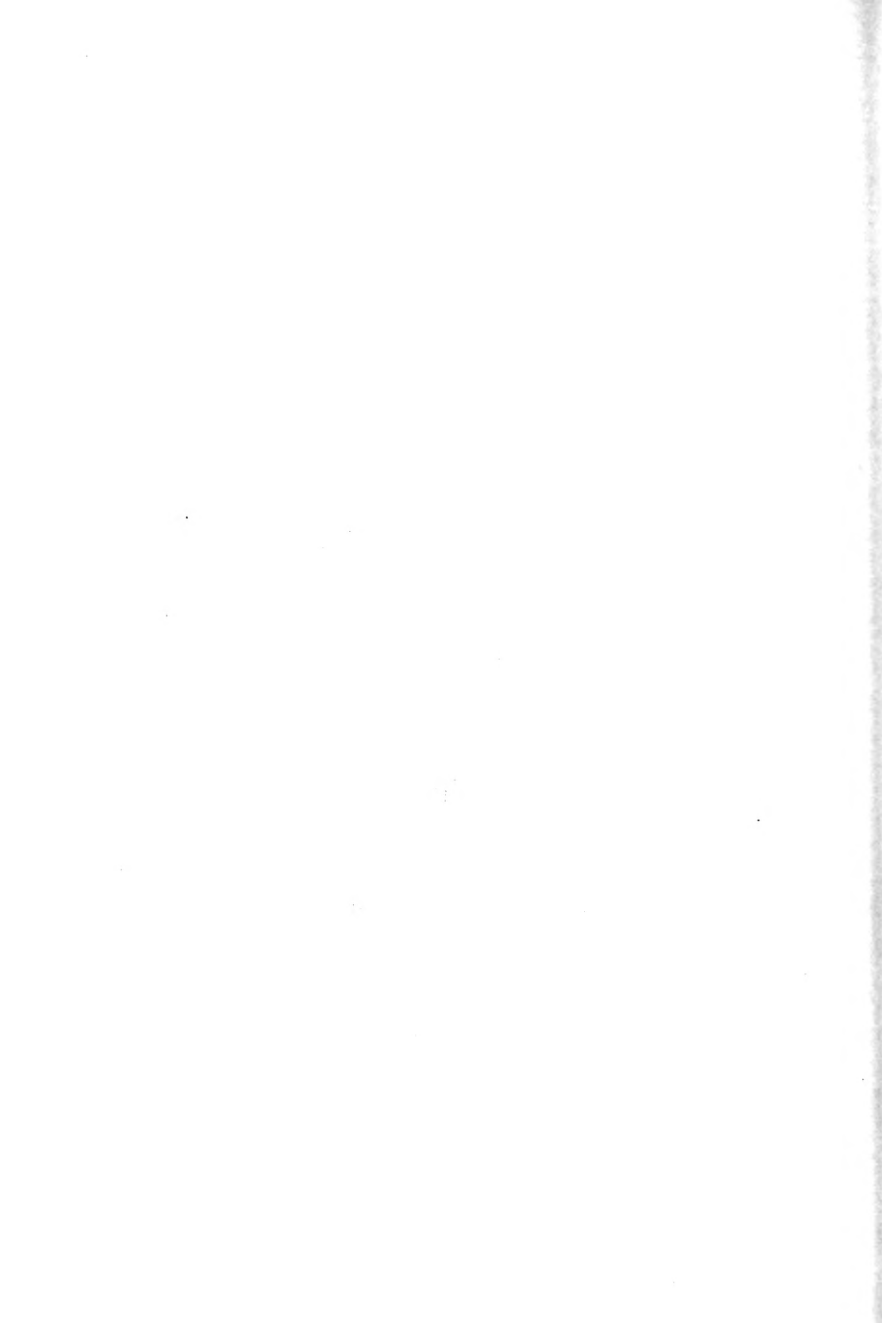
CAPT. ANDREW S. FRAZER.

Capt. Andrew S. Frazer, a veteran of the Civil War, former county auditor, former president of the Xenia National Bank, with the directorate of which institution he still is connected, as well as retaining connection with various others of the most important commercial and industrial concerns of Xenia, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Greene county since he was twelve years of age. The Captain was born at Russellville, down in Brown county, October 15, 1836, a son of John F. and Sarah (Kelly) Frazer, the former of whom was born in the state of Pennsylvania and the latter in Kentucky, who later became residents of Greene county, John F. Frazer for years being one of the leading merchants in the village of Cedarville.

The Frazers are of Scottish origin, originally hailing from the Highlands, but were transplanted into Ireland, whence, from County Down, came John F. Frazer's father, a weaver, who settled in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where he established his home and pursued his vocation, later moving to Brown county, this state, where he spent his last days. John F. Frazer was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and there learned the trade of a tanner, afterward locating at Russellville, in Brown county, this state, and continuing thus engaged at that place until the spring of 1837, when he moved with his family to Decatur, this state, where he made his home until in December, 1848, when he came to Greene county and located at Cedarville, where he bought a half interest in a general store and went into business there, the establishment operating under the firm name of Mitchell & Frazer. He presently bought his partner's interest in the store and continued active in business there until his retirement in 1885, having thus been in business at Cedarville for a period of nearly forty years. John F. Frazer was an ardent Abolitionist and during the days preceding the Civil War was one of the most active "conductors" on the "underground railroad" operating throughout this part of the state, in that capacity having helped on his way many a negro seeking freedom. He took an active part in local and state politics and was a delegate from this district to the first convention of the Republican party, held at Pittsburgh in February, 1856. During the progress of the Civil War he was enrolled among Ohio's famous "Squirrel Hunters," and while acting in that relation helped repel Morgan's invaders. He was an active member of the United Presbyterian church and a leader in local good works. John F. Frazer died at his home in Cedarville in August, 1890. He had been four times married and was the father of eight children, three of whom, the late James K. Frazer, of Sandusky, this state; Margaret, wife of H. P. Jackson, of Cedarville, and Captain Frazer, were born of his union with Sarah Kelly, his first wife, who died at her home in Brown county in



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1846. Of the others there now survive: Mrs. Flora Utter, of Crawfordsville, Indiana; Nettie, wife of Lee Nash, of Xenia township, this county; W. S. Frazer, of Springfield, this state, and John H. Frazer, cashier of a bank at Newcastle, Pennsylvania.

Andrew S. Frazer was but six months of age when his parents moved from Russellville to Decatur and in the latter place his childhood was spent. He was ten years of age when his mother died and for two years thereafter he made his home with an uncle, Samuel Mehaffy, at Ripley, rejoining his father at Cedarville in 1848, he then being twelve years of age. In the meantime he had been receiving instruction at Grove Academy and upon his arrival at Cedarville pursued his studies in that village, completing his schooling in the academy at that time conducted there by Turnbull & Amyx. During the winters of 1855-6-7 he taught school in Cedarville township and was there an intimate friend and chum of Whitelaw Reid, afterwards editor of the *New York Tribune* and at the time of his death United States ambassador to England. In the meantime he had been acquiring a detailed knowledge of business forms in his father's store and in 1859 engaged in business for himself, in association with John Gibney opening a merchant-tailoring establishment and general clothing store at Cedarville, and was thus engaged at the time of the breaking out of the Civil War. In April, 1861, following President Lincoln's first call for volunteers to put down the armed rebellion against the Union, he enlisted his services as a private in Company F, Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and when that company presently was merged with a company from Clermont county was elected second lieutenant of the same, the company reporting to Camp Dennison in August. In September the command went into camp at Charleston, Virginia (now West Virginia), and a few days later, in that vicinity, had its first contact with armed rebels. On September 25th the command moved to Chapmansville and in October moved thence to Barboursville, where it spent the winter in camp; in the spring of 1862 moving camp to Kanawha Falls and thence to Fayetteville, all this time being in almost constant touch with bushwhackers. During that spring the command participated in the battle of Princeton and in the fall of that year, September 25, 1862, Lieutenant Frazer received a wound which came near causing his death and from the effects of which he has suffered ever since. That was at the battle of Fayetteville, where his men were attacking a band of rebels five times their number, and he received a ball through the hip. The jail at that town was being used as a temporary hospital and he was removed there for first-aid treatment, that night being put in a wagon and hauled over Cotton mountain to the river, where he was put into a bateau and taken down to Gallipolis, where he remained in the hospital for eight weeks, at the end of

which time his father was permitted to bring him home on a hospital cot. The Captain was very severely wounded and he was not able to arise from bed until in March, 1863, and it was not until in June that he was able to walk with the assistance of a cane which has been his constant aid ever since. Incapacitated for active service Captain Frazer resigned his commission and received his honorable discharge. In the meantime his business affairs had been neglected during his absence and it became necessary to close out his interest in the store at Cedarville. In the fall of 1864 the Captain was the nominee of his party for county auditor, but was defeated. In 1866, however, he was renominated and was elected, entering the court house as auditor of Greene county on March 4, 1867. By successive re-elections he occupied the position of county auditor for sixteen years and eight months and during that long incumbency inaugurated a system of audits that is still observed there. In November, 1883, Captain Frazer became engaged in closing up the affairs of the First National Bank of Xenia, then in liquidation, and in September, 1885, entered the Xenia National Bank, which had reorganized the affairs of the former bank, and in January, 1886, was made cashier of that institution. Captain Frazer continued as cashier of the Xenia National Bank for nearly twenty-five years, or until the annual meeting of the board of directors in January, 1910, when he declined re-election, though still retaining his stock in the bank and a place on the directorate. He was then made vice-president of the bank and in the next year, 1911, was elected president of the same, a position he occupied for three years, since which time he has still continued to serve as a member of the board of directors, declining further more active office. It is not too much to say that much of the present strength of the Xenia National Bank is due to Captain Frazer's long and active connection with the same, a statement which the Captain modestly might deprecate but which his friends and the business community in general freely concede. Captain Frazer also has for years had other important business connections in Xenia and is at present vice-president and a member of the board of directors of the Hooven-Allison Company, cordage manufacturers, and a member of the board of directors of the Home Building and Saving Company, one of the wealthiest institutions in the county. To other affairs along helpful lines the Captain also has for years given his attention and he thus has been one of the strongest and most influential factors in the community life of this region since the Civil War. For the past six years he has been a member of the board of trustees of the Greene County Children's Home and is the present president of the board. He also served for two years as a member of the board of trustees of the Ohio State Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home at Xenia, in the affairs of which institution he has for many years taken a warm interest. The Captain is a mem-

ber of the First United Presbyterian church and for the past six years or more has been a member of the board of trustees of the Theological Seminary at Xenia, of which for years he has been an enthusiastic supporter. When the church congregation with which he is affiliated decided to erect a new house of worship in 1910 the Captain was made chairman of the building committee and in that capacity had practical charge of the erection of the church edifice, one of the handsomest and most completely appointed in this part of the state. Captain Frazer is a charter member of the Ohio State Bankers Association, which was founded in 1891, and in the affairs of which he has ever taken a warm interest. Since 1886 he has been a member of the board of directors of the Dayton & Western branch of the Pennsylvania Lines and is also a director of the Little Miami Railroad. He is an ardent Republican and has for many years been recognized as one of the leaders in that party in this part of the state, but since his service in the county auditor's office has not been an aspirant for public office. During the time of the active existence of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Cedarville, the Captain was one of the chief promoters of the same, retaining his membership there at his old home, though a resident of Xenia, and for some time served as commander of the post. He also is a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

Captain Frazer has been twice married. On November 2, 1870, he was united in marriage to Jennie Mitchell, of Attica, Indiana, who died in October, 1885, leaving two children, Clarence S. and Katie, the latter of whom married William A. Cork and is now living at Toronto, Canada, where her husband is engaged in government service. Clarence S. Frazer, a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume, is one of Xenia's best-known merchants, having for years been successfully engaged there in the shoe business. In October, 1887, Captain Frazer married Ruby H. Sexton, of Rushville, Indiana, who is still living. In 1867 the Captain erected at 118 West Third street a comfortable brick house and there he and his wife are very pleasantly situated. It is not generally known in the community, or perhaps forgotten by all save his old Cedarville neighbors, that Captain Frazer came near becoming a Kansan, which would have been a loss to Greene county, indeed. During the troublous days preceding the Civil War when Kansas was "debatable ground" and the scene of numerous fierce encounters between the Jayhawkers and border ruffians who were determined to fasten the institution of slavery upon the new territory and the opponents of that institution, who were just as determined that when Kansas did come into the sisterhood of states it should be as a free state, he accompanied a party of young men from Greene county to Kansas Territory to help swell the forces of human freedom there and remained there from April to Sep-

tember, 1857, during that time helping to lay out the town of Emporia. In that party of Greene county young men was P. B. Plum, who put in his lot definitely with that of bleeding Kansas and who became a United States senator from that state.

DANIEL McMILLAN STEWART.

Daniel McMillan Stewart, veteran of the Civil War, banker, former member of the city council and for many years actively identified with the various interests of his home town and of Greene county in general, and who is now living practically retired from the more active affairs of life in his pleasant home at Xenia, is one of Greene county's native sons and has maintained his home here all his life, though formerly and for some years his business interests required that he spend much of his time in the West. He was born on a farm on the Jamestown pike, just one mile east of the court house in Xenia, March 17, 1840, son of William H. and Esther (McMillan) Stewart, both of whom were born in South Carolina, members of families that became pioneers in Greene county.

William H. Stewart was born at York, South Carolina, in 1809, and was nine years of age when his parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (Hart) Stewart, left that section, where they also had been born, and came over into this section of Ohio in 1818, settling on what is now known as the Collins farm on the Jamestown pike in this county. Samuel Stewart and his wife were members of the old Associate Reformed church, which after the "union" of 1858 became merged with the Associate church, the two forming the United Presbyterian church, and were bitterly opposed to the institution of slavery which had become fastened upon their native state and thus they disposed of their interests in South Carolina and came out into a free state. Upon his arrival here Samuel Stewart became the owner of two hundred acres of wood tract and with the assistance of his four elder sons cleared and developed the same. He was an ardent Abolitionist and took an active part in the anti-slavery agitation of his day. The few slaves which had come to him in his native state he brought out here with him and gave them their freedom. He lived for more than twenty-five years after coming to Greene county, his death occurring in 1846. He and his wife were active in the work of the Associated Reformed church and their children were reared in that faith. There were twelve of these children, all of whom lived to rear families of their own, except one, who died unmarried.

William H. Stewart grew up here a tall, raw-boned man of sinewy frame and of great muscular strength. He received but limited schooling in his youth, but by self-study in after years became a very well-informed man.

Much of the time during his youth was spent with his ax in the woods. At that time the nearest real market was at Cincinnati, sixty-five miles away, and occasional trips would have to be made there for supplies. When about twenty-five years of age he married and located on a farm of one hundred acres on the Jamestown pike, one mile east of the court house in Xenia, established his home there and on that place all his children were born. When the Pennsylvania railroad came along and cut through his farm he left the place and bought a tract of one hundred and seventeen acres, the old Adams place, in the neighborhood of Cedarville, where he remained until 1870, in which year he retired from the farm and moved to Xenia, establishing his home in King street, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there on April 23, 1889, he then being past seventy-eight years of age. William H. Stewart had become a Republican upon the formation of that party. Reared as an adherent of the Associate Reformed church, he later became a member of the Reformed Presbyterian (Covenanter) church.

William H. Stewart was twice married, his first wife, Esther McMillan, having died in 1856, after which he married Eliza Bradford, who survived him many years, her death occurring in 1912. That second union was without issue. Esther McMillan was born at Chester, South Carolina, September 14, 1814, daughter of Daniel and Jeannette B. (Chestnut) McMillan, who became residents of Greene county in 1832 and here spent the remainder of their lives. Daniel McMillan was born in County Antrim, Ireland, on August 1, 1776, son of Hugh and Jane (Harvey) McMillan, natives of that same county, the former born in 1750, who were married there in 1775 and who came to this country in 1786, settling in South Carolina. Hugh McMillan and his wife were members of the Covenanter (Reformed Presbyterian) church and with four other families of that same faith decided to emigrate to the newly established United States of America. After an ocean voyage of nine weeks they landed at Charleston and shortly afterward located in the Chester district, in South Carolina, where they purchased land and established a church of their faith. Hugh McMillan died there on January 5, 1818, at the age of sixty-six years. His widow survived him until 1825, she being seventy-five years of age at the time of her death. They were the parents of seven children, Daniel, John, Mary, Gavin, David, James and Hugh.

Daniel McMillan was ten years of age when he came with his parents to this country and his youth was spent on the farm on Rocky creek, in the Chester district of South Carolina, remaining on that farm until 1794, when the family moved to a farm which the father had bought on Bull run, in the same neighborhood. When twelve years of age Daniel McMillan fell and suffered a fracture of the thigh bone, the accident rendering him a cripple. When eighteen years of age he suffered a second fracture of the same bone

and thereafter was compelled to use both a crutch and a staff. He began teaching school and for eight years thereafter was engaged in teaching. In the meantime, in the spring of 1806, he married and, having saved the sum of five hundred dollars, engaged in the mercantile business in partnership with his wife's brother, James Chestnut. In 1830 Hugh and Gavin McMillan, his brothers, came over into Ohio on a mission in behalf of the Reformed Presbyterian church and while visiting the church of that faith in Greene county became greatly impressed by the outlook in this region. Upon their return home so enthusiastic were their praises concerning the settlement here that the whole family decided to come out here, and in 1832 the sons of the elder Hugh McMillan, with their respective families, came to Greene county. Daniel McMillan bought an improved farm a mile and half east of Xenia and there spent the rest of his life. He was an elder in the Reformed Presbyterian church and enthusiastic in its service, riding horseback to Pittsburgh to attend the presbyterial meetings of the same. An ardent Abolitionist, he had freed the slaves his wife had inherited, to the number of one hundred, and upon coming here became one of the active "conductors" on the "underground railroad," furnishing teams and other means to aid in the transportation of runaway slaves to free soil.

It was on March 11, 1806 that Daniel McMillan was united in marriage to Jeannette B. Chestnut, who was then not sixteen years of age. She was a daughter of Col. James and Esther (Stormont) Chestnut, who lived eight miles north of Rocky Creek, in the Chester district of South Carolina. Col. James Chestnut, who was an officer of the patriot army during the Revolutionary War, was at one time captured and was sentenced by the Tories to be hanged. The place of execution was fixed, but before the hour for the same came around a party of General Washington's soldiers appeared on the scene and rescued him. To Daniel and Jeannette B. (Chestnut) McMillan were born twelve children, of whom ten lived to maturity, namely: Jane, who married the Rev. Ebenezer Cooper, a minister of the Reformed Presbyterian church, and died in 1888; James C., born in 1810, who also became an active church worker and who was thrice married, his first wife having been Margaret Millen, his second, Christiana Moody, and his third, Mary Reece; Mary, who married the Rev. Robert McCoy, a minister of the Reformed Presbyterian church, and died without issue; Esther, mother of the subject of this biographical review; Martha, born in 1817, who married Samuel Dallas and died on February 27, 1898; Margaret, who married David Millen, of Xenia, and died without issue; Nancy S., born in 1822, who married Joseph Kendall, a farmer of Greene county; the Rev. John McMillan, born in 1826, who married Elizabeth Walton, was for years the pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian church at the corner of Fifteenth and Lombard streets, Phila-

delphia, and who died on August 30, 1882; Jeannette, born in 1829, who married James D. Liggett, a Xenia lawyer and onetime editor of the *Xenia Torchlight*, and Daniel, born on May 6, 1832, who married Elizabeth Bennett and became a farmer and stockman in this county. William H. Stewart and Esther McMillan were united in marriage on May 6, 1837, and to that union were born eight children, of whom Daniel M. Stewart is now the only survivor. Four of these children died in infancy, one died at the age of twenty years, another died at the age of twenty-one, and the other, James R. Stewart, who married Rachel Dallas, spent his last days at Springfield, Missouri, his death occurring there on April 24, 1912.

Daniel McMillan Stewart spent his early youth on the home farm on the Cedarville pike and was fourteen years of age when his father moved to the Cedarville neighborhood in 1854, after which he attended the Cedarville schools, there coming under the instruction of Professor Orr and James Turnbull. He later attended a couple of terms at the Urbana Institute and in 1860 matriculated at Monmouth College, but was taken ill with diphtheria at the outset of his college career and was compelled to return home, where for some time afterward he was in a poor state of health. When the Civil War broke out he desired to enlist, but was unable to do so on account of the state of his health. He was able, however, later to enter the service with the hundred-day men and thus served as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Stewart returned home and became engaged in farming, his father giving him the old home place east of Xenia. He later became engaged in the real-estate and insurance business at Xenia, buying his grandfather's farms of three hundred and sixty-five acres, disposed of them and bought a farm in Champaign county and has ever since been more or less engaged in the real-estate business in and about Xenia. After his marriage in 1877 he established his home in Xenia, where his wife planned the erection of the brick house at 114 West Third street, where he still lives, and that has ever since been his established home, though for some years afterward much of his time was spent in the West. It was about the time of his marriage that Mr. Stewart became engaged as an agent for the sale of railroad lands along the line of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad and he was thus engaged for seven years, or until the lands were closed out. He then became engaged in the lead-mining business at Joplin, Missouri, and after operating with more or less success in that section for fifteen years "struck it rich" when he opened the "Get There" mine at Webb City, Missouri, which he developed and operated for three years, at the end of which time he leased the mine and later, in 1896, sold it. Since that time Mr. Stewart has devoted his time to his real-estate and other interests in and about

Xenia. For years he has been a member of the board of directors of the Xenia National Bank, for the past fifteen years vice-president of the same. Mr. Stewart is a Republican and for twelve years served as a member of the Xenia city council. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church and for the past thirty years has been a member of the board of trustees of the Xenia Theological Seminary. Mr. Stewart is a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic.

On January 1, 1877, Daniel M. Stewart was united in marriage to Harriet Bonner, who was born on a farm on the lower Bellbrook pike, in Xenia township, this county, and who died in April, 1908, at her home in Xenia. Mrs. Stewart was a daughter of the Rev. James R. and Martha (Gowdy) Bonner, the former of whom at the time of her birth was pastor of the First Reformed Presbyterian church at Xenia and the latter of whom was a member of the numerous Gowdy family which came up here from Kentucky in 1806. To Mr. and Mrs. Stewart one child was born, a daughter, Lunette Belle, who was graduated from the seminary at Washington, Pennsylvania, and who on December 24, 1906, was united in marriage to Charles Murdock Kelso, a consulting engineer and contractor, of Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. Kelso have one child, a daughter, Mary Stewart Kelso, born on September 5, 1909, whom Mr. Stewart regards as "the apple of his eye."

IDA CLERKE WOOLSEY, M. D.

Dr. Ida Clerke Woolsey, who has been engaged in the practice of medicine in Xenia since the completion of her college work in 1893, is a native of the neighboring Hoosier state, but has been a resident of Ohio since she was five years of age, her parents having moved from Indiana to Cincinnati when she was a child, and in the Queen City she grew to womanhood. The Woolseys have been identified with Xenia for many years, Doctor Woolsey's grandfather, Dr. Jeremiah Woolsey, of notable memory, having been one of the first real physicians to locate in that city and during his long residence there was one of the most conspicuous and influential figures in the professional life of the city. Dr. Jeremiah Woolsey had his office at the corner of Main and Detroit streets and was the first physician to give prominence to the fallacy of the old practice of "starving a fever." When he began to treat his fever patients by the reverse method it is recalled that there was no little local apprehension regarding the probable outcome of such a distinct departure from tradition, but his "feed a fever" theory soon proved its efficacy and the medical profession was advanced by so much. Dr. Jeremiah Woolsey also was one of the leaders in the labors of promoting the material interests of Xenia and was the chief promoter of the construction of the Springfield

branch of the Pennsylvania railroad, the line that runs through Xenia in Detroit street. In other ways he contributed of his services and his energies to the upbuilding and betterment of the community and at his passing left a good memory.

Dr. William Montgomery Woolsey, a son of Dr. Jeremiah Woolsey and father of Dr. Ida C. Woolsey, was born at Trenton, New Jersey, where the Woolseys had been established since colonial days, one of the well-to-do families of that city and of the city of Baltimore, and in Trenton he received his schooling, supplementing a thorough classical education by the study of medicine and in due time was licensed to practice medicine. For a time he maintained an office in Trenton and then came West, locating at Hamilton, in this state, where he for a time conducted a drug store in connection with his practice. He married in Cincinnati and later moved to Evansville, Indiana, but after a few years of practice there returned to Cincinnati, re-entered the drug business in that city and there spent the rest of his life, quite successfully engaged in mercantile pursuits, his death occurring in 1883. His widow survived him about four years. She was born in Cincinnati, Hannah Clerke Hall, a daughter of Ezekiel and Elizabeth Hall, early and influential residents of that city, the latter of whom was one of the seven founders of the Cincinnati Orphans Asylum. The Halls came to Ohio from Baltimore and when they located in Cincinnati there was but one brick house in the place. The Hon. James C. Hall, a son of Ezekiel Hall and for two terms United States senator from Ohio, was one of the most prominent residents of Toledo during his day and, in association with Major James Oliver, bought and laid out one of the chief additions to that now thriving city.

To Dr. William Montgomery and Hannah Clerke (Hall) Woolsey were born eleven children, those besides the subject of this biographical review being as follow: Thompson, who died at Cincinnati when sixteen years of age; Montgomery Hall, who also died in youth; Samuel Parker, who went to the Northwest and married and established his home in Washington Territory; Mrs. Mary Robinson, who is living at Peru, Illinois, and who has two children, Ora and Eva; Martha Elizabeth, who died in Xenia in 1906; Clara Marie, who died in Cincinnati in 1875; Frances Virginia, who died during the days of her girlhood; James Hall, who married Therese Beatty, of St. Louis, and spent his last days in that city; William Hall, who died in youth, and George Walker, who married Mary Berger, of Connersville, Indiana, and moved from that city in 1886 to Altoona, Pennsylvania, where he died in 1888.

Ida Clerke Woolsey was but five years of age when her parents moved from Evansville, Indiana, to Cincinnati and in the latter city she grew to womanhood, receiving her early schooling in the public schools of that city.

In 1870 she entered Vassar College at Poughkeepsie, New York, and followed a three-years course in that institution. In 1889 she entered the medical department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and was graduated from that institution in 1892, having qualified as a practitioner in both the Regular and in the Homeopathic schools of medicine. She then for a year pursued a further and special course at Ann Arbor and in 1893 opened an office in Xenia and has ever since been engaged in practice in that city, making a specialty of the diseases of women and children. Doctor Woolsey is a member of the Second Presbyterian church.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN THOMAS.

Benjamin Franklin Thomas, who for nearly ten years has been serving the people of Greene county as county recorder, is a native son of Greene county, born on a farm in Silvercreek township on April 9, 1871, son of Joshua B. and Martha J. (Lucas) Thomas, also natives of this county and members of old families hereabout, and both of whom are now deceased.

Joshua B. Thomas was a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Bayliff) Thomas, the former of whom was born in 1800 and who was about ten years of age when he came to this county with his parents, the family settling in Silvercreek township about 1810, pioneers of that community, where the Thomases ever since have been represented, the family connection in this generation now being a quite numerous one throughout this part of the state. Benjamin Thomas and wife were members of the old Mt. Carmel Methodist Protestant church. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom Joshua B., born on the home farm in Silvercreek township on June 27, 1827, was the third in order of birth. Joshua B. Thomas grew to manhood on the home farm and after his marriage bought his father's home place of one hundred and twenty acres in Silvercreek and Jefferson townships and there established his home. He later bought additional land, sixty-seven acres, in New Jasper and Caesarscreek townships. He and his wife were members of the Mt. Carmel Methodist Episcopal church. Joshua B. Thomas died at his farm home in 1881, he then being fifty-six years of age. His widow survived him about sixteen years, her death occurring in 1907, she then being sixty-seven years of age.

On May 19, 1859, Joshua B. Thomas was united in marriage to Martha J. Lucas, who was born in Jefferson township, this county, a daughter of John and Nancy (Harness) Lucas, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families, and one of whose children, Mrs. Elizabeth Hite, is still living in this county, a venerable resident of the Bowersville neighborhood. To Joshua B. and Martha J. (Lucas) Thomas were born ten children,

namely: Mary Elizabeth, who married J. L. Fawcett and lives in Caesarscreek township; Jacob A., who died in infancy; Nancy Margaret, now deceased, who was the wife of Louis A. Gerard; Sarah Ellen, wife of Granville Gultice, of Xenia; Anna Lucretia, wife of H. E. Powers, of Jefferson township; Hannah L., who died in childhood; Benjamin Franklin, the subject of this sketch; Joshua Sanford, who is still living on the old home farm in Silvercreek township; Hattie J., wife of Alvin E. Stingley, a resident of the neighboring county of Clinton, and John Lewis, who married Blanche McGath and lives at Alpha, this county.

Reared on the home farm in Silvercreek township, Benjamin F. Thomas received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood. He was but ten years of age when his father died and he remained at home until his marriage at the age of twenty-three years, when he bought and continued to operate a part of the home place. In 1905 he disposed of his interests there and with his wife moved to Xenia, where he became engaged as a clerk in a hardware store, a sarcomatous development on his right leg having incapacitated him for the labors of the farm. Two years later he was compelled to go to the hospital, where his leg was amputated, and for nearly two years thereafter he was laid up. During the campaign of 1908 Mr. Thomas received the Republican nomination for the office of recorder of Greene county and was elected to that office. By successive re-elections he has been continuously since retained in that office, now serving his ninth year as recorder. Mr. Thomas is a Republican. He and his wife are members of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church at Xenia. Mr. Thomas is a member of the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias and of the Benevolent and Fraternal Order of Elks. He and his wife have their home at 32 East Third street.

On October 11, 1894, Benjamin F. Thomas was united in marriage to Anna Belle Curry, who was born at Oskaloosa, Iowa, September 27, 1872, a daughter of James L. and Abigail (Smith) Curry, both of whom were born and reared in Greene county, members of old families in Jefferson township, and whose last days were spent in Iowa. James L. Curry was reared as a farmer in Jefferson township and after his marriage began farming there on his own account, but his health presently failing he moved to Oskaloosa, Iowa, where he began clerking in a hardware store and where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on September 21, 1880, he then being but thirty-one years of age. His widow survived him less than a year, her death occurring on April 21, 1881, she then being but twenty-eight years of age. By the death of these parents four small children were left orphaned. Of these Mrs. Thomas was the eldest, the others being Ira Astor, who lives at Jamestown, this county; Cary, who lives on a farm in the Paintersville neighborhood in this county, and Melissa, wife of Guy L. Harner, of Xenia.

After the death of Mr. and Mrs. Curry their children were taken in charge by kinsfolk in this county and Mrs. Thomas was reared in the home of her mother's brother, Levi H. Smith, where she was living at the time of her marriage to Mr. Thomas.

SILAS OPDYKE HALE.

Silas Opdyke Hale, former clerk of the common pleas court and for the past four years or more deputy county auditor, one of the most agreeable and accommodating officials that ever served in the Greene county court house, is a native son of Greene county and has lived here practically all his life, a member of two of the oldest families in the county, both the Hales and the Opdykes having been among the earliest settlers hereabout, the Hales, indeed, having been here even before Greene county was created a civic unit, thus being accounted among the real pioneer families of this section of the state of Ohio.

The Hales are of English stock and are a far-flung family, the present descendants of the various immigrants of that name who settled in this country in colonial days now being a numerous and widely scattered connection throughout the United States. The progenitor of the Greene county branch of the family was James Hale, who was born in England in the year 1737 and who with his wife, Catherine Baird, born in 1741, of Welsh stock, came to the American colonies in order to enjoy a religious freedom denied to them in their own country. James Hale was a follower of George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends, and upon his arrival on this side he established his home in what he thought was a part of the Penn grant, but when the disputed boundary between Pennsylvania and Maryland was settled by the establishment of the Mason and Dixon line in 1767, he found that he was in the Baltimore tract in what is now Baltimore county, Maryland. In order therefore to be in actual geographic connection with his Quaker friends he moved over the line and took up his abode at the foot of Tushey mountain on the Juniata river, in what is now Blair county, Pennsylvania. As that settlement began to fill up, with true pioneer instinct he moved with his family down into Kentucky and settled in Mason county, where he spent his last days, his death occurring there in 1801 at his home on Clarks run, in the Bryant Station neighborhood, nine miles from Maysville. In the following year, 1802, his widow came up into this part of Ohio with her son John, who had previously bought a tract of land here, and here she spent her last days. James and Catherine (Baird) Hale were the parents of eight children, Rebecca, Joseph, Lydia, John, Hannah, James, Thomas and Silas. As most of these children married and reared families of their own, it is



SILAS O. HALE.



readily realized that the Hale connection in this generation is a numerous one.

John Hale, the second son and fourth child of the earnest Quaker couple whose coming to this country is above set forth, was born on November 25, 1775, and was well grown when his parents moved with their family from Pennsylvania to Kentucky. He married Sarah Bowen, who was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, and in 1801, the year of their father's death, came up into the then Territory of Ohio and bought a tract of government land in what later came to be organized as Sugarcreek township, Greene county, and in 1802 moved up and established his home there, on the west half of the southeast quarter of section 3, township 2, range 6, thus becoming one of the real pioneers of Greene county. When John Hale and his wife came here they were accompanied by their two small sons, James and Bowen, and in the following year another son, Silas, was born to them. The mother of these children died in 1814 and on June 29, 1815, John Hale married Sarah Lewis. To this second union were born ten children, Harmon, Rhoda, Nancy, Lewis, Rachel, John, Riley, Sarah, David and Martha. After he had made a clearing on his place John Hale established there a tannery, but in 1838 he sold his place and moved to Kosciusko county, Indiana, where he spent his last days, his death occurring there on September 25, 1845, he then being sixty-nine years and ten months of age. When he left Greene county he sold his place in the Bellbrook neighborhood to William Husten, who later sold it to David John, from whom it was bought by Silas Hale, son of the original owner, and thus came back into the possession of the Hale family. During the War of 1812 John Hale, the pioneer, rendered service as a member of Capt. Ammi Maltbie's company of Ohio militia, serving for three months following the news of the surrender of Hull at Detroit.

Silas Hale, son of John and Sarah (Bowen) Hale, the pioneers, was born on the home place in the neighborhood of where Bellbrook later came to be established, August 26, 1803, and there grew up amid typical pioneer conditions, helpful as a boy in his father's tanyard. When seventeen years of age he went to Wilmington, where he learned the cabinet-making trade, and three years later returned to Bellbrook and there set up a cabinet-making shop of his own, making a general line of furniture and also making the coffins needful in the community. Ten years later, in 1833, in association with his father, he started a general store at Bellbrook and when five years later his father moved to Indiana he became sole proprietor of the store and thus continued in business at that place practically all the rest of his life, his death occurring there, June 20, 1889, not long after his retirement from business. Silas Hale had served his community in various official

capacities. In 1839 he was elected treasurer of Sugarcreek township and for more than forty years held that office, finally resigning the same. In 1855, during the administration of Franklin Pierce, he was appointed post-master of Bellbrook and held that commission for thirty-one years and two months, or until retired during the first Cleveland administration. In 1854 he was elected justice of the peace in and for his home township and for some years served in that important magisterial capacity. In 1840 he united with the Methodist Protestant communion and was for years a member of the board of trustees and also a member of the board of stewards of his local congregation at Bellbrook. Fraternally, he was a Mason and an Odd Fellow and in these relations took the same earnest and serviceable interest that marked all his relations with his fellow men, and when he died at the ripe old age of eighty-six years there were many warm tributes paid to his memory in the community in which he had so long and so faithfully labored.

On July 20, 1830, in his home township, Silas Hale was united in marriage to Miriam Opdyke, who was born on February 5, 1814, sixth in order of birth of the ten children born to Henry and Catherine (Cummings) Opdyke, natives of New Jersey and pioneers of Greene county, the other children of that pioneer family having been Electa, Mary Ann, Peninah, Clarissa, Martha, George, Louisa, Emily Jane and Oliver Perry. The Opdykes are of Dutch descent, the first of this branch of the family to come to America from Holland having settled in New Jersey, where Henry Opdyke was born on November 16, 1774. Some time after his marriage Henry Opdyke came to Ohio and established his home in Sugarcreek township, this county, where on January 23, 1825, he accidentally met his death, being struck on the head by a mattock which fell into a well on the bottom of which he was working. The brick house erected by him on his farm just northwest of the village of Bellbrook is still standing. His widow survived him for nearly thirty years, her death occurring on November 1, 1854. Silas Hale's widow also survived him for years, her death occurring at the home of her son, Francis G. Hale, in Dayton, Ohio, May 30, 1910. To Silas and Miriam (Opdyke) Hale were born ten children, of whom the subject of this biographical sketch was the last born, the others being as follows: Dorinda, who married Dr. J. R. Brelsford; John C., who moved to Indiana and made his home on a farm in Adams county, that state; Mary Jane, who married James Hartsook, of Cesarscreek township; Henry H., a veteran of the Civil War and formerly engaged in the mercantile business at Bellbrook, now living retired at Xenia; Bowen, who went to the front as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, a member of Company D, Seventy-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and died at Camp Chase, while in service, April 22, 1862; Angeline, who died in 1848, at the age of three years; James R.,

formerly editor of the *Spring Valley Blade*, and now document clerk in the state library at Columbus, Ohio, and Melancthon, who died in the fall of 1872, he than being twenty-two years of age.

Silas Opdyke Hale, last born of the children of Silas and Miriam (Opdyke) Hale, was born at Bellbrook on March 9, 1858, and received his early schooling in the excellent schools of his home village, after supplementing the same by a course in the National Normal University at Lebanon, this state, meanwhile occupying his summers for a few years by working at the carpenter trade and his winters by teaching school in the schools of his home township. When the Sugarcreek high school was established Mr. Hale was made first principal of the same, at the same time being made superintendent of the township school. While thus serving Mr. Hale became one of the most active promoters in the work of organizing the Ohio State Township Superintendents Association and was elected first president of the same, afterward serving successively as secretary and as treasurer of the association. He also served for one year as a member of the executive committee of the Greene County Teachers Association and was chosen to preside over the Teachers' Summer Institute. He then was elected president of the teachers' association and as such again conducted the Teachers' Summer Institute, which was declared one of the most popular ever held in Xenia. In 1900 Mr. Hale resigned his position as superintendent of his home township schools in order to enter upon the duties of the office of clerk of the court of common pleas for Greene county, to which office he had been elected in that year as the nominee of the Republican party, and by successive re-elections he served in that office until 1909, after which he resumed his educational labors. In August, 1911, Mr. Hale went to California and was there engaged for two years as principal of the South San Diego school. He later returned to Xenia and in October, 1913, was appointed deputy county auditor, a position he ever since has occupied.

Mr. Hale has been twice married. On November 29, 1881, at Bellbrook, he was united in marriage to Anna M. Gibbons, who also was born in that village, daughter of Thomas Gibbons and wife, and to that union was born one child, a daughter, Minnie Miriam, who on June 11, 1913, married Harvey A. Wegener and now lives at Wilksburg, Pennsylvania, her husband being there engaged as head of the porcelain department of the great Westinghouse works. Mr. and Mrs. Wegener have two children, Silas Hale Wegener, born on June 24, 1914, and Anna Elizabeth, January 1, 1917. Mrs. Anna Hale died at South San Diego, California, on June 4, 1913, and on October 19, 1914, at Xenia, Mr. Hale married Mabel Graham, daughter of Prof. George J. Graham and wife, the former of whom was for twenty-five years principal of the high school at Xenia and later superintendent of

the city schools and a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Hale have a very pleasant home at Xenia. Mr. Hale was formerly an Odd Fellow and an Elk and is now a member of the Masonic order at Xenia. Ever since the days of his boyhood he has taken an active part in local political affairs and has rendered service as a member of the Republican county central committee. During his residence at Bellbrook he was for ten years treasurer of Sugarcreek township and was also for several terms treasurer of the village of Bellbrook, as well as a member of the village council. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Hale was graduated from the Xenia high school and from Antioch College, for some time taught school in Xenia and vicinity and was a member of the high school faculty at Washington Court House at the time of her marriage to Mr. Hale.

CHARLES L. SPENCER.

The biographer knows of no better epitome of the life work and of the services to this community of the late Charles L. Spencer than that contained in the closing paragraphs of the memorial resolutions adopted by the Greene County Bar Association and presented to Mr. Spencer's widow and daughter following the death of that lamented gentleman in the spring of 1917. The members of the committee which prepared these resolutions, M. J. Hartley, H. L. Smith and W. F. Trader, were fellow attorneys of the departed member of the Bar Association and the words which they framed to meet the call of the association bear the stamp of sincerity and loving fellow feeling that cannot be mistaken. After reviewing Mr. Spencer's busy life from the days of his boyish struggles to obtain an education which would fit him for that position in life to which he felt he was entitled and for which he felt he was innately qualified, these resolutions continue:

In these years he enjoyed a large and varied practice of the law in both the state and federal courts, acting as counsel in many important cases. He was a most industrious and indefatigable worker on his cases. While he was slow and deliberate in forming judgment or reaching conclusion, yet when he made a decision or formed a theory he was most tenacious as to that justice of his cause, and if defeated at first he rarely abandoned a case until it was determined by the court of last resort. He was an efficient and capable lawyer in counsel and as an advocate before the court and was effective and forceful in the application of the law.

In the laws of real estate, wills, taxation and corporations he was deeply versed, as the records of this court bear witness to the many litigated questions concerning these subjects in which he was counsel. His experience and ability in business and business affairs were prominent and useful to him in the practice of the law.

He lived the life of the ideal lawyer. His large library in his office and his extensive collection of books on many topics in his home testify to his love of learning.

His early life on the farm, his struggle for a higher education, his experience as a

teacher, his happy home life surrounded by his books, his extensive law practice, his activities in the business world, his devotion to the college of his youth and constant work for and support of his church, his services in behalf of the Law Library Association, and finally his decline and peaceful passing after but a few hours of illness, with his family about him and his life's work finished, together constitute a type of life peculiar to this country; not unusual, but which novelists love to depict and pulicists to portray, as illustrative of American life at its best.

We shall miss his deliberate walk, his thoughtful speech, his cheerful and pleasant greetings for his fellow members, his slow and measured arguments in court—the daily contact, all with regret, but with the reflection that he lived life to its fullness and completed his task; a life of industry, varied in activeness and of unusual contact with people of affairs.

To the family we extend the sympathy of the bar and request that this memorial be spread on the minutes of this court and a copy sent to his widow and daughter.

Charles L. Spencer was a native of Ohio, born in the city of Newark on April 4, 1848, a son of Newton and Lucinda J. (Trickey) Spencer, the former a native of New York state, born in Herkimer county in January, 1816, but who was reared in Oswego county, that state, whence, at the age of eighteen years, he came to Ohio and located in Licking county, where he became variously employed, eventually becoming the operator of a grist- and saw-mill and later of a stone quarry. In 1846, in that county, Newton Spencer was united in marriage to Lucinda J. Trickey, whose parents had come to Ohio from Pennsylvania, and ten years later, in 1856, moved with his family to Iowa and settled on a farm in Decatur county, that state, where he and his wife spent their last days, his death occurring there in 1890, he then being seventy-four years of age, and hers, in 1901, she having been eighty years of age at the time of her death. They were the parents of six children, of whom but three reached the age of maturity, the subject of this memorial sketch having had a brother, Albert G. Spencer, a resident of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and a sister, Mrs. Mary F. Hampton, of Van Wert, Iowa, the latter of whom now alone survives.

Charles L. Spencer was but eight years of age when his parents moved from Ohio to Iowa and on the pioneer home farm in this latter state he grew to manhood, one hundred and fifty miles from a railroad and with but few school privileges, but in a community of fine and intelligent people. Although able to attend school but a few months in a year, he read every book he could obtain in the sparsely settled community and thus gradually grew in wisdom. Among these books was Chapin's "Duties of Young Men," which so stimulated his ambition to seek a way to further education and culture that he determined to secure the benefit of schooling at any sacrifice of self, and at the age of eighteen he returned to the state of his nativity and entered Ohio Wesleyan University, having been able to make an arrangement whereby he could work his way through college. Five years later, in 1872, his course having been impeded by the necessities of working for the funds requisite to

the completion of the course, he was graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, to which his *alma mater* later added the degree of Master of Arts. Having determined upon the legal profession as a calling, Mr. Spencer, within a month after leaving college, began the study of law in the office of English & Baldwin at Columbus, Ohio. He had been teaching school as a means to obtaining funds for his college course and the winter following his entrance into the law office taught another term. In the fall of 1873 he was appointed to the position of principal of the Xenia high school and there and then formed associations and friendships which he held dear to the end of his life, from that time regarding Xenia as his home. During the periods of his vacations Mr. Spencer continued his study of the law and at the close of the school year in 1875 went to Cincinnati, where he finished his reading in the office of Noyes & Lloyd and was admitted to the practice of law by the supreme court of Ohio in October of that year. In the following January he was offered a partnership in the office of the late Judge James E. Hawes at Xenia and accepted the same, that relation continuing for a year. In 1878 Mr. Spencer formed a partnership with W. J. Alexander which continued until 1884, during which period, 1881-82, he served as prosecuting attorney for Greene county. In the latter part of 1886 Mr. Spencer entered into a partnership with the late John Little, under the firm style of Little & Spencer, which arrangement continued until the death of Mr. Little in the fall of 1900, after which Mr. Spencer maintained his office alone, continuing actively engaged in practice, with offices in the Allen building, until his death, which occurred on April 5, 1917. Mr. Spencer was a member of the Greene County Law Library Association and was librarian of the same at the time of his death. He was for several years secretary and assistant manager of the Field Cordage Company and had interests in other local concerns. He was for many years county and city school examiner. In his political views he was a staunch Republican, but never would respond to the overtures of his friends in the way of seeking public office. For years he was a trustee of the First Methodist Episcopal church and was for many years a teacher in the Sunday school of the same.

On December 24, 1885, at Xenia, Charles L. Spencer was united in marriage to Luella Currie, who was born in that city, a daughter of Andrew H. and Lavina (Forbes) Currie, and to that union was born one child, a daughter, Anna. Both Mrs. Spencer and her daughter have taken an active part in the missionary work and in the Sunday school work of the First Methodist Episcopal church and in the work of the Young Women's Christian Association. Miss Anna Spencer was graduated from the Xenia high school and from Ohio Wesleyan University and for several years was engaged as a teacher in the high school at Hope, Indiana, until her recent marriage to

Orin G. Ledbetter, who is connected with the Firestone Tire Company of Akron, Ohio.

Mrs. Spencer's father, Andrew H. Currie, who is still living, making his home with his daughter in Xenia, was born in this county on November 14, 1831, and is therefore now past eighty-six years of age. He is of Scotch stock and his parents, James and Mary Currie, came to this county from Rockbridge county, Virginia, in the days of the pioneers. The latter was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and was but twelve years of age when she came to the United States with her parents. James Currie was a farmer and after a residence of years in this county moved over into Indiana, where his last days were spent. His wife died in this county. After his marriage to Lavina Forbes, Andrew H. Currie established his home in Xenia and has ever since lived there. His wife died in January, 1913, she then being eighty years of age. For more than sixty years Mr. Currie has been a teacher in the Sunday school of the First Methodist Episcopal church. He also for many years served as a member of the board of trustees of the church. To him and his wife were born six children, one of whom died in infancy, the others besides Mrs. Spencer being Kate, widow of G. M. Landaker, who, with her daughter Katharine, is now making her home with Mrs. Spencer; Anna, who married J. F. Orr and resides at Kansas City, Missouri; Emma, wife of Charles Orr, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Walter, who is with the Kelly Cordage Company at Xenia.

COMMANDER CHARLES EARL SMITH, U. S. N.

In making up the list of those sons of Greene county who have represented this county creditably in far fields and whose actions have added to the luster of the county's fair name, it is but fitting that some special mention should be made of one of these sons whose rise in the navy has been the occasion of much congratulation on the part of his many friends here and whose service in that arm of the nation's defense in the present (1918) struggle is contributing valiantly to the world's common cause. Charles Earl Smith, commander in the United States navy, now (1918) in command of the United States destroyer "Nicholson," stationed in the submarine zone in British waters, was born at Xenia in 1881, a son of Judge Horace L. Smith and wife, a biographical sketch of the former of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume.

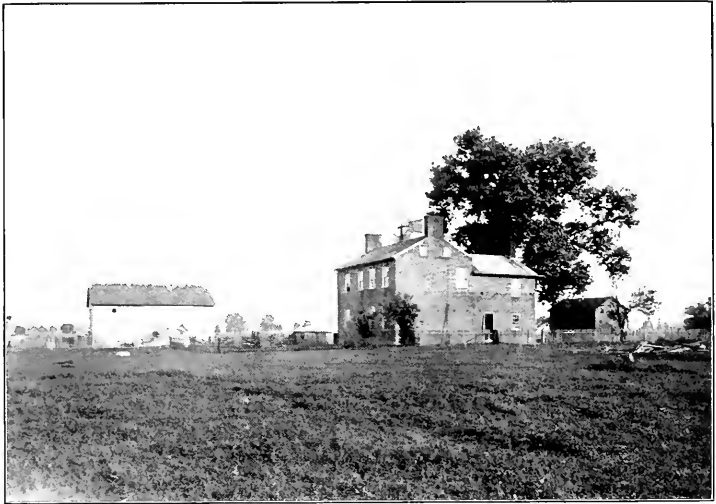
Reared at Xenia, Charles Earl Smith received his early schooling in the schools of that city and upon completing the course in the high school received the appointment from this congressional district as a cadet in the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, from which he was graduated

as an ensign in 1903. During his term of study in the Naval Academy he "starred" in athletics, particularly on the "gridiron," he having played quarterback on the navy team during the seasons of 1901 and 1902. Upon receiving his title of ensign he was assigned to the cruiser "New York," and during the next two seasons helped to coach the navy football team. During the fleet's celebrated trip around Cape Horn he was stationed on a torpedo-boat destroyer, which, though not built for long trips, got through all right; and after the completion of that memorable voyage he was assigned to the Pacific fleet and did duty along the California coast until 1915, when, meanwhile having been advanced to the grade of first lieutenant, he was given command of a flotilla of submarines and was at Honolulu at the time the ill-fated submarine 4 was lost in the harbor there, to him falling the duty of raising the same. After that tragic experience Lieutenant Smith obtained shore leave and was assigned to special service at the Naval Academy, in charge of athletics, and was thus in service at the time war was declared against Germany in the spring of 1917, with the rank of lieutenant-commander, in charge of the training of marines for petty officers; later was raised to the rank of commander, and is now (1918) engaged in convoying transports carrying soldiers and provisions to and from England and France and on the lookout for German submarines. Commander Smith has also rendered service in the army, he having been a member of the First Ohio Cavalry, doing service during the Spanish-American War, and was stationed in camp at Chickamauga at the time he received his appointment as a cadet to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, obtaining a furlough in order that he might take the examination necessary to qualify for the latter service.

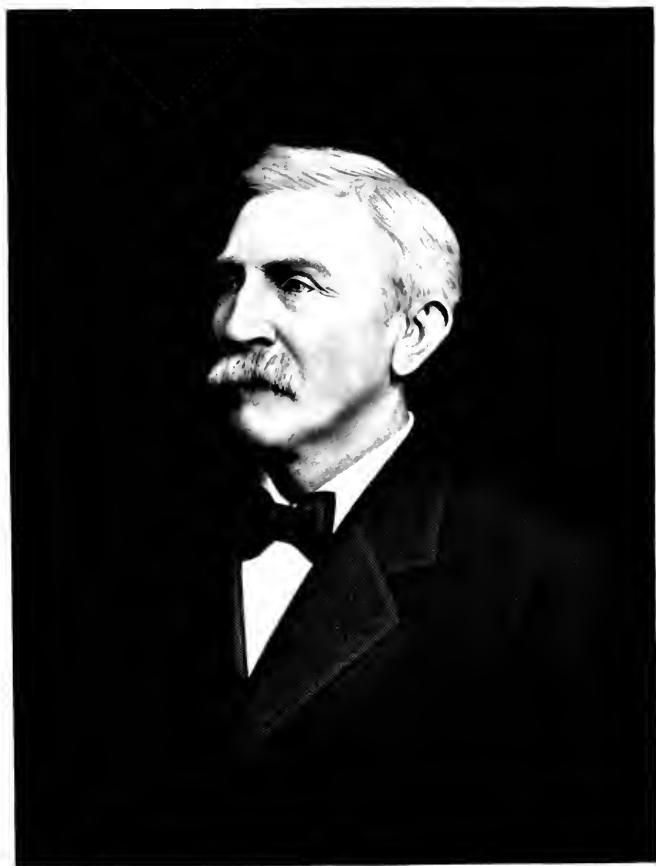
SAMUEL STEELE DEAN.

Samuel Steele Dean, proprietor of "The Elms," was born on the farm on which he is now living, five miles east of Xenia on the Jamestown pike, in New Jasper township, and has lived there all his life. He was born on April 17, 1850, son of Joseph and Hannah (Boggs) Dean, the former of whom was born in Kentucky and the latter in Ohio, who had established their home on that farm shortly after their marriage in 1826 and who spent the remainder of their lives there.

Joseph Dean was born in Montgomery county, Kentucky, December 31, 1804, son of Daniel and Jeannete (Steele) Dean, the former of whom was born in Londonderry, Ireland, in 1765, and was nineteen years of age when he came to the United States, settling first in New York and then in Virginia, where he presently married, and later moving to Kentucky, whence he moved up into Ohio and located in Greene county, where he spent the



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remainder of his life. He was the only son of Roger and Mary Dean, residents of Londonderry and stanch Seceders, the former of whom, after the birth of his son Daniel and a daughter, came to America with a view to setting up a home for his family on this side of the water, but who, through some cause never explained to his family, was lost before he could follow out his design. When nineteen years of age his son Daniel came to this side and presently was joined by his mother and sister, the family for a time making their home in New York and then going to Virginia, whence they moved to Kentucky and from there to Ohio, Mary Dean spending her last days here, her death occurring on June 21, 1825, she then being eighty-five years of age. It was about the year 1785 that Daniel Dean, who in Virginia had married Jeannete Steele, who was born in Augusta county, that state, moved with his wife and his mother from Virginia to Kentucky and settled at Winchester, in the latter state, where he erected a mill and in the vicinity of which place he bought a farm. There eleven children were born to him and his wife. They were Seceders and were so averse to rearing their children on slave soil that in April, 1812, they disposed of their interests in Kentucky and moved up into Ohio, locating in Greene county. Here Daniel Dean bought about two thousand acres of wilderness land in New Jasper township and established his home. He died there in 1842, at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife died when seventy-three years of age.

Having been but eight years of age when he came with his parents to Greene county in 1812, Joseph Dean grew up on the home farm in New Jasper township and received his schooling at Xenia, walking six miles night and morning to do so. He remained on the home farm until his marriage on November 6, 1826, to Hannah Boggs, who was born in Jackson county, this state, a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Boggs, who later moved to Gallia county, where she grew to young womanhood. Andrew Boggs was a cattle buyer and drover, who later moved from Ohio to Kosciuski county, Indiana, where the family is still represented. After their marriage Joseph Dean and his wife started housekeeping in a house on the west edge of Cedarville, but presently he bought a tract of one hundred and fifty acres from his father, just south of the Jamestown pike, in New Jasper township, and there began farming on his own account, spending the rest of his life there. He added to his holdings until he became the owner of four hundred and ninety-eight acres in New Jasper township. About 1841 he built a large brick house which is still standing on the farm. He erected a large barn in 1846. Reared a Seceder, after the "union" Joseph Dean joined the First United Presbyterian church at Xenia, as did his wife, who was reared a Methodist. During ante-bellum days Joseph Dean was an ardent Abolitionist and upon the organization of the Republican party became

an adherent of the principles of the same. He died on September 14, 1883. The death of his widow occurred on March 7, 1888. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being the following: Washington, born on August 10, 1827, who died at the age of twenty-six years; Julia Ann, April 27, 1829, who married William Strouthers and moved to Monmouth, Illinois, where her last days were spent; Daniel Milton, May 19, 1831, who for years was engaged in farming in Cedarville township and who upon his retirement from the farm moved to Cedarville, where he died on December 1, 1912; Louisa, who died in infancy; Willis, who also died in infancy; Lewis Henry, March 5, 1838, who served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, a member of the Ninety-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and who later moved to Pawnee county, Nebraska, where he died in February, 1917; Ann Lavina, February 16, 1840, who married S. W. Oldham and is now living at Dayton; Judge Joseph Newton Dean, August 22, 1842, a veteran of the Civil War (Company B, Fortieth Ohio Volunteer Regiment), formerly judge of probate for Greene county and for years a lawyer at Xenia, who died on January 18, 1913; Eliza Jane, August 9, 1844, who married the Rev. Andrew Renwick, a minister of the United Presbyterian church, and who died in April, 1882, and Mary Campbell, August 9, 1847, who married J. N. Wright and who since the death of her husband has been making her home with her daughter at Detroit, Michigan.

Samuel Steele Dean was baptized in infancy by the Rev. R. D. Harper, D. D., and at the age of fourteen years, in October, 1864, united with the First United Presbyterian church at Xenia, with the congregation of which he has since been affiliated. Reared on the home farm, he received his early schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home, supplementing the same by a course in the old Xenia College on East Church street, and later took a course in a business college at Indianapolis. In the meantime he continued his labors on the farm during the summer vacation periods and after a while began farming "on the shares" for his father, continuing thus engaged until after his marriage in the spring of 1876, when he bought from his father the farm where he is now living. Mr. Dean's original purchase at "The Elms" was a tract of eighty-two acres, to which he has gradually added until now he is the owner of a farm of three hundred and fifty acres in New Jasper township. In 1898 he erected his present dwelling house, one of the finest brick country houses in the county; setting well back from the highway and approached by way of a lane, the entrance to which is guarded by an attractive stone gateway. In addition to his general farming Mr. Dean has for years given much attention to the breeding of fine horses, Percherons being his specialty, and in this connec-

tion has done much to improve the strain of draft horses in this part of the state. He also feels about three hundred hogs annually. Mr. Dean is a Republican.

Mr. Dean has been twice married. While on a visit to Olathe, Kansas, in the winter of 1874-75 he there met Sadie J. Thompson, of that place, and on March 2, 1876, the Reverend Wilkin, of Olathe, officiating, was united in marriage to her. She was born in Randolph county, Illinois, August 11, 1848, daughter of Andrew M. and Margaret (Day) Thompson, who moved from Illinois to Olathe, Kansas, in March, 1864. In this latter place Sadie J. Thompson united with the Reformed Presbyterian (Covenant) church in September, 1865. During the years 1870-73 she taught public school in Kansas and from 1873 until her marriage in 1876 kept house for her father. Upon coming to Greene county with her husband she united, in October, 1877, with the First United Presbyterian church and remained a faithful member of the same until her death on December 14, 1890, she then being forty-two years, four months and three days of age. That union was without issue. On December 17, 1891, Mr. Dean married Fannie E. Scott, who was born in the neighboring county of Warren, daughter of Vincent and Elizabeth Scott, the former of whom was engaged in mechanical trades at Lebanon, and to this union have been born four children, S. Arthur, Robert Southwick, Leslie Scott and Elizabeth Hannah, all of whom are still at home. S. Arthur Dean, who is now operating his father's farm, was graduated from Cedarville College and later from Miami University, after which he took a year of special work in the agricultural department of the State University at Columbus. Robert S. Dean also was graduated from Miami University and later turned his attention to the study of medicine, being now (1918) in his fourth year at the Western Reserve Medical School at Cleveland. Leslie S. Dean is now a student at Cedarville College in his junior year, and Elizabeth H. Dean is a senior in the preparatory department of Cedarville College. It is but fitting to note in connection with this mention of the Dean family in Greene county that all the eleven children of the pioneer, Daniel Dean, grew to maturity, married and had large families of their own. There were thirty-six members of the family who served as soldiers of the Union during the Civil War and all continued in service throughout their respective terms of enlistment and returned home, with the exception of one who died at the front. The late Judge Joseph N. Dean, brother of the subject of this sketch, enlisted on August 17, 1861, and was mustered out on October 17, 1864. During the battle of Chickamauga he was slightly wounded in the face. He had there aided in capturing three pieces of artillery, for which conspicuous act of bravery he was recommended for a commission.

GEORGE FRANKLIN JOBE.

George Franklin Jobe, a retired farmer of Xenia township, better known locally as "Doc" Jobe, who for several years past has been living in Xenia, where he and his sister Lida have their home in West Market street, is a native son of Greene county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Xenia township, four or five miles east of Xenia, February 26, 1853, son of George and Mary Ann (Hutchinson) Jobe, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter, of Kentucky, who had become residents of Greene county in the days of their youth, had here married and here spent their last days, both living to be more than seventy years of age.

George Jobe was born at Trenton, New Jersey, and was but an infant when his father died. When he was four years of age his widowed mother moved to Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, where his youth was spent and where he learned the trade of carriage-maker. When a young man he came to Ohio and located at Xenia, where he opened a carriage shop on Third street and did a thriving business, becoming in a comparatively short time, the owner of a whole block of property and a thriving business. Out of the generosity of his heart, however, he created his own financial undoing, for a simple readiness to act as security for the obligations of others so reduced him in goods that he lost most of his property. Being compelled to relinquish his business in Xenia, George Jobe bought a two-hundred-acre farm four and a half miles east of Xenia and there engaged in farming, spending the remainder of his life there. Upon taking possession of that farm he found it but partly broken, the only improvement on the place being a log cabin and a rickety stable. He later erected there a fine ten-room house and made other improvements in keeping with the same and it was not long until he had one of the finest farm plants in that part of the county. One of the attractive features of this farm was a splendid walnut grove, besides considerable other native timber of noble proportions. George Jobe lived to be past seventy years of age and his widow survived him for several years, she having been seventy-four years of age at the time of her death. She was born, Mary Ann Hutchinson, near Flat Rock, in Bourbon county, Kentucky, a daughter of John and Margaret Ann (Finley) Hutchinson, who later came up into the Miami valley and settled in the Bellbrook neighborhood, where they cleared off a place in the timber, built a log cabin in the clearing and there established their home. The Hutchinsons were members of the United Presbyterian church. John Hutchinson and his wife spent their last days on their farm near Bellbrook, both dying within one week. They were the parents of nine children, of whom Mrs. Jobe was the sixth in order of birth, the others being as follows: George, deceased, who was a farmer in the neighborhood of Sidney, this state; John, deceased, who also was a farmer in the vicinity of Sidney; Andrew, who was a tailor in Xenia; Samuel, a



GEORGE JOBE.

farmer, of the Sidney neighborhood; William, a tailor at Xenia; Sarah, deceased; Jane, who married Andrew McClure, of Shelby county, this state, and Martha, who married James B. Sterrett.

To George and Mary Ann (Hutchinson) Jobe were born nine children, namely: James Harvey, deceased, who was a merchant in Xenia and who married Mrs. Eliza M. Anderson, who was a Stewart, of Clark county; John Hutchinson, deceased, who married Nancy Ellen Collins and was engaged in farming; Margaret Ann, deceased; Hugh Boyd, deceased, who married Margaret Ann Jobe; Martha Jane, deceased; William H., deceased; Samuel F., deceased; George F., the subject of this biographical sketch; Lida R., unmarried, who has always made her home with her brother George, and Albert Alexander, deceased.

George F. Jobe and his sister Lida, the only present survivors of their formerly considerable family, have always made their home together and until their retirement from the farm and removal to Xenia in 1914, had always lived on the home farm east of town. Their early schooling was received in the schools in the neighborhood of their home and George F. Jobe supplemented this course by attendance one year at the Cedarville school and a course in college at Jacksonville, Illinois. Miss Lida Jobe attended school one year at Xenia and one year at Oxford, Ohio. Mr. Jobe later assumed direction of the farm operations and he and his sister remained with their parents, caring for them during their declining years; and continued the operations of the farm until February 24, 1914, when they left the old home place and moved to Xenia, where they own a twelve-room house at 22 West Market street and where they are now living. Mr. Jobe still owns the home farm of one hundred and ninety-three acres, besides two other farms in Greene county, one of eighty acres at Wilberforce and one of one hundred and sixty-five acres in Cedarville township. He is a Republican, but has not been a seeker after public office. He and his sister are members of the First United Presbyterian church at Xenia, in the faith of which communion they were reared.

HON. J. CARL MARSHALL.

The Hon. J. Carl Marshall, judge of probate for Greene county, former clerk of the court of common pleas and previous to that term of service and for some years deputy clerk of that court and before that time superintendent of the Cedarville township schools, is a native son of Greene county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Sugarcreek township, September 12, 1881, son of Willis and Emma (Tate) Marshall, both of whom also were born in this county.

The Marshalls are one of the oldest families in Greene county, the first

of that name to settle here having been John Marshall, who was born in the vicinity of what is now the city of Lexington, Kentucky, in 1784, and who in 1803, the year in which Greene county became a civic unit, came up here into the valley of the Little Miami and took up a considerable tract of land in Sugarcreek township, where he established his home. This pioneer John Marshall was one of the early associate judges of Greene county. He and his wife were the parents of six children, two sons and four daughters, namely: Nancy, who married James N. McConnell; Sarah, who married John Brock; Hester, who married Captain Kepler; Betsy, who married William Morgan; James, who became a farmer in Sugarcreek township, and Jesse, who was Judge Marshall's grandfather.

Jesse Marshall and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom four sons and two daughters are still living. Willis Marshall, the eldest of these sons, grew up on the home farm and after his father's death was the mainstay of the family, his mother continuing to make her home on the old home place until her death. He is now living on a farm in the New Burlington neighborhood in the neighboring county of Clinton. Willis Marshall has been twice married, his first wife, Emma Tate, having died in the fall of 1884, after which he married Laura Holland, of Spring Valley. Willis Marshall has two sons, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Leroy T. Marshall, who is practicing law at Xenia and who formerly served as clerk of courts of Greene county. Leroy T. Marshall was graduated from the Bellbrook high school in the same year in which his brother, the Judge, was graduated there and later was graduated from Cedarville College, after which for two years he served as principal of the Cedarville schools. In 1908, as the nominee of the Republican party, he was elected county clerk and in 1910 was re-elected, thus serving two terms. In the meantime he had been giving attention to the study of law and in 1912 was admitted to the bar and since his retirement from the clerk's office has been engaged in the practice of his profession at Xenia. He for six years served as chairman of the executive committee of the Republican organization in this county. He married Nellie Turnbull and has two children, Maxwell and Emma Jean.

J. Carl Marshall's early schooling was received in the district schools in the vicinity of his boyhood home in Sugarcreek township and he supplemented this by a course in the Bellbrook high school, from which he presently was graduated. He then entered Cedarville College and was graduated from that institution in 1907. During the following winter he was employed as a teacher in the Clifton high school and during the next winter, 1908-09, was employed as superintendent of the Cedarville township high school. In August, 1909, he was appointed deputy clerk of the common pleas court and for four years held that position, or until his election, in

1912, to the office of clerk of the common pleas court. In 1914 he was re-elected to that office and would have served in the same until 1917, but in the meantime, in the fall of 1916, was elected judge of probate for Greene county for a term of four years and resigned his position as county clerk to enter upon his new duties on the bench and has been thus engaged since February 9, 1917. Judge Marshall is a Republican.

On October 10, 1910, Judge J. Carl Marshall was united in marriage to Fern C. Ervin, who was born and reared in Cedarville, daughter of David S. and Belle (Murdock) Ervin, both of whom are still living in Cedarville, where the former is engaged in the grain business and also operates the lime kilns there, and to this union two children have been born, Frances Emma, born on July 22, 1911, and Carl Ervin, September 16, 1915. Judge and Mrs. Marshall are members of the United Presbyterian church at Xenia and the Judge was elected a member of the session of the same in 1916. In that same year Judge Marshall also was elected alumnus trustee of Cedarville College.

LEVI RADER.

Levi Rader, a veteran of the Civil War and former trustee of Xenia township, was born in Xenia on July 6, 1832, last-born and now the only surviving child of Adam and Christina (Smith) Rader, natives of Pennsylvania, the former of whom was born on October 28, 1787, and the latter, May 24, 1791, who were the parents of twelve children, those besides the subject of this sketch having been the following: John M., born on March 5, 1811; Joseph, September 29, 1812; David, December 23, 1813; Susanna, July 24, 1815; William, December 31, 1816; Adam, Jr., November 15, 1818; Mary Ann, July 10, 1820; Andrew, July 5, 1823; Catherine, October 5, 1825; Julia Ann, July 14, 1827, and Washington, April 15, 1829.

Reared at Xenia, Levi Rader received his schooling in the schools of that city and early learned the trade of a bricklayer, which vocation he followed all the active days of his life. He was married in 1853 and was living in Xenia when the Civil War broke out. In 1862 Mr. Rader volunteered for service at the Greene county court house in behalf of the arms of the Union and went to the front as a member of Company H, Ninety-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, attached to the Army of the Cumberland, under General Buell, and served with that command until honorably discharged two years later, at the end of which time he returned to his home in Xenia, resumed his vocation and so continued until his retirement when the weight of advancing years rendered such a course advisable. Mr. Rader is a Republican, one of the original voters in the ranks of that party, and in 1912,

he then being eighty years of age, was elected trustee of Xenia township and served a term in that office, appreciating greatly the honor the people of the township had conferred upon him in his old age. Mr. Rader was reared in the Reformed church, with which church his family has ever been affiliated.

Mr. Rader has been twice married. On December 28, 1853, he was united in marriage to Sarah E. Foreman, who was born on September 30, 1834, and to that union were born six children, namely: John A., born on October 6, 1854; Clara (deceased), May 26, 1857; Kimber, February 9, 1859; Emma D., February 8, 1863; Henry P. (deceased), May 26, 1865, and Jennie K., February 14, 1867. The mother of these children died on July 9, 1868, and on March 13, 1872, Mr. Rader married Nina L. D. Fox, who died on February 16, 1906. All of Mr. Rader's surviving children are living in Ohio with the exception of John A., the eldest, who is making his home at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. Rader has three living grandchildren.

FRANK ANDREW JACKSON.

Frank Andrew Jackson, sheriff of Greene county, was born at Cedarville on July 10, 1876, son of the Hon. Andrew and Mary J. (Dunlap) Jackson, the former of whom is still living and further, extended and fitting mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. It is but proper to state in the outset that Sheriff Jackson is one of the real "Old Hickory" Jacksons, his great-great-grandfather having been a brother of Andrew Jackson, the hero of the battle of New Orleans and seventh President of the United States. He also is a member of one of Greene county's oldest families, his father, the Hon. Andrew Jackson, former member of the Legislature from this district, being a son of Gen. Robert Jackson, who settled on Clarks run, three miles west of Cedarville, in 1805, and who in 1831 was commissioned general commanding the militia forces of this district. All of this, however, is set out much more at length elsewhere and is introduced here merely as a sidelight on the distinguished family to which Sheriff Jackson belongs and of which he is a typical and sturdy representative in this generation.

Reared at Cedarville, Frank A. Jackson was graduated from the high school there and then entered his father's coal and lumber office in that city, and while thus engaged, when twenty-one years of age, was elected clerk of his home township, a position he filled by consecutive re-elections for thirteen years. He also for some time operated the opera house at Cedarville and was otherwise active in the affairs of his home town. For two terms during his father's service in the state Legislature he served as a legislative clerk and for three years thereafter was engaged as an agent of the Ohio



FRANK A. JACKSON.

Fuel Supply Company, buying rights-of-way between Columbus and Cincinnati. During the incumbency of Sheriff W. B. McCallister, Mr. Jackson was appointed deputy sheriff of Greene county and in the campaign of 1914 received the Republican nomination for the office of sheriff: He was elected in the election of that fall and so satisfactory did his services prove that he was renominated and re-elected in 1916, his present term of office running until 1919. Sheriff Jackson is a Republican and since the days of his boyhood has been an active worker in the ranks of that party in Greene county, for years committeeman from his home precinct at Cedarville.

On December 21, 1914, Frank A. Jackson was united in marriage to Edna Townsley, who also was born in Cedarville township and who had been teaching school there for some time before her marriage. Mrs. Jackson also is a member of one of the oldest families in Greene county, the Townsleys having been represented in the Cedarville neighborhood ever since the days, even before there was a Greene county, when Thomas Townsley, a soldier of the Revolution and a Pennsylvanian, came up here with his family from Kentucky in 1800 and settled on Survey 3746, a part of the old Virginia military tract set apart for the Revolutionary soldiers, two miles east of the present town of Cedarville. She is a daughter of Henry A. and Anna Townsley, the former of whom, a retired farmer, is still living, now a resident of Cedarville, and the latter of whom died in February, 1910. Henry A. Townsley and wife were the parents of four children, Mrs. Jackson having two brothers, John, who is now serving in the United States regular army, and Herman, a contractor engaged in business at Little Rock, Arkansas, and a sister, Esther, who is engaged in teaching school in this county. Both the Jacksons and the Townsleys have been United Presbyterians ever since the "union" of 1858, having previously been of the old Associate communion, and Mr. and Mrs. Jackson retain their adherence to that church, being now connected with the United Presbyterian church at Xenia.

IRA W. BALDWIN, M. D.

In making up the biographical annals of Greene county due mention must be made of the part taken in the affairs of this county by the late Dr. Ira W. Baldwin, veteran of the Civil War, physician, journalist, former postmaster at Yellow Springs and former member of the United States pension board for this county, who died at his home in Xenia early in 1902, and whose widow is still making her home in that city.

Dr. Ira W. Baldwin was a native son of Greene county and the most of his life was spent here. He was born on a farm on the Clifton pike, October 11, 1838, son of David P. and Julia Baldwin, and was the elder of the two children born to that parentage. Upon completing the course in the neigh-

borhood schools he entered Antioch College and after a course in that institution entered Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati and was graduated from that institution in 1867. Meanwhile, during the progress of the Civil War, the Doctor had taken an active part in that struggle, serving in behalf of the Union, serving first as a member of the Sixty-sixth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, from which he received an honorable discharge on account of disability, and later as a member of the One Hundred and Fifty-third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Upon receiving his diploma from Ohio Medical College, Doctor Baldwin opened an office for the practice of his profession in the village of Enon, in the neighboring county of Clark, and was there engaged in practice for two years, at the end of which time, following his marriage, he moved to Clarksville, Iowa, where he remained two years. He then returned to Greene county and located at Spring Valley, later moving to Yellow Springs and thence, in 1899, after a period of eight years of practice there, to Xenia, where his last days were spent, his death occurring at his home in that city on February 2, 1902. For nine years Doctor Baldwin served as a member of the local examining board for Greene county of the United States penison bureau; served for four years, under appointment of President Cleveland, as postmaster of Yellow Springs, and for some time was connected with the local journalistic field. He was the founder of the *Greene County Democrat* and later purchased the *Xenia Democrat News*, merging the two into the paper now known as the *Xenia Herald*. Doctor Baldwin also was the founder of the *Saturday Morning Post* and his journalistic activities were continued until his retirement from that field in 1882. He was a Democrat. During his residence at Yellow Springs he also was engaged in farming in that neighborhood. For many years the Doctor was a member of the board of trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church. It was written of the Doctor, after his death: "In manner he was genial and jovial and his personal characteristics were such as to make him a popular citizen. Public spirited, he co-operated with every movement for the general good and lived an honorable, upright life, commending him to the confidence and respect of all."

In 1869 Dr. Ira W. Baldwin was united in marriage to Josephine Allen, who also was born in this county and who is still living, continuing to make her home at Xenia, residing at the corner of West Second street and West street.

To that union were born three children, Benjamin (deceased), John and Minnie. John Baldwin, unmarried, is still making his home with his mother in Xenia, and Minnie is now living at Dayton, the wife of William Thomas.

Mrs. Baldwin is the only survivor of the three children born to her parents, John C. and Mary (Arnold) Allen, both of whom also were born in

Greene county, members of pioneer families, and the latter of whom died when her daughter Josephine (Mrs. Baldwin) was but five years of age. The other two children were Frank Allen, who died in 1857, at the age of twelve years, and Edward Allen, who died unmarried in 1889. The mother of these children was born near New Burlington, this county, daughter of Jesse and Jane (Linton) Arnold, Quakers, and among the early settlers of Greene county, the Arnolds having come here from South Carolina and the Lintons from Pennsylvania. Mrs. Mary Arnold Allen died in 1849. She and John C. Allen were married in 1842. In 1883 John C. Allen married, secondly, Maria Bell, also now deceased.

John C. Allen was born on a farm one mile north of Spring Valley, in this county, June 22, 1815, and died in 1890. He was a son of Benjamin and Rebecca (Campbell) Allen, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of South Carolina, who were married in this county, both having been well grown when their respective parents settled here. Benjamin Allen was a Quaker and his wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. She died in 1856 and he survived her until 1868, he then being eighty-four years of age. During the latter years of his life Benjamin Allen had made his home at Spring Valley, to which place he had moved upon his retirement from the farm. John C. Allen grew up on the home farm and upon starting on his own account bought a small place adjoining his father's place and there built and operated a tanyard. A few years later this was burned and he then moved to Xenia and set up a tanyard on Cincinnati avenue, in the southwestern part of the city. In 1851 he bought a farm in the western part of the county and thereafter confined his operations chiefly to agricultural pursuits, becoming eventually the owner of "Whitehall," an estate of a thousand acres, on which was situated the finest house in Greene county, now owned by E. S. Kelly. For thirty years or more after the Civil War period Mr. Allen was a heavy investor in practically every important business enterprise in Xenia. He was a Democrat, but was not a seeker after public office.

ROBERT D. ADAIR.

Robert D. Adair, proprietor of a furniture store at Xenia, a member of the boards of directors of the Citizens National Bank and of the Home Savings and Loan Association, and formerly and for years a member of the school board of the city, is a native of the old Keystone state, but has been a resident of Xenia since 1886. He was born in Allegheny, the northern suburb of the city of Pittsburgh, in 1857, son of John and Ann (Duncan) Adair, both of whom were born and reared in the north of Ireland, of Scot-

tish descent, and who were married in this country, having come here in the days of their youth, later locating in Allegheny, where the subject of this sketch was reared and in the schools of which place he received his schooling.

Upon completing his schooling Robert D. Adair became engaged as a traveling salesman, handling glassware and lamp goods, and during his commercial travels took a particular fancy to Xenia and to Greene county in general; so much so, in fact, that in 1883 he married a Greene county young woman. In 1886 Mr. Adair bought out the furniture store of Wilson & Lindsay at Xenia and in association with his wife's brother engaged in business in that city, the firm doing business under the name of Nichols & Adair. Mr. Nichols died within a year and Mr. Adair then bought the interest held by his deceased partner in the firm and has ever since continued the business. In 1910 he bought the building in which his store is located, at 22 North Detroit street, and remodeled the same. In addition to his commercial interests, Mr. Adair is a member of the board of directors of the Citizens National Bank of Xenia, a member of the board of directors of the Home Savings and Loan Association, and a member of the board of directors of the Shawnee Refrigerator Company, all of Xenia. He also was for eighteen years (1892-1910) a member of the city school board, during that period having served as secretary and as president of the board for certain terms.

It was in October, 1883, that Robert D. Adair was united in marriage to Clarissa Celia Nichols, who was born in this county, daughter of Erastus and Mary Nichols, both now deceased, and the former of whom was for years engaged in the insurance business in Xenia, and to this union have been born three sons, Charles Wallace, James Duncan and Robert Nichols, the two former of whom are engaged in business with their father in Xenia and the last-named of whom, Robert Nichols Adair, is now a soldier of the National Army, having enlisted in July, 1917, and is a present corporal in the Sixty-second Artillery Brigade, which was trained in the camp at Montgomery, Alabama, for service abroad. Previous to his enlistment Corporal Adair had been working in the Saxon automobile factory. The Adairs reside on North Galloway street. They are members of the First Presbyterian church and Mr. Adair is an elder in the same. Mr. Adair also is a Mason, affiliated with the lodge of that order at Xenia.

JAMES ELLIOTT PAULLIN.

James Elliott Paullin, who died at his home in Ross township in the spring of 1888 and whose widow is now living in the city of Xenia, was born in that township and there spent all his life with the exception of a short time during the period of his young manhood, when he was attending

college in Indiana. He was born on December 25, 1846, a son of David and Susan (Smith) Paullin, who were married on December 6, 1827, and whose last days were spent in Ross township.

The founders of the Paullin family in Greene county were Uriah and Rebeckah Paullin, natives of New Jersey, the former born on October 25, 1765, and the latter, November 17, 1766, who were married on April 13, 1785, and who, when they came to Greene county in 1807 had seven children, Jacob, aged nineteen years; Mary, seventeen; Joseph, twelve; Enos, ten; Sarah, eight; Elizabeth, four, and David, an infant of twelve months. One year after reaching this county another child, Ruth, was born and four years later, Newcomb. For five years preceding their arrival in this county the Paullins had been residents of Highland county and during the five years preceding that period had resided at Salt Lick. Uriah Paullin had been offered his choice of two tracts of land of one thousand acres each, for one thousand dollars, one near Selma, on the site of the late Robert Tindall's estate, and the other in Ross township, Greene county. He chose the latter site and some of that land is still in the possession of his descendants. On that place he and his wife established their home and the good works of "Granddaddy" Paullin are still matters of tradition in the Jamestown neighborhood, though just why he came to be locally known as "Granddaddy" is not so apparent, as the inscription on his tombstone shows that he died at the age of forty-six years and eleven months. His widow survived him until July 8, 1832, she then being seventy-two years, seven months and twenty-one days of age, according to the inscription on her tombstone. The descendants of that pioneer pair now form a numerous connection in Greene county and throughout this part of the state. As noted above, David Paullin was but an infant when his parents came to this county and he was but six or seven years of age when his father died. He came in for a portion of his father's estate and in time began farming on his own account in that same township, though he had sold his portion of the land to his brother Newcomb. After his marriage in 1827 he established his home on a farm in Ross township and there spent the rest of his life.

James Elliott Paullin, son of David and Susan, grew up on the home farm in Ross township and received his schooling in the neighborhood schools. As a young man he attended college in Indiana, but presently returned to the old homestead and after his marriage in the summer of 1885 established his home there and there spent the few remaining years of his life, his death occurring on March 26, 1888. He was a Republican and a member of the Christian church at Jamestown.

On January 8, 1885, in Ross township, James E. Paullin was united in

marriage to Anna Louisa Cherry, who also was born in that township, a daughter of William and Martha (Saville) Cherry, the former of whom, born on February 16, 1816, died on September 9, 1895, and the latter, born on November 20, 1815, died on October 6, 1876. William Cherry was a son of James and Elizabeth (Greenwood) Cherry, the former of whom was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, May 12, 1789, a son of Patrick and Rachel (Wortman) Cherry, the former of whom came from Ireland and the latter of whom was of Dutch descent, who were the parents of five children, James, Green, William, Isaac and Margaret. On April 12, 1815, at New Castle, in Rockbridge county, Virginia, James Cherry married Elizabeth Greenwood, who was born on April 25, 1796, and not long afterward he and his bride joined a party coming through to this part of Ohio and rode to Greene county horseback, their destination being the David Laughead settlement on Massies creek. In that neighborhood James Cherry established his home and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, his death occurring on December 24, 1851, and hers, May 14, 1883. They were the parents of eleven children, William, Mary Ann, Jane, Rachel Wortman, James Laughead, Robert G., John, Ben Q., Andrew, Isaac N. and David H. On February 18, 1837, William Cherry was united in marriage to Martha Saville and established his home on the Darling homestead on the Jamestown and Xenia pike. Martha Saville was a daughter of Samuel and Ann Saville, cousins, the former of whom was born on December 28, 1797, and died, March 22, 1857, and the latter, born on June 30, 1792, died on May 18, 1872, and who were the parents of six children, Martha, Joseph, Margaret, Elizabeth, Samuel and James A. To William and Martha (Saville) Cherry were born eleven children, of whom Mrs. Paullin was the last-born, the others being Elizabeth Ann, James A., Samuel S., Rachel Euphemia, John W., Benjamin F., Martha J., Robert L., Melvina M. and David Brown.

To James E. and Anna Louisa (Cherry) Paullin were born two children, Lorena D. and James William, both of whom are living, still making their home with their mother, who moved from the home farm to Xenia in 1901. Miss Lorena Paullin was graduated from a business college at Dayton and for the past ten years has been the official stenographer in the Greene county probate court. She takes an active interest in the work of the Young Woman's Christian Association at Xenia. James W. Paullin completed his schooling in the Dayton Business College and for the past six years has been engaged in the office of the wholesale establishment of Eavey & Company at Xenia. He is a member of the local lodge of Masons. Mrs. Paullin and her son and daughter are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church at Xenia.

CLARENCE S. FRAZER.

Clarence S. Frazer, proprietor of a shoe store at Xenia, was born in Xenia, on July 11, 1873, son of Capt. Andrew S. and Jennie (Mitchell) Frazer, the former of whom is still living in Xenia, well past eighty years of age, and of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this volume, he having been a resident of this county since he was twelve years of age, his father having moved here from Brown county in 1848 and established himself in the dry-goods business at Cedarville.

Capt. Andrew S. Frazer, as reference to the biographical sketch presented under his name elsewhere in this volume will disclose, is a veteran of the Civil War, having risen from the ranks to the command of Company F, Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in the service of which he enlisted at Cedarville on July 24, 1861, and was also quartermaster on the staff of General Piatt. At the battle of Fayetteville he was so seriously wounded that his recovery was a matter of marvel to his comrades, and in June, 1864, at Cincinnati, he was mustered out on account of disability. The Captain had been engaged in business at Cedarville previous to his entrance into the army, but upon his return he was unable for two or three years to engage in active pursuits on account of the disability from which he still suffered by reason of his wound. In 1866 he was elected auditor of Greene county and by subsequent re-elections served in that official capacity for about eighteen years, at the end of which time he became engaged in the banking business at Xenia, also becoming connected with various other business enterprises there, and so continued for many years. On November 2, 1870, Captain Frazer was united in marriage to Jennie Mitchell, of Attica, Indiana, who died in October, 1885, leaving two children, the subject of this biographical sketch having a sister, Katie, wife of William A. Cork, of Toronto, Canada, and the mother of four children, Ruth, John, Helen Frazer and Stuart. In October, 1887, the Captain married Ruby H. Sexton, of Rushville, Indiana, and is still making his home in Xenia, now living practically retired from active business pursuits.

Reared at Xenia, Clarence S. Frazer received his early schooling there. After two years in the Xenia high school he entered DePauw University at Greencastle, Indiana, where he remained two years, at the end of which time, in 1891, he returned to Xenia and there became engaged in the lumber business. A year later, in 1902, he decided to take up the shoe business and with that end in view became a clerk in a local shoe store, remaining thus engaged until 1899, in which year he began business for himself, opening a shoe store at 17 East Main street, where he ever since has been engaged in business. Mr. Frazer is a member of the Xenia Business Men's Club and for the past three years or more has been treasurer of the same.

On November 7, 1911, Clarence S. Frazer was united in marriage to Edith Harsha, of Washington Court House, county seat of the neighboring county of Fayette, and a daughter of John P. and Anna (Beard) Harsha, both of whom also were born in Ohio, the former in Knox county and the latter in Highland county, who were married in 1872 and who are now living at Washington Court House. John P. Harsha and wife are the parents of three daughters, Mrs. Frazer having two sisters, Ora, wife of J. M. Baker, of Washington Court House, and Jessie, wife of Rex Wells, of Toledo. Mr. and Mrs. Frazer have two children, Andrew Harsha, born on March 3, 1914, and Janet, December 30, 1915. They are members of the First United Presbyterian church and for four years or more Mr. Frazer has been a member of the board of trustees of the same.

FRANK HENRY McDONALD.

Two years before Ohio was admitted to statehood and among the very earliest of the settlers of this fair section of the beautiful Miami valley which later came to be organized as Greene county, the McDonald family had gained a foothold here and ever since has been honorably represented in this county. It was in the year 1800 that Isaiah McDonald and his wife Edith settled here, taking possession of what later came to be known as the "Stone-Quarry Farm," not far from where the beautiful city of Xenia later sprang up, and there established their home. One of their grandsons, Wilfred McDonald, in June, 1831, married Martha Lyon and made his home on that farm. To that union were born eight children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the last-born. Two of these children died in childhood and the others were as follows: Hampton, who went to California in the days of his young manhood, lived there for fifty years and died while on his way back to his boyhood home in this county; Emily, who married William Rogers and spent her last days in Xenia; Columbus, who died in California; Willis, a farmer, who enlisted for service in the Union army during the Civil War and died in a hospital while thus serving his country's cause; America Jane, who is still living and making her home with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Anna E. McDonald, widow of the late Frank Henry McDonald, in Xenia; and Melvin, who died in Montana.

Frank Henry McDonald was born on the old "Stone-Quarry Farm" in Xenia township on September 2, 1839, and was there reared to the life of a farmer, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools, and was living there when the Civil War broke out. In August, 1862, he enlisted as a member of Company D, One Hundred and Tenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with that command was sent to Winchester, the regiment



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being attached to the First Brigade, Second Division, Eighth Corps, Army of the Potomac; later being detached for provost guard and picket duty and later assigned to the Second Brigade, Second Division, Sixth Army Corps. Mr. McDonald served until the close of the war, was present at and participated in the Grand Review at Washington and received his final discharge at Columbus on June 25, 1865. During this period of service he took part in many of the most desperate battles and engagements of the war and received one serious wound, a shot through the left thigh, which sent him to the hospital for some time. Among the battles in which he took part were those at Union Mills, Winchester, Stevenson's Depot, Wapping Heights, Brady Station, Mine Run, Locust Grove, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Ny River, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Reams Station, Sailors Creek and Appomattox Court House, besides a number of minor engagements and brushes with the enemy.

Upon the completion of his military service Mr. McDonald returned home and resumed farming on the old home place and after his marriage in 1875 established his home there and there spent the rest of his life. He did well in his operations and became the owner of three hundred and thirty-five acres of land, continuing actively engaged in farming and stock raising until his death, which occurred on April 21, 1910. Mr. McDonald was a Republican, but was not a seeker after public office. He was an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Xenia and took an earnest interest in the affairs of that patriotic organization. He also was an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church, as is his widow, and took a warm interest in church affairs.

On January 21, 1875, in Xenia township, Frank Henry McDonald was united in marriage to Anna E. Heath, who was born in that township, a daughter of Thomas P. and Anna (Hook) Heath, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families, the former born on a pioneer farm on the Wilmington pike and the latter, on the old Hook homestead place, and who made their home in Xenia township all their lives. Mrs. Anna Heath died when thirty-five years of age. Thomas P. Heath survived his wife many years, living to the age of seventy years. They were the parents of seven children, of whom Mrs. McDonald was the sixth in order of birth, the others being as follows: Joseph, deceased; Nelson, deceased; Sarah, who married Joseph McDaniel and is also deceased; Mary, who married Melvin Davis and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased; Charles, who enlisted his services in behalf of the Union during the Civil War and who died in 1864 while serving his nation's cause, and Corydon, who is still living, for years a resident of Goshen, Indiana.

To Mr. and Mrs. McDonald were born two children, Edith, deceased,
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and Thomas S., who was born on July 5, 1883, and who died at the age of thirty years. Thomas S. McDonald received his schooling in the home schools and at Dayton and remained at home, a valued assistant to his father in the work of developing and improving the home place, until his death. He was one of the most promising young men in his neighborhood and his early passing was greatly regretted by his many friends. He was a member of the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. For some time after her husband's death Mrs. McDonald continued to make her home on the old home farm, which she still owns, but in the fall of 1914 retired from the farm and moved to Xenia, where she is now living, very pleasantly situated at 138 West Third street.

JOSEPH FRANKLIN ANDERSON.

Joseph Franklin Anderson, proprietor of a farm in Spring Valley township, now living retired at Xenia, was born in Spring Valley township, November 23, 1856, son of Joseph and Matilda (Stanfield) Anderson, both of whom were born in that same township, members of pioneer families, and who spent all their lives there.

Joseph Anderson was a son of James Anderson and wife, who were among the numerous North Carolinians who came over into this part of Ohio in pioneer days and settled in Greene county, they making their home in Spring Valley township. On the pioneer farm which his father developed, Joseph Anderson grew to manhood and after his marriage to Matilda Stanfield continued to make his home there, he and his wife spending the rest of their lives there. He was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the Maple Corner Reformed church on Caesars creek. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom ten grew to maturity, namely: James, a veteran of the Civil War, who moved to Indiana and then to Oklahoma, in which latter state his last days were spent; Abijah, who was a farmer in Spring Valley township and who died in 1907; Felix, who is a farmer in Delaware county, Indiana; Milo, a retired farmer, now living in Xenia; Anna, who is unmarried and who also lives in Xenia; Joseph F., the subject of this biographical sketch; Mary Jane, who is unmarried and who is living in Xenia; Lewis and David, twins, the latter of whom is deceased and the former of whom is a retired farmer, living in Xenia, and Ruth Catherine, wife of George Heglar, of Spring Valley township.

Joseph F. Anderson received his schooling in the schools of the neighborhood of the home farm in Spring Valley township and remained at home until his marriage at the age of twenty-seven years, when he began farm-

ing on his own account and for two years was thus engaged in Caesarscreek township. He then moved down into Clinton county and was engaged in farming there for four years, at the end of which time he returned to this county and for six years thereafter was engaged in farming on a rented farm in Spring Valley township. He then bought one hundred acres, a part of his grandfather's old farm, established his home there and continued farming there until his retirement from the farm in February, 1911, when he and his wife moved to Xenia, where they have since resided, located at 680 South Detroit street. Mr. Anderson is a Republican in his political views. For years, in addition to his farming operations, he gave considerable attention to carpentering and numerous houses in and about the neighborhood of his old home were erected by him.

In 1883, Joseph F. Anderson was united in marriage to Amanda C. Peterson, who was born in Clinton county, daughter of Archibald and Mary C. (McNair) Peterson, both of whom also were born in this state, the former in Clinton county and the latter in Greene county, and whose last days were spent in Clinton county. Archibald Peterson was a son of Jacob and Hannah Peterson, who had come over into this part of Ohio from Virginia and settled at Anderson Forks, in Clinton county, where they got land and established a home. Jacob Peterson and his wife were the parents of ten children, of whom nine grew to maturity, namely: Abel, who for some years farmed in Clinton county and then became a resident of Greene county; Aaron, who lived in Indiana and in Iowa, spending his last days in the latter state; Jesse, who became a resident of Greene county; Archibald, father of Mrs. Anderson; Jacob, who made his home in Clinton county; Abraham, who also made his home in Clinton county; Betsy Ann, who married John Nash and became a resident of Logan county, this state; Amy, who married J. Bush and became a resident of Highland county, this state, and Hannah, who married George H. Moore and went to Iowa, where her last days were spent. To Archibald Peterson and wife were born ten children, of whom Mrs. Anderson was the second in order of birth, the others being the following: William A., who died in Alabama; Edwin, a carpenter, who died at Wilmington, this state; Ida, who married Frank Ell's and moved to California; Lizzie, who died at the age of fourteen years; Horace, who died in infancy; Florence, wife of Frank Tristoe, of Xenia, a railway mail clerk; Darius, who was a glassblower and who died in Indiana; Della, wife of Calvin Hansel, a blacksmith, of Lumberton, this state; and Myrtle, wife of John Routsong, of Xenia.

To Joseph F. and Amanda C. (Peterson) Anderson have been born two daughters, Bessie and Cora, who completed their schooling in the Xenia high school, from which the latter was graduated in 1905. Bessie Ander-

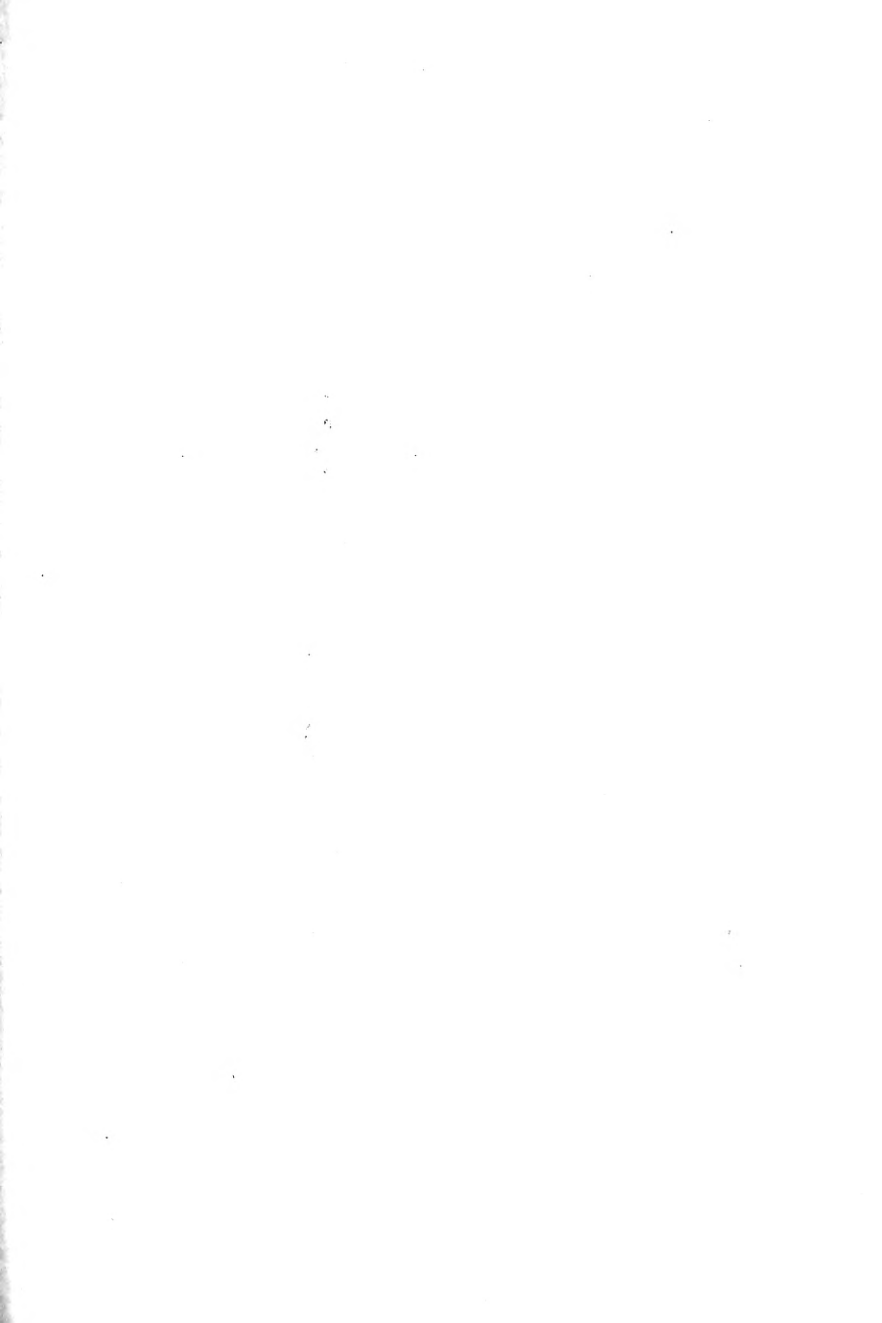
son married Joseph Hoyt, now living in Greene county, Iowa, and has one child, a son, Raymond. Cora Anderson married George Boots, a farmer, of Jasper township, this county, and has three children, Leonard A., Franklin H. and Charlotte M. Mrs. Anderson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Anderson is a member of the Reformed church.

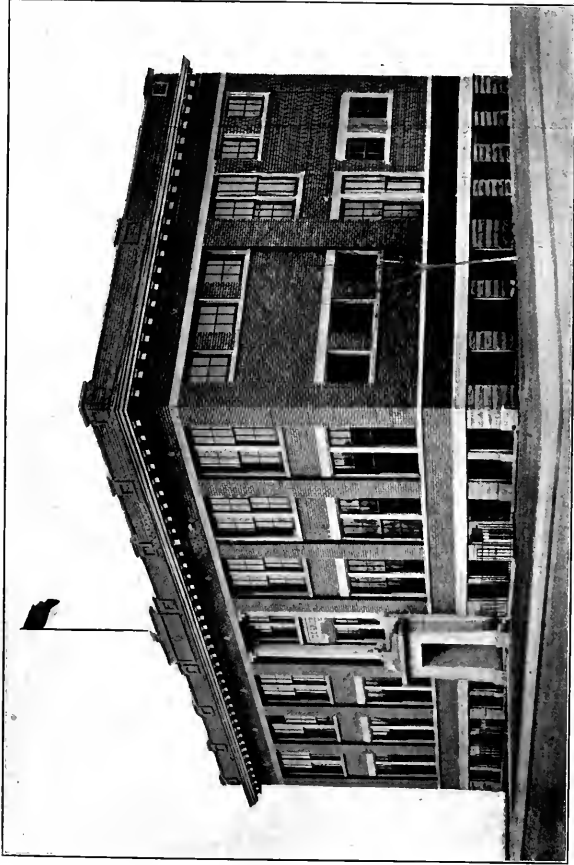
REV. JAMES E. QUINN.

The Rev. James E. Quinn, pastor of St. Brigid's Catholic church at Xenia, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born at Middletown, son of John and Anna Quinn, the former of whom is still living at Middletown and the latter of whom died in that city on March 19, 1916. Both John Quinn and his wife were natives of Ireland, the former born in County Galway and the latter in County Mayo.

Reared at Middletown, James E. Quinn received his early schooling in the Catholic parochial schools of that place and early devoted his life to the service of the church. Upon completing the course in the local schools he entered St. Xavier's College at Cincinnati and was graduated from that institution in 1899, later entering Mt. St. Mary's Seminary at Cincinnati, where he completed his theological course in 1904. On June 15, 1904, Father Quinn was ordained to holy orders and was assigned as assistant pastor of St. Raphael's church at Springfield, a relation which he maintained for six years and six months, at the end of which time he was made pastor in charge of the church at Eaton, in Preble county, where he filled in an interim period of four months. He then was appointed pastor of St. Vincent de Paul church at Cincinnati and continued in that relation for two years and six months, at the end of which time, March 19, 1913, he was appointed to his present station, pastor in charge of St. Brigid's parish at Xenia, and has ever since maintained that relation. When Father Quinn took charge of St. Brigid's the parochial school adjoining the church, on West street, was in process of erection and the task of completing the same devolved upon him, the work being completed and the handsome building dedicated to parish purposes in January, 1914.

During the period of his ministry in Xenia, Father Quinn has made many friends hereabout and has been able to do an excellent work in the way of extending the influence of his parish. He came to the parish at a somewhat difficult time, but it was not long until his kindly spirit and earnest manner had adjusted whatever difficulties the parish had been facing and progress along all lines of parish work has since then been marked and effective. It is well known, however, that Father Quinn desires no applause for the labor he has performed; that no self-gratulation awaits upon his acts.





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that nothing pains him more than the language of praise and that he prefers to do the work of his Master unobserved. It is but proper to say, however, that the earnest young clergyman is a man of education and judgment, whose opinions have come to carry weight in his parish and that underneath his quiet, unassuming manner there is a very warm friendliness to all, his gentle demeanor commanding the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact. In the historical section of this work, in the chapter relating to the churches of Greene county, there is set out at length a comprehensive review of the history of St. Brigid's church and parish and the reader's attention is respectfully invited to the same in this connection.

P. H. FLYNN.

P. H. Flynn, president and general manager of the Xenia Shoe Manufacturing Company, is a native of the Old Bay State, born at Spencer, in Worcester county, Massachusetts, in 1861, son of Richard and Catherine (Day) Flynn, both of whom were born in that same county, where they spent all their lives, the latter dying there in 1902, at the age of seventy-five years, her passing having been the first break by death in her immediate family for fifty-one years. The Flynn's are an old family in Massachusetts, the progenitor of this branch of the family having located there upon coming to this country from the Emerald Isle in the latter part of the eighteenth century; and until the present generation the family had remained centered in Massachusetts, mainly engaged in agricultural pursuits, but is now pretty well scattered over the country.

Richard Flynn was a son of Richard and Mary Flynn, landowners, who were the parents of six children, three sons and three daughters, all of whom are now deceased. On of these sons, Capt. James Flynn, raised a company in Boston for service in the Union army during the Civil War and served at the head of that company. Another son, John Flynn, served as a private in another regiment. The junior Richard Flynn volunteered for service, but was rejected on account of a minor physical disability. He became a shoe manufacturer in his home town of Spencer and was superintendent of a big shoe factory there during the active period of his life. There he spent his last days, his death occurring in 1904, he then being seventy-eight years of age. As noted above, his wife had preceded him to the grave about two years. She was a daughter of Edward and Catherine Day, the former of whom came to this country from Ireland following his graduation from the University of Dublin and became engaged as a school teacher in Worcester county, Massachusetts, continuing thus engaged the rest of his

active life. Prof. Edward Day and wife had six children, three sons and three daughters, all of whom are now deceased save one of the daughters, Mrs. Mary Madden, a widow, now a resident of San Francisco, California. One of the sons, Edward Day, served as a lieutenant of cavalry during the Civil War.

To Richard and Catherine (Day) Flynn were born seven children, of whom P. H. Flynn was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Edward, who became a resident of Providence, Rhode Island, and who at one time was the manager of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York. James, who is the superintendent of the factory of the Belleville Shoe Company, at Belleville, Illinois; Thomas, who organized the Independent Packing Company at St. Louis and has been living retired since 1914; Mary, wife of Jerome Hines, of Spencer, Massachusetts; Catherine, wife of Peter Cunningham, an officer of the Warren Steam Pump Company, at Warren, Massachusetts, and Elizabeth, who is now living at Ashbury, New Hampshire, widow of Thomas Ash, who was superintendent of a shoe factory.

Reared at Spencer, Massachusetts, P. H. Flynn received his early schooling there and supplemented the same by a course in the Poughkeepsie Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York. From the time he was twelve years of age he had been given instructions in the practical details of the manufacture of shoes, under his father's direction, and rounded out his early knowledge of the craftsmanship of shoe-making in the factory of Isaac Prouty & Company, and was with that concern until he was twenty-one years of age, when, in 1882, he became employed as foreman of the cutting room in the shoe factory of the Ide & Wilson Company, wholesale dealers in and manufacturers of shoes at Columbus, Ohio. A year later that concern consolidated with the Columbus Boot and Shoe Company, which was filling its contracts with the aid of convict labor at the Ohio state penitentiary. Mr. Flynn declined to follow the company's operations into the prison, as a foreman over convicts, and the company made him its traveling sales representative, his territory covering the Southern states, and he was thus engaged for two years, or until in 1885, when he transferred his services to W. F. Thorne & Company, shoe jobbers in Cincinnati, and was given charge of the output of that concern's factory, a position he occupied for two years. It was during this latter period that Mr. Flynn became interested in a proposition which promised to land him on the high tide of wealth; but which, like many another "boom" proposition, led to disappointment. While traveling through Tennessee he had gained some confidential information regarding the great developments that at that time

were being promised for the town of Decatur, Alabama, and before the ill-fated "boom" in values at that point had started he made some land investments there and thus got in "on the ground floor." Upon the organization of the Decatur Land and Improvement Company Mr. Flynn, who was the chief promoter, was elected general manager of the same and so continued to the end, at the same time having a hand in numerous other enterprises projected there, and felt confidently assured of being possessed of a good thing; everything looking exceedingly well when yellow fever broke out in the town and the "boom" bursted practically over night. At that inauspicious time Mr. Flynn was at Crab Orchard Springs, Kentucky, recovering from a severe attack of malarial fever and when he returned to Decatur after an absence of five months he found the place nearly depopulated, his former business associates practically bankrupt and the town's doom sealed. He stuck it out for another year and then returned to Cincinnati, convinced that Decatur values had vanished never to return.

In 1890 Mr. Flynn became connected with the Xenia Shoe Manufacturing Company as that concern's sales representative in Southern territory and a year later bought a considerable block of stock in the company and was elected president and general manager of the company, a position he ever since has occupied. Mr. Flynn has not confined himself wholly to his extensive manufacturing interests since taking up his residence in Xenia in 1890. It was he who organized the Xenia Gas and Electric Company and for five years he operated the same, as president of the company. He then sold the plant to the Dayton Power and Light Company, which has since been operating it. In 1907 Mr. Flynn began to pay considerable attention to agricultural pursuits and since then he has built up an extensive dairy on his farm of four hundred and fifty acres at Trebeins, in Beavercreek township, a few miles northwest of Xenia. During the summers Mr. Flynn and his family reside there, occupying their city residence at the corner of Church and North Detroit streets in Xenia during the winters. Mr. Flynn's eldest son, Frederick T. Flynn, who is completing a course in scientific agriculture at the University of Wisconsin, is now managing the dairy farm. Mr. Flynn is a Republican and for four years served as a member of the Xenia school board. He helped to organize and was the first president of the Xenia Business Men's Club. He is a Royal Arch Mason. He and his family are members of the Reformed church at Xenia.

On June 20, 1894, about four years after taking up his residence at Xenia, P. H. Flynn was united in marriage to Elizabeth T. Trebein, who was born at Trebeins Station, this county, daughter of Frederick C. and Joan (Ankeney) Trebein, both of whom were born in this state, the former at Dayton and the latter in this county, a daughter of Samuel Ankeney and

wife, members of old families hereabout and fitting reference to whom is made elsewhere in this volume.

Frederick Christian Trebein, father of Mrs. Flynn, was born at Dayton, this state, October 24, 1833, last-born of the two children born to his parents, William and Christina Trebein, who had not long before that date come to this country from Germany and settled in Dayton, their other child having been a daughter, Mary, born in Germany, Frederick C. Trebein grew to manhood in Dayton, rising from chore-boy in a store to a partnership in the business, and later owned and conducted a dry-goods store on Third street in Dayton. Failing health determined him to leave the store and in 1868 he disposed of his interests in Dayton and came over into Greene county and engaged in the milling business at the point later and ever since known as Trebeins, or Trebeins Station, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there on June 4, 1900. In addition to his milling business Mr. Trebein also possessed considerable property in Xenia and was identified with several of that city's industries. It was a year or more after his location in this county that Frederick C. Trebein was united in marriage to Joan Ankeney, the marriage taking place on November 16, 1869, and to that union were born two daughters, Mrs. Flynn having a sister, Bertha E., who continued to make her home with her mother after her father's death, the two moving to Xenia and establishing their home at 125 Detroit street. Elizabeth T. Trebein completed the course in the Beaver creek grade schools and then took a course of preparatory work at Cooper Institute, Dayton, and then spent two years at Bartholomew's private Female Seminary, thence to Antioch College, after which she entered Wellesley College, in Boston, from which institution she was graduated in 1893, the year before her marriage to Mr. Flynn. In her senior year at Wellesley Mrs. Flynn was president of the Eta Alpha Society, one of the highest distinctions that can come to a member of the student body of that institution.

To P. H. and Elizabeth T. (Trebein) Flynn have been born six children, namely: Frederick T., mentioned above, born in 1896 and who is now managing his father's dairy farm; Marjorie E., who was graduated from the Xenia high school and is now in her second year in Wellesley College; Doris, who is now attending preparatory school at Science Hill, Shelbyville, Kentucky, with a view to entering Wellesley; Henry, born in 1903, who is now a student in the Xenia high school; Edward, 1909, and Elizabeth, 1913.

WILLIAM McCLELLAND.

The late William McClelland, a soldier of the Civil War, former land appraiser, for years an elder in the Second United Presbyterian church at

Xenia and for years a member of the board of directors of the Greene County Agricultural Association, was a native of Greene county and all his life was spent here. He was born on a pioneer farm in Sugarcreek township, January 3, 1825, a son of Capt. Robert and Martha (McConnell) McClelland, pioneers of the Sugar Creek neighborhood, about four miles west of Xenia. Capt. Robert McClelland was a son of a soldier of the Revolutionary War and was a native of the state of Pennsylvania, born at the forks of the Yough, In 1802, the year before Greene county was definitely organized as a county, he came to Ohio and settled on a tract of land on Sugar creek, about four miles west of where Xenia, the county seat, later was established. There he established his home and there he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there in 1847. Captain McClelland was commissioned commander of a company for service under General Harrison during the Black Hawk war and was also in command of a company during the War of 1812, at one time during that period of service being in command of Ft. McArthur, in what is now Hardin county, this state. Upon the completion of that term of service Captain McClelland was ordered to report to St. Mary's, where he was stationed for a time. Captain McClelland was a stern defender of the faith of the Scotch Seceders, the communion which later came to be merged into what for many years has been known as the United Presbyterian church, and for years served as an elder of the pioneer church. He was twice married and was the father of twenty-four children, each of his wives having borne him twelve children.

Reared on the farm on which he was born, William McClelland grew up a farmer. He was but twenty-two years of age when his father died and thereafter the responsibility of management of the farm was assumed by him. During the Civil War he became a member of the organization known as the "Squirrel Hunters" and later enlisted for service as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with the same until his honorable discharge. Upon the formation of the Republican party he became affiliated with the same and in 1890 was appointed land appraiser of his home township, which he also had served in the capacity of supervisor, and he also served for some time as director of schools in his local district. Mr. McClelland was for eight years a member of the board of directors of the Greene County Agricultural Association, but when the race-track privileges began to include concessions to the gambling element he withdrew from the association, declining to sanction by his presence on the board any such method of stimulating the "sport of kings," although himself a great lover of good horses and an admirer of an honest contest in the speed ring. He was for thirty years a member of the session of the Second United Presbyterian church at

Xenia, for years superintendent of the Sabbath school of the same and also for years conducted a class in the Sabbath school. He died on March 10, 1910, then being in the seventy-seventh year of his age.

The late William McClelland was twice married. In 1846, at the age of twenty-one years, he was united in marriage to Jane Watt, of Beaver-creek township, this county, a member of one of the pioneer families of that neighborhood, and who died on March 30, 1883, without issue. On July 3, 1883, Mr. McClelland married Hannah M. Naughton, of Xenia, who survives him and who is making her home at Xenia. Mrs. McClelland also is a native of Ohio, born in Hamilton county, daughter of James and Mary (Welch) Naughton, both of whom were born in Ireland. Bereaved of her mother when but a child, Mrs. McClelland was reared in the household of David Brown, one of the early settlers of the Jamestown neighborhood in this county and her schooling was received here. Mrs. McClelland is a member of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia and is an active member of Woman's Relief Corps No. 29, of Xenia, her late husband having also been an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic.

JOHN S. BALES.

John S. Bales, proprietor of a farm in Xenia township, now living retired in the city of Xenia, was born on a farm in what is now New Jasper township, this county, April 6, 1840, a son of Jacob and Dorothy (Hickman) Bales, both members of pioneer families in this county, whose last days were spent on their home farm in New Jasper township.

Jacob Bales was born in this county, son of Elisha Bales and wife, who came over here from Virginia in the early days of the settlement of Greene county and established their home in what is now New Jasper township, where Elisha Bales eventually became the owner of one thousand acres of land. He started in there living in a log cabin, but afterward had a fine home. He and his wife spent their last days there. They were the parents of six children, Jacob being the third in order of birth. Of the other sons, Jonathan Bales became a farmer in Caesarscreek township; John, a farmer in New Jasper township, and Elisha, a farmer in New Jasper township. Jacob Bales grew up on the home farm and after his marriage was given a farm of one hundred and seventy-six acres of the home place and on that tract established his home, he and his wife spending the rest of their lives there. He was a Democrat and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were the parents of ten children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last born and is now the only survivor,

the others having been the following: Cyrus, who was a farmer in Delaware county, Indiana; James, a farmer in that same county; Sarah, who married John Jones, a farmer of Caesarscreek township, this county; Rebecca, who married John Beal and lived in Indiana; Elizabeth, who married Adam Shirk and also lived in Indiana; Lewis, who was a farmer in New Jasper township, this county; Laban, also a farmer in New Jasper township; Amanda, wife of William C. Spahr, of New Jasper township, and Dorothy, wife of James C. Harness, of that same township.

John S. Bales was reared on the home farm and lived there until his marriage at the age of twenty-three years, when he started farming for himself, buying a farm of eighty acres of partly-improved land in New Jasper township. He there made his home for ten years, at the end of which time he bought a farm of one hundred and thirty-seven acres three miles southeast of Xenia, in Xenia township, and there made his home until his retirement from the farm and removal to Xenia in 1904, since which time he has made his home in the city. He sold his farm in 1917. He is a Democrat, but has not been included in the office-seeking class.

Mr. Bales has been thrice married. When twenty-three years of age he was united in marriage to Catherine Spahr, who also was born in New Jasper township, this county, daughter of William and Sarah (Smith) Spahr, and to that union were born three children: Oscar Elliott Bales, who married Frances Dillingham and for the past twenty-five years has been engaged as a locomotive engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, making his home in Xenia, where his wife was for some time hostess of the Frances Inn and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume; Alice Lucretia, who married Daniel D. Beckett and died at the age of thirty years, and William Franklin Bales, a farmer, who married Nora J. Beal and was killed by a horse in 1913. The mother of these children died in 1868 and in May, 1869, Mr. Bales married Amanda Jane Brickel, also of New Jasper township, daughter of Jacob and Mary Brickel, who came to this county from Virginia and whose last days were spent at Jamestown, and to that union were born five children, namely: Mary Jeanette, wife of Isaac F. Stewart, of Bowersville, this county; Henry Harrison, who married Georgia Hook and is farming in Xenia township; Charles L., who is now clerking in a hardware store in Xenia; Dallas E., who was an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad and who met his death in a railway accident at Richmond, Indiana, in 1910, and Grover Cleveland, who married Anna Fee and is now engaged at truck farming in Xenia. The mother of these latter children died in 1905 and in April, 1908, Mr. Bales married Mrs. Emma Jane Johnson, widow of Charles Johnson, a Greene county farmer, who died in 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Bales are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

RANKIN R. GRIEVE.

Rankin R. Grieve, former sheriff of Greene county, former county treasurer, former treasurer of the city of Xenia, formerly and for many years secretary of the Greene County Fair Board and at present and for years past engaged in the real-estate business, combining the same with that of auctioneering, and who, by common consent, is declared to be the best-known man in Greene county, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in New Jasper township on November 14, 1858, son of Robert S. and Elizabeth (Crawford) Grieve, the former of whom also was born in this county and the latter in Ireland, and both of whom are now deceased, the latter having died in 1888 and the former in 1905.

Robert S. Grieve was born on a pioneer farm within two miles of the city of Xenia on July 27, 1831, a son of Archibald and Agnes (Stephenson) Grieve, natives of Scotland, the former born in Selkirk in 1775 and the latter, in Roxboroughshire, who became residents of Ohio in 1814 and here spent their last days. Archibald Grieve grew to manhood in his native Scotland and on March 11, 1811, was there united in marriage to Agnes Stephenson, daughter of John and Isabella Stephenson. A year later, in 1812, he and his wife came to the United States, landing at the port of New York, and in 1814 left that city and came to Ohio, presently settling in this county and buying a tract of one hundred acres in the vicinity of Xenia, where they established their home and where they spent the remainder of their lives. They were members of the old Seceder (Associate Presbyterian) church and their children were reared in that faith. They were nine of these children, of whom five lived to rear families of their own, hence the Grieve connection in this generation is a no inconsiderable one hereabout.

Of the children of the pioneer Archibald Grieve here referred to, Robert S. Grieve received his schooling in the local schools of his neighborhood and from boyhood was a helpful factor on the home farm, in due time taking up farming on his own account, and in 1867 bought a farm upon which he long resided, a tract of sixty acres, and later bought a tract of one hundred acres additional on the line between Xenia and New Jasper townships, and continued actively engaged in farming until his retirement, about 1899 and removal to Xenia, where his last days were spent, his death occurring there in 1905, he then being seventy-four years of age. Robert S. Grieve was twice married. In 1856 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Crawford, daughter of Robert Crawford, of Xenia, and who died in 1888, leaving three sons, the subject of this sketch, the youngest, having two brothers, Archibald Grieve, who lives on the old home farm in New Jasper township, and John, unmarried, who is living at Xenia. In 1892 Mr.



RANKIN R. GRIEVE.



Grieve married Johanna Kyle, who died in 1895. He was an active member of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia.

Reared on the home farm, Rankin R. Grieve received his early schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and supplemented the same by a course in Smith Seminary at Xenia, meantime taking an active part in the labors of the home farm, and remained there until 1892, in which year he was appointed deputy sheriff of Greene county and made his headquarters at Xenia, where, after his marriage two years later, he established his home. In 1894 he was elected sheriff of the county and in 1896 was re-elected to that office, serving until 1899. Upon the completion of this term of service Mr. Grieve engaged in the insurance business at Xenia and later was appointed station and express agent for the Dayton, Xenia & Springfield Traction Company and was thus engaged until his election in 1908 to the office of county treasurer. In 1910 he was re-elected to that office and thus served in the treasurer's office until 1913, since which time he has been engaged in the real-estate business at Xenia, with present offices in the Allen building. As long ago as 1905 Mr. Grieve entered the ranks of auctioneers and his services have been in wide demand as a crier of public sales and real-estate sales throughout this part of the state. For many years Mr. Grieve was secretary of the Greene County Fair Board and in this capacity acquired a wide acquaintance throughout the county, an acquaintance which has been enlarged by his long connection with the court house and his wide experience as a crier of sales, until it now is generally agreed that no man in Greene county has a wider acquaintance than he. In addition to his other business connections Mr. Grieve is a member of the board of directors of the Commercial and Savings Bank Company of Xenia and formerly served as treasurer of the city of Xenia and as treasurer of the city school board. He is an active Republican, for several years served as a member of the Republican county committee and has been a delegate to conventions innumerable. For some time after taking up his residence in Xenia Mr. Grieve made his home at the corner of West Main and Galloway streets, where he built a house, but later sold that place and bought his present residence at 107 West Market street.

On October 11, 1894, at Xenia, Rankin R. Grieve was united in marriage to Bertha J. Richter, who was born at Cincinnati. Mrs. Grieve's father died when she was a child and her mother later married Gustav Seamon and when her daughter was about eight years of age moved from Cincinnati to Xenia, where Mr. Seamon became engaged in the grocery business and where he is still living, since the death of his wife, making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Grieve. Mr. and Mrs. Grieve are members of the Second United Presbyterian church and Mr. Grieve has been for many years treasurer of the church organization.

WILLIAM H. FINLEY, M. D.

Dr. William H. Finley, of Xenia, physician and surgeon, was born on a farm in Sugarcreek township, this county, February 2, 1857, a son of Robert and Emma (Channon) Finley, both of whom was of European birth, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of England, who came to this country not long after their marriage and proceeded on out to Ohio, settling in Greene county, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

Robert Finley was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, and there grew to manhood and married Emma Channon, who was born and reared in Lancashire, England, but who had gone to Ireland to serve as a governess. After a daughter had been born to this union Robert Finley emigrated with his family to the United States, Ohio being his destination, and settled in the Lamb neighborhood in Sugarcreek township, this county, where he established his home along the banks of the Little Miami and was living there when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of his adopted country and went to the front as a member of Company E, Seventy-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was commissioned captain of the same before the close of the war. Captain Finley was a stonemason and contractor and followed that vocation after coming to Greene county. In 1879 he moved from his place along the river to the village of Bellbrook, where he continued his contracting business and where his wife died in 1888. In 1890 he moved to Xenia and in that city spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there in 1903. Captain Finley and his wife were Presbyterians and their children were reared in that faith. There were six of these children, of whom the subject of this biographical sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being John, who is still living at Bellbrook, where he has long followed the business of a building contractor; a daughter who died at the age of four years; Emma, wife of John Brown, of Bellbrook; Mrs. Sarah Linscott, deceased, and Lavina, who died at the age of twenty years.

Reared in Sugarcreek township, William H. Finley received his early schooling in the district schools of that township, one of his teachers there having been the Hon. M. A. Broadstone, former state senator from this district and for many years a lawyer at Xenia, whose name appears on the title page of this work. Upon completing the course in his home school young Finley attended Xenia College for a time and then for three years taught school in this county, in the meantime studying medicine under the preceptorship of Doctor Turnbull at Bellbrook. Thus equipped by preliminary study he matriculated at the Ohio Medical College and was graduated from that institution in 1881. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Finley returned to Greene county and opened an office in the village of Spring Valley, where

he remained until 1890, in which year he moved to the city of Xenia and there formed a partnership with Drs. H. R. and Ben McClellan, an arrangement which continued until the death of the latter. In 1901 Doctor Finley formed a partnership with Dr. H. R. McClellan which continued until June, 1917, when he formed a partnership with his son, Dr. Kent Finley, who not long before had been graduated from Jefferson Medical College and had for a year been engaged as an interne in the Miami Valley Hospital at Dayton, and this arrangement continues. The elder Doctor Finley has taken several post-graduate courses in surgery. He is a member of the Greene County Medical Society, of the Ohio State Medical Society, of the American Medical Association and of the Congress of Surgeons. The Doctor is a Republican by inclination, but party bias does not blind him to the need of fit men for public office and on local measures he does not hesitate to vote independently of party ties. For the past seven years or more he has been serving as a member of the Xenia school board.

On September 22, 1882, Dr. William H. Finley was united in marriage to Ida Kent, who also was born in this county, at Bellbrook, a daughter of George and Mary Kent, the latter of whom is still living, being now in the ninety-fifth year of her age. George Kent, who was a member of one of Greene county's old families, studied law as a young man, but after a while abandoned the thought of entering the legal profession and became a tailor, which vocation he followed at Bellbrook, near which village he also owned and operated a farm. To Doctor and Mrs. Finley four children have been born, namely: Irma, Ethel, Kent and Martha. The Finleys are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church at Xenia and the Doctor has been for years a member of the official board of the same.

Miss Irma Finley, who is now engaged in Young Women's Christian Association work, was graduated from Western College at Oxford, this state, and later taught for some time in the high school at Xenia, resigning her position there to take up the work of the Young Women's Christian Association and is now engaged in that behalf at Atlanta, Georgia. Ethel Finley, who was graduated from Western College, at Oxford, married Lawrence Laudiger and is now living at St. Louis, Missouri, where her husband is engaged as a clerk in the office of the manager in the offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company there. The youngest daughter, Martha Finley, is now (1918) a student in the Xenia high school.

Dr. Kent Finley, only son of Doctor and Mrs. Finley, was graduated from the Xenia high school and then entered Wooster University. A year later he entered the Ohio State University and after a two-years course there entered Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in June, 1916. Following a year of service as an interne

in the Miami Valley Hospital at Dayton he returned home and in July, 1917, was taken into partnership with his father and is now practicing in Xenia. During his college course he was made a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. On June 23, 1917, Dr. Kent Finley was united in marriage to Florence Ganiard, of Jackson, Michigan.

CHARLES H. HACKETT.

Charles H. Hackett, postmaster at Yellow Springs and a former merchant at that place, was born on a farm in Miami township, this county, February 22, 1873, son of James and Ellen (Cavanaugh) Hackett, both of whom were born in Ireland, who were married at Springfield, this state, later coming down into Greene county and locating on a farm in the Cedarville neighborhood, where they both died, the latter in 1915 and the former in October, 1916.

James Hackett grew to manhood in his native Ireland and then came to this country, presently coming to Ohio and engaging in railroad work at Springfield. In that city he met and renewed his acquaintance with Ellen Cavanaugh, whom he had known in the old country and who had come to this country with her parents, the family locating in the vicinity of Springfield, and the couple shortly afterward were married. Not long after his marriage James Hackett decided to give up railroad work and engaged in farming and with this end in view came down into Greene county and bought a farm in Miami township, in the vicinity of Cedarville, where he established his home and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there, as noted above, in the fall of 1916. His wife died in 1915. She has a brother still living, now retired, in the city of London, Ohio. To James and Ellen (Cavanaugh) Hackett were born ten children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the sixth in order of birth, the others being the following: Richard, a farmer living in Xenia township, who is married and has two children; Thomas, deceased, as also is his wife, the two having left a son, John Hackett, who is now (1918) with the American Expeditionary Army in France; Margaret, wife of John Downey, a farmer living in the vicinity of Yellow Springs; Edward, a blacksmith, living at Yellow Springs; Katherine, who married Michael Minnogue, living in the vicinity of Springfield, and has seven children; John, deceased; William, now a resident of Dayton, who is married and has seven children; Joseph, living on the old home place in Miami township, who is married and has four children, and Harry, of Yellow Springs, who also is married and has four children.

Charles H. Hackett was reared on the home farm, but early decided on a mercantile career and upon completing his schooling in the high school

he began working in the grocery store of A. H. White at Clifton. He was then nineteen years of age and for twelve years he continued that employment, in that time gaining a very comprehensive knowledge of the grocery business. Upon the completion of that term of service Mr. Hackett bought the store from his employer and engaged in business on his own account. Two years later he sold that store and moved to Yellow Springs, where he bought the hardware store of George H. Smith and continued to operate that store until his appointment, two years later, in 1913, as postmaster of Yellow Springs, which office he ever since has occupied. Mr. Hackett is a Democrat and has long been recognized as one of the leaders of his party in the northern part of this county.

In the winter of 1902 Charles H. Hackett was united in marriage to Clemmie Gram, daughter of David L. and Katherine (Taylor) Gram, of Springfield, this state, and to this union two children have been born, Leo, born on August 12, 1905, and Kathleen, March 27, 1913. Mrs. Hackett has three brothers, John E., Grover and Homer Gram. Mr. and Mrs. Hackett are members of the Catholic church and take an interested part in local parish affairs.

JAMES S. McCAMPBELL, D. D. S.

Dr. James S. McCampbell, dentist at Xenia and former president of the Greene County Sabbath School Association, has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Greene county since he was eighteen years of age. He was born on a farm in Franklin county, January 1, 1853, son of Joseph and Mary Ann (Winget) McCampbell, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Maryland, who became residents of Greene county in 1871 and here spent their last days.

Joseph McCampbell, who was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, was but a lad when his parents, William and Elizabeth McCampbell, left that state with their family and came over into Ohio, locating on a farm in Sugarcreek township, this county, where Joseph McCampbell grew to manhood. As a young man the latter became employed on a farm south of Marysville, in Union county, and while living there married Mary Ann Winget, who was born in Maryland and who was but a girl when she came with her parents to Ohio. After his marriage Mr. McCampbell bought a farm in Franklin county and there made his residence until 1871, in which year he disposed of his interests there, came to Greene county and bought a farm on the Jamestown pike five miles east of Xenia, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Joseph McCampbell died in 1888, at the age of seventy, and his widow survived him until 1892, being seventy

years of age at the time of her death. They were members of the United Presbyterian church and were the parents of nine children, one of whom died in infancy, the others being the following: William, who lives on a farm in Cedarville township, this county; Mrs. Jane Vanschoyk, now deceased, who lived in Franklin county; the Rev. Luther McCampbell, a United Presbyterian clergyman, now living in Pennsylvania; Elizabeth, who died in 1870; Dr. James S. McCampbell, the subject of this biographical sketch; John, who is still living on the home farm in Cedarville township; Martha (deceased), who was the wife of Nathan Ramsey; and Robert, who died on his farm in Cedarville township.

Dr. James S. McCampbell's boyhood was spent on the home farm in Franklin county and in the schools of that neighborhood he received his early schooling, having been eighteen years of age when he came with his parents to Greene county in 1871. After a further course of schooling, taken at Franklin College and at Wittenberg College, he entered the Ohio Dental College at Cincinnati and was graduated from that institution in 1877, in which year he opened an office for the practice of his profession at Xenia, where he ever since has been thus engaged, with present offices at 28 North Detroit street. The Doctor is a Republican and has given public service as a member of the Xenia school board.

On April 24, 1879, Dr. James S. McCampbell was united in marriage to Ella M. Herritt, who was born in Xenia, daughter of Andrew and Martha Herritt, both natives of Ireland, the former for years a tobacconist at Xenia, and to this union two children have been born, Mary, wife of the Rev. Robert C. Peters, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Patten, Pennsylvania, and Joseph A., who resides on and operates his farm in Xenia township and who married Elsie Harris, of Laporte county, Indiana, and has four children, Mary K., James Robert, Ruth Eleanor and John William. The McCampbells are members of the First United Presbyterian church at Xenia and Doctor McCampbell for some years was a member of the session of his church, for twelve years was superintendent of the Sabbath school, is the present teacher of the Bible class in his Sabbath school and has for years taken an active part in the affairs of the Greene County Sabbath School Association, having served both as president and as secretary of that body.

WILLIAM THEODORE JACK.

William Theodore Jack, who years ago was well known in the building trades at Xenia and who died at his home in that city in the fall of 1888, his widow still making her home there, was born at Waynesville, in the neighboring county of Warren, January 14, 1847, a son of Harrison and

Elizabeth (Hart) Jack, whose last days were spent in that county. Harrison Jack was a farmer and landowner and he and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being as follows: Warren, who is living on the old home place in Warren county; Hiram, who is living in Florida; Charles, who is living at Dayton; Bruce, of Key West, Florida; Wilbur, deceased, and Amanda Frances, wife of Henry Dunham, of Lebanon, this state.

Reared on the home farm in Warren county, William T. Jack received his schooling in the Lebanon schools and remained at home until he was twenty years of age, when he began working at the carpenter trade with the building firm of Dreese & Thornhill at Xenia and continued thus engaged the rest of his life, his death occurring at his home in that city in October, 1888, he then being in the forty-second year of his age. Mr. Jack was an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church, as is his widow.

On October 21, 1868, at Xenia, William T. Jack was united in marriage to Mary Emma Thornhill, who was born at Ripley, Brown county, this state, a daughter of George D. and Gertrude (Thienas) Thornhill, the former of whom was born at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a son of John Thornhill and wife, the former a native of England, who came to this country in 1825 and located at Cincinnati. John Thornhill was a millwright and after he had located in Cincinnati he invented a new process for a sugar-mill and went to New Orleans to demonstrate the same. While there he was stricken with yellow fever and died. His widow spent the remainder of her life at Cincinnati. John Thornhill and wife were the parents of four children, George D., the only son, and three daughters, Matilda, Mary and Gertrude.

Having been bereft of a father's care when but a child, George D. Thornhill was early thrown upon his own resources and early learned the trade of a carpenter and builder and was ever afterward engaged in that line. At the age of twenty-one he married and located in Cincinnati, later returning to Brown county and moving thence after a while to Chillicothe, where he remained until 1863, in which year he located in Xenia, where he spent the rest of his life. Not long after his arrival in Xenia in 1863 Mr. Thornhill formed a partnership with Tobias Dreese and engaged in general building contracting, under the firm name of Dreese & Thornhill, and continued thus engaged until his death, which occurred in 1894, he then being sixty-eight years of age. His widow, who survived him until 1915, was born in Germany and was but nine years of age when she came to this country with her parents, Jacob and Elizabeth Thienas, the family settling in Indiana, on a farm in the vicinity of the city of Madison. Jacob Thienas and his wife there spent the remainder of their lives. Of their ten children,

Mrs. Thornhill was the youngest, the others being Jacob, Peter, Nicholas, Kate, Susan, Lena, Anna, Lizzie and Margaret. Nicholas Thienas enlisted for service in the Union army during the Civil War and was killed at the battle of Stone's River while fighting in behalf of the cause of his adopted country.

To William T. and Mary Emma (Thornhill) Jack were born five sons, namely: Harry Jack, storekeeper for the Hooven & Allison Company at Xenia, who married Elizabeth Ferree and has four children, Fern, Gertrude, Theodore and Frances; John, a bricklayer at Xenia, who married Cora Heaton and has eight children, Harrison and Walter (twins), Ruth, Emma, May, Gilbert, Elsie and Helen; Theodore, superintendent of Charities and Corrections at Cincinnati, who married Harriet Burton and has one child, a son, George Early; Oliver, a shoemaker, living at Xenia, who married Cassie McCabe and has seven children, Ernest, Fred, Edna, Ardis, Nicholas, Margaret and Sarah Jane; and Thornhill, also a shoemaker, who makes his home with his mother in Xenia. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Jack has continued to make her home at Xenia, where she has lived since the days of her girlhood.

GEORGE W. SHEETS.

George W. Sheets, clerk of the court of common pleas of Greene county and one of the best-known young men in the city of Xenia, was born and reared in Warren county, this state, but has been a resident of Xenia for nearly twenty years. He was born on November 14, 1885, son of Stephen A. Douglas and Sarah Masters (Ferree) Sheets, both of whom also were born in Ohio, the former in Athens county and the latter in Clinton county, who are now living in Xenia, where they have made their home for about fifteen years.

Stephen A. Douglas Sheets was born on February 6, 1861, son of George and Mary Sheets, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter in Muskingum county, this state. George Sheets was sixteen years of age when he came to Ohio from his native Virginia and located at Chauncey, in Athens county, where he became employed in the salt works. He later became employed on the Hocking Valley railroad and was thus engaged when he met his death in a railway accident in 1869. His widow survived him for many years, her death occurring in 1903, she then being seventy-two years of age. George Sheets and wife were the parents of four children, of whom the father of the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being John, deceased; William, who is a farmer in the neighboring county of Clinton, and Edward, deceased.



GEORGE W. SHEETS.



After the death of her husband in 1869 the widow of George Sheets moved with her children to Midland City, in Clinton county, and there Stephen A. Douglas Sheets grew to manhood and married Sarah Masters Ferree, who was born in that county, daughter of James W. and Prudence (Garretson) Ferree, the former of whom was born in Maryland and the latter in Hamilton county, this state, not far from the city of Cincinnati. James W. Ferree was but a lad when he went from Maryland to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he learned the cooper's trade. He later came to Ohio, where he was married, and not long afterward bought a farm in Vernon township, Clinton county, and became a substantial farmer. His wife died in 1895, at the age of sixty-five, and he survived until 1898, he being seventy-three years of age at the time of his death. They were the parents of three children, of whom Mrs. Sheets is the youngest, the others being James W., deceased, and Mrs. C. J. Mishrow, of Summerfield, Kansas. After his marriage Stephen A. D. Sheets continued working as a farmer in Clinton and Warren counties until 1903, in which year he moved to Xenia, where he has since been employed in the cordage works of the Hooven & Allison Company. He is a Republican. His wife is a member of the Lutheran church. They have nine children, all of whom are at home save the subject of this sketch, the second in order of birth, the others being Francis Edward, Florence E., Jesse, Bessie, Harry, Bertha, Ralph and Everett.

Reared in Warren county, George W. Sheets received his schooling in the schools of that county and afterward went to work for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and was engaged working for that company as a railroad brakeman until he met with an accident which deprived him of both of his legs four years later; a deprivation, however, which does not prevent him from walking about, for by means of modern appliances he is able to walk with about as much apparent ease as most of men. After he was able to get about again Mr. Sheets opened a barber shop in Xenia and in connection with the same also started a retail and wholesale cigar and tobacco business, in the meantime giving such leisure as he could command to study in order to qualify himself for clerical labors. Mr. Sheets is a man of engaging manners and a "good mixer" and in 1912 he sought the Republican nomination for the office of clerk of the common pleas court. He put up a good race, but was defeated in the primaries. The experience gained in this initial race proved valuable in the succeeding campaign and in 1916 he was nominated and elected clerk of court, his four-year term of office to begin in August, 1917. On February 5, 1917, however, he was appointed clerk of court to fill the unexpired term of J. Carl Marshall, who had resigned to enter upon his duties as judge of the probate court, and has since then been serving as clerk of court.

On June 24, 1908, George W. Sheets was united in marriage to Clara Denningham, who was born in Xenia, and to this union have been born three children, Winifred, Marjorie and Paul. Mr. and Mrs. Sheets have a pleasant home in Xenia.

CHARLES C. HENRIE.

Charles C. Henrie, formerly proprietor of a tinshop in West Main street, Xenia, now operated by his son, Clement B. Henrie, has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Xenia practically all of the time since he was nine years of age, he having been sent at that time to complete his schooling in the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home in that city, his mother, the widow of a soldier of the Union, having died in 1872. He was born on a farm in the neighborhood of Fredericktown, in Knox county, this state, October 29, 1863, son of Samuel and Harriet (Baxter) Henri, both of whom were born near Bellville, in that same county, both members of old families, the Baxters in particular having been residents there since pioneer days. Samuel Henrie was the owner of a small farm. During the progress of the Civil War he enlisted as a member of Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-first Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with that command until he met a soldier's death, being killed in battle near Chattanooga, Tennessee, when not yet thirty years of age. His widow did not remarry and died in 1872, leaving two sons, the subject of this sketch having a brother, four years the elder, Waldon Henrie, who is now a clerk in a railroad office at St. Louis, Missouri.

In conformance with the dying request of his mother, Charles C. Henrie, then nine years of age, was sent to the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Home at Xenia, following his mother's death, and there he remained until he was sixteen years of age, completing his schooling and being trained to the trade of a tinsmith; receiving instructions there for which he ever has acknowledged a debt of gratitude to that admirable institution. In 1879, he then being sixteen years of age, young Henri received his "honorable discharge" from the state school and returned to Fredericktown, where he became employed in the tinshop of Charles Edwards. Six months later he went to Mansfield and was there employed in the tinshop of Blymyer Brothers for eighteen months, at the end of which time he returned to Xenia and in 1882 became employed in the Flemming tinshop. Two years later that concern was sold to Wolf & Peterson and Mr. Henri continued working for the latter firm until January 1, 1888, when he started in busi-

ness for himself, opening a tinshop of his own in Xenia and engaging in the general sheet-metal and heating business. His first plant was on South Detroit street, but in 1895 he moved his shop and plant to 52 West Main street, where it ever since has been maintained, and there he carried on his business until in April, 1916, when he sold the plant to his son, Clement B. Henrie, and retired from business. Some years ago Mr. Henrie bought and remodeled a dwelling house at 25 West Church street and there he and his wife reside. Since Mr. Henrie's retirement he and his wife have traveled quite a bit and he finds relaxation and enjoyment in keeping up his own with his cronies of the redoubtable quoits team with which he has long been connected. In addition to his long established business connection in West Main street Mr. Henrie has given some attention to other local business enterprises, was one of the charter stockholders of the Shawnee Refrigeration Company of Xenia and was secretary and treasurer of the same until his retirement and resignation from that office in 1916. He is a member of the local camp of the Sons of Veterans, a Mason, a member of the local lodge of the Royal Arcanum and of the Knights of Pythias and he and his wife are members of the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

On December 15, 1884, at Mansfield, this state, Charles C. Henrie was united in marriage to Minnie Johnston, who was born at Mansfield, a daughter of Frank and Almira (Sloan) Johnston, the latter of whom also was born at Mansfield and both of whom are now deceased. Frank Johnston was born at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was but a boy when the scene of his activities was changed to Mansfield. There he married and spent the rest of his life. He was a harness-maker and owned a shop of his own. He died in 1880, at the age of forty-four years, leaving his widow with two children, Mrs. Henrie having had a brother, Frank Johnston, who died in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in February, 1917. The widow Johnston married Henry Martin, of Columbus, Ohio, who is still living in that city. She died on January 22, 1910, at the age of sixty-eight years.

To Charles C. and Minnie (Johnston) Henrie three children have been born, namely: Marguerite, born on October 28, 1885, who married Dr. Ralph John, now living at Baltimore, Maryland, and has one child, a son, Henrie Edgar, born on August 9, 1909; Clement B., September 9, 1887, now owner of his father's old business in West Main street, having bought the same in 1916, and who married Clara Hudson and has two sons, Charles, born on his grandfather Henrie's birthday, October 29, 1907, and Homer Hudson, August 31, 1909; and Harriet, August 2, 1890, who is now (1918) taking the course in the Palmer School of Chiropractic at Davenport, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Henrie are members of the First Presbyterian church at Xenia.

RALPH M. NEELD.

Ralph M. Neeld, undertaker and funeral director at Xenia, is a native son of Greene county and has lived here all his life, a resident of Xenia since he was thirteen years of age. He was born in the village of Spring Valley, December 25, 1881, son of William M. and Margaret E. (St. John) Neeld, both members of old families in this county and the latter of whom is still living, a resident of Xenia since 1893.

William M. Neeld was born in Spring Valley on August 10, 1849, son of Jason M. and Susanna (Allen) Neeld, the latter of whom was born on April 2, 1818, in Spring Valley township, this county, a daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca (Campbell) Allen, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of South Carolina, who were early settlers in the Spring Valley neighborhood. Jason M. Neeld was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, July 7, 1818, and in the fall of 1839 came to Ohio and settled at Spring Valley, where he became engaged at his trade as a shoemaker and where he presently married and established his home, continuing thus engaged in business there for the rest of his life. He was a Democrat and for some time filled the office of township treasurer. He and his wife were the parents of three children, William M., Benjamin F. and Mary E., the latter of whom died at the age of thirty years.

Reared at Spring Valley, William M. Neeld grew up familiar with the details of his father's business and after a while took charge of the shoe shop and after the death of his father continued the business and extended the same by putting in a general stock of boots and shoes and remained in that business at Spring Valley until 1886, when he sold his store and engaged in the undertaking business in the village. In 1893 he moved his establishment to Xenia and engaged in the undertaking business in that city, his establishment being located at 44 West Main street, where he continued in business until his death and where his son, the subject of this sketch, has since carried on the business. William M. Neeld was a Democrat and at one time was the nominee of his party for the office of mayor of Xenia. On the face of the returns his party claimed his election, but the other side secured a recount and he was thus defeated for the office. Mr. Neeld made judicious investments outside of his business and came to be accounted one of the substantial business men of Xenia. He died on September 23, 1916, and his widow is still living in Xenia. She was born, Margaret E. St. John, in Caesarscreek township, this county, in June, 1859, daughter of William and Martha (Smith) St. John, the former of whom was the son of Daniel and Eliza (Bone) St. John, the former of whom was the eldest of the nine children born to John and Rhoda (Wood) St. John, John St. John having been the fourth in order of birth of the ten children born to John and Anna (Lockwood) St. John, who were married in Dutchess county, New York, in



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1780 and who came to Ohio about 1790 and settled in Hamilton county, coming thence in 1803 up into this part of the state and locating in the Ft. Ancient settlement in the neighboring county of Warren. The pioneer John St. John was of French parentage, born in New York, and served as a soldier of the Revolution and as nearly all of his ten children grew to maturity, married and had children of their own, his descendants in the present generation form a numerous connection throughout the country, one of these descendants being former Governor John P. St. John, of Kansas. Mrs. Neeld was orphaned in infancy, her mother having died at her birth and her father having been accidentally drowned not long afterward and she was reared by kinsfolk in this county. To her union with William M. Neeld four children were born, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being Edith, who is teaching in the Xenia public schools; Paul W., who lives at Newark, New Jersey, and is a traveling salesman for a glove house, and Charles S., of Xenia.

As noted above, Ralph M. Neeld was thirteen years of age when his parents moved from Spring Valley to Xenia. Upon leaving the high school in the latter city he took a course in a business college at Dayton and then became engaged as a bookkeeper for the firm of Barnes & Smith, some time later becoming employed as the order clerk for the Hooven & Allison Company, cordage manufacturers at Xenia, and was thus employed for something more than two years, at the end of which time he became engaged with his father in the undertaking business at Xenia and since the death of his father in 1916 has been carrying on the business himself. Mr. Neeld is a graduate embalmer, having taken a course in that line of instruction upon taking up the business in association with his father, and gives special attention to that phase of the business. His establishment is well appointed, equipped with all modern appliances, including a full line of automobiles for funeral occasions. Mr. Neeld is independent in his political views, reserving his right to vote for the best man, irrespective of party.

On April 15, 1909, Ralph M. Neeld was united in marriage to Florence M. Wright, who was born in Xenia, daughter of P. A. Wright and wife, and to this union three children have been born, William A., born on February 19, 1910; Florence Margaret, August 29, 1911, and Dorothy Jane, July 19, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Neeld are members of the Reformed church.

JOHN N. WITHAM.

John N. Witham, a former member of the common council of the city of Xenia, who is engaged in the grocery business at 48 East Main street, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life with the excep-

tion of fifteen years of his boyhood, which were spent in Indiana, to which state his parents had moved when he was but a small child and where they remained until he was eighteen years of age, when they returned to Ohio, where their last days were spent. He was born on a farm in the neighborhood of Withamville, in Clermont county, November 21, 1851, son of Samuel L. and Rachel (Nordyke) Witham, both of whom also were born in Ohio.

Samuel L. Witham was born in Clermont county, son of Nathaniel and Jemima (Lane) Witham, the former of whom came to this country from England about the year 1812 and secured a tract of one thousand acres of land in Clermont county, this state, where he engaged in farming and also started a store, around which center grew up the village of Withamville, so named for him. Nathaniel Witham and wife were the parents of twelve children and the descendants of that pioneer pair in this generation now form a numerous connection. Samuel L. Witham grew to manhood in Clermont county and early became a school teacher, as well as a farmer. In Cincinnati he married Rachel Nordyke, who was born in that city, of Scotch-Irish stock, and who had a brother, Sylvester, and a sister, Caroline. In January, 1852, hardly two months after the birth of their first-born child, the subject of this sketch, Samuel L. Witham and his wife moved to Indianapolis and there made their home for about eighteen years, Mr. Witham being there engaged in school teaching and for some time in the mercantile business, and then returned to Ohio, later becoming residents of Xenia, where their last days were spent. They were the parents of five children, those besides the subject of this sketch being the following: Jemima, widow of Levi Ludlow, who is living on a farm in Clermont county and who has three children, Fred, Ernest and George; Mary, now living in the vicinity of Columbus, Indiana, who married Albert Thomas and has a large family; Grace, a widow, who lives in New York City and who has three children, two sons and a daughter; and Jefferson C., of Xenia, who married Carrie Ridenour, who is now deceased.

As noted above, John N. Witham was eighteen years of age when his parents returned to Ohio from Indiana. He early had learned the blacksmith's trade and continued to work at the same for six years, at the end of which time he took employment with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and after his marriage in 1872 took up his residence in Cincinnati, where he remained until 1884, in which year he moved to Xenia, continuing, however, his employment with the railroad, and was thus engaged there until 1893, in which year he became associated with his father in the grocery business at Xenia. In 1895 his father died and he then continued the business alone until 1907, in which year he returned to Clermont county, the

place of his birth, and there bought a tract of twenty acres of ground and erected a house on the same, expecting to make his permanent home there, but after a residence of two years at that place sold his interests there and returned to Xenia, where, in 1908, he bought the William Harner grocery store at 48 East Main street and has ever since been engaged in business at that number. Mr. Witham is a Democrat and in 1911 was elected to represent the first ward as a member of the city common council and served in that capacity for two years. He is a member of the local lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

In 1872, in Clermont county, this state, John N. Witham was united in marriage to Belle Witham, who also was born in that county, a daughter of Lewis and Parmelia (Anderson) Witham, who were the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters. Though both Mr. and Mrs. Witham were born to the same name they are not related by ties of consanguinity. To this union two children have been born, Lois, who married Edward Kline, now of Portland, Oregon, and has three children, Loverna, Irma and Leona, and Ellen, who married Theron White, of Xenia, and has one child, a son, Donald. Mr. and Mrs. Witham are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Witham has been an office bearer in the same.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER.

William E. Fletcher, proprietor of a saloon in Xenia, was born at Cedarville on August 18, 1872, son of Joseph and Margaret (O'Connell) Fletcher, both of whom were born in Ireland, but who were married in Greene county. Joseph Fletcher was about twenty-four years of age when he came to this country, coming in at the port of New Orleans. Margaret O'Connell came here during the days of her young womanhood to join her brother, who had become a resident of Greene county, and it was here that she met and married Joseph Fletcher. To that union were born five children, those besides the subject of this sketch being John, now deceased, who was engaged in the railroad service; Joseph, a grocer, who was a member of the volunteer fire department in Xenia and who was killed while in the performance of his duties at a fire in 1907; James, who is married and lives in Xenia, and Mary, deceased.

William E. Fletcher completed his schooling in the schools of Xenia and in 1895 was married in that city. Some time later he became engaged in business at the corner of West Main and King streets, in association with his brother-in-law, and two years later, in 1903, went to Dayton, where he remained for about three years, at the end of which time, in 1906, he re-

turned to Xenia, resumed business in that city and has ever since been thus engaged there.

On June 6, 1895, at Xenia, William E. Fletcher was united in marriage to Ellen Comford, of that city, a daughter of Thomas and Anna (Dunn) Comford, Greene county folk, and to this union three children have been born, Virginia, who is at home; Mary, who is now a student in the Jacobson Business College at Dayton, and Louise. The Fletchers are members of St. Bridgid's Catholic church. Mr. Fletcher is a Democrat and by fraternal affiliation is connected with the local aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

REV. GEORGE J. STEINKAMP.

The Rev. George J. Steinkamp, pastor of St. Paul's Catholic church at Yellow Springs and one of the most progressive young clergymen in Greene county, is a native son of Ohio, born at Cincinnati on March 19, 1884, son of Bernard J. and Elizabeth (Ahrens) Steinkamp, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in the city of Cincinnati.

Bernard J. Steinkamp was but thirteen years of age when he came to this country with his parents, the family locating at Cincinnati, where he finished his schooling and presently learned the carpenter trade. He married in Cincinnati and after a while became engaged as a building contractor on his own account, an architect as well as a builder, and several of the finest flats and buildings in Cincinnati were erected under his direction. Bernard J. Steinkamp died in 1889. He was a Catholic, as is his widow, and their children were reared in that faith. There were twelve of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born and all of whom are living save John, Mary and Frank, the others being Joseph, Katherine, Elizabeth, Anna, Mary, Bernard, Rosie and Cecelia.

George J. Steinkamp was reared in Cincinnati and his early schooling was obtained in the parochial schools of that city. He evinced much aptitude for study and was graduated from St. Mary's parochial school when thirteen years of age. Having early devoted himself to the service of the church he then entered the Jesuit College of St. Xavier at Cincinnati and was graduated from that institution in 1904, after which he pursued his philosophical and theological studies at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary and upon completing the course there was ordained to the priesthood in June, 1908, the ceremony of ordination being performed by Archbishop Miller at Cincinnati.

Thus elevated to the holy office of priest, Father Steinkamp was in the following August assigned as assistant pastor of St. Mary's parish at Dayton and at once entered upon the duties of that office, remaining there until



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appointed pastor of St. Paul's parish at Yellow Springs on April 19, 1917. By training and experience Father Steinkamp is admirably qualified for the performance of the duties that have fallen upon him in his new field and since taking charge there has made many friends who welcome his assistance in the general uplift movements of the community. His parish consists of eighty families, comprising three hundred and fifty souls, and all departments of the work being carried on in the same are reported to be in flourishing condition, a general impetus having been given to all the work of the parish since the present earnest young pastor took charge. Father Steinkamp is a close student, not only of books, but of men and affairs; is a fluent and convincing speaker, either in the pulpit or on the forum, and his engaging qualities as a mingler among his fellow men have created in his behalf many warm friendships during the comparatively short time he has been stationed at Yellow Springs.

GEORGE M. STILES.

George M. Stiles, formerly and for years superintendent of the cordage plant of the Hooven-Allison Company at Xenia and now engaged in the coal and general building-supplies business in that city, formerly and for years a member of the city council, is a Hoosier by birth, but has been a resident of Ohio since the days of his early childhood and of Xenia since he was but a lad. He was born in the city of Terre Haute, Indiana, August 31, 1861, son of Aaron and Sarah (Smith) Stiles, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Indiana, and the latter of whom is still living at Xenia, now past seventy-six years of age.

Aaron Stiles was but a boy when he came with his parents from New Jersey to Ohio in the early '30s, the family locating in the neighborhood of Waynesville, in Warren county, where he grew to manhood and where he married Sarah Smith, who was born in Vigo county, Indiana. He later went over into Indiana and for three years was engaged in farming for a kinsman in the vicinity of Terre Haute, in Vigo county, and was living there when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted for service, but was rejected on account of physical disability. He, however, was accepted for the Home Guards and while serving in that capacity helped to repel Morgan's raiders during the time of their invasion of southern Indiana. Finding that life on the farm was not suitable he returned with his family to Ohio and located at Corwin, where he was engaged as station agent for the Little Miami (Pennsylvania) Railroad for six years, at the end of which time he was stationed at Xenia, as night baggage-master for that road at that place and there he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1877, he then

being forty-six years of age. He left five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the eldest, the others being as follows: William, who is now working in a cordage plant at Bradford, Canada; Mary, who married Harvey C. Huppman and died at the age of thirty-three years; Bertha, who married Robert Daughitt and is also now deceased, and Fred, who is employed in the plant of the National Cash Register Company at Dayton. Mrs. Stiles, the mother of these children, later married Andrew McCarty, who is now deceased. She continues to make her home at Xenia, residing at the corner of Second and Mechanic streets with William Stiles. Her parents, Ezra and Sarah Smith, were Quakers and were early settlers in Warren county, whence they had moved over from Clinton county, in which latter county they had lived for a while after coming to this state from Pennsylvania. Though reared a Quaker, Mrs. McCarty has long been a member of the Presbyterian church, with which she became affiliated after taking up her residence in Xenia.

George M. Stiles was three years of age when his parents returned from Indiana and he was about nine years of age when they moved from Corwin to Xenia, his schooling therefore having been completed in the schools of the latter city. When twelve years of age he became a wage earner, starting to work at the Bradley bagging-mill, which then was being operated at the corner of Third and Detroit streets, and was thus engaged for two years, at the end of which time he became employed at the glass works. A year later he took employment at the Rader brick yards and while thus employed helped to make the brick that entered into the addition that was built to the old court house in Xenia. He worked there one summer and then, in the fall of 1875, entered the employ of the company that then was operating the cordage-mill, now under the control of the Hooven-Allison Company, his first work there being as the wheel boy for a hand wheel for spinning. For thirty-seven years Mr. Stiles remained connected with the cordage-mill, working his way up until in 1897 he was made superintendent of the plant, a position he occupied for fifteen years, or until 1912, when he transferred his services to the John T. Bailey Cordage Company at Philadelphia and for two years was superintendent of the plant in that city. He then was engaged by the state of North Dakota to take charge of the cordage plant in the state penitentiary at Bismarck, but conditions there were naturally enough not to his liking and at the end of ten months of such service he returned to Xenia and in July, 1915, bought the coal yard of W. O. Maddox, the oldest coal yard in the city, and has since then been engaged in the general coal business, handling at the same time a general line of building supplies. Mr. Stiles is a Republican and when the city commission form of government was adopted by the people

of Xenia in the summer of 1917 he announced himself as a candidate for the office of city commissioner, but failed of election. He had previously given similar service to the city, having for eight years served as a member of the city council from his ward. For some time he served as a member of the executive committee of the Republican central committee. He is a Mason and an Odd Fellow. In addition to his other interests Mr. Stiles is a member of the board of directors of the Home Building and Savings Company of Xenia.

In September, 1884, George M. Stiles was united in marriage to Rosa Scheibold, who was born in the city of London, county seat of the neighboring county of Madison, but who at the time of her marriage was a resident of Xenia, her parents Charles and Barbara Scheibold having moved from London to Xenia, in which latter city Mr. Scheibold, who was engaged there in the retail meat business, died in 1910. Mrs. Scheibold is still living in Xenia. To Mr. and Mrs. Stiles six children have been born, namely: Harry, who is engaged in the tailoring business at Dayton; Lester, who is engaged in the shoe business at Xenia; Edward, who was killed in a railway accident on May 24, 1915; Paul, who is living at Middletown, this state, where he is engaged as circulation manager for the *Middletown Journal*; Katrina, who is at home with her parents, and Raymond, also at home, who is employed as a clerk in Sayre & Hemphill's drug store. The Stiles reside at 221 Cincinnati avenue. They are members of the First Reformed church and Mr. Stiles was for three years chairman of the congregation and also has served as a member of the official board and as a member of the board of trustees of the church.

WALTER ELMER PRATT.

Walter Elmer Pratt, proprietor of a grocery store and a barber shop in Cincinnati avenue, Xenia, was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Warren in 1869, a son of John and Melissa Pratt, who were the parents of three children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Belle, who married James Kaspersen and is now deceased, and Mrs. Ada Dakin, wife of a farmer in the neighborhood of Waynesville.

Reared on the home farm in Warren county, Walter E. Pratt received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and remained in that county until about 1892, when his parents moved to Greene county. He later went to Dayton, where he was engaged for a time in the factory of the National Cash Register Company. He then returned to this county and became employed at one of the cordage mills in Xenia and continued thus engaged for twelve or thirteen years, at the end of which time he opened

a barber shop on Cincinnati avenue, and thus continued in business there for eleven years, or until 1912, when he added to his establishment a stock of groceries and has since been engaged in both the grocery business and in the barber business at that location.

On March 6, 1895, Walter E. Pratt was united in marriage to Hannah Milburn, who was born in this county, daughter of Jordan and Mary (Shirley) Milburn, both of whom also were born in Greene county and the former of whom is still living, a resident of Xenia. Jordan Milburn and wife were the parents of seven children, those besides Mrs. Pratt being John and Canter, both of whom are married; Trone, unmarried; Clay, a widower; Cliff, who is now living at Portland, Oregon, and Belle, who died in the days of her girlhood. Mr. and Mrs. Pratt have four children, namely: Helen, who married Fred Wilson, of Xenia, and has a son, Charles Frederick; Elmer, who is in high school, and Carl and Pauline, who are also in school. Mr. and Mrs. Pratt are members of the Friends church. Politically, Mr. Pratt is "independent."

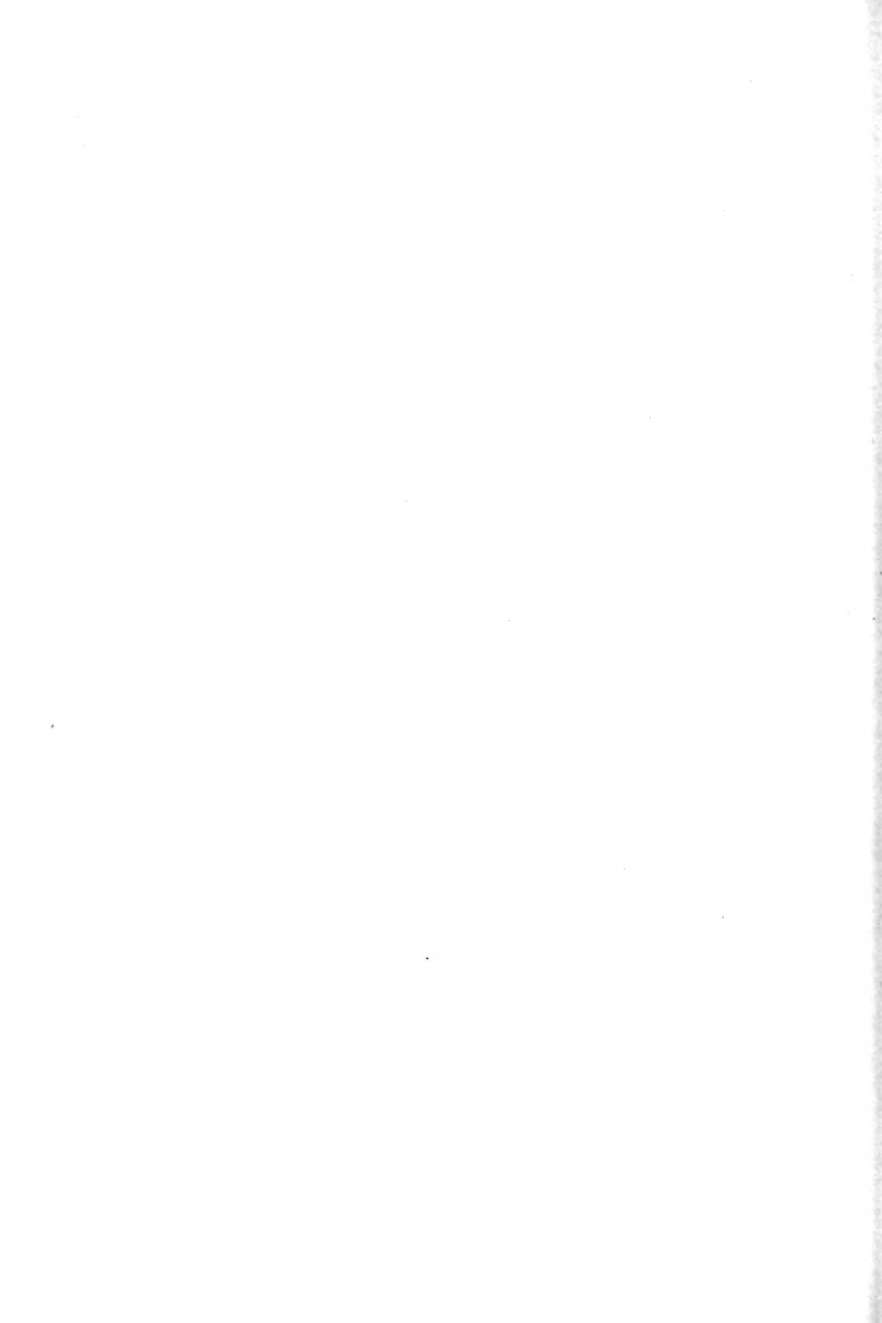
JACOB KANY.

Jacob Kany, president of the school board of the city of Xenia and for many years engaged in the merchant-tailoring business in that city, is of European birth, a native Bavarian, but has been a resident of this country since he was twenty years of age and of Xenia since the year 1883, he having come up here from Cincinnati in that year, the year of his marriage. He was born in the town of Kleinkarlbach, in Rheinisch Bavaria, March 11, 1863, son and only child of Jacob and Barbara Kany, also native Bavarians.

Reared at Kleinkarlbach, the younger Jacob Kany received his schooling in the schools of that town. Not desiring to follow the milling business, in which his father was engaged, he became apprenticed, at the age of fourteen years, to a tailor and after an apprenticeship of three years became a qualified tailor. After working at his trade as a journeyman in his home country for awhile he decided to come to the United States and when twenty years of age arrived in this country and proceeded to Cincinnati, where he had friends. That was in 1883. He secured employment at his trade in Cincinnati and in September of that same year married there a girl whom he had known in his home town and who had not long before come to this country with an uncle, the family locating in Cincinnati. Mr. Kany worked for a month at Cincinnati and then came up to Xenia, where he established his home and where he ever since has made his residence. For five years after his arrival in Xenia Mr. Kany was engaged as a tailor in the shop of Charles H. Oonk. In 1888 he opened an establishment of his own at No. 10



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North Detroit street and has ever since been doing business at that place. He started in a modest way, but the recommendations of pleased customers soon brought him additional business and it was not long until he became recognized as one of the leading tailors in this part of the state. Mr. Kany now employs five tailors and his establishment is well equipped.

Mr. Kany has for the past eighteen years or more served as a member of the Xenia school board, for the past five years president of that body; and has thus helped to oversee the construction of all the new school buildings in the city. Mr. Kany is a Republican and, fraternally, is affiliated with the Masons, the Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the local council, Royal and Select Masters. He is affiliated with the Presbyterian church at Xenia.

It was on September 30, 1883, at Cincinnati, that Jacob Kany was united in marriage to Magdalena Schneider, who also, as noted above, was born in Bavaria, and who had come to this country with an uncle and aunt. Mr. and Mrs. Kany have one child, a son, Arthur S. Kany, who is now living in Dayton, where he owns a store devoted to the sale of automobile parts and accessories. Arthur S. Kany married Mabel Ledbetter, of Xenia, and has two children, Howard and John. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kany live at 665 South Detroit street.

HENRY GROTTENDICK.

Henry Grottendick, who for more than forty years was engaged in the bakery business in Xenia and who is now living retired in that city, where he has made his home continuously since 1869, is a Hanoverian by birth, but has been a resident of this country since he was fourteen years of age. He was born in the village of Altendorf, nine miles east of Neuhaus, in what then was the kingdom of Hanover, but now a Prussian province, January 29, 1851, a son of William and Catherine (Von Felder) Grottendick, also Hanoverians, the former a butcher by trade, who spent all their lives in their native country. William Grottendick and wife were the parents of six children, the subject of this sketch having had five sisters, three of whom also came to America, namely: Catherine, who located in Cincinnati, where her last days were spent, and Mellis and Lena, who are living at Ludlow, Kentucky.

It was in 1865 that Henry Grottendick came to the United States, he then being fourteen years of age. He located at Cincinnati and there learned the baker's trade, four years later, in 1869, moving up to Xenia, where he became engaged as foreman in George Grauer's "Eagle" bakery,

and was thus engaged when Mr. Grauer died in 1877. He continued operating the bakery for Mr. Grauer's widow and when the latter died in 1886 he bought the bakery, meanwhile having married a niece of Mr. Grauer, and continued to conduct the same until his retirement from business in 1913, when he sold the bakery plant and settled down to "take things easy," after a continuous service as baker to the people of Xenia for more than forty years. During that time Mr. Grottendick built up a splendid business and his famous "King" butter-cracker attained a reputation that created for it a demand from coast to coast. For fifteen years during the latter period of Mr. Grottendick's connection with the business his son, George Grottendick, acted as manager of the establishment. Mr. Grottendick and his wife still own the building in which the bakery is situated in East Main street, besides several other bits of realty in the city. In 1914 they erected a new residence at 215 West Second street and are now living there.

In 1879 Henry Grottendick was united in marriage to Judith Brinder, who had been reared in the household of her uncle, George Grauer, at Xenia. To this union four children have been born, William, George, Fannie and Elsie May, all of whom received their schooling in the Xenia schools and the latter of whom is still at home with her parents. William Grottendick is now a traveling representative of the Time Lock and Safe Company of Cincinnati. He married May Fisher and has one child, a daughter, Freda. George Grottendick, who continues as manager of the bakery his father sold in 1913, married Rosa Carroll and has two children, George and Francis. Fannie Grottendick married John Osterly, who is now conducting a restaurant in Colusa county, California, and has two children, William and Judith. Mr. Grottendick is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the local encampment, Patriarchs Militant, and is also affiliated with the local lodge of the Improved Order of Red Men. Mrs. Grottendick and her children are members of the Catholic church.

BERNHARD SCHLESINGER.

Bernhard Schlesinger, for the past thirty-six years or more clerk of the Xenia school board, is of European birth, but has been a resident of this country since he was fourteen years of age and of Xenia since the year 1865. He was born in the town of Koenigswalde, in the province of Brandenburg, November 11, 1846, son of Nathan and Marianne (Fleischer) Schlesinger, who were the parents of five children, the subject of this sketch having had three brothers and one sister. Nathan Schlesinger, who was a horse buyer for the government, died in his native land and his widow mar-

ried Herman Neuman and in 1872 came to the United States with the latter, settling in Madison, Indiana, where both spent their last days. To that union was born one child, a son, Paul Neuman, who later became a clerk in the store of his half-brother, Bernhard Schlesinger, at Xenia.

Bernhard Schlesinger received his early schooling in his native town and remained there until he was fourteen years of age, when he came to the United States and joined his elder brother, Harry Schlesinger, who had become engaged in the manufacture of trunks and handbags at Newark, New Jersey. It was in May, 1860, that Bernhard Schlesinger came to this country and during the progress of the Civil War he was engaged at Newark in the manufacture of knapsacks for the government. In 1865 he came to Ohio and became engaged as a clerk in a clothing store at Springfield, but did not remain there long, coming down to Xenia in May of that year to take charge of a store the Frankels had started in that city, and he was thus engaged until in 1872, when he and William Brady bought the stock of a store that then was located on the present site of the *Gazette* office on Detroit street, and continued in business there, under the firm name of Schlesinger & Brady, until 1885, when they sold out. Mr. Schlesinger then opened a store on the present site of the Howard building on East Main street and continued there in the clothing business until he closed out the business in 1895, since which time he has been engaged in the insurance business at Xenia. Though a Democrat in a Republican town Mr. Schlesinger has been serving, with the exception of four years, as a member of the school board of Xenia for the last thirty-six years or more, or ever since his first election to that office in 1881, and during all this long period of service has been retained as clerk of the board. It was not long after he took up his residence in Xenia that Mr. Schlesinger came under the influence of the companionship of Col. Coates Kinney, who inspired in him a love of learning and a desire to advance the cause of education. Colonel Kinney was able to set the young "foreigner's" feet on the right path in the way of perfecting himself in the use of the English language, which had been presenting numerous difficulties, and in turn young Schlesinger was able to help the Colonel out in the matter of the latter's none too brilliant linguistic performance in the Teutonic tongue. This love of learning Mr. Schlesinger was able to impart to his children, to all of whom he gave the opportunity to acquire a liberal education. At the time of the dedication of the Orange Hill school house in Xenia township Mr. Schlesinger delivered an address on "The History of Education in Greene County," which is said to have been a thorough and comprehensive delivery on that subject. Mr. Schlesinger is a Royal Arch Mason, an Odd Fellow, a Knight of Pythias and a Red Man. He is a charter member of the local lodge of the Knights of

Pythias and has been a delegate to the grand lodge of that order for the state of Ohio. He also has been a delegate to the state grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has been a delegate to the great council of the United States of the Improved Order of Red Men for the past eleven years and has served as the great sachem of that order for the state of Ohio.

In 1873 Bernhard Schlesinger was united in marriage to Kate Feurle, who also is of European birth, born in the town of Bregenz, in the Austrian Tyrol, and who was but a girl when she came to this country with her parents, George and Rosina Feurle, who settled in Xenia, where they presently opened a boarding house and where they spent the remainder of their lives. To Bernhard and Kate (Feurle) Schlesinger have been born five children, namely: Olga, who married E. C. Spittler, a London, Ohio, dry-goods merchant, and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased; Marione, who is a teacher in the high school at Dayton; Hugo, who was graduated from Ohio State University and is now practicing law at Columbus, this state, where he is serving as assistant prosecuting attorney of Franklin county; George F., who was graduated from the civil engineering department of Ohio State University, married Frances Kendall, of Xenia, and is now living at Columbus, a member of the faculty of his *alma mater*, and Arthur Meier, who also was graduated from Ohio State University, later received his master degree from Columbia University at New York City and is now a member of the faculty of Ohio State University, holding there the chair of American history.

JOHN B. LUCAS.

In the memorial annals of Greene county there are few names held in better remembrance than that of the late John B. Lucas, who died at his home on beautiful "Lucas Hill" on the Dayton pike just west of Xenia in 1916 and whose widow is still living there, occupying the substantial old brick house in which Mr. Lucas was born and in which he died and which was erected on that charming site overlooking the delightful valley of the Little Miami by his mother's family nearly one hundred years ago. As the inheritor of large landed interests Mr. Lucas had for years occupied a position of prominence and influence in the community in which all his life was spent and there were few movements having to do with the extension of the best interests of this county that had not profited by some act of promotion on his part. For at least thirty years he was an active member of the Greene County Agricultural Society and was for about twenty-five years the president of that body, relinquishing his service in that connection only



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about five years before his death. For fifteen years he was a member of the old county infirmary board and in other ways gave of his time and energies to the public service. Generous to a fault and ever liberal with the considerable means at his disposal, there were not many calls either of a private or semi-public character that did not find him ready with instant assistance. As an instance of the public-spiritedness of his responses along this line, it may be recalled that it was he who financed the famous old "John B. Lucas Band," a musical organization that reflected much credit on Xenia back in the '70s. An interesting sidelight on the thoughtful kindness that actuated Mr. Lucas's movements may be gleaned from the following paragraph taken from a biographical sketch relating to him published by the *Xenia Gazette* following his death: "For years there was no snow storm which did not bring out Mr. Lucas and his horse and snow plow, and early in the morning workers starting out to their daily toil found the paths cleared for them by this kindly man, whose generous forethought brought him from his country home to help make Xenians comfortable. Many a blessing has been showered upon him by those who, because of his forethought, did not have to wade through snow that often amounted to deep drifts." A small thing, perhaps the reader will say; but indicative of a spirit all too grudgingly manifested in this age. On the large farm inherited by Mr. Lucas from his parents is situated the famous Kil Kare Park, formerly "Lucas Grove," along the river at Trebeins, now operated by the traction company that has a line through the farm.

John Bassett Lucas was born on July 22, 1841, son of Thornton and Mary (Blessing) Lucas, both of whom were born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, the former in 1802 and the latter on June 5, 1797, daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth (Beardsherer) Blessing, who were the parents of four children, those besides Mary having been John, born on December 25, 1793; Elizabeth, February 18, 1806, who remained a spinster, and Jacob. The Blessings had a good property in Virginia, but a growing hatred for the institution of slavery which had fastened itself on the Old Dominion prompted them to seek a new home in a free state and it was decided to move to Ohio. Consequently in 1816 the elder son, John Blessing, then twenty-three years of age and who had served as a soldier of the War of 1812, was provided by his father with a liberal supply of money for investment purposes and was sent West to pick out a place of settlement, his objective point being the valley of the Little Miami in this county, excellent reports of which section had been going back to Virginia. In order to minimize the danger of robbery, in those days a no inconsiderable one, John Blessing traveled as a person of no consequence, carrying with him a quite wonderful musical clock, a sort of a music-box, exhibitions of which along the way invariably

secured for him welcome hospitality and he came through without molestation. Upon his arrival here he bought six hundred acres of land along the east bank of the river two and a half miles west of Xenia and began to prepare there a place for the later coming of the rest of the family. In the meantime his father, Lewis Blessing, was closing out his interests in Virginia and in 1824 came to this county with the other members of the family and settled on the tract that had been selected by his son John, and in that same year began the erection of the brick house which still stands there overlooking the river and which is now occupied by Mrs. Lucas. The year following the arrival of the family here Lewis Blessing and his younger son Jacob died of what then was called "immigrant fever." As an instance of the comparative cost of funerals in those days and now, it may be interesting to note that their funerals were conducted at a cost of eight dollars each. A granite monument in Woodland cemetery marks the last resting place of this pioneer. John Blessing, the "pathfinder" of the family, continued to develop the place on which the family had settled and there spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on December 2, 1864, he then being in the seventy-second year of his age, and he also lies in Woodland. He had retained his uniform as a soldier of the War of 1812 and Mrs. Lucas still possesses the old "Lafayette" chapeau which was the distinguishing feature of that uniform, now a relic of inestimable value.

Thornton Lucas, then just past his majority, came to Ohio with the Blessings in 1824 to assist them in the labors of establishing a new home and he remained on the place, an invaluable aid to John Blessing in getting the tract under cultivation. Some years later Thornton Lucas's brother, Basil Lucas, also came out here from Virginia and established his home in this county. In 1838 Thornton Lucas married Mary Blessing and they continued to make their home on the home place, spending there the rest of their lives, his death occurring on December 4, 1874, and hers, October 31, 1877. Thornton Lucas was reared a Democrat, but upon the outbreak of the Civil War threw in his forces with those of the administration. He and his wife were Baptists. They were the parents of three children, those besides the subject of this memorial sketch having been one who died in infancy and Lewis Morton, who died in 1861 at the age of seventeen years. All these are resting in Woodland cemetery.

John B. Lucas grew up on the farm on which he was born and was early trained in the ways of practical farming. He completed his schooling in a private school and on August 18, 1864, was united in marriage to Alice Quinn, one of Greene county's most accomplished school teachers. After his marriage he established his home on the home place, the general management of which by this time had largely fallen upon his shoulders, and when,

upon the death of his parents ten or twelve years later; he inherited the farm he continued to make his residence there and so remained until his death. Mr. Lucas was a staunch Republican. In addition to his farming interests he also had interests in other lines and was for some time engaged in the lumber business at Xenia in association with his brother-in-law, Elias Quinn, under the firm name of Quinn & Lucas. His lifelong activities in the general affairs of the community have been referred to above, but it is not too much to say that he gave a stimulating touch to all the forms of endeavor with which he thus became connected. After his marriage he became affiliated with the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia, of which his widow has been a member since the days of her girlhood, and was ever after a consistent supporter of the same. To John B. and Alice (Quinn) Lucas one child was born, a son, Thornton, named in honor of his grandfather, who died in 1889 in his twenty-fifth year. In 1913 Mr. Lucas suffered a stroke of paralysis and was thereafter an invalid, for nine months or more before his death being unable to walk without assistance. He died on the night of December 20, 1916, and is buried in Woodland cemetery.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Lucas has continued to make her home at "Lucas Hill," the operations of the farm now being carried on by one of her nephews. Though long past four score years of age, she retains the liveliest interest in current affairs and maintains her church and other associations with much of the zest of other days. During the days of her young womanhood she was for nine or ten years engaged as a teacher in the schools of this county and she has never lost her interest in movements looking to the promotion of the cultural life of the community, in the development of which she has been a helpful participant for more than eighty years, for she was born in this county, a member of one of the real pioneer families, and has lived here all her life. She was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Goes Station on February 16, 1831, daughter of Amos and Jane (Goe) Quinn, both members of pioneer families, whose last days were spent here, the former dying in 1837, after which his widow married George Andrew, of Xenia township, and became the mother of Samuel G. and John C. Andrew.

The Hon. Amos Quinn, who was serving as representative from this district in the Ohio General Assembly at the time of his death in 1837, was the third in order of birth of the nine children born to Matthew and Mary Quinn, who came to this county with their family from Kentucky in 1803, members of the considerable colony of Scotch Seceders which settled here about that time, and further mention of which family is made elsewhere in this work. Amos Quinn was born in Pennsylvania, his father having moved from that state to Kentucky, and was but a lad when he came with

the family to Greene county, the family locating on what is now known as the Routzong farm in Xenia township, where he grew to manhood. His father was a man of superior education and he thus received a degree of schooling much in advance of that common to the time and place and as a young man was for some time engaged in teaching school in this county, older chronicles referring to him in this connection as "a gentleman of genial temperament, not to be crossed by any amount of rebelliousness on the part of his pupils." He early took an active part in public affairs, served for years as justice of the peace in and for his township and was everywhere known throughout the county as "Squire" Quinn. From 1830 to the time of his death he served as sheriff of Greene county and, as noted above, was elected representative to the state Legislature from this district in 1835 and was thus a member of the General Assembly at the time of his death. He was a member of the old Associate church, now the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia, and was buried in the old Associate graveyard in that city. Amos Quinn left a widow and three children, Mrs. Lucas having had a brother, Elias, who died at his home in Xenia on April 15, 1900, and a sister, Sarah, who remained unmarried and who spent her life with her sister, Mrs. Lucas, living to a ripe old age. As noted above, Amos Quinn's widow married again and lived for years afterward. Elias Quinn, who was born on January 8, 1827, served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, going to the front as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Xenia. For many years he was identified with industrial and commercial circles in Xenia as one of the leading lumber dealers of that city, and continued thus successfully engaged until his retirement eight or ten years prior to his death. On April 26, 1859, Elias Quinn was united in marriage to Margaret Andrews, who survived him for more than three years, her death occurring on November 19, 1903. To that union were born four children, namely: Leila, who for years was engaged as a teacher in the Xenia city schools and is now teaching in the Ohio State Soldiers and Sailors Orphans' Home there; Elizabeth, wife of John Cooper, living just west of Xenia; Willa Mary, who died in 1915, and Ralph E., who is engaged in the railway service at Xenia.

Jane Goe Quinn, mother of Mrs. Lucas, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Samuel and Alice (Van Horn) Goe, and was but nine years of age when her parents came with their family to Ohio, floating down the river in flatboats to Walnut Hills, where they stopped and where they remained for two years, at the end of which time, in 1811, they came up here into the valley of the Little Miami and settled on a tract of land where the village of Goes, north of Xenia, later became established. Samuel

Goe was a soldier of the Revolution and he and his wife were members of the old Seceder congregation on Massies creek, both being buried in the Massies-creek cemetery. It was there on that pioneer farm, now the site of Goes Station, that Jane Goe grew to womanhood and it was there in 1826 that she married Amos Quinn. Samuel Goe and wife were the parents of six children, Mrs. Quinn having had four brothers, Isaac, John, Thomas and James, and a sister, Sarah.

AUSTIN McDOWELL PATTERSON, PH. D.

Though born in the ancient city of Damascus, in far-away Syria, Dr. Austin McDowell Patterson has always regarded Xenia as his established home. The son of missionary parents, he was brought by them to their home in Xenia when but an infant and it is here that he continues to prefer to make his home. He was born on May 31, 1876, son and only child of Dr. J. F. and Charlotte Isabella (McDowell) Patterson, both of whom were born in Ohio, the former in Logan county and the latter in Xenia, and who were at that time serving as missionaries in the Syrian field in behalf of the United Presbyterian Board of Missions. Dr. J. F. Patterson was born on May 27, 1842, a son of John and Eliza Ann (Hutchinson) Patterson, who had come to Ohio after their marriage in Chester county, Pennsylvania, and had settled in Logan county, later moving to Warsaw, Indiana, where their last days were spent. Reared in Logan county, J. F. Patterson early turned his attention to the study of medicine and in 1865 was graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, shortly afterward opening an office for the practice of his profession in the village of Clifton, in this county, and was there thus engaged for five years, at the end of which time he entered Xenia Theological Seminary and after a preliminary course there entered Princeton Theological Seminary and from that institution was graduated in 1872 and was ordained to the ministry of the United Presbyterian church, with a view to service in the missionary field. On October 22 of that same year, at Xenia, Doctor Patterson was united in marriage to Charlotte Isabella McDowell, of that city, and straightway after their marriage he and his bride departed for the foreign mission field, in due time entering upon their service in the city of Damascus and were there thus engaged when the subject of this biographical review was born in 1876. The arduous character of Doctor Patterson's labors in the foreign field presently began to undermine his health and in 1877 he returned with his family to Xenia, where his death occurred less than five years later, March 22, 1882. Doctor Patterson's widow survived him for many years, living to render a notable service to the community and to the missionary

cause to which her heart ever continued devoted, her death occurring on October 14, 1909. She was the founder of the *Woman's Missionary Magazine*, now the official missionary organ of the United Presbyterian church in the United States, and for years was engaged in the editorial management of that journal. She also was one of the organizers of the Xenia Library Association, the forerunner of the present Greene County Library Association. Mrs. Patterson was born at Xenia on September 2, 1845, daughter of Capt. Austin and Susan A. (Finney) McDowell, who were married at Xenia on March 22, 1842, and whose last days were spent in that city, the house in which they lived occupying the site of the house in North King street in which their grandson, Dr. Austin McDowell Patterson, now resides.

Capt. Austin McDowell was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, April 27, 1815, a son of William and Charlotte (Finney) McDowell, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter, of the state of Maryland. William McDowell's father, John McDowell, was the owner of a considerable tract of land in the vicinity of the city of Pittsburgh and of an additional tract now covered by the city of McKeesport. Austin McDowell received his early schooling in a log school house in the vicinity of his father's farm and early was apprenticed to a carpenter. After working thus for two years in the country he went to Pittsburgh and there finished his trade in 1836, under the direction of Andrew Millen. For a year thereafter he worked as a journeyman carpenter there, and then in the fall of 1837, came out to Ohio on a visit to his uncle John Finney and wife, at Xenia, and was so favorably impressed with conditions here that he decided to remain. Upon locating here Austin McDowell began working at his trade and one of the first houses he built in Greene county is still standing. That house was built for George Gordon on the farm in the Massies creek neighborhood now owned by Mrs. Julia McGervey. Not long after taking up his residence here Austin McDowell formed a partnership with James Laughead and became engaged as a building contractor, one of that firm's contracts having been the erection of the first Associate Reformed church in Xenia, now the First United Presbyterian church, the edifice which they erected serving until supplanted by the present edifice on East Market street. In 1844 Mr. McDowell was commissioned first lieutenant of the local company of the old Ohio State Militia and was thus serving when the Mexican War broke out. During the progress of that war his command was ordered to the front and was at Cincinnati preparing for further action when the war came to an end, but the experience thus gained was of value when later, during the progress of the Civil War, he earned his title of captain.

On March 22, 1842, at Xenia, Austin McDowell was united in mar-

riage to his cousin, Susan A. Finney, and the two started housekeeping in a small house he had built on East Main street. In 1849 he traded his town property for a farm three miles southeast of Xenia and moved to the farm, where he remained until 1857, when he returned to town and there engaged in the lumber business, in partnership with James McHenry, under the firm name of McHenry & McDowell. It was in that same year that he bought the lot on North King street mentioned above as the site of the present residence of Doctor Patterson, and in the fall of 1858 he built a house there, he and his family entering upon the occupancy of the same in March, 1859, that old house now forming a part of the residence now standing there, the same long ago having been added to and remodeled. In the fall of 1861 when Company D of the Seventy-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was recruited at Xenia, Austin McDowell was elected captain of the same and on December 28, 1861, was commissioned to lead the company in action. On February 24, 1862, Captain McDowell reported with his command at Camp Chase and remained there until ordered to the front on April 20 following. On September 1, 1862, this command was attached to Buell's brigade and Captain McDowell was assigned to recruiting service. While serving in this capacity at Franklin, Kentucky, he was taken prisoner by the enemy and was held at Hartsville, Tennessee, until presently paroled, after which he reported to Governor Wood at Columbus and was granted permission to remain a few days at home, later returning to Columbus, where he remained until he was exchanged, after which he reported to his regiment then doing service in Tennessee. In the meantime an injury which Captain McDowell had received while building a stockade at Franklin in August, 1862, continued to give him growing uneasiness and on February 10, 1863, he was compelled to resign on account of this disability and return home. On December 25, 1863, he was commissioned captain of Company I, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was ordered with that command to guard duty at Johnson's Island, where he was in service until the close of the war.

Upon the completion of his military service Captain McDowell returned to Xenia and resumed his participation in the affairs of the lumber firm with which he was connected. In the spring of 1866 the firm established a branch at Wilmington and Captain McDowell took charge of the same, moving with his family to that city, and there remained until the summer of 1869, when he returned to Xenia and bought his partner's interest in the lumber business. In 1872 the Captain bought the ground now occupied by the McDowell & Torrence Lumber Company at the corner of South Detroit and Third streets and moved his plant there. On March 1, 1873, he sold an interest in the business to Findley D. Torrence and the concern was

thereafter operated under the firm name of McDowell & Torrence, which name the company still bears, though the two principals are now deceased, Doctor Patterson holding the interest in the concern which he inherited from his grandfather, Captain McDowell. Early in life Captain McDowell had become affiliated with the Associate Reformed church, in the faith of which communion he had been reared, and by 1847 had become a trustee of the local congregation at Xenia. After the "union" of 1858 he continued his interest in church work as a member of the First United Presbyterian church. He died on May 31, 1892, and when his will was read it was found that he had made provision for the perpetuation of the interest he had taken in the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home at Xenia by reserving a fund for the creation of an artificial lake in the grounds of the Home and beautiful McDowell Lake is a constant memorial of his interest in the children for whose enjoyment it was created.

Austin McDowell Patterson was but a babe in arms when his parents returned from Damascus, the place of his birth, to Xenia, and he was but six years of age when his father died. He grew up at Xenia and was prepared for college by attendance at Miss McCracken's Preparatory College in that city, after which he entered Princeton University, from which institution he was graduated in 1897 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then entered Johns Hopkins University, specializing there in chemistry from 1897 to 1900, and in the latter year received from that institution his Doctor of Philosophy degree. While in Princeton he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Upon leaving Johns Hopkins in 1900 he accepted the chair of chemistry in Centre College at Danville, Kentucky, and a year later transferred his services to Rose Polytechnic Institute at Terre Haute, Indiana, remaining there as instructor in chemistry for two years, or until 1903, when his services were secured by the G. & C. Merriam Company, publishers of "Webster's New International Dictionary," and for four years thereafter, or until 1907, he was engaged as editor of the department of chemical and allied terms in that work, a service which brought him recognition as one of the few unquestioned authorities on chemistry and kindred subjects in the United States. Upon the completion of this monumental task Doctor Patterson returned home and spent the summer of 1908 at Xenia, where he took part in the preparations then being made for the centennial "home-coming" celebration of that year, rendering service in that connection as chairman of the committee which had in hand the publication of the souvenir edition of a history of Greene county, personally taking many of the photographs that were used in illustrating the book and also acting as editor-in-chief.

In 1909 Doctor Patterson became associate editor of the publication

Chemical Abstracts, a technical journal of the American Chemical Society then published at the University of Illinois, and a year later became editor of the same, at the same time transferring the office of publication to Ohio State University at Columbus, and continued as editor of that publication until 1914. In the meantime, in 1911, he had bought the *Xenia Republican*, a once-a-week newspaper that was being then published at Xenia, and in March, 1912, changed it from a weekly to a daily publication and continued as editor, owner and publisher of the same until 1914, when by reason of ill-health it became necessary for him to discontinue his labors and seek a change of climate. During the period of his labors as editor and publisher of the *Daily Republican*, Doctor Patterson also had been keeping up his technical labors as editor of *Chemical Abstracts* and these two-fold duties, together with his various activities in behalf of certain local political and social-service movements, proved too much for him and he found that he had overtaxed his physical powers. Selling his newspaper to the *Gazette*, the Doctor left Xenia and went to El Paso, Texas, where he remained two years, at the end of which time, physically restored, he returned to his established home at Xenia and has since been living there, chiefly engaged in his continued labors in behalf of the American Chemical Society and in writing on technical subjects, having in February, 1917, published a German-English dictionary of chemical terms which has already gone through its third printing. As secretary of the McDowell-Torrence Lumber Company he is also interested in the general business and industrial affairs of the city. The Doctor is an independent Republican and has rendered service as a member of the local school board and as a member of the city health board. He helped to organize and was the first president of the Greene County Improvement Association and was a member of the charter committee chosen to get under way the movement which resulted in the adoption of a commission form of government by the city of Xenia in the fall of 1917, serving afterward as vice-president of the commission of fifteen which framed the new charter. The Doctor is a fellow of the American Society for the Advancement of Science and is an active member of the honorary scientific fraternity Sigma Xi. At the beginning of the present World War, Doctor Patterson offered his services to the government, and on April 1, 1918, was called to Washington, D. C., to assist in the United States Bureau of Mines as a volunteer non-salaried investigator. He and his wife are members of the First United Presbyterian church at Xenia.

On May 31, 1911, Dr. Austin McDowell Patterson was united in marriage to Anna Elizabeth Bailey, who was born at Cadiz, Ohio, daughter of the Rev. Samuel M. and Luella C. (Stewart) Bailey, the latter of whom is still living, a resident of Xenia. Mrs. Bailey was born on a farm in the

vicinity of Clifton, this county, August 12, 1851, daughter and only child of John and Elizabeth (Elder) Stewart, both of whom were born in the neighboring county of Clark, the former on April 6, 1827, and the latter of whom died in 1853, her little daughter Luella then being but two years of age. The latter was reared by her father's sister, Mrs. Harvey Jobe, and received her schooling in the Xenia schools, being graduated from the high school in that city in 1870, and was living there when in 1878 she was united in marriage to the Rev. Samuel M. Bailey, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, September 18, 1848, son of Matthew and Ann (Smiley) Bailey, both of whom were born in that same county, the latter on June 9, 1812. Matthew Bailey was a farmer and he and his wife, who were married on March 27, 1834, spent their last days in their home county, the former dying in 1878 and the latter, December 11, 1889. Originally members of the Associate Reformed church, they became affiliated with the United Presbyterian church after the "union" and their children were reared in that faith. There were eight of these children, namely: the Rev. John A. Bailey, a minister of the United Presbyterian church, who married Isabella Porter, of Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, held pastoral charges at Sidney, Ohio, and at Sharon, Pennsylvania, and who died at Mt. Jackson, in the latter state; William S. Bailey, former county commissioner of Washington county, Pennsylvania, now deceased; Mrs. Sarah Andrews, a widow, now living at McDonald, in Washington county, Pennsylvania; Alexander Bailey, a retired farmer, now living at Xenia; James P. Bailey, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Margaret, of McDonald, Pennsylvania; the Rev. Samuel M. Bailey, Mrs. Patterson's late father, and M. Carlisle Bailey, a retired farmer, now living in East Market street, Xenia.

Upon completing his preparatory studies at Westminster, Pennsylvania, Samuel M. Bailey began the study of theology and philosophy at Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and later entered the Theological Seminary at Xenia, where he completed his studies and on April 12, 1877, was ordained to the ministry of the United Presbyterian church. The next year he was married at Xenia and thus from the very beginning of his ministerial labors had a competent helpmate in the various fields to which these labors called him, among these various charges having been those at Shilo, Indiana; Cadiz, Ohio; Clifton, Ohio; Buffalo, New York, and other points. After twenty-five years of active ministerial labor Mr. Bailey found his health broken and upon his retirement in 1902 he returned to Xenia, established his home there and there spent his last days: continuing, however, so long as his strength remained, to supply vacancies in pulpits not too remote from his home, his death occurring there on June 2, 1908. To the Rev. Samuel M. Bailey and wife were born two children, Mrs. Patterson having a brother, Hervey

Smiley Bailey, who also was born at Cadiz, this state, and who was graduated from the high school while the family home was established at Buffalo, New York. He then entered Westminster College at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, and afterward took a course in mechanical engineering at Cornell College and was employed as a mechanical engineer by different firms. In January, 1918, he was united in marriage to Harriet Culbert, of Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. They are living on their farm one mile east of Cedarville in this county. Mrs. Patterson, the second child and only daughter of her parents, completed her high-school work at Buffalo, New York, and later entered the Western College for Women at Oxford, Ohio, from which she was graduated in 1906.

JOHN R. PATTERSON.

John R. Patterson, superintendent of the city schools at Xenia, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state nearly all his life, actively engaged in school work since he was eighteen years of age. He was born at Bridgeport, in Belmont county, January 15, 1886, son of John and Laura Belle (Cost) Patterson, both of whom were born in that same county and the latter of whom is still living. He was but a babe in arms when his parents went from Ohio to Kansas and he was about six years of age when they returned to their old home in Belmont county, this state, where he grew to manhood. He received his early schooling in the schools of Bridgeport and at the age of eighteen years began teaching school, for two years being thus engaged in the rural schools in his home county. He then was made a township supervising teacher and after two years of service in that capacity was made principal of the South School at Martins Ferry, Ohio. After two years there he was made superintendent of schools at New Washington, in Crawford county. In the meantime, by attending summer courses, Mr. Patterson had attained junior rank in Wooster University and his teaching abilities having attracted the attention of the university authorities he was made instructor in science in the academic department of the university. By this form of service he was enabled to finance his further progress through the university and he was graduated from that institution, *cum laude*, in 1914, with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy; meanwhile having taught for fifteen hours a week during his senior year. Upon receiving his diploma Mr. Patterson was elected superintendent of schools at Antherst, entering upon the duties of that position in the fall of 1914 and continuing thus engaged until in July, 1916, when he was elected to the position of superintendent of the schools at Xenia, which position he now occupies. Since leaving the university he has taken two summer courses in school adminis-

tration at Columbia University, New York. Mr. Patterson is an able speaker and during his college days was able to supplement the slender fund at his disposal by delivering high-school commencement addresses. He is a member of the Ohio State Teachers Association and of the National Education Association. Politically, he is a Democrat and, fraternally, is affiliated with the Masons and with the Knights of Pythias.

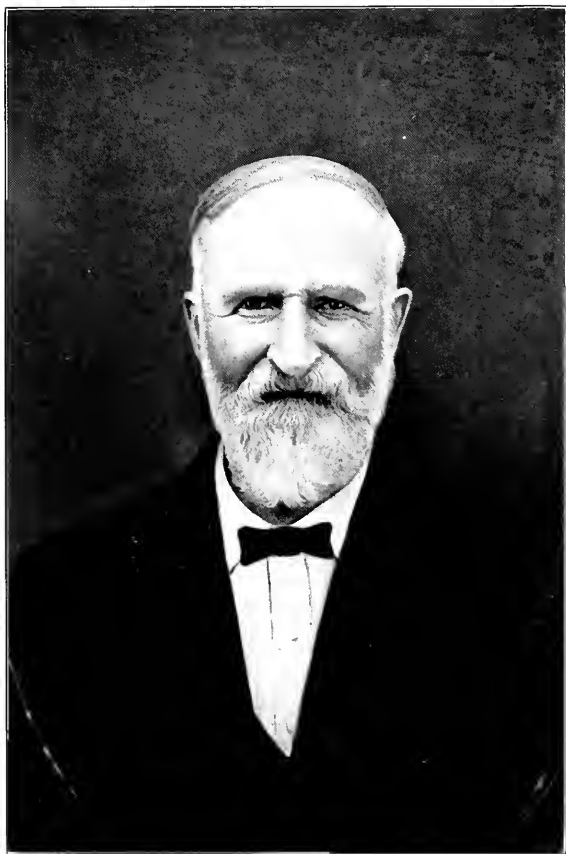
On August 14, 1909, John R. Patterson was united in marriage to Bertha B. Bunker, who was born at Kent, this state, daughter of Richard R. and Josephine (Shannon) Bunker, and to this union has been born one child, a son, James Earl, born on August 15, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson are members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Patterson is a member of the Xenia Business Men's Association.

ROBERT S. JACOBY.

The late Robert S. Jacoby, veteran of the Civil War and for years a well-known farmer and miller, who died at his home in Xenia township in 1910, was a native son of Greene county, born on the farm on which he spent his last days, and where his widow is now making her home, November 22, 1842, son of Matthew Corry and Phoebe A. (Jackson) Jacoby, the latter of whom was a daughter of Gen. Robert Jackson, a cousin of Andrew Jackson, seventh President of the United States, and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work, he having been one of the early and influential settlers of this county, for some time commander of local militia and for a time representative from this district in the state Legislature.

Matthew Corry Jacoby was a native of New York state. Upon coming to Greene county he located on the place on which the widow of his son Robert is now living, in Xenia township, cleared and improved the same, built a mill and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there in 1846. His widow married John Dawson and after the latter's death married a Reed. Her last days were spent in Chicago, where she was making her home with a daughter at the time of her death. By her marriage with Matthew Corry Jacoby she was the mother of three sons, Robert S., Corry and Reuben J., all of whom are now deceased. By her second marriage she was the mother of three daughters, Minerva Alice, who married Wilson Hopkins; Elizabeth Ann, who married Fred Best, of New York, and Catherine, who married W. J. Fleming, of Chicago.

Reared on the home farm in Xenia township, Robert S. Jacoby received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and as a boy was a valued help to his father in the operations of the mill and the home farm. Though but



ALEXANDER TURNBULL.



eighteen years of age when the Civil War broke out he enlisted his services in behalf of the Union cause and went to the front as a member of Company D, Seventy-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served for four years or until the close of the war, being mustered out at Camp Denison in 1865 with the rank of sergeant. He had been offered a captaincy, but had declined. During that term of service Mr. Jacoby participated in many of the great battles of the Civil War, was with Sherman on the march to the sea and did not miss a single day of service, taking part in all the encounters in which his regiment was engaged. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Jacoby returned to the home farm, but presently entered a business college at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and after a course of instruction in that institution was for a time engaged in various business pursuits, for a time being engaged in the grocery business at Xenia, after which he returned to the home farm and lived with his uncle, John Jacoby, taking care of the latter in his old age. He then bought the old Jacoby homestead of two hundred and ten acres, including the old Jacoby mill, and there continued engaged in farming and milling until his death, which occurred on January 11, 1910, although in the later years of his life he had practically retired from active labors, though continuing his general direction of affairs. In addition to his general farming and milling he also had given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and had done very well. Mr. Jacoby was a Republican, a charter member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Yellow Springs and an active member of the Yellow Springs United Presbyterian church, ever taking an earnest interest in political affairs and in the work of his post and church, remaining to the end, as it was written of him, "as true to his duties of citizenship as when he followed the starry banner of the nation upon Southern battle fields."

On December 28, 1871, Robert S. Jacoby was united in marriage to Mary Catherine Humphreys, who also was born in Xenia township and who survived him, continuing to make her home on the farm, her sister, Mrs. Sarah J. Turnbull, widow of Alexander Turnbull, making her home with her. Mrs. Jacoby and Mrs. Turnbull, who are the last surviving members of their family, are daughters of Joseph and Martha (Ferguson) Humphreys, the former of whom was born in New York state and the latter in the Steele Creek settlement in North Carolina, she having been but a girl when her widowed mother came to this county with her family and settled in Xenia township. Joseph Humphreys was but a boy when he came here from New York with his two uncles, Francis and Edward Humphreys, and his unmarried aunt, Nancy Humphreys, the family settling in the northern part of Xenia township, where they developed fine bits of farm property. There Joseph

Humphreys grew to manhood and married Martha Ferguson, the two establishing their home on a farm in Xenia township, where they spent their last days, the former dying at the age of eighty-one years and the latter at the age of sixty-three years. To Joseph and Martha (Ferguson) Humphreys were born six children, of whom Mrs. Turnbull was the first-born and Mrs. Jacoby the fifth in order of birth, the others having been Francis Edward Humphreys, who enlisted for service in behalf of the Union during the Civil War, went to the front as a member of Company D, Seventy-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry; and while serving with that command died of measles at Nashville, Tennessee; the Rev. William Ferguson Humphreys, a minister of the United Presbyterian church, who died at his father's home in Xenia township at the age of thirty years; Elizabeth Ann, who died unmarried, and Martha Josephine, who also died unmarried. Sarah J. Humphreys, first-born of the above children of Joseph Humphreys, was united in marriage in 1861 to Albert G. Barber, who died in 1893. To that union was born one child, a daughter, Fannie, who married H. C. Dean and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased. To H. C. Dean and wife two children were born, the Rev. James Humphreys Dean, who married Myra Logan and is now pastor of the United Presbyterian church at South Argyle, New York, and Mary Catherine, who married William Wilson, of Springfield, this state, and has two daughters, Frances and Martha Jane. In April, 1895, Mrs. Barber married Alexander Turnbull, a veteran of the Civil War, a member of Company D, Twelfth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, who was wounded at the battle of Murfreesboro and who after his military service was over had located on a farm in the vicinity of Cedarville. Alexander Turnbull died on April 6, 1915, since which time Mrs. Turnbull has been making her home with her sister, Mrs. Jacoby. The two sisters continue to take an active interest in the general affairs of the community and in current events. They have been witnesses to many amazing changes in local conditions and in the manner of living since the days of their childhood and can tell many interesting stories of a generation now gone by. Mrs. Jacoby is a member of the Presbyterian church at Yellow Springs and Mrs. Turnbull is a member of the First United Presbyterian church at Xenia, both ladies taking a warm interest in church affairs and in the general good works of the county in which they have lived all their lives, and in which they have many warm friends.

EDWIN C. RADER.

Edwin C. Rader, building contractor at Xenia, was born at 171 Columbus avenue, Xenia, January 12, 1855, son of Adam and Susan V. (McKnight) Rader, the former of whom was a native of the old Keystone

state and the latter of the Old Dominion, who became residents of Greene county in the days of their childhood, their respective parents having been pioneers here, and here spent their last days.

Adam Rader was born in Fredericksburg, Pennsylvania, November 15, 1818, and was but three years of age when his parents came to Ohio in 1821, driving through, and settled on a farm on the lower Bellbrook pike in Beaver creek township, this county, where they established their home and where they spent the rest of their lives. They had five sons, John, David, William, Adam and Levi, the latter of whom is still living, a resident of Xenia. The junior Adam Rader grew up on the paternal farm in Beaver creek township and early became interested in the manufacture of brick, he and one of his brothers presently establishing brick yards in the east end of Xenia, and he continued engaged in the brick business the rest of his life, living at Xenia with the exception of two years spent at Jamestown, where he was engaged in farming. On December 13, 1849, at 171 Columbus avenue, Xenia, Adam Rader was united in marriage to Susan V. McKnight, daughter of Josiah McKnight and wife, who had come here from Virginia about 1830 and had settled in Xenia, where Josiah McKnight became connected with the city's business affairs. In that house Adam Rader and his wife made their home after their marriage and there both died, the latter dying on May 15, 1894. Adam Rader died on January 30, 1907, he then being eighty-nine years of age. He and his wife were members of the German Reformed church and were the parents of six children, namely: Emma, who died at the age of ten years; Edwin C., the subject of this biographical sketch; Henry Willard and Mariella, twins, the former of whom is now living at Dayton and the latter of whom married William Dean, a biographical sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume, and is now living at Columbus, Indiana; Martha, who is still living at Xenia, widow of Dr. H. R. McClelland, and Ada Virginia, wife of Dr. C. F. Oglesbee, of Xenia.

Edwin C. Rader grew up at Xenia, receiving his schooling in the schools of that city, and from the days of his boyhood was instructed by his father in the details of the brick business. Under the direction of his uncles, John, David and William Rader, he also became a skilled bricklayer. He married when twenty-four years of age and for three years thereafter was engaged in the bricklaying business at Jamestown, after which he became engaged in farming in Cedarville township and was thus engaged for five years, at the end of which time he returned to Xenia and there started the general contracting business in which he has ever since been engaged, some of the contracts that have been handled by him having been the office building of the R. A. Kelly Company in West Market street, the new Reformed Presbyterian church, the Greene County Children's Home, the great brick smoke-

stack of the Hooven & Allison plant, the building occupied by the Eavey Wholesale Company, the new consolidated school building at Bowersville, the Cæsarscreek township high-school building, the Arnett building and Mitchell Hall at Wilberforce University, the Reformed Presbyterian church at Cedarville and many other buildings that have been constructed throughout Greene county in recent years. In 1894 Mr. Rader erected the house in which he now lives at the corner of South Columbus and Orient streets and has since resided there.

On January 16, 1879, Edwin C. Rader was united in marriage to Jennie B. Carruthers, who was born on a farm on the Federal pike in Cedarville township, this county, December 25, 1861, daughter of Robert M. and Mary Ann (McQuiston) Carruthers, the former of whom died in 1866. The widow of Robert M. Carruthers survived him for many years and her last days were spent in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rader, at Xenia, her death occurring there in April, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Rader are members of the Reformed church at Xenia, with the congregation of which Mr. Rader has been affiliated since he was nineteen years of age and of the diaconate of which he has been a member for many years. He is a Republican, but has not been an office seeker.

PROF. GEORGE J. GRAHAM.

There are few men in Ohio who have held a longer connection with the schools of this state than has Prof. George J. Graham, who for more than twenty-five and one-half years was principal of the Xenia high school and later superintendent of the Xenia city schools, a position he occupied for more than four and one-half years, or until his resignation to accept his present position as a traveling salesman for the George Dodds & Sons Granite Company. For seven years prior to his entrance upon the duties of principal of the high school at Xenia Professor Graham had occupied the dual position of superintendent of schools and principal of the high school at Waynesville, in the neighboring county of Warren, and prior to that period of service had been for years engaged as a teacher at other points, so that when he resigned his position as superintendent of schools at Xenia in the summer of 1916 he had rendered a service of thirty years in behalf of the Xenia schools and had been actively and continuously engaged in school work for fifty years, a period of service equalled by few, if any, of the educators in the state of Ohio. Professor Graham successfully passed the examination for license to teach school when he was sixteen years of age, began teaching when he was nineteen and in 1886 received a life license as a high-school teacher. He is a member of the Ohio State Teachers Association, the West-



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ern Ohio Superintendents Round Table, the Central Ohio Teachers Association, the Miami Valley Schoolmasters Club and of the department of superintendents of the National Educational Association, and there are few educators in the state who have a wider acquaintance than he.

George J. Graham is a native son of Ohio and has resided in this state all his life save for a few years during the days of his young manhood when he was engaged in teaching in Illinois. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of Plymouth (now known as Bartlett), in Washington county, November 7, 1847, son of Wilson and Sarah (Dickson) Graham, natives of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, who were married in that county and in 1846 came over into Ohio and settled on a farm in the Plymouth (now Bartlett) neighborhood in Washington county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Professor Graham's grandparents on both sides lived and died in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, save grandmother Graham, who late in life made her home with her son Wilson and there spent her last days. Wilson Graham and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their children were reared in that faith. There were five of these children, of whom the Professor was the third in order of birth, the others being Thomas, who died at the age of thirteen years; Dickson, a farmer, of Washington county, who died in 1914; Martha Ann, who married George Goddard and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased, and Margaret, who married William Goddard, a brother of George, and is living at Belpre, in Washington county, this state.

Reared on the home farm, George J. Graham received his early schooling in the neighborhood district school and supplemented the same by attendance at Bartlett Academy. When sixteen years of age he received a certificate to teach school at Marietta, Ohio, but did not begin teaching until he was nineteen, his first examination for license having been merely a tentative step taken to test his scholarship. For two terms Professor Graham taught in his home district and then he went to Sangamon county, Illinois, where he engaged in teaching for four years in the fall and winters, spending the summers on the farm in Ohio, at the end of which time, on account of his father's failing health, he returned home and for two winters again had charge of the home school, and then for three years taught at Plymouth. In 1877 Professor Graham married and later took a course in the National Normal University at Lebanon, this state, and was graduated from that institution in 1879. Upon thus qualifying for high-school work the Professor was employed as principal of the high school and as superintendent of schools in the village of Waynesville, in Warren county, and he held that dual position for seven years, or until 1886, when he was engaged as principal of the Xenia high school and moved to that city, where he ever since has resided.

For twenty-five and one-half years Professor Graham continued to serve as principal of the high school at Xenia and he then was promoted to the position of superintendent of the city schools, a position he occupied for four years and six months, or until in August, 1916, when he resigned to accept the position he is now filling as a salesman for the George Dodds & Sons Granite Company at Xenia. Professor Graham is a member of the Xenia Business Men's Association.

On December 26, 1877, Prof. George J. Graham was united in marriage to Mary Elizabeth Hosom, who also was born in Washington county, this state, daughter of Benjamin A. and Mary Ann (Becket) Hosom, the latter of whom was born in that same county and the former, in Morgan county, this state, and to this union three children have been born, namely: Fern, wife of L. K. Sone, who is engaged in the real-estate business in New York City; Mabel, wife of Silas O. Hale, former county clerk and present deputy auditor of Greene county, and George I. Graham, proprietor of the Aldine Publishing House at Xenia. Professor and Mrs. Graham reside at 131 West Church street. They are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church and the Professor is a member of the board of stewards of the same. He also is a member of the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons.

STEPHEN CALVIN WRIGHT

Stephen Calvin Wright, deputy judge of the Greene county probate court, former editor of the *Cedarville Record*, former postmaster of Cedarville, president of the Cedarville Community Club, a member of the board of trustees of Cedarville College and former head of the normal department of that institution, is a native of the Hoosier state, but has been a resident of Ohio and of Greene county ever since he came to enter Cedarville College in the days of his youth and is thus as well known hereabout as though "native and to the manner born." He was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of the village of Idaville, in White county, Indiana, February 22, 1873, son of John B. and Agnes Isabel (Bailey) Wright, both of whom were born in that same county, members of pioneer families in the Idaville neighborhood, and the former of whom is still living.

John B. Wright, a retired farmer and banker, now living at Idaville, where he has made his home ever since retiring from the farm years ago, was born in 1847, son of Stephen P. and Elizabeth (Billingsley), Wright, who were pioneers of the Idaville neighborhood, and all his life has been spent there. He married Agnes Isabel Bailey, who also was born in that community, daughter of Thomas and Agnes (Morrison) Bailey, early settlers thereabout, and after his marriage established his home on a farm

nearby the village. Not long after his election to the office of trustee of his home township he retired from the farm and moved to Idaville, where he since has made his home. For two terms he served as township trustee and meantime founded the Idaville State Bank, of which he still is president. He is the owner of two hundred acres of land in his home farm and owns besides another farm and has other property interests. Mrs. Wright died in July, 1916, she then being seventy years and seven days of age. She was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church, as is her husband, and their children were reared in that faith. There were seven of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being the following: Luella, unmarried, who continues to make her home with her father at Idaville; Mary Elsie, wife of Elliot Crowell, of Idaville; Glenson, who is now engaged in farming in the neighborhood of Creston, Nebraska; Oda May, who died on October 6, 1906, the year following her marriage to Harvey Downs, of Idaville; Laura Belle, wife of Prof. F. D. Francis, superintendent of schools at Gilman, Iowa, and who is her husband's assistant in that office, and Fannie, who died at the age of fourteen years.

Reared on the home farm, Stephen Calvin Wright, who is better known to the friends of his boyhood as "Cal" Wright, received his early schooling in the Idaville schools and supplemented the same by a course of preparatory work at Wabash College at Crawfordsville, Indiana, after which he entered Cedarville College, from which institution he was graduated in 1903, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In the meantime Mr. Wright had married and upon leaving college he decided to establish his home at Cedarville, a decision he never has had cause to regret. Seeking an outlet for his energies he turned to the "fourth estate" and in that same year, 1903, started the *Cedarville Record*, continuing as editor and publisher of that newspaper until he sold it in 1911 in order to devote his whole time to the duties incumbent upon the postmaster of Cedarville, he having received the appointment to that office in 1910. Upon the completion of his term of service as postmaster in 1914 Mr. Wright was elected financial secretary of Cedarville College and has ever since been officially connected with his *alma mater*. It was in that year that the normal department of the college was created, under the provisions of the new law, and upon the establishment of that department Mr. Wright was made head of the same, continuing to serve in that capacity until his resignation in August, 1917, to accept the appointment as deputy probate judge of Greene county, under Judge Marshall, which position he now occupies, continuing, however, to make his home at Cedarville. Mr. Wright is a Republican, as is his father. He is a member of the board of trustees of Cedarville College and for ten years also rendered service as a member of the local school board at Cedarville. He also served for years as clerk of the

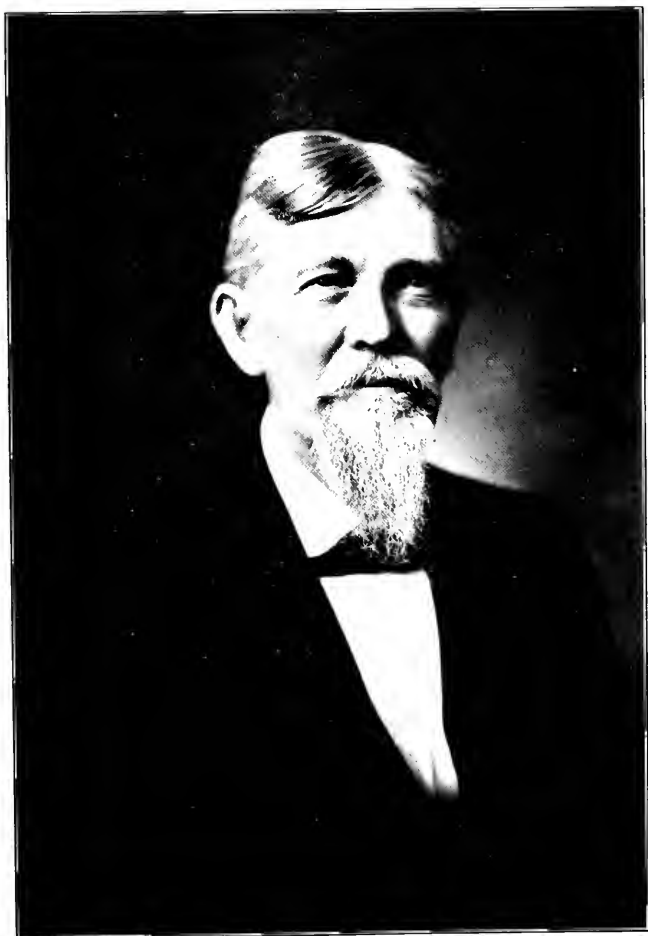
village. For the past two years or more Mr. Wright has been the president of the Cedarville Community Club, an association of one hundred and twenty of the business men and farmers of Cedarville and vicinity, formerly known as the Cedarville Board of Trade.

On October 26, 1896, at Idaville, Indiana, Stephen Calvin Wright was united in marriage to Eva Emma Johnsonbaugh, who also was born in the vicinity of that village, daughter of John and Nancy (Marvin) Johnsonbaugh, both members of pioneer families thereabout, and to this union have been born four children, namely: Naomi I., who was graduated from Cedarville College in 1917; John Calvin, who in December, 1917, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and is now in service; Harry D., who is now a student at Cedarville College, and Marjorie, who is attending high school at Cedarville. The Wrights are members of the Reformed Presbyterian church at Cedarville.

JAMES PARKER CHEW.

James Parker Chew, senior member of the Chew Publishing Company and editor of the *Xenia Daily Gazette and Republican*, is probably the oldest newspaper editor in point of service in the state of Ohio, having owned and edited a newspaper for more than sixty-five years, continuously thus engaged in Xenia since 1877, his previous experience in the newspaper field having been gained in Pennsylvania and in Indiana. He was born in York county, Pennsylvania, April 10, 1832; received a common-school education at Carlisle that state, and learned the trade of printer in the office of the *Carlisle Herald*. In 1851 he came West and in 1852, six months before he had attained his majority, he bought the *Lawrenceburg (Indiana) Press*. For twenty-five years Mr. Chew continued to make his home at Lawrenceburg and during all that period continued as publisher and editor of the *Press*. During the most of this period he also carried on other business of one kind and another and for seven years was deputy collector of internal revenue for the Lawrenceburg district.

On November 1, 1877, Mr. Chew bought the *Xenia Gazette*, then a weekly newspaper. On November 27, 1881, he established the daily edition of the *Gazette* and changed the weekly into a semi-weekly publication. In August, 1888, he bought the *Xenia Torchlight* and consolidated that paper with the *Gazette*. A further consolidation of the newspaper interests of Xenia was made in 1915, when the *Gazette* absorbed the *Republican* and both are now published by the Chew Publishing Company, of which Mr. Chew is the senior member. Although now past eighty-five years of age, the venerable editor spends a part



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of each day at his desk in the *Gazette* office and retains an active interest in the affairs of the company.

James Parker Chew has been twice married. On November 23, 1853, at Lawrenceburg, Indiana, he was united in marriage to Harriet Louisa Brown, of that city, and to that union were born three children, W. B. Chew, who for years has been associated with his father in the publishing business and whose son, J. A. Chew, is now general manager of the Chew papers, three generations of the family thus serving actively on the staff of the publications; Mrs. J. O. McCormick and Mrs. W. E. Hopton, of Syracuse, New York. The mother of these children died on December 5, 1900. In 1902, Mr. Chew married Mrs. Sarah McGervey Meyers.

DAVID WALTER FERGUSON.

David Walter Ferguson, proprietor of a farm on the Oldtown-Clifton pike in Xenia township, six miles northeast of the city of Xenia, on rural mail route No. 5 out of that city, was born on that farm and has lived there all his life. He is a son of Isaac Alexander and Lydia M. (Kyle) Ferguson, both of whom were born in that same township, members of pioneer families, and the latter of whom is still living, now making her home in Xenia.

Isaac Alexander Ferguson was born on June 4, 1841, son of William and Nancy (Lackey) Ferguson, the former a native of the Old Dominion and the latter of the state of South Carolina, who had come here with their respective parents in the days of their youth and were married here. William Ferguson was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, grew to manhood in Greene county and after his marriage settled on a farm in Xenia township. He and his wife were members of the old Massies Creek Seceder church and later of the United Presbyterian church at Clifton, in which he was for years an elder, and their children were reared in that faith. There were four of these children, of whom Isaac A. was the first-born, the others being William, who is now living at Yellow Springs; Elvira, now living with her brother Albert on the old home farm in Xenia township, and Albert, who married Etta Barnett and is still living on the old home place.

Reared on the farm, Isaac A. Ferguson became a practical farmer and upon starting out for himself bought the old Moses Collins farm of ninety acres in Xenia township. To this he gradually added until he became the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land. He was a Republican, held at one time and another various township offices and for years served as a member of the school board. He and his family were members of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia. On October 20, 1864, Isaac

A. Ferguson was united in marriage to Lydia M. Kyle, who was born in that same township, daughter of David M. and Eleanor (Collins) Kyle, the former of whom also was born in this county and the latter in the state of Pennsylvania. David M. Kyle, a member of the pioneer Kyle family of this county, had a farm on the lower Bellbrook pike. He was a Republican and he and his family were members of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia. He and his wife were the parents of six children, namely: Ruth, who married James Collins and is now deceased; Lydia M., widow of the late Isaac A. Ferguson; Elizabeth, who is now living in Iowa, widow of the late Samuel Raney; Mary, wife of James Bratton, of Xenia; William, who lives in Montana, and Samuel, who also is living in Montana. To Isaac A. and Lydia M. (Kyle) Ferguson were born five children, of whom the subject of this biographical sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being Jesse, wife of Charles Turnbull, of Cedarville township, this county; William Neal Ferguson, now living at Albuquerque, New Mexico; Lillian, wife of Dr. Delos Heague, of Springfield, this state, and Prof. James Fulton Ferguson, now an instructor in Bryn Mawr College at Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Isaac A. Ferguson died on August 28, 1911, and his widow, as noted above, is now living at Xenia.

David W. Ferguson was reared on the home farm and received his early schooling in the schools of his home neighborhood. He supplemented the same by attendance at the Xenia high school and at Antioch College, after which he resumed his place on the home farm and for some years before his marriage was in practical charge of his father's farming interests. After his marriage in 1894 he bought a tract of one hundred and forty-nine acres of his father's land, the tract including the old home place, and there established his home. He has since then remodeled the house, the improvements including the installation of electric-lighting equipment, and has also made other improvements on the farm. For years Mr. Ferguson has given considerable attention to the raising of pure-bred Angus cattle and for six years was a successful exhibitor at county fairs. He now has a herd of thirty and sells quite a few for stock purposes. He is a member of the National Angus Breeders Association. By political persuasion he is a Republican.

On August 23, 1894, David W. Ferguson was united in marriage to Julia A. Anderson, who was born in Miami township, this county, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Tindall) Anderson, and to this union have been born three sons, Lawrence, born in 1896, who is now (1918) a senior in Muskingum College; Warren, 1898, a sophomore in that institution, and Bruce, 1904. The Fergusons are members of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia and Mr. Ferguson is a member of the session of the same, having been elected a ruling elder several years ago.

CHARLES F. TAYLOR.

Charles F. Taylor, proprietor of "The Arcade" cigar store and billiard parlor at 28 South Detroit street, Xenia, was born on a farm in Silvercreek township, this county, December 26, 1876, son of O. C. and Lucinda (McConnell) Taylor, both of whom also were born in this county and the former of whom is still living.

O. C. Taylor, a veteran of the Civil War, now living retired at Jamestown, this county, grew up on a farm in Greene county and in due time became a farmer on his own account. He served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War and upon the completion of his military service resumed his agricultural vocation in this county, presently going to Iowa, where he spent three years, but after his marriage established his home in this county. During the latter '70s he moved with his family down into the neighboring county of Clinton and there remained for seven years, at the end of which time he returned to Greene county and here continued engaged in farming until his retirement and removal to Jamestown, where he is now living. His wife died on October 14, 1908. He and his wife were the parents of three children, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Elma, who is living with her father in Jamestown, and Rosa, who married Thomas A. Spahr, also of Jamestown, and has two children, Oakie and Goldie.

Charles F. Taylor was seven years of age when his parents returned from Clinton county to this county and he grew up on the home farm in Silvercreek township, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools. He married in the fall of 1896 and in 1900 moved to Xenia, where he was for eighteen months engaged in the employ of the Rapid Transit Company. He then became engaged in the insurance and real-estate business in that city and was thus engaged there for eight years, at the end of which time he sold the business he had established and returned to the farm. Three years later he definitely gave up farming and returned to Xenia, where, in association with his brother-in-law, Roy Hayward, he bought the cigar store and billiard room known as "The Arcade," at 28 South Detroit street, and has ever since been engaged in business at that point. Following the appointment of Mr. Hayward to the office of city auditor in the fall of 1917 Mr. Taylor bought his brother-in-law's interest in the business and has since been operating it alone.

On October 21, 1896, at Xenia, Charles F. Taylor was united in marriage to Hannah Conklin, daughter of H. H. and Mary J. (Hook) Conklin, the former of whom is still living, a resident of Xenia. H. H. Conklin and wife were the parents of five children, Mrs. Taylor having a brother, Clyde Conklin, who married Grace Ireland, and is living at Xenia, and three sisters, Cora, wife of J. A. Bales, of Xenia; Laura, wife of D. E. Adsit, of James-

town, and Harriet, wife of Roy C. Hayward, Mr. Taylor's former business partner, who was appointed city auditor at the first meeting held by the city commission in Xenia under the operation of the new city charter of 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are members of the Baptist church. They have one child, a son, Willard, born on May 27, 1902, who is now (1918) a sophomore in the Xenia high school. Mr. Taylor is a Republican. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and with the local camp of the Sons of Veterans.

J. A. CHEW.

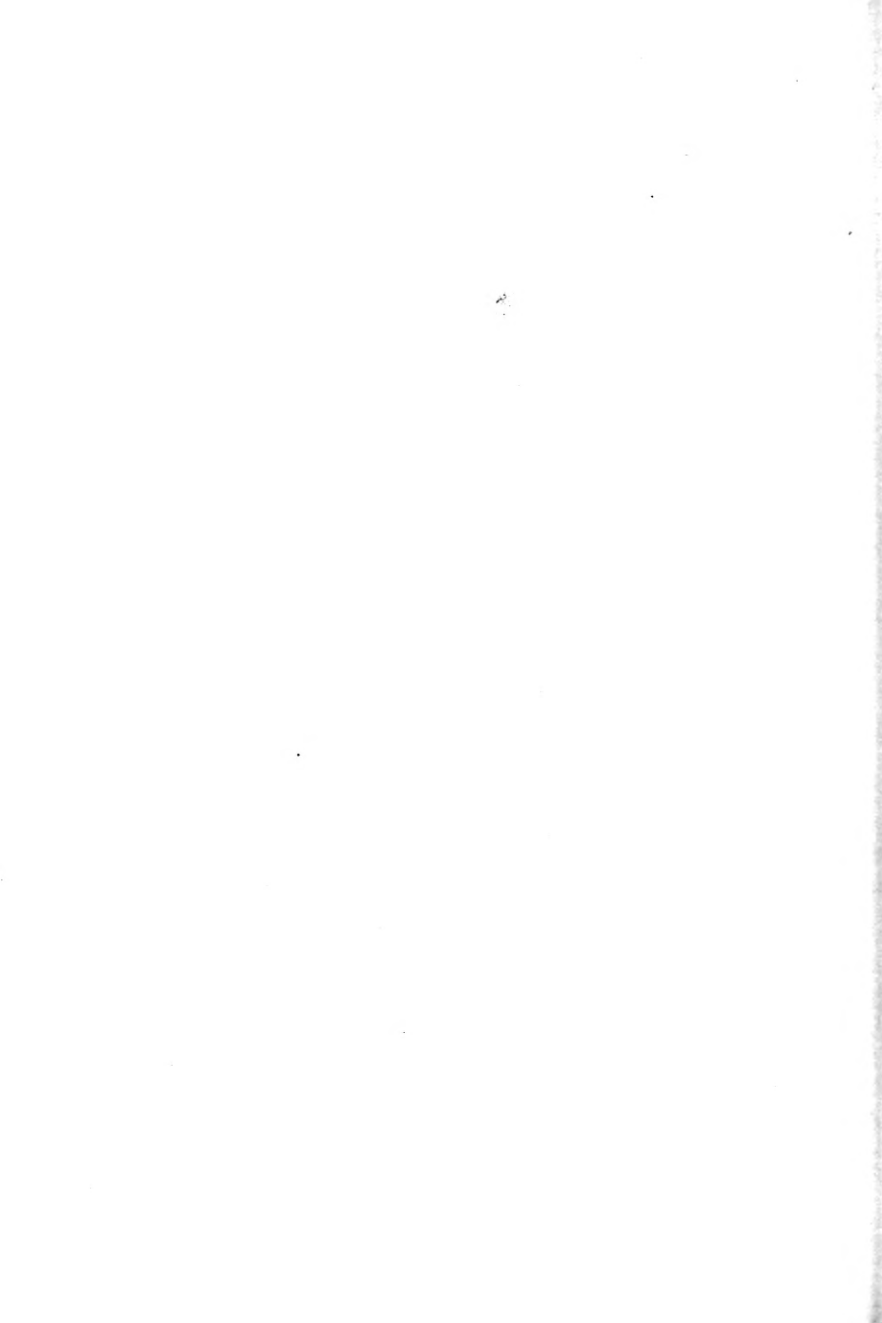
J. A. Chew, general manager of The Chew Publishing Company of Xenia, publishers of the *Evening Daily Gazette* and the *Morning Daily Republican*, was born at Xenia on July 10, 1882, son of William Brown and Anna V. (McBurney) Chew, both of whom are still living at Xenia, where for many years William Brown Chew has been associated with his father, the venerable James Parker Chew, in the newspaper and publishing business, both members of the Chew Publishing Company, further reference to which and to the growth and development of the *Xenia Gazette* is set out in a biographical sketch relating to the elder Chew presented elsewhere in this volume.

Reared at Xenia, J. A. Chew received his schooling in the schools of that city and in the Ohio Military Institute at Cincinnati, after which he began work for his father in the job-printing and publishing business, consolidated under the firm name of The Aldine Publishing House. In 1906 he became a partner of his father in the business, and successfully managed the affairs of the company until 1912, when he assumed the general managership of the *Daily Gazette*. In August, 1915, Mr. Chew organized the Chew Publishing Company with seventy thousand dollars capital and purchased both the *Daily Gazette* and the opposition paper, the *Daily Republican*, both of which are published separately by this company under the titles of the *Evening Gazette* and the *Morning Republican*. Mr. Chew is president and treasurer of the company. His venerable grandfather continues as editor of both papers.

On October 26, 1904, J. A. Chew was united in marriage to Jessie R. Baker, who also was born at Xenia, daughter of W. R. Baker, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to this union two children have been born, Florence B., born on May 19, 1907, and Anna Katherine, April 22, 1915.



J. A. CHEW.



HARRY E. RICE.

Harry E. Rice, editor and publisher of the *Xenia Herald and Democrat-News* and for more than two years postmaster at Xenia, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born in the village of South Vienna, in the neighboring county of Clark, January 20, 1869, son of James S. and Angie (Busbey) Rice, both of whom are still living at South Vienna, the former now being past seventy-eight years of age and the latter, past seventy-three.

James S. Rice, who is a veteran of the Civil War, also was born in Clark county, a member of one of the pioneer families of this part of the state, and was living there when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted in behalf of the Union cause and went to the front as a member of the Eleventh Ohio Cavalry in which he rose to the rank of lieutenant. During the greater portion of this period of service he was stationed with his command at Ft. Laramie, Wyoming, and while there had many brushes and engagements with the Indians. Upon the completion of his military service he returned to his home in Clark county and became engaged in the milling business at South Vienna and was thus engaged at that place until his retirement from active labors. Mr. Rice also is the owner of a fine farm lying adjacent to South Vienna. He is a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic. His parents, Asahel and Orassa (Sprague) Rice, were New Englanders who came to Ohio and located in Clark county, settling six miles east of Springfield. Asahel Rice was a building contractor and many of the fine old brick houses which still stand in Clark county were erected by him. He had a country place east of Springfield. To James S. Rice and wife were born two sons, the subject of this sketch having had a brother, Charles S., who died in childhood, and one daughter, Mrs. Carlton Henry, of Plattsburg, Ohio.

Mrs. Rice, mother of Postmaster Rice, is a member of the noted Busbey family of Clark county, eighth in order of birth of the eleven children born to Thomas C. and Ann (Botkin) Busbey, who came to Ohio from New England and located at South Vienna, in Clark county, where for years Thomas C. Busbey was engaged in teaching school. He and his wife also for some time conducted a hotel at South Vienna. Two of the eleven children born to him and his wife died in youth and eight of the surviving children followed their father's footsteps and made their start in life by teaching school. Of the five sons who lived all became journalists. The eldest of these sons, the late William H. Busbey, taught school for a while and began his journalistic career as a reporter on the *Ohio State Journal* at Columbus, in 1865. From there he went to Toledo and after some further

newspaper experience in that city went to Chicago, where he became engaged as an editorial writer for the *Inter Ocean*, later becoming managing editor of that paper and later editor-in-chief, serving with the *Inter Ocean* until his death, a period of service covering thirty-five years. The next son, Hamilton Busbey, served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War and after receiving his discharge from the army began working in the editorial department of the *Louisville Courier*, and while there became thoroughly qualified as a writer on matters relating to horses and the turf in general, later going to New York City, where he became a part owner and publisher of *Turf, Field and Farm*. During this period of his editorial activities Hamilton Busbey wrote a number of books and came to be recognized as an authority on the light-harness horse. Hamilton Busbey married a daughter of Governor Robinson, war governor of Kentucky, and at the time of the funeral of Abraham Lincoln he represented Kentucky in that solemn cortege. The next son, L. White Busbey, now an editorial writer on the *Washington Herald*, is best known throughout the country as the private secretary to "Uncle Joe" Cannon during the latter's incumbency as speaker of the national House of Representatives and as House parliamentarian during that incumbency. He began his career as a journalist on the *Chicago Inter Ocean*, later was made that paper's correspondent at Washington and while thus engaged became employed as Congressman Cannon's secretary, after which term of service he resumed newspaper work at the capital and has since been thus engaged there. Charles Sumner Busbey, the next son, also went to Chicago and was for years there engaged as associate editor of the *Railway Review*. He is now a member of the board of local improvements of that city, with headquarters in the city hall. The Hon. Thomas Addison Busbey, present senator from the eleventh Ohio senatorial district and now living retired at South Vienna after twenty-five years of continuous connection with the *Railway Age* at Chicago, went to Chicago in the spring of 1883 and there secured employment on the editorial staff of the *Railway Age*. He gradually advanced until he became the managing editor of the journal, becoming recognized throughout the country as an authority on subjects relating to transportation, legislation affecting the same and labor questions. Daniel Webster Busbey, the sixth son of this family, went to the front as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War and died at Nashville, Tennessee, while acting as provost marshal of that city. Henry Clay Busbey, the next son, died in infancy. The eldest daughter of the Busbey family is Mr. Rice's mother. The next daughter, Mrs. Lou M. Neer, is deceased; Mrs. Theodore Postle is living at Columbus, this state, and Miss Hattie Busbey is living at the old home.

Harry E. Rice was reared in a "bookish" atmosphere and the schooling

received in the South Vienna schools was supplemented by the instructions he received at home. As a boy he took part in the local literary societies and debating contests carried on in connection with the village school and when fourteen years of age successfully passed the examination entitling him to a license to teach school, but he was so small the school trustee would not hire him. For three years he worked about his father's saw-mill and then, stimulated by the course his uncles had taken, decided to "break into the newspaper game." With this end in view he secured a position on the *Springfield Republic*, three months later going from that paper to the *Springfield Daily Gazette* and thence, after a while, to the *Champion City Times* and was connected with the latter paper when the *Springfield Daily Democrat* was launched in 1888. He accepted a position as a reporter on the new paper and gradually advanced his connection with that paper, becoming successively city editor, managing editor and then owner of the paper, and continued its publication until he sold the same in 1905 to James M. Cox, now governor of the state of Ohio. During his connection with the *Democrat* Mr. Rice organized and for some time operated the Rice News Bureau. He was for years a member of the Clark county Democratic executive committee and while at Springfield also served for six years as a member of the city board of health. During his residence at South Vienna he served for some time as captain of Harry Whittaker Camp of the Sons of Veterans and was also captain of a military company organized by that camp.

In 1906, not long after he sold the *Springfield Democrat*, Mr. Rice bought the *Xenia Herald and Democrat-News*, a once-a-week paper of general circulation throughout the sixth congressional district, and has ever since been directing the destinies of that newspaper, the *Herald's* editorial columns maintaining the principles of the Democratic party. During the first Wilson administration it was generally understood in informed political circles that Mr. Rice was "slated" for appointment to the post of United States minister to Portugal, but President Wilson had another appointee in mind and the Xenia editor's friends were disappointed in their expectations regarding Mr. Rice's reward for his long and unselfish labors in behalf of the party. A measure of reward came later, however, for on January 12, 1916, Mr. Rice received his commission as postmaster at Xenia and he has since occupied that position. Besides being a writer of forceful newspaper English, Mr. Rice has written considerable along more enduring lines, his notable book, "Eve and the Evangelist," published in 1908, having attracted wide attention and extensive newspaper comment. Mr. Rice also is possessed of a fine artistic taste and in other days did considerable toward developing his marked artistic talents, some of the oil paintings of bits of familiar scenery executed by him during the days of his boyhood displaying a promise of

ability along that line which his friends regret he did not further cultivate. When fourteen years of age he delighted his family and friends by writing frequent bits of poetry and numerous short stories came from his ready pen in the days of his young manhood. He has an unpublished novel which his friends would like to see come out some day. In 1902 Mr. Rice undertook the ambitious project of writing a book under the title of "World Peace," in which he sought to set out the expressions of every ruler in the world along that line, but inquiries to that end failed to elicit any response from either the kaiser or the czar and he perforce was compelled to abandon the undertaking. In addition to his newspaper and other interests Mr. Rice is vice-president of the Springfield Theater Company, proprietors of the Columbia Theater at Springfield. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On June 10, 1895, Harry E. Rice was united in marriage to May King, who was born at Plymouth, this state, daughter of David B. and Nora (Hoffman) King, the former of whom, a Scottish Rite Mason, is still living, proprietor of a general store at Plymouth, and to this union three sons have been born, namely: Robert K., a former midshipman in the United States navy and now a quartermaster in the Naval Reserves; Harry E., Jr., who after his graduation from the Springfield high school spent a year in Wittenberg College and in June, 1917, entered the United States Naval Academy as the "middy" appointee from this district, and David Busbey, who is a student in the Springfield high school. Mrs. Rice was graduated from Harcourt Place at Gambier, this state, and completed her schooling in Germany, where she took art and languages.

MARY H. BANKERD.

Miss Mary H. Bankerd, superintendent of the Greene County Children's Home and one of the best authorities on eleemosynary work in this part of Ohio, was born in this county, has lived here all her life and is thus thoroughly familiar with conditions hereabout, particularly in so far as these conditions relate to the noble humanitarian labors in which she has been engaged for years, her service in that connection having been begun during the time her late father was serving as superintendent of the county infirmary. Miss Bankerd was born at Xenia, daughter of Henry C. and Catherine (Manor) Bankerd, the latter of whom, a member of one of Greene county's old families, is still living.

The late Henry C. Bankerd, a veteran of the Civil War and for many years one of Greene county's best-known and most useful citizens, was a native of Maryland, born in the city of Baltimore on September 17, 1846, son of



HENRY C. BANKERD.



Peter and Hannah (Greiner) Bankerd, the former of whom was born in Morgan county, Virginia, in 1816, and the latter in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1818. Peter Bankerd was a glass blower, and his son, Henry C., was trained in the same art. When the latter was but a boy the Bankerds moved from Baltimore to Lenox, Massachusetts, and there remained until 1863, when the elder Bankerd disposed of his interests in the East and came with his family to Ohio, buying a farm one mile northwest of Xenia with the expectation of turning his attention permanently to farming, but a year later he returned to Lenox, where he resumed his vocation as a glass blower and where he remained until 1866, in which year he accepted the position of manager of the DePauw glass works at New Albany, Indiana, and removed to that city. A year later, however, he returned to Xenia and re-established his home on his farm in the vicinity of that city and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, both living to ripe old age. Peter Bankerd and wife were the parents of four children, the late Henry C. Bankerd having had three sisters, Margaret, who married D. S. Heath and is now living in Missouri; Mary, wife of John C. Andrew of Xenia, and Georgia, wife of Joseph S. Wade, of Xenia township.

Having been but a child when his parents moved from Baltimore to Lenox, Henry C. Bankerd received his schooling in the latter city and under the direction of his father became a skilled glass blower. He was not yet seventeen years of age when he came with his parents to Greene county in 1863, but in the following February, he then still being under eighteen years of age, he enlisted for service as a soldier of the Union and went to the front as a member of Company D, One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served, principally engaged in garrison duty in towns taken by the Union forces in Georgia, until the termination of his term of enlistment and was mustered out of service at Nashville, Tennessee, in February, 1865. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Bankerd rejoined his parents in Lenox and with them presently moved to New Albany, Indiana, where he was engaged in the glass works until the family returned to this county, when he became associated with his father in the operation of the home farm on the outskirts of the city of Xenia, after his marriage in 1867 establishing his home there. In 1896 Mr. Bankerd was appointed to the position of superintendent of the Greene county infirmary and for years rendered useful service in that connection. After his retirement he continued to make his home in this county and here he spent his last days, his death occurring on December 27, 1914, he then being sixty-eight years of age. Mr. Bankerd was a Republican. He was an active member of Lewis Post No. 347, Grand Army of the Republic, and had filled all the offices in that patriotic organization. He also had filled all the offices

in the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the local encampment of the Patriarchs Militant. As noted above, Mr. Bankerd was married in 1867. To him and his wife were born five children, namely: Rosa, who died at the age of eleven years; Esther, who is still living at Xenia, widow of Parker J. Wilson; Mary H., the immediate subject of this biographical review; Peter C., who married Belle McCarty and is still residing on the home place in Xenia township, and Myrtle, wife of Charles Faulkner, of Columbus, this state. The mother of these children is still living. She was born in Xenia, Catherine Manor, daughter of John W. and Margaret A. (Scott) Manor, the latter of whom also was born in this county, daughter of James A. and Elizabeth (Shannon) Scott, who were married in Pennsylvania and who in 1815 established their home on a farm in Xenia township, this county, remaining there until 1827, when they took up their residence in Xenia, where they spent the remainder of their lives, James A. Scott dying there on August 12, 1881, and his widow, October 24, of that same year.

John W. Manor was a Virginian, born in the vicinity of the city of Winchester, in Frederick county, August 24, 1824, son of Benjamin and Catherine (Marsh) Manor, both of whom also were born in the Old Dominion and who in 1828 drove through to Ohio with their family of eight sons and three daughters and located in a house on Main street in Xenia, where they remained until March of the next year, when they established their home on a farm just east of town on the Dayton pike. There Benjamin Manor and his wife spent the rest of their lives, the former dying in 1860, he then being seventy-two years of age. His widow survived him for fourteen years, her death occurring in 1874, she then being eighty-six years of age. Another child was born to them after they took up their residence in this county and they thus were the parents of twelve children, of whom eight grew to maturity and reared families of their own, the Manor connection in the present generation hence being a numerous one. John W. Manor was but four years of age when his parents came to this county and here he grew to manhood. He early learned the trade of carpenter and in time became one of the leading building contractors in the county, making his home in Xenia. He was a Republican, for some time served as chairman of the Greene county Republican central committee, served a term as corner of Greene county, was for years a member of the board of directors of the county infirmary and for nearly ten years served as superintendent of the infirmary. Mr. Manor was a member of the Reformed church and, fraternally, was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the encampment of that order. On June 12, 1844, John W. Manor married Margaret A. Scott, mention of whose parentage is made above. T

that union were born nine children, all of whom grew to maturity, those besides Mrs. Bankerd being David T., William A., Samuel H., Asbury L., Nettie, Benjamin L., James S. and John E. The father of these children died at his home in Xenia on December 12, 1897, and his widow survived him until August, 1906.

Mary H. Bankerd received her schooling in the Xenia schools and upon leaving school became engaged as a clerk in a commercial establishment in that city. During the period of her father's connection with the county infirmary as superintendent of that institution she acted as housekeeper for the institution and in this manner early became familiar with the details of institutional administration and at the same time developed a strong sympathetic interest in behalf of the less helpful of the county's charges. When Miss Bankerd later was made matron of the Greene County Children's Home this sympathetic interest was displayed in countless helpful ways in behalf of the little charges who thus came under her care and she did much to elevate the standard of administrative efficiency that marked the management of that institution. She did much to promote the plans for the erection of the new and beautiful home for children just west of the city, and on September 16, 1912, was made superintendent of the Home, a position she has since filled, her thoughtful and intelligent attention being given to the welfare of the youthful charges under her sympathetic care. Greene county is fortunate in having one of the best and most prudently managed Children's Homes in the state and it is a source of much satisfaction to the people of the county to know that the administration of the affairs of the Home is in such capable and experienced hands, Miss Bankerd having for years devoted her energies unceasingly and tirelessly to the important administrative duties that thus became incumbent upon her. Miss Bankerd is a member of the Presbyterian church at Xenia, a member of the local corps of the Woman's Relief Corps, a member of the local lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah, and a member of the Daughters of Veterans.

FREDERICK HEILMAN, D. C.

Dr. Frederick Heilman, chiropractor, with offices at Xenia and Jamestown, was born in the city of Dayton, in the neighboring county of Montgomery, June 20, 1879, son of John and Sophia (Heffner) Heilman, the latter of whom was born in that same city and both of whom are still living there.

John Heilman is a native of Germany, born in 1852, but was only six months of age when his parents came to this country with their family, locating near the city of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he grew to manhood on

a farm and learned the trade of miller. In the days of his young manhood he came to Ohio and became engaged in a mill at Dayton, later becoming bookkeeper for the Bimm Grocery Company, a position which he occupied for twenty years, at the end of which time he became engaged in the milling business on his own account. At present Mr. Heilman is serving as secretary of the Adam Schantz estate and as superintendent of the buildings belonging to that estate. Some time after locating at Dayton, John Heilman married Sophia Heffner, who was born in that city in 1858, and to this union were born three children, of whom Doctor Heilman is the eldest, the others being Walter Heilman, who is married and is living at Dayton, and Grace May, widow of Asa F. Hague.

Frederick Heilman received his schooling in the schools of Dayton and early became engaged with his father in business in that city, later, about 1902, taking employment with the Davis Sewing Machine Company in that city, with which concern he remained for ten years, at the end of which time he transferred his services to the National Cash Register Company at Dayton and was thus engaged for four years, or until 1916, when he entered the Universal Chiropractic College at Davenport, Iowa, from which institution he was graduated on July 12, 1917. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Heilman returned to Ohio and opened an office for the practice of his profession in the Kingsbury building on Detroit street, Xenia. In addition to this office, Doctor Heilman maintains an office at Jamestown and divides his time between the two offices, the only doctor of chiropractic in Greene county. The Doctor is a member of the Reformed church and fraternally is affiliated with the local lodge of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. By political inclination he is an independent voter.

JOHN R. NASH.

Though now in the ninetieth year of his age, John R. Nash, one of the real "old-timers" of Greene county and a substantial retired farmer living on his old home place in Xenia township, on rural route No. 8 out of Xenia, where he has made his home for nearly sixty years, is a remarkably well preserved old gentleman, retaining his faculties in an astonishing degree for one of his years, his memory clear and distinct, his sight so clear that he is still able to read without glasses and his hearing practically unimpaired. Mr. Nash was born in Greene county and during the long period that has elapsed since he began to retain a recollection of events he has been a witness to some amazing developments in the manner of living and is able to tell many interesting stories of the days of the earlier settlers in the county.

John R. Nash was born in a little log stable on a farm two miles south



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of Cedarville, in this county, May 25, 1828, and was cradeled in a sugar trough hewed out of a log. His parents, Hugh and Rebecca (Graham) Nash, were members of two of the early families to settle in this part of the county. Hugh Nash having been a son of Nathan and Polly (Ward) Nash, who drove through with their family from Washington county, Pennsylvania, and settled in Greene county about the time the county became organized as a civic unit and here established their home. They later moved to Licking county and settled on a farm in the vicinity of Newark, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of ten children, William, James, Thomas, Hugh, John, Nathan, Sarah, Margaret, Nancy and Maria. The family was very poor in world's goods and it is a matter of tradition in the family that it was not uncommon for the children to have to go barefooted even after snow had fallen. Hugh Nash grew up in this county and lived here continuously save for a couple of years spent in Warren county, Illinois. Upon his return from there he settled in Xenia township and there spent his last days, his death occurring at the age of sixty-five years. His widow survived him for years, she having been eighty-three years of age at the time of her death. They were members of the Associate Reformed church, but after the union of that church and the Associate church became affiliated with the United Presbyterian church. Hugh Nash was originally a Whig, but upon the formation of the Republican party became affiliated with the latter party. He and his wife had two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Mary, widow of John Miller, of Columbus, Ohio.

Reared on the farm, John R. Nash received but limited schooling in the days of his boyhood and the most of that was received during the period of two years the family lived in Illinois, he retaining distinct recollections of the little old log school house with its puncheon floor and with its greased paper for window "lights." Being the only son, he was from early boyhood a valued assistant to his father in the labors of the farm and he remained at home until his marriage when twenty-one years of age, after which he located on a farm on the Columbus pike in Xenia township, in the immediate vicinity of the present site of Wilberforce, and there lived for eight years, or until 1859, in which year he bought and entered upon possession of the farm of ninety-four and a half acres in that same township, on what is now rural mail route No. 8 out of Xenia, where he now lives and where he ever since has made his home. When he took possession of that farm there was standing on the same a house that was erected in 1840. He remodeled the house and made other improvements to the place and has for many years had a well-kept place. In addition to his general farming Mr. Nash gave considerable attention to the raising of live stock and did well. He continued actively engaged in farming until 1912, since which time he has been

content to "take things easy." Mr. Nash is a Republican and for three years served as supervisor in his district, was land appraiser in his township during the year 1900 and in that same year served as one of the local census enumerators for the federal census. He is a member of the First United Presbyterian church at Xenia and has been a member of the session of the same for the past forty years.

It was in 1850 that John R. Nash was united in marriage to Mary Jackson, who was born in the neighborhood of Yellow Springs, this county, January 28, 1832, daughter of Gen. Robert and Minerva (Eddy) Jackson, the former of whom was born in Belmont county, this state, and the latter in the South. Gen. Robert Jackson, who gained his title by right of his commission in the old Ohio state militia, and further and extended references to whom is made elsewhere, was a farmer and miller who moved from the Yellow Springs neighborhood to Xenia, where he operated a mill for some time and later bought a farm two miles east of that city, where he spent his last days. His widow died in Yellow Springs. Mrs. Mary Nash died on September 28, 1904, survived by her husband and two sons, Robert Harvey and Hugh Leander, the latter of whom is still living. Robert H. Nash, who died on November 25, 1917, was a former member of the board of county commissioners of Greene county and a well-to-do farmer who lived two miles east of Xenia. He married on November 28, 1876, Agnes G. Watt, a daughter of William Watt, a former member of the board of county commissioners, and had four sons, Herbert W., Walter L., Charles E. and William H., further reference to which family is made elsewhere. Hugh L. Nash is farming the old home place east of Xenia, his father continuing to make his home with him there. He married Mary Ellsworth Frazier and has one child, a son, John F. John R. Nash has seven great-grandchildren, in whose companionship he takes great delight.

WILLIAM HENRY BRETNEY.

The late William Henry Bretney, a veteran of the Civil War, who died at his farm home in Cedarville township on November 5, 1912, and whose widow is now living at Xenia, occupant of the house in North Detroit street built by her father, Alexander McWhirk, many years ago, was a native son of Ohio, born in the city of Springfield, in the neighboring county of Clark, October 23, 1846, son of Tobias and Emma (Gant) Bretney, the former of whom also was born at Springfield and the latter in the state of New Jersey, whose last days were spent in Springfield, both dying there on the same day during the cholera scourge of 1849.

Tobias Bretney was a son of Henry Bretney, whose father was one of

the earliest settlers in Springfield. Henry Bretney was a tanner at Springfield and Tobias Bretney grew up familiar with the details of the tanning business and in turn became proprietor of a tannery of his own in Springfield and was in business there when stricken with cholera in 1849, both he and his wife dying on the same day. They were the parents of two sons, the subject of this memorial sketch having had a brother, Foster Bretney, who died at Dayton in 1893.

William Henry Bretney was but three years of age when his parents died and he was reared in the household of his paternal grandfather, Henry Bretney. He received his schooling in the Springfield schools and it was his youthful desire to enter one of the newspaper offices with a view to becoming qualified for the journalistic profession, but this ambition was discouraged by his grandfather, who, instead, required him to learn the details of the tanning business and he was working in his grandfather's tannery at Springfield when the Civil War broke out. Though then not fifteen years of age, young "Billie" Bretney not long after the President's first call for volunteers was able to get into the service of the Union army as a bugler and in that capacity was attached to the Seventeenth Army Corps, with which command he served until the close of the war, being present with Sherman on the march to the sea and in the later Grand Review at Washington. The young bugler was much of the time right close to General Sherman. During one of the numerous desperate engagements in which he participated his horse was shot from under him. While he was standing disconsolate beside the body of his fallen steed, he was approached by the General, who said: "Never mind, Billie; let it go—here is another horse," and the boy bugler was quickly remounted and again in action.

Upon the completion of his military service, William H. Bretney returned to Springfield, but instead of resuming his place in the tannery began working in a drug store and was thus engaged in his home town for a few years, at the end of which time he went West "to see the country." During this "prospecting" period he secured intermittent employment in drug stores in various towns and cities along the lines of his travels and while thus employed got as far south as the Indian Territory. There he became employed in a government clerkship and was thus employed until 1884, when he returned to Ohio and for a time made his home on the farm of an uncle in Xenia township, this county. He was married the next year, 1885, and after his marriage became associated with his wife's brother, William Henry McWhirk, in the operation of the affairs of the Xenia Twine and Cordage Company, and was thus engaged until they sold the mill several years later. Upon retiring from the cordage business Mr. Bretney bought a farm of two hundred and fifty-five acres on the Kyle road in Cedarville township and

there established his home, continuing engaged in farming until his death in 1912. Mr. Bretney was a Republican and was a member of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia, as is his widow.

On March 16, 1885, William H. Bretney was united in marriage, at Xenia, to Lilla McWhirk, daughter of Alexander and Matilda (Mitchell) McWhirk, then living retired in Xenia, where Mr. McWhirk had erected a handsome residence at 212 North Detroit street. Both Alexander McWhirk and his wife were natives of Scotland, the former born in the city of Glasgow and the latter in the city of Edinburgh. They first met on the vessel which was bringing them to the shores of America and upon their arrival here were married in Boston. Alexander McWhirk had been trained as a tailor and cloth-finisher and for some time after his arrival in this country was employed at his trade in Boston and at Dedham, Massachusetts. He then moved to Cincinnati, where he became engaged in the grocery business, continuing thus engaged in that city until his retirement and removal to Xenia, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Alexander McWhirk and his wife were the parents of nine children, of whom Mrs. Bretney alone survives. Her last surviving brother, Alexander McWhirk, a retired banker of Kansas City, Missouri, died on February 20, 1918. After the death of her husband Mrs. Bretney left the old home farm in Cedarville township and returned to Xenia, where she has since made her home in the house formerly occupied by her parents in North Detroit street.

JOHN THORBURN CHARTERS.

John Thorburn Charters, president of the Xenia city commission and for years one of the leading jewelers in this part of Ohio, was born at Xenia and has lived there all his life. He was born on March 4, 1873, son of George and Janet (Moodie) Charters, the former of whom also was born at Xenia and there spent all his life, establishing in that city in 1854 the business which is now being carried on by his son, whose connection with the same began in 1891 and who has been the sole proprietor of the establishment since his father's death in 1910. For thirty years the Charters jewelry store was conducted in the room at 114 East Main street, but in March, 1915, Mr. Charters moved to his present location at 44 East Main street, where the business has expanded and increased steadily.

George Charters, the veteran jeweler, who died at his home in Xenia on April 17, 1910, was born in that city, then a mere village, July 12, 1835, son of John and Margaret (Monroe) Charters, the latter of whom was a native of Scotland, born in the parish of Arisdale, Annandale county, and who was but a child when she came to this country with her parents. John



GEORGE CHARTERS.

Charters was born in the city of New York, the son of a piano-maker, who later came to Ohio and who, in association with his son John, made the first pianos manufactured in the state of Ohio, one of these quaint instruments still being in possession of the pioneer manufacturer's great-grandson, the subject of this biographical review. It was in 1825 that John Charters came to Ohio from New York and it was on April 15, 1829, that he married Margaret Monroe, who had come here with her parents from Scotland in 1816. To that union were born ten children, four sons and six daughters, who were reared in the faith of the Associate (Seceder) church, the family becoming one of the influential families in and about Xenia. John Charters died on January 6, 1870, aged sixty-eight, and was buried in Woodlawn cemetery. George Charters, one of the ten children here referred to, grew up at Xenia and early became skilled as a jeweler and watchmaker, presently engaging in business in that line in his home town and so continued the rest of his life, one of the best-established merchants in the city of Xenia, his death occurring, as noted above, in the spring of 1910, he then being in the seventy-fifth year of his age. In 1864 George Charters married Janet Moodie, who was born at Jackson Center, in Shelby county, this state, January 21, 1842, daughter of Robert Moodie, a member of one of Ohio's pioneer families, and to this union were born three children, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Robert Moodie Charters, now a resident of Cleveland, this state, and a sister, Margaret Isabella, wife of A. R. Collins, of Kenaston, Saskatchewan, Canada. The mother of these children died at Xenia on August 25, 1905, she then being in the sixty-fourth year of her age.

John Thorburn Charters was reared at Xenia, the place of his birth, received his schooling in the schools of that city, and in 1891, he then being but eighteen years of age, became associated with his father in the jewelry business in Xenia, a business he had followed ever since, sole proprietor of the old-established concern since the death of his father in 1910. Upon the adoption of the new city charter in 1917, the same providing for a change of local administration from the old common-council system of government to a commission form of government, Mr. Charters permitted the use of his name as a candidate for membership in the first city commission and in the ensuing election received the highest number of votes cast in that behalf, this very gratifying honor making him, under the provisions of the charter, president of the commission when the same in due time came to be organized, and he is now serving in that capacity, the only public office he has ever held. Mr. Charters is a 32° Mason, affiliated with the consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Dayton; is past master of Xenia Lodge No. 49, Free and Accepted Masons; past high priest of Xenia Chapter, Royal Arch Masons,

and past thrice illustrious master of Wright Council, Royal and Select Masters. He and his family are connected with the Methodist Episcopal church.

On January 1, 1896, at Xenia, John Thorburn Charters was united in marriage to Harriet Pearl Stull, who also was born in this county, May 22, 1877, daughter of John and Harriet (Fries) Stull, the latter of whom also was born at Xenia. John Stull was born at Fredericksburg, Maryland. He and his wife were the parents of three sons, Charles, residing near Waynesville, Ohio; Ralph, a farmer near Xenia, and Edward, of Dayton, and four daughters, Mrs. Charters, Carrie B. (deceased), Mabel (deceased), and Alice May. Mr. and Mrs. Charters have two daughters, Anna Marguerite, born on October 18, 1896, and Ruth Janet, August 5, 1905. They have a very pleasant home at 126 East Second street.

LEROY TATE MARSHALL.

Leroy Tate Marshall, former clerk of courts for Greene county and a practicing lawyer at Xenia, is a member of one of Greene county's pioneer families, the Marshalls having been here since the year in which this county was erected as a separate civic unit of the then new state of Ohio. His great-grandfather John Marshall, who was born in the neighborhood of what is now the city of Lexington, in Kentucky, in 1784, was nineteen years of age when he came up into the valley of the little Miami and settled here in 1803. He became the owner of a considerable tract of land in Sugarcreek township and after his marriage established his home there, all of which is set out at length elsewhere in this volume, together with further details of the history of the Marshall family in this county. John Marshall, the pioneer, was the father of six children, the youngest of whom, Jesse Marshall, married and continued farming in Sugarcreek township. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom three sons and two daughters are still living. Willis Marshall, the eldest of these sons and the father of the subject of this sketch, is now living on a farm over the line in Clinton county, not far from the village of New Burlington. He has been twice married, his first wife, who was Emma Tate and who also was born in this county, a member of one of the pioneer families, the Tates having been here since the second decade of the past century, having died in 1884, leaving two sons, J. Carl and Leroy Tate, the former of whom is now judge of probate for Greene county and a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume. Willis Marshall later married Laura Holland, of Spring Valley.

Leroy Tate Marshall was born on the old Marshall home farm in Sugarcreek township on November 8, 1883, and was but an infant when his

mother died. He supplemented the schooling he received in the neighborhood district school by attendance at a normal training school at Dayton and by a course in the township high school at Bellbrook and then began to teach school, being thus engaged for two years, at the end of which time he entered Cedarville College and was graduated from that institution in 1907. Upon leaving college he was selected as principal of the Cedarville high school and was thus engaged when in the fall he was elected county clerk, having been made the nominee of the Republican party for that office in the preceding campaign. Mr. Marshall entered upon the duties of the office of county clerk in 1909 and served in that capacity for four years. In the meantime he had been devoting such leisure as he could command to the study of law and in December, 1911, passed the examination and was admitted to the bar. Upon the expiration of his term of public office in 1913 Mr. Marshall opened an office for the practice of his profession and for the sale of securities in Xenia and has since been thus engaged. Mr. Marshall is a Republican and for four years, 1912-16, rendered service in behalf of his party as chairman of the Greene county Republican executive committee.

On June 4, 1908, at Cedarville, Leroy Tate Marshall was united in marriage to Nelle Catherine Turnbull, daughter of Edward and Jennie (Smith) Turnbull, both of whom are still living at Cedarville, and to this union have been born two children, Maxwell Edward, born on March 10, 1909, and Emma Jean, August 21, 1912. The Turnbills also are an old family in Greene county, having been represented here for more than a hundred years. Edward Turnbull and his wife have three children, Mrs. Marshall having two brothers, Howard Edward Turnbull, a farmer living in the immediate vicinity of Cedarville, who married Letta Baumgartner and has one child, a daughter, Wanda, and Paul Beveridge Turnbull, who married Miriam Fudge and is now (1918) a member of the National Army, in camp at Camp Sherman, in preparation for service in the war against Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall are members of the First United Presbyterian church at Xenia.

WILLIAM SCOTT CHALMERS.

William Scott Chalmers, a farmer of Xenia township, living on rural mail route No. 9 out of Xenia, where he and his two sisters are pleasantly situated, was born on a farm in New Jasper township this county, June 2, 1862, son of William D. and Jane (Crawford) Chalmers, the former of whom was born in South Carolina and the latter in Ireland, she having been six years of age when she came to this country with her parents, the family settling in this county.

William D. Chalmers was but a lad when his parents, James Chalmers and wife, came to this state from South Carolina and settled in Greene county, making their home on the place upon which their grandson, the subject of this sketch, now makes his home, in Xenia township. When James Chalmers bought the place it was partly cleared and there was a log cabin on it. He proceeded to clear and improve the place and he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives there. They were the parents of four children, Joseph, Jane, Charlotte and William D., the latter of whom grew up on that farm and after his marriage to Jane Crawford for a time made his home in New Jasper township, but later returned to the home farm, where he died at the age of seventy-one years. His wife had long predeceased him, her death having occurred when she was fifty-one years of age. They were members of the United Presbyterian church and their children were reared in that faith. There were nine of these children, three of whom died in early youth, the others being James, who is now living at Indianapolis, where he is engaged as foreman in a lumber yard; William Scott, whose name forms the caption for this biographical sketch; John, who died at the age of eighteen years; David, who died at the age of sixteen years; Jane, unmarried, who is making her home on the old home place with her brother William and her younger sister, and Margaret E., also unmarried, who is making her home with her brother and sister on the home place.

William Scott Chalmers grew up on the farm and the schooling he received in the neighborhood schools was supplemented by two years of attendance at school in Xenia. He and his sisters have always remained on the home farm and were in charge of the same when their father died. Their old house was destroyed by fire in 1902, but they rebuilt in the same year and now have a very comfortable home. They are members of the First United Presbyterian church at Xenia. In addition to his general farming Mr. Chalmers gives considerable attention to the raising of Short-horn cattle and Duroc-Jersey hogs. He and his sisters own the home farm of one hundred and three acres.

WALTER M. LAURENS.

Walter M. Laurens, who is operating the David S. Harner farm in Xenia township and residing on the place, rural mail route No. 10 out of Xenia, was born in that township, on a place two and a half miles north of the city of Xenia, February 27, 1872, son of A. P. F. and Josephine (Grisel) Laurens, the latter of whom also was born in this county, in the southern part of Xenia township, in April, 1851, and who is still living here, a resident of Xenia. Her widowed mother was for years the keeper of the toll

gate on the Cincinnati pike south of Xenia. Mrs. Laurens was the youngest of the three children of this widow.

A. P. F. Laurens was born in the Shenandoah valley in Virginia on January 6, 1846, a son of Martin Laurens and wife, and was about twelve years of age when his parents came to Greene county. Martin Laurens was born in France and was but a boy when he came to this country with his parents, the family locating in Virginia, where he grew up and was trained to the trade of miller. After his marriage he continued working as a miller in Virginia for some time and then came with his family to Ohio to take charge of a mill in Clermont county, later coming up here to take charge of the Jacoby mill on the Little Miami river in the vicinity of Goes Station. That was in the late '50s and he continued in charge of that mill during the Civil War period, later taking charge of a mill on Buck creek at Springfield. He and his wife were Methodists and were the parents of twelve children, all of whom are now deceased. A. P. F. Laurens was about twelve years of age when he came with his parents to Greene county and when he was sixteen he enlisted for service as a soldier of the Union and went to the front as a member of the Eighth Ohio Cavalry, with which command he served until the close of the Civil War. Upon the completion of his military service he took up farming, after his marriage establishing his home on a farm, and continued thus engaged the rest of his life, his death occurring on October 19, 1898. He and his wife were the parents of twelve children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being the following: Alice, who married John Skelly and died at the age of thirty years; William, a resident of Xenia township; Etta, wife of William Betts, of Miami county, this state; Margaret, wife of William Lackey, of the Cedarville neighborhood; James, of Caesarscreek township; Clara, wife of John Turner, of Cedarville township; Jessie, wife of Harry Bausman, of Miami county; Lee, now living in the neighboring county of Clinton; Edward, also a resident of Clinton county; Clifford, who is engaged in the service of the Big Four Railroad, making his home at Miamisburg, and Olive, unmarried, who is making her home with her mother at Xenia.

Walter M. Laurens was reared on a farm and received his schooling in the neighborhood schools. When twenty years of age he rented a farm and has ever since been actively engaged in farming. After his marriage in 1890 he rented a farm in the vicinity of Selma, later renting the J. B. Stevenson farm and on this latter place remained until 1901, when he took charge of the farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres belonging to his father-in-law, David S. Harner, in Xenia township, and has since made his home there. Mr. Laurens is a Democrat, as was his father. His wife is

a member of the First Reformed church at Xenia and his mother is a member of the Friends church.

On December 3, 1890, Walter M. Laurens was united in marriage to Emma Harner, who was born on the farm on which she is now living, daughter of David S. and Lavina (Wall) Harner, now living at Xenia, and to this union two children have been born, namely: Gussa, born on June 8, 1892, who was killed in a grade-crossing accident on the Springfield pike in 1908, and Freda, born on September 13, 1905.

David S. Harner, father of Mrs. Laurens, was born in Beaver creek township, this county, June 27, 1838, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Snyder) Harner, both of whom were born in that same township, members of pioneer families. Daniel Harner was a son of John and Sarah (Koogler) Harner, both of whom were born in Germany, but who had come to this country with their respective parents when mere children, both the Harner and Koogler families settling in Pennsylvania, where John and Sarah grew up and were married. It was in 1805 that John Harner and his wife came to Ohio and located in Beaver creek township, this county, settling on a timber tract which they proceeded to develop. John Harner and his brothers for some time operated a distillery there, marketing their product in Cincinnati. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, Jacob, Simon, John, Daniel, George, Mrs. Kate Showers, Mrs. Rebecca Augwell and Mrs. Sarah Miller. Daniel Harner grew up on the farm on which he was born and after his marriage to Elizabeth Snyder established his home on that portion of the place that had come to him and later added to the same until he had an excellent farm of one hundred and forty-five acres. He and his wife were members of the Reformed church at Byron and he was a Republican. They had four children, of whom David S. was the first-born, the others being Margaret, wife of Mathias Routzong, of Xenia township; Jonathan, a veteran of the Civil War, now deceased, who spent all his life on the home place, and Sarah who married Warren Steele and is living on a farm in Beaver creek township.

Reared on the home farm, David S. Harner was living there when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted his services in behalf of the Union, but was rejected on account of a disability due to having broken one of his legs some time before. He therefore was compelled to stay at home, "doing his bit" not only by carrying on the operations of the home farm, but by harvesting the crops of several of his neighbors who were at the front, on one occasion driving a reaper for eleven days continuously, hands bringing on fresh horses to keep the old reaper going in order that the harvest might not be interrupted. After his marriage in the fall of 1865, Mr. Harner bought the farm that is now being operated by his son-in-law, Mr. Laurens,

part of which lies in Beavercreek township and part in Xenia township, and there he made his home until his retirement from the farm in 1909 and removal to Xenia, where he and his wife are now living, Mr. Harner having built a house on the Fairground road just at the edge of the city. Mr. Harner is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the Reformed church at Xenia. Mrs. Harner also was born in this county, in the vicinity of Clifton, in Miami township, a daughter of Andrew and Mary (Long) Wall, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Harner have three children, Mrs. Laurens having a brother, Kasper, who is living on a farm in Xenia township, and a sister, Mary, wife of P. C. James, a grocer in Xenia.

JOHN W. ANDERSON.

John W. Anderson, retired farmer and building contractor living at Xenia, was born on a farm three miles south of Xenia on May 27, 1852, a son of Thomas Maxey and Mary Jane (Stansfield) Anderson, both of whom also were born in this county. Thomas Maxey Anderson was a son of Daniel Anderson and wife, the latter of whom was a Dinsmore, who came to Greene county from Virginia and settled in Xenia township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Reared on the farm on which he was born, in Xenia township, south of town, Thomas M. Anderson after his marriage continued to make his home on the home place, caring for his parents in their declining years. He was a Republican and for some time director of his local school district. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He lived to the age of seventy-two years and his wife died at the age of sixty-eight. They were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being Charles, deceased; Clara, deceased; Florence, who is living in Delaware county, Indiana, and who has been twice married, her first husband having been Henry Jones and her second, John Childers; Sarah Catherine, wife of James R. Stafford, also of Delaware county, Indiana; Amos Edgar, who is living on and farming a part of the old home place south of Xenia; Ida, wife of Byron Adams, a farmer of the Spring Valley neighborhood; Horace, who is living on and farming a part of the old home place, and Harvey, who is engaged in the oil business at Cedarville.

Reared on the home farm south of Xenia, John W. Anderson received his schooling in the district school of that neighborhood and early learned the carpenter trade, in time becoming a building contractor, a vocation he followed for twenty years. He remained at home until he was thirty years of age, when he bought a farm of his own and for five years was engaged

in farming, but later rented the farm, giving his attention to his building operations. Some years ago he sold his farm and moved to Xenia, where he has since lived practically retired, though still occasionally accepting a contract for building.

Mr. Anderson has been thrice married. His first wife was Anna Buchanan, of Clermont county, this state, who died without issue. Mr. Anderson later married Mary R. Sanders, who was born in this county, daughter of Jesse Sanders and wife, the latter of whom was an Allen, and to that union was born one child, who, as well as the mother is now dead, the latter having died on January 21, 1917. On January 22, 1918, at Norwood, Ohio, Mr. Anderson married Mrs. Valura (Schooley) English, a widow, who was born in Clermont county, Ohio, a daughter of Eli and Susan Jane Schooley, both now deceased. Mr. Anderson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

LYMAN MORSE GARFIELD.

Lyman Morse Garfield, who for forty-four years was actively connected with the operations of the great powder mills at Goes Station, in this county, and from 1875 to 1918 superintendent of the mills and still connected with the company as a stockholder, but who is now living retired at his home near Xenia, is a native of Massachusetts, but has been a resident of Ohio and of Greene county since 1873. He was born in the town of Concord, Massachusetts, July 25, 1849, son of Moses B. and Lydia (Morse) Garfield, both of whom were born in that same state, members of old Colonial families, and the latter of whom spent her last days in Xenia.

Moses B. Garfield was born in Concord, Massachusetts, in 1818, son of Daniel Garfield and wife. The Garfields are an old family in Massachusetts, the first of the name there having settled in Weston back in Colonial days. Moses B. Garfield was early trained to the trade of harness making, but when thirty years of age he took up sign painting and thereafter followed that vocation, making his home in various towns in Massachusetts. He died in June, 1895, and his widow afterward made her home with her son at Xenia, where she died in 1912, she then being eighty-six years of age. She was born, Lydia Morse, at Marlboro, Massachusetts, a daughter of Lyman and Lydia (Brigham) Morse, the former of whom died of cholera during the great scourge of 1849. The Morses also are an old family in New England and had their origin there in three brothers who came over from Ireland in Colonial days, establishing a family connection which has been widely influential on this side, one of the notable descendants of this line having been Samuel F. B. Morse, the inventor of the electric telegraph. Mrs. Garfield was a member of the Christian Union church. She and her husband were the



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parents of two sons, the subject of this sketch having had a brother, Moses Howell Garfield, born in 1846, who was for years superintendent of the mills of the American Powder Company in Massachusetts and who died in 1906.

Lyman M. Garfield was but a child when his parents moved from Concord to Lawrence, Massachusetts, and his schooling was completed in the schools of the latter city. When thirteen years of age he was placed to learn the trade of shoemaker and was thus engaged for two years. In the meantime the Civil War had broken out and he presently, in 1864, secured a position, though but fifteen years of age, in the commissary department and during the years 1864 and 1865 was stationed in that service at Camp Douglas, near Chicago, where Confederate prisoners were interned. Upon the completion of this service he returned home and his father by that time having moved to Boston, he became engaged with his father in the latter's sign-painting establishment in Union street in that city. While in Boston Mr. Garfield learned the art of telegraphy and in 1873, about two years after his marriage, came to Greene county with A. O. Fay, proprietor of the plant of the Miami Powder Company at Goes, and was installed as telegrapher for the company at that point. Two years later, in 1875, he was made superintendent of the powder-mills, and when the Miami Powder Company sold the plant to the Aetna Explosives Company in December, 1914, was retained in that position, continuing his service as superintendent of the plant until his retirement in January, 1918. Not long after becoming thus connected with the powder plant Mr. Garfield became a stockholder in the concern and has ever since retained that interest. Years ago he was elected a member of the board of directors of the company and for many years was one of the most forceful figures in the operation of the great plant which has grown up at Goes and which is the practical support and stay of that village. It is interesting to note that there is but one other person still connected with the powder-mills who was there when Mr. Garfield became connected with the works in 1873. Mr. Garfield has a pleasant home on the Springfield pike, just out of Xenia, and he and his wife are very comfortably situated there in the days of their retirement. They are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church at Xenia and for fifteen years Mr. Garfield has been serving as treasurer of the congregation. He is a Mason and a member of the local lodge of the Royal Arcanum.

On December 14, 1871, at Boston, Lyman M. Garfield was united in marriage to Maria Louise Hawes, who was born in that city, daughter of E. W. W. and Diantha (Smith) Hawes, the former of whom, a stairbuilder, died in 1875; the latter surviving him for many years, her death occurring in 1905. To Mr. and Mrs. Garfield seven children have been born, namely: Adelaide Isabel, wife of Clarence Whitmer, of Chicago; Ella C., wife of

Walter Curry, of Xenia; Lillian Marie, who married Fred Moore and is also living at Xenia; Fannie Gertrude, wife of E. S. Davidson, of Xenia; Arthur L., also of Xenia, secretary of the Bartlett-King Company; Ethel, who died in 1884, and Howell, who died on April 13, 1909, at the age of seventeen years.

FRANK W. WALKER.

Frank W. Walker, former director of public safety for the city of Xenia, former township treasurer and formerly and for years connected with the passenger department of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad Company and now and for nearly twenty years past engaged in the coal business at Xenia, was born on a farm in Caesarscreek township, this county, on August 21, 1867, son of Mordecai and Deborah (Painter) Walker, both now deceased.

Mordecai Walker was born in the neighboring county of Clinton and was but ten or twelve years of age when his parents moved up into Greene county, where he spent the rest of his life. Here he married Deborah Painter, who was born in Caesarscreek township, and after his marriage established his home on a farm in that township and continued to reside there until his death in June, 1888. He and his wife were the parents of three children, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Alpheus D. Walker, born in 1872, now living at Jamestown, a traveling salesman, who married Belle Ireland and has three children, Clarence, Mabel and Hazel, and a sister, Grace, who married Clyde Lemmons, a Clinton county farmer, and has three children.

Frank W. Walker was reared on the home farm in Caesarscreek township, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools, and remained at home until he was twenty years of age, when he became employed as a traveling passenger agent for the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad Company. He married when twenty-one years of age and continued his connection with the railroad company for ten or twelve years, or until 1900, when he became engaged in the coal business at Xenia. In connection with this business Mr. Walker two years ago established a local motor transfer line. He is a Republican and for six years or more prior to the recent change in city government occupied the position of director of public safety for the city of Xenia. He also was for six years a member of the local board of control, for six years served as treasurer of Xenia township, his term of office in this latter department of public activity expiring on January 1, 1918, and also rendered service as a member of the workhouse board and of the local board of health.

On September 2, 1888, Frank W. Walker was united in marriage to Ella St. John, who also was born in Caesarscreek township, and to this union have been born four children, namely: Reva, Lora and Karl at home, the latter being engaged in business with his father, and Paul, who is now a resident of Daytona, Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Walker are members of the First Reformed church and Mr. Walker for the past seven years or more has been a member of the board of trustees of the church. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with the blue lodge at Xenia and with the consistory and the temple at Dayton. He also is affiliated with the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Xenia.

EUGENE D. SMITH.

Eugene D. Smith, yardmaster for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Xenia, was born at Terre Haute, Indiana, December 25, 1880, a son of James and Frances (Lowe) Smith, both now deceased, the former of whom was born and reared at Xenia and the latter at Marshall, Illinois. James Smith was a son of Adam L. and Sarah (Gano) Smith, the latter of whom was a member of one of the oldest families in Greene county, her mother, Mary (Williams) Gano, having been the first female white child born within what is now the precincts of the city of Xenia and was cradled in a maple-log trough in an old log house that stood on what is now the Roberts place on the north edge of the city. Mary Williams was a daughter of Remembrance Williams, of whom mention is made in the historical section of this work. Adam L. Smith was a native of Scotland, born and reared at Edinburgh, who came to this country as a young man of nineteen and presently set up a carriage shop at Xenia. He spent his last days in Xenia and lived to be seventy-two years of age. He and his wife were the parents of a considerable family of children, among those still living being Ed M. Smith, former chief of police of the city of Xenia, now living on Church street in that city, and George H. Smith, also of Xenia, who lives on South Detroit street.

James Smith was born and reared in Xenia and early entered the railroad service, presently becoming a fireman and then a locomotive engineer on the old Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railroad, now a part of the Pennsylvania system, during that period of service being located at Terre Haute. He later became connected with the Wabash Railroad and during that period of service made his home at East St. Louis, where he later became engaged in the hotel and restaurant business. James Smith was twice married and by his first wife was the father of two sons, the subject of this sketch having

had a brother, Albert Smith, now deceased, who also became engaged in the railroad service and was thus engaged to the time of his death. Following the death of his first wife, Frances Lowe, Mr. Smith married Sarah Capoe and by that union was the father of one child, a daughter, Edna.

Eugene D. Smith was but a child when his mother died and he was reared by his grandmother Smith at Xenia, in the schools of which city he received his schooling. He then rejoined his father at East St. Louis and there became employed as a messenger boy for the Wabash Railroad, later becoming a yard clerk and then a locomotive fireman. In 1902 he returned to Xenia and there became employed as a pipe-fitter and plumber and was thus engaged for three years, at the end of which time he returned to railroad service and became a brakeman in the Pennsylvania Railroad yards at Xenia, presently being promoted to the position of yard conductor and served in the latter capacity for one year, or until 1906, when he was made night yardmaster. In 1913 Mr. Smith was promoted to the position of day yardmaster in the Xenia yards of the Pennsylvania Company and still occupies that position.

On January 6, 1906, Eugene D. Smith was united in marriage to Cora C. Weddele, who was born at Dayton, this state, daughter of George and Mary Weddele, the former of whom is now engineer at the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home at Xenia. Mr. Smith was reared in the faith of the Episcopal church.

SAMUEL B. HARNER.

Samuel B. Harner, a farmer of Xenia township, one of the best-known residents of the Oldtown neighborhood and the patentee of the celebrated "Harner" milker which is attracting much attention among dairymen throughout the country, was born on the farm on which he is now living and has lived there all his life. He was born on November 16, 1865, a son of Charles and Mary Ann (Morgan) Harner, both now deceased, who spent their last days on that old home farm, their youngest son, the subject of this sketch, caring for them in their declining years.

Charles Harner was born in this county on February 19, 1817, a member of one of the pioneer families of Greene county, his parents, Jacob and Anna Maria (Hefly) Harner, having come up here from the vicinity of Cincinnati and made their home in Beavercreek township at an early day in the settlement of the county. On March 19, 1840, Charles Harner married Mary Ann Morgan, who was born on March 11, 1823, and established his home on the place on which his son Samuel is now living. He died on August 14, 1908. His wife's death occurred on January 1, 1907. They were the parents



MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL B. HARNER.



of eleven children, of whom, as noted above, the subject of this sketch was the last born, the others being as follows: Martin, who married Mrs. Jolly and lives in the New England states; Mary, who is living at Oldtown, widow of James H. Jacoby; David J., who died on February 19, 1911; Isabella, who is living at Xenia, widow of Andrew Hutchinson; Morgan, who is married and is farming in Xenia township; Rose Ann, who is living at Oldtown, widow of Samuel Clark; Martha C., wife of George Oglesbee, of Xenia; Charles A., a farmer of Xenia township; Franklin J., who also is farming in Xenia township, and James H., the owner of a farm on the Bellbrook pike, south of Xenia.

Samuel B. Harner has always made his home on the place on which he is now living and which he now owns, a farm of one hundred and forty acres. He acquired his schooling at Oldtown, at Xenia and at Yellow Springs and in time came into the management of the home place, after his father's retirement from the active labors of the farm, and has been operating the farm since then. Politically, he is a Democrat. As a practical dairyman Mr. Harner became interested in milking devices and discerned so much in the way of improvements that might be applied to such devices that he worked out a model of an improved milker and on January 2, 1917, secured a patent on the same. This machine, the "Harner" milker, is now being manufactured by the Harner-Jones Company at Springfield, this state, and is attracting much attention, it being declared that Mr. Harner's machine is "almost human" in its operation, besides being simple, gentle, durable, harmless, noiseless, economical, insuring better milk and all the milk, easy to clean, of unlimited capacity and positively sanitary. The "Harner" milker has been found to eliminate "all the objectionable features possessed by machines of the experimental period; easily trebles the number of cows a hand can care for; gets more and better milk per cow with less fretting and no harm to the animal; increases profits and reduces labor, and transforms the dairy business from a hard, slavish one to an easy, pleasant and profitable occupation." This machine is the product of years of study and experiment on Mr. Harner's part and in three years of constant use has proved itself wholly free from fault in design, construction and operation.

On June 14, 1911, Samuel B. Harner was united in marriage to Isabel Fernstenmacher, who was born near Kutztown, in Berks county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Henry and Isabel (Deitrich) Fernstenmacher, of Loug Swamp township, that county, the former of whom died on June 23, 1907, and the latter, August 23, 1914. Henry Fernstenmacher and his wife had two children, Mrs. Harner having a brother, Edwin R. Fernstenmacher, who is still living on the old home place in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Harner's schooling was completed in the Normal School at Kutztown, in the neighborhood of

her home, and she lived at home until her marriage to Mr. Harner. To that union four children have been born, Clara Belle, Wilbur Henry, Orville David and Paul Samuel. Mrs. Harner is a member of the Baptist church.

JAMES ANDREW McDONALD.

The late James Andrew McDonald, who died at his home in Xenia township in 1894 and whose widow is still living on the old McDonald home farm there, was born on that farm and there spent all his life. He was born on August 6, 1856, son of John Nelson McDonald and wife, the former of whom was born on that same place, son of Isaiah McDonald, a Virginian and one of the first settlers in that part of Greene county, the house in which Mrs. McDonald is now living having been erected there by Isaiah McDonald more than one hundred years ago. It was in the year 1802 that Isaiah McDonald and his wife Edith came here from North Carolina and established their home in what later came to be organized as Caesarscreek township. Their son, Leavitt McDonald, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, married Susan Strong and had ten children, five sons and five daughters. Of these children, John N. McDonald, who was born on January 13, 1808, married Elizabeth Saville and after a continuous residence of sixty-five years on the old McDonald farm moved to an adjoining farm, where he died three years later, June 8, 1887. John N. McDonald was the owner of a farm of two hundred acres. He and his wife were members of the Reformed church and were the parents of three children, the subject of this memorial sketch having had a brother, Charles W. McDonald, a former farmer in Xenia township, who is now making his home in Florida, and a sister, Mildred, who died in the days of her girlhood.

Reared on the home farm in Xenia township, James A. McDonald completed his schooling in a business college at Painsville and after his marriage in the fall of 1877 established his home on the old home place, which had been settled by his grandfather, and became the owner of one hundred and twenty-two acres of the same, continuing engaged in farming there the rest of his life, his death occurring on November 2, 1894. In addition to his general farming Mr. McDonald also for years operated a threshing-machine in his neighborhood. He was a Republican and at one time and another had held various township offices. By religious persuasion he was a member of the Reformed church.

On September 12, 1877, James A. McDonald was united in marriage to Amy E. Ford, who was born in Caesarscreek township, and who survives him, continuing to make her home on her farm. Mrs. McDonald also is a member of one of the old families of Greene county. Her father, James M.

Ford, grew up in Caesarscreek township and after his marriage lived for some time on the Jacob Peterson farm, in that township, later buying a farm in that same neighborhood, where he lived until his retirement from the farm and removal to Xenia, where he died at the age of seventy-five years. James M. Ford was twice married, and by his first wife, Mary Peterson, who also was born in this county, daughter of Jacob Peterson, was the father of six children, of whom Mrs. McDonald was the first-born, the others being Charles, deceased; Chauncey, who is farming in New Jasper township; Hettie, who married Lawson Shambaugh and is now living at New Burlington; Bena, wife of Milton Linkhart, of Wilmington, in the neighboring county of Clinton, and a daughter who died in infancy. The mother of these children died at the age of sixty-two years, after which Mr. Ford married a widow, Mrs. Alton, who died at Xenia in 1916.

To James A. and Amy E. (Ford) McDonald were born nine children, namely: Orville, a farmer of Xenia township, who married Lena Middleton and has two children, Paul and Edith; Leavitt, a farmer of Caesarscreek township, who married Minnie Peterson and has two children, Mildred and Rosella; Ford H., who married Dessie Bayless and died at the age of thirty-five years, leaving three children, Ella May, Helen and Kenneth (deceased); Emma Pearl, who married Ray Huston, a merchant at Xenia, and has two children, Velma and Elizabeth; Mayme Edith, who married Ray Sutton, of New Jasper township, and has one child, a daughter, Cleo; Lucy, who married Volney Harness, of Xenia, and has one child, a daughter, Mabel; Mary, who married Glenn Bartlett, a farmer of New Jasper township and has two children, Elma and Donald; James Ray, a farmer of Xenia township, who married Elsie Fudge and has one child, a son, Wilford, and Melvin, who is unmarried and who continues to make his home with his mother, farming the home place, sixty acres of which Mrs. McDonald continues to retain. Mrs. McDonald is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

GEORGE W. WHITMER.

George W. Whitmer, assistant trainmaster of the Cincinnati division of the Pennsylvania Lines, with headquarters at Xenia, was born in Preble county, this state, and has lived in Ohio all his life, a resident of Xenia most of the time during the past thirty years or more, he having been train dispatcher for the Pennsylvania Company for some time before entering upon the duties of his present position with that company.

Mr. Whitmer is a son of the Rev. David and Amanda Catherine (Gardner) Whitmer, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio, whose last days were spent in this state. The Rev. David Whitmer was born

in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, on March 10, 1823, and was but an infant when his parents, Jacob and Eve Whitmer, came to Ohio and settled in the vicinity of Tremont in Clark county. Jacob Whitmer was a tanner by trade and for some time followed that occupation in Ohio, but later engaged in farming. Of the children born to him and his wife five grew to maturity, the one son, David, and four daughters, one of whom, Mrs. Catherine Stevenson, is still living, a resident of Indianapolis. David Whitmer grew up on the home farm in Clark county and became by self-study a well educated man. For some time he taught school, in the meantime pursuing his studies with a view to entering the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church and in due time was licensed to preach. During his long service in the ministry the Rev. David Whitmer was located at numerous points throughout southwestern Ohio, his itinerary moving him about after the manner of the Methodist system, but the last six years of his active ministry were spent in Greene county, at New Burlington and Spring Valley. In September, 1884, he retired from the ministry and moved to Xenia, where he died on June 23, 1887. He was an active worker in the temperance cause and had a wide acquaintance throughout this section of the state.

The Rev. David Whitmer was twice married. By his first wife, Hannah I. Fox, who was born at Richmond, Indiana, he had two sons, William C., now deceased, who was for years chief train dispatcher and later trainmaster for the New York division of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and Charles W., a lawyer at Xenia, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. His second wife, Amanda Catherine Gardner, was born at Clarks-ville, in the neighboring county of Clinton, October 9, 1833, and died at her home in Xenia on March 28, 1906. She was a daughter of Dr. John and Sarah (Roland) Gardner, both of whom were born in Ohio and the latter of whom died when her daughter Amanda Catherine was a child. The mother of Dr. John Gardner was a sister of Governor Tiffin, the first governor of Ohio, and the name "Tiffin" appears in every generation since as a given name. The Tiffins came from Carlisle, England. Dr. John Gardner was a physician at Clarksville and continued in active practice there to the very hour of his death, his death occurring at the home of a patient while he was making a professional call, he then having been seventy-four years of age. He had been thrice married, and by his first wife had one child, a son; by his second, three children, Mr. Whitmer's mother having had a brother and a sister, and by his third marriage had one child, a daughter. To the Rev. David and Amanda Catherine (Gardner) Whitmer were born eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being Carrie, wife of E. H. Hart, of Xenia; Clarence, who is quite successfully engaged in the insurance business at Chicago; Hattie W., who is un-

married and who makes her home with her brother George at 520 South Detroit street in Xenia, where they have a very pleasant home; Edward Tiffin, now deceased; John Harrison, who is engaged in the undertaking business at Xenia; Mary, wife of Marshall Lupton, of Indianapolis, and Florence, wife of W. B. Fulghum, of Richmond, Indiana.

George W. Whitmer early turned his attention to railroading and in his boyhood became a telegraph operator, working at various stations along the lines that now form a part of the Pennsylvania Railroad System, and finally was made station agent at Wilmington, the county seat of the neighboring county of Clinton. A few years later he was promoted to the position of train dispatcher and for fifteen years was thus engaged, his duties being divided between the offices at Cincinnati and at Xenia. In 1904 he was appointed assistant trainmaster of the Cincinnati division of the Pennsylvania Lines, with headquarters at Xenia, and has ever since been stationed there. Mr. Whitmer is a Scottish Rite Mason, affiliated with the blue lodge at Xenia and with the consistory at Cincinnati, and is a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Syrian Temple at Cincinnati.

ISAAC EVANS.

Isaac Evans, now living retired in the city of Xenia, where he has made his home since 1912, was born on a farm in Spring Valley township, this county, on December 8, 1835, son of Robert and Sarah (Coppock) Evans, who had come over here from South Carolina some years before, and had established their home in Spring Valley township, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

Robert Evans was born in the Newberry district of South Carolina, November 9, 1797, a son of Moses Evans and wife, Quakers. Moses Evans died and his widow married Samuel Speer and in 1826 came with him and other members of their family to Ohio and settled in the southern part of Greene county, on the place now owned and long occupied by the subject of this sketch. Robert Evans married Sarah Coppock, who also was born in South Carolina, March 13, 1799, and several years after his mother and his stepfather had settled in Greene county he and his wife also came over here, arriving on October 24, 1829. During the succeeding winter he and his wife made their home with the Speers and in the next spring (1830) he bought a farm of four hundred acres lying along the banks of the Miami, in Spring Valley township, and there established his home, erecting a house facing the highway to Cincinnati. Robert Evans had been engaged in the milling business in South Carolina and upon coming here built a grist- and saw-mill on

his place, operating the same by water power; which mills continued to be operated until about 1875, when they were abandoned. In addition to carrying on his milling industry, Robert Evans also cleared and developed his farm. He died on November 9, 1868, and his widow died on June 17, 1871. Robert Evans had been reared a Whig, but upon the creation of the Republican party aligned himself with that party. He and his wife were birthright Quakers and their children were reared in that simple faith. They had fifteen children, of whom nine grew to maturity, namely: Rebecca, who died unmarried; Moses, who died in 1868; Esther P., who married Lewis Hardssock, of this county, and later went to Kansas, where she and her husband spent the remainder of their lives; Lydia H., who married William Stansfield and also went to Kansas, where she died; Mary, who married Isaac M. Barrett, of Spring Valley, and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased; Sophia, who married Cal Whitney and went to Nebraska, where she and her husband spent their last days; Isaac, the subject of this sketch; Nancy J., who married Martin Peterson and continued to make her home in this county until her death some years ago, and Margaret E., widow of Aaron Crites, who died in 1915. She had made her home on the old Evans farm in Spring Valley township.

Reared on the old home farm in Spring Valley township, Isaac Evans received his early schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and supplemented the same by attendance at Bacon's Commercial College at Cincinnati, from which institution he was graduated in 1857. He then became a partner in his father's milling operations and continued thus engaged in the milling business until they sold the mills in 1864, after which he became the owner of the old Speer farm, which had been settled by his stepgrandfather, Samuel Speer, in 1829, and there he continued to make his home for forty-eight years, or until his retirement from the farm and removal to Xenia in 1912. Mr. Evans still owns his home farm of one hundred and seventy acres and has added to that one hundred and sixty acres adjoining, and enjoys an occasional trip to the same. He also owns property in the city. Mr. Evans is a Republican and for some years served the people of Spring Valley township as trustee. He is a member of the Friends church, as have been the members of his family for generations. He was made a Mason at Waynesville many years ago, is a charter member of the Masonic lodge at New Burlington and is also a member of Xenia Chapter No. 36, Royal Arch Masons, and of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite (32°) at Dayton.

Isaac Evans has been twice married. On January 31, 1860, when twenty-four years of age, he was united in marriage to Matilda C. Stump, who also was born in this county, a daughter of Jonas and Prudence (Smalley) Stump, pioneers of Greene county, and of the children born to this union six

are now living, namely: Frank S., who married Catherine Eberley and is living on a part of the old home farm; Minnie B., of Columbus, Ohio, widow of Joseph G. Gest; Lou, wife of Robert J. Lacey, of Wilmington, this state; Alta M., wife of John L. Shipp, of Columbus, Ohio; William J., who is engaged in the livery business at Xenia, and Charles R., who married Stella Lucas and is also engaged in the livery business at Xenia, in association with his brother. The mother of these children died on September 17, 1897, she then being at the age of sixty-one years, and on May 16, 1900, Mr. Evans married Frances Adams, of the neighboring county of Montgomery. She was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, the daughter of E. B. and Priscilla Adams, both of whom are deceased. In 1878 the Adams family left Pennsylvania and located in Dayton, Ohio. E. B. Adams was a miller by trade. There Mrs. Evans attended public school as a girl and grew up.

PROF. CHARLES A. NOSKER, A. M.

Prof. Charles A. Nosker, A. M., member of the faculty of Antioch College and since 1907 occupant of the chair of biology and geology in that institution, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in Coshocton county on January 3, 1876, son of Benjamin F. and Clarinda (Talmage) Nosker, both of whom also were born in this state, the former at Canal Dover, in Tuscarawas county, in 1835, and the latter in Coshocton county.

Benjamin F. Nosker, who died in 1897, was twice married and by his marriage to Clarinda Talmage was the father of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last born, the others being as follow: Evalyn, deceased; George, who is married and is living at Columbus, this state, where he is engaged as a traveling salesman; Sherman, who is living in northern Ohio; Ida Jane, wife of Henry Veigel, a farmer of Coshocton county; Frances, deceased; Benjamin F., who is living in Coshocton county, and William Henry, who also continues to make his home in that county. The mother of these children died in 1884 and Benjamin F. Nosker later married Mary J. Hummer, to which union two daughters were born, Hazel and Bernice, who are living with their mother at Coshocton.

Reared on the home farm in Coshocton county, Charles A. Nosker received his elementary schooling in the neighborhood district schools and then took a course in the Roscoe high school, going thence to the Roscoe Normal School and in 1901 to Poland Seminary. In January, 1902, he entered Antioch College at Yellow Springs and in 1907 was graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Science. During the summer of that year he pursued a special course in the Ohio State School at Cedar

Point and in the fall of that year entered upon his duties as instructor in biology and geology at Antioch College and has since been thus connected with that institution, which in 1912 conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. Professor Nosker is a close student and in the summer of 1910 pursued a special course in the branches in which he is particularly interested under Doctor Coulter at Chicago University.

On June 19, 1908, at Yellow Springs, Professor Nosker was united in marriage to Carrie E. Zehner, who was born in Hardin county, this state, daughter of William Zehner and wife, the latter of whom, now deceased, was Lucretia Dixon. For some time previous to her marriage Mrs. Nosker had been making her home in the household of President Fess at Yellow Springs and was living there when married to Professor Nosker. To this union two sons have been born, Paul William, born on June 1, 1911, and Charles Robert, August 26, 1914. Professor and Mrs. Nosker are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. The Professor is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Yellow Springs.

REED MADDEN, M. D.

Dr. Reed Madden, a Xenia physician and a specialist in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, is a native of the state of Missouri, but has been a resident of Ohio and of Greene county since the days of boyhood. He was born on a farm in Adair county, Missouri, August 11, 1870, son of Dr. William P. and Zeruah J. (Laybourne) Madden, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Ohio, whose last days were spent in this county, the elder Doctor Madden having for years before his death been engaged in the practice of medicine and in the drug business at Xenia.

The late Dr. William P. Madden, a veteran of the Civil War, was born in County Galway, Ireland, March 14, 1842, a son of Michael and Joanna (Flemming) Madden, both of whom were born in that same county. In 1844 Michael Madden, who had been engaged in the distillery business in Galway, decided to make a change of base and to try his fortunes over on this side of the water. Leaving his family in Ireland he came to the United States, landing at the port of New Orleans. After a short stop there he proceeded on up the rivers to Cincinnati and after prospecting there a bit came on up into this part of Ohio and bought a farm in the vicinity of Springfield. He there made preparations for the reception of his family and in the fall of 1847 sent for his wife and two small sons, who in due time joined him and the family home became established on the farm near Springfield, where two more children were born. The mother of these children died in 1859. Of these children, the late Dr. William P. Madden was the first-born. Thomas,



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the next in order of birth, died in childhood. Michael, the third son, grew up in Clark county and later made his home at Marion, this state. Anna, the only daughter, married William Laybourne, of Springfield.

Reared on the home farm in the vicinity of Springfield, William P. Madden, who was but six years of age when he was brought to this country by his mother, was living there when the Civil War broke out. On October 9, 1861, he then being nineteen years of age, he enlisted his services in behalf of the Union cause and went to the front as a member of Company I, Forty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Upon the completion of his original term of service he re-enlisted in that same regiment, but was transferred to the Eighth Ohio Cavalry and was serving with that command when on June 18, 1864, at the battle of Lynchburg, Virginia, he was captured by the enemy and was confined in Andersonville prison, where he remained nearly a year, suffering all the horrors and deprivations common to the sufferings of the men thus confined.

William P. Madden first saw the smoke of battle during service at Floyd Mountain, West Virginia. He later took part in the battles of Lewisburg, Somerset and Knoxville, under General Burnside, and at Strawberry Plains, Stanton and Lynchburg, Virginia, it being during the latter engagement, as noted above, that he was taken prisoner and sent to Andersonville. On April 1, 1865, he was exchanged and with many others who were thus released from the cruel stockade later became one of the two thousand three hundred and thirty-four exchanged prisoners who boarded the ill-fated steamer "Sultana" bound for Cairo, Illinois, and when that vessel enroute was sunk by reason of the explosion of its boiler was one of the six hundred and thirty-four who were able to make their escape and reach shore, he having been on deck and able to leap into the water free from the wreckage at the time of the explosion. In due time he was able to report to his command and on May 30, 1865, was mustered out by special order of the war department, as one of the survivors of the "Sultana." Upon receiving his discharge he resumed his work on the home farm in Clark county and in that neighborhood early in 1868 was married, later establishing his home on a farm in Adair county, Missouri. In 1873, at Kirksville, Missouri, he took up the study of medicine, under the preceptorship of Dr. J. H. Wesher, and later entered the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in 1875. Upon receiving his diploma, Doctor Madden opened an office at Cedarville, in this county, and there continued in practice until 1885, when he moved to Xenia, where he was engaged in practice the rest of his life, his death occurring there in 1908. For two years after taking up his residence in Xenia he also conducted a drug store there.

Dr. William P. Madden was twice married. On January 28, 1868, near

Springfield, he was united in marriage to Zeruah J. Laybourne, daughter of Reed and Mary (Skillens) Laybourne, and to that union were born three children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others having been Anna B., born on January 28, 1869, who died on August 17 following, and Whitelaw L., May 21, 1877, who died on January 29, 1878. The mother of these children died on January 28, 1883, and on May 6, 1885, Doctor Madden married Hattie Brown, daughter of Nixon G. and Hannah (Wilson) Brown, which union was without issue.

Having been but a small child when his parents moved from Missouri to Cedarville, Reed Madden received his early schooling in the schools of that village and after the removal of the family to Xenia attended and was graduated from the Xenia high school. He then took a year of further instruction at the Ohio State University at Columbus and then entered the Eclectic Institute at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in 1894, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Madden returned to Xenia and became engaged in the practice of his profession there in association with his father. In 1895 he took a special post-graduate course in the study of diseases of the ear, eye, nose and throat and has ever since then devoted his practice to those particular lines. In 1912 he went to Europe and at Paris, Berlin and Vienna took a further course of instruction in his specialty. The Doctor is a member of the Greene County Medical Society, of the Ohio State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association, and is a member of the medical staff of the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home at Xenia. He is a member of the board of directors of the Shawnee Refrigerator Company of Xenia. His offices are in the Allen building.

In 1898 Dr. Reed Madden was united in marriage to Grace Wolf, who was born in this county, daughter of D. K. and Margaret Ann Wolf, now both deceased. The Doctor and Mrs. Madden are members of the Presbyterian church. Politically, the Doctor is a Republican, with "independent" leanings. He is a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the local council, Royal and Select Masters.

HUGH M. MURDOCK.

On another page in this volume, in a personal sketch relating to Silas M. Murdock, brother of the subject of this sketch, there is set out at considerable length something of the history and the genealogy of the Murdock family in this county and of the coming to Ohio in 1835 of Robert Murdock and his wife, who settled in Clinton county and later came up into Greene county and established their home in Cedarville township. Robert Murdock

was born in County Antrim, Ireland, son of John Murdock and wife, who were the parents of eight children, all of whom came to the United States save two. As a young man Robert Murdock came to this country and located in Philadelphia, where in 1835 he married Elizabeth Richards, who had come to this country the year previous with her parents from Ireland, she also having been born in County Antrim. After their marriage Robert Murdock and his wife came to Ohio and settled in Wayne township, Clinton county, where he bought a tract of two hundred and forty acres of land and where he made his home until 1857. He then sold out and moved into Greene county, buying a tract of one hundred and seventeen acres south of Cedarville, where he lived until his retirement from the farm and removal to Cedarville, where he spent his last days, his death occurring there in 1876, he then being past seventy-five years of age. His widow survived him for nearly twenty years, her death occurring in January, 1895, she then being eighty-two years of age. Robert Murdock and his wife were members of the Reformed Presbyterian church and their children were reared in that faith. There were six of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being as follows: John, now deceased, who was for years the owner of the old Judge Kyle homestead farm south of Cedarville, now owned by Silas M. Murdock; the Rev. David Murdock, a minister of the Reformed Presbyterian church, now living retired at Howard Lake, Minnesota; Mary Murdock, of Cedarville; Martha, now deceased, who was the wife of James McMillan, of Cedarville township, and Silas M., who is referred to above.

Hugh M. Murdock was born on a farm in the vicinity of Centerville, in Clinton county, this state, January 17, 1846, and was eleven years of age when his parents moved with their family up into Greene county and located in Cedarville township, his schooling thus having been completed in the schools of this county. From the days of his boyhood he has taken a great interest in the raising of sheep and when he reached his majority he left home and went to Champaign county, Illinois, where for two years he was engaged in herding sheep on the open prairie. With the money thus earned he returned to Ohio and in Crawford county invested in a flock of sheep which he drove through to Arkansas, the trip requiring five months. He was there engaged for more than two years in pasturing this flock, hopeful of profitable returns on the venture, but a series of "hard luck" circumstances intervened and at the end of that time he returned to Cedarville without having realized his expectations. He still, however, pinned his faith to sheep and kept at the business, buying flocks successively in Madison, Delaware and Marion counties, renting pasture lands, feeding and disposing of his products with varying degrees of success, and was thus engaged, traveling about, boarding, hiring

pasture and buying feed for the flock, for nineteen years, in several different states. In 1902 Mr. Murdock returned to Greene county and bought a tract of ninety-three acres two miles north of Cedarville, in the township of that name, built a house on the same, and has since made his home there, now living practically retired, though still keeping a flock of two hundred or more sheep and expecting to start his son in the sheep business on a somewhat more adequate scale presently. Reared a Republican, he later became a Democrat and is now a Prohibitionist.

On April 27, 1887, Hugh M. Murdock was united in marriage to Margaret Starr, who was born in Ritchie county, West Virginia, daughter of James and Hannah Eliza (Ayers) Starr, both of whom spent all their lives in that state, and to this union two children have been born, a son and a daughter, James Howard and Mabel Ruth, both of whom are at home.

Mr. Murdock is now planning to engage in the sheep business on a larger scale in the southern part of Mississippi, Alabama or Georgia in the near future, and if he settles in either Mississippi or Georgia it will make the seventh state in which he has lived and raised sheep.

JOSEPH MITCHELL FAWCETT, C. E.

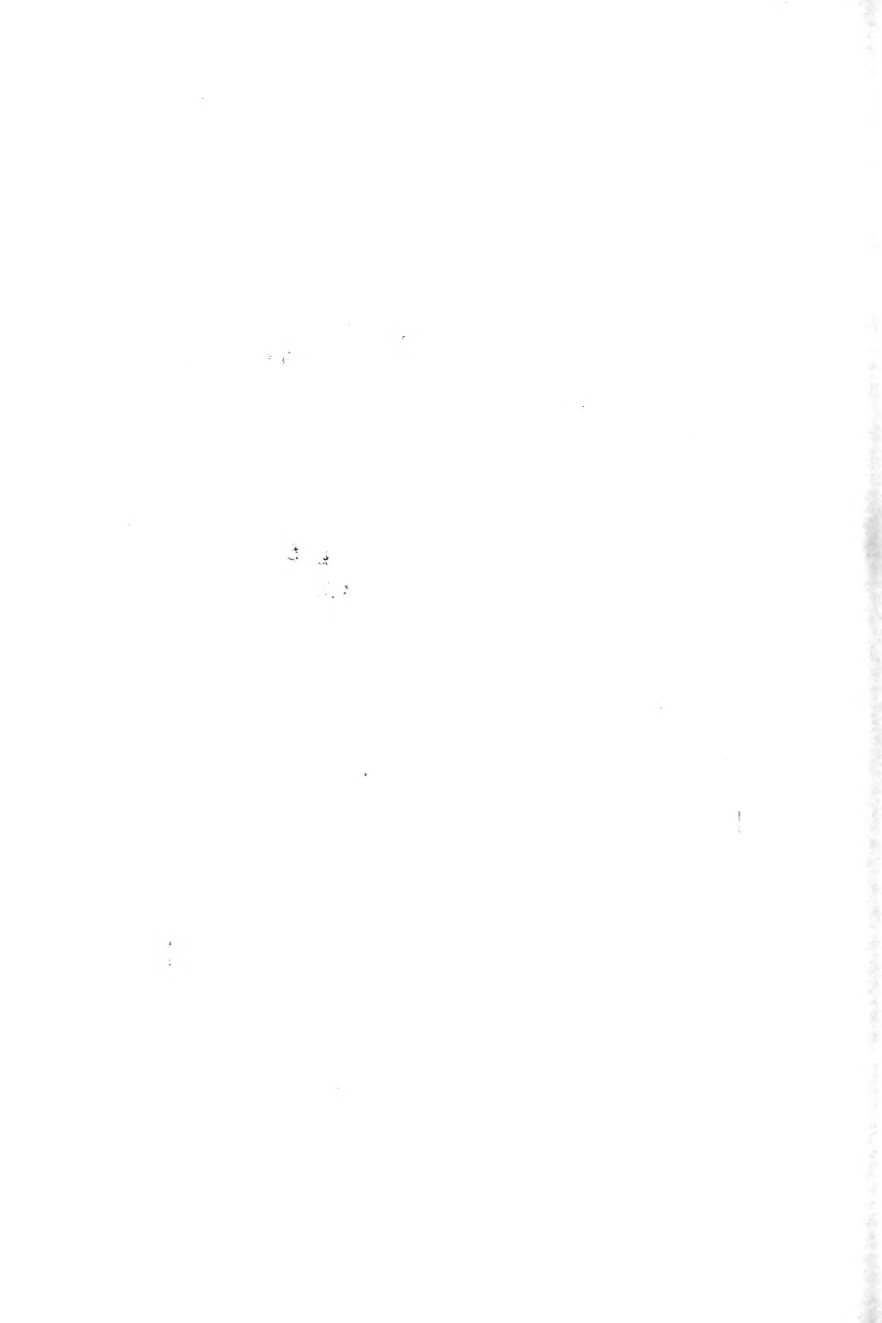
Joseph Mitchell Fawcett, official surveyor for Greene county and a resident of the pleasant village of Yellow Springs since 1901, is a native son of Ohio and has spent the greater part of his life in this state, although his duties as an engineer have taken him pretty much all over this country and even into faraway Burmah. He was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Carrollton, in Carroll county, February 21, 1860, son of John and Roseann (Crozier) Fawcett, both of whom were born in that same county, of Irish descent.

John Fawcett grew up to farming in his home county and in 1845 married there Roseann Crozier and established his home on a farm on the outskirts of Carrollton, spending there the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1905. He was twice married and by his first wife was the father of four children, namely: Robert C., deceased; Charles G., who is still living in Carroll county and who is now a member of the board of commissioners of that county; Margery, who married Frederick Brandt and is now living at Kilgore, Carroll county, and Joseph M., the subject of this biographical review. The mother of these children died in 1860 and in 1861 John Fawcett married Jane Patterson, of Harrison county. To that union were born four children, James A., who is living at Carrollton; Henry Ross, who died in 1892; John F., who died in 1902, and Roseann, who died in infancy.

Joseph M. Fawcett grew up on the home farm in the vicinity of Car-



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rollton and after completing the course in the Union school there began teaching school. He presently entered the Ohio State University and after a four-years course in civil engineering there took a year of further study in the same line at the University of Iowa at Iowa City, leaving there in 1886 to become engaged in practical work in connection with the construction of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad (now the Northwestern) in Nebraska. In the fall of that same year Mr. Fawcett transferred his services to the Santa Fe railroad and was engaged in railway construction work for that company in Kansas, a year later going to Oklahoma Territory, in that same employ, where he worked in and about Guthrie and Oklahoma City until the fall of 1887, when he returned to Ohio and became connected with the construction department of the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad. In the fall of 1889 he went from that employ to the Clarksburg, Western & Midland (now the Baltimore & Ohio) and was engaged with that company at Clarksburg until in May of 1890, when he accepted the position of assistant chief in the construction department of the Kansas City, Watkins & Gulf railroad and in that capacity was engaged, with headquarters at Lake Charles, Louisiana, for eighteen months, at the end of which time he took service with a railway construction company in Florida. Not long afterward, however, the conditions of employment there not proving satisfactory, he returned to Ohio, in 1892, and for a year thereafter was engaged in railway construction work in this state. In 1893 he returned to West Virginia and was there engaged in service for the United States Coal and Iron Manufacturing Company until 1895, when he resumed his service with the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, remaining in that state in this employ until 1896, when he returned to Louisiana and became there engaged in construction work for the Kansas City Southern railroad, later returning to West Virginia to accept the position of superintendent of the engineering department of the Clark Coal and Coke Company. In 1897 Mr. Fawcett became connected with the surveying department of the Boone Black Diamond Railroad Company, making surveys from Ripley to Columbus, and in 1899 became connected with the Short Line's engineering department, continuing in that service for about a year, at the end of which time he became engaged with the National Transit Company in making pipeline surveys for the Standard Oil Company, and two years later, in 1901, was made assistant engineer of a small railroad in eastern Tennessee. In the fall of 1901 Mr. Fawcett married and established his permanent home at Yellow Springs, this county. In the winter of 1902 he accepted service with the Burmah Oil Company and in behalf of that company's operations made a trip to Burmah, where he remained for several months, at the end of which time he returned home and resumed his service with the Standard Oil Com-

pany, making surveys for oil and pipe lines, but shortly afterward went over to the Wabash Railroad Company and was for a year thereafter engaged in construction work for that company in West Virginia. In 1904 Mr. Fawcett was engaged in street-improvement work in Xenia and in 1905 took part in the construction of the Virginia railroad built by H. H. Rogers, of the Standard Oil Company, in West Virginia. In 1907 he became employed by the federal government on public works in Alabama and went thence to Evansville, Indiana, where he was for a time employed at working out a railroad proposition. In 1908 Mr. Fawcett was appointed deputy surveyor of Greene county and occupied that position until 1912, in which year he was appointed to fill an unexpired term in the office of the county surveyor. In the fall of that year he was elected, as the nominee of the Republican party, to succeed himself in that office and in 1914 was re-elected. He was re-elected again in 1916 and is still holding the office.

It was on October 8, 1901, that Joseph M. Fawcett was united in marriage to Linna Belle Musselman, of Yellow Springs, daughter and only child of Michael and Catherine (Kolp) Musselman, natives of Pennsylvania and both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett have a pleasant home at Yellow Springs. Mr. Fawcett is past master of the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons at Yellow Springs. During his college days he was an active member of the Greek-letter fraternity, Phi Kappa Psi, and continues to take an interest in the affairs of that organization. Politically, he is a Republican. During his long period of incumbency in the surveyor's office Mr. Fawcett has done much to increase the efficiency of the county's engineering department and is widely recognized throughout this part of the state as a painstaking officer.

SAMUEL NORTON ADAMS.

The late Samuel Norton Adams, veteran of the Civil War and for many years recorder of Greene county, who died at his home in Xenia in November, 1907, and whose widow is still living in that city, was a native of the old Keystone state, but had been a resident of Ohio and of Greene county since the days of his boyhood, his parents having settled here in 1847. He was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, December 15, 1836, son of Samuel and Nancy Ann (Burnston) Adams, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Maryland, who became residents of Greene county in 1847 and here spent the remainder of their lives.

Samuel Adams was born at Leesburg, in Loudoun county, Virginia, and as a young man went to Maryland, where he married Nancy Ann Burnston, of Baltimore. He was a finisher in a woolen factory and in following his

vocation resided at various places in Maryland and in Pennsylvania until 1847, when he came to Ohio with his family and located at Spring Valley, becoming a farmer in Greene county, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on October 14, 1871. His widow died in 1882. They were the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the fourth in order of birth, and of whom out one, James E. Adams, the seventh in order of birth, is now living, he now making his home in Oregon, the others having been Mrs. Amelia Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Kate Kauffman, Mrs. Eliza Bunting, Mrs. Virginia Hepford, William and Nelson G.

Samuel N. Adams was but ten years of age when his parents came to this county and located at Spring Valley and there he grew to manhood, early learning the carpenter trade, at which he worked in various towns hereabout, and was thus engaged when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted for service and went to the front as a member of Company D, One Hundred and Tenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Colonel Keifer's regiment, and with that command served for three years and five months, being mustered out in September, 1865. The last five months of that period were spent by Mr. Adams in a hospital recovering from a wound received at the assault on Petersburg, Virginia, April 2, 1865, from the effects of which he suffered the loss of his right leg and the crippling injury of his left leg. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Adams returned to Spring Valley hopelessly crippled and not long afterward was appointed to the position of United States storekeeper at Beaver Station, now Trebeins, and served there in that capacity for one year, at the end of which time he was transferred to a like post at Mt. Holly, remaining thus in the government employ until 1871, in which year he became engaged in the grocery business at Spring Valley. He received the appointment of postmaster while thus engaged, serving during the second Grant administration, and at the same time for two years held the post of government storekeeper at Osborn. In September, 1881, Mr. Adams was elected to fill an unexpired term in the office of county recorder and moved to Xenia. He was retained in this office, by successive re-elections, for more than ten years. Upon the conclusion of this long period of public service Mr. Adams continued to make his home in Xenia and there spent the rest of his life. He was a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic.

On March 11, 1867, at Spring Valley, Samuel N. Adams was united in marriage to Amanda A. Riddell, who was born at that place on July 6, 1842, daughter of Silas and Jane (Wilson) Riddell, Pennsylvanians, who had located at Columbus, this state, after their marriage and after a sometime residence in that city had come over into Greene county and settled at Spring Valley, where they spent the remainder of their lives, Silas Riddell being

there engaged at his trade of shoemaker. Though birthright Quakers, Silas Riddell and his wife became members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Spring Valley. They were the parents of five children, of whom Mrs. Adams was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Levi, now deceased, who married Mary Bechtol and was for many years surveyor of Greene county; Robert, a shoemaker, who married Lydia Spear and died on January 8, 1918, at Alma, Arkansas; Humphrey, who died in the days of his youth, and Letitia, deceased, who was the wife of Daniel Gust, of Spring Valley. To Mr. and Mrs. Adams were born two daughters, Rilla, who died at the age of forty-eight years, and Gertrude, wife of Thornton A. Zill, of Xenia, and the mother of two children, Dorothy and Charles Daniel. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Adams has continued to make her home at Xenia.

HOWARD C. BROWN.

Howard C. Brown, landscape architect at Yellow Springs and proprietor of a greenhouse there, one of the most successful florists in this part of the state, and who also is now serving his second term as clerk of his home town, was born on a farm in Miami township, this county, July 3, 1882, son of Capt. William H. and Jennie (Mitchell) Brown, both of whom also were born in this state, the former at Dayton and the latter at Montezuma.

Capt. William H. Brown, who died at his home in Miami township in January, 1914, had spent all his life in this county and in the neighboring county of Montgomery, his young manhood having been spent at Dayton, where his father was engaged in the manufacture of hats. He was early trained to the hat business and was a traveling salesman for his father's factory when the Civil War broke out. He at once enlisted his services in behalf of the Union cause, helped recruit the Ninety-third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and went to the front as captain of Company B, of that regiment. During the battle at Chattanooga Captain Brown's company was in the thick of the engagement that raged about Missionary Ridge and there he was severely wounded, being laid up for some time as a result of his wound. Upon regaining his strength he rejoined his command and was later captured and confined in Libby Prison, from which he made two ineffectual attempts to escape. Nothing daunted by the failure of these attempts the Captain persisted and finally was successful in eluding his captors and making his way back to the Union lines, in due time joining his regiment, with which command he served until the close of the war.

Upon the completion of his military service Captain Brown returned to Dayton and presently became engaged there in the dairy business, his



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dairy farm occupying the site now covered by the plant of the National Cash Register Company. He later came over to the Yellow Springs neighborhood, in this county, and bought a farm in Miami township and after his marriage established his home on the latter place and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there, as noted above, in January, 1914. His widow is still living, continuing to make her home on the old home place. To Captain Brown and his wife were born six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being George W., now local manager of the Standard Oil Company's interests at Portland, Oregon, who is married and has one child, a son, Howard William; Thomas P., who is engaged in the barber business at Yellow Springs and who is married and has three children, George, Thomas and Lynn; Bernard, representative of the Delco company at the Buick factory at Flint, Michigan, who is married and has one child, a daughter, Helen; Mabel, who formerly was engaged as physical director in the schools of Tippecanoe City and who married Carl Hirtzinger, superintendent of schools in Clark county; and Edgar, unmarried, who is managing the home place in Miami township.

Howard C. Brown was reared on the home farm in Miami township and received his schooling in the schools of Yellow Springs, being graduated from the high school there in 1901. He then took a two-years course in Nelson's Commercial College at Springfield and not long afterward became engaged as order clerk for the George H. Mellon Floral Company at Springfield, later becoming bookkeeper for the Springfield Floral Company, which latter position he occupied for four years, at the end of which time he was installed as manager of the Gustav Schneider Floral Company in that same city. A year later Mr. Brown determined to engage in the florist business on his own account and with that end in view, in 1912, established a green house at Yellow Springs, where he ever since has made his home. Mr. Brown's business has had a most encouraging growth from the very start and the products of his green house are in wide demand, he having created a ready market in Dayton, Cincinnati and other cities within easy shipping distance. Mr. Brown also for years has given special attention to the subject of landscape gardening and there is a wide demand for his services as a landscape architect, his specialty being the laying out of the grounds surrounding private homes, and he has done some admirable work in this connection in Cincinnati, Dayton and others of the larger cities of the state. Mr. Brown is now serving his second term as city clerk of Yellow Springs, having been elected to that office in 1915 and re-elected in 1917 for a two-year term. Politically, he is a Republican, with independent leanings.

...Mr. Brown has been twice married. In 1905, while living at Springfield, he was united in marriage to Addie Phillips, who died at her home in Yellow

Springs in 1910, without issue. On August 26, 1914, Mr. Brown married Mary Metzner, of Mechanicsburg, this state, and to this union has been one child, a daughter, Virginia, born in June, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the Presbyterian church.

WILLIAM JOHN TARBOX.

William John Tarbox, secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Tarbox Lumber Company at Cedarville, this county, and secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Cedarville Realty Company, was born in Cedarville and has lived there all his life with the exception of three years during the days of his young manhood, when he was engaged working at the carpenter trade at Chicago. He was born on November 25, 1860, son of John M. and Rachel (Nichol) Tarbox, the latter of whom died in 1905 and the former of whom is still living at Cedarville, being now past eighty-eight years of age.

John M. Tarbox was born at Buxton, Maine, December 3, 1829, a son of John and Lucy (Merrill) Tarbox, both of whom were born and spent all their lives in that same vicinity, and who were the parents of six children, two sons and four daughters, of whom John M. Tarbox is now the only survivor. The latter grew up in his home town of Buxton and there learned the carpenter trade. In 1849 his brother, Samuel Tarbox, a surveyor and stonemason, came to Ohio and located at Cedarville, in this county. A year later, in 1850, John M. Tarbox joined his brother here and the two became engaged in business together, general building contractors and stonemasons, during that period of their activities building several of the stone-arch bridges that are still in use along the line of the Pennsylvania railroad through this section of the state. The Tarbox brothers bought the old Nichol saw-mill on Massies creek and for years successfully operated the same. Not long after coming to Ohio John M. Tarbox had married and he established his home at Cedarville, where he was living when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted for service in behalf of the cause of the Union and went to the front as first sergeant of Piat's Zouaves, attached to the Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with that command served for three years, most of the time in West Virginia, and during that service was shot through the wrist. Upon the completion of his military service he resumed his operations in Cedarville and in 1885 he and his elder son, the subject of this sketch, abandoned the old water-power mill and erected at Cedarville a steam saw- and planing-mill and established the present lumber yards there. John M. Tarbox continued actively connected with the affairs of that concern until his retirement in 1915, he then being eighty-six years of age, and is still living at

Cedarville. His wife died in 1905. She was born, Rachel Nichol, in Belmont county, this state, in 1823, daughter of John Nichol and wife, the latter of whom was a McMechan, and was twelve years of age when her parents settled in Cedarville township in 1835. John Nichol was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, not long after his parents, who were of Scottish descent, had settled there following their immigration from Ireland. They later moved to Belmont county, Ohio. Upon coming to Greene county in 1835 John Nichol bought about five hundred acres of unimproved land west of the village of Cedarville and proceeded to develop the same. He was a practical miller and soon after locating there erected on Massies creek an "up-and-down" water-power saw-mill, which he continued to operate until it was taken over by the Tarbox brothers in the '50s. John Nichol and his wife were members of the old Associate Reformed church on Massies creek, and upon the "union" in 1858 they and their family became members of the United Presbyterian church, at that time organized at Cedarville and remained connected with that congregation ever afterward, Mrs. Tarbox at the time of her death in 1905 being the last surviving charter member of that congregation. John Nichol and his wife were the parents of three sons and two daughters, all of whom save Mrs. Tarbox went West. To John M. and Rachel (Nichol) Tarbox were born six children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being Lucy, wife of W. H. Barber, of the Tarbox Lumber Company at Cedarville; Maria, wife of S. K. Williamson, of Cedarville township, a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume; William J., the immediate subject of this biographical sketch, and Thomas, who also is connected with the Tarbox Lumber Company at Cedarville.

William J. Tarbox grew up at Cedarville and upon completing his studies in the high school there took a supplemental course in the Miami Business College. From the days of his boyhood he was an assistant in the labors connected with his father's mill and lumber business. Upon leaving school he went to Chicago and was for three years engaged there, working as a carpenter. He then returned home and in 1885 was made a partner in his father's milling and lumber business at Cedarville and has since been connected with that concern. In 1903 this concern was reorganized and incorporated under the laws of the state and has since been doing business as the Tarbox Lumber Company, the present officary being as follows: President, W. H. Barber; vice-president, B. W. Anderson, and secretary-treasurer and general manager, W. J. Tarbox. William J. Tarbox, general manager of the company, is also the secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Cedarville Realty Company, owners of an important subdivision of the village of Cedarville.

On March 19, 1885, William J. Tarbox was united in marriage to Mary A. Harbison, who was born in the neighborhood of Clifton, in Miami township, this county, and who is now the only survivor of the family of six children born to her parents, Robert B. and Janet Harbison, both also deceased, and to this union have been born four children: Janet, wife of H. A. Waddele, of Springfield, Ohio; Robert Merrell, who died at the age of five; Rachel, who is teaching in the Ross township high school, and Ellen, who is now a student in Cedarville College. Mr. and Mrs. Tarbox and their daughters are members of the United Presbyterian church and Mr. Tarbox is a ruling elder in the local congregation of that communion at Cedarville. Politically, he is a Republican.

REV. HUGH PARKS JACKSON.

In the reading of this work relating to the history of Greene county the reader cannot fail to notice the repeated references to the Jackson family, which has been represented in this county for more than a hundred years and the present dean of which is the venerable Rev. Hugh Parks Jackson, for many years one of the best-known figures in the United Presbyterian communion in the United States, now living retired at his pleasant home in Cedarville.

The Jacksons had their beginning in this county in the year 1814 with the coming of Robert and Elizabeth (McCorkle) Jackson and their family and the settlement of this family on a farm along Clarks run, where their home was established. Robert Jackson was a native of Ireland, of Scottish descent and of Presbyterian stock, a son of David and Elizabeth (Reed) Jackson, the former of whom was a son by a second marriage of Dr. Joseph Jackson, a physician of Newtown, Limavady, county Derry. Dr. Joseph Jackson was the grandfather of Andrew Jackson, "Old Hickory," and Robert Jackson, the Greene county pioneer, was thus a full cousin of the seventh President of the United States and it is a matter of tradition in the family that there existed a striking physical resemblance between the two. Dr. Joseph Jackson had three brothers who also were physicians in the north of Ireland. He first located at Carrickfergus and afterward at Limavady. He was thrice married and his last wife was the Lady Mary Carr, a sister of Lord James Carr. By his first wife Dr. Joseph Jackson had a son, Andrew, who took part in the revolutionary movement directed by the "United Men" and was compelled to flee the country in 1765. With his wife and two small sons, Hugh and Robert, he came to the American colonies and located in the Waxhaw settlement in North Carolina. There on March 15, 1767, was born another son, Andrew, who became the seventh President of the United States.



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Andrew Jackson, the political refugee, died a few days before the birth of the son who was destined to attain such illustrious distinction, and the widow was left with her three small children in dire poverty, the refugee father having been compelled to flee in secret and unable to realize on his property, which the government confiscated after his flight.

By his second wife, Dr. Joseph Jackson had three sons, Hugh, Robert and David, all three of whom also came to the American colonies, but voluntarily and not perforce as did their elder brother Andrew. The last-born of these sons, David Jackson, was born about the year 1730 and about the year 1753 married Elizabeth Reed. To that union were born four children, Mary, Hugh, Robert and James. With this little family David Jackson came to the American colonies in 1762, landing at the port of Philadelphia in the autumn of that year. He settled on a farm in the Edenton neighborhood in Chester county, Pennsylvania, but later moved to a farm in Colrairie township, Lancaster county, where his last days were spent. During the progress of the Revolutionary War David Jackson served as a soldier in the patriot army and lost a hand at the battle of Trenton when a cannon ball came along, killed one of his comrades with whom he was talking at the time and struck the gun which he was holding, cutting his hand nearly off. He wrapped his lacerated wrist with his handkerchief, walked to an ox-cart loaded with wounded men, mounted it and with one hand drove it three miles to a place of safety. This circumstance ended his soldier career, but he often in later life held up the stump wrist to his grandsons with the injunction: "Boys, never disgrace the flag of your country!" David and Elizabeth (Reed) Jackson were both buried at Oxford, Pennsylvania.

Robert Jackson, third child of David and Elizabeth (Reed) Jackson, was born at Newton, Limavady, County Derry, Ireland, in 1758, and was therefore but four years of age when he came with his parents to this country in 1762 and was eighteen years of age when the American colonists announced their immortal Declaration of Independence. He took an active part in the resultant War of the Revolution and in one battle, in which the company to which he was attached was engaged, had a narrow escape from British bullets which splintered the rail fence behind which he and his comrades were answering the fire of their opponents. In the spring of 1786 Robert Jackson married Elizabeth McCorkle, an orphan, whose father had been killed while serving as a soldier of the Revolution and whose mother had died not long afterward, she later being cared for by a Quaker family in Lancaster county, where she grew to womanhood and married. In 1789, three years after their marriage, Robert Jackson and his wife moved from Lancaster county, going with what is said to have been the first wagon train drawn by oxen that ever crossed the mountains westward, and located on a

farm at the forks of the Yough in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where they put in their lot with the congregation of the Associate Reformed faith that had effected a settlement at Yough. There they remained until 1799, in which year they sold their farm there and came over into the Territory of Ohio, settling on a farm about two miles southeast of Mt. Pleasant in Jefferson county, where they remained until they came to Greene county in 1814, the object of the move being to seek better church privileges and a better farm. They also were tired of the hills. Robert Jackson and his wife and daughters came down in a boat with the household goods to Cincinnati and thence up here by wagon train, while the two sons, David and Robert, drove a six-horse team through loaded with farming utensils and the like, the distance from Mt. Pleasant to Clarks run being at least two hundred miles, and it was thus that the Jackson family came to Greene county and became a continuing force for good in the Cedarville neighborhood. Elizabeth (McCorkle) Jackson died there on September 28, 1822, and was buried in the Massiescreek (Stevenson) burying ground. Robert Jackson survived his wife for more than six years, his death occurring at the home of his son David, one mile west of Cedarville, September 26, 1828, he then being seventy years of age, and he was laid beside his wife in the Massiescreek graveyard. Before coming to this county he had served as a ruling elder in the Associate Reformed congregation of "Short Creek," in the log church two miles southeast of Mt. Pleasant, and after coming here was made an elder in the congregation of the Associate Reform church, now the First United Presbyterian church, at Xenia. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, namely: Margaret, who died in infancy; Jane, who married Thomas Henderson (to which union thirteen children were born), and in 1840 moved to Iowa; Elizabeth, who died unmarried at the age of twenty years; Mary, who was twice married, her first husband having been Joseph Caldwell and her second, John Pollock, and who was the mother of fifteen children, eight by her first marriage and seven by the second; David, who was the father of the immediate subject of this sketch and of whom more anon; Rachel, who became the wife of Judge Samuel Kyle, for thirty years associate judge of the court of Greene county, to which union there were born fifteen children; Gen. Robert Jackson, who became one of Greene county's foremost public men and who married Minerva Eddy and had twelve children; Eleanor, who married William Kendall and had six children; Martha, who married William Lawhead, who moved to Logan county, and had seven children, and Nancy, who married William Bull and moved West, her last days being spent in Texas. She was the mother of eight children. Of the eighty-four grandchildren of Robert and Elizabeth (McCorkle) Jackson, the majority, of course, in the normal course of well-ordered families, married and had children of

their own, hence it is apparent that the Jackson connection in the present generation is one of the most numerous of any of the old families of Greene county. In 1890 the Rev. Hugh Parks Jackson worked out a quite comprehensive genealogical narrative relating to this family, the same making a book of one hundred and twenty-five pages, and an amplification of that volume to cover the numbers that have been added to the great family since that time truly would make an interesting volume.

David Jackson, fifth in order of birth of the ten children born to Robert and Elizabeth (McCorkle) Jackson, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, March 3, 1794, and grew to be a stalwart man of a height of six feet two inches and of a weight of two hundred pounds. Though but eighteen years of age when the War of 1812 broke out, he rendered service as a soldier and for three months served as adjutant of his company in northern Ohio. He was twenty years of age when he came with the family to Greene county and was nearly twenty-five years of age, when, on February 25, 1819, he was united in marriage to Nancy Nichol, a daughter of John and Ann (Woodburn) Nichol, residents of the Bridgeport neighborhood in Belmont county, this state. Following their marriage David Jackson and his wife went to housekeeping in a house just south of the Jackson home on Clarks run and there lived for nine years, at the end of which time Mr. Jackson bought a farm of one hundred and seventy-two acres one mile west of the village of Cedarville, paying for the same three dollars an acre, and in March, 1828, moved onto that farm, which in time he developed into an excellent piece of property and on which he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there on July 17, 1863. His widow survived him for more than thirteen years, her death occurring on September 12, 1876, she then being past seventy-seven years of age, and she was buried beside the body of her husband in the Massies creek graveyard. They were among the charter members of the Associate Reformed (now United Presbyterian) church at Cedarville and their house was one of the chief stopping places of the preachers who came to supply the pulpit of that church. It has been written of this earnest couple that "meals were not more regular in their home than family worship morning and evening, and their children were early indoctrinated in the principles of Christianity and sound morality." There were eight of these children, four sons and four daughters, of whom the subject of this biographical review was the last-born, the others being the following: Eliza Ann, born on December 24, 1819, who married John F. Wright and had one child, a son, Andrew J., who died in childhood; Martha, December 11, 1820, who died unmarried in 1841; George, March 19, 1823, who married Minerva Townsley and had two daughters, Martha Joanna, who married Judge James P.

Rodgers, and Frances Ladora, who married R. Finley Kerr; Ruth L., January 3, 1826, who married Samuel N. Tarbox and had seven children, John J., Thomas F., Theodore H., Harry L., David N., Lida, O. and C. Waldo; John Ross, February 3, 1828, who in 1859 started on a tour of exploration in the Southwest and died in the fall of that year in New Mexico; Mary, October 22, 1830, who married David S. Barber and had seven children, Martha D., Estella Mary, Robert Benton, Lydia L., David Wallace, George Hall and one who died in infancy; and Robert McCorkle, June 11, 1834, who married Kate Ann Williamson and made his home on a farm two miles west of Cedarville. Robert McCorkle Jackson was a music teacher and a violinist of skill and for years was chorister of the United Presbyterian church at Cedarville. During the Civil War he served as a member of the local militia company and was thus one of the "squirrel hunters" who were called to Cincinnati in 1862 to repel Kirby Smith's threatened invasion.

Hugh Parks Jackson, the last-born and now the only survivor of the eight children born to David and Nancy (Nichol) Jackson, was born on the home farm west of Cedarville on April 18, 1836, and like his father and his grandfather, grew to be a stalwart man, six feet and four inches in height and of a weight of two hundred pounds. He grew up on the farm and when sixteen years of age entered Cedarville Academy, in which he was prepared for college, and later entered Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, from which institution he was graduated in June, 1859. He then taught a couple of terms of school and in the fall of 1860 entered the Theological Seminary at Xenia, with a view to preparation for the ministry of the United Presbyterian church. His studies at the seminary were interrupted by the breaking out of the Civil War, his service with the "squirrel hunters" taking him to Cincinnati in 1862. During the spring of 1864 he served for three months in the Christian Commission and had charge of the office of that commission at Huntsville, Alabama, rendering also other service at Nashville, Columbia and Chattanooga, Tennessee. In the meantime he had continued his studies in the Xenia Theological Seminary, in which he got three years of study, taught another term of school in his old home district and in the winter of 1864-65 attended the Theological Seminary at Allegheny City. On March 28, 1865, he was licensed to preach by Xenia presbytery and in the summer of that year was engaged in preaching in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, presently accepting a call extended to him by the congregation of the United Presbyterian church at Waterford, in Erie county, Pennsylvania, being installed there, his first pastorate, December 19, 1865. Two months later he married and established his home at Waterford, continuing his pastorate there until his resignation in September, 1869, on account of failing health. Upon leaving Waterford Mr. Jackson returned to his home

county and the following winter was spent at Xenia. In the spring he returned to his home farm near Cedarville and there resumed his residence with his widowed mother, in the afterward happily realized belief that the life of the farm would restore him to his normal physical state. For four years thereafter Mr. Jackson supplied vacancies in pulpits not too remote from his home, taught school and for some time served as superintendent of the Cedarville schools. In the spring of 1875, finding his health restored, he accepted a call from the congregation of the Carmel United Presbyterian church at Hanover, overlooking the Ohio river, in Jefferson county, Indiana, and with his family moved to that place, remaining there until the fall of 1889, when he demitted his charge of Carmel and moved with his family to Greenfield, in Highland county, this state, where he took charge of the United Presbyterian church in that town, and there remained until his return in 1914 to Cedarville, his old home, where he has since lived retired from the active ministry. As noted in the introduction to this sketch, the Rev. Hugh Parks Jackson has for years been recognized as one of the leading figures in the communion which he has so faithfully served since the days of his boyhood. For thirteen years he was stated clerk of the Indiana United Presbyterian presbytery and in 1881 was moderator of the second synod of the West. Mr. Jackson has for many years been deeply interested in the history of this section of Ohio, has written voluminously for the local press on subjects of a historical character relating to the development of this region and on the occasion of Cedarville's centennial celebration wrote a most illuminating monograph on the history of that fine old village.

On February 14, 1866, the Rev. Hugh Parks Jackson was united in marriage to Mrs. Margaret J. (Frazier) Dunlap, widow of William M. Dunlap, of Cincinnati, and daughter of J. F. Frazier, a Cedarville dry-goods merchant, and who by her first marriage was the mother of one child, a son, William M. Dunlap, born on February 17, 1862, who was educated at Hanover College, became editor of the *Western World* at Sea Haven, Washington, and died on November 26, 1902. To Mr. and Mrs. Jackson five children were born, namely: Lilla Corinne, born on December 23, 1866, who was educated at Hanover College, married Hugh P. Morrow, of Hillsboro, Ohio, in 1893, and died on August 15, 1895; Robert Stuart, July 5, 1868, who also was educated at Hanover and who is now living at Columbus, Ohio; George Whitney, March 28, 1870, who was graduated from Monmouth College in 1891 and died on August 14, 1904; Mabel Snow, March 29, 1872, who was graduated from the high school at Greenfield in 1892 and in 1894 married Walter R. Whiteman, now auditor in the New York office of Swift & Company, and has two children, Margaret and Walter Hugh; and Bertha Rogers, December 24, 1873, who also completed her schooling at Greenfield.

JOHN ALEXANDER HARBISON.

The late John Alexander Harbison, for years one of Cedarville township's farmers and dairymen, who died at his farm home on Clarks run in the fall of 1914 and whose widow is now living at Cedarville, was born on that farm and there spent all his life with the exception of a period of four years spent at Findlay, where he was engaged during that time in the lime and crushed-stone business. He was born on March 31, 1857, son and only child of James and Margaret (King) Harbison, the latter of whom also was born in this county, daughter of John and Helen (Aird) King, and both of whom spent their last days on their place on Clarks run.

James Harbison was born in the Chester district of South Carolina and was thirteen years of age when his parents, John and Jane (Bingham) Harbison, earnest Covenanters, came out here in the fall of 1826 and established their home on Clarks run, having been attracted to this settlement, as were numerous others of the Chester district folk, on account of the congenial church fellowship assured them here. John Harbison, the pioneer, also was born in South Carolina, February 27, 1782, a son of James and Elizabeth (McElroy) Harbison, the former of whom was born in Ireland, of Scottish descent, and the latter, in the colony of Virginia. Both spent their last days in South Carolina. John Harbison became a substantial farmer on Clarks run and there spent his last days, his death occurring in April, 1861, he then being in the eightieth year of his age. His widow survived him for more than three years, her death occurring on August 17, 1864. Her father was a soldier of the Revolution and was wounded during service. James Harbison grew to manhood on that pioneer farm on Clarks run and in turn became a farmer on his own account, becoming the owner of a farm of one hundred and fifty-six acres, on which he erected a dwelling house facing the Clifton and Xenia pike and there lived the rest of his life. James Harbison was twice married. His first wife, Sarah Miller, died leaving one child who died a few months later. In 1852 he married Margaret King, who was born in this county, daughter of John and Helen (Aird) King, the former of whom was a son of Mark King, of Jedbury, Scotland, and to that union was born one son, the subject of this memorial sketch. They also reared to womanhood, Maud Imboden, whom they had taken into their household when she was five years of age.

John Alexander Harbison grew to manhood on the farm on Clarks run on which he was born, eventually inherited the same and there spent his last days. He received his schooling in the local schools and from the days of his boyhood was a valued aid to his father, the management of the home farm long before his father's death being turned over to him. After his mar-

riage he established his home there and with the exception of four years which, as noted above, were spent in the lime and crushed-stone business at Findlay, he spent all his life there, his death occurring on September 5, 1914. In addition to his general farming Mr. Harbison also for some years was engaged in the dairy business, keeping a herd of Guernseys. Though reared a Democrat, Mr. Harbison early espoused the principles of the Republican party and served for two terms as township trustee. In his views on religion he ever maintained the faith of his fathers, was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian (Covenanter) church at Cedarville and for years served as a member of its board of trustees. The old family Bible, brought from Ireland by his great-grandfather, came down to him and is still sacredly cherished in the family.

Mr. Harbison was twice married. His first wife died on December 8, 1887, without issue. She was Ella Reid, daughter of John and Hanna Reid, the former of whom lost his life while serving as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War. On November 18, 1890, Mr. Harbison was united in marriage to Mary Elizabeth Cooper, who also was born in this county, daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Weir) Cooper, both of whom also were born in this county, the former in Cedarville township and the latter in Xenia township, and who established their home on a farm on the lower Bellbrook pike in Xenia township, where Mary Elizabeth (Cooper) Harbison was born.

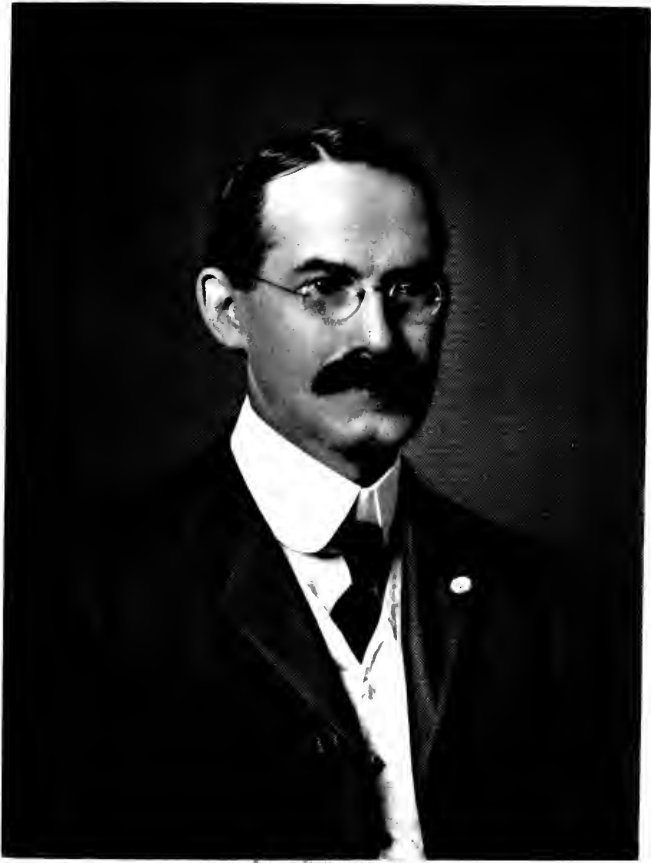
Both the Coopers and the Weirs are old families in Greene county, the progenitors of the respective families here having been among the Chester district folk who came over here from South Carolina in the early days of the settlement and helped establish that sterling old Covenanter community that has for a century and more been the dominant social factor in the Cedarville neighborhood. Ebenezer Cooper was a son of John A. and Agnes (King) Cooper, Covenanters, who settled in the Stormont neighborhood in Cedarville township. There Ebenezer Cooper grew to manhood. He married Elizabeth Weir, daughter of Alexander Weir and wife, also Chester district folk and Covenanters, who had settled in Xenia township, and after his marriage made his home on the Weir place on the lower Bellbrook pike. To that union were born two children, Mrs. Harbison and her brother, John Cooper, the latter of whom lives just on the western edge of Xenia on the Dayton pike. The mother of these children died in 1861 and Ebenezer Cooper later married Sarah Polen and moved to Crawford county, Illinois, and there spent his last days, but he was brought back and buried in Massies creek cemetery at Cedarville. By his second marriage he was the father of three children, namely: Harry L. Cooper, who is living at Jeffersonville, Illinois; Mrs. Irene McConnell, of Indianapolis, and Albert Cooper, of Robinson, Illinois.

To John A. and Mary Elizabeth (Cooper) Harbison were born two daughters, Reba Irene, now a student in Cedarville College and living with her widowed mother in Cedarville, and Pauline, who died in 1903, she then being seven years of age. For some time after her husband's death Mrs. Harbison continued to make her home on the home farm and then gave up that place of residence, rented her farm and moved to Cedarville, where she and her daughter have since made their home.

PERRY M. STEWART.

Perry M. Stewart, president of the Miami Deposit Bank of Yellow Springs, this county, and former treasurer of Clark county, is a native son of the Buckeye state and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of the village of Selma, in Greene township, in the neighboring county of Clark, July 6, 1866, son of the Hon. Perry and Rhoda (Wheeler) Stewart, both of whom also were born in that county, the former on June 6, 1818, and the latter, December 30, 1824, and whose last days were spent at Springfield, county seat of their home county.

The Hon. Perry Stewart, a veteran of the Civil War, a former member of the board of county commissioners of his home county and a one-time representative in the state Legislature from that district, spent all his life in his home county. He was born on a pioneer farm in Greene township and there grew to manhood, becoming in time a substantial farmer on his own account. On October 15, 1844, he was united in marriage to Rhoda Wheeler, who also was born in that county, and after his marriage established his home on the old home farm, where he was living when the Civil War broke out. He helped to raise a company and went to the front in 1862 as captain of Company A, Ninety-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with that company served until the close of the war in 1865. Upon the completion of his military service Captain Stewart returned home and resumed his farming operations, in which he became quite successful. He was an active Republican and took an interested part in local public affairs, for six years representing his district as a member of the board of county commissioners. He later was elected to represent his legislative district in the lower house of the Ohio General Assembly and so satisfactory was his service in that connection that he was re-elected and thus served for two terms in that important office. Upon his retirement from the active duties of the farm Captain Stewart moved to Springfield, where both he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, her death occurring there in July.



Mr. Stewart.



1904, and his, in 1907. They were the parents of ten children, namely: Henrietta E., wife of James Hatfield, of Greene township, Clark county; Julia A., now living in California, widow of Robert N. Elder; David W., who married Amanda McClintock and is living in Clark county; John T., who married Anna M. Keifer and is now living in Houston, Texas; Mary E., who married Samuel H. Kerr and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased; Charles F., a member of the present board of county commissioners of Clark county, who married Clara Garlough and is living at Springfield; Jane, who married George Nicholson and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased; Jessie, who died at the age of four years; Perry M., the subject of this biographical sketch, and E. Wheeler, who married Nettie Shobe and is living on a farm in the neighborhood of the old home in Greene township.

Perry M. Stewart was reared on the home farm in Clark county and upon completing the course in the local common school entered Antioch College and there studied for two years. For a few years thereafter he continued his place on the farm, taking the active management of the same for his father and then gave up farming and became engaged in the mercantile business in the neighboring village of Selma, employed there in a grocery and general merchandise store, and was thus engaged there for two years, at the end of which time he accepted a position as deputy in the office of the county auditor at Springfield, where he remained for two years, 1893-95, later accepting a position as deputy county treasurer and thus continued in the court house for another four years. In 1900 Mr. Stewart was elected county treasurer, his term of office beginning in 1901, and this gave him another four-years tenure in the court house at Springfield. Upon the completion of that term of service, in 1905, he moved to Yellow Springs, helped to organize there the Miami Deposit Bank and has ever since been engaged in the banking business at that place. The Miami Deposit Bank was organized with a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars and has done well, as will be noted in a review of that sound financial institution presented in the historical section of this work. Mr. Stewart is a thirty-second-degree (Scottish Rite) Mason, affiliated with the consistory at Dayton, and is also a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias. Politically, he is a Republican.

On October 16, 1901, Perry M. Stewart was united in marriage to Irene B. Black, daughter of Charles R. and Mary A. Black, of Linden, Ross county, Ohio, and to this union have been born three children, Mildred, born in 1903; Russell B., 1905, and Mary E., 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are members of the Presbyterian church.

ANDREW WINTER, M. D.

Andrew Winter was a practicing physician in the town of Cedarville from 1864 until his death in 1891, a period of thirty-seven years. Born in Fayetteville, North Carolina, on August 18, 1820, he grew to manhood in his native state, practiced medicine in Columbia, South Carolina, until 1861, but on the breaking out of the Civil War he immediately left the state and went to Tennessee where he joined the Union army and served until 1864, coming in the latter year to Cedarville where he made his home until his death. Such, in brief, is the main thread of the life history of Dr. Andrew Winter.

Doctor Winter was a son of Andrew and Hannah (Baxter) Winter, his mother being a lineal descendant of the great reformer. The senior Andrew was a merchant and a man of means, dying about 1833 in Fayetteville at the age of eighty odd years, being over seventy years of age at the time of the birth of his son Andrew. The senior Andrew was married twice, his second wife, Hannah Baxter, being younger than his son by the first marriage. The second marriage resulted in six children, four daughters and two sons, but all were deceased by 1860 except Doctor Winter.

Doctor Winter received his elementary education at Pendleton, South Carolina, his collegiate education at Erskine College in that state, and his medical education in the Charleston Medical College. He was a very studious youth and when still a mere lad was being tutored by a French physician in his home town. He was only twenty-one when he graduated from the medical college, the year 1841 finding him settled in the county seat of the northwestern county of South Carolina for the practice of his profession. About 1851 he removed to Columbia, South Carolina, where he practiced and at the same time became heavily interested with a partner in an iron foundry in the city.

Doctor Winter was as staunch an Abolitionist as his father before him. He never owned any slaves, although on one occasion he bought some slaves and immediately gave them their freedom, having purchased them in order to keep a few Negro families from being separated. The fact that he hated slavery the way he did accounts for the fact that at midnight of the day that South Carolina seceded from the Union he left the state never to return. He went direct to Tennessee, intending to go to the North and volunteer in the Union army. When he reached Tennessee he found a Union regiment being recruited, the first in the state, and he at once enlisted in Company A, First Regiment. It should be said in passing that he would have been killed if he had dared to remain in South Carolina, and as it was, he had no sooner left the state, than the Confederates confiscated his iron foundry and were soon making rifles and other munitions of war in it.

Doctor Winter was at first only a private in the ranks, serving as such for a few months. He was in the first battle of Bull Run, and, with a small group of soldiers, was shortly after captured while detailed to burn some bridges and placed in a Confederate prison. He soon escaped and rejoined the Union army at Mill Spring, Kentucky, in time to participate in the sanguinary engagement at that place. After the battle he was assisting with the wounded, still in the capacity of a private soldier, when one of the surgeons said to him, "You must have had experience before in this profession." He then told the surgeon that he had practiced for more than twenty years, and within a few days he was appointed assistant surgeon with the rank of first lieutenant. Two months later he was promoted and made surgeon of the Fourth East Tennessee Infantry, a position which he held until after the Union forces retreated from Cumberland Gap under General George Morgan. About this time his health began to fail, and he became so ill at Gallipolis, Ohio, that he was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps. His health not improving he was forced to resign on August 28, 1864.

Immediately after leaving the army Doctor Winter went to Columbus, Ohio, where he intended to locate for the practice of his profession. In that city he met some men from Cedarville who persuaded him to locate in that town, assuring him that it offered a splendid opening for a good physician. He reached the town on October 4, 1864, and made that town his home the remainder of his days. Four years after coming to the town he was married to Nancy Turnbull, their marriage occurring in April, 1868. To this union were born three children: Elizabeth B., Isabelle and Andrew. Elizabeth married C. E. Nisbit, and lives in Loveland, Ohio, where her husband is a postal clerk and also interested in a seed and feed store. Isabelle is unmarried and is now teacher in the high school at Painesville, Ohio. The one son, Andrew, the third of the family to carry the name, is single. He lives with his widowed mother in Cedarville and operates his mother's farm of one hundred and fifty-seven acres near the town. Doctor Winter was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian church.

The wife of Doctor Winter was a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Kyle) Turnbull, and was born in April, 1841, on her father's farm three miles from Cedarville. She attended the district school until she was fourteen years of age, when her parents moved to Cedarville, after which she attended the famous Grove school, a private institution. Her father was born in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1806 and died in Cedarville township on May 1, 1843. Her mother, a daughter of Samuel Kyle, was born on February 16, 1807, on the old Kyle homestead, now owned by Silas Mürdock, and died in Cedarville on February 8, 1885.

Thomas Turnbull, the father of the wife of Doctor Winter, was a son

of William Turnbull, the latter a native of Scotland, who lived there until he was about forty years of age. He was a shepherd in his native country, following that occupation until he came to America about 1795 and settled near Nashville, Tennessee. He was not married until after he came to this country. He lived in Tennessee until 1810 and in that year came by wagon to Cedarville township and located on the Xenia-Columbus pike at the corner where the East Point school house is now located, about three miles southwest of Cedarville. William Turnbull built the large solid stone house at the forks of the road in 1821, the date being on the house. It is now owned by the Fowler family. William Turnbull and wife were the parents of nine children: Alexander, Thomas (father of Mrs. Winter), Gilbert, John (married Margaret Kyle and settled in Cedarville township), James, David, Betsy (married Joseph Sterratt), Isabell (married John Chalmers). About 1833 William Turnbull and three of his sons—Alexander, Gilbert and David—went West and settled at Monmouth, Illinois, where their descendants are still living.

Thomas Turnbull, the father of Mrs. Winter, was four years of age when his parents came to Greene county from Tennessee. He grew up on the farm and after marriage bought a farm of two hundred acres in the township on the Federal pike. He died on the farm at the age of thirty-seven, May 1, 1843, leaving his widow with four children: Catherine, who married Dr. Greer, both now being deceased; Isabell, who died unmarried in 1902; Mrs. Winter, the widow of Dr. Winter; Thomas H., who died in infancy in 1843. After her husband's death Mrs. Turnbull moved into Cedarville where she lived until her death on February 8, 1885, having been a widow for forty-two years.

WILLIAM ALBERT GALLOWAY, M. D.

Dr. William Albert Galloway, of Xenia, was born in that city and has lived there all his life, a member of one of the very oldest families in this county, the Galloways having been prominently represented here since the days of the very beginning of the Xenia settlement, or from the time that James Galloway, Sr., a soldier of the Revolution and an Indian fighter, companion of Daniel Boone, came into the valley of the Little Miami with his family from Kentucky in 1797 and settled in the vicinity of the Indian village, or Chillicothe, now and for many years known as Oldtown, just north of the city of Xenia.

James Galloway, Sr., the pioneer, was a native of Pennsylvania, born in Cumberland county on May 1, 1750, a son of George and Rebecca (Junkin) Galloway, natives of Scotland, who were among the influential members



GEORGE GALLOWAY
1784-1857



JAMES GALLOWAY
1750-1838



WILLIAM LYON GALLOWAY
1865-



JAMES COLLINS GALLOWAY
1817-1839



WILLIAM A. GALLOWAY, M. D.
1860

Five Generations of the Galloway Family in Greene County, Ohio



of the Scottish community in that section of the then colony of Pennsylvania and comprised within the bounds of Cumberland county. George Galloway was one of a family of seven brothers, the others having been Samuel, John, William, James, Peter and Thomas, who made a settlement in the vicinity of what came to be known as the spring of the great Indian chief, Logan, in what is now Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. There George Galloway spent his last days, his death occurring on August 3, 1783. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, five sons and four daughters, William, Joseph, John, Samuel, James, Jane, Margaret, Martha and Sarah. Of this number James Galloway, the Greene county pioneer, came to this section of the then Territory of Ohio in 1797, as noted above and as set out at length elsewhere in this work, and here established his home, settling on the west bank of the Little Miami, in the Oldtown vicinity, about five miles north of where Xenia later came to be established. About 1776, after his service in the Revolution, he removed from Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, to Lexington, Kentucky, remaining a citizen of that territory till 1797. It was during this period that he took part in the expeditions of Kentucky troops against the Shawnee Indians at Old Chillicothe, in 1782 and 1784, and determined, whenever peace was declared with them, to found the family home near Old Chillicothe. When Greene county was organized in 1803 he was elected first treasurer of the county, an office he filled for more than fifteen years. It has been written of him that "he was a man of deep religious convictions, and those convictions he carried out in life by doing acts of kindness to his neighbors and in working for the good of humanity. To him is the psalm-singing portion of the community under obligation for his untiring efforts in bringing first to the county the Rev. Robert Armstrong [see history of United Presbyterian churches in Greene county] and other preachers of that faith, and making his home theirs. During his long and useful life he was ever ready to help those deserving of help. James Galloway died on August 6, 1838, at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years, and was buried in the Massiescreek burying ground. He was twice married and by his first wife, Rebecca Junkin, who was of the family from which his mother also came, was the father of ten children, eight sons and two daughters, George, James, Joseph, William, Samuel, Andrew, Anthony, John, Rebecca and Ann. Rebecca Junkin Galloway was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, October 2, 1759, was married to James Galloway on November 23, 1778, died in Greene county on August 31, 1812, and was buried in the Massiescreek burying ground. On April 13, 1817, James Galloway married, secondly, Tamar Wilson, of this county, who died without issue. Rebecca Galloway, elder of the two daughters born to James and Rebecca (Junkin) Galloway, was born in the old block house in the vicinity

of Lexington, Kentucky, October 7, 1791, and was about six years of age when she came into the valley of the Little Miami with her parents in 1797. Here she grew to womanhood and married her cousin, George Galloway, who was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, June 4, 1784, son of Joseph Galloway, brother of James Galloway and the father of eleven children, namely: George, John, William, Jane, Isabel, Joseph, James, Sophia, Ann Eliza, Agnes and Elizabeth. George Galloway and his wife established their home in Xenia township, five miles east of Xenia. His death occurred there on January 29, 1857, and hers, February 25, 1876. They were the parents of six children, James Collins, Madison, William, Ann, Martha and Eleanor.

James Collins Galloway, eldest of the six children born to George and Rebecca (Galloway) Galloway, was born on a farm in the vicinity of Xenia, June 30, 1817, and was there reared to manhood. From the days of his boyhood he gave particular attention to his studies and in after life became one of the strongest factors in the work of elevating the educational standards of this region, his efforts having done much toward promoting the work of organizing a common-school system hereabout. Reared a Seceder, he was a man of pronounced religious convictions, an earnest and active Abolitionist, and organized the first Sabbath school for freedmen in this county. Reared a Whig, he became a member of the Republican party upon the organization of the same and ever afterward was an ardent adherent of the principles of that party. On November 18, 1841, James Collins Galloway was united in marriage to Mary Ann Kendall, who also was born in Xenia township, May 12, 1822, daughter of William and Eleanor (Jackson) Kendall, the latter of whom was a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (McCorkle) Jackson, pioneers of Greene county, and further and fitting mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, together with a quite comprehensive genealogical statement relative to the Jackson family in this county. William Kendall was born at Stony Creek, Kentucky, in 1795, son of Robert and Nancy (Wilson) Kendall, Pennsylvanians, the former born in 1752 and the latter, in 1770, who had settled in Kentucky. Robert Kendall died on October 12, 1843, and his widow survived him for nearly ten years, her death occurring on February 18, 1852. They were the parents of ten children, William, John, James, Francis, Milton, Newton, Martha, Ann, Isabel and Nancy, and descendants of this family, as well as those of the Galloways, the Jacksons, the Wilsons and the Junkinses form a numerous connection throughout this section of Ohio in the present generation. William Kendall was a tanner by trade and upon establishing his home in this county, he having at one time been the owner of the tract now covered by Wilberforce University, carried on quite an extensive tannery business in addition to his

farming. His wife, Eleanor Jackson, was born in what is now Jefferson county, this state, March 15, 1800, and died at her home in the Xenia neighborhood on June 6, 1888. He had preceded her to the grave some years, his death having occurred on August 6, 1879. They were the parents of six children, the Rev. Clark Kendall, Robert, Henry, Mary Ann, Eliza and Caroline. James Collins Galloway died at his home in Xenia on November 28, 1899. His wife's death occurred on September 10, 1892.

To James Collins and Mary Ann (Kendall) Galloway were born four children, of whom Doctor Galloway, the immediate subject of this biographical review, was the last-born, the others having been: Clark Madison, born on April 20, 1843; Alethia Ellen, March 27, 1846, and Rebecca Alice, December 28, 1851. The late Dr. Clark Madison Galloway, a veteran of the Civil War and for years one of the leading physicians and men of affairs in Xenia, who died at his home in that city in 1913, was but eighteen years of age when the Civil War broke out. In the spring of 1864 he enlisted for the hundred-days service as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and upon the completion of that service re-enlisted and returned to the front as a member of Company G, One Hundred and Eighty-first Ohio, with which he served until the close of the war and while thus serving was present when Johnston surrendered to General Sherman at Raleigh. Upon his return home he completed his local schooling in the old Xenia College and in 1869 entered Miami University, from which he was graduated in 1871. For four years thereafter he was engaged as professor of Greek, Latin and mathematics at Xenia College and in 1875 entered the Medical College of Ohio, having meanwhile given his serious attention to the study of medicine and surgery, and was graduated from that institution in 1877, immediately afterward opening an office for the practice of his profession at Xenia and was thus engaged in that city the rest of his life, from the year 1890 having as an associate in his practice his younger brother, Dr. W. A. Galloway. For eight years the elder Doctor Galloway was coroner of Greene county, for more than twenty years a member of the local board of pension examiners, for twelve years a member of the city board of education, for three years physician and surgeon to the Ohio State Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home, for two years a member of the local board of health, for two years a member of the city council and for two years, 1891-92, was medical director of the Department of Ohio, Grand Army of the Republic, an active member of Lewis Post No. 347, Grand Army of the Republic, and of Nathaniel Greene Chapter, Sons of the Revolution. By religious persuasion he was a Presbyterian; politically, was a Republican and, fraternally, was a member of the Masonic order as well as an active and influential affiliate of the Greene

County Medical Society and of the Ohio State Medical Society. Alethia Ellen Galloway was graduated from Xenia College in 1864 and in that same year was married to William J. Parrett, of Lyndon, this state. Her two children, Carrie Dell and Clark Sherman, were graduated from Wooster University. Rebecca Alice Galloway, who on February 6, 1896, was married to Henry Harrison Eavey, of Xenia, was graduated from Xenia College in 1873, later attended Antioch College and until her marriage was engaged as a teacher in the Xenia schools. She is a past regent of Catherine Greene Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and past Ohio state federation secretary of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs.

Reared at Xenia, the city of his birth, William Albert Galloway supplemented the schooling received at Oldtown Run district school by attendance at Antioch College, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He then entered the Medical College of Ohio, and in March, 1890, was graduated from that institution; immediately thereafter becoming associated with his brother, Dr. C. M. Galloway, in the practice of his profession at Xenia, and continuing thus associated until the death of his brother in 1913, since which time he has carried on his practice alone. For years Dr. W. A. Galloway has taken an active interest in the general affairs of his home community and when the draft board was created in this county in the spring of 1917 in connection with this nation's war activities he was appointed one of the three members of the board and made head of the medical section of the same. He also was appointed chairman of the military supplies department of the Greene county chapter of the American Red Cross. It is a matter of considerable local pride to know that the organization of Red Cross activities in this county has been pronounced to be the most effective of any county organization in the state as based upon comparative results accomplished. Doctor Galloway has for years been one of the most active and influential friends of Wilberforce University and as president of the board of trustees of the Combined Normal and Industrial Department of that institution since 1896 has rendered a service to the university that will ever remain a monument to his skill as an organizer and director, an appreciation of his services in that connection having been the naming of Galloway Hall, the largest building on the campus, in his honor. The Doctor is a member of the Greene County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the Mississippi Valley Medical Association and is a frequent contributor to medical journals.

On April 2, 1891, at Newark, this state, Dr. W. A. Galloway was united in marriage to Maude Evelyn Lyon, only daughter of the Hon. William C. and Evelyn (Spitzer) Lyon, the former of whom was lieutenant governor of Ohio from 1888 to 1890, and to this union three children have been born.

namely: Evelyn Helen, born on February 8, 1893; William Lyon, March 29, 1895, and Elizabeth Mary, May 21, 1902; all of whom are members of the Presbyterian church. Doctor Galloway is a Mason and a member of the Ohio Society of the Sons of the Revolution, long corresponding secretary of the local chapter of the latter organization. In 1910 he made an extended tour of Europe, during which he attended the performance of the Passion Play at Oberammergau. In 1908 the degree of Master of Arts was conferred on him by Antioch College, and the same year the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred by Wilberforce University, both degrees in recognition of educational services. In 1913 on the death of his brother, Dr. C. M. Galloway, he succeeded the latter as member of the Greene county board of United States examining surgeons.

JOSEPH P. ELTON.

Joseph P. Elton, superintendent of the Ohio State Soldiers and Sailors Orphans' Home at Xenia, was born in the vicinity of Hillsboro, county seat of Highland county, Ohio, January 17, 1864, son of George S. and Mary M. (Patton) Elton, the latter of whom, a native of that same county, is still living, now a resident of New Vienna, in the neighboring county of Clinton.

George S. Elton was born in the state of New Jersey and was but eight years of age when he came to Ohio with his parents, the family settling in the neighborhood of Hillsboro, in Highland county. There he grew to manhood and after his marriage established his home there. He was a blacksmith and continued engaged in that business until his retirement. His death occurred there in 1913, he then being past eighty-two years of age. His widow, now a resident of New Vienna, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was her husband. George S. Elton and wife were the parents of ten children, five of whom are now deceased, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Charles Elton, who is engaged in the hotel business at New Vienna, and three sisters, Sallie, wife of Charles Ridgeway, of Hillsboro; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Saunders, a farmer of Highland county, and Addie, who is living with her mother at New Vienna.

Joseph P. Elton received a common-school education and was early trained, under the direction of his father, to the trade of blacksmith. In 1897 he was appointed deputy probate clerk of Highland county, under Judge O. H. Hughes, and served in that capacity until his election three years later to the office of sheriff of that county, where he served two terms. In 1904 he became engaged in the hardware business at Hillsboro and was thus engaged for eighteen months, at the end of which time he turned his attention to the steam-laundry business and was thus engaged until his election to the office of mayor

of Hillsboro, which office he held for something more than a year, or until his appointment, in May, 1909, to the important position of superintendent of the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home at Xenia. Superintendent Elston occupied that position until July, 1916, when his successor was appointed, but a year later, in July, 1917, he was recalled to the post and is again serving as superintendent. Superintendent Elton is a Democrat and has served as a member of the Democratic state central committee.

On December 28, 1899, Joseph P. Elton was united in marriage to Margaret McLaren, who also was born in Highland county, daughter of Thomas and Margaret McLaren, both of whom are still living.

ROY C. HAYWARD.

Roy C. Hayward, auditor for the city of Xenia, a former member of the common council of that city and formerly and for years actively engaged in business there, was born in the neighboring county of Clark and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of the city of Springfield on October 27, 1881, son of Charles R. and Cora (Coffin) Hayward, both of whom were born in that same county, and he was reared in the household of his maternal grandfather, Elijah G. Coffin, formerly warden of the Ohio state penitentiary at Columbus. Charles R. Hayward and wife were the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Swayne G. Hayward, born on March 23, 1883, who married Bessie Cohan and is now living at Springfield, where he is connected with the local agency of R. G. Dun & Company at that point.

Reared at Springfield and at Columbus, Roy C. Hayward completed his common-school education in the high school in the latter city and then took a course in a business college at Columbus. He afterward returned to Springfield and not long after became engaged as a motorman on the Springfield & Dayton Traction Railway, continuing thus engaged for four years, at the end of which time he became employed as a clerk in the Frazer shoe store at Xenia. Mr. Hayward remained in the shoe store for more than eight years. He then, in partnership with C. F. Taylor, bought the Wilkins & Snyder cigar store, continuing his interest in that concern until December 18, 1917, when he sold out in order to prepare to give his undivided attention to the duties of the office of auditor of the city of Xenia, he having been appointed to that office at the first meeting held by the city commission under the provisions of the new charter granting to the people of Xenia a commission form of government. Mr. Hayward entered upon the duties of this office on January 1, 1918, and is now thus occupied. He is a Republican and in 1913 was appointed a member of the common council of the city to fill a

vacancy in the representation from his ward and in 1915 was elected to succeed himself in that office, holding that position until his resignation on April 1, 1917, to accept the position of clerk to the deputy state supervisor of elections for this county, which latter position he resigned upon entering upon his duties as city auditor.

On October 16, 1906, at Xenia, Roy C. Hayward was united in marriage to Harriet P. Conklin, daughter of H. H. Conklin and wife, who are the parents of five children, Mrs. Hayward having a brother, Clyde Conklin, and three sisters, Cora, Laura and Hannah. Mr. and Mrs. Hayward are members of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church. To them four children have been born, Jane, Cora (deceased) and Dora, twins, and Mary. Mr. Hayward is a Royal Arch Mason, affiliated with Xenia Lodge No. 49, Free and Accepted Masons; with the local chapter, No. 36, Royal Arch Masons, and with the local council, Royal and Select Masters.

HOWARD APPLLEGATE.

Howard Applegate, former sheriff of Greene county and for years engaged in the mercantile business at Yellow Springs, was born in the vicinity of that village and has lived there and in that neighborhood all his life, with the exception of the period spent in the official service of the county. He is the youngest of the nine children, three sons and six daughters, born to his parents, Elias and Ann M. (DeHart) Applegate, both of whom were born in the vicinity of the city of New Brunswick, New Jersey, the former in 1805 and the latter, in 1811, who were married in 1831. Three years later, in 1834, with their baby boy, William, they drove through in a covered wagon with their small household belongings to Ohio and settled in the woods just west of where the village of Yellow Springs came to be established, where and in the vicinity of which place they spent the remainder of their lives.

Upon effecting his settlement in this county, Elias Applegate cleared a small plot of ground on the land he had secured and in that clearing erected a log cabin, which was the family home until in due time a better house could be erected. Elias Applegate lived to be eighty years of age and his widow lived to the extraordinary age of ninety-five years and six months. As noted above, Elias Applegate and wife had one child when they drove through to this county, their first-born, William. Eight others were born in Greene county, Catherine, Sarah E., Mary, Julia, Johnson, Margaret A., Hannah M. and Howard, all of whom lived to maturity save Johnson, who died in infancy, and all these who lived married and had comfortable homes of their own. Five members of this family are still living, those besides Howard, the youngest, being Mrs. S. E. Kinney, now past eighty years of age and hale

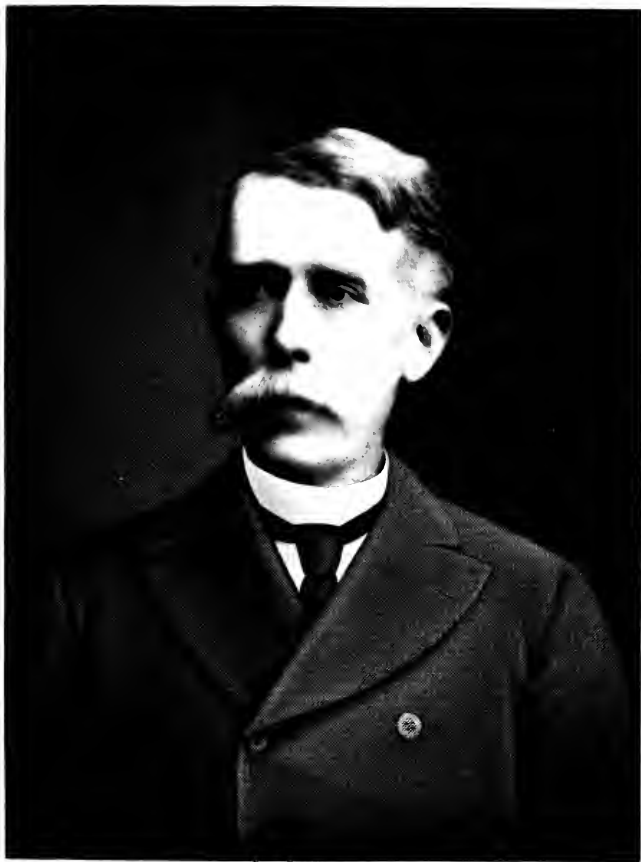
and hearty; Mrs. Mary Olentine, seventy-seven; Mrs. Margret Sizer and Mrs. Hannah M. Bailey, and all of these save Mrs. Olentine live in Yellow Springs.

Howard Applegate was reared on the farm, as a boy receiving a very practical training in the way of farming, but later became employed as a clerk in a general store at Yellow Springs and thus was turned toward commercial pursuits, which he has followed the most of his life. From 1906 to 1910 he served as sheriff of Greene county and upon his retirement from the sheriff's office became engaged in the hardware business at Yellow Springs.

WILLIAM WALLACE CARR.

William Wallace Carr, founder of Carr's Nurseries at Yellow Springs, now operated under the firm name of M. L. Carr's Sons, was born at Carr's Mills (now Bookwalter), in the neighboring county of Fayette and has lived in Yellow Springs since 1857. He was born on June 5, 1843, a son of William and Sophronia (Thomas) Carr, the latter of whom was the youngest daughter of the Rev. Joseph Thomas, formerly and for years affectionately known throughout Ohio as "the White Pilgrim," a loving title he received because he usually dressed in white both winter and summer, in emulation, as he believed, of the apostolic examples.

The Rev. Joseph Thomas was a man of large influence throughout this section of Ohio in his day and generation and left a memory for good deeds that persists to this day and is an imperishable part of the annals of Ohio. He is described as having been about six feet in height, of dark complexion, straight, athletic and ruggedly healthy. Sophronia Thomas was twice married and by her first husband, William Baker, had one child, a daughter, Mary, who became the wife of J. H. Little, of Yellow Springs. By her marriage to William Carr she was the mother of two sons, the subject of this biographical sketch having a brother, Thaddeus P. Carr, who was born on February 11, 1850, was graduated in 1871 from Antioch College and on November 5, 1873, was united in marriage to Elizabeth B. Botsford, of Yellow Springs. During the active years of his life he was a piano tuner, making his residence in Yellow Springs, from which point he traveled far and wide following his vocation. To him and his wife were born three children, Hugh, Henrietta B. and William B. (deceased). William Carr also was born in the neighboring county of Fayette and was one of the considerable number of children born to his parents and all of whom grew to maturity and reared families of their own, the Carr connection throughout this part of Ohio thus being a numerous one in this generation. The parents of these children were Virginians who had come over here and had settled in Fayette county in the early days of the settlement of the present



H. W. Carr

Bookwalter neighborhood, long known as Carrs' Mills. William Carr was a farmer and landowner and proprietor of a saw and grist mill, which gave the name of Carrs Mill to the settlement in which he lived. In 1857 he moved to Yellow Springs in order to give his children the benefit of better educational facilities and there he spent his last days, living to a ripe old age, his death occurring in 1901, he then being eighty-four years of age. His wife died in 1889. In addition to his milling operations William Carr was an expert machinist and was an inventor of more than local note, he having devised numerous improvements to threshing-machine rigs and to general milling machinery.

When he moved with his parents from Carrs Mills to Yellow Springs, William Wallace Carr was thirteen years of age. He entered the preparatory department of Antioch College when fourteen years of age and later undertook the full college course, from which he was graduated in 1869 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, a year of this latter course having been under the instruction of Horace Mann. Mr. Carr then took a post-graduate course and in 1870 received his Master degree. He had meantime been teaching school and upon leaving college resumed teaching and at the same time continued his interest in the nursery business, having been engaged in the sale of fruit trees during vacation periods, and in the fall of 1870 organized at Yellow Springs what later became well known in nursery markets as Carr's Nurseries, one of the largest and most compactly organized nursery tracts in the country. Of that concern Mr. Carr has been the head and the general manager ever since, a period of forty-seven years, the business now being carried on under the firm name of M. L. Carr's Sons, the organization making a specialty of the culture of little evergreens, which are sold by the hundreds of thousands to the nursery trade generally over the country. When Carr's Nurseries were established the market was reached by a personally organized selling agency, agents being sent out to solicit trade, but for years so well established has the business become that the trade now comes to the nurseries without solicitation, sales being made direct to nurseries wholesale. Mr. Carr has for many years been recognized as an expert in his line and the fame of his nurseries has been no small factor in "putting Yellow Springs on the map." Politically, Mr. Carr is an independent Republican and has filled numerous offices, mayor, justice of the peace, councilman for more than twenty years, and school director.

In September, 1869, William Carr was united in marriage to Mary Ladley, who was born at Sidney, Ohio, daughter of DeRostus and Catherine Ladley, and who died on March 22, 1901. To that union were born five children, namely: Edwin O., of Yellow Springs, who married Alice Derby and has three children, Dorothy, Helen and Donald; George W., of Jack-

sonville, Florida, who married Mayme Shumate and has two children, Leonard and Marian; Charles L., of Yellow Springs, who married Edna Garrison and has three children, Mary G., Jean and Anna; Catherine, who married George Harris, now living at McRae, Georgia, and has two children, Louise and Ladley, and Alice G., who was graduated as a nurse from Johns Hopkins University at Baltimore and is now (1918) engaged in active Red Cross work in France, a nurse behind the battle lines.

JACOB J. LAMPERT.

Jacob J. Lampert, veteran florist at Xenia and proprietor of a greenhouse there, has been a resident of that city since 1875. He was born at Avondale, a suburb of Cincinnati, September 14, 1852, a son of Jacob J. and Mary (Jacobs) Lampert, both of whom were of European birth, the former a native of the grand duchy of Baden and the latter of the then French province of Alsace-Lorraine, who came to the United States in 1847 and met and were married in Cincinnati, where they made their home for some years before moving to the nearby Avondale.

The elder Jacob J. Lampert had served for three years as a soldier in his native Baden and when the Mexican War broke out, shortly after his arrival in Cincinnati in 1847, he offered his services as a recruiting officer and the same were accepted, he carrying on a recruiting station at the corner of Front street and Broadway, Cincinnati. By trade he was a butcher and after his marriage he opened a butcher shop in Cincinnati, but his health presently failing he decided to get out and close to nature, so he moved to the suburb of Avondale and there took up gardening, eventually developing a greenhouse business, and was there thus engaged until his death in 1890, he then being eighty-seven years of age. His wife died at the home of one of her daughters in the Walnut Hills section of Cincinnati at the age of seventy-eight years. They were members of the Catholic church and their children were reared in that faith. There were eight of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being the following: John, who grew up to the florist business and was for twenty years the florist at the state Soldiers' Home at Sandusky and was the landscape gardener who laid out the grounds of that institution; Joseph, who died in 1902, who was for many years a gardener at Avondale; George, who is the superintendent of the Walnut Hills barns of the Cincinnati Street Railway Company; Frank, who died during the days of his youth; Leda, wife of Leopold Reger, of Miamisburg, this state, and Louise, who is living in the Walnut Hills section of Cincinnati and who has been married twice, her first husband having been Frank Bentz and her second, Peter Kammer.

Reared at Avondale, the junior Jacob J. Lampert received his schooling in the Catholic parochial schools of Cincinnati and until he was twenty-three years of age he assisted his father in the latter's greenhouses at Avondale. He then, in 1875, started out "on his own hook" and coming up this way arrived at Xenia with two dollars and fifty cents in his pockets. For two years thereafter he was employed by Erastus Bonner as a farmer and florist and at the end of that time married and he and his wife presently decided to start a greenhouse on their own account. In 1883 they bought the greenhouses of H. S. Mathewman at Xenia and have ever since been conducting the same, in that time having made large extensions, the plant now requiring more than eleven thousand square feet of glass. In 1888 the Lamperts erected a dwelling house adjoining their greenhouses and have ever since resided there. Mr. Lampert is a Democrat.

In 1877 Jacob J. Lampert was united in marriage to Catherine Hornick, who was born on Second street in the city of Xenia, daughter of John Hornick and wife, the former of whom was a merchant in that city, and to this union have been born six children, namely: John, a mechanical engineer, who is still living at home with his parents; William B., now a resident of Los Angeles, California, who married Mildred Heild and has one child, a son, William; Edward, who is operating a greenhouse at the entrance to the Hill cemetery at Dayton and who married Nellie Hamma and has one child, a daughter, Martha; George A., of the Lampert Floral Company, who, in association with his brother Henry some time ago organized a corporation and are operating a greenhouse on North Detroit street in Xenia; Harry, who is engaged in business with his brother George, as noted above, and Helen, of Cincinnati. Miss Helen Lampert early developed a voice of rare range and sweetness of tone and upon completing her schooling at Notre Dame College, Cincinnati, turned her attention to the further cultivation of her voice and for some time has been singing in opera. The Lamperts are members of the Catholic church.

LEIGH A. TAYLOR.

Leigh A. Taylor, clerk in the postoffice at Xenia, was born at Iberia, in Morrow county, this state, September 10, 1872, son of James W. and Mary Jane (Anderson) Taylor, the latter of whom, a native of Pennsylvania, died on December 8, 1886. James Taylor was born at New Athens, in Harrison county, this state, September 28, 1828, and died at the home of Leigh A. Taylor at Xenia, on March 1, 1912.

Reared in Guernsey county, this state, Leigh A. Taylor received his early schooling in the common schools of that county and supplemented the same

by a course at Muskingum College, which institution he attended during the years 1899-1901. Upon leaving college he became engaged in farming in Greene county, on a farm six miles east of Xenia, and was thus engaged for nine years, at the end of which time he became employed in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Xenia. For eighteen months Mr. Taylor continued this service and he then, in 1905, was appointed clerk in the post-office at Xenia, a position he ever since has occupied. Mr. Taylor is a member of the United Presbyterian church and, fraternally, is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America.

ALFRED ZINEY SMITH.

Alfred Ziney Smith, superintendent of the plant of the Hagar Strawboard Company at Cedarville, a member of the common council of the city of Cedarville, member of the school board and former president of the local board of health, was born at Waterloo, New York, July 14, 1850, son of Sidney and Flora (Wilson) Smith, both of whom were born in that same state.

Sidney Smith was superintendent of an extensive dye-works establishment at Waterloo and died at his home at that place at the age of forty-seven years, leaving his widow with four small sons. Mr. Smith kept the family together, presently moving to a farm in Wayne county, New York, where she remained until after the Civil War, when she moved with her sons to Illinois and established her home on a farm of three hundred and fifty acres south of the town of Marseilles, in LaSalle county. She died in Marseilles in 1897, she then being eighty-four years of age. Her sons, of whom the subject of this sketch is the youngest, are all still living, Leonard, a paint contractor, making his home at Joliet, Illinois; Louis, formerly a miner at Leadville, Colorado, now living in New York state, and Charles continues to make his home at Marseilles, Illinois, where he is the proprietor of a barber shop.

Alfred Z. Smith was but little more than two years of age when his father died and he was about four when his mother moved onto a farm in her home state, in the neighborhood of which he received his early schooling. After the family moved to Illinois he continued work on the farm until he was eighteen years of age, when, in the spring of 1871, he began working in a paper-mill at Marseilles and was thus employed in the plant of the Brown & Norton Paper Company, for five years, at the end of which time, in 1876, he went to Milan, Illinois, and was there engaged for three years working in another paper-mill. He then entered the employ of the American Paper Company and was for five years stationed at Quincy, being transferred



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thence to Circleville, Ohio, where he installed the machinery for the paper-mill there and was made superintendent of the plant, a position he held until 1893, when he was offered the position of superintendent of the mill of the Columbia Straw Paper Company at Xenia and moved to that city, remaining thus engaged there for three years, or until 1897, when he entered upon the duties of his present position as superintendent of the plant of the Hagar Strawboard Company at Cedarville and has ever since been thus engaged. Mr. Smith is a Republican and is a member of the common council of his home town. He served for several years as a member of the local school board, for some time president of the same, and also has served as president of the local board of health.

On June 2, 1874, while living in Illinois, Alfred Z. Smith was united in marriage to Kate Herlihy, who was born in southern Illinois, daughter of Daniel and Margaret (McCarty) Herlihy, both of whom were born in Ireland, and to this union two children have been born, a son and a daughter, Sidney Daniel and Louisa, the latter of whom is living at home with her parents. Sidney D. Smith, who was trained in the art of paper-making by his father, is now assistant superintendent of the plant of the Hagar Strawboard Company at Cedarville. He married Hetta Crouse and makes his home at Cedarville.

CHARLES KINSEY.

Charles Kinsey, owner of the old Hammell place, in Xenia township, two and a half miles northeast of Xenia, was born at Cincinnati in January, 1879, son of George and Martha Jane (Humphreys) Kinsey, both of whom also were born in Ohio, the former in Hamilton county, and the latter at Newark.

George Kinsey is a son of William Kinsey and wife, who came from Berks county, Pennsylvania, to Ohio and settled in Hamilton county and has been a resident of Cincinnati since he was ten years of age, for years having been engaged there as district agent for the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company. He and his wife have seven children, those besides the subject of this sketch, the third in order of birth, being as follows: Boyden, who is engaged with his father in business at Cincinnati; Edna, wife of Louis M. Webb, also of Cincinnati; Martha, who is at home with her parents; Robert S., who is connected with the American Key Can Company at Chicago, where he makes his home; John H., who is at home, and Imogen, wife of George E. Dimock, Jr., of New Haven, Connecticut.

Reared at Cincinnati, Charles Kinsey followed the completion of his studies in the high school there by a course in the Ohio State University

and for a year after leaving college was engaged in the offices of Proctor & Gamble in Cincinnati. He then became engaged with his brother Boyden in the steel business in Cincinnati and was thus connected until in October, 1910, when he made a prospecting and pleasure trip to Idaho and through the West. Upon his return he began to look about for a place on which to engage in farming and stock raising, and with this end in view came up into Greene county and bought the old Hammell farm of one hundred and thirty-one acres two and a half miles northeast of Xenia, in Xenia township, rural mail route No. 3 out of Xenia, and has since been engaged in farming and stock raising there. He has gone in somewhat extensively to the breeding of pure-bred Percheron horses and among his holdings in that line are the stallion "Berrien 40210" and the thoroughbred mares, "Glen Wild's Bessie" and "Belle of the Miami," also a couple of thoroughbred stallion colts, "Dick" and "Donald," foaled in 1917. Mr. Kinsey also feeds a couple of car loads of cattle for the market each year and keeps up a herd of about sixty pure-bred Duroc-Jersey hogs. He also has a flock of Shropshire sheep. Mr. Kinsey uses a tractor in the cultivation of his farm.

On October 15, 1912, Charles Kinsey was united in marriage to Marion Sherwood, of Berrien county, Michigan, daughter of R. H. Sherwood, a farmer of that county, and to this union three children have been born, Robert S., Virginia and Charles, Jr. Mrs. Kinsey is a member of the Congregational church.

FRANK H. ROUTZONG.

Frank H. Routzong, proprietor of the old Routzong homestead, originally a part of the holdings of Matthew Quinn, a settler of 1803, and known as "Shady Bower," in Xenia township, was born on that farm and has lived there all his life. He was born on December 3, 1876, son and only child of Mathias and Martha (Harner) Routzong, both members of old and influential families in this county, Mathias Routzong having been born on that same farm, where he spent all his life, one of the well-to-do farmers of that part of the county.

Mathias Routzong was born in February, 1842, son of Adam and Sarah (Koepler) Routzong, who settled on that farm in 1837. Adam Routzong was born in Frederick county, Maryland, December 4, 1806, and was eighteen years of age when he came with his father, Henry Routzong, to Ohio in 1824, the family locating in the Fairfield neighborhood in this county. Henry Routzong's wife had died in Maryland some years before he came with his three sons to this county. On that pioneer farm in the vicinity of Fairfield Adam Routzong lived until after his marriage. In

1837, he bought "Shady Bower," the Matthew Quinn farm of one hundred and fifty-nine acres, the southwest quarter of section 5, township 3, range 7, on the Xenia and Fairfield pike in Xenia township, paying for the same three thousand dollars. Matthew Quinn had settled there in 1803 with his family, members of the considerable colony of Scotch Seceders that had come up from Kentucky in order to get away from slavery conditions, and he is buried on the farm which he developed, the Routzongs having ever carefully guarded against agricultural intrusion the little plot of ground surrounding his grave. The barn that Matthew Quinn built on that place is still standing and is being preserved by Mr. Routzong as one of the oldest architectural relics in Greene county. Adam Routzong added to his holdings there until he became the owner of two hundred and fifty-four acres there. In 1861 he bought another farm of one hundred and eighty-three acres in Xenia township and in 1872 retired from farm labors and moved to Xenia, but in 1886 returned to the farm which he had last purchased and there he died on June 16, 1887, and was buried in the Byron cemetery. Politically, Adam Routzong was a Republican, and by religious persuasion was a Lutheran. Adam Routzong was twice married. By his first wife, Sarah Koegler, he was the father of two sons, Henry, who became a merchant at Yellow Springs and there spent his last days, and Mathias, father of the subject of this sketch. The second wife of Adam Routzong was Constance Comfort Cromwell, who was born near Clear Springs, in Washington county, Maryland, and who survived him. To that union also were born two sons, Joseph Cromwell Routzong, who for years occupied the farm his father had last bought in Xenia township and who is now living retired in Xenia, and John R., who died at the age of eleven years.

Reared on the farm on which he was born, Mathias Routzong received his schooling in the local schools and from boyhood was an assistant in the labors of developing and improving the home place, the management of which he took over after his marriage and of which he later became the owner, afterward adding to his acreage there until he was the owner of three hundred and thirty-four acres, the farm now owned by his son Frank. In 1882 he erected a nine-room house on the place and among the other improvements he made was a large dairy barn. Politically, he was a Republican, as was his father, but was not an aspirant for political office. His last days were spent on the place on which he was born, his death occurring there in September, 1892, and his widow still survives him. She also was born in this county, Martha Harner, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Harner, of Beavercreek township, and a member of one of the old families in Greene county, further mention of which is made elsewhere in this volume. To the union of Mathias and Martha (Harner) Routzong was born one

child, a son, Frank H. Routzong, whose name forms the caption of this biographical sketch.

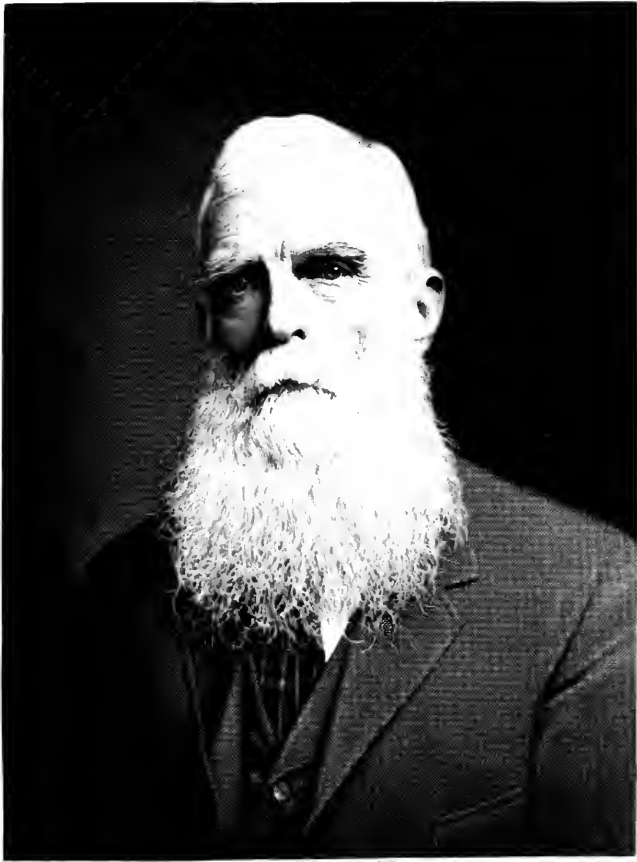
Frank H. Routzong grew up on the old home farm on which he was born and has always lived there. He received his schooling in the common schools and early became a valuable factor in the labors of the home farm, which he now owns. He has given considerable attention to dairying in connection with his general farming and raises Holstein and Jersey cattle and Duroc-Jersey hogs. He is a Republican and has given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, but has not been included in the office-seeking class.

On December 8, 1897, Frank H. Routzong was united in marriage to Harriet Wolf, who was born on a farm in Bath township, this county, a daughter of Benjamin and Lenora (Schauer) Wolf, both of whom also were born in Bath township and who are now living retired in the village of Osborn. Benjamin Wolf and wife, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, have two daughters, Mrs. Routzong having a sister, Cora, who married George Williamson, of Beavercreek township, and has a daughter, Grace Mae, who married Harry Ferguson and has one child, a son, Richard Benjamin. Mr. and Mrs. Routzong have three children, Wilfred W., Cora Eleanor and Catherine Louise. The Routzongs are members of the First Presbyterian church at Xenia.

ANDREW HOOD WHITE.

Among that numerous band of vigorous octogenarians of which Greene county is so justly proud there are few who have a wider acquaintance or are held in higher regard than the venerable Andrew Hood White, who for many years was actively engaged in the mercantile business at Clifton and who is still living in that pleasant village, of which he has been a continuous resident since the latter '50s. Mr. White was one of the founders of the public-school system in Clifton and was for years clerk of the local school board. He also has been for years a member of the session of the Presbyterian church at Clifton, now the senior elder, and has thus been long recognized as among the leaders in good works throughout that part of the county and in the adjacent sections of the neighboring county of Clark.

Mr. White is a South Carolinian and proud of it, though he has never had occasion to regret the choice which made him a citizen of Ohio away back in the days of his young manhood, for this section of the Buckeye state has come to be very dear to him during the many years in which he has been a participant in its development. The manner of Mr. White's coming to and definite determination to settle in Greene county is but one of the count-



Andrew H. White

less instances showing upon what a slender chance human choice sometimes depends. He was born in Chester county, South Carolina, April 27, 1835, son of Abram and Esther (Thompson) White, both of whom also were born in that state, of old Colonial stock, the former born in 1793, who were substantial landed proprietors there. Reared in his home county, Andrew H. White received excellent schooling there and remained until he was twenty-one years of age, when he took a trip West, spending a year at Camden, Arkansas. At that time his brother, the Rev. W. G. White, was engaged in the ministry of the Presbyterian church at Clifton, in this county, and upon his return from the West he stopped at Clifton for the purpose of making a brief visit to his brother. So favorably impressed did he become with the outlook here, however, that he determined to make this his permanent home, readily coming to the conclusion that the attractive village of Clifton would be a most desirable point in which to engage in business. That he might be better qualified for a mercantile career, Mr. White went to Cincinnati, where he took a thorough course in a business college and then for a year afterward was engaged as a clerk in a general store at Dayton. He then returned to Clifton and there opened a store. From the very beginning of his commercial undertaking Mr. White was successful and he continued in business, carrying on the same in the building in which he started his store, for forty years, or until his retirement from active business about fifteen years ago, when he sold his store. Since then he has been living retired, though he still retains interests of one sort and another that prevents time hanging heavily on his hands. From the very beginning of his residence in Clifton Mr. White has taken an active interest in school affairs. For years he was clerk of the school board and thus the Clifton schools virtually grew up under his eye and in a measure under his direction. Politically, Mr. White is a Democrat of the old Jacksonian school and for years was regarded as one of the leaders of that party hereabout.

On April 18, 1866, Andrew H. White was united in marriage to Margaret J. Hand, who was born in this county, in the neighborhood of Yellow Springs, a daughter of John and Sarah (Johnson) Hand, the former of whom died when his daughter Margaret was two years of age, his widow surviving him for years. The latter was a native of Mason county, Kentucky. Mrs. White died at her home in Clifton on May 24, 1893, and is buried in the beautiful cemetery there. She left one daughter, Miss Florence Kennett White, who is a great stay and comfort to her father in the latter's declining years. Miss White was given excellent educational advantages in the days of her girlhood and has traveled quite extensively in the South. Mr. White is now the senior elder of the Presbyterian church at Clifton and for many years has been clerk of the session, his interest in church

work thus extending to all departments of the same; an interest that he is happy to say does not wane with advancing years.

JESSE F. JOHNSON.

Jesse F. Johnson, who died at his home in Jamestown in 1896 and whose widow is still living there, was for years a merchant and business man of that village. He was born on a pioneer farm south of that village on June 6, 1827, son of John D. and Martha (Blain) Johnson, who were among the early settlers of that section. John D. Johnson, whose last days were spent at Jamestown, to which place he moved upon his retirement from the farm, was twice married and was the father of eight children, Cyrus, Jesse F., Joel, Julia, Mrs. Eliza Jane Christopher, Cloyce, Salathiel and Samuel.

Reared on the farm, Jesse F. Johnson received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and remained at home until his marriage in the fall of 1854, when he became engaged in the grocery business at Jamestown. Not long afterward he moved to Wilmington, county seat of the neighboring county of Clinton, and there became engaged in the grocery and hardware business, continuing thus engaged at that place for five years, at the end of which time he returned to Jamestown, resumed the grocery business in that village and there continued thus engaged the rest of his life, his death occurring there in 1896. In addition to his mercantile interests at Jamestown Mr. Johnson was one of the leading stockholders of the Farmers and Traders Bank at that place. He was a Republican, and a member of the Christian church.

On November 2, 1854, Jesse F. Johnson was united in marriage to Amy Fuller, who was born on a farm in the vicinity of Wilmington, this state, daughter of John and Hannah Fuller, who during the '40s left this state and went to the then Territory of Iowa, where John Fuller became the founder of the now thriving city of Ottumwa, in Wapello county, his original plat of that town, laid out on the land he had entered, carrying twenty-two lots. Mrs. Fuller died there and in 1849 John Fuller joined the gold-seekers rush to California and spent his remaining days there, dying in Sacramento. John Fuller and his wife were the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Johnson, the second in order of birth, is now the only survivor, the others having been Sarah Louisa, who married Ivan Hester; Anna Maria, who was twice married, her second husband having been William Mercer, of Jamestown, and Henry W., Mary Ellen and Gideon.

To Jesse F. and Amy (Fuller) Johnson were born three children,

namely: Charles, who died in infancy; Alice May, who died at the age of thirteen years, and William Warren, who is now engaged in business at Jamestown, which has been his home since the days of his infancy. William Warren Johnson, president of the Peoples Bank of Jamestown and a merchant in that village, was born at Wilmington during the time of the residence of his parents in that city, in 1862, and was but an infant when his parents returned to Jamestown in 1863. He was reared in the latter town, receiving his schooling in the schools of that place, and from boyhood was trained in commercial ways, an assistant to his father in the latter's management of the store. Upon his father's retirement from business, he continued the management of the store and has thus been engaged ever since. For years he has served as president of the Peoples Bank.

William W. Johnson married Ethel Smith, of Pottersburg, this state. By a former marriage Mr. Johnson had one son, Dr. Jesse Stanley Johnson, an osteopathic physician, now practicing at Hagerstown, Maryland. Doctor Johnson was reared at Jamestown and was educated there and at Misilla Park, New Mexico, and upon receiving his diploma from the osteopathic college entered upon the practice of his profession at Washington, D. C., but presently moved from there to Hagerstown and has since been practicing in the latter city. He married Bettie Eolio Cook, of Bridgeport, Ohio. Mrs. Johnson is a member of the Christian church.

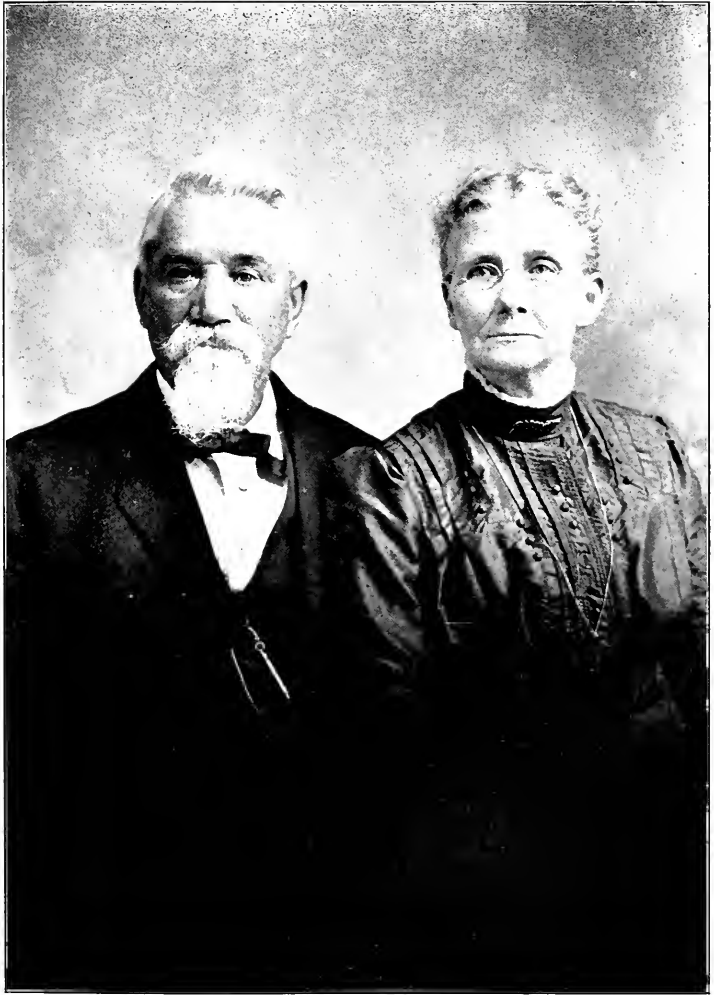
DAVID E. CROW.

David E. Crow, steward of the workhouse at Xenia, was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Jeffersonville, in the neighboring county of Fayette, a son of E. H. Crow, who was born in Champaign county, this state, and who was killed in an accident when his son David was a child. The latter grew up in Fayette county, received there a common-school education and followed farming until he came over into Greene county and became engaged in the oil business at Jamestown. For four years Mr. Crow was engaged in the oil business at Jamestown and then, in 1892, he moved to Xenia and in the latter city became established in the same business, continuing thus engaged until his appointment on January 15, 1902, to the position of superintendent of the public workhouse, a position he occupied until the inauguration of the new form of city government in 1918, when he was made steward of the workhouse. Mr. Crow is a Republican and, fraternally, is affiliated with the local lodges of the Free and Accepted Masons, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Modern Woodmen of America at Xenia.

LEWIS MIDDLETON.

The late Lewis Middleton, who died at his home in Caesarscreek township on November 12, 1917, was born in that township and had spent all his life there. He was born on December 6, 1839, son of Thomas and Sarah (Hartsook) Middleton, early settlers in Caesarscreek township, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Maryland. Thomas Middleton was born in Berkeley county, now in West Virginia, a son of Bethuel and Naomi (Ganoë) Middleton, both of whom also were born in that same county and who later came to this part of Ohio and became pioneers of Greene county. Bethuel Middleton's father was Thomas Middleton, who was born in New Jersey, but who had established his home in western Virginia, where he spent his last days. To Bethuel Middleton and wife were born the following children: John, Thomas, William, James, Nathaniel, Bethuel, Betsy, Amy, Polly and Linda. Along in the '30s the two elder sons, Thomas and John Middleton, came over into Ohio on a prospecting trip and located a tract of land where Middleton Corners later came to be established, in Caesarscreek township, this county. Thomas Middleton then went back to Virginia and brought back with him his parents and other members of the family, the family driving through to Greene county with a six-horse team. The land they had bought was a part of the Andrew Tate tract and there in the heavy timber the Middletons put up a log house and established their home, the parents spending there the remainder of their lives.

At the age of eighteen Thomas Middleton became engaged in teaming, a vocation which in those days of long freight hauls by wagon train meant more than it does in these days, and later became a cattle buyer and pork-packer, buying and packing his stock here and disposing of the same in the market at Cincinnati, the first year in which he thus was engaged his transactions aggregating fourteen thousand dollars. He also took an active part in political affairs and was long recognized as one of the leaders in the Democratic party hereabout, a familiar and influential figure at party conventions and the like and for years treasurer of his home township. Thomas Middleton lived to the ripe old age of eighty-six years, his death occurring at Lewis Middleton's home in Caesarscreek township on May 22, 1888, and he was buried in the Eleazar churchyard. His wife had preceded him to the grave some years, her death having occurred at the age of seventy-five. They were members of the Methodist Protestant church and their children were reared in that faith. There were six of these children, all of whom are now deceased save Elijah, the fourth in order of birth, who married Charity Kurl and is now living at Nevada, Missouri, the others besides the subject of this memorial sketch having been Elizabeth, who married John



MR. AND MRS. LEWIS MIDDLETON.

Rumbo; William Harrison, who married Sarah Forkner; Nathan J., who married Margaret Sipe, and Sarah Jane, who married David Turner.

Lewis Middleton was reared on the farm on which he was born and received his schooling in the neighborhood schools. From the days of his boyhood he was a valued factor on the farm and after his marriage in 1867 continued to help work the place until 1875, in which year he bought the Sellers Fudge farm of one hundred and five acres in Caesarscreek township, established his home on that place and there spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there in the fall of 1917, he then lacking less than a month of being seventy-eight years of age. In addition to his general farming Mr. Middleton had for thirty-five years been a breeder of fine horses, during that time having done much to improve the strain of horse flesh throughout this and adjoining counties. He was a Bryan Democrat. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and their children were reared in that faith.

On January 1, 1867, in this county, Lewis Middleton was united in marriage to Samantha Long, who was born in New Jasper township, this county, November 14, 1847, daughter of Adam and Margaret (McGuffy) Long, the latter of whom also was born in this county, a member of one of the pioneer families in this part of the state. Margaret McGuffy's mother was a Kauffman. Adam Long was a native of Virginia and was but a lad when he came to Greene county with his parents, Adam and Margaret (Ewing) Long, the family settling in New Jersey township among the early settlers of that part of the county. The elder Adam Long and his wife had five children, William, Henry, Peter, Eliza and Adam. The latter grew up on the pioneer farm which his parents had settled in New Jasper township and he married in that township and for years made his home there, later moving over into the adjoining county of Fayette, where he died. His widow married a Mr. Whaley and moved to Indiana, where her last days were spent. The younger Adam Long was a Republican and he and his wife were active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he for years served as class leader. To him and his wife were born nine children, namely: Peter, who died in the days of his boyhood; James, a veteran of the Civil War, who is now living in St. Clair county, Missouri; Francis, who also enlisted his services in behalf of the Union during the Civil War and was killed at the battle of Shiloh; Samantha, widow of Mr. Middleton; William, who is now living in the vicinity of Dayton, this state; Adam, a retired farmer, now living in Xenia; Curtis, who married Elizabeth English and died at the age of twenty-one years; Jane, wife of George Rusby, of Independence, Iowa, and Elizabeth, wife of Caris Mercer, of Woodburn, Indiana.

To Lewis and Samantha (Long) Middleton were born six children, namely: Harry Edgar, who died at the age of five years; Lora, wife of Solomon Early, of Caesarscreek township, this county; Thomas, a Greene county farmer, who married Lulu Dunlap and has three sons, William, Roy and Harold; Thurman, who married Jessie Forkner and is farming in Caesarscreek township; Arthur Leroy, who died in youth, and Curtis, who died at the age of sixteen years. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Middleton has continued to make her home on the farm, retaining her interest in the community in which she has lived all her life and in which she has been a witness to the amazing changes that have been wrought since the days of her girlhood.

WILLIAM P. ANDERSON.

William P. Anderson, a retired farmer now living at Cedarville, where he has made his home since his retirement from the farm in 1907, was born on a farm one and a half miles south of Cedarville on February 4, 1848, son of William and Mary (Collins) Anderson, the former of whom was born in that same township and the latter in the state of Pennsylvania, whose last days were spent in this county.

William Anderson, father of the subject of this sketch, was a son of William Anderson and wife, the latter of whom was a Kyle, who came up here from the neighborhood of Lexington, Kentucky, at an early day in the settlement of Greene county and put in their lot with that of the followers of the Rev. Robert Armstrong, members of the Associate Reformed (Seceder) church, who had come up here into the valley of the Little Miami in order to get away from slavery conditions. The elder William Anderson established his home at what came to be known as "Andersons Forks," in the south part of the county. He later moved to a farm in the vicinity of Cedarville and on the latter place, spent his last days. The younger William Anderson grew up on that farm and in time became a farmer on his own account. After his marriage to Mary Collins, who also was a member of one of Greene county's pioneer families, he established his home on a farm on the Jamestown pike, six miles from Xenia, spending the rest of his life there, his death occurring in 1868, he then being sixty-two years of age. His widow survived him for many years, she having been eighty-eight years of age at the time of her death in 1906. William and Mary (Collins) Anderson were the parents of eleven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being as follows: Mary, now deceased, who was the wife of the Rev. Walker Taylor; Ella, also deceased, who was the wife of the Rev. Frank Spencer; Margaret, the wife of James A. Curry, who is now making her

home in Springfield, in the neighboring county of Clark: Martha, deceased, who was the wife of Thompson Crawford, of Cedarville; Nannie, deceased, who was the wife of Dr. E. C. Harris, of Springfield; Archibald, now deceased, who remained on the old Collins homestead, and who was twice married, his first wife having been Ella Webster and his second, Ella Anderson; Lydia, who is now living at Santa Ana, California, widow of William Smart; Maria, wife of John C. Williamson, of Xenia; Samuel C., who married Nettie Williamson and spent his last days on the old Anderson home place, and Eula, also deceased, who was the wife of the Rev. W. C. Coleman.

William P. Anderson grew up on the home farm and completed his schooling in the Xenia schools. After his marriage in 1883 he established his home on the old home place, one hundred and seven acres of which he bought, and engaged in general farming and in the raising of live stock until he sold the farm in 1907 and moved to Cedarville, where he since has made his home. In addition to the land he owned in this county, Mr. Anderson also was the owner of a farm in the adjoining county of Clark and the owner of lands in Texas. He is a Republican, and has served the public in the capacity of justice of the peace and as a member of the school board. While living on the farm he also operated a stone quarry.

On December 19, 1883, William P. Anderson was united in marriage to Emma J. Collins, daughter of Col. Thomas C. Collins of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Colonel Collins was born on the farm in that county on which his father, James Collins, a soldier of the Revolution, was born, James Collins having been the son of Cornelius Collins, a native of Ireland, who had come to this country and had established his home in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in Colonial days. James Collins, the Revolutionary soldier, was the father of two sons, Cornelius and Thomas C., the latter of whom was for years auditor of his home county, a member of the board of county commissioners and the trustee of a local insurance company. He was an elder in the United Presbyterian church. Col. Thomas C. Collins was twice married. By his first wife, who was Grace McCullough, he was the father of six children, James, Hugh, Thomas, Mary, Grace and Sarah. His second wife, the mother of Mrs. Anderson, was a daughter of Ross and Sarah Campbell, of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. By that second marriage he was the father of three children, Mrs. Anderson having a brother, Ross, who is living at Quarryville, Pennsylvania, and a sister, Bertha I., who married George Herbert and is now living at Glasgow, Scotland. Mrs. Anderson completed her schooling in the Pennsylvania State Normal School and for a time before her marriage was engaged in teaching music.

To William P. and Emma J. (Collins) Anderson have been born four

children, William E., Thomas Collins, Bertha Isabel and Wallace Cooper, all of whom are living and doing well. William E. Anderson was born on November 24, 1884, and upon completing the course in the high school at Xenia entered Tarkio College at Tarkio, Missouri, upon completing the course at which he began teaching school. He then went to Kansas and later to Colorado, in which latter state he became the owner of a ranch in the vicinity of Olathe; later going to Greeley, Colorado, where he is now living, one of the chief stockholders and the general manager of the firm of W. D. Garlington & Company, dealers in general produce. He married Elizabeth Doland. Thomas Collins Anderson, who is now engaged in farming at Olathe, Colorado, where he also is a ranch owner, went to Kansas after finishing the course in the high school at Cedarville and entered Sterling College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He married Emma Quinlan and has three children, Phyllis Jean, Lois Rachel and Genevieve. Bertha Isabel Anderson completed her schooling at Cedarville College and has since been engaged in teaching school, at present connected with the schools at Osborn, she having previously taught for one year at Selma and for two years at West Liberty. Wallace Cooper Anderson finished the high school course and took one year at Cedarville College and is now attending Cooper College, Sterling, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are members of the United Presbyterian church.

ROBERT HARVEY NASH.

The late Robert Harvey Nash, former county commissioner and the proprietor of a fine farm on the Hoop road, a mile and a half east of Xenia, rural mail route No. 8 out of that city, where his widow still lives, was born in this county and all his life was spent here. He was born on a farm on the Columbus pike in Xenia township, March 20, 1851, son of John R. and Mary (Jackson) Nash, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families, the latter a daughter of Gen. Robert and Minerva (Eddy) Jackson, further mention of whom, together with a comprehensive narrative relating to the Jackson family in this county, is made elsewhere in this volume, the Jacksons having been among the foremost pioneers of the Cedarville neighborhood.

Elsewhere in this volume, in a biographical sketch relating to the venerable John R. Nash, of Xenia township, there also is set out a comprehensive history of the Nash family in this county, this family having had its beginning here with the coming of Nathan and Polly (Ward) Nash from Washington county, Pennsylvania, about the time Greene county was erected into a civic unit, one hundred and fifteen years ago. This pioneer couple



R. H. Nash

were the parents of ten children, hence the Nash connection in this particular branch became a numerous one in the succeeding generation. Hugh Nash, the fourth in order of birth of the six sons of Nathan and Polly Nash, there having been four daughters in the family, grew up in this county and married Rebecca Graham. He died in Xenia at the age of sixty-five years and his widow survived him to the age of eighty-three. Originally members of the Associate Reformed church, they became affiliated with the United Presbyterian church after the "union." Their two children are still living. John R. Nash, now past ninety years of age, having a sister, Mrs. Mary Miller, of Chicago, Illinois. As noted elsewhere, John R. Nash established himself on the farm on which he is now living, in Xenia township, in 1859, about nine years after his marriage to Mary Jackson, who died September 3, 1904, she then being past seventy-two years of age. To that union two sons were born, the subject of this memorial sketch having had a brother, Hugh Leander Nash, who is still farming the old home place east of Xenia, his father continuing to make his home there. John R. Nash has been an elder in the First United Presbyterian church at Xenia for more than forty years and his sons were reared in that faith.

Robert H. Nash, elder of the two sons of John R. and Mary (Jackson) Nash, was reared on the home farm, completed his schooling in the Xenia high school and in the old Xenia College and remained at home until his marriage in 1876. Shortly before his marriage he bought a farm on the Nash road in Xenia township adjoining his father's farm. He built a new house on that place and there continued to reside until 1898, when he purchased the farm formerly owned by his father-in-law on the Jamestown pike, where he resided until the spring of 1910, when he sold that place and bought the Lauman farm of two hundred acres, on the Hoop road in Xenia township, a mile and a half east of Xenia, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there on November 25, 1917. Upon taking possession of that place Mr. Nash made numerous substantial improvements on the same and the work he inaugurated there is now being successfully carried on by his sons, Walter L., who bought eighty acres of his father's place, and William H. Nash, who remains with his mother on the remainder of the farm. Robert H. Nash was a Republican and served two terms as a member of the board of county commissioners from his district, elected for the first term in the fall of 1900. He was an earnest member of the First United Presbyterian church at Xenia, as is his widow, and the family has ever taken an interested part in church work, as well as in the general good works of the community. As was written of Mr. Nash during the time of his service as a county commissioner: "As a public official he is true to his promises and is most active and earnest in supporting every

movement and measure which he believes will contribute to the general good," and he continued thus to the end, faithful and true in every relation of life.

On November 28, 1876, Robert H. Nash was united in marriage to Agnes Gordon Watt, who also was born in Xenia township, on a farm on the Federal pike, daughter of William and Sarah G. (Carruthers) Watt, whose last days were spent in Xenia, the former dying at his home there on June 12, 1894, he then being in the eightieth year of his age, and the latter, June 13, 1898, she then being in her eighthieth year. Both William Watt and his wife were natives of Scotland, but were married in this country. William Watt came to the United States upon attaining his majority and was for a time thereafter engaged at working at his trade, that of a carpenter, in New York City. He then came to Ohio and worked at Bainbridge until 1849, when he came to Greene county and established his home on a farm of one hundred acres in Xenia township. Some years later he disposed of his interests there and moved to a farm in Cedarville township, where he remained for twenty-three years, or until his retirement in 1884 and removal to Xenia, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. William Watt was a Republican and for some time served as a member of the board of county commissioners from his district. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church and were ever active in good works. They were the parents of ten children, of whom Mrs. Nash was the sixth in order of birth, the others being the following: Mary E., wife of D. H. Cherry, of Xenia township; Sarah J., wife of Warren Johnson, of Wichita, Kansas; Margaret E., who died at the age of eighteen years; James B., who became engaged in the wholesale clothing business at Chicago; the Rev. John C. Watt, a minister of the Presbyterian church, stationed at Moss Point, Mississippi; David B., a substantial farmer in Xenia township; Robert C., a Cedarville township farmer; Emily H., who died at the age of four years, and Rosetta, who died at the age of six months.

To Robert H. and Agnes G. (Watt) Nash were born five children, four sons and one daughter, all of whom are still living save the latter, Sarah May, born on April 22, 1888, who died on April 6, 1889. The first-born son, Herbert Watt Nash, born on March 1, 1878, completed his schooling in the Xenia high school and is now living at Xenia, engaged as general foreman for the Wilson Engineering and Construction Company. He married Pearl Edwards, daughter of Frank Edwards, and has one child, a son, Roger Herbert. The second son, Walter Leigh Nash, born on April 5, 1883, also had his schooling in the Xenia high school and in Cedarville College and is farming the eighty acres bought from his father. He married Nellie Ireland, daughter of Frank and Jane (Padgett) Ireland.

and has two children, daughters both, Pauline Augusta and Esther Marie. The Rev. Charles Elmer Nash, the third son, born on February 20, 1886, a minister of the United Presbyterian church, now at Shushan, New York, was educated at Cedarville College and at Muskingum College, took theology at the Xenia Theological Seminary and after his ordination was for some time in charge of a church in Wisconsin, later in Ohio, then in Pennsylvania, and is now at Shushan, pastor of one of the oldest United Presbyterian congregations in the United States. He married Florence Smith and has two children, Robert Lewis and Elizabeth Lucile. The youngest son, William Harvey Nash, born on January 19, 1892, completed his schooling at the Xenia high school and is still at home operating the farm for his mother. The Nashes have a delightful home and are very pleasantly situated.

HARRY R. KENDIG.

Harry R. Kendig, proprietor of a dry-goods store at Osborn, former town clerk, town treasurer and member of the village council, was born on a farm in the vicinity of Byron, in this county, January 27, 1875, son of John and Sarah (Mitman) Kendig, both now deceased. John Kendig was born in Pennsylvania and was but a small boy when he came to Ohio with his parents, the family locating in Montgomery county. He became a farmer and after his marriage established his home on a farm in the neighborhood of Byron, in this county, where he resided for a number of years. They moved to Osborn where they spent the remainder of their lives, his death occurring in 1898 and hers, in 1913. They were the parents of nine children, six of whom are still living.

Upon completing his schooling in the Byron schools, Harry R. Kendig took a commercial course in a business college and then became engaged as a clerk in the store of J. C. Smith at Osborn and was thus engaged for twelve years, at the end of which time, in 1907, he bought the F. E. Glenn store in that village and has since been there engaged in business on his own account. His store is stocked with a general line of dry-goods and shoes, his present stock appraising twelve thousand dollars and upwards, and it is hardly necessary to say that he regards with deep concern the flood-prevention project which seems likely soon to relegate Osborn to that unhappy limbo of things that are done. Mr. Kendig is a Democrat and for six years served as town clerk, two years as village treasurer and four years as a member of the village council, in addition to which he also served for two years as treasurer of Bath township.

On October 7, 1903, Harry R. Kendig was united in marriage to Julia

H. Sweeney, daughter of Z. T. and Rebecca (Cosler) Sweeney, the former of whom formerly was a carpenter, but is now living on a farm in Bath township, and to this union has been born one child, a son, John W., born on October 4, 1904. Mr. Kendig is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

JOHN HARVEY ADAMS.

The late John Harvey Adams, who died at his home in Caesarscreek township in the spring of 1908 and whose widow and children are still living there, was born in that same township and had lived there all his life. He was born on the old Adams farm just north of Paintersville on April 29, 1853, son of Jackson and Sarah (Kildow) Adams, the former of whom also was born there, son of Nimrod and Susan (Linkhart) Adams, pioneers of that community, who had settled there upon coming here from Virginia many years ago, and a further and more extended account of whom, together with other interesting details of the history of the Adams family in this county, is set out elsewhere in this volume.

Jackson Adams was reared in Caesarscreek township and became a practical farmer, which vocation he followed all his life, becoming quite successful in his operations. He was twice married. His first wife died in 1860, leaving one child, a son, the subject of this memorial sketch. He then married Mrs. Mary Ary, a widow, also now deceased, and to that union were born four children, namely: Dora, wife of Charles Ellis, living east of Paintersville; Joseph, who is living in Jefferson township, this county; Sarah, wife of George Babb, of Caesarscreek township, and Samuel, deceased. Jackson Adams lived to be sixty-seven years of age.

John Harvey Adams was reared on the old home place north of Paintersville and received his schooling in the local schools. After his marriage he established his home on a portion of the old home place and proceeded to develop and improve the same. He was the owner of sixty-nine acres and had an excellent farm plant. Politically, Mr. Adams was a Republican; fraternally, was a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and by religious persuasion was a member of the Methodist Protestant church at Paintersville. He died at his home on March 22, 1908, and was buried in beautiful Woodland cemetery at Xenia.

John Harvey Adams was twice married. In 1875 he was united in marriage to Rebecca Ann Cline, also of this county, who died on June 17, 1896. On September 23, 1897, Mr. Adams married Martha L. Barton, who was born in the neighboring county of Clinton, daughter of Henry and Mary Barton, both of whom were born in that same county, the for-



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mer in 1825 and the latter in 1828. Henry Barton was a well-to-do farmer in Clinton county. His wife died in 1899 and he survived her for four years, his death occurring in 1903. They were the parents of the following children: Mary E., Elsie Ann (deceased), John, Ella, Frank, Rennie, Henry, Martha and Lucretia. To John H. and Martha L. (Barton) Adams were born three sons, Samuel J., born on June 22, 1898, a machinist, who is living at home; Clarence H., July 8, 1899, who is farming the home place, and Robert B., September 24, 1903. Mrs. Adams is a member of the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Protestant church at Paintersville and takes a warm interest in the general work of the church. Since the death of her husband she has continued to make her home on the home farm and she and her sons are very pleasantly situated there.

REV. JAMES S. E. McMICHAEL.

The late Rev. J. B. McMichael, D. D., was a native son of Ohio, born at Poland, in Mahoning county, July 22, 1833, son of Squire McMichael and wife, who about the year 1840 moved from that place to Mercer county, Pennsylvania, where they spent the remainder of their lives in the vicinity of the town of Greenville. Squire McMichael and his wife were members of the Associate Reformed church and their children were reared in accordance with the rigid tenets of that faith. J. B. McMichael's attention was turned to thoughts of the gospel ministry during his college days and his studies, thereafter, were directed with that end in view. After his graduation from Westminster College at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, in 1859, he entered the Theological Seminary at Xenia and was graduated from that institution in 1862 and in the fall of that same year was married to Mary Hanna, whom he had met first at the commencement at Westminster in 1859. She had been teaching in the old Female Seminary that was then being conducted in the building now occupied as a dormitory for the Theological Seminary. Following his ordination Doctor McMichael accepted a call to the pastorate of the Sugar Creek United Presbyterian church in the township of that name in this county and at once entered upon the duties of that pastorate, continuing his engaged for sixteen years or until his election in 1878 to the presidency of Monmouth College at Monmouth, Illinois. In the meantime, since 1873, he had been serving as a professor in the Xenia Theological Seminary. Doctor McMichael continued to serve as president of Monmouth until 1897, in which year he resigned and later accepted a call to his old congregation on Sugar Creek in Greene county. For five years after his return Doctor McMichael continued his pastoral engagements with his old congregation on Sugar Creek and then he was called

to his reward, his death occurring on December 31, 1902. Two years later his widow moved back to Xenia, the home of her young womanhood, and there she spent the remainder of her life, her death occurring on August 31, 1913.

Mary (Hanna) McMichael was born at Cadiz, Ohio, February 2, 1836, daughter of the Rev. Thomas and Jemima (Patterson) Hanna, both of whom were born in that same vicinity and the latter of whom died when her daughter Mary was but a child. The Rev. Thomas Hanna, who for years was pastor of the Associate Reformed church at Cadiz, married, secondly, Sarah Foster, that great woman of whom President John Quincy Adams said after visiting her school that she was the only woman whom he feared intellectually. Sarah Foster Hanna was one of the real pioneers in what now is commonly regarded as the "feminist" movement, which has grown to proportions that would have been startling in thought no doubt even to her in the days when she started her female seminary at Washington, Pennsylvania, the first institution of the kind inaugurated west of the Alleghenies. She later established similar institutions at Wheeling, West Virginia, and at Xenia. To Doctor McMichael and wife were born six children, namely: the Rev. Thomas Hanna McMichael, D. D., who was graduated from Monmouth College and who since 1903 has been president of that institution; Dr. John Charles McMichael, also a graduate of Monmouth, who is now practicing medicine at Cleveland, Ohio; Rev. William Jackson McMichael, D. D., who also was graduated from Monmouth, succeeded his father as pastor of the Sugar Creek United Presbyterian church in 1902 and is now pastor of the United Presbyterian church at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, where he has been stationed since 1907; George Harold, who died at the age of fourteen months and was buried in the cemetery at Bellbrook; Mary Grace, who died at Monmouth in 1892, she then being seventeen years of age, and the Rev. James S. E. McMichael, the immediate subject of this biographical review.

James S. E. McMichael, last-born of the six children to the Rev. J. B. and Mary (Hanna) McMichael, was born at Monmouth, Illinois, September 20, 1880, and his boyhood was spent in that city. He completed his preparatory course in Monmouth College, of which his father at that time was president, and upon the return of his father to his old home in this county he entered Westminster College at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, and was graduated from that institution, his father's *alma mater*, in 1902. He had early consecrated his talents to the church and upon his return from college entered the Xenia Theological Seminary, of which his father had formerly been a professor and on the site of which his mother also had been a teacher in the old Female Seminary, and was graduated from that

institution in 1905. Following his ordination the Rev. James S. E. McMichael accepted a call to the pastorate of the United Presbyterian church at Piqua, Ohio, and was there thus engaged for two years and nine months, at the end of which time he resigned in order to accept a call to the pastorate of Graham's United Presbyterian church at Pine Bush, New York, entering upon that pastorate in April, 1908. For two years and seven months Mr. McMichael continued his ministerial labors at Pine Bush and then, on November 1, 1910, accepted a call from the congregation of the United Presbyterian church at Cedarville, was in due time installed as pastor of that flourishing old church and has since been thus engaged.

On May 16, 1907, the Rev. James S. E. McMichael was united in marriage to Katherine Prugh, who was born in the neighboring county of Montgomery, daughter of J. Mason and Anna (Kemp) Prugh, the latter of whom died in 1914. J. Mason Prugh, a substantial farmer, is one of the ruling elders in the Sugar Creek United Presbyterian church. Mrs. McMichael completed her schooling at Monmouth College, having entered that institution after completing her studies in the Steele high school at Dayton, and is a competent helpmate to her husband in the latter's ministerial labors. Mr. and Mrs. McMichael have two children, sons both, Jackson Prugh, born on June 27, 1908, and James Lester, February 6, 1910.

PHILIP DIEHL.

Philip Diehl, the proprietor of a retail meat establishment at Osborn, where he has been engaged in business since 1911, was born in this county and has lived here the greater part of his life, although he was for some time a resident of Dayton and of the neighboring county of Clark. He was born in Fairfield on November 11, 1885, son of Jacob and Louise Diehl, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in this county, both now living at Yellow Springs.

Jacob Diehl was seventeen years of age when he came to this country and proceeded on out to Ohio, locating at Fairfield, where he presently began working for Peter Long in the butcher trade. For twelve years he was thus engaged and he then started in business for himself, opening a butcher shop at Beattytown. A year later he gave up butchering and became engaged in farming and was thus engaged until 1906, in which year he moved to Yellow Springs and there resumed his former vocation as a butcher and is still thus engaged in that town. To him and his wife have been born eight children, of whom Philip and Jacob are the only ones living at Osborn.

Philip Diehl received his schooling in the schools of Greene and Clark counties and after leaving school became engaged as a farm hand and was

thus employed until his father moved to Yellow Springs in 1906, when he became an assistant to his father in the latter's butcher shop. Not long afterward he went to Springfield and was there engaged in the packing houses for several years, at the end of which time he went to Dayton. A year later he returned to Yellow Springs and was there engaged in the butcher business for himself for a couple of years, or until 1911, when he moved to Osborn, bought the butcher shop he is now conducting and has been thus engaged in business at that place ever since.

In 1911 Philip Diehl was united in marriage to Anna Funderburg, daughter of Lincoln Funderburg, of Bath township, and to this union has been born one child, a son, Carl. Mr. Diehl is a Republican and, fraternally, is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

ARCHIBALD C. GRIEVE.

Among the numerous stockmen who have done much to give to Greene county the fine reputation it enjoys all over the country as a live stock region there are few who have done more to help establish that enviable reputation than has Archibald C. Grieve, holder of the Ohio state grand champion Poland China boar stake. Mr. Grieve has a fine farm on the west edge of New Jasper township, about four and one-half miles from Xenia, and has there for years given his most thoughtful attention to the breeding of fine horses, fine sheep and fine hogs, a vocation to which his elder sons, Raymond D. and Carlin C. Grieve, also have for some years applied themselves quite successfully, the products of the Grieve stock farm having been exhibited with gratifying results at fairs and stock shows from coast to coast, while a demand for these products has been created that has opened a market for them not only among discriminating breeders in the United States but in Canada and in South America and Europe. Formerly and for years Mr. Grieve gave his attention to the breeding of road horses and the products of his stables were exhibited with success at state fairs throughout the Central states, but with the gradual decline of the demand for road horses he has of late devoted his attention in the way of equine products to Percherons. Twenty years or more ago he began to give more attention to the raising of pure-bred Poland China hogs and has since then made that line his specialty, his success in that line making him possessor of prize ribbons representing successful exhibits of the products of his stock farm at state fairs from New York state to Iowa. For the past three years Mr. Grieve has held the grand champion Poland China boar record and in 1917 won the grand championship Poland China boar and sow stake at the Ohio state fair. He is a member of the National Swine Breed-



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ers Association and of the American Poland China Record Company of Chicago. With the constantly growing demand being made upon the products of his farm Mr. Grieve is preparing to extend his operations and in this enterprise is aided by his sons, Raymond and Carlin, the former of whom is making a specialty of pure-bred Cheviot sheep, an exhibitor at stock shows from the New England states to the Pacific, and the latter of whom gives his chief attention to the Poland China hogs. During the time he was giving his chief attention to road and race horses Mr. Grieve also became widely known as a breeder of Cotswold sheep and back in the '80s won numerous prizes by his exhibits of that line of stock.

Archibald C. Grieve was born on the farm on which he now lives on December 25, 1854, son of Robert and Elizabeth (Crawford) Grieve, the former of whom was born on that same farm, July 27, 1829, son of Archibald and Agnes (Stephenson) Grieve, natives of Scotland, the former born in Selkirk and the latter in Roxboroughshire. Archibald Grieve was born in 1775 and grew to manhood in his native Scotland, becoming a farmer. On March 11, 1811, he married Agnes Stephenson, daughter of John and Isabella Stephenson, and in the following year, 1812, came with his wife to the United States and proceeded on out to Ohio, settling on the farm about four and one-half miles from Xenia now owned and occupied by his grandson, Archibald C. Grieve. The elder Archibald Grieve developed that place from its primitive wilderness state and became one of the substantial pioneers of that section. He and his wife were members of the Associated Reformed church and their children were reared in the rigid tenets of that faith. They were the parents of nine children, two sons and seven daughters. The eldest son, John Grieve, died of cholera at Xenia in 1847. Robert Grieve, the other son, grew up on the home farm and after his marriage bought the interests of the other heirs in the home place and there established his home, remaining there until in September, 1887, when he bought a farm in Xenia township and moved to the latter place. His wife died a year later and he then retired from the farm and moved to Xenia, where he presently married again and established his home in that city, spending the rest of his life there, his death occurring in September, 1903.

As just noted, Robert Grieve was twice married. His first wife and the mother of his children was Elizabeth Crawford, who was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, of Scottish ancestry, and who grew to young womanhood in that country and then came to the United States with some acquaintances who were coming over and proceeded on out to Ohio to rejoin her brothers and sisters who previously had come over and settled in Greene county. The widowed mother of these children later came from Ireland

and her last days were spent with her children in this county. To Robert and Elizabeth (Crawford) Grieve were born three sons, the subject of this sketch, the first-born, having two brothers, Rankin R. Grieve, of Xenia, former sheriff of Greene county and a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume, and John Grieve, also a resident of Xenia. The mother of these sons died in March, 1888, and in 1892 Robert Grieve married Joanna Kyle, who died in 1895. Robert Grieve was a Republican and by religious persuasion was a member of the United Presbyterian church, affiliated with the Second church at Xenia.

Archibald C. Grieve grew up on the farm on which he was born and on which his father had been born and by the latter was trained in the ways of practical farming and stock raising, with particular reference to the latter phase of farming, for the elder Grieve ever gave close attention to the raising of fine live stock. As the eldest son, young Archibald early developed responsibilities about the farm and the management of the same which stood him in good stead when he later assumed control of the place. His early schooling was received in the nearby Hazlip district school and he supplemented the course there by a course in the Xenia high school and in the old Xenia Seminary, in the latter institution being under the instructions of Professor Smith. In 1881 he rented the home farm from his father and took charge of the same, establishing his home there after his marriage in the fall of 1887, his parents moving to their other farm in Xenia township about that time. After his father's death Mr. Grieve bought from his brothers their interests in the home place and has since been the owner of the same. Mr. Grieve has a farm of ninety-eight acres and is ably assisted in the management of the same and in his extensive live-stock operations by his four sons, all of whom continue to remain at home and who take a lively interest in the affairs of the stock farm. The house in which the Grieves live was erected by Mr. Grieve's father in 1856. Mr. Grieve is a Democrat, but has not been an office seeker.

On September 28, 1887, Archibald C. Grieve was united in marriage to Anna Jane Dean, who also was born in New Jasper township, this county, daughter of J. C. and Emily Louisa (Hagler) Dean, and to this union four sons have been born. Raymond Dean and Carlin Crawford, twins, mention of whose activities as breeders of live stock is made above, and Edmond and Robert. Mrs. Grieve also is a member of one of the pioneer families of Greene county, the Deans having been prominently represented here for more than a hundred years, as is set out in a comprehensive history of the Dean family in this county presented elsewhere in this volume.

MICHAEL L. FINNELL.

Michael L. Finnell, president and general manager of the Tranchant & Finnell Company, merchant millers and proprietors of the Osborn Mills at Osborn, this county, one of the oldest continuously operated mills in this part of the state, is also president of the First National Bank of Osborn.

No history of Greene county would be complete without some reference to the old Osborn Mills, now and for some years past operated under the present management, the Tranchant & Finnell Company, of which Mr. Finnell, as noted above, is president; F. A. Tranchant, vice-president and treasurer; J. B. Finnell, secretary, and F. Diefenbach, superintendent. This old water-power mill was established at Osborn in 1857 by Samuel Stafford, who some years later sold out to Joseph Harshman, who presently disposed of his interest in the mill to J. J. Tranchant, who continued in charge for some years, or until 1887, when Tranchant & Finnell assumed control and reorganized the whole business, adding to the capacity of the mill and in other ways extending its scope. In 1913 another reorganization occurred, the business then being incorporated under its present corporate title, and since that time has been operated at full capacity. In November, 1915, one of the mills, with a capacity of two hundred barrels, was destroyed by fire and since that time the other two mills, each with a capacity of two hundred and fifty barrels, have been operated at full capacity night and day.

Michael L. Finnell, head of the milling concern, was born at Dayton, but was reared at Greenville, county seat of Darke county, in the schools of which city he received his early schooling. He supplemented the same by a course in a commercial college at St. Louis and then became engaged as a traveling salesman for the Peruna Drug Manufacturing Company, of Pittsburgh, later of Columbus, and after three years spent on the road in behalf of that company was made secretary and manager of the company, which position he occupied until 1887, when he entered upon his present connection with the Osborn Mills, a member of the firm of Tranchant & Finnell, which later was incorporated under its present firm style, and has ever since continued in management of the mills. Mr. Finnell also is president of the First National Bank of Osborn.

On October 22, 1886, Mr. Finnell was united in marriage to Attie C. Tranchant, daughter of J. J. and Amelia Tranchant, the former of whom was the proprietor of the Osborn Mills prior to the reorganization of 1887 mentioned above. Mr. Finnell is a Republican and for seventeen years served the public as a member of the village council. He is a thirty-third-degree Mason, or sovereign grand inspector-general of the Ancient Accepted Scot-

tish Rite, having been called to the supreme council from the consistory at Dayton, and is also prominently identified with the work of the Knights Templar, being the deputy grand commander of the Ohio grand commandery.

JOHN FLETCHER ZIMMERMAN.

John Fletcher Zimmerman, a soldier of the Civil War, now living retired at his pleasant home in Jefferson township, rural mail No. 2 out of Jamestown, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of this county and of the farm on which he is now living since shortly after Civil War days. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of New Martinsburg, in the neighboring county of Fayette, October 9, 1835, son of Obediah H. and Ann (Simmons) Zimmerman, the latter of whom was born in Pennsylvania on July 6, 1809.

Obediah H. Zimmerman also was a native of Ohio, born in Ross county on November 14, 1809, a member of one of the pioneer families of that section of the state, his parents having come to Ohio from Pennsylvania. He grew up there amid pioneer conditions and on April 31, 1832, married Ann Simmons, not long afterward establishing his home on a tract of uncleared timber land his father had given him over in the New Martinsburg neighborhood in the neighboring county of Fayette. He built a home there, made a clearing on his place and in time developed an excellent piece of farm property. He later bought a nearby farm and after a sometime residence there sold that place and bought a farm four miles north of Washington Court House and on this latter place spent his last days, his death occurring there on September 25, 1893. He had two brothers, Douglass, who settled in northern Indiana, and George, who went West. He was a member of the Methodist church and a Republican. Obediah H. Zimmerman was twice married. By his first wife, Ann Simmons, he was the father of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being the following: Eliza Jane, born on April 3, 1833, who married Joseph Smith and died at Hartford City, Indiana; William, January 5, 1838, a veteran of the Civil War and a retired farmer, who married Rebecca J. Smith and is living in Fayette county; George, December 23, 1839, who became a Greene county farmer; Samuel, February 8, 1842, who died of measles at the age of twenty years, while serving as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, his death occurring in the vicinity of Vicksburg; Mary Ruth, March 29, 1844, wife of John David, of Fayette county, and Lucinda, September 1, 1846, who married a Reslar, a soldier of the Civil War, and died in Fayette county. The mother of these



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children died on January 4, 1849, and Obediah H. Zimmerman married Jane House, who was born in the neighborhood of Washington Court House, and to that union were born six children, all of whom save Clara, deceased, are living in Fayette county, the others being John, Amanda, Caroline, James and Newton.

John F. Zimmerman was fourteen years of age when his mother died. At the age of eighteen years he went to live with the family of James Beatty and there remained until his marriage when twenty-one years of age, after which he located on his father's old home place and was there engaged in farming when the Civil War broke out. During the early part of that struggle he served as a member of the Home Guards, but in 1864 enlisted under the call for the hundred-day service and went to the front as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, being stationed with that command at Cynthiana, Kentucky. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Zimmerman resumed his farming operations in Fayette county, but presently came over into Greene county and bought a tract of one hundred acres of unimproved land in Jefferson township, the place on which he is now living, and has there ever since made his home. When he took possession of that place the only sign of improvement on the same was an old log stable. He at once made a temporary house and in 1875 erected the substantial birch house in which he is still living, burning the bricks for the same on the place and hauling the stones in from New Jasper township. In time Mr. Zimmerman added to his acreage there and made other improvements. He was the first person in his neighborhood to bring in Duroc-Jersey hogs and he also was for years noted for the fine quality of his Shorthorn cattle. Though for some years Mr. Zimmerman has been living practically retired from the active labors of the farm, he has not ceased to take an interested oversight in the operations of the same, these operations now being carried on by his son-in-law, Paul J. Hawes. Mr. Zimmerman is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He formerly was a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Milledgeville.

On February 26, 1857, John F. Zimmerman was united in marriage to Lucy Priddy, who was born on October 2, 1837, in the vicinity of New Martinsburg, over in Fayette county, and who died at her home in Jefferson township on March 7, 1909. She was a daughter of Elias and Rebecca (Haines) Priddy, Virginians, the former born on June 10, 1796, and the latter, April 6, 1806, who became substantial pioneers of Fayette county, this state, having a good farm near New Martinsburg, where they spent their last days. Elias Priddy and wife were the parents of fourteen children, of whom Mrs. Zimmerman was the sixth in order of birth, the others

being the following: George, born on November 26, 1830, deceased; Evelina, February 19, 1832, deceased; Strawther, June 15, 1833; Martha, July 20, 1834, now living in Jefferson county, this state; Jane, December 21, 1836; James, February 27, 1839, deceased; Early, November 15, 1840, now living in Washington Court House; Mary, November 19, 1842, now living at Connersville, Indiana; Eliza, April 10, 1845, deceased; Amanda, August 22, 1847, now living at Washington Court House; twins, September 26, 1850, who died in infancy, and Elizabeth, December 7, 1851, now living at Washington Court House.

To John F. and Lucy (Priddy) Zimmerman were born eleven children, namely: Alvin Beatty, born on March 1, 1859, now engaged in the tile-manufacturing business at Ridgeville, Indiana, who married Mary Chitty and has ten children, Clarence, Perlman, Dean, Vernon, Elmer, Clara, Rose, Paul, Ralph and Amos; Osman P., September 6, 1860, who married Emma Lutrell and died at Hartford City, Indiana, July 13, 1902, leaving his widow, who now lives in Oklahoma, with five children, Charles, Lillian, Frank, John and June; Samuel Clayton, August 1, 1862, a farmer of Fayette county, who on March 5, 1885, married Margaret Turner and has two children, Claude and Grace; Frank Ross, August 2, 1864, now living near Jeffersonville, Ohio, who on December 25, 1893, married Celeste Creamer and has three children, Brenton, Fay and Ruth; Elias Trustine, November 15, 1866, a farmer living in the Port William neighborhood, who on February 15, 1899, married Elsie Beal and has four children, Walter, Maurice, Robert and Myron; George Elba, April 12, 1869, a farmer in the Jeffersonville neighborhood, who on December 27, 1893, married Maud Perkins and has five children, Harold, Donald, Ala, Amos and Theron; Robert Dean, February 10, 1871, a commercial salesman traveling out of Cleveland, who on December 28, 1907, married Elizabeth McIntosh and has five children, Dean, Florence, Andrew, John and Janet; John Wesley, February 6, 1873, a farmer of Jefferson township, this county, who on November 4, 1903, married Carrie Paine, who was born in London, England, and who died on May 25, 1915, leaving five children, Wayne, Leslie, Hugh, Dorothy and George; Anna Belle, May 25, 1875, who on June 12, 1898, married Louis Ellis, of Dayton, this state, and has two children, Helen and Herbert; Flora May, July 27, 1878, who on June 22, 1912, married Paul J. Hawes, mentioned above as now being in charge of the operations of Mr. Zimmerman's farm, and Mary Edith, June 17, 1882, who on June 9, 1909, married Chaney H. Neil, proprietor of the Grand Hotel at Xenia, and has two children, Mary Alice and Howard Lewis. Mr. Hawes, who is now managing the Zimmerman farm, was formerly engaged in the coal business

at Xenia. He also formerly was a resident of Victor, Colorado, where he for some time was employed in the postoffice. Mr. Zimmerman has eleven great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM EDEN BURROWES.

The late William Eden Burrowes, who died at his home in Bath township on April 10, 1916, was a native son of Greene county and had spent all his life here. He had lived to bring his farm of three hundred and forty-six acres up to an excellent state of cultivation and had there one of the finest farm residences and farm plants in the northern part of the county. That farm is now included in the great Wright aviation field created in the vicinity of Fairfield by the government for the training of aviators following the declaration of war against Germany in the spring of 1917, and when the Burrowes farm was taken over for that purpose the farm residence and farm buildings were razed. Since selling the farm Mrs. Burrowes, widow of the subject of this memorial sketch, has been making her home at Osborn, but is again confronted by the probability of having her home taken through the operation of the flood-prevention project.

William Eden Burrowes was born in Fairfield on October 8, 1854, son of Joseph and Lydia (Winters) Burrowes, the former of whom was a merchant in Fairfield at that time, as well as a landowner in that vicinity. Reared in the village, William E. Burrowes received his schooling there and early turned his attention to farming, becoming in time the owner of the farm above referred to and on which he spent his last days. He was a Republican, and for years served the public as trustee of his home township. He was a member of the Reformed church, as is his widow.

On May 18, 1896, William Eden Burrowes was united in marriage to Clara B. Williamson, who also was born in this county, daughter of James and Mary (Brown) Williamson, the former of whom also was born in this county and the latter, at Troy, in the neighboring county of Miami. James Williamson was born at Osborn, a son of James and Jane Williamson, natives of Pennsylvania and early residents in the northern part of Greene county, and he became a farmer in Bath township, he and his wife rearing there a family of seven children, of whom Mrs. Burrowes was the third in order of birth, the others being as follows: Charles, now deceased; Dr. William P. Williamson, a physician at Troy, Ohio; Ocy, who died in youth; Ida, deceased; Edgar, deceased, and Effie, a resident of Piqua, where she is engaged as a teacher in the city schools. To Mr. and Mrs. Burrowes were born seven children: Earle W., a farmer and stockman at Osborn; one who died in infancy; Nellie B., now Mrs. Paul Whaley, of Columbus; Mary W., now Mrs. Frost Dille, of New Carlisle; Joseph A., at home with his mother;

Grace. at home with her mother; and James E., at Dayton. There are four grandchildren.

WILLIAM HUNTINGTON FORBES.

William Huntington Forbes, farmer and stockman, proprietor of a fine farm in Miami township, on rural route No. 3 out of Yellow Springs, and who also is engaged in the sale of agricultural implements and a special line of dairy supplies, was born on a farm near the confluence of the forks of the Little Miami in Greene township, in the neighboring county of Clark, November 27, 1862, son of Arthur and Anna E. (Huntington) Forbes, both of whom were born in that same county, members of pioneer families and whose last days were spent in the village of Yellow Springs, in this county.

Arthur Forbes was born in 1834, a son of Alexander Forbes and wife, pioneers of Clark county, and grew to manhood on the home farm there, becoming a farmer on his own account in due time and continuing to reside there until his retirement from the farm and removal to Yellow Springs, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this biographical sketch was the first-born, the others being Margaret, who married Mitchell W. Collins, now living at Cedarville, and has one child, a daughter, Anna; Florence E., wife of T. M. Hanna, a real-estate dealer and farmer living in Iowa, and Fannie, who died when four years of age.

Reared on the home farm in Clark county, William H. Forbes received his early schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and remained there until he was fifteen years of age, when he came with his parents into Greene county, the family locating on the farm on the pike between Clifton and Yellow Springs that his father had purchased, and was living there at the time of his marriage in 1883. After his marriage Mr. Forbes continued farming there until 1892, in which year he bought the farm on which he is now living, northeast of Clifton, and has ever since made that farm his place of residence. On that place Mr. Forbes put up the first silo erected in that part of the country and in other ways his farm plant is modern and up-to-date. For years Mr. Forbes has made a specialty of raising pure-bred Polled Jersey dairy stock and has exhibited his stock all over the country. One year he had the honor of taking sweepstakes at the Ohio state fair and at the New York state fair and at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo his exhibit, "Nubbin Ridge Queen," a Jersey cow, took the first prize as the richest producer of ten different breeds there tested for quality and richness of cream. This test covered a period six months and was thor-



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM H. FORBES, SON, CURTIS, AND DAUGHTER,
MRS. MARGARET HENRY

oughly convincing, "Nubbin Ridge Queen's" milk testing higher than that of any other cow exhibited at the great exposition. In addition to his general farming and stock raising interests Mr. Forbes also is interested in the sale of special dairy supplies and of agricultural implements, including threshing-machines. Politically, he is a Democrat and, fraternally, is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias at Clifton and of the uniformed rank of that order at Springfield, and of the local branch of the United Commercial Travelers at Springfield.

On September 18, 1883, William H. Forbes was united in marriage to Margaret J. Johnson, daughter of Joseph R. and Lydia E. (Estle) Johnson, the former of whom formerly operated the mill at Clifton, and to this union three children have been born, namely: Nora, who married C. F. Henry, of Kansas City, Missouri, now a first lieutenant in the Veterinary Corps of the United States army, and has one child, a daughter, Ruth Frances; Arthur, who died in 1894, and George Curtis Forbes, who remains at home on the farm assisting his father in the management of the same. Mr. and Mrs. Forbes are members of the Presbyterian church and take a proper interest in church work, as well as in the general good works of the community.

FRANK C. MASSEY.

Frank C. Massey, a hardware merchant at Osborn, former president of the Ohio Hardware Dealers Association, for the past seven years a member of the board of directors of that association and for the past fourteen years a member of the village council of his home town, was born at Osborn and is still living in the house in which he was born, a member of one of the oldest families of that village. He was born on October 10, 1872, son of S. W. and Ellen (Smith) Massey, the former of whom, for many years one of the leading business men in Osborn, died in 1891 and the latter in April, 1915.

S. W. Massey was born at Watertown, New York, in 1834 and was but a lad when he came to Ohio with his parents. He became one of the first conductors on the old Mad River & Lake Erie Railroad and later became engaged in the general mercantile business at Osborn, a member of the firm of G. L. & S. W. Massey, one of the first mercantile concerns in that village, and continued actively engaged in business there until his retirement about five years before his death. S. W. Massey was a Republican. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church and their children were reared in that faith. S. W. Massey was married twice and was the father of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the sixth

in order of birth. S. W. Massey's father, Solon Massey, was the first mayor of Osborn.

Reared at Osborn, Frank C. Massey supplemented the schooling he received in the schools of that village by a course in a commercial school at Dayton and then became engaged as paymaster for the Dayton Car Company, and was thus engaged for seven years, at the end of which time he entered the employ of Russell & Erwin at Dayton, and was for seven years connected with that concern as a traveling salesman. In 1902 Mr. Massey bought the A. D. Hogendobler hardware store at Osborn and has since been engaged in the hardware business in that village. In 1912 he erected his present store building, a structure thirty-two by one hundred feet in dimension, and there carries a stock appraising upwards of ten thousand dollars. In connection with the store he also has a tin shop, a great convenience to the community. Mr. Massey is a member of the Ohio State Hardware Dealers Association, has served as a member of the board of directors of the same for the past seven years and in 1915 was president of the association. He is a Republican and for the past fourteen years he has been serving continuously as a member of the village council. It is therefore with the gravest possible concern that he has been noting the formulation of the present flood-prevention plans which seem now destined to nullify all that has been done for Osborn in the past by necessitating the abandonment of the village which lies in the area forming one of the great basins designed to hold back the water in case of a recurrence of such a flood as swept down the valley of the Miami in 1913.

On June 30, 1895, Mr. Massey was united in marriage to Roberta Davis, daughter of Dr. Ben and Emma (Robinson) Davis, the former of whom, for many years engaged in the practice of medicine at New Carlisle, in the neighboring county of Clark, is still practicing there, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Ben Davis Massey, born on November 13, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Massey are members of the Presbyterian church at Osborn. Mr. Massey is a 32° Mason, affiliated with New Carlisle Lodge No. 100, Free and Accepted Masons, and the consistory, Valley of Dayton, Scottish Rite; a member of Gem City Lodge No. 3, United Commercial Travelers, at Dayton, and of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias at Osborn.

FRANK A. TRANCHANT.

Frank A. Tranchant, vice-president and treasurer of the Tranchant & Finnell Company, merchant millers and proprietors of the Osborn Mills at Osborn, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life, a

resident of Osborn since 1880. He was born in the city of Cincinnati on January 11, 1862, son of Jules J. and Amelia A. (Bates) Tranchant, the former of whom was born in the city of Paris, France, and was but a boy when he came to this county with his parents, the family locating at Cincinnati, where his father became engaged in the mercantile business. Jules J. Tranchant early became interested in the milling business and in 1880 bought the old Stafford mill at Osborn and continued as proprietor of the same until his death in 1886, after which his son, the subject of this sketch, and the latter's brother-in-law, M. L. Finnell, a biographical sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume, reorganized the business and have since been in charge. A sketch of old Osborn Mills is given in the biography of M. L. Finnell.

F. A. Tranchant completed his schooling in the high school at Avondale and in the Woodward high school at Cincinnati and when his father took charge of the old Osborn Mills at Osborn in 1880 became a valued assistant in the operation of the same and has since been actively connected with the mills. Mr. Tranchant is a Scottish Rite Mason, thirty-second degree, a charter member of the consistory at Dayton, charter member of Antioch Temple of Dayton, a member of the Dayton City Club, the Mystic Club and the Criterion Club of that city. He is a charter member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias at Osborn.

In 1884, at Louisville, Kentucky, F. A. Tranchant was united in marriage to Attie C. Dntiel, of that city, and to this union two children have been born, a son and a daughter, George Tranchant, who is engaged in the merchant tailoring and men's furnishing goods business at Dayton, and Louise E., wife of Philip E. Wuichet, who enlisted in the officers reserve corps of the new National Army after the declaration of war against Germany in the spring of 1917 and was stationed at Camp Sherman, at Chilli-cothe, Ohio, his wife meanwhile making her home with her parents at Osborn.

OSCAR B. KAUFFMAN.

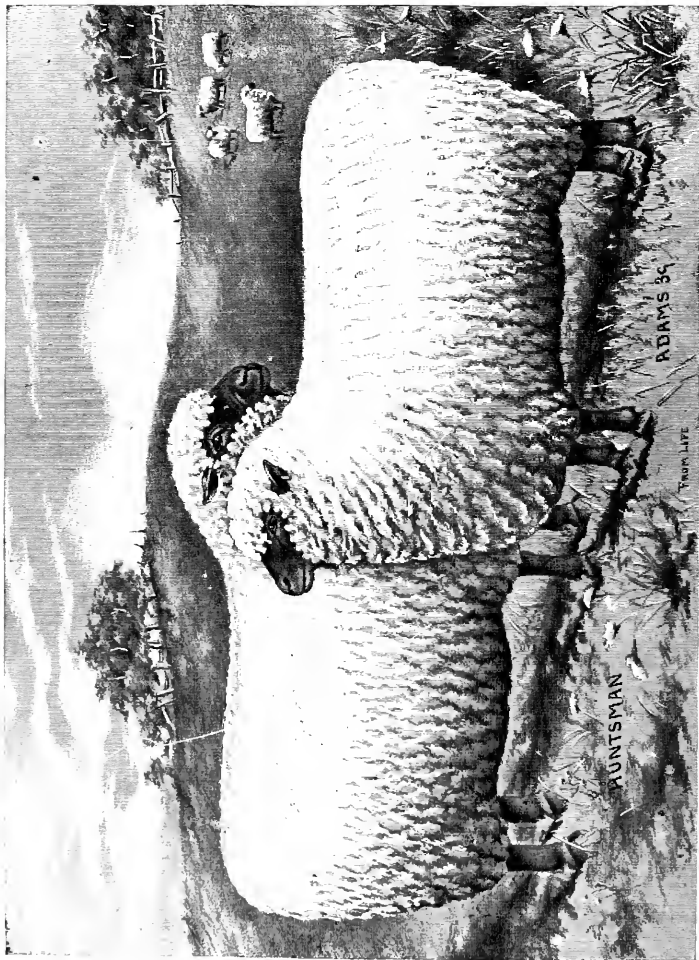
Oscar B. Kauffman, former treasurer of Greene county and since the spring of 1910 cashier of the First National Bank of Osborn, was born in the neighboring county of Clark, October 31, 1863, a son of Emanuel and Elizabeth Kauffman, who came with their respective parents from their native Pennsylvania in the days of their youth to this part of Ohio, were married here and here spent the remainder of their lives, their son, the subject of this sketch, now owning their old homestead place on the line between Clark and Greene counties.

Upon completing his schooling by a two-years' course in a business college at Dayton, Mr. Kauffman became engaged in the agricultural-imple-ment business at Osborn in association with his brother and was thus engaged until 1890, when he became a bookkeeper in the office of the Ohio Whip Company at Osborn, later becoming general manager of that concern and so continued until he was appointed deputy county treasurer under Treasurer Little in 1900, when he resigned his position with the whip company and moved to Xenia. For four years Mr. Kauffman remained deputy county treasurer and then became the nominee of the Republican party for treasurer of the county and was elected to that office, entering upon the duties of that office in 1904. He was elected to a second term and thus spent nearly ten years in the county treasurer's office, counting his service as deputy. Not long after completing this term of service Mr. Kauffman returned to Osborn and there, February 23, 1910, organized the First National Bank of Osborn, with a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars, and was elected cashier of the same, which position he has since occupied. A history of the bank is given in another chapter. Mr. Kauffman is a Republican and has held township or county office since he was twenty-one years of age.

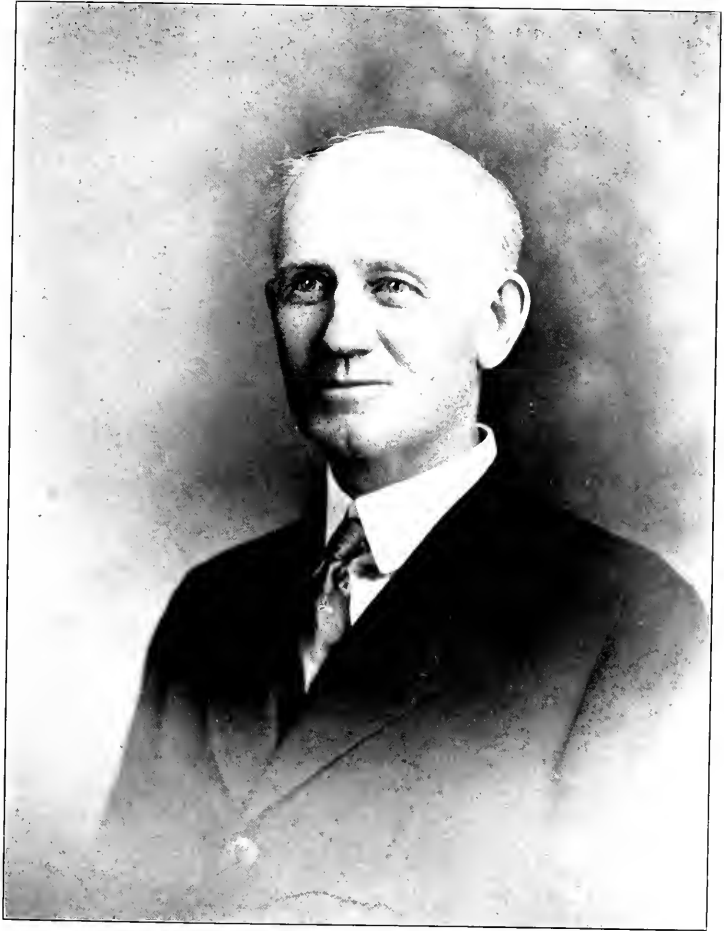
On April 25, 1894, Oscar B. Kauffman was united in marriage to Winifred Rall, daughter of J. L. and Eliza Rall, and to this union two sons have been born, Rall L., who is now connected with the Merchants National Bank at Dayton, and Fred E., who is still in high school. Mr. Kauffman is a Scottish Rite Mason, affiliated with the blue lodge at Xenia and with the consistory at Dayton. He is one of the charter members of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias at Osborn.

JOHN CLARENCE WILLIAMSON.

That particular branch of the far-flung Williamson family with which the immediate subject of this biographical sketch is connected has had its establishment in Greene county for more than eight decades, or ever since the year 1836, when David Williamson came over here with his family from Tuscarawas county and settled on a tract of three hundred acres located on Caesarscreek, six miles from Xenia and five miles from Jamestown, the turnpike between these two towns dividing the tract in almost equal parts. David Williamson's wife's brother, John Duncan, some time previously had located in that neighborhood and in a letter to his brother-in-law had casually mentioned the fact that a farm of three hundred acres adjoining his was for sale. David Williamson rode over on horseback to investigate the proposition, found conditions satisfactory, closed the deal for the purchase of the land, returned home, closed out his holdings in Tuscarawas county



PRIZE-WINNING OXFORD DOWN SHEEP. OWNED BY J. C. WILLIAMSON.



J. C. Williamson

and in the spring of 1836 returned here, bringing with him his family, and set up his home in Greene county, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives and where the family is numerously represented in the present generation. On that farm when David Williamson bought it was a flour-mill and a distillery, both of which had been operated by the previous owner. A stern Seceder, Mr. Williamson would not countenance the continued operation of the distillery and so he dismantled that agency of Satan and used the building for storage purposes in connection with the mill, which latter useful industry was maintained by him and during seasons when there was a sufficient stage of water in the creek was kept running night and day. While he and one of his younger sons were operating the mill the other sons were looking after the development of the farm and in due time the Williamson place came to be recognized as one of the most desirable pieces of property thereabout. In 1849 David Williamson sold the place to William Anderson and he and his wife moved to Xenia, locating in a house just east of the First United Presbyterian church on Market street and there they spent the remainder of their lives, his death occurring on October 18, 1858. His widow survived him for more than twenty years, her death occurring on May 8, 1880, she then being past ninety years of age. She was born, Catherine Duncan, in York county, Pennsylvania, July 11, 1788, daughter of Andrew and Anne (Smith) Duncan, the former of whom was born in that same county, a son of James and Elizabeth Duncan, natives of the north of Ireland, of Scottish descent, who had come to this country about the year 1748 and had settled in Pennsylvania. Anne Smith also was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of William and Catherine (Campbell) Smith, both born in the north of Ireland, of Scottish descent, who had settled in Pennsylvania upon coming to this country and who there spent their last days. James and Elizabeth Duncan had six children, James, Robert, John, Andrew, Mary and Elizabeth, and as some of the connection came to Ohio and located in this county the family became a quite well known one here.

David Williamson, the pioneer farmer and millman mentioned above, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, February 5, 1786, the last-born of the seven children born to his parents, who were natives of the north of Ireland, of Scottish descent and stern Presbyterians, who had come to this country about the year 1755 and had settled in the Maryland colony, not far from the city of Baltimore, whence after awhile they moved up over the border of Pennsylvania and settled in Lancaster county. Of the six other children of this parentage, the three sons, brothers of David Williamson, William was killed by a fall from a church tower in Baltimore; Samuel, also unmarried, was killed in a runaway accident and John is supposed to have gone West as a young man and was there lost so far as any further

communication with his family was concerned. Of the three daughters, Jane married Francis Grove and had six children. Mary married Thomas Grove, a brother of her sister's husband, and had eight children and Margaret married John Smith and had eight children. David Williamson was early trained to the trade of tailor, a vocation he followed for some years after his marriage and, indeed, for some little time after he began farming in Ohio. He and Catherine Duncan were married by the pastor of the Presbyterian church at York, Pennsylvania, June 20, 1809, and for about six years thereafter made their home on a farm in Hopewell township in York county, that state. In the fall of 1815 they crossed the mountains with the three children that meantime had come to them and located on a farm belonging to the Duncans, brothers of Mrs. Williamson, in Washington county, Pennsylvania. There two more children came into their home. From there they came over into Ohio and settled about two miles from Warren, in Jefferson county, where they remained for fifteen years and where five more children were born. Their next move was to the Shanesville neighborhood in Tuscarawas county. While conditions for farming there were suitable, the necessity of traveling seventeen miles to find the comfort of communion with a Seceder congregation, the nearest organization of the Associate Presbyterian church being at Fredericksburg, proved a drawback to a permanent settlement there and when in 1836 the opportunity came to make so favorable a location in the Seceder community in Greene county it was gratefully grasped and the choice was never regretted. And it was thus that the Williamsons came to Greene county.

To David and Catherine (Duncan) Williamson were born ten children, of whom Jonathan Duncan Williamson, father of the subject of this sketch, was the eighth in order of birth, the others being William, Anne Duncan, Andrew Duncan, John Smith, Margaret, David, Sampson Smith, Esamiah Kelly and Robert Duncan, all save two of whom, Margaret, who died unmarried at the age of thirty-seven, and Sampson S., who died unmarried at the age of twenty-four, married and had children whose children in the present generation form quite a numerous connection, many members of which are found in Greene county. William Williamson, born on April 1, 1810, was twice married and by his first wife, Jane McCroskey, was the father of nine children, Granville, Madison, Harvey, Emma, Ross, Florence, Amanda, Irene and William. He died in 1894 and is buried at Canonsburg, Ohio. Anne Williamson, born on April 5, 1812, married Andrew Ritchey and had seven children, Charles, Esamiah, David, Jane, Anne, Adaline K. and Jonathan. She died in 1868 and is buried at Sydney, this state. Andrew D. Williamson, born on January 30, 1815, was twice married and by his first wife, Isabella Collins, was the father of seven children, David

Walker, William Collins, Henrietta Ritchey, Leamon Wilson, Rolla Duncan, Andrew Collins and an unnamed infant. He died at his home in the Spring Valley neighborhood in 1899 at the age of eighty-four years. John S. Williamson, born on April 1, 1817, was thrice married and by his first wife, Jane Kyle, had three children, Kate, Samuel K. and David S. His second wife, Ellen B. Bryson, was the mother of one child, Flora Jane, who died at the age of three years. His third wife was Mattie Irwin. He died at his home in Cedarville in 1898. David Williamson, Jr., born on November 16, 1822, married Margaret Jane Marshall, who was born in this county, and had three children, Catherine Eleanor, Margaretta Josephine and Susanna Cordelia. He died in 1885 and is buried in the cemetery at Cedarville. Esaniah K. Williamson, born on October 17, 1829, married the Rev. David Donnan, a minister of the United Presbyterian church, and had six children, Luella Catherine, Frederick Elmore, Mary Adalaide, Emezetta and two who died in infancy. The Rev. David Donnan died at Cochranon, Pennsylvania, in 1896, and his widow continued to make her home there until her death. The Rev. Robert Duncan Williamson, last-born of the children of the pioneer David Williamson, was born on February 23, 1833. He early dedicated his talents to the ministry of the United Presbyterian church and following his graduation from the Xenia Theological Seminary in 1857, entered the ministry and after serving at various stations was in 1871 called to the pastorate of the United Presbyterian church at Troy, New York, where he continued in service for more than thirty years and where he died in 1913. He married Phebe Lucretia Cruikshank, of Troy, New York, and had three sons, Isaac Hasbrouck, Esek Bussey and William Thompson. In 1906 the Rev. Robert D. Williamson published a book of more than seventy pages carrying a historical and biographical sketch of this branch of the Williamson family.

Jonathan Duncan Williamson, eighth child and sixth son of David and Catherine (Duncan) Williamson, was born in Jefferson county, this state, April 5, 1827, and was thus under ten years of age when the family came to Greene county in 1836. He grew to manhood on the home farm east of Xenia and on January 2, 1849, at the home of the bride in the Cedarville neighborhood, was united in marriage to Martha Anne McMillan, a daughter of John and Martha (Chestnut) McMillan, the Rev. Hugh McMillan, D. D., uncle of the bride, officiating. Elsewhere in this volume there is set out a comprehensive story of the coming of the McMillan family to this county, together with a pretty complete genealogical record of that branch of the family so far as it relates to Greene county. After his marriage he established his home on a farm five miles east of Xenia on the Jamestown pike and there spent the rest of his active life, living there until his retire-

ment and removal in 1888 to Cedarville, where he and his wife spent their last days, the former dying on January 25, 1912, and the latter on January 14, 1907. Jonathan D. Williamson was for years one of the leading sheep men in this part of Ohio and developed on his farm in New Jasper township an industry in that line that has been continued with much success by his sons. Though reared in the Seceder church, Jonathan D. Williamson followed his wife into the Covenanter church after his marriage and was ever thereafter an earnest member of the Reformed Presbyterian (Covenanter) congregation at Cedarville. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth. The eldest was Anna Catherine, born on December 23, 1852, who married the Rev. William Young, pastor of the First Reformed Presbyterian church in Pittsburgh, and had one child, a son, the Rev. Clarence Andrew Young, now pastor of the Roxbury Presbyterian Church at Boston, Mass. The Rev. William Young died in 1878, when his son was but an infant, and his widow survived him for more than twenty years, her death occurring in 1899. The next child in this family was an infant son that did not live longer than a day. The fourth child, Martha Jeanette, born on December 6, 1859, is still living in New Jasper township, widow of Samuel C. Anderson, a memorial sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume. Robert Duncan Williamson, the fifth child, born on February 13, 1862, has for years been regarded as one of the leading authorities in the United States on sheep breeding and further mention of him is made elsewhere in this volume. Mary Joella Williamson, born on March 30, 1864, married Robert E. Bryson, of the Oldtown neighborhood, and has four children, Harold, Agnes Louisa, Martha Lucile and James. Leila Ada Williamson, born on September 22, 1866, married William E. Dean, who later became engaged in the mercantile business at Springfield, and has one child, a son, Jonathan Elmer. The last-born of the children of Jonathan D. Williamson and wife was a daughter, Florence Erma, born on February 11, 1871, who died on July 15, 1892, two years after her graduation from the Cedarville high school.

John Clarence Williamson, the third child and second son of Jonathan D. and Martha A. (McMillan) Williamson, now living at Xenia, where he has resided since 1913, and who is the proprietor of the celebrated "Clearview Stock Farm," now being operated under the direction of his son, Frederick W. Williamson, rural mail route No. 8 out of Xenia, was born on that farm and there resided until his retirement and removal to Xenia. He was born on April 3, 1857, and his schooling was completed in the Xenia schools. After his marriage in 1882 he built a house on the other end of the farm and there established his home. Upon his father's retire-

ment the farm was divided between him and his brother, Robert Duncan Williamson, and both brothers continued their operations there, giving particular attention to the sheep industry. In 1887 John C. Williamson started his flock of Oxford Down sheep, one of the first breeders of that strain in Ohio, and has ever since maintained the flock, gradually improving the wool qualities of the strain until his Oxfords have become known not only all over this country, but in Europe, Canada, South America and Australia, the increase of his flock being sold only for breeding purposes, the demands upon the products of "Clearview Stock Farm" having for years been in excess of the supply. In 1887 Mr. Williamson began exhibiting his Oxfords at the large fairs and has since exhibited all over the country, from Madison Square Garden in New York to Memphis in the South and in all the great state fairs and stock shows throughout the West, and the great collection of blue ribbons he has accumulated is proof of the continuous success of his exhibits. Since his retirement and removal to Xenia in 1913 the active direction of the stock farm has been carried on by his son, Frederick W. Williamson, his partner, who is carrying on in the third generation the fame of the Williamson flocks. Two exhibition flocks are sent out from "Clearview" each year, one to the great state fairs and the other to a circuit of the leading county fairs in Ohio, and the long list of championships credited to "Clearview Stock Farm" has added no little to the fame of Greene county as one of the greatest pure-bred stock producing regions in the world. In addition to their extensive sheep industry the Williamsons have always kept a good herd of Shorthorn cattle on the place and they are now starting a fine bunch of pure-bred spotted Poland China hogs, with a view to creating at "Clearview" a new department of interest to breeders. Since 1913 Mr. Williamson has been serving as a judge at the great international live-stock exhibitions at Chicago and has for years been one of the most influential members of the National Oxford Down Record Association, of which he has been president for the past two years. By political affiliation Mr. Williamson is a Republican and for some years served as a member of the board of directors of the county infirmary. He is a member of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia and has been a member of the session of the same for more than twenty years. He and his wife reside at 246 North Detroit street in Xenia.

Mr. Williamson has been twice married. On June 20, 1882, he was united in marriage to Maria Anderson, who was born in the immediate vicinity of the Williamson place, daughter of William and Mary (Collins) Anderson, members of pioneer families in this county and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to that union were born three children, twins who lived but a brief span of life, and a son, Fred-

erick William Williamson, born on March 2, 1887, mentioned above as the partner of his father in the operation of "Clearview Stock Farm" and the present occupant of that farm. F. W. Williamson was graduated from Cedarville College and from the days of his boyhood has been actively identified with his father's activities as a sheep breeder. He married Una Corry, daughter of Frank Corry, a member of the old Corry family in this county, mentioned elsewhere, and has two children, Marie A. and Frances Jean. Mrs. Maria Williamson died on February 2, 1888, and on January 29, 1891, Mr. Williamson married Alida McClellan, who was born near Xenia, daughter of William E. and Susan (Torrence) McClellan, both members of pioneer families in Ohio, whose last days were spent in this county.

William E. McClellan was born in Wayne county, this state, August 11, 1825, and was but a child when he came with his parents, John and Nancy (Elder) McClellan, to Greene county, the family settling on what is now known as the "Belmont Stock Farm" in Xenia township, and on which place the house now standing there was erected by John McClellan in 1840. The McClellans were of the Associate Reformed faith and after the "union" of 1858 became affiliated with the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia. Reared on the home farm, William E. McClellan in due time became proprietor of the same and there lived until his retirement in 1893 and removal to Xenia, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on February 9, 1900. He was twice married. His first wife, Susan Torrence, was born in the Xenia neighborhood on April 11, 1829, and died on May 1, 1867. His second wife, Margaret Dodds, died in 1894. She was the mother of one child, a son, Lee Dodds McClellan, born in 1872, who died in 1887. To William E. and Susanna (Torrence) McClellan were born seven children, namely: Edward Torrence McClellan, proprietor of a farm on the Cincinnati pike in Xenia township; Marietta, who married C. Will LaFavor and died in 1898; Laura Belle, wife of Harvey McClellan, a farmer living three miles west of Xenia; Amanda Rebecca, who married Nathan Ramsay and died in 1890; Anna Lida, more commonly known among her friends as Alida, who married Mr. Williamson; Antoinette Jane, wife of Thomas Bruce, now living at Catherine, Alabama, and James Clark, a traveling salesman, who married Nellie Reynolds and is now living at Troy, this state.

To John C. and Alida (McClellan) Williamson one child has been born, a son, John Kenneth, born on June 15, 1892. John K. Williamson, former city solicitor of Xenia, received his early schooling in the Oldtown Run district school in Xenia township and later entered Cedarville College, where in 1910 he was graduated. During his college days he was one of

the leading athletes in the college, half-back on the football team and center on the basket-ball team, and during the season 1910-11 was employed to teach chemistry and physics and to coach the football team in the high school at Laverne, Minnesota. During the next term he held a similar position at Moorhead, Minnesota, and then returned to Ohio and entered the law office of W. A. Gilbert at Troy, with the purpose of preparing for entrance at law school, and a year later entered the law department of Ohio State University, from which he was graduated in 1915. In September of that same year he was admitted to the bar at Xenia and in that city formed a partnership with J. P. Kyle, under the firm name of Kyle & Williamson, for the practice of his profession. During his college days he was an active member of the Delta Chi fraternity and still maintains his interest in that association. He is a Republican, now serving as secretary of the county Republican executive committee, and on January 1, 1917, was appointed city solicitor. He is a member of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia and is a member of the board of trustees of the same. On January 1, 1917, John K. Williamson was united in marriage to Mary Moore Geiger, who was born at Springfield, this state, daughter of Charles A. and Frances (Moore) Geiger, the former of whom is now president of the Troy Wagon Works and makes his home in New York City much of the time.

CLEVELAND L. BARKMAN.

Cleveland L. Barkman, postmaster of Osborn, was born in Greene county on May 31, 1885, son of J. H. and Mary Barkman, both of whom were born in Montgomery county, and who were married there. Some years after his marriage J. H. Barkman moved to the village of Osborn, where he has since resided, for years one of the business men of that town. He was for some time engaged in the grocery and agricultural-implement business, was also for some years manager for the Ohio Whip Company at Osborn and for some time served as president of the Osborn Bank. To him and his wife were born four children, the subject of this sketch, the third in order of birth, having two brothers, D. Claude and John, and a sister, Stella, wife of C. C. Huntington.

Reared at Osborn, Cleveland L. Barkman was graduated from the high school there and for a year thereafter was located at Columbus. He then became engaged in farming in this county, but not long afterward returned to Osborn and became there engaged in business, continuing thus engaged until his appointment on October 21, 1913, as postmaster of Osborn, but he did not take charge until January 1, 1914. Mr. Barkman is a Democrat

and for some time previous to his appointment as postmaster served as town clerk.

On April 28, 1909, Mr. Barkman was united in marriage to Fern Young, daughter of Charles Young, of Clark county, Ohio, and to this union two children have been born, Marcella and Dotty Gene. Mr. and Mrs. Barkman are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Barkman is a member of the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and the Woodmen of the World.

ROBERT FINLEY KERR.

The late Robert Finley Kerr, who for years was head of the firm of Kerr & Hastings Brothers, merchants at Cedarville, and whose widow is still living at Cedarville, was a native son of Ohio, born in the vicinity of Ripley, in Brown county, December 10, 1852, son of Paul and Eliza (Pierce) Kerr, the latter of whom was born in Madison county, this state, who became residents of Greene county in the spring of 1869 and later moved to Rushville, Indiana, where their last days were spent.

Upon coming to this county with his family, Paul Kerr located on a farm in Cedarville township, but presently disposed of that holding and moved to Cedarville, where he became engaged in the grocery business. Some years later he sold his store there and moved to Rushville, Indiana, where he became engaged in the furniture business and where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Paul Kerr was a Republican and during his residence at Cedarville served for some time as justice of the peace. He and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian church and their children were reared in that faith. There were five of these children, the subject of this memorial sketch having had one brother and three sisters, namely: Quimby, who went to Texas in the days of his young manhood and died there on April 15, 1886; Mary, who died unmarried at the age of fifty-two, and Harriet and Isabel, both unmarried, who for years have been teachers in the college at Knoxville, Tennessee.

Reared on a farm, Robert F. Kerr completed the Cedarville high school course, supplementing the same by a two-years course in Monmouth College at Monmouth, Illinois, and then began to teach school, a profession he followed for twelve years, teaching in the district schools and in the Cedarville village schools. After his marriage he lived on the farm for six years. Then deciding to engage in the mercantile business he conducted a grocery for two years and then formed a partnership with the Andrews brothers, the firm being known as Andrews Brothers & Company, and thus became engaged in the general hardware and farm-implement business at Cedarville,



ROBERT F. KERR.

the firm also owning and operating a grain elevator there. In 1900 the interest of the Andrews brothers in this business was sold to the Hastings brothers and the firm thereafter was known as Kerr & Hastings Brothers, which name it still retains. Mrs. Kerr now holding the interest that so long was held by her late husband. This concern is engaged not only in the general hardware and implement business, but in the sale of building supplies and owns and operates two grain elevators and coal yards and buys wool. Mr. Kerr continued actively engaged in business up to the time of his death on June 24, 1911. He had years ago bought and remodeled a good house on South Main street and there his widow continues to make her home. Mr. Kerr was a member of the United Presbyterian church, as is his widow, for years was a ruling elder of the congregation with which he was affiliated and was also for some time superintendent of the Sabbath school. Politically, he was a Republican, as was his father before him.

On March 29, 1882, Robert Finley Kerr was united in marriage to Frances Ladora (better known among her friends as "Dora") Jackson, who was born in Cedarville township, this county, March 12, 1856, daughter of George and Minerva (Townasley) Jackson, both of whom also were born in this county, members, respectively, of two of the oldest and most influential families in the county, both the Jacksons and the Townsleys having been represented in the Cedarville neighborhood ever since the very "beginning of things" hereabout. George Jackson, who was a brother of the Rev. Hugh Parks Jackson, a biographical sketch of whom, appearing elsewhere in this volume, sets out in detail the history of the Jackson family in this county, was born on March 19, 1823, and was for many years one of the most conspicuous figures in the citizenship of Greene county, a man six feet and three inches in height and of weight proportionate to his stature. He was the owner of a quarter-section farm on the Yellow Springs road two miles out of Cedarville, for years had been a ruling elder in the United Presbyterian church at Cedarville, as well as chorister for the congregation, and at the time of his death on March 26, 1880, there were many and sincere expressions of regret thereabout.

George Jackson was twice married. On October 26, 1848, the Rev. J. H. Buchanan officiating, he was united in marriage to Minerva Townsley, who also was born in this county, daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Ewing) Townsley, and to this union two daughters were born, Mrs. Kerr having a sister, Martha Joanna, wife of Judge James P. Rogers, of Wheeling, West Virginia. The mother of these daughters died on March 18, 1876, and is buried in the Massiescreek cemetery. On June 18, 1879, Mr. Jackson married Mrs. Sarah Margaret (Hammond) McCall, who survives as Mrs. H. H. McMillan. Mr. Jackson also is buried in the Massiescreek cemetery.

ELAM L. TRUMAN.

Elam L. Truman, proprietor of "Fair View Heights" at Spring Valley, where he is now living practically retired, is a native son of Greene county and is quite content to spend the rest of his days here, though his activities have taken him away from the county much of the time. He was born on a farm in Spring Valley township on December 19, 1849, son of Jeffrey and Jane (Elam) Truman, the latter of whom also was born in this county, daughter of Capt. Josiah and Jane (Porter) Elam, the latter of whom was born in Kentucky.

Capt. Josiah Elam was a soldier of the American Revolution and was afterward attached to the expedition of "Mad Anthony" Wayne into the Northwest Territory, culminating in the victory over the Indians on the Maumee and the treaty of Greenville in 1795. While on this trip to Ohio in 1798 Captain Elam came over into this section and located a claim to a full section of land on the west bank of Caesars creek in what afterward came to be organized as Spring Valley township, Greene county, six miles south of where the county seat, Xenia, later came to be located. He employed men to clear a patch of this land and erect a cabin in the clearing and in 1802 he returned here with his family and established his home. His wife died on that place and he went down into Clinton county on business and died there in 1821. Captain Elam was born in Culpeper county, Virginia, in 1753, and was thus in the sixty-ninth year of his age at the time of his death. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, of whom eight grew to maturity, namely: John, who served as a soldier of the War of 1812 and afterward went over into Indiana to build mills; Isaac, who established his home in Greene county; James, who died in Missouri; Joel, who went to Cass county, Indiana, and there spent his last days; Ambrose, who remained on the home farm in Spring Valley township; Mrs. Emaline Cole, who also remained in Spring Valley township; Mrs. Cynthia Roberts, whose last days were spent in Logan county, this state, and Jane, who married Jeffrey Truman and became the mother of the subject of this sketch.

Jeffrey Truman was born in the city of Philadelphia in 1793, a son of Joseph Truman and wife, the latter of whom was a Llewellyn, both of Welsh stock and Quakers. Joseph Truman was a coppersmith and his son Jeffrey was early trained in the same art and in that of silversmith and also was given a mercantile training. In 1819 Jeffrey Truman came to this part of Ohio and located at Waynesville, where he became engaged in the mercantile business and also for a time taught school, also serving as the village doctor and dentist. He presently came up into Greene county and opened a store at Bellbrook, where he remained until 1827, when he laid out the townsite of Transylvania, a long since vanished hamlet, across the

river from Spring Valley, and erected the first house there, this house serving as a store, tavern and postoffice. Some time later he returned to Warren county and for four years was engaged as a silversmith at Franklin, but then returned to Transylvania and resumed his business there, conducting his tavern, working as a silversmith and teaching school. During the progress of the Mexican War Jeffrey Truman, who was then operating a store at Bellbrook, enlisted, leaving his store in charge of Jeremiah Gest, and was sent to Mexico as bookkeeper for the army paymaster, rising to the position of assistant paymaster before the war was ended. In the fall of 1850 he left Transylvania and returned to Waynesville with the expectation of opening a store there, but death interfered with his plans, his death occurring there on New-year's Day, 1851.

Jeffrey Truman was thrice married. By his first wife, who was a Lake, he had one son, Thomas H., who went to Indiana and whose last days were spent at Covington, that state. By his second wife, Dorothy Ann Isham, he also had one son, Joseph M., who went to California, where his last days were spent. Jeffrey Truman then married Jane Elam, who is mentioned above, and to that union were born twelve children, four of whom died in infancy and of whom but two are now living, the subject of this sketch and his brother Arthur, the others having been Angeline, who married Job Lashley, of Warren county; George, a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, for years one of the best-known business men of Spring Valley, who served for some time as mayor of that village and who was twice married, his first wife having been Charlotte Simison and his second, Elvira Fisk; Elvira, who married and moved to Montana; Corilla, who was the wife of Milton Scarff, of Spring Valley township; Arthur, who moved to Montana, where he engaged in farming and who is now living retired at Bozeman, that state; Jane, who died at the age of sixteen years, and Henrietta, who married William Adams, of Spring Valley township. The mother of these children lived to the age of eighty-four. She was a Baptist.

Elam L. Truman was reared in this county, receiving his schooling in the local schools, and remained at home until his marriage in 1875, he then being twenty-five years of age, after which he made his home at Bellbrook, where for four years he was engaged in the work of making carriages, to which trade he had been early trained. He then moved to Logansport, Indiana, where he became engaged working at his trade and where he remained for seven years, at the end of which time he returned to Spring Valley and there engaged with his brother George in the hardware business. Several years later he sold his interest in the store and moved to Waynesville, opening a hardware store there, but a year later sold that store and returned to Spring Valley, where he resumed his mercantile vocation. Three years later

he became engaged as a traveling salesman for the firm of Boyer & McMaster at Dayton and moved to that city, traveling out of there, his territory covering the states of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Not satisfied with the life of a traveler, Mr. Truman gave up that position and engaged in the carriage and garage business at Dayton, from which place, in 1908, he went to LIMESTONE county, Alabama, and there bought a tract of land. Six years later he disposed of that tract to advantage and returned to Spring Valley, and located at "Fair View Heights," and has since lived there. Mrs. Truman also owns a farm at Roxanna. Mr. Truman also bought the A. J. Craig farm two miles east of Spring Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Truman are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Truman is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was made an Odd Fellow at Lexington, Kentucky in 1871.

Mr. Truman has been twice married. In September, 1875, he was united in marriage to Clara M. Warren, of Bellbrook, daughter of John and Cynthia Warren, and to that union four children were born, namely: John, deceased; Willard, deceased; Lyman W., who is now living at Athens, Alabama, where he is connected with the Watkins Remedy Company, and who married Leila Zaner and has two children, Leon and Clara; and Springer W., who is now living at Detroit, Michigan, where he is in the barber business. The mother of these children died in February, 1910, and Mr. Truman later married Mrs. Martha H. Talbert, widow of George B. Talbert, of Bellbrook, landowner and lumberman, who had died on August 16, 1908. Mrs. Truman was born in this county, daughter of Jonas and Prudence (Smalley) Stump, both of whom spent their last days in this county, the latter living to the great age of ninety-two years, her death occurring in January, 1902. She was born in Warren county, a daughter of William Smalley, a Warren county pioneer, an old Indian fighter and one of the first settlers of Clinton county, Ohio, an interesting story of whose adventures with the Indians is set out at considerable length in this volume. Jonas Stump was born in Winchester, Virginia, and was ten years of age when his parents, Daniel and Mary Stump, came to Ohio with their family in 1817 and settled at Harveysburg, in Warren county. Daniel Stump secured two hundred acres of land in the Harveysburg neighborhood and that farm is still held in the family, now owned by J. F. Stump. Daniel Stump and his wife were the parents of ten children, of whom Jonas was the ninth in order of birth, the others having been Sarah, who married John Oglesbee; Hannah, who married Jessie Romine; Henrietta, who married Jonathan Clark; Matilda, who married Isaac Stump; Lydia, who died unmarried; Mary, who married Elias Oglesbee; Daniel, who remained on the home place, and William, who married a Hiatt.

Jonas Stump lived on a farm near New Burlington, Ohio, and at his brother Daniel's death was willed the old home place near Harveysburg. He moved there and owned the place until he died. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom Mrs. Truman was the sixth in order of birth, the others being the following: Mary M., who died on January 15, 1917, widow of Allen H. Miars, a memorial sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume; Catherine, also deceased, who was the wife of Isaac Evans, of Xenia, a biographical sketch of whom also is presented in this volume; Rachel, who died in infancy; Daniel S., a retired farmer, who is now making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Truman; William J., deceased, who married Ellen McWhorton, and Fremont J., who is living on the place that was settler by his grandfather, Daniel Stump, more than one hundred years ago.

JESSE SANDERS.

Ever since the days of the early settlement of Greene county the Sanders family has been a numerous connection hereabout, this family having been one of the families that became established here about the time of the organization of the county. One of the original members of this family in this county was Jesse Sanders, who was a soldier of the War of 1812 and who developed in Spring Valley township a fine piece of farm property, the place now owned by his oldest daughter and only surviving child, Miss Rebecca Ann Sanders, who has lived there all her life.

Jesse Sanders was a native of the state of North Carolina, born in the vicinity of Salisbury, in Stokes county, that state, in 1792, and was thirteen years of age when he came with his parents, Forest Sanders and wife, a Redick, and the other members of the family to Ohio in 1805, the family settling on a farm on the Cincinnati road, five miles out of the then humble village of Xenia and a mile and a half north of Spring Valley, Forest Sanders being the first settler in that neighborhood. He and his wife were earnest Quakers and their children were reared in that simple faith. Forest Sanders lived to be seventy years of age. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom Jesse was the second in order of birth, the others being Forest, who moved to Indiana and spent his last days in Laporte, that state; John, who remained in Spring Valley township and there spent his last days; Susan, who died at the age of thirty years; Mrs. Mary Graham, whose last days were spent in Indiana; Jeremiah, Mrs. Salsbury and Mrs. Beason.

As noted above, Jesse Sanders was but thirteen years of age when he

came to this county and he walked all the way over from North Carolina, it having been his job and that of his sister to drive the family cow along behind the wagon in which the household goods were stored. The family had started during the fall, but it was well along toward spring before they reached their destination in this county. He was twenty years of age when the War of 1812 broke out and he went to the front as a member of the company raised by Capt. John Davis and served as a soldier until the close of the campaign, being mustered out with the rank of captain, after which he returned home and resumed his place on the farm, which he continued to operate until growing infirmities of age compelled his retirement, after which he rented the fields and spent the rest of his life in retirement, his death occurring on May 21, 1880, he then being in the eighty-eighth year of his age. His wife had preceded him to the grave something more than six years, her death having occurred in November, 1873, and both were buried in Woodland cemetery at Xenia. Jesse Sanders had ever retained his birth-right in the Friends church and his wife was a Presbyterian. She was born, Elizabeth Simison, in Spring Valley township, a member of one of the pioneer families of that township, and was married on November 5, 1840, to Jesse Sanders. To that union were born four children, two sons, both of whom died in youth, and two daughters, Susan Margaret, who died in 1885, at the age of thirty-eight years, and Rebecca Ann, who is still making her home on the old home place.

William H. Babb, who for many years has made his home with the Sanders family and is still living on the Sanders place, operating the farm, was born in the neighboring county of Clinton in March, 1843, son of Abner and Ann (DeHaven) Babb, who had come to Ohio from Virginia in 1833 and had settled in Greene county, later moving down into Clinton county. In 1855 Abner Babb moved to Indiana with his family and for ten years made his home at Kokomo, returning in 1866 to Ohio, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1871. His widow survived him for more than twenty years, her death occurring in 1893. Abner Babb and his wife were the parents of five children, of whom William H. is now the only survivor, the others having been J. R., Harriet, John A. and Mary Ellen. William H. Babb grew to manhood in Indiana and was twenty-three years of age when he came back to Ohio with his parents in 1866. Three years later he took up his residence on the Sanders place, taking charge of the farm for Mr. Sanders, and has lived there ever since, having established his home there after his marriage in 1887. His wife, who was Clarissa A. Peterson, a member of one of the old families of Caesarscreek township, died in January, 1914.

CLEMENT J. LOGSDON.

Clement J. Logsdon, the only druggist in Osborn, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in Knox county, son of C. C. and Amelia (Hays) Logsdon, both of whom were born in that same county and who there spent all their lives. Reared on the farm, Clement J. Logsdon received his early schooling in the common schools and then for three winters taught school in his home county. He then entered the pharmacy department of Ohio State University at Columbus and after a three-year course in that institution graduated in 1898. Upon receiving his diploma Mr. Logsdon became employed as a registered pharmacist at Columbus and from that city went to Newark, where he was engaged in a similar capacity until 1900. In that year he became engaged as the registered pharmacist in the drug store of Doctor Campbell at Osborn. Eight years later he bought the Campbell store and has since conducted the same, now the only druggist in the village.

Mr. Logsdon is a Democrat. As a member of the Commercial Club of Osborn he has done his part in promoting all movements designed to advance the interests of that village. Since taking up his residence in Osborn Mr. Logsdon has taken an active part in the work of the local chautauqua movement. He is a member of the Ohio State Pharmacists Association.

CLARENCE W. HOFFMAN.

Clarence W. Hoffman, one of the younger farmers of Beavercreek township and the proprietor of fifty acres on rural mail route No. 2 out of Spring Valley, was born on that farm and has lived there all his life. He was born on October 2, 1885, son of George and Martha Hoffman, the latter of whom is still living at the home of George Brandt in Beavercreek township.

George Hoffman was a native of Germany and was married in his native land. Not long after his marriage he came to this country in 1868 with his wife and proceeded on out to Ohio, locating in this county, where for several years thereafter he was engaged working on the farm of Captain Darst. He then bought the farm of fifty acres on which his son Clarence is now living, established his home there and there spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on July 6, 1887. He was a member of Mt. Zion Reformed church, as is his widow. They were the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being the following: Conrad, who married Louise Martin and is farming in the vicinity of Fairfield, this county; Lizzie, wife of Charles Phaul, of Dayton; Eva,

wife of Clinton Putnam, of Los Angeles, California; Flora, deceased, who was the wife of Robert Rutherford, and George, who is now farming in the West.

Clarence W. Hoffman was reared on the home farm and received his schooling in the neighborhood schools. He was not yet two years of age when his father died. As the youngest son he continued to make his home there with his mother and after his marriage in 1913 established his home on the place and has since continued to make it his place of residence.

On January 29, 1913, Mr. Hoffman was united in marriage to Flora McGrew, who was born in Highland county, Ohio, daughter of John and Susan McGrew, the former of whom is still living, now a resident of Montgomery county, and to this union three children have been born, Verna, Kenneth and Glenna. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are members of the Mt. Zion Reform church.

GEORGE BAKER.

The late George Baker, a veteran of the Civil War and for years one of the best-known farmers in Miami township, this county, was born in that township and most of his life was spent there, two of his sons and a daughter now occupying the old home place three miles west of Yellow Springs which their father bought in 1881 and on which he spent his last days. He was born on a pioneer farm one mile south of Yellow Springs on November 14, 1831, son of Isaac and Eliza (Graham) Baker, the latter of whom also was born in this county, September 27, 1809, a member of one of the pioneer families of Greene county.

Isaac Baker was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, May 3, 1807, and became one of the early settlers of Greene county, establishing his home here after his marriage to Eliza Graham. He and his wife reared their family here and here spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the first-born, the others being Mrs. Louise Hawkins, deceased; John, who was killed in the battle of Cedar Creek on October 19, 1864, while serving as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War; William P., who died on July 1, 1907; Brinton, who is still living, making his home now at Dayton; Joseph, who is now living at Pratt, Kansas; Mrs. Hester Hutchinson, who is living at Yellow Springs, in this county; Sarah, who died in 1868, and Charles West, who died on April 14, 1914. Five of these brothers served in the Union army during the Civil War.

Reared on the home farm in Miami township, George Baker received his schooling in the neighborhood schools at Yellow Springs and early learned



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the trade of blacksmith at which he worked, at Yellow Springs and at Salem, until he was twenty-five years of age, when, in 1856, he joined that considerable band of Greene county young men, including Senator Plum and Captain Frazer, who went to Kansas in 1856 and started things going in the vicinity of where the flourishing city of Emporia now stands. George Baker set up the first blacksmith shop in Emporia and remained there for three years, or until 1859, being thus an active participant in the desperate struggle that then was being waged in "bleeding Kansas" between the free-soilers who wanted to preserve the Territory of Kansas against the intrusion of the institution of slavery and the "border ruffians" who, coming in from Missouri, across the river and from other points south, were determined to fasten slavery on the prospective state. The struggle finally became so acute that Mr. Baker, in 1859, became disgusted with the unsettled condition of things and came back home and resumed his labors as a blacksmith at Yellow Springs and was living there when the Civil War broke out. Early in the progress of that struggle between the states he enlisted his services in behalf of the Union and went to the front as a member of the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until the termination of his term of enlistment, when he returned home and started farming; but a short time later he enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until the close of the war, then returned to his farm and there remained until January 3, 1881, when he bought a farm of one hundred acres three miles west of Yellow Springs, moved onto the same and there spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on February 6, 1890. His widow survived him for more than twenty years, her death occurring on January 18, 1911. George Baker was reared in the Methodist church and his wife was reared in the Catholic church, and their children were reared in the faith of the latter communion.

On September 14, 1864, at Springfield, George Baker was united in marriage to Elizabeth Higginson, of Yellow Springs, who was born in Ireland, but whose girlhood was spent at Albany, New York, where she was living when her family came from that place to Greene county during the '50s. To that union five children were born, namely: John Wentworth, who died in 1866; Mamie C., who is still living on the old home place, keeping house for her brothers, William and George, who are farming the place; William J. and Elizabeth (twins), the latter of whom is now a nun, a member of the Visitation Order, in the convent at Georgetown, Kentucky, and the former of whom is noted above as remaining on the home farm, and George, who is also living on the home place, he and his brother operating the same, while their sister Mamie keeps house for them. The Baker broth-

ers are good farmers and have a well-kept and profitably cultivated farm. They are Republicans, as was their soldier father, and take a proper interest in local civic affairs, but have not been seekers after public office.

LESTER S. BARNES.

Lester S. Barnes, proprietor of a decorating, paint and book store at Xenia, was born in Xenia and has lived there all his life with the exception of a brief period during his young manhood, when he was employed in a book store at Cincinnati. He was born on April 24, 1877, son of the late Major George A. Barnes and wife, the latter of whom is still living at Xenia, where Major Barnes died on September 19, 1907, and where he was born on July 14, 1837, son of Henry and Ruth Barnes.

Reared at Xenia, the city of his birth, Lester S. Barnes received his schooling in the schools of that city and upon leaving school became engaged as clerk in a local book store. He later went to Cincinnati and in that city was employed in the wall-paper department of the Fair store for some time, returning then to Xenia, where on November 20, 1899, he became engaged as a clerk in the White wall-paper store which then was doing business on Greene street, continuing thus engaged for six years, at the end of which time he became engaged in business on his own account, opening the store which he is now operating on April 1, 1906. Mr. Barnes carries a general line of wall paper, paints, stationery, books, magazines and such other articles as are included in the stock of stores of this character.

On December 20, 1899, Lester S. Barnes was united in marriage to J. Olive McDonald, who also was born in Xenia, daughter of Charles W. and Mary (Boots) McDonald, who are now living in Florida and who are the parents of four children, Mrs. Barnes having two brothers, Elmer and John McDonald, and a sister, Myrtle. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes are members of the First Reformed church. They have two children, a son and a daughter, Ruth, born on December 28, 1900, now a member of the class of 1918, Xenia high school, and Nelson, born on December 22, 1903. Mr. Barnes is a member of the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and of the local camp of the Sons of Veterans.

FRANK WESLEY SIMISON.

Frank Wesley Simison, a farmer of Spring Valley township and operating his mother's farm on which he lives, was born on that farm, as was his father, and has lived there all his life. He was born on October 25, 1855, son of Milo D. and Mary (Kelly) Simison, the latter of whom is still living,

now a resident of the village of Spring Valley. She was born in County Mayo, Ireland, in 1835, and was thirteen years of age when she came to America. She came to the United States with her aunt, Mrs. Mary Gibbons, and thus became a resident of Greene county, where she grew to womanhood and married Mr. Simison.

The late Milo D. Simison, who died at his home in Spring Valley on January 20, 1907, was born on the farm in Spring Valley township now operated by his son, Frank, November 19, 1830, son of John and Nancy (Knight) Simison, the former of whom was born on March 9, 1798, and the latter, May 8, 1807. John Simison was born in Pennsylvania, a son of Robert Simison, a native of Ireland, who had located in the Keystone state upon his arrival in this country, and was a well grown lad when he came with his father and the other members of the family to Greene county, Robert Simison here buying the farm upon which his great-grandson, Frank W. Simison, is now living, paying five dollars an acre for the same. Later Robert Simison bought the farm which long afterward came to be known as the Scarff farm and after the marriage of his son John turned over to the latter his original purchase and moved to the second farm, where he spent the rest of his life. On January 1, 1828, John Simison married Nancy Knight, who was born in this county, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Caine) Knight, North Carolinians and pioneers of this county. After their marriage John Simison and his wife established their home on the place on which the former's father had settled on coming to this county and there they spent the remainder of their lives, the latter dying on March 29, 1847, and the former, February 2, 1853, and their son, Milo D. Simison, succeeded to the property by buying out the other heirs.

On January 28, 1855, about two years after the death of his father, Milo D. Simison was united in marriage to Mary Kelly, of Spring Valley township, who, as noted above, was born in Ireland, a daughter of Michael and Ann (Hennegan) Kelly, and after his marriage continued to make his home on the place on which he was born, remaining there until his retirement from the farm in 1888 and removal to Spring Valley, where he spent the rest of his life and where his widow is still living. He was a Democrat and served one term as a member of the village council. To him and his wife were born three children, the subject of this sketch having had two sisters, Nancy Caroline, born on May 13, 1858, who is now living at Spring Valley, widow of Joshua Barnett, and Mary Catherine, who died in infancy.

Frank W. Simison grew to manhood on the farm on which he was born, and on which his father had been born, and received his schooling in the local schools. After his marriage his parents retired from the farm and its management was turned over to him. He established his home there and

has since made that his place of residence. He has a farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres where he and his sons are carrying on their farming operations. Mr. Simison is a Democrat and has served as director of schools in his home district.

On December 27, 1887, Frank W. Simison was united in marriage to Emma Babb, a member of one of the old families in Spring Valley township, daughter of Smith and Amanda Babb, and to this union three children have been born, Earl M., Imogene and Ormond K., all of whom attended high school and all still at home. Mrs. Simison is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Spring Valley.

JOHN H. BRICKLE.

The late John H. Brickle, who died at his home in Caesarscreek township on October 26, 1904, and whose widow is still living there, was a native son of Greene county and had spent all his life here. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of the village of Jamestown on September 14, 1845, son of Jacob and Mary (Phillips) Brickle, who upon their retirement from the farm moved to Jamestown, where they spent their last days. Jacob Brickle and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their children were reared in that faith. There were nine of these children, four of whom are still living, namely: Daniel Brickle, of Jamestown; Catherine, wife of Thomas Moon, of Jamestown; Frank Brickle, who is living on a farm east of that village, and Emma, who is now a resident of the city of Dayton. The others of the children of Jacob Brickle and wife, besides John H., were Amanda, Margaret, Louis and Harvey.

John H. Brickle was reared on the home farm, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools, and early became a practical farmer, a vocation he followed all his life. After his marriage in the summer of 1870 he for three years made his home on a farm on the eastern edge of the county and then moved to Cedarville, but a year later bought a farm in New Jasper township and on that place made his home for seven years, or until 1881, in which year he sold the place and bought the farm on which his widow is now living, in Caesarscreek township, and there established his home and spent the rest of his life. Mr. Brickle first bought there a tract of one hundred and fifty-nine acres, but as he prospered in his undertakings he enlarged his holdings and at the time of his death was the owner of two hundred and thirty-five acres. In addition to his general farming Mr. Brickle had given considerable attention to the raising of live stock. By political affiliation he was a Democrat and by religious persuasion was a member of the Methodist Protestant church at Paintersville, with which he had



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become connected when sixteen years of age. Mr. Brickle was in the sixtieth year of his age at the time of his death in the fall of 1904.

In August, 1870, John H. Brickle was united in marriage to Catherine F. Clemens, who was born in New Jasper township, this county, daughter of George and Susanna (Fichthorn) Clemens, both of whom also were born in this county, the parents of the former having come here from Pennsylvania and those of the latter, from Virginia, both the Clemenses and the Fichthorns being old-established families in Greene county. George Clemens became a substantial farmer and his last days were spent at Jamestown, where he died at the age of eighty years and six months. He was twice married, his first wife having died at the age of forty-seven years, after which he married Harriet Sterritt, of Cedarville. By his first union he was the father of eight children, of whom Mrs. Brickle was the second in order of birth, the others being the following: Jesse Cyrus, who at the age of nineteen years enlisted his services in behalf of the Union during the Civil War, went to the front and died of typhoid fever in an army hospital in Maryland; Mary Elizabeth, wife of Jeremiah Tolman, of New Jasper township; Melvina Ann, widow of John J. Brown, of Jamestown; Amanda, who died at the age of twenty-four years, unmarried; Emma Jane, now also deceased, who was the wife of William Gordon; John Orville Clemens, of Dayton, this state, and William Merritt, deceased.

To John H. and Catherine F. (Clemens) Brickle were born four children, namely: Minnie, who is at home with her mother; Mary S., wife of Frank Street, of New Jasper township; Orville, who is farming in Caesars-creek township and who married Effie Hiles and has one son, Howard; and Cyrus Clemens Brickle, farming the old home place, who married Elsie Hiles and has one child, a daughter, Wanda. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Brickle has continued to make her home on the home farm, rural mail route No. 9 out of Xenia, where she is very comfortably situated.

CHARLES F. ALEXANDER.

The late Charles F. Alexander, who died at his farm home, the old Alexander homestead place in Spring Valley township, early in 1912 and whose widow is still living there, the operations of the farm being carried on by their son Lawrence Alexander, was born in Spring Valley township on a farm now owned by Reverend Collins, January 30, 1859, son of William J. and Elizabeth (Weller) Alexander, the former of whom was a son of Washington Alexander, who was a son of the Hon. John Alexander, the first lawyer to locate at Xenia and who many years ago represented this district in the Congress.

It was in the year 1803, the year in which Greene county was erected into a civic unit of the new state of Ohio and the county-seat town of Xenia was laid out, that John Alexander and his wife Isabella and their little family came up here from Butler county, in which county they had been located for a short time after coming into Ohio from their native South Carolina. John Alexander was a school teacher who had given considerable attention to the study of the law and upon locating at Xenia "put out his shingle" for the practice of law, the first lawyer to invite the attention of the people of the new county. He was elected prosecuting attorney in succession to Arthur St. Clair, Jr., the second prosecutor for the new county, and with the exception of four years served in that office by successive re-elections until 1832, the longest tenure ever held by any prosecutor in this county. He represented this legislative district in the Ohio General Assembly and for two terms represented the district in the Congress. He died at Xenia in 1848.

Washington Alexander, son of Judge Alexander, was born in South Carolina in 1801 and was thus but two years of age when his parents settled at the new county-seat town of Xenia. In his youth he studied law under the preceptorship of his father, but never practiced, instead turning his attention to farming in Spring Valley. After his marriage to Rachel Clark, of Spring Valley, he established his home on the farm and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1867. His wife had preceded him to the grave about eighteen years, her death having occurred in 1849. They were the parents of seven children, of whom William J., the father of the subject of this memorial sketch, was the second in order of birth, the others having been Jesse, Augustus, Isabella, who married William S. Frazier, Frank, Aurelius and John.

William J. Alexander was born in Spring Valley township on June 10, 1827, and was educated in the Xenia schools. For some time after leaving school he spent his winters teaching school, farming on the home place during the summers, and in the meantime gave attention to the study of law and in due time was admitted to the bar and opened an office for the practice of his profession at Spring Valley, later moving to Wilmington and thence, after a time, back to Xenia, where he opened an office. In the meantime he had been keeping up his farming interests and became the owner of several hundred acres of land in Spring Valley township, where he preferred to make his home. For twelve years he served as justice of the peace, for twenty-two years was township trustee and was for a time the superintendent of the Orphans Home. He was a Baptist and was affiliated with the Masons and with the Odd Fellows. On February 28, 1850, William J. Alexander was united in marriage to Elizabeth Weller and to that

union were born three children, two sons and a daughter, the latter of whom died in infancy. Both the sons, Perry A. and the subject of this memorial sketch, became well-to-do farmers in Spring Valley township. William J. Alexander died on April 18, 1897, and his widow, who was born in Washington township, in the neighboring county of Montgomery, April 18, 1825, survived him until 1904.

Charles F. Alexander, second son of William J. and Elizabeth (Weller) Alexander, was reared on the home farm in Spring Valley township and received his schooling in the local schools. After his marriage in the spring of 1882 he made his home on a farm south of Spring Valley and there continued to reside for seven years, at the end of which time he returned to the old Alexander homestead place, one hundred and sixty-nine and one-half acres of which he owned, and there spent the remainder of his life engaged in general farming, his death occurring there on February 8, 1912. Mr. Alexander was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Spring Valley, as are the members of his family, and served as treasurer of the building committee at the time the new church was being erected. He was a Democrat, as was his father, and was affiliated with the Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

On February 2, 1882, in Spring Valley township, Charles F. Alexander was united in marriage to Sadie Compton, who also was born in that same township, daughter of Eber and Mary Jane (Babb) Compton, both members of old families in this county. Eber Compton was a son of Henry and Catherine (Mock) Compton, the former of whom was born in North Carolina and was but seven years of age when he came to this county with his parents, Stephen and Dinah (Millhouse) Compton, who were Quakers, the family settling on a farm in the vicinity of the village of New Burlington. Henry Compton grew up there and all his life followed farming, becoming in time the owner of about four hundred and seventy-five acres of land in this county and six hundred acres in the neighboring county of Fayette. Eber Compton also grew up to the life of the farm and after his marriage to Mary Jane Babb, who was a daughter of Peter and Jane (Scarf) Babb, substantial residents of Spring Valley township, located on a farm on the Cincinnati pike, five miles south of Xenia, where he spent the rest of his life. After his death his widow moved to the village of Spring Valley and there her last days were spent, she being seventy-five years of age at the time of her death. Eber Compton was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which faith their children were reared. There were six of these children, of whom Mrs. Alexander was the fourth in order of birth, the others being the following: Ambrose,

now living at Xenia; Wilson, also a resident of Xenia; Alice, who married Frank Hupman and died in Xenia; Della, wife of Melvin Beal, of Xenia township, and Clifford, who is farming in Spring Valley township.

To Charles F. and Sadie (Compton) Alexander were born five children, all of whom were educated in the Spring Valley schools and all of whom are still living, namely: Dena, who married W. W. Trout, of Springfield, Ohio, and has two children, Jean and Bettie; Nellie, who married John Peterson, of this county, and has three children, Wayne, Donald and Dean; Louise, wife of Joshua Inwood, of Rockford, Illinois; Lawrence, who is farming the home place and who married Eva DeHaven and has two children, Dorothy and Lucile; and Mary E., who is now (1918) a student in the Xenia high school. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Alexander has continued to make her home on the old home farm.

GEORGE ABRAM KEITER.

The late George Abram Keiter, who died at his farm home in Xenia township, rural route No. 9 out of Xenia, April 4, 1918, was a native son of Greene county and had lived here all his life. He was born on a farm on the Wilmington pike in Caesarscreek township, seven miles south of Xenia, March 17, 1838, son of Frederick and Mary (Weaver) Keiter, who were born in Hampshire county, Virginia, where they grew up and were married and who then, in 1833, drove through to this part of Ohio and located in the woods of Caesarscreek township, where they established their home and where the subject of this sketch was born. Previous to that date Mrs. Mary Keiter's parents, Abram and Cynthia Weaver, had come out here from Virginia and had settled on a tract of Congress land that Abram Weaver had bought in Caesarscreek township and it was a part of that land that Frederick Keiter settled on, buying it from his father-in-law, the Weavers and the Keiters becoming substantial pioneers of that community. Those of Abram Weaver's children who came to this state, besides Mrs. Keiter, were Benjamin, John (who lived in Licking county), Frank, Abram, Samuel, Sallie and Nancy. Frederick Keiter was a son of George Keiter, a Pennsylvanian, who was married in Virginia, where he spent his last days. George Keiter and wife had ten children, those besides Frederick having been Polly, Hester, Maria, Peggy, Betsy, Benjamin, Jacob, George and John. In addition to the general farming that he carried on on his pioneer farm in Caesarscreek township, Frederick Keiter also had a blacksmith shop. He was a Democrat and he and his wife were members of the Baptist church. They had twelve children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the seventh in order of birth, the others being the



MRS. AND MRS. GEORGE A. KETTER.

following: Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of James Nolan; Harrison, deceased, who was a farmer in Caesarscreek township; John, who also was a farmer in that township and who died there; Margaret, who is now living in the Paintersville neighborhood, widow of Elisha Bales; Nancy, deceased, who was the wife of Thomas Middleton; Susan, who is living in Spring Valley township, widow of Daniel Bean; Jane, wife of Joseph Buckwalter, of Caesarscreek township; James and Edward, twins, both of whom are farmers, living in the Lumberton neighborhood, and Sarah, wife of Aseph Haines, of Caesarscreek township.

George A. Keiter was reared on the place on which he was born, in Caesarscreek township, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools, and remained at home until his marriage when twenty-seven years of age, after which he established his home on his grandfather Weaver's place on the Wilmington pike and was there located for twenty-five years, at the end of which time, in 1892, he bought the place on which he lived until his death, the William Beal farm of eighty-four acres in Xenia township. Upon taking possession of that place Mr. Keiter made numerous improvements on the same and in 1911 remodeled the house in up-to-date fashion. In addition to his general farming Mr. Keiter gave considerable attention to the raising of live stock and of late years particularly he and his son have kept a good many Jersey cattle and Poland China hogs. Mr. Keiter was a Democrat.

On February 2, 1865, George A. Keiter was united in marriage to Mary Catherine Bootes, who was born in Spring Valley township, this county, daughter of Edmund and Elizabeth C. (Hanes) Bootes, natives of Virginia, who had come to this county with their respective parents in the days of their youth and were here married. Edward Bootes was born in 1817 and was but a lad when his parents moved here from Virginia, and here he grew up and married. His wife, Elizabeth C. Hanes, was born in 1823 and was but six years of age when her parents came to this county from Virginia. After his marriage Edward Bootes got a hundred acres of his father's place in the neighborhood of Anderson's Forks and later moved to Spring Valley, where he worked at the carpenter trade until 1859, when he moved to a farm in Caesarscreek township, where he was killed by a falling tree in 1863. His widow survived him for many years, her death occurring in 1908, she then being eighty years and six months of age. Of the nine children born to Edward Bootes and wife five grew to maturity, those besides Mrs. Keiter being Lewis H., who went to the front as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War and died at Louisville, Kentucky, in 1863; Samantha Jane, who died in 1908; Joseph H., who is engaged in the electric-light business at Jackson, Michigan, and

Rosa E., who lives in Santa Ana, California. Mr. and Mrs. Keiter have three children, namely: James Franklin Keiter, who for seventeen years taught vocal music in the schools of Greene county, and who is now operating the home farm, giving particular attention to the live-stock business; Mary Elizabeth, wife of Dr. J. G. Fudge, of Spring Valley, and Flora J., who is living with her sister at Spring Valley. Doctor and Mrs. Fudge have four children, Lawrence Keiter, Edith Jennette, Ruth Alice and Mildred Catherine. The Keiters are members of White Chapel Methodist Episcopal church. On February 2, 1915, Mr. and Mrs. Keiter celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a dinner and reception at their home, the same being attended by forty relatives and near friends.

JACOB HARNER.

Jacob Harner, a farmer of Beaver creek township, now living practically retired from the active labors of the farm, the operation of the place being carried on by his son, Jacob S. Harner, was born on that place and has lived there all his life, a member of one of Greene county's pioneer families. He was born on September 21, 1841, son of Samuel and Nancy (Watts) Harner, both of whom were born in that same township, members of pioneer families in that part of the county, and who spent all their lives there.

Samuel Harner was a son of Jacob and Mary (Heffley) Harner, the latter of whom was a daughter of one of the earliest settlers in Greene county. Jacob Harner was a native of Germany, who upon coming to this country, made his way out to Ohio and settled in Greene county, where he married Mary Heffley and settled on a farm in Beaver creek township, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of eight children, those besides Samuel having been Charles, Abraham, George, Jacob, Mary, Catherine and Sarah J. Samuel Harner grew up on that farm and after his marriage in 1822 to Nancy Watts located on the farm on which his son Jacob is now living and there he spent his last days, his death occurring in 1871. His widow survived him for many years, her death occurring in 1906. They were members of the Reformed church and were the parents of seven children, those besides the subject of this sketch having been Samuel, George, Mary Ann, Nathan, William and Nelson.

Jacob Harner was reared on the home farm and received his schooling in the Ludlow district school and after his marriage in the fall of 1868 continued farming on the home place, one hundred and two acres of which he inherited after the death of his father. While his house is situated in Beaver creek township and he thus is accounted a resident of that township,

the greater part of his farm lies over the line in Xenia township. For some time Mr. Harner has been living practically retired from the active labors of the farm, the management of the place having been given over to his elder son, Jacob S. Harner, who with his family is living in the old home and operating the place. Mr. Harner is a Democrat, while he and his family are members of the Reform church at Byron.

On September 22, 1868, Jacob Harner was united in marriage to Mary Zedicker, who was born in the neighboring county of Montgomery, daughter of Jacob and Mary Zedicker, who had come to this state from Pennsylvania, and to this union five children have been born, namely: Luella, wife of William Davis, a farmer of Clinton county, this state; Martha, wife of Clinton Flatter, a farmer of Bath township, this county; Jacob S., who is now operating the home place; Minnie, wife of Jacob Harris, a farmer of Beavercreek township, and Oliver, who married Jennie Truby and is also farming in Beavercreek township. Jacob S. Harner married Anna Darner, of Fairfield, daughter of Thomas and Frances Darner, who had come to this county from Maryland, and has twelve children, Jacob Lawrence, Mabel C., George W., Thomas Herbert, Horace A. and Harold A. (twins), Mary E., John W., Florence A., Woodrow W., Treva Lucile and Martha Lucella, now representing the fourth generation of Harners who have occupied the farm on which they are living.

HARRY DWIGHT SMITH.

Harry Dwight Smith, prosecuting attorney for Greene county, former president of the council of the city of Xenia and former city solicitor, was born at Xenia, on April 20, 1879, son of Judge Horace L. and Mary A. (Jones) Smith, the former of whom is still living at Xenia, where for many years he has been engaged in the practice of the law and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, together with further details relating to the Smith family in Xenia. Judge Smith has two sons, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Commander Charles E. Smith, of the United States navy, further mention of whom also is made in this volume.

Reared in Xenia, Harry D. Smith was graduated from the high school there in 1896 and then entered Antioch College, from which he was graduated in 1900 with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. In the meantime, under the preceptorship of his father, he had been giving attention to the preliminary study of law and upon leaving college entered the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and was graduated from that institution in 1903. Following his graduation Mr. Smith was admitted to the bar and straightway opened an office for the practice of his profession

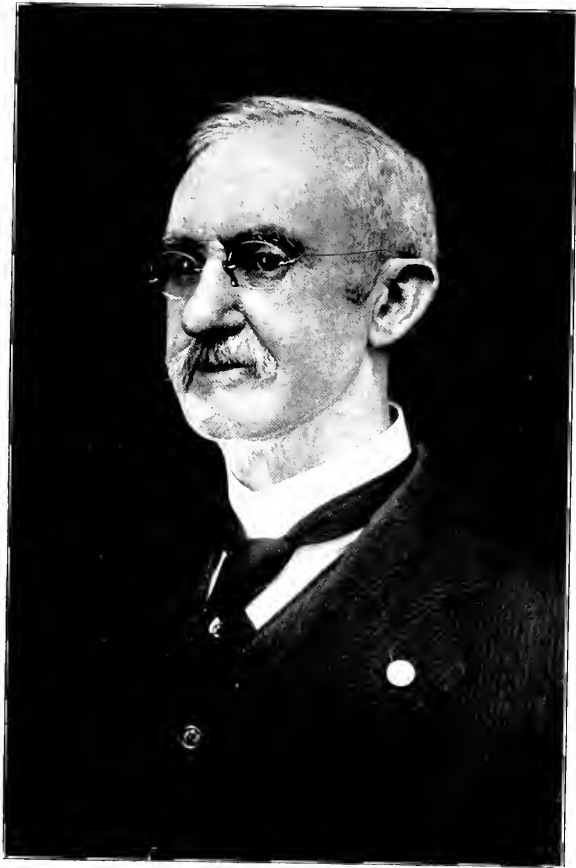
in Xenia, where he since has been located. He is a Republican and during the year 1906-07 served as president of the city council and in 1908 was elected city solicitor, which latter position he held until his election to the office of prosecuting attorney for this judicial district in the fall of 1916. Mr. Smith entered upon the duties of this latter office on January 1, 1917, and is now serving in that capacity, his term of office to expire on January 1, 1919.

On June 23, 1904, Harry D. Smith was united in marriage to Mae Prugh, of Xenia, daughter of V. H. and Mary (Conner) Prugh, both now deceased, and to this union two children have been born, Horace H., born in October, 1905, and Mary Carolyn, August, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Presbyterian church.

LEVI M. JONES, M. D.

Dr. Levi M. Jones, a veteran of the Civil War and a medical practitioner at Jamestown ever since he located there in 1876, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in the Mechanicsburg neighborhood, in Union township, Champaign county, September 20, 1842, son of John and Mary (Lafferty) Jones, both of whom were born in that same county and who spent all their lives there.

John Jones was born in 1804, son of Abram and Phoebe (Clark) Jones, and was the second white child born in what later came to be organized as Union township, Champaign county, his parents having been among the earliest settlers in that part of the county, they having located there in the days when what is now Champaign county was still comprised within the limits of what then was Greene county. Abram Jones died of typhoid fever when thirty-five years of age and his widow continued to make her home in that vicinity. They had two children, John Jones having had a sister, Hannab, who married Stephen Clark and continued to make her home on the farm which her father had started to develop. After his marriage to Mary Lafferty, John Jones located on a farm one mile distant from the place on which he was born and reared and there spent the rest of his life, living to the age of seventy-one years. His widow survived him for some years, she being seventy-six years of age at the time of her death. They were the parents of seven children, of whom Doctor Jones was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Zenas B., who served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, a member of Company E, Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was severely wounded at the battle of Ft. Republic, was there taken prisoner and confined in Libby prison, his wounds never



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being dressed by a surgeon; when he was exchanged, his health broken, he was discharged and returned home, where he spent the rest of his life; John Wesley, who also served as a soldier during the Civil War, a member of Company G, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and upon the completion of his military service went to Missouri, where he engaged in farming and where he spent the rest of his days; Thomas O., who served as a soldier of the Union from June, 1862, to the close of the war, a member of Co. H, Sixty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and upon the completion of his military service went to Iowa, where he became engaged in farming and in which state he is now living retired; Sarah Catherine, who married John Hendrick and spent her last days in Columbus, this state; Charles, who for years has been engaged in farming in eastern Kansas, and Edward E., who is a farmer in Oklahoma.

Reared on the home farm in Champaign county, Levi M. Jones received his early schooling in the neighborhood schools and supplemented the same by a course in Ohio Wesleyan University, which he attended during the years 1865-68, entering the university upon his return from the army. In the meantime he had been giving his attention to the study of medicine and upon leaving the university entered Miami Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in 1871. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Jones returned home and opened an office at Mechanicsburg, where he was engaged in practice for a year, at the end of which time he came down into Greene county and opened an office at Jamestown, where he ever since has been engaged in practice. Before locating at Jamestown, Doctor Jones had married and when he came here he established a home, building a combined residence and office building. That building was destroyed by the memorable cyclone of 1884 and he afterward erected his present residence and office building, which he ever since has occupied. Doctor Jones is a member of the Greene County Medical Society, of the Ohio State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association, ever keeping abreast of the advancement being made in his profession. He is a staunch Republican, of which party his father was one of the original members, and for nine years held the position of local medical examiner for the pension board. Fraternally, the Doctor is a member of the Masonic order, of the Knights of Pythias and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, as well as of Strong Post No. 118, Grand Army of the Republic, at Jamestown, of which for the past ten years he has been the commander. Doctor Jones's military experience as a soldier of the Union began when he was eighteen years of age, he then, on May 2, 1864, at Urbana, having enlisted his services to help preserve the nation's unity. He was attached to Company G, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was

sent to Cumberland, Maryland, to join General Butler's army, in that command seeing considerable active service before he received his final discharge at Columbus upon the completion of his term of service.

In 1873, at Mechanicsburg, Dr. Levi M. Jones was united in marriage to Mary W. Williams, daughter of William Williams and wife, the former of whom was a merchant at that place, and to this union was born one child, a son, Clement L., who is now a practicing physician at Springfield, this state. Dr. Clement L. Jones was born at Winchester, Indiana, but was reared at Jamestown. Upon completing the course in the high school in his home town he entered Washington and Jefferson College at Washington, Pennsylvania, and following his graduation from that institution entered the medical department of Johns Hopkins University at Baltimore, from which he was graduated in 1903. For two years thereafter he served as pharmacist in Mt. Carmel Hospital at Columbus, this state, and then for a year was located at Vicksburg, Mississippi. He then returned home and became engaged in the regular practice in association with his father and was thus engaged for four years, at the end of which time he went to Springfield, where he has since been located. The younger Doctor Jones is serving as the pathologist of the medical staff of the health department of the city of Springfield and is the present president of the Clark County Medical Society. He is a member of the Ohio State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association. Fraternally, he is a Scottish Rite Mason, affiliated with the consistory at Cincinnati, and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Dr. Clement L. Jones married Hazel Labourn, of Springfield, and has a pleasant home in that city.

CAPT. MOSES WALTON.

Capt. Moses Walton, a retired officer of the United States army, formerly an officer of the quartermaster's department, former member of the Ohio state dairy and food commission, a former deputy state oil inspector, a former member of the common council of the village of Spring Valley, in which village he has had his established home all his life, is a native son of Greene county, born on the farm on which the village of Spring Valley came into being, December 27, 1846, son of Moses and Rachel (Ragan) Walton, the former of whom owned there a considerable tract of land. Upon completing the course in the local schools the younger Moses Walton was sent to Spiceland Academy, an educational institution conducted under Quaker auspices over in Henry county, Indiana, and not long after his return from that school became engaged in association with his father in the manufacture of tow, the elder Walton having established a

flax-mill at Spring Valley in 1866. He and his brother Samuel a year later opened a store in the village. In 1869 the sons extended their field of labors to include the manufacture of bagging, having also, in 1868, become engaged, in association with Mr. Barrett, in the pork-packing business, this latter industry being continued until in the early '90s. The younger Moses Walton had, however, in 1883, withdrawn from the pork-packing business and had become engaged in the grain business at Trebeins, continuing thus engaged at that station until 1887, in which year he purchased the oil-mill at Spring Valley and continued to operate the same until 1897, when he was appointed to a clerkship in the office of the postoffice inspector at Cincinnati and was thus engaged in that city when the Spanish-American War broke out. On May 25, 1898, he was appointed to service in the quartermaster's department of the First Brigade, Second Division, First Army Corps, with rank of captain, and thus rendered service in getting the camps at Chickamauga and at Camp Poland, Knoxville, Tennessee, organized. When the army was reorganized Captain Walton was made quartermaster of the First Brigade, First Division, First Army Corps, and in October, 1898, went with that command to Cuba, for quartermaster service in Sancti Spiritus, in the province of Santa Clara, where he remained for three months. The brigade then was broken up and Captain Walton was ordered to Cienfuegos as assistant of the quartermaster general of the provinces of Santa Clara and Matanzas, under Gen. John C. Bates. Five months later the Captain was ordered to New York to take charge of a transport as captain, quartermaster and commissary, and for two years thereafter was engaged in the transport service, first in charge of the "Dixie" and then of the "Burnside," which latter vessel, originally the "Rita," was a prize taken from the Spaniards. In July, 1900, Captain Walton was transferred to the "Sedgwick" and on October 21 of that same year was placed in charge of the "Buford," remaining in charge of that transport until May 1, 1901, meanwhile making a trip with that vessel, *via* the Suez canal, to Manila, with troops, and bringing back with him, to San Francisco, the Twenty-seventh Regiment. Upon his arrival at the port of San Francisco, Captain Walton relinquished his command and after reporting to Washington returned to his home at Spring Valley. In 1903 Captain Walton was appointed a member of the Ohio state dairy and food commission and for four years, or until 1907, rendered service to the state in that connection. In 1909 he was appointed a deputy state oil inspector and for four years rendered further public service in that capacity. Captain Walton is a Republican and has served as a member of the common council of his home village.

On September 25, 1867, at Spring Valley, Capt. Moses Walton was united in marriage to Ellen B. Hepford, who was born at Dayton, Ohio,

daughter of J. W. and Elizabeth (Hess) Hepford, and to this union have been born seven children, namely: John Edward, who is farming in Spring Valley; Bessie R., wife of E. C. Van Winkle; J. T., former justice of the peace in and for his home township; Rosella, wife of A. E. Wright, of Dayton; Samuel M., Joseph H. and Mary L. The family is affiliated with the Society of Friends, of which the Captain is a birthright member.

The Waltons are one of the old families in Greene county, the first of the name to settle here having been Edward Walton, grandfather of the Captain, who opened up the land where the village of Spring Valley stands. Edward Walton was born in Frederick county, Virginia, January 3, 1776, and was there married, remaining there until 1806, in which year he came to Ohio and after a bit of prospecting for a favorable location bought the tract of land in this county above referred to. In 1808 he brought his family here and established his home on that tract, later laying out there the village of Spring Valley, and continued to make that place his home the rest of his life, his death occurring there on April 10, 1867, being then past ninety years of age. Two children, Samuel and Elizabeth, were born to Edward Walton and wife before they left Virginia and Moses Walton, father of Captain Walton, was the first child born to them after their arrival in this county. He was born on June 27, 1809, and died on January 8, 1887. Their other children were Eunice, John, Hannah, Edward and Mary, all of whom reached years of maturity and established homes of their own save the two last named, the Waltons therefore being quite a numerous connection hereabout in the present generation.

HON. SAMUEL COLLINS ANDERSON.

The late Hon. Samuel Collins Anderson, who was representing this district in the lower house of the Ohio General Assembly at the time of his death in the summer of 1914, was born in the house in which he died on his farm in New Jasper township, and where his widow is still living, and there spent all his life with the exception of a period of ten years during which he was engaged in business at Springfield. He was born on May 6, 1859, a son of William and Mary (Collins) Anderson, both members of pioneer families in this county and both born in the state of Pennsylvania, they having come with their respective parents to Greene county, the Andersons and the Collinses becoming influential pioneers, as is noted elsewhere in this volume. Mary Collins was born in York county, Pennsylvania, and was but a child when she came to this county with her parents, Archibald and Ellen Collins, the family settling on a farm on the Jamestown pike,



Sam Anderson

two miles east of Xenia, where she was living at the time of her marriage to William Anderson, who also had grown up in that neighborhood.

William Anderson was one of Greene county's substantial farmers, and for years a ruling elder in the old Caesarscreek Seceder church. In 1849 he bought from David Williamson the farm of three hundred acres on which the latter had settled on coming to this county in 1836 and there spent the remainder of his life. His widow survived him for many years, her death occurring on the old home place on May 7, 1907, she then being eighty-six years of age. Her son, Samuel C., then became owner of two hundred acres of the original tract and the same is now owned by his widow, a granddaughter of David Williamson, the previous owner. And on that place there still flows, as strong and pure as ever, the clear, cool spring from which the Williamsons drank upon taking up their residence there more than eighty years ago. The Rev. Robert Duncan Williamson, uncle of Mrs. Anderson and the biographer of the Williamson family, some years ago wrote regarding the transfer of the old Williamson homestead place in the following thoughtful vein: "While it was a matter of regret to part with a home which was endeared with so many pleasant associations, yet it is a matter for gratitude that it passed into the hands of one who was most exemplary in character and a help to the church, morally and financially. Though he did not live long to enjoy it, yet it is still in the possession of the widow and her two sons, Samuel and William, Mrs. Anderson occupying the old homestead and surroundings, and the two sons owning equal parts of the remainder. It is also a happy thought in this connection that while the farm has passed out of the Williamson name, one who is a descendant of the family and of the same name still lives on it and is a joint possessor of part of it. The wife of Samuel Anderson, one of the sons, is Nettie Williamson, the second daughter of Jonathan D. and Martha Williamson." William Anderson and his wife had twelve children, three sons and nine daughters, eleven of whom grew to maturity and in the old home there were eleven weddings and receptions, or "infares," marking the progress of this fine family of young people into homes of their own. Of those twelve, but three are now living, William P. Anderson, now living retired at Cedarville and a biographical sketch of whom, together with a comprehensive narrative relating to the Anderson family in this county, appears elsewhere in this volume; Mrs. James A. Curry, of Springfield, and Mrs. William Smart, of Santa Ana, California.

Samuel Collins Anderson was reared on the farm on which he was born and his early schooling was received in what was known as the Anderson district school, the school house being situated on his father's farm, this schooling being supplemented by a course in the old Xenia College

which then was being conducted on East Church street in the city of Xenia. He was not ten years of age when his father died and, as one of the younger sons, he remained on the farm with his mother after he was grown and after his marriage in the fall of 1885 established his home there. Seven years later he gave up farming and moved to Springfield, where he became engaged in the grocery business, but after ten years of confinement in the store found his health failing. Selling his store to his brother-in-law, William Dean, he returned to the home farm, where his mother was still living, and resumed the management of the same. After her death in 1907 he bought the interests of the other heirs in the place and there spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there on August 26, 1914. After taking possession of the old home place Mr. Anderson remodeled the house, put on a slate roof, installed an electric-light plant and made one of the most comfortable country homes in the county. In addition to his general farming he paid considerable attention to the raising of live stock. He also was a member of the board of directors of the Greene County Mutual Insurance Association. Politically, Mr. Anderson was a Republican. In 1912 he was elected to represent this district in the state Legislature and in 1914 was nominated to succeed himself in the House, but his death occurred before the day of election. During his term of service in the House of Representatives Mr. Anderson took an especially active part in the promotion of temperance legislation and was recognized as one of the forceful members of that body. He was a member of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia, as is his widow, and for years served as a member of the session of that congregation.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Anderson has continued to make her home on the old home place, the operations of the farm now being under the direction of her only son, William Wallace Anderson, who completed his studies in Cedarville College in the spring of 1918 and has chosen to continue the work on the farm inaugurated by his father. Besides the son, William Wallace, who was born on August 4, 1897, Mrs. Anderson has two daughters, Martha Maria, born on August 18, 1890, who completed her schooling in Cedarville College and is now serving as supervisor of music in the schools of New Jasper township, and Mary Lucile, who completed her schooling in Muskingum College and is now teaching domestic science in the schools of Seaman, in Adams county, this state. Mrs. Anderson was born, Martha Jeanette Williamson, in this county, December 6, 1859, fourth in order of birth of the eight children born to Jonathan Duncan and Martha Ann (McMillan) Williamson, further reference to whom, together with a comprehensive narrative relating to the Williamson

family in this county, is made in a biographical sketch of her elder brother, John C. Williamson, of Xenia, presented elsewhere in this volume. She grew to womanhood on her father's farm and was there married, October 20, 1885, to Samuel Collins Anderson, the officiating clergymen being her pastor, the Rev. J. F. Morton, the Rev. J. G. Carson and her uncle, the Rev. R. D. Williamson. To her family and friends she has ever been known as "Nettie," a diminutive of Jeanette.

SAMUEL McCULLOCH.

The late Samuel McCulloch, who for years was a funeral director at Yellow Springs, was a native of Ohio, born in the neighboring county of Clark on December 5, 1823, and was ten years of age when his parents, Samuel and Agnes (Browne) McCulloch moved down to Yellow Springs and there established their home. He finished his schooling there and when sixteen years of age began to work at the cabinet-making and house-building trade, later, as a young man, giving particular attention to the making of coffins, and when thirty-two years of age, about the time of his marriage, established himself in the undertaking business at Yellow Springs, continuing there thus engaged the rest of his life, his death occurring there in April, 1900, he then being in the seventy-sixth year of his age, and was buried in the cemetery at Yellow Springs, the spot in which he had during many years of service performed a similar office in behalf of those who had preceded him there. Mr. McCulloch was a member of the United Presbyterian church.

On October 16, 1855, at Yellow Springs, Samuel McCulloch was united in marriage to Hannah Herrick Blasdell, who was born in the state of Maine in 1833, and who was but a girl when she accompanied her parents, John and Mary (Herrick) Blasdell, to Ohio, the family settling in Yellow Springs. Hannah Blasdell entered Antioch College after her parents had located at Yellow Springs and afterward became engaged as a school teacher, which profession she was following at the time of her marriage to Mr. McCulloch. To that union were born six children, namely: Samuel H., who is living at Yellow Springs; Mary Agnes, deceased; Anna D., deceased; Archibald, who is now living at Ft. Riley, Kansas; one who died in infancy, and Mary, who married Charles Lucas, now a resident of Atlanta, Georgia, and has two children, Joseph and Ruth. After her husband's death Mrs. McCulloch went to Texas and for six years kept house there for her son Samuel. Upon her return to Ohio she located at Dayton, but four years later returned to her old home at Yellow Springs and has since been living there.

SAMUEL KYLE WILLIAMSON.

Samuel Kyle Williamson, a soldier of the Civil War and proprietor of "Maple Lawn Stock Farm," a part of the old Judge Samuel Kyle place in Cedarville township, now living retired from the operations of the farm, the same being carried on by his younger son, Collins Williamson, was born on a farm in the vicinity of the village of Jamestown on October 26, 1846, son of John S. and Jane (Kyle) Williamson, the latter of whom was a daughter of Judge Samuel and Rachel (Jackson) Kyle, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. Judge Kyle, who was for thirty years associate judge of the court in Greene county, came here from Kentucky in 1805 and bought a tract of thirteen hundred acres of land in the Cedarville neighborhood, and there established his home. He was a member of the session of the old Associate Reformed church at Cedarville and was twice married, becoming, by his first wife, Ruth Mitchell, the father of six children. By his second wife, Rachel Jackson, who was a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (McCorkle) Jackson, also pioneers of the Cedarville neighborhood and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, he was the father of fifteen children. Robert Jackson was the father of ten children and thus the Kyles and the Jacksons became two of the most numerous connected families in the county.

The Williamsons are hardly any less numerous connected, for David and Catherine (Duncan) Williamson, the founders of this family in Greene county and of whom further and extended mention is made elsewhere in this volume, were the parents of ten children, of whom John Smith, the father of the subject of this sketch, was the fifth in order of birth. John Smith Williamson was born in the vicinity of Frankford, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, April 1, 1817, and was nineteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to Greene county in 1836. After his marriage to Jane Kyle in the spring of 1842 he bought a farm of one hundred and fifty acres in the immediate vicinity of Jamestown and there set up his home. In 1859 he traded that farm for another, but soon afterward sold this latter place and bought a farm on the edge of the village of Cedarville, where he lived until 1865, when he bought a farm of one hundred and thirty-seven acres on the Columbus-Cincinnati pike, a mile west of Cedarville, and moved onto the same. On December 4, 1872, his dwelling house there was destroyed by fire and he moved into Cedarville, where he became engaged in the grocery and so continued for some years, or until his retirement from business. During the later years of his life Mr. Williamson was an invalid, a sufferer from a paralytic stroke. He died at his home in Cedarville on November 18, 1898, he then being in the eighty-second year of his age. For twenty-



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five years he had been a ruling elder in the United Presbyterian church and his children were reared in that faith.

John S. Williamson was twice married. On March 17, 1842, he was united in marriage to Jane Kyle, who was born in the Cedarville neighborhood on December 18, 1816, daughter of Judge Samuel and Rachel (Jackson) Kyle, mentioned above, and to that union were born three children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being Catherine, born on July 26, 1843, widow of Robert M. Jackson, and David S., born on December 29, 1851, a retired farmer, now living at Cedarville and a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume. The mother of these children died on August 28, 1854, and on December 17, 1855, John S. Williamson married Ellen B. Bryson, a daughter of Robert and Hannah Bryson, and to that union one child was born, a daughter, Flora Jane, born on January 2, 1857, who died on February 6, 1860. Mrs. Ellen B. Williamson died on July 18, 1878, and on February 8, 1883, Mr. Williamson married Mattie Irwin, of Claysville, Pennsylvania, also now deceased. This last union was without issue.

Samuel Kyle Williamson received his schooling in the schools of Cedarville, completing the same with a course of two years in the old "select school" conducted there by Professor Fleming. On February 15, 1865, he then being but eighteen years of age, he enlisted as a soldier of the Union for service during the continuance of the Civil War and was sent to the front as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Eighty-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with that company until mustered out on September 26, 1865, the most of that service having been rendered at Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, and at Cumberland Gap, at which latter point he was for four months stationed with his regiment. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Williamson returned home and in 1868 bought from his father a tract of one hundred acres, a part of the old Judge Samuel Kyle place, and after his marriage in the fall of 1872 established his home there, occupying the house that D. M. Kyle had erected there in 1849. There Mr. Williamson has ever since made his home. He has remodeled and improved the old house and has a very attractive place which bears the name of "Maple Lawn Stock Farm." In addition to his general farming Mr. Williamson has ever given considerable attention to the raising of high-grade live stock, with particular reference to Polled Durham cattle, Delane-Merino sheep and Duroc-Jersey hogs. Of late years he has given over the general direction of the farm to his son, Collins Williamson, who is managing it as well as an adjoining tract of one hundred and sixteen acres, the Joseph Kyle place, which he owns in his own right. Mr. Williamson is a member of the United Presbyterian church at Cedarville and has

been for many years a member of the board of trustees of the same. Politically, he is a Republican.

Mr. Williamson has been twice married. On November 6, 1872, he was united in marriage to Isabella Collins, who also was born in this county, June 14, 1849, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (McClellan) Collins, members of pioneer families and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to that union were born six children, namely: George Smith, born on April 17, 1874, who died on May 10 of the same year; John Clarence, April 19, 1875, who died on August 23 of that same year; Emmet Collins, December 9, 1876, who is unmarried and is now living at Lemar, Mississippi, in the vicinity of which place he owns a cattle ranch, Ellen Rebecca, July 7, 1878, who on November 7, 1900, was united in marriage to the Rev. Alfred Dennison, now stationed at New Concord, in Muskingum county, this state; an infant, August 23, 1882, who died on that same day, and Collins, November 11, 1888, who, as mentioned above, is now operating the "Maple Lawn Stock Farm" for his father, as well as farming his own place adjoining, continuing to make his home on the home place. The mother of these children died on October 8, 1899, and on October 14, 1903, Mr. Williamson married Maria Agnes Tarbox, who also was born in this county, daughter of John M. and Rachel (Nichol) Tarbox, the former of whom was for many years engaged in the milling business at Cedarville, he having come here from his native state of Maine in 1849, and further reference to whom is made elsewhere in this volume.

MONT MANOR.

Mont Manor, a farmer of Caesarscreek township, and the proprietor of the old Ford farm on rural mail route No. 6 out of Xenia, was born on what then was known as the Andrew Baughman farm two miles west of Xenia on April 2, 1864, son of John H. and Catherine (Bagford) Manor, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter, at Hagerstown, Maryland, who had come to this county with their respective parents in the days of their youth, were here married and here spent their last days.

John H. Manor was a son of George Manor and wife and was but a child when he came to Greene county with his parents, the family driving through from Virginia and settling on a farm west of Xenia, where George Manor and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of six children, of whom John H. was the last-born, the others being Emma, who married Robert Gowdy; Elizabeth, who married Joseph Nisonger; Hester, who married Perry Nisonger; Mary, who married Jacob Elwell, and Alfred, who married and moved to Indiana. John H. Manor

grew to manhood on the home farm west of Xenia and after his marriage located on the Andrew Baughman farm, two miles west of Xenia, where he spent the rest of his life in farming, his death occurring there on March 17, 1883, he then being fifty-four years of age. He was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. His widow survived him for some years, she being sixty-nine years of age at the time of her death. For some time after the death of her husband she made her home in Delaware county, Indiana, but returned to Greene county on a visit and died at the home of her son Mont, the subject of this sketch. She was born, Catherine Amelia Bagford, at Hagerstown, Maryland, and was but a child when she came with her parents to Greene county. She was the last-born of the six children born to her parents, the others having been Calvin, who moved to Indiana; William, who made his home in the neighboring county of Warren; Mary, who married William McClellan and lived west of Xenia; Comfort, who was twice married, her first husband having been John Hollingshead and her second, Jonas Hiney, both of this county, and Julia, who remained unmarried. To John H. and Catherine A. (Bagford) Manor were born six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being as follows: George, who is operating a dray line in Xenia; William, deceased; Clinton, who is a farmer, living west of Xenia; Minnie, now a resident of Shideler, in Delaware county, Indiana, who has been twice married, her first husband having been William Brown and her second, Frank Shady; and A. B., also a resident of Shideler, where he is engaged as a stationary engineer.

Mont Manor grew up on the farm on which he was born, received his schooling in the Xenia schools and remained on the home farm until his marriage at the age of twenty-four years, after which, for five years, he lived on his mother's farm at Shideler, Indiana, and managed it. He then returned to Greene county, later moving to Dayton, but a year later returned to his home county and for two years thereafter rented a farm near Cedarville, after that becoming engaged in farming on a farm on the Dayton pike, where he remained for something more than three years, at the end of which time he became engaged in teaming in Xenia and was thus engaged for five years. He then resumed farming and was thus engaged in New Jasper township for three years, or until 1911, when he bought the farm of seventy-eight acres on which he is now living, known as the Ford place, in Caesarscreek township. Mr. Manor is a Republican, and Mrs. Manor is a member of the Reformed church at Maple Corner.

On February 23, 1888, Mont Manor was united in marriage to Margaret E. Dean, who was born in the neighboring county of Montgomery, daughter of David and Cornelia (Darner) Dean, both of whom were born

in the vicinity of Dayton, in that same county, and who were the parents of eight children, of whom Mrs. Manor was the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follow: William, who is a carpenter, living at Dean, in Montgomery county; Lottie, who married Edward Derby and is living at Rochester, New York; Harry, who died in youth; Daisy, wife of James Hayes, of Dean; Bertha, wife of Samuel Jackson, of Dayton; Gertrude, wife of Thomas Collins, of Dayton, and Charles, a carpenter, also living at Dayton. David Dean, the father of these children, was a building contractor, for years justice of the peace in and for his home township and for three terms a member of the board of county commissioners of Montgomery county. He was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the United Brethren church. He died in August, 1905, at the age of sixty-nine years. His wife's death occurred on July 27, 1901, at the age of sixty-two. To Mr. and Mrs. Manor have been born three children, namely: Harry Dean Manor, an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, living at Xenia, who married Lila Kildow and has four children, Elizabeth E., Noel Dean, Harry Ronald and Charles; Cornelia Kathryn, who married Orie F. Clemmer, who is now at Camp Sherman in the National Army, and Charles David Manor, who is at home.

HON. ANDREW JACKSON.

The Hon. Andrew Jackson, former representative from this district in the General Assembly of the state of Ohio and for years one of the forceful figures in the life of Greene county, was born in this county and has resided here most of his life, the exception being a period of about ten years during which he was engaged in railroad service following his completion of nearly three years of service as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War. He was born on the old Jackson homestead place of Clarks run, west of Cedarville, December 25, 1843, a son of Gen. Robert and Minerva (Eddy) Jackson, prominent residents of that community, whose last days were spent in this county.

Gen. Robert Jackson was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, March 3, 1798, and was sixteen years of age when he came to this county in 1814 with his parents, Robert and Elizabeth (McCorkle) Jackson, the family settling on a farm along Clarks run, west of the village of Cedarville. The elder Robert Jackson was born in 1758 at Newtown, Limavady, County Derry, Ireland, son of David and Elizabeth (Reed) Jackson, of Scottish descent, who were the parents of four children, three sons and one daughter, and was but four years of age when his parents came with their family to the American colonies in 1762 and settled in Pennsylvania,



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as is set out at informative length elsewhere in this volume, together with a comprehensive history of the beginnings of the Jackson family in Greene county. David Jackson also was born at Newtown, about the year 1730, the third son by the second wife of Dr. Joseph Jackson, a physician of that place. By a previous marriage Dr. Joseph Jackson had a son, Andrew, who on account of his participation in a revolutionary movement in his own country was compelled to flee to the American colonies, he and his wife and two small sons settling in 1765 in the Waxhaw settlement in South Carolina. There Andrew Jackson died in the spring of 1767, a few days before the birth of his third son, who in honor of the deceased father was named Andrew and who in the proper fullness of time became the seventh President of the United States, it thus being seen that Robert Jackson, the Greene county pioneer, and Andrew Jackson, the hero of the battle of New Orleans and one of the most conspicuous figures in American history, were cousins. When the War of the Revolution came on David Jackson took an active part in the struggle of the colonists and lost a hand at the battle of Trenton. His wife died at Oxford, in Chester county, Pennsylvania, October 7, 1767, she then being thirty-four years of age. He survived her many years, his death occurring in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in August, 1811, and he was buried beside the body of his wife in the Oxford burying ground. They were members of the Associate Presbyterian church and in 1782, at the union of the Reformed and Associate Presbyterian churches, he became a member of the Associate Reformed church.

Robert Jackson, third in order of birth of the four children born to David and Elizabeth (Reed) Jackson, grew to manhood in Pennsylvania and during the Revolutionary War served as a soldier of the patriot army. In the spring of 1786 he married Elizabeth McCorkle, who was born in Scotland and who was but a child when she came to this side with her parents. Her father was killed in battle while serving in behalf of the patriot cause during the Revolutionary War and her mother died not long afterward, she thereafter making her home with a Quaker family in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where she was living when married to Robert Jackson. She has been described as a large woman, five feet ten inches in height and of a weight of one hundred and ninety pounds; blonde, with blue eyes, auburn hair nearly five feet long, portly, with commanding, queenly appearance and straight as an Indian, her commanding appearance always insuring to her the respect due as a lady of the first rank. Robert Jackson has been described as a man six feet in height, of slender form and of a weight of one hundred and seventy-five pounds, of dark complexion, black, curly hair and long lean face, there being a tradition in the family

that he bore a striking resemblance to his illustrious cousin, Andrew Jackson, President of the United States. This description, written by the Rev. Hugh Parks Jackson, of Cedarville, dean of the Jackson family in this county, further sets out that Robert Jackson "was of a sedate disposition; did not engage in foolish fun, but was fond of company of his own kind; a man of pleasant and agreeable manners, but, like 'Old Hickory' Jackson, was full of mettle of the right ring. He was like a bell—touch him and he would sound. He was a wheelwright by trade, but worked on the farm as well, a man of industrious and abstemious habits and a great reaper in the harvest field with the old-fashioned sickle. It was the custom then to have whisky in the harvest field to drink, but it was his habit to sit on the fence, with his hat off, resting, while others were drinking. He was not a man of many words, but good company on subjects that were profitable to be discussed. He would, in holy indignation, resent and resist the oppression of the weak who were making strenuous and honest efforts to do right. At one time in a harvest field, when sixty years old, he threw his sickle down and cracked his fists together, saying: 'I can whip any man that will impose on a boy!' A dozen harvesters reaping in the field were making sport of a boy who was trying to make a hand in the same field with them."

In 1789, about three years after his marriage, Robert Jackson moved over the mountains from Lancaster county to Westmoreland county, in Pennsylvania, and settled on a farm in the forks of the Yough, and was living there when what historically is known as the "Whisky Rebellion" broke out in western Pennsylvania in the summer of 1794. He indirectly aided and abetted this rebellion by loaning his gun to one of his neighbors, who was engaged in the rebellion, and was for months thereafter compelled to seek hiding in the bush while the soldiers were scouring the country in search of insurrectionists. But presently the President pardoned and released all engaged in the insurrection and the soldiers were withdrawn. In 1799 Robert Jackson sold his hill farm and moved over into the then Territory of Ohio, buying a farm two miles southeast of Mt. Pleasant, in Jefferson county, where he remained until 1814, when he disposed of his interests there and with his family came to Greene county and settled on Clarks run, west of Cedarville. In this county he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, her death occurring on September 28, 1822, and his, September 26, 1828, and both were laid to rest in the Massiescreek burying ground. Robert Jackson was for years a ruling elder in the Associate Reformed church, having thus served his church both in Pennsylvania and after his coming to Greene county, and his children were reared in that faith. There were ten of these children, of whom Robert, father of the subject of this

sketch, was the seventh in order of birth, and of these ten all save two grew to maturity, married and had families of their own, their children, in turn, numbering eighty-four, the descendants of these, in the present generation, comprising a well-nigh innumerable host and forming connections with most of what are regarded as the "old families" of Greene county.

Partaking the physical characteristics of both of his parents, Gen. Robert Jackson has been described as a man of six feet two inches in height, of a weight of one hundred and ninety pounds, straight as an Indian, of fine physique, dark complexion, dark eyes, black curly hair, "and when dressed in full military costume and mounted on his spirited white charger made a handsome appearance and was indeed a brilliant and popular military officer." From boyhood he was fond of military tactics and parades and when he came to this county with his parents in 1814 at once became a participant in the activities of muster days and the like, going on up in rank in the local militia until on August 22, 1831, he was commissioned by Governor McArthur as brigadier general of the First Brigade, Fifth Division, Ohio State Militia, a commission he held until his resignation on August 6, 1836. The General also took an active part in the general public affairs of the community and was elected to represent this district in the thirty-third General Assembly of the state of Ohio. From 1857 to 1862 he represented his district as a member of the board of county commissioners and in 1862 went with the "squirrel hunters" to Cincinnati to help repel the threatened rebel invasion of Ohio. In early life the General was a Democrat, but in 1852 became a Free Soiler and upon the organization of the Republican party threw in his influence with the latter party and remained a firm adherent of the same until his death. It has been written of him that in disposition he was free and jovial, fond of society and of his friends, with whom he was always popular and a welcome guest. On December 25, 1821, Gen. Robert Jackson married Minerva Eddy, of Lebanon, in the neighboring county of Warren, and after his marriage continued to make his home on the old home place on Clarks run until 1856, when he sold that farm, which meantime had been bequeathed to him, and moved to Xenia, where he became engaged in the milling business, several years later moving to a small fruit farm two miles east of Xenia, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there on April 10, 1877. His widow returned to Xenia, but later moved to Yellow Springs, where she died on January 16, 1882. Both were reared in the Associate Reformed church and after the union in 1858 became connected with the United Presbyterian church.

To Gen. Robert and Minerva (Eddy) Jackson were born twelve children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the eleventh in order of birth, the others being the following: Phoebe Ann, born on November 24, 1822.

who was thrice married, her first husband having been Matthew Corry Jacoby, her second John Thomas Dawson, and her third Jefferson Joseph Reed, and who by her first husband was the mother of three children, Robert Scott, Henry Martin and Rebecca Jane, the latter of whom married the Rev. George G. Mitchell, and by her second husband, three children, Minerva Alice, Elizabeth Ann and Kate Josephine; Joseph Addison, January 6, 1825, who died on October 1, 1834; Elizabeth, September 8, 1827, who married John Corry and had four children, William Henry, Minerva Emazetta, Anna Maud and Lizzie Alta; Joshua M., November 17, 1829, a veteran of the Civil War, who married Mary Matilda Gowdy and had five children, Robert A., Charles Conditt, Joshua C., Joseph E. and Mary; Mary, January 28, 1832, who married John R. Nash and had two sons, Robert Hervey and Hugh Lee; Nancy Jane, June 3, 1834, who married Prof. Robert Hood; Dona Martha, May 3, 1836, who married George Royse; twins, who died at birth in 1838; Robert Eddy, December 23, 1840, who died on August 24, 1843, and James Harvey, July 27, 1847, who died on June 10, 1849.

Andrew Jackson was eleven years of age when his parents moved from the farm to Xenia and his schooling was completed in the schools of that city. Upon leaving school he entered the employ of Merrick & Company, dry-goods merchants at Xenia, remaining there until the fall of 1861, when he went to Michigan with his brother-in-law, Professor Hood, a civil engineer, and under the direction of the latter took a course in surveying, geometry, trigonometry and bookkeeping. In the following spring he returned to Xenia and resumed his place in the Merrick store, being given charge of that concern's books, and continued thus engaged until August 8, 1862, when he enlisted as a member of Company H, Ninety-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and went to the front with that command, his first skirmish with the enemy coming on the 31st of that same month at Tate's Ferry, Kentucky. In the battle of Perrysville in October following Mr. Jackson received a wound in the left shoulder, but was not seriously incapacitated, for he was able to participate in the bloody battle of Stone's River a couple of months later. With his command he then took part in the Tullahoma campaign and then on through the South, taking part in such battles as those at Dug Gap, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Resaca, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, Smyrna Camp Grounds, Chattahoochee River, Peach Tree Creek, the siege of Atlanta, Jonesboro, Bentonville, and was present when Johnson surrendered on April 26, 1865. He was mustered out of service on June 5, 1865, after a service of two years and ten months, the war then being at an end. During a part of the last year of this service he was detailed as chief clerk to the inspector-general of the First Brigade, First Division of the Fourteenth Army Corps.

Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Jackson returned home and was almost immediately thereafter appointed to a position as assistant engineer in the maintenance-of-way department of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad, a position which he occupied for a year, at the end of which time he resigned to accept the position of engineer and amanuensis to the president in the office of the Cincinnati & Zanesville Railroad, at Cincinnati, presently being promoted to the position of general ticket agent and paymaster of that road, and remained thus connected for six years or until his resignation and return to Cedarville. In the meantime he had married a daughter of James Dunlap, the lumberman, and upon his return to Cedarville took charge of the latter's extensive lumber interests, not only at that place but at Cincinnati and in the Michigan lumber camps, at the same time giving direction to the operations on his farm in the Cedarville neighborhood, and presently began to give particular attention to the breeding of fine horses on the farm, with particular reference to animals for the speed-ring. For years Mr. Jackson continued this active interest in horses. The famous Wilkes strain was his favorite and the "Onward" branch of this strain gained for him many good marks. He maintained a track on his farm and trained both trotting and pacing stock, among the notables there trained for racing having been "General Jackson" and "Miss Jackson." For six successive years Mr. Jackson held the position of starter judge of the horse races at the Ohio state fair. Mr. Jackson is a Republican and was elected to represent this district in the sixty-eighth General Assembly and was re-elected for the succeeding term. During his service in the Legislature Mr. Jackson gained so many friends that during the succeeding session of the General Assembly he was chosen sergeant-at-arms of the House and so satisfactorily did he perform the duties of that office that he was re-elected for six succeeding sessions and thus served until the seventy-sixth session, at the last session receiving the vote also of the Democrats, a compliment said to be unparalleled in the annals of the Legislature. In 1891 Mr. Jackson was appointed a member of the state commission to locate markers or regimental monuments to the memory of the fifty-five Ohio regiments that were represented on the field during the battle of Chickamauga. This commission was the first of the similar state commissions on the field and four years was occupied in its labors, the Ohio monuments being dedicated on September 19, 1895. For twenty-two years (1890-1912) Mr. Jackson was a member of the Cedarville school board. Then the Cedarville board and the township board were consolidated and Mr. Jackson has since continued to render service as the clerk of the united board, in that capacity rendering service at the time of the erection of the new school building at Cedarville in 1916, a building that is regarded as a model of its type in the state of Ohio. In 1912 Mr. Jackson was elected clerk of Cedarville township and

in 1917 was re-elected to that office for the fourth time. Since 1899 he also has been continued in office as justice of the peace in and for his home township, his neighbors long ago apparently having come to the conclusion that they want no other "squire" to sit in local judgment. When the Cedarville Building and Loan Association was organized in 1896 Mr. Jackson was elected secretary of that concern and has ever since been retained in that position. Mr. Jackson's home is surrounded by forty acres of well-kept land just out of the southeastern limits of the city of Cedarville.

On December 17, 1868, Andrew Jackson was united in marriage to Mary J. Dunlap, who was born at Cincinnati on March 1, 1845, daughter of James Dunlap, mentioned above as having been extensively engaged in the lumber business at Cincinnati and at Cedarville and who died at his home in the latter place on January 25, 1890, he then being seventy-six years of age. To this union four children were born, namely: Pearl J., born on May 13, 1871, wife of Ralph G. George, of Jamestown, this county; Frank A., July 10, 1876, now serving as sheriff of Greene county and a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume; Clara G., November 9, 1878, wife of H. H. Cherry, a farmer living in Xenia township and further reference to whom is made elsewhere, and Fannie D., December 30, 1880, wife of R. L. Baldwin, of Chicago.

JOSEPH DEVOE.

The late Joseph Devoe, former trustee of Caesarscreek township and for years a citizen of that township, who met his death in an automobile accident in 1912, was born on a farm in Jefferson township on March 7, 1850, son of David and Mary (Ary) Devoe, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families, the Devoes and the Arys having been here from the early days of the settlement of this part of Ohio.

David Devoe was born on a farm in the vicinity of the village of Paintersville in 1822, son of Joseph and Abby (Oglesbee) Devoe, who had settled there upon coming over here from Virginia in 1817. Joseph Devoe, the pioneer, was born in the neighborhood of Winchester, Virginia, a son of David Devoe, who was born in France and who had come to this country with his widowed mother when a lad, the family settling in Virginia. Joseph Devoe grew to manhood in Virginia and there married Abby Oglesbee and in 1817 came with his wife to Ohio and located in this county, establishing his home on a pioneer farm in the vicinity of where the village of Paintersville later came into being. He was a Whig and a Methodist. His wife died in 1858 and he in 1860. They were parents of six children, David, Evaline, who

married John Ary, George W., Ephraim, Sarah Jane, who married Nathan Fisher, and Asa.

Reared on the home farm in the vicinity of Paintersville, David Devoe grew up a farmer, a vocation he followed all his life. He married Mary Ary, who was born in this county on August 13, 1825, and after his marriage made his home on a farm in Jefferson township until 1868, when he bought a farm in the neighborhood of Paintersville, in Caesarscreek township, occupied the same and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on January 23, 1899, he then being in the seventy-seventh year of his age. His widow survives. They were the parents of eleven children, namely: Eliza Jane, who married Thomas Bone and moved to Illinois; Sarah, who married William A. Powers; Lucinda, who married L. V. Johnson; Joseph, the subject of this memorial sketch; William, of Jefferson township; Aaron, of Caesarscreek township; Margaret, David and George, who died in childhood; Elizabeth, who married Isaiah Mason, and Jesse, of Xenia township.

Joseph Devoe grew up on the farm in Jefferson township, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools and was eighteen years of age when the family moved to the farm in the Paintersville vicinity. He remained at home until his marriage in the spring of 1872, when he and his wife began housekeeping on a farm in Caesarscreek township, south of the place where Mrs. Devoe now lives, and there remained for several years. They then moved to the place on which Mrs. Devoe is now living, known then as the Fisher place, and there established their permanent home, Mr. Devoe cultivating the farm of seventy-five acres until his tragic death on September 30, 1912. Joseph Devoe was a Republican and served as township trustee and as a member of his local school board. He was a member of the Methodist Protestant church at Paintersville, as were his parents before him and as is his widow, and for years served as a member of the board of trustees of that congregation.

On March 28, 1872, Joseph Devoe was united in marriage to Caroline Faulkner, who was born on a farm in the Paintersville neighborhood, in Caesarscreek township, daughter of David and Emily Jane (Musetter) Faulkner, the former of whom was born in that same neighborhood on October 7, 1819, a son of Thomas and Mary (McGuire) Faulkner, who were among the earliest pioneers of that section of Greene county. David Faulkner grew up on the home farm and remained there until his marriage in September, 1838, to Emily Jane Musetter, who had come to this county with her parents from Virginia. For a time after his marriage he lived on a rented farm, but later bought a farm of his own in that same neighborhood and there spent the remainder of his life, becoming the owner of a farm of

one hundred and ninety-four acres. David Faulkner was a Republican and for several terms served as trustee of his home township. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Protestant church at Paintersville and he for years was class leader of the same. He died in 1896 and his widow survived him for four years, her death occurring in 1900. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Mary, widow of Francis Linkhart, of Xenia, who is now making her home with her sister, Mrs. Devoe, on the farm; Harvey C., a farmer living north of Paintersville; Caroline, widow of Joseph Devoe; Samuel P., a farmer of Caesarscreek township, whose biographical sketch presented elsewhere in this volume carries much additional information regarding the Faulkner family in this county; Elijah B., now a resident of West Carolton, Ohio; Harriet Ann, who married Thomas B. Linkhart, of Lumberton, and is now deceased; and Elizabeth Catherine, wife of John Anderson, of Xenia.

To Joseph and Caroline (Faulkner) Devoe were born three children, namely: Anna Belle, who married Stacy Wilson, a farmer, of Jefferson township, this county, and has one child, a daughter, Goldie; Mary E., who married Adolph Lowe, now living in North Dakota, and has four children, Elmer, Mable, Helen and Hester, the last two named being twins, and Ida May, who married West Caplinger, now living in the neighboring county of Clinton, and has two children, Forest and Everett. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Devoe has continued to make her home on the farm.

SEBASTIAN GERHARDT.

Sebastian Gerhardt, a farmer of Miami township, this county, living on rural route No. 3 out of Yellow Springs, was born in the village of Husted, in the neighboring county of Clark, February 7, 1875, a son of Sebastian and Margaret (Peterson) Gerhardt, natives of Germany, who were married in this country and later established their home on a farm in Clark county, this state, where they reared their family.

The senior Sebastian Gerhardt received military training in his native land and was twenty-five years of age when he came to this country. On the way over he met and fell in love with Margaret Peterson, a fellow passenger on the vessel on which he had taken passage, and after their arrival on this side they were married, later becoming residents of Clark county, this state. During the Civil War Sebastian Gerhardt served as a soldier of the Union and on account of his previous military training could have had a captaincy had it not been for the difficulty he was still experiencing in the mastery of the English language. He and his wife were the parents of



Mary A Gerhardt



Sebastian Gerhardt

eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being Matilda, Catherine (deceased), Jacob, Philip, Flora (deceased), Daniel and Emma.

The junior Sebastian Gerhardt was reared in Clark county and there received his schooling. He became a practical farmer and after his marriage became established on the farm on which he is now living and has ever since then made that his place of residence. Mr. Gerhardt's agricultural operations are carried on in accordance with modern methods. He is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias at Clifton and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

On December 30, 1897, Sebastian Gerhardt was united in marriage to Mary A. Hilt, who also was born in Clark county, January 22, 1877, daughter of David Hilt and wife, who are now living retired at Yellow Springs and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to this union three children have been born, Fern, born on June 18, 1899, who was graduated from the Yellow Springs high school in 1917; Philip, November 7, 1900, now a senior in the high school, and Anna, June 25, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Gerhardt are members of the Bethel Lutheran church.

JAMES FREDERICK HARTSOOK.

The late James Frederick Hartsook, a veteran of the Civil War and a farmer of Caesarscreek township, who died at his home in the vicinity of Eleazar church in that township on November 12, 1912, was a native son of Greene county and had resided here all his life. He was born on a farm three miles east of Xenia on February 31, 1831, son of Elijah B. and Elizabeth (Stidley) Hartsook, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Virginia, who came to this county in pioneer days and became early settlers in Caesarscreek township. Elijah B. Hartsook was the first of the name to settle in Greene county. In 1834, some years after coming here, he bought an unimproved tract of land, the place on which the widow of his son, James F. Hartsook, now lives, in Caesarscreek township, and there established his home, the family living in the open and cooking their meals by the side of a fallen tree while the first log cabin was being erected on the place. The tract eventually was cleared and in due time came to be profitably cultivated. Elijah B. Hartsook for many years served as justice of the peace in and for his home township. He and his wife were Methodists and not long after settling in Caesarscreek township he gave a plot of ground for a church site and buying ground and led in the work of erecting Eleazar

church, most of the lumber that entered into the erection of the first church edifice there being contributed by him. He took an active part in church work and all the rest of his life took care of the church building, acting as custodian and care-taker free of charge. He was reared a Democrat, but later became a Whig and upon the organization of the Republican party became affiliated with the new party. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, Washington Harrison, Frances, James F., Jackson, Elizabeth and Catherine, three of the boys going to southern Wisconsin and there establishing their homes. James F. remained on the home place, which he later bought.

James F. Hartsook grew up on the pioneer farm on which he was born and received his schooling in the neighborhood schools. He enlisted his services in behalf of the Union and went to the front as a member of Company D, One Hundred and Tenth Regiment, Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served for two years and ten months, during that period participating in a number of the important battles and engagements of the war, including those of Winchester, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Pittsburg Landing and Shiloh. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Hartsook returned to the farm and after his marriage in the spring of 1868 established his home there and continued to reside there the rest of his life, his death occurring in the fall of 1912. Mr. Hartsook had joined the Eleazar Methodist Protestant church in 1865 and ever afterward took an earnest interest in the affairs of the same, for more than forty years acting as care-taker of the church building, a labor of love which his father before him also had rendered for years. He was a Republican, and served at one time and another as an office holder in his home township.

On May 28, 1868, James F. Hartsook was united in marriage to Mary J. Hale, who was born at Bellbrook, this county, daughter of Silas and Miriam (Opdyke) Hale, the former of whom was born in that same vicinity on August 26, 1803, son of John and Sarah (Bowen) Hale, who had moved up here from Kentucky in 1802, the Hales thus being one of the very oldest families in Greene county, all of which, together with a comprehensive history of the Hale family in this county, is set out in a biographical sketch relating to Mrs. Hartsook's brother, Silas O. Hale. To James F. and Mary J. (Hale) Hartsook were born five sons, namely: Luther, who continues to make his home on the old home place, managing the farm for his mother, and who married Lavina Peterson and has two children, Vera Leona and Frederick Christopher; Allen S., who died at the age of seven months; Harper K., a farmer in Caesarscreek township, who married Cora Jessup and has one child, a daughter, Wanda; Silas, who died in youth, and Harry, who is engaged in the telephone business in the West.

JOHN M. PETERSON.

John M. Peterson, a farmer of Caesarscreek township, and the proprietor of a farm on rural mail route No. 6 out of Xenia, was born in that township and has lived there all his life. He was born on May 9, 1845, son of Jacob J. and Deborah (Mock) Peterson, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter, in Fayette county, Ohio, daughter of John Mock, and whose last days were spent in Caesarscreek township, Jacob J. Peterson dying at the age of fifty-six years, his widow surviving him to the age of seventy-eight.

Jacob J. Peterson was but a lad when he came to this county from Virginia with his parents, Jacob Peterson and wife, the family settling in Caesarscreek township, where they established their home. The elder Jacob Peterson and his wife were the parents of nine children, of whom Jacob J. was the fifth in order of birth, the others being Moses, who settled in Caesarscreek township; Felix, who established his home in Xenia township; Joel, who moved down into the neighboring county of Clinton; Samuel, who made his home in Xenia township; Mary, who married Jonathan Kettleman; Catherine, who married Joseph Boots, Mrs. Christina Bargedell and Hannah, who married George Eyman. Jacob J. Peterson grew to manhood on the home farm in Caesarscreek township and after his marriage established his home on a farm in that township and there spent the remainder of his life. He was a Republican and for some time served as director of schools in his district. He and his wife were members of the Reformed church and their children were reared in that faith. There were eight of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being as follow: Lydia, who married Allan Long and is now deceased; Mary E., who died in the days of her girlhood; Hiram, who became a farmer in Caesarscreek township and is now deceased; Jacob L., who moved to Indiana and there spent his last days on a farm; Daniel N., who also moved to Indiana and there died; Virginia Ann, who is now living in Indiana, widow of James R. Babb, and Amy F., who has been married twice, her first husband having been William Sutton and her second, Martin Snyder.

John M. Peterson was reared on the home farm in Caesarscreek township, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools, and remained at home until his marriage when twenty years of age, after which he established his home on the farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres, on which he is now living in that township, though now living practically retired from the active labors of the farm, the same being carried on by his son-in-law, E. S. Conklin. In 1887 he erected the substantial brick house on the place.

He is a Republican and a member of the Reformed church, in which he was reared.

In 1865 John M. Peterson was united in marriage to Martha C. Sutton, who was born in New Jasper township, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Sutton, who were the parents of the following children: Philip, Griffith, William, John, Jacob, Lucinda, Daniel, Raper, Sarah, Mary, Nancy, Louis, Elizabeth, Temperance and Martha. Mrs. Peterson died in March, 1906, at the age of sixty years, leaving one child, a daughter, Flora Belle, wife of E. S. Conklin, who is farming the home place for Mr. Peterson.

JOHN ALLEN HICKMAN.

The late John Allen Hickman, a veteran of the Civil War, who died at his home in Caesarscreek township on June 24, 1908, was born in that township and had lived there most all his life. He was born on January 10, 1843, a son of Riley and Sarah (Ford) Hickman, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter, of Virginia, who had come to Greene county with their respective parents in pioneer days and were here married. After his marriage Riley Hickman located on a tract near where Mrs. J. A. Hickman, widow of his son, is now living, formerly known as the Turner farm, but presently found that he had settled on the wrong claim, through an error of location, and he then moved to the tract just south of the one mentioned and there established his home, spending there his last days. Riley Hickman was both a farmer and a cabinet-maker and in the latter line the products of his shop were in wide demand among his pioneer neighbors. He and his wife were the parents of six children, Gilman, David, Martha, Jacob, John Allen and George, the latter of whom is still living, now a resident of New Burlington.

John Allen Hickman was reared on the home farm in Caesarscreek township and received his schooling in the neighborhood district school. From boyhood he was a hard worker, being required to give assistance early and late in the labors of developing the home place, and also, under his father's direction, became a carpenter. Though but eighteen years of age when the Civil War broke out he enlisted his services in behalf of the Union, in 1861, and went to the front as a member of the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until the close of the war. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Hickman returned home and until his marriage in the fall of 1870 was engaged working as a carpenter in that neighborhood. After their marriage



JOHN A. HICKMAN AND FAMILY.

he and his wife made their home on the old Turner place, where his wife was born and reared, and there resided for more than seven years, at the end of which time they moved down into Clinton county, but after a two-years' residence there returned, in 1879, to the old Hickman place of seventy acres on which Mrs. Hickman still lives and which she owns, and there Mr. Hickman spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there, as noted above, in 1908, he then being sixty-four years of age. By political affiliation Mr. Hickman was a Democrat, but had not been a seeker after public office.

On November 15, 1870, John Allen Hickman was united in marriage to Elizabeth Turner, who also was born in this county, daughter of Elijah and Fanny (Bales) Turner, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families, and who spent all their lives here. Elijah Turner was a son of Joseph and Diana (Small) Turner, who had come up here from Tennessee and had settled on a farm in New Jasper township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of twelve children, all of whom grew to maturity, and as most of these reared families of their own the Turner connection hereabout is now a numerous one. Elijah and Fanny (Bales) Turner were the parents of seven children, namely: Hannah, who died unmarried; Elizabeth, widow of Mr. Hickman; John, a retired farmer, now living at Lumberton, over the line in Clinton county; Hiram, deceased, whose last days were spent in Arkansas; William, a farmer of Xenia township, this county, who died in 1916; Daniel, a farmer of New Jasper township, and Jane, who lives in the neighborhood of Alpha, in this county, widow of William McBee.

To John A. and Elizabeth (Turner) Hickman were born five children, namely: Amy, who married Charles Davis, of Columbus, this state, and died in August, 1917; Harley, engineer at the powder-mills, making his home at Xenia, who married Anna Whittington and has three children, Vesta, Helen and Vernon; Fanny, who married Charles Robinson, formerly a blacksmith at New Burlington, but who now is farming the Hickman place, and has four children, Lewis, Lucy, Elizabeth and Mildred; Ruby, who married Harry Whittington, a farmer of Xenia township, and has four children, Louise, Raymond, Frances and Alden; and John Ray, a brakeman in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, living at Xenia, who married Cora Davis, who died in 1916 leaving three children, Dorothy, William and Kenneth. Since her husband's death Mrs. Hickman has continued to make her home on the old home place which is being looked after by her son-in-law, Mr. Robinson. She is a member of the White Chapel Methodist Episcopal church.

WILLIAM W. FITZPATRICK.

William W. Fitzpatrick, a farmer of New Jasper township, living on rural mail route No. 9 out of Xenia, is a Virginian by birth, but has been a resident of this county since the days of his young manhood. He was born in Rockbridge county, August 7, 1848, son of Farrel and Sarah (Black) Fitzpatrick, the former of whom was born in the north of Ireland and the latter in that portion of Virginia now comprised within the state of West Virginia. Farrel Fitzpatrick lived in his native Ireland until he was a young man, when he came to the United States and after his marriage settled in Rockbridge county, Virginia, where he died in 1854. His widow survived him but two years, the subject of this sketch then being under eight years of age. Farrel Fitzpatrick and his wife were the parents of ten children, the subject of this sketch having had three brothers and six sisters, namely: The Rev. James Fitzpatrick, now deceased, who was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church; Mrs. Jane Clark, now deceased, who spent all her life in Virginia; John, also deceased, who was a grocer in Virginia; George, who died in Hardin county, Ohio, in 1916; Mrs. Lizzie Daly, who spent her last days in Maryland; Mrs. Mattie Harding, who is still living in Rockbridge county, Virginia; Nancy, who died in the days of her girlhood, and Ellen, who died in Virginia.

W. W. Fitzpatrick was but eight years of age when he was left an orphan and until he was eighteen years of age he made his home in the household of his eldest sister, Mrs. Jane Clark, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools. He then worked on nearby farms until 1872, in which year, in company with another young man of that neighborhood, he started for Indiana with a view to joining in that state several other young men of the home neighborhood who had gone over into the Hoosier state not long before. Enroute, he stopped at Jamestown, in Greene county, and was there offered a place on a farm in the vicinity of that village. He accepted the offer and remained there, Ohio thus gaining a good citizen who otherwise might have become a resident of Indiana. For two years thereafter Mr. Fitzpatrick worked as a farm hand and he then rented a farm and began operations on his own account. After his marriage in 1876 he bought a small tract of land in Ross township and later added to the same until he had a farm of fifty-two acres. On that place he made his home until 1901, in which year he sold that farm and bought the old Cooper place of eighty-three and one-half acres in New Jasper township on which he is now living. He is a Democrat, but reserves the right to vote independently on local issues.

On February 17, 1876, in Ross township, this county, Mr. Fitzpatrick was united in marriage to Jane Snodgrass, who was born in that township,

daughter of Joseph and Eliza (Ballard) Snodgrass, the latter of whom was born in Pennsylvania and who was but a child when she came with her parents to Ohio, the family settling in Adams county. Joseph Snodgrass was born in the vicinity of the Natural Bridge, in Rockbridge county, Virginia, and was but eight years of age when he came with his parents, Robert Snodgrass and wife, to Ohio, the family first settling in Clark county and then, a few years later, coming down into Greene county, where they established their home, others of the Snodgrass family having been represented in this county since the year 1803. James Snodgrass, another of the sons of Robert Snodgrass, was a soldier of the War of 1812. When Robert Snodgrass died Joseph Snodgrass and his brother John bought the home farm of one hundred acres and divided the same. Joseph Snodgrass later bought forty acres adjoining his strip, a mile and a quarter north of Jamestown, in Ross township, where he and his wife spent their last days. In the days preceding the Civil War he was an outspoken Abolitionist, a Freesoiler and a Fremont man. His wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Fitzpatrick was the last born, the others being as follow: Milo R., an attorney-at-law, living at Xenia; William, a farmer, now deceased, whose last days were spent at Dayton; Angeline, also deceased, who was the wife of Albert Whittington, of Jamestown; Euphias, who died at the age of twenty years, and Joseph, who died in the days of his childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick have three children, namely: Prof. Raymond Fitzpatrick, who was graduated from Cedarville College, later completed his studies in chemistry in the University of Pennsylvania and is now a teacher in the chemistry department of that institution, making his home in Philadelphia; Foster Fitzpatrick, who is engaged in the insurance business in Xenia, and Muriel, who was graduated from Ohio State University in 1916 and is now at home with her parents.

CLAYTON HAINES.

Clayton Haines, a farmer living on rural mail route No. 6 out of Xenia, was born in Caesarscreek township and has lived there all his life, a period of more than eighty-six years. He was born on the old Faulkner place, now owned and occupied by his brother, a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume, January 10, 1832, son of Zimri and Elizabeth (Compton) Haines, the former of whom was born in New Jersey and the latter in South Carolina. They came to Ohio with their respective parents in pioneer times and were married in the vicinity of New Burlington, later settling on the farm in Caesarscreek township above referred to, where

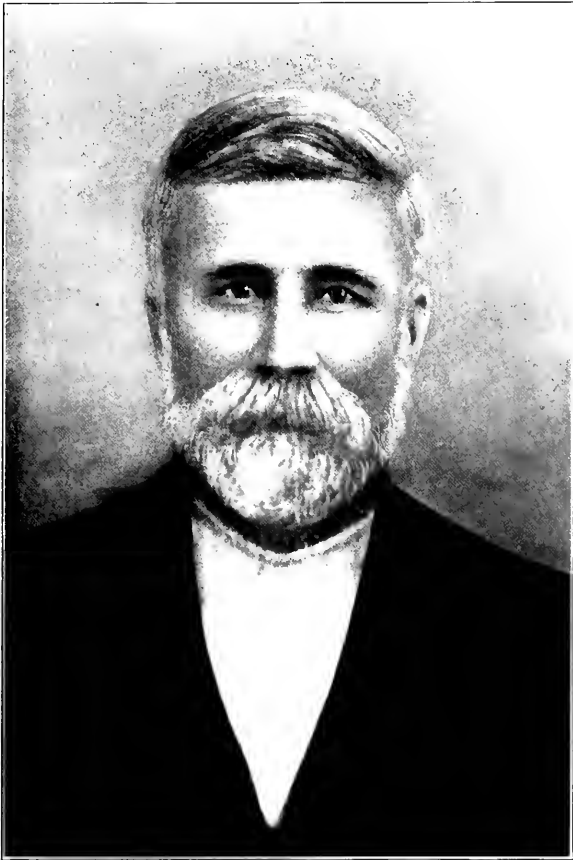
they established their home and where they spent the remainder of their lives. Zimri Haines lived to be eighty years of age and his widow survived him until she was eighty-six. They were members of the Friends church and their children were reared in that faith. Of the twelve children born to them but three are now living, the subject of this sketch, his brother Asaph, mentioned above, and their sister, Phœbe, wife of Joseph Davis, now living in Kansas. The others of the children of Zimri Haines and wife were Samuel, Elwood, Eli, Eber, Zimri, Mrs. Sarah Fawcett, Mrs. Rebecca Ann Bales, Mrs. Mary Marie Brown and Mrs. Elizabeth Carter.

Reared on the home farm in Caesarscreek township, Clayton Haines received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and remained at home until he was twenty-four years of age, when his father gave him a hundred-acre farm in that township and after his marriage he established his home there, continuing to make that his place of residence until he bought the Davis home, on which he now lives. He gave his son fifty-four acres of that place some time ago and still retains fifty-seven acres. Mr. Haines is a Republican.

Mr. Haines has been twice married. His first wife, who was Lydia Bales, of Caesarscreek township, died leaving two daughters, Maria Alice, who married Owen Hutchins, now living north of Dayton and has three children, Ruth, Dorothy and Clayton, and Emma, who married E. Brickles, of New Jasper township, and has six children, Cora, Alice, Ada, Elizabeth, Oscar and Bessie. In 1887 Mr. Haines married, secondly, Venia Johnson, who was born in the vicinity of Bloomington, this state, and to this union two children have been born, Roy M., living on the home place, who married Emma Hurst and has three children, Leona May, Howard Leon and Violet Lucile, and Jessie Vay, wife of William Dewitt, of Lumberton, in the neighboring county of Clinton. Mr. Haines and his family are members of New Hope Friends church.

ISAAC SMITH.

The late Isaac Smith, who died at his home in Jamestown in the fall of 1914 and whose widow yet lives there, was a native of the Old Dominion, but had been a resident of Greene county since the days of his young manhood. He was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, June 20, 1839, a son of John and Maria (Kiter) Smith, both of whom were born in Virginia, the former on June 6, 1806, and the latter, May 22, 1806, who came to Greene county after the Civil War and here spent their last days. John Smith and wife were the parents of seven children, George, Isaac, Hester,



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Mary, Elizabeth, Frederick and Catherine, of whom but three, Hester, Mary and Frederick, are now living.

Isaac Smith was about twenty-one years of age when he left his native Virginia and came over into Ohio, arriving in Greene county with seven dollars in his pocket. That was about the year 1860. Upon his arrival here he began work as a farm hand and was thus engaged until he was joined here by his parents some three or four years later, when the family rented a farm and established a home. Isaac Smith presently bought that farm, but after his marriage in 1881 sold the same and bought the farm of one hundred and fifty-four acres in the immediate vicinity of Bowersville upon which he and his wife established their home and which his widow now owns, and there he continued farming until his retirement in 1890 and removal to Jamestown, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there on October 5, 1914, and where his widow is still living. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Baptist church and Mr. Smith gave to that church his financial support during his residence in Jamestown.

It was on December 18, 1881, that Isaac Smith was united in marriage to Catherine M. Hite, who was born in Caesarscreek township, this county, a daughter of Andrew D. and Mary (Meyers) Hite, the former of whom was born on December 16, 1816, and the latter, August 14, 1814. Andrew D. Hite and wife were the parents of ten children, two of whom died in infancy, the others, besides Mrs. Smith, being James (deceased), William, George (deceased), John (deceased), Allen, Cyrus and Elizabeth (deceased). To Mr. and Mrs. Smith one child was born, a son, Homer Smith, born on January 4, 1885, who is making his home with his mother at Jamestown and who is engaged in looking after his farming interests nearby.

HON. EDMUND HARRIS MUNGER.

The late Edmund Harris Munger, former judge of the court of common pleas and for years dean of the Greene county bar, was a native son of Ohio and lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm south of Dayton, in Montgomery county, a son of Reuben and Laura (Harris) Munger, the latter of whom was born in that same county, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bingham) Harris, who had come to this state from New England and who were among the pioneer settlers of Montgomery county.

Reuben Munger was a son of Gen. Edmund Munger, a New Englander and a member of an old Colonial family, the first of the Mungers to settle in this country having been one of the Kent Mungers who came over and settled in New England in 1639, where he established his family, his descendants in the present generation forming a numerous connection widely

scattered throughout the United States. General Munger, whose title was earned by right of his command of Ohio troops during the War of 1812 and to which command he was succeeded by General Hull, who led his troops to disaster at Detroit, spent one summer after coming to Ohio in the wilds near Belpre, in Washington county, where he cleared some land and planted a crop. Afterward he purchased a section of land in what was known as the Symmes purchase in what later came to be organized as Montgomery county, and established his home there, south of Dayton, in 1798, one of the earliest settlers in the Miami valley, and in time came to be commander of militia in his district. It is narrated of General Munger that though a farmer by vocation he was "a man of marked ability along many lines. He had considerable mechanical talents, could shoe his own horses and repair his farm machinery, and at the same time his mental talents and broad knowledge made him a leader of public thought and opinion." Among the acts by which he contributed largely to the common good of the pioneers and to the advancement of learning in the community was the establishment of a circulating library which exerted a wide influence in the formative days of the new settlement. General Munger died at his home on the old Symmes purchase at the age of eighty-six years and his widow survived him for some years, she living to the extraordinary age of one hundred years and four months. They were the parents of twelve children, ten of whom lived to maturity and reared families of their own.

Of the children mentioned above Reuben Munger was the fifth in order of birth. To the common-school advantages he received he added home study under the direction of his father, General Munger. From his father he apparently inherited mechanical ability and in time became a building contractor and a carriage manufacturer, as well as a constructor of threshing-machines and other forms of agricultural implements. Though ever a resident of the old home farm place, Reuben Munger never engaged actively in agricultural pursuits, his building and manufacturing activities occupying his time. Reuben Munger married Laura Harris, who was born in Montgomery county, as noted above, and to that union were born three children, of whom Judge Munger was the first born, the others having been John, who died at the age of nineteen years, and Amanda, who died at the age of four years. The mother of these children died at the age of seventy-four years, and the father lived to be ninety-six years of age, his last days being spent at the home of his son, Judge Munger, at Xenia.

Judge Edmund H. Munger was admirably trained and schooled for the exacting profession in which he was destined to achieve so distinctive a measure of success. In addition to the early schooling he received in the schools of his home neighborhood in Montgomery county he also had the

advantage of a comprehensive course in classics under the tutelage of the Rev. Mr. Hall, a neighboring clergyman, who taught him to read Latin. He also acquired a comprehensive knowledge of higher mathematics and as a young man was for several years engaged in teaching school, meanwhile extending his schooling by attendance at the Xenia Academy and at Barney's Academy at Dayton, thus preparing for college. In due time he entered Miami University at Oxford, from which institution he presently transferred his attendance to the college at Danville, Kentucky, from which latter institution he was graduated with the highest honors of his class in 1848, his address, as valedictorian, being on the subject of "The Ideal." During Judge Munger's attendance at Miami he was one of the founders of the now widely established college fraternity Beta Theta Pi. Upon receiving his degree the young collegian returned home and established a school for young men and young women at Bellbrook, in this county, conducting the same for nine months, at the end of which time he entered seriously upon the pursuit of his law studies, to which he had meanwhile been giving such attention as he could, and for two years continued these studies under the preceptorship of Joseph G. Gest at Xenia. Thus prepared for examination he was admitted to the bar by the supreme court of the state, sitting at Columbus, in 1851, and straightway afterward formed a partnership with Mr. Gest, his former preceptor, and entered upon the practice of his profession at Xenia, continuing his partnership with Mr. Gest until the latter's retirement two or three years later, when he bought the office library and equipment and admitted to partnership R. F. Howard, a relation which continued but two years, after which he became engaged in practice alone and so ever afterward continued. Prior to ascending the common pleas bench Judge Munger served as prosecutor for Greene county, 1860-66. Reared a Whig, he became a Republican upon the organization of that party and during the administration of Rutherford B. Hayes as governor of Ohio he was appointed judge of the common pleas court for this district to fill the unexpired term of Judge Winans and served for three and one-half years, 1868-72. Upon the expiration of his judicial office Judge Munger resumed his practice and so continued until his retirement. He became a large landowner and had banking and other financial interests. The Judge spent his last year at his home on North King street, where he lived for many years, his household being presided over by his widowed daughter, Mrs. Mary Meredith.

Judge Munger was united in marriage on October 3, 1861, to Emily A. Mather, of Suffield, Connecticut, a daughter of Charles and Mary (Hathaway) Mather and a direct descendant of Richard Mather, a distinguished theologian of early Colonial days in New England. To that union were

born six children, of whom Mrs. Meredith was the fifth in order of birth, the others being: Clara, wife of the Rev. Joseph Little, a clergyman of the United Presbyterian church at Indianapolis; John C. Munger, who married Flora Barnes and is now city attorney of Pasadena, California; Laura, wife of H. W. Ninde, a lawyer, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Edmund, who completed his musical education at Vienna and is now living at Jacksonville, Illinois, and Charles, who is engaged in the automobile business at Dayton. Judge Munger died in Xenia on March 21, 1918.

ORANGE S. HATCH.

In making up a roll of those citizens of Silvercreek township who exerted a wide influence upon the life of the past generation in that township the name of the late Orange S. Hatch will be found to occupy a place very near the top, for he had done well his part in that community and had there acquired an excellent farm, on which he continued to make his home until his retirement in 1894 and removal to the village of Jamestown, where he died in the spring of 1896 and where his widow is still living.

Orange S. Hatch was a native son of Greene county, born on a pioneer farm in Silvercreek township on August 18, 1826, son of Ebenezer and Cynthia (Greene) Hatch, both of whom were born in the state of Connecticut, but who were reared in New York State, where they were married, later coming West and locating in southern Indiana, three years later coming over into Ohio and settling in Greene county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Ebenezer Hatch was a son of John Hatch and wife, the former of whom was a sea captain, who followed the sea during the earlier years of his manhood, later moving with his family to Oswego county, New York, where he established his home and where his eldest son, Ebenezer, grew to manhood and married Cynthia Greene, who also was born in Connecticut and who had moved with her parents to Oswego county, New York, when a girl. About the year 1820 Ebenezer Hatch came West and located at Elizabethtown, in Bartholomew county, Indiana, where he remained a couple of years or more, or until 1823, in which year he moved Ebenezer Hatch bought a forty-acre farm and proceeded to develop the the place on which Orange S. Hatch was born. Upon coming to this county over into Ohio and located on a farm in Silvercreek township, this county, same, later becoming owner of a farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres. There he died on January 2, 1874, being then in the ninetieth year of his age. He was twice married. His first wife, Cynthia Greene, who was born in 1783, died at the family home in Silvercreek township on June 11, 1845.



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after which he married Violet Barber, who was born in 1812 in Carroll county, Virginia, and who survived him. By his first marriage Ebenezer Hatch was the father of twelve children, all of whom grew to maturity save one, and of whom Orange S. Hatch was the youngest.

Reared on the home farm about two miles south of Jamestown, in Silvercreek township, Orange S. Hatch received his schooling in the neighborhood schools. After his marriage in the fall of 1856, he then being about thirty years of age, he established his home on the old home place and long before his father's death acquired the interests of the other heirs in the homestead and continued to improve and develop the place, at the same time adding to the same until he became the owner of a farm of more than two hundred acres. There he continued to make his home until 1894, when he retired from the farm and moved to Jamestown, where his death occurred on March 14, 1896, he then being in the seventieth year of his age. Orange S. Hatch was a Republican, but was not a seeker after public office. He was a member of the Missionary Baptist church, as is his widow, a liberal contributor to church work and no less generous in his private philanthropies.

On October 22, 1856, at Harlem Springs, in Jefferson county, this state, Orange S. Hatch was united in marriage to Clara Thomas, who was born at Amsterdam, that county, June 28, 1837, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (McDowell) Thomas, natives, respectively, of Pennsylvania and Maryland, who were married in the former state and who later came to Ohio. After a sometime residence in Steubenville, where Daniel Thomas was for some time engaged in the manufacturing and mercantile business, he on account of his health, moved to Springfield, later moving to Amsterdam, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Daniel Thomas died in 1846, at the age of forty-one years, and his widow survived him for forty-four years, she being nearly ninety-one years of age at the time of her death. As a young woman Clara Thomas learned the millinery art from her mother. Elizabeth Thomas, who on account of financial misfortunes, established a millinery business after her husband's death, was engaged in the millinery business at Harlem Springs at the time of her marriage to Mr. Hatch. To that union were born four children, of whom one, a son, John T., born on January 28, 1859, died on September 24, 1863, the others being Emma O., Minnie B. and Charles G., the latter of whom is a plumber and garage owner in Jamestown. Charles G. Hatch has been twice married, after the death of his first wife, Ora Bailey, marrying Bessie Brown, and has one child, a daughter, Phyllis Violet. Emma O. Hatch married Allen T. Sutton, a farmer of Silvercreek township, now deceased, a union to which were born three children, John H. (deceased), Ora (deceased) and Fred.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Sutton has been making her home in Jamestown. Minnie B. Hatch married George B. Oldham, a traveling salesman of Dayton, and has three children, Mrs. Ethel A. Lee, Mrs. Clara MacDorman and Harold H.

MATTHEW ALLEN HAGLER.

Matthew Allen Hagler, a farmer of New Jasper township and proprietor of the old Toops place, in that township, where he has been living for nearly forty years, is a native of the neighboring Hoosier state, but has been a resident of Greene county since the days of his infancy. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of the city of Portland, county seat of Jay county, Indiana, December 25, 1855, son of Henry Christopher and Julia Ann (Shook) Hagler, both of whom were born in Greene county and who spent the greater part of their lives here.

Henry Christopher Hagler was born in New Jasper township, son of Samuel and Anna (Fudge) Hagler, who lived on a farm in the vicinity of the village of New Jasper and who spent their last days there. Samuel Hagler was a native of Virginia and was the first of that name to come to Greene county, establishing his home here in pioneer days. He and his wife were members of the Reformed church and were the parents of fifteen children, of whom the following grew to maturity: Betsey, Jane, Martha, Lottie, Clara, Eliza, Samantha, William, Milton, Henry C. and Moses. Samuel Hagler became a considerable landowner in New Jasper township. Henry Christopher Hagler grew up on the home farm and after his marriage to Julia Ann Shook, a member of one of Greene county's pioneer families, made his home for a time on one of his father's farms, later moving over into Indiana with his family, two children having by that time been born to him and his wife, and bought a quarter-section farm in the vicinity of Portland, where he sought to establish a permanent home, but illness in the family shortly afterward developing he remained there but nine months, at the end of which time he disposed of his interests there and returned to Greene county. Upon his return here he bought a partly improved farm of eighty acres in New Jasper township and there established his home and spent the rest of his life, his death occurring when he was thirty-seven years of age. His widow later married Silas Matthews, of the neighboring county of Clinton, and after the death of her second husband went to New Mexico, where she spent her last days in the home of her youngest daughter, Mrs. Dotts, her death occurring there when she was seventy-six years of age. Henry C. Hagler was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were the parents of six children, of

whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: John, who has been twice married, his second wife being Emma Lloyd, and who is farming in Clinton county; Samuel, a carpenter, who married Ella Moore and is now living at Toledo; Kate, now deceased, who was the wife of Gustave Curl, of Yellow Springs, this county; Amanda, who married James Dotts and is now living at Allen, New Mexico, and Sarah, who died in the days of her girlhood.

Matthew A. Hagler was but an infant when his parents returned from Indiana, where he was born, to Greene county, and his youth was spent on the home farm in New Jasper township, his schooling being received in the schools of that neighborhood. When he was fifteen years of age he began working on his own account and was thus engaged, employed on neighboring farms, until his marriage in the spring of 1879, when he established his home on the old Toops place of sixty-six acres, which he had bought, in New Jasper township, and has ever since resided there. In 1892 he built a new house and in 1906, a new barn, meanwhile making other improvements on the place. In addition to his general farming Mr. Hagler also has been a quite extensive dealer in timber. He is a staunch Republican, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at New Jasper.

On March 26, 1879, Matthew A. Hagler was united in marriage to Ella M. Huston, who was born in Bath township, this county, daughter of James and Mary (Baker) Huston, the latter of whom also was born in this county, her parents having been residents of the Jamestown neighborhood. James Huston was born in Knox county, Ohio, son of Robert and Ann (Lyons) Huston, who later came to Greene county and settled on a farm in New Jasper township, where they spent their last days. They were the parents of ten children, William, George, James, Josiah, John, Harvey, Mary, Margaret, Eliza and Deborah, the Huston family thus coming to be well represented in this county. James Huston established his home in the vicinity of Yellow Springs and became a successful farmer, stockman and trader. He died there at the age of seventy-six years and his widow survived him for some years, she having been eighty-four years of age at the time of her death. They were the parents of four children, of whom Mrs. Hagler was the second in order of birth, the others being Lue E., unmarried, who is living at Yellow Springs; William, who married Mary Sparrow and is farming the old home place, and Frank, who died when twelve years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Hagler have been born two daughters, Mary E., who died at the age of six years, and Anna Willetta, who married Irvin Hoffman and died in 1911, she then being twenty-five years of age.

ISAAC HOSTETTER.

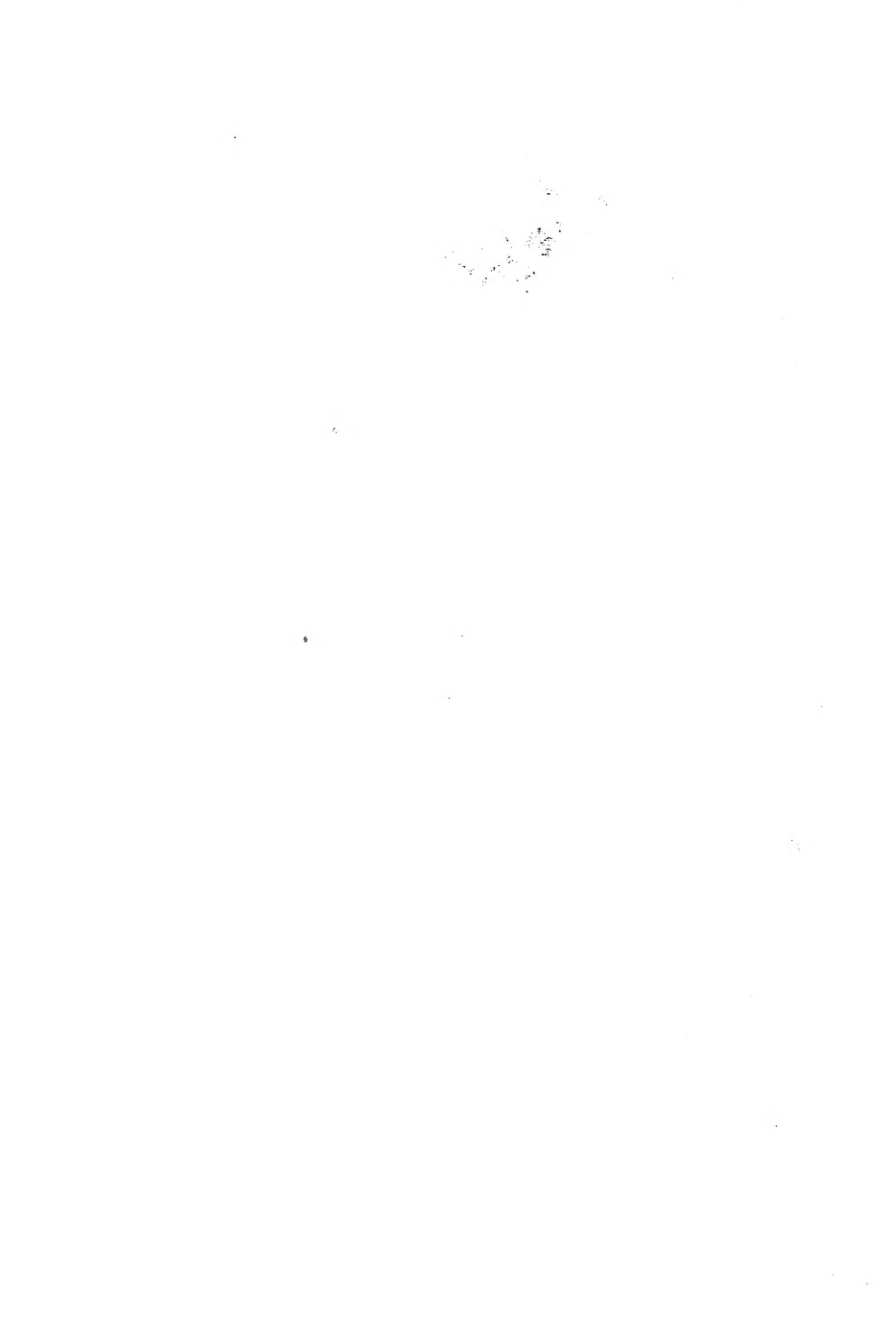
The late Isaac Hostetter, a veteran of the Civil War and for years a grain dealer in the village of Osborn, where he died in 1909, was a native of the old Keystone state, but had lived in Ohio since the days of his youth. He was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, October 31, 1833, a son of George Hostetter and wife, who came to this state with their family in 1849 and settled in Wayne township, Montgomery county, about seven years later moving over the line into the village of Osborn, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

George Hostetter also was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, a son of Henry Hostetter, who also was born in that county and who later moved to Adams county, in that same state, where he became a farmer and also became engaged in freighting goods to and from Pittsburg. Henry Hostetter's father was a native of Germany, who came to the American colonies with three of his brothers and settled in Pennsylvania. When the colonies declared their independence against British rule he and one of his brothers joined with the colonists and served as soldiers in behalf of the patriot cause during the continuance of the Revolutionary War. One of the other brothers took up arms in behalf of the British cause and fought with the British army, but at the close of the war was sent across the border into Canada, where he was awarded a considerable tract of land by the British government as a reward for his services in behalf of the same. George Hostetter and his wife were reared in the Mennonite faith and after coming to Ohio continued their connection with that church. Both died at Osborn, George Hostetter being eighty-eight years of age at the time of his death on August 5, 1887. His wife had preceded him more than twenty years, her death having occurred in 1866.

Isaac Hostetter was sixteen years of age when he came with his parents to Ohio in 1849, and he assisted his father in developing the farm upon which the family had settled in Wayne township, Montgomery county. When he was twenty-one years of age he took up carpentering and was for a while thus engaged at Dayton, but presently moved to Osborn, where he spent the remainder of his life. Isaac Hostetter was a member of the local company of the Ohio State Militia and in 1864 took part in the Civil War, going out in the hundred days service as a member of Company K, Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he saw service at New Creek, Green Springs and Moorefield, Virginia, and was mustered out on September 18, 1864. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Hostetter became engaged in the grain business at Osborn with his brother Emanuel, an association which continued for four years, after which he continued in the business alone and was thus actively engaged in business until



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his retirement about 1899. After his retirement from business Isaac Hostetter continued to make his home in Osborn, where his widow is still living, and there he died in February, 1909. Besides being the owner of a property at Osborn, Mr. Hostetter was the owner of property at Dayton and at Springfield, which is still held by his widow. He was a Republican and for some years served as a member of the village council. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was for years class leader of the congregation with which he was affiliated. He also was a member of the Fairfield post of the Grand Army of the Republic. He and his wife were extensive travelers and had seen many of the chief points of interest in this country.

On October 4, 1865, Isaac Hostetter was united in marriage to Lutitia Leffel, who survives him and who, as noted above, is still residing at Osborn. Mrs. Hostetter was born on a farm in the vicinity of New Carlisle, in the neighboring county of Clark, a daughter of Peter and Eliza Jane (Brandenburg) Leffel, who came to this part of Ohio from Virginia. Peter Leffel helped to build the old national road and later took up farming, but presently left the farm and became engaged in the hotel business at Donnelsville; later, however, resuming his home on the farm, where he spent his last days. After his death his widow returned to New Carlisle, where her last days were spent. Mrs. Hostetter has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church since she was twelve years of age.

JOSEPH BUCKWALTER.

Joseph Buckwalter, the owner of a farm in Caesarscreek township, located on rural mail route No. 9 out of Xenia, is a native of the Old Dominion, born in that section now comprised within the confines of Hampshire county, West Virginia, but has been a permanent resident of Ohio and of Greene county since 1872. He was born on July 19, 1841, son of Anthony and Mary (Buzzard) Buckwalter, whose last days were spent in West Virginia.

Anthony Buckwalter was born at Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, and there received an excellent education, becoming particularly proficient as a penman and a mathematician. In the days of his young manhood he began teaching school in that section of Virginia which during the Civil War demanded separate statehood and has since been known as West Virginia and there he married, established his home in Hampshire county, where he and his wife spent their last days, she dying at the age of seventy-six and he at the age of eighty-two. Anthony Buckwalter was reared a Whig and during the days of the Civil War was an ardent Union man. His wife was a member of the Presbyterian church. They were the parents of thirteen children, Mary,

Sarah, George, David, Elizabeth, Jacob, John, Susan, Daniel, Maria, Esther Ann, Virginia and Joseph, all of whom are now deceased save the subject of this biographical sketch. His brother John, who died in 1918, lived on the old home place in Hampshire county, West Virginia, up to his death.

Joseph Buckwalter was reared on the place just referred to and there received his schooling in the neighborhood "subscription" schools. In 1864, he then being twenty-three years of age, Mr. Buckwalter rode through to this section of Ohio on a three-year-old colt and made a visit to friends in Greene county, liking things here so well that he remained until the fall of 1865. In 1866 he returned to this county and here spent another year, at the end of which time he returned home, where he remained until 1872, when he and the two Keiter boys drove through from West Virginia with a wagon and five-horse team, the trip occupying twenty-one days, and Mr. Buckwalter since has been a resident of Greene county. In the spring of 1874 he married here and for a year thereafter he and his wife made their home on the place just north of the place on which they are now living. Mr. Buckwalter then bought the place where he is now living and established his home there, now the proprietor of a farm of two hundred and sixty acres. He is a Republican.

On May 26, 1874, Joseph Buckwalter was united in marriage to Esther Jane Keiter, who was born in Caesarscreek township, this county, a daughter of Frederick and Mary (Weaver) Keiter, both of whom were born in Virginia, the former in Hampshire county and the latter in Frederick county, the former being in what is now West Virginia and the latter in old Virginia, and who came to Ohio after their marriage in 1855 and settled in Greene county. Upon coming to this county Frederick Keiter bought a tract of land in Caesarscreek township and there established his home, he and his wife spending the remainder of their lives there, both dying at the age of seventy-four years. They were members of the Old School Baptist church and their children were reared in that faith. There were twelve of these children, of whom Mrs. Buckwalter was the ninth in order of birth, the others being Elizabeth (deceased), Harrison (deceased), John (deceased), Mary (deceased), Margaret, widow of Elisha Bales of Jefferson township; Nancy (deceased), Susan, widow of Daniel Beam, of Caesarscreek township; George A. (deceased), Esther Jane, James and Edward (twins), of the neighboring county of Clinton, and Sarah Catherine, who married Asaph Haines, of Caesarscreek township. The first six of these children were born in Virginia and the last six in Greene county. Mr. and Mrs. Buckwalter have five children, James Keiter, Mary Jane, George William, Franklin M. and Clara Elizabeth, all of whom are at home. The family are attendants of the Baptist church.

NIMROD ADAMS.

Nimrod Adams, a pioneer of Caesarscreek township, who died at his home in that township on June 2, 1864, and was buried in New Hope cemetery at Paintersville, was born in western Virginia and there grew to manhood. He married Susan Linkhart, who also was born in the Old Dominion, and not long after his marriage he and his wife put their belongings in a wagon and drove through to Ohio, settling on a pioneer farm not far north of Paintersville, in this county, where they established their home. They became affiliated with the Methodist Protestant church at Paintersville. His widow survived him for more than twenty years, her death occurring in 1886, she then being eighty-one years of age. They were the parents of eight children, all but one of whom are now deceased, namely: Ellen, who married John Borton and lived in the neighboring county of Clinton; Julia, who married Wesley Stephens; Jane, who married John Cohagen; Harriet, who married Jonathan Bales; Josephine, who remained at home with her parents and is now making her home with the widow of her brother Harvey; Jackson, who was twice married, his first wife having been Sarah Kildow, and his second, Eliza Cline; Joseph, who married Eunice Haines, and Harvey, who died at his home north of Paintersville in the summer of 1908 and whose widow is still living there.

Harvey Adams was reared on the old Adams place in the vicinity of Paintersville and there received his schooling. He lived on the home place after his marriage and continued to make it his home until 1897, when he built the house in which his widow and his sister Josephine are now living, north of Paintersville. Mrs. Adams was born, Isabella Wilson, daughter of John and Nancy (Kildow) Wilson, in Caesarscreek township. John Wilson was a Virginian who came to Greene county in the days of his young manhood and after his marriage established his home in Caesarscreek township, remaining there until his removal to Jefferson township, where he spent his last days. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Protestant church. They were the parents of seven children, namely: William, who is now living at Port William, in the neighboring county of Clinton; Shannon, deceased; Isabella, widow of Harvey Adams; Joseph, deceased; Stephen, who is still living on the old Nelson home place; Abigail, wife of Allen Hite, of Jefferson township, and John Wesley, who died in the days of his boyhood.

To Harvey and Isabella (Wilson) Adams were born four children, namely: Lydia, who married Frank Woolery, who is farming the Adams' place, and has one son, Fred; Emma, who married Charles Powers and died

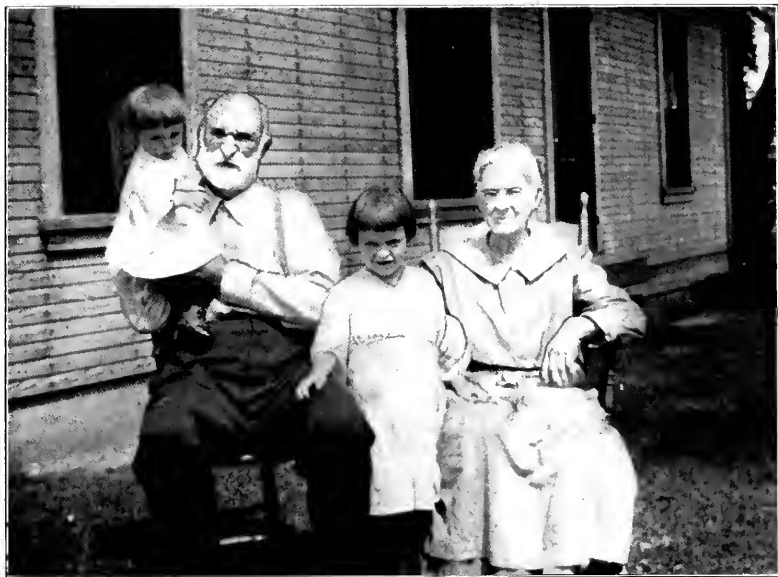
leaving two children, Ora R. and Goldie L.; Elsie Laverna, who died at the age of fourteen years, and Nora Belle, who married Everett St. John and died at the age of twenty years. She was the mother of two children, both now deceased. Harvey Adams died on August 13, 1908. His widow and his sister, Josephine Adams, continue to make their home on the old Adams home place north of Paintersville. They are members of the Methodist Protestant church at Paintersville.

GEORGE L. CARTER.

George L. Carter, a veteran of the Civil War and one of the oldest citizens of Miami township, this county, was born in the neighboring county of Clinton and has been a resident of this part of Ohio all his life. He was born on February 6, 1838, son of Jesse and Malinda (Bentley) Carter, the latter of whom also was born in Clinton county, her parents having been among the pioneers of that county, and the former, in North Carolina.

Jesse Carter was born in 1806 and was six years of age when his parents moved from North Carolina and came to Ohio, settling in Clinton county in 1811. There Jesse Carter grew to manhood on a farm, acquired an excellent education and was for some years engaged in teaching school in his home neighborhood. After his marriage to Malinda Bentley he established his home on a farm and continued farming the rest of his life. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, namely: John, deceased; Mrs. Miriam Douglas, who is still living, now a resident of Whittier, in southern California; William, deceased; Rebecca, who died when two years of age; George L., the subject of this biographical sketch; Thomas C., deceased; Mrs. Anna Osborne, of Plymouth, Kansas; Elizabeth, deceased; Wilson, deceased, and Cyrus E., who is living in the state of Oklahoma.

Reared on the home farm in Clinton, George L. Carter received his schooling in the neighborhood schools. He early began to turn his attention to carpentering and steam engineering and has been more or less interested in these vocations all his life, as a building contractor having erected many houses throughout this part of the state. When twenty-one years of age he became definitely employed as a steam engineer and three years later came to Greene county, working for a while in Xenia and then in the northern part of the county and was in the latter section when, in 1863, he enlisted for service in the Union army and went to the front as a member of Company K, First Ohio Heavy Artillery, with which command he served for two years, or until the close of the Civil War. Upon the completion of



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE L. CARTER AND GRANDCHILDREN.

his military service Mr. Carter resumed his occupation in the northern part of Greene county, married there and not long afterward, in 1866, returned to Xenia, where he became employed as a stationary engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and later became connected with the Xenia fire department for over four years, then was associated with the county infirmary, this latter connection continuing for five years. After eleven years of residence at Xenia Mr. Carter returned to the farm he had previously bought in Miami township and after his marriage in 1886 established his home there and has ever since made that place his home. In addition to the general farming operations Mr. Carter has carried on on his place, he also was for years actively engaged as a building contractor and many houses hereabout bear the marks of his handiwork. Though now in his eightieth year, Mr. Carter retains much of his former physical vigor and is perhaps as well-preserved an octogenarian as there is in this part of the state. He is the oldest living Mason in Greene county, having been made a master Mason in 1862, and during the time of his residence in Xenia never missed a meeting of the lodge there; his interest in Masonic affairs is still warmly maintained, though of late years it has not been expedient for him to keep up as close in attendance on lodge meetings as in former days. In his political views Mr. Carter is an "independent."

On January 2, 1866, George L. Carter was united in marriage to Margaret Elizabeth Jamison, who was born in Miami township, this county, and who died on December 20, 1917. She was a daughter of George W. and Sarah (McClellan) Jamison, the latter of whom was born in that same township, on the farm now known as the Gerhardt place, which her grandfather, John McClellan, secured in 1808 in exchange for a tract of government land he previously had entered on the other side of the road. George W. Jamison was a native of the state of Kentucky, born in the Georgetown neighborhood about 1812. He became a farmer in Miami township and the farm which he owned is now owned and operated by his son, William H. Jamison, only brother of Mrs. Carter. The mother of these children died in 1892 and the father survived her but two years, his death occurring in 1894. To Mr. and Mrs. Carter three children were born, Effie and Myrmeta, who are deceased, and William C., a Greene county farmer, who married Anna Ryman, and has two children, Barbara E. and Rachel A., the former born on September 7, 1911, and the latter, November 21, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Carter celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1916 and the occasion was made one of general felicitation on the part of their many friends throughout the community. Mr. Carter is a member of the Friends church and his wife was a member of the Christian church.

SAMUEL A. BROWN.

Samuel A. Brown, superintendent of the electric-light plant at Jamestown, which plant he installed and continued as proprietor of the same until it recently was taken over by the Dayton Power and Light Company, was born on a farm in Fairfield county, Ohio, on January 12, 1852, son of Capt. Peter and Elizabeth (Stuckey) Brown, the former of whom was born and reared in Pennsylvania, of Pennsylvania-Dutch stock, the latter a native of Fairfield county, Ohio.

Capt. Peter Brown, who gave his services to his country both in the Mexican War and in the Civil War, was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, February 4, 1817, a son of George Peter and Catherine (Kuntz) Brown, also natives of that same county, who spent all their lives there. Captain Brown came to Ohio at the age of thirteen and became engaged in farming in Fairfield county, where he was living when the Mexican War broke out. He rendered service in that conflict and when the Civil War broke out he raised Company B of the Forty-third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and went to the front as captain of that company, a year later being discharged on a physician's certificate of disability. Though he had been farming, Captain Brown had a good working knowledge of the tailor trade and after the war followed that trade in Franklin county, remaining there until his retirement, when he moved to Dayton, where he spent his last days, his death occurring on October 7, 1894. Captain Brown was twice married. On June 15, 1841, he was united in marriage to Margaret Ellen McConnell, who died on March 11, 1846. To that union were born two children, Emma C. and Wallace K., both of whom died young. In 1850 Captain Brown married Elizabeth Stuckey, who was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, June 28, 1826, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Hensel) Stuckey, who were born in Pennsylvania, of Pennsylvania-Dutch stock. She survived her husband a little more than eight years, her death occurring on December 16, 1902. To that union were born seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being as follows: Elizabeth, who married Alonzo Trimmer and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased; Charles Edward, who is engaged in farming near Bowling Green, Ohio; George U., who is now living in Chicago, where he is connected with the offices of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; Frank P., who is engaged in the parcel-delivery business at Dayton; Rosa, now living at Dayton, the widow of John Gilliland, and Milton, who died in infancy.

Samuel A. Brown's youth was spent on a farm, his schooling being obtained in a district school in the neighborhood of Canal Winchester, in

Franklin county. When seventeen years of age he began working in a flour-mill in that neighborhood, a business at which he worked, off and on, for twenty years. In due time he became the owner of a mill at Bowling Green, in Wood county, and for six years operated the same. He then sold out and worked as a journeyman millwright for several years, at the end of which time he rented a mill at Goshen, in Clermont county, and for about six years was engaged in milling there. He then disposed of his interests there and moved to Dayton, where he for a time was employed as a stationary engineer. In the meantime Mr. Brown had become an expert electrician and in 1895 he and his brother Frank came to this county and erected and installed an electric-light plant at Jamestown, building the power station and wiring the town. Two years later his brother sold out his interest in the plant to John Colnot, who presently sold his interest to Mr. Brown, who then associated with himself in the business his son, Orlando T. Brown, and Brown & Son continued to own and operate the plant until in February, 1917, when they sold it to the Dayton Power and Light Company, which is now operating the same. Mr. Brown takes pride in the lighting plant he built up at Jamestown and of which he still is superintendent, for the Dayton company retained him as general superintendent of the plant after they took it over. In 1895 when he started the plant going at Jamestown it represented an initial outlay of six thousand dollars, but during the many years he was in control of the same he gradually extended the plant until it came to be worth twenty thousand dollars. In 1916 Mr. Brown erected a brick double house on the north side of East Main street and has since made his home in one half of that house, his son-in-law, Archibald McFarlan, and family occupying the other half. Mr. Brown is a Republican and is now serving as a member of the Jamestown town council, to which office he was elected in the fall of 1917.

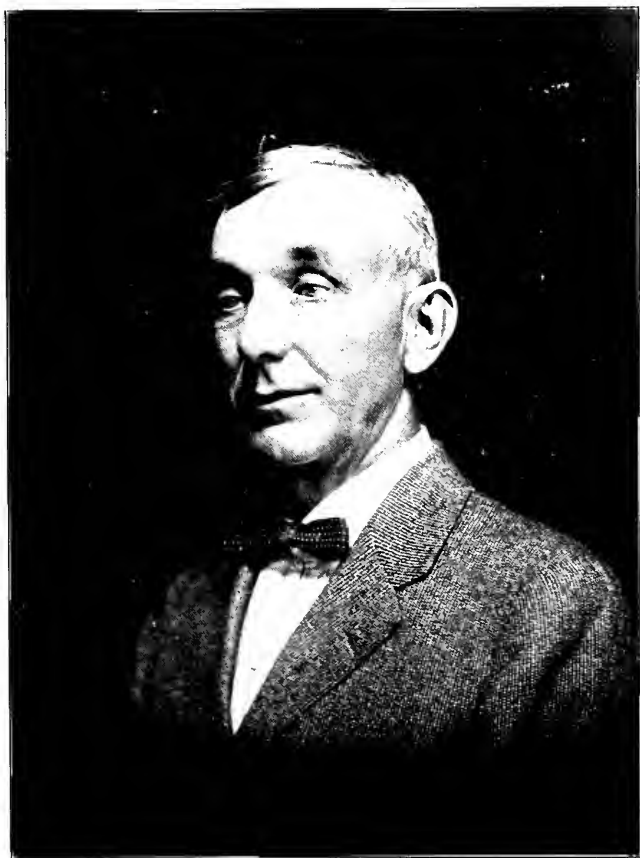
On July 21, 1872, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Elnora Fellers, who also was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, February 7, 1857, daughter of Joshua and Barbara (Runde) Fellers, who were the parents of eleven children, all of whom are still living and of whom Mrs. Brown was the seventh in order of birth, the others being the following: Eliza, born on May 7, 1844; Minerva, April 2, 1846; Martha, May 6, 1847; Clara E., February 13, 1850; David E., November 25, 1852; Elizabeth, November 27, 1853; Florence, December 14, 1858; John C., November 3, 1861; Barbara Alice, May 6, 1863, and Docia, April 18, 1865. Joshua Fellers, the father of these children, died on December 10, 1899, and his widow's death occurred on July 10, 1900. She was born on June 8, 1822. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have two children, a son and a daughter, Orlando Theodore and Lillie May, the latter of whom is living at Jamestown. Orlando T. Brown,

who formerly was associated with his father in the operation of the lighting plant at Jamestown, is now living at Dayton, where he is engaged as an electrician. He married Blanch Bossard and has two children, Helen and Esther. Lillie May Brown married Archibald McFarlan, proprietor of a barber shop at Jamestown, and has two children, Owen Brown and Ned Lee. The Browns are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Brown has been a steward and deacon for more than twelve years. For six years he also was superintendent of the Sunday school of that church.

GEORGE M. SHANK.

George M. Shank, former trustee of Beavercreek township and the proprietor of a farm of one hundred and forty-seven acres three miles north of Alpha, rural mail route No. 10 out of Xenia, was born on that farm on July 2, 1852, son of Absalom and Martha N. (Ankeney) Shank, the latter of whom also was born in this county, daughter of David and Elizabeth Ankeney, who had come here from Maryland, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. Absalom Shank was born in Frederick county, Maryland, May 6, 1813, son of Henry and Barbara (Crumbaugh) Shank, and was but an infant when his parents came to Greene county in 1814 and settled in Sugarcreek township. In 1837 Absalom Shank married and established his home on the farm on which his son George is now living, erecting there in the fall of 1855 and spring of 1856 the present dwelling house on the place. There he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in December, 1881. He was a Republican and a Lutheran. He was twice married, his first wife, Martha Ankeney, dying in 1863, after which, in 1866, he married Margaret Fauber, who died in 1908 without issue. By his first marriage Absalom Shank was the father of eight children, of whom George M. was the fifth in order of birth, the others being Julia A., now deceased, who was the wife of George Harmon; Melinda, wife of Adam Rubert, of Mechanicsburg, Ohio; Martha Jane, who married Silas Huffman, of Fairfield, and died in 1917; Henry, now a resident of Hot Springs, Arkansas; Lewis, who is engaged in the undertaking business at Des Moines, Iowa; Jacob A., now a resident of Spokane, Washington, and Horace, of San Diego, California.

Reared on the home farm, George M. Shank received his schooling in the Ludlow school. After his marriage in 1874 he rented a farm in the neighborhood of the home place and after his father's death in 1881 returned to the home place, which, in partnership with his sister, Mrs. Harmon, he purchased a year later. In 1901 he bought his sister's interest and has since owned the farm. Mr. Shank is a Republican, served one term as town-



GEORGE M. SHANK



ship trustee and has for eighteen years been a member of the local board of education. He and his family are members of the Beaver Reformed church.

Mr. Shank has been twice married. On December 24, 1874, he was united in marriage to Ella Butts, who also was born in Beavercreek township, daughter of Basil and Anna Butts, and who died without issue on December 12, 1877. On February 10, 1880, Mr. Shank married Josephine Beare, who was born in the neighboring county of Montgomery, daughter of Henry and Mary Beare, the former of whom was a soldier of the Civil War, and to this union four children have been born, Frank, who is employed in the plant of the National Cash Register Company at Dayton; Etta, wife of John Lyons, a Montgomery county farmer; Harry, making his home on the home farm and who married Bertha Rickles and has two children, Thelma and Wilhelmina, and Mary, wife of Jobe Lyons, who is employed by the Metal Products Company of Dayton and owns his home at Belmont.

JAMES F. ROBINSON.

The late James F. Robinson, a veteran of the Civil War and former trustee of Silvercreek township, who died at his farm home in that township in the spring of 1900 and whose widow is now living at Jamestown, was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Fayette on April 16, 1838, son of Singleton and Ann (Janes) Robinson, natives of Virginia, who had been residents of Fayette county since the days of their youth and whose last days were spent there.

Singleton Robinson was but a lad when he came with his parents from Virginia to Ohio, the family settling in Fayette county, and there he grew to manhood and married Ann Janes, who also had been born in Virginia and who was but a child when she came to this state with her parents. After his marriage Singleton Robinson established his home on a farm in Fayette county and there spent the rest of his life. His wife died in 1854 and he survived her for forty years, his death occurring in 1894. They were members of the Newlight church and their children were reared in that faith. There were six of these children, of whom but two are now living, Paris, who is now a resident of Michigan, and Scott, who continues to live on the old home farm in Fayette county, the others besides the subject of this memorial sketch having been Willis, Sarah and Ella.

Reared on the home farm, James F. Robinson received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and continued his labors on the farm until his marriage at the age of twenty-three, in 1861, when he established his home on a farm in Jefferson township, Clinton county, remaining there for

ten years. In 1871 he located in Greene county, buying a farm of two hundred and six acres in Silvercreek township, on the Jefferson pike, two and one-half miles east of Jamestown, where he established his home and spent the rest of his life. When Mr. Robinson took possession of that place it had on it an old log cabin and a tumble-down stable. It was but partly cleared and was in an otherwise unimproved condition, but he soon got his plans under way and it was not long until he had a new house and farm buildings on the place and was beginning to get it under cultivation. In addition to that place Mr. Robinson also owned a farm in Fayette county. He was a Democrat and for some time served as township trustee and also as a member of the school board. His death occurred at his home in Silver Creek township on May 4, 1900. He was a soldier of the Civil War, having enlisted in the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Company D, in 1864. He served until he was mustered out as second lieutenant. He was one of the officers that took some of Morgan's men to the Ohio penitentiary after their conviction.

On October 17, 1861, Mr. Robinson was united in marriage to Ann E. Moorman, who was born in Silvercreek township, daughter of Reuben and Susan (Sharp) Moorman, the former of whom was born in that same township, son of Micajah Moorman, one of the earliest pioneers of that neighborhood. Micajah Moorman was a Virginian and a Quaker and came to Greene county in 1809. He took an active part in the work of organizing a local Society of Friends in the neighborhood of Jamestown. Of his children, seven grew to maturity, namely: Thomas, Christopher, Reuben, Effie, Nancy, Elizabeth and Mildred. Reared on the farm on which he was born in Silvercreek township, Reuben Moorman remained there all his life, having established his home there after his marriage to Susan Sharp. In addition to farming he also operated a saw-mill on his place. His death occurred in 1870 and his widow died in 1884. They were members of the Friends church at Jamestown and their children were brought up in the faith of that denomination. Of the four children born to Reuben Moorman and wife but two are now living, Mrs. Robinson having a sister, Martha, widow of Alfred Ross, now making her home in Jamestown, the others having been Thaddeus, who died in youth, and Samuel C. Moorman, who died at Seattle, Washington, in February, 1914.

To James F. and Ann E. (Moorman) Robinson were born eight children, namely: Anna, who died in early childhood; Frank, who married Elizabeth Highland and is now living in Chicago, where he is engaged as city sales manager for the Walter A. Baker Cocoa Company; Della, who married David Paullin, a farmer of Silvercreek township, and has one child, a daughter, Lelia; Charles A., who is now farming the old home place in Sil-

vercreek township; Reuben W., a tinner, living at Jamestown, who married Bessie McCreight and has one son, Carl; Bertha, who died in 1894 at the age of nineteen years; Sarah Blanche, who died in 1881 at the age of four years, and Mary, wife of Ross Mendenhall, of Akron, Ohio. Mrs. Robinson is now making her home at Jamestown. She has been a lifelong member of the Friends church at that place.

Charles A. Robinson, who is now living on and operating the old home farm in Silvercreek township, was reared on that farm and received his schooling in the neighborhood schools. He remained at home until 1905, when he went to Mishawaka, Indiana, where he was connected with the operations of the Ball Rubber Company for seven years, or until 1912, when he returned to the home farm. He married Martha Johnson and has one child, a daughter, Mary Alice.

GEORGE DAVIS, M. D.

One of the most recent additions to the corps of physicians now practicing their profession in the city of Xenia, is Dr. George Davis, who located in that city in the spring of 1918. He had been engaged in the practice of his profession in the village of New Jasper for eighteen years before his removal to Xenia. Doctor Davis is a native son of Ohio, born in the neighboring county of Fayette, son of James M. and Margaret E. (Dowell) Davis, both of whom were born in that same county, members of pioneer families in that section of the state, and who are now living at Columbus, the capital of the state. James M. Davis was born in 1840, a son of George W. Davis and wife, Virginians and pioneers in that section of Fayette county lying between Washington Court House and Good Hope. Reared in that county, James M. Davis was living there when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted his services in behalf of the Union and went to the front as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Fourteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served for three years and was mustered out with the rank of lieutenant. He later became engaged in the manufacture of drainage tile and brick in the vicinity of Washington Court House and there continued thus engaged until his retirement in 1914 and removal to Columbus, where he and his wife are now living. James M. Davis married Margaret E. Dowell, who was born in Fayette county in 1845, and to that union were born six children, of whom Doctor Davis was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: Lincoln, who is engaged in the oil business in Chicago; Grant, a civil engineer, now residing at Greenfield, this state; Mrs. Jennie Chambers, a widow, living at Columbus; Nellie, wife of Harry Drake, also of Columbus, and Dr. Homer Davis,

a dental surgeon, who is practicing his profession at Kansas City. James M. Davis is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Doctor Davis supplemented the schooling he received in the public schools of Washington Court House by attendance at the Normal School at Ada and at the National Normal University at Lebanon, and then entered the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati and upon completing his medical studies in that institution served an internship in the Cincinnati Maternity Hospital. Thus equipped for the practice of his profession, Doctor Davis came to Greene county in the latter part of 1900 and located at New Jasper, where he engaged in practice until the spring of 1918 when he moved to Xenia. The Doctor is a member of the Greene County Medical Society and of the Ohio State Medical Society. He has invested in farm lands in New Jasper township. He finds his chief recreation in hunting and fishing and is an ardent devotee of these healthful outdoor sports.

On January 8, 1902, in New Jasper township, Doctor Davis was united in marriage to Jennie L. Smith, who was born in that township, daughter of James M. and Eliza (Huston) Smith, the latter of whom is still living there. James M. Smith, a veteran of the Civil War, who died in 1911, was for years regarded as one of the most substantial farmers of the New Jasper neighborhood and elsewhere in this volume there will be found in detail a history of his family, as well as that of the Huston family. Doctor and Mrs. Davis are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. The Doctor is a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Xenia.

DANIEL H. BEAM.

Though it is nearly twenty-five years since the death of Daniel H. Beam, formerly one of the best-known farmers and stockmen of Caesars-creek township, his memory is still fresh in the neighborhood, and it is but fitting that in a volume of this character there should be paid a tribute to that memory. Daniel H. Beam was a native son of Greene county and all his life was spent here. He was born on a farm on the Bowersville pike in Xenia township in February, 1833, a son of Daniel and Ann (Haines) Beam, Virginians, who had settled on the farm just referred to upon coming from Virginia to this county and there spent the remainder of their lives. Daniel Beam and his wife were the parents of seven children, William, Silas, John, Daniel, Mary, Julia Ann and Jane, all of whom are now deceased.

Daniel H. Beam grew up on the home farm in Xenia township and received his schooling in the little old log school house in that neighborhood.



MRS. DANIEL H. HEAM.



For three years after his marriage in 1854 he continued to reside on the home farm. He then bought the Lutz farm of one hundred and eight acres near the Zoar church, on the pike leading from Spring Valley to Middletons Corner, in Caesarscreek township, the place on which his widow is still living, and there spent the rest of his life. As he prospered in his farming operations Mr. Beam bought an adjoining tract of one hundred and twelve acres and thus had two hundred and twenty acres of land on which he built a comfortable house and made other substantial improvements. In addition to his general farming Mr. Beam gave considerable attention to the raising of live stock. During the early '90s Mr. Beam's health began to break and his death occurred on September 27, 1893, he then being in the sixty-first year of his age. A contemporary newspaper mention of his death says that "Mr. Beam was an unfaltering Christian, which fact is admitted by all who knew him. He walked in the same attitude of faith the year around. He was a friend to the poor and needy and never turned one away empty. His kind Christian counsel will be missed, but never forgotten. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and held membership at the Zoar church, to the support of which he was the most liberal contributor. Hundreds of times have his prayers echoed within its walls."

On December 21, 1854, Daniel H. Beam was united in marriage to Susan Ann Keiter, who also was born in this county and who survives him, continuing to make her home on the farm in the neighborhood of Zoar church. Mrs. Beam was born on a farm in Caesarscreek township, daughter of Frederick and Mary (Weaver) Keiter, natives of Virginia, who were married in Hampshire county, that state, this county now being in West Virginia, and who after their marriage came to Ohio and settled on a farm in the woods of Caesarscreek township, where they spent the remainder of their lives, the former living to be seventy-five years of age and the latter, seventy-four. Frederick Keiter developed one of the best farms on the Wilmington pike and came to be a man of substance and influence. Reared a Whig, he later became a Republican. He and his wife were members of the Old School Baptist church. They had twelve children, of whom Mrs. Beam was the seventh in order of birth, the others being Elizabeth, Harrison, John, Mary, Margaret, Nancy, George A., Jane, James and Edward (twins) and Sarah. Further mention of the Keiter family is made elsewhere in this volume.

To Daniel H. and Susan Ann (Keiter) Beam were born ten children. William, Henry Alva, Emma J., Addie B., Eurette S., Daniel F., Anna N., Frederick K., Albert E. and Flora, all of whom are living save Addie B., born on January 20, 1862, who died on February 26, 1871, and Frederick K., born on June 4, 1871, who died on March 29, 1872. William Beam,

who was born on November 30, 1856, married Sarah Peacemaker and is now living at Port William, in the neighboring county of Clinton, where he is engaged in the live-stock and milling business. Henry A. Beam, born on August 12, 1858, married Mrs. Blanche (Swindler) Hurley and is a farmer and stockman in Spring Valley township, this county. Emma J. Beam, born on August 10, 1860, is the wife of Charles Hurley, a farmer of Spring Valley township. Eureka S. Beam, born on February 22, 1864, is the wife of Thomas Boyd, also a Spring Valley township farmer. Daniel F. Beam, born on December 16, 1865, married Elizabeth Johnson and is farming in Spring Valley township. Anna N. Beam, born on March 21, 1868, married Frank Woods and is living on a farm in the vicinity of Port William. Albert E. Beam, born on March 2, 1873, married Martha Scott and is engaged in farming and stock raising in Spring Valley township. Flora Beam, born on June 8, 1876, married Clarence McKay, a farmer of the New Burlington neighborhood. As noted above, Mrs. Beam continues to make her home on the old home place where her husband died nearly twenty-five years ago and where she has lived for sixty years, during which time she has been a witness to the amazing transformation that has taken place with the gradual development of that section. She is a member of Zoar church.

ULYSSES S. GRANT ST. JOHN.

Ulysses S. Grant St. John, better known among his friends as Grant St. John, the proprietor of the old Daniel Sutton place on the New Jasper pike in New Jasper township, rural mail route No. 1 out of Jamestown, was born on a farm in Caesarscreek township on July 3, 1869, son of John W. and Phoebe Ann (Heiny) St. John, the latter of whom, born in Virginia, died in 1895. John W. St. John, who is still living and a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume, also was born in Caesarscreek township, December 29, 1831, one of the ten children born to Daniel W. and Eliza (Bone) St. John, who were among the earliest settlers in that township. Daniel W. St. John was a son of John and Rhoda (Wood) St. John, as is set out in the review above referred to, wherein also is contained a detailed history of the St. John family in this county and to which the attention of the reader is respectfully invited in connection with this review of the life of Grant St. John.

Grant St. John grew up on the home farm in Caesarscreek township, received his schooling in the nearby district school and remained at home until his marriage when twenty-four years of age. He then rented a farm in the neighborhood of Cedarville and began operations on his own account, afterward moving from there up into Clark county, where he was engaged

in farming for several years, at the end of which time, in 1912, he returned to Greene county and bought a farm in Caesarscreek township. A year later he sold that farm and bought the farm of eighty-two acres on which he is now living. This is the farm that formerly belonged to Mr. St. John's wife's grandfather, Daniel Sutton.

On February 26, 1893, Mr. St. John was united in marriage at Jamestown, to Sidney Lois Sutton, who was born in New Jasper township, daughter of Daniel H. and Mary C. (Blessing) Sutton, both of whom also were born in this state, members of pioneer families, and both of whom died in October, 1910, the former on the 2nd of that month and the latter on the 11th. Both the Suttons and the Blessings were among the early residents of Greene county, these families having been represented here for a hundred years and more. Daniel H. Sutton was born on the farm on which Mr. and Mrs. St. John are now living, in January, 1841, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Spahr) Sutton, and there grew to manhood. He married Mary C. Blessing, who was born at Spring Valley, in October, 1841, a daughter of Marcus and Maria (Crumley) Blessing, the former of whom was the proprietor of a hotel and a mill at Spring Valley and also a landowner in that vicinity, and after his marriage bought one hundred acres of his father's place, established his home there and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of three children, Mrs. St. John, the last born, having a sister, Maria, wife of S. B. Levalley, of New Jasper township, and a brother, Marcus Sutton, unmarried, who is operating his father's old home place adjoining the farm owned by Mr. St. John.

William G. Sutton, who was the father of Daniel Sutton, father of Daniel H. Sutton, Mrs. St. John's great-grandfather, was born in New Jersey and there grew to manhood and married, later moving to Kentucky, whence, in 1803, he and his wife Lois and their children came up into the valley of the Little Miami and settled in Greene county. He took up land in the Military Tract south of the then embryonic city of Xenia. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, four sons and three daughters, and the descendants of these children in the present generation form a numerous connection hereabout. Daniel Sutton, grandfather of Mrs. St. John, was born in 1802 and was thus but an infant when his parents came to this county. He grew up on the home place south of Xenia and married Elizabeth Spahr, who was born in Virginia in 1804 and who was but a child when her parents, Philip and Mary (Schick) Spahr, came to Greene county and settled south of Xenia. Philip Spahr and wife reared a family of ten children and that family also has a wide connection throughout the county. After his marriage Daniel Sutton established his home on the old home place on Caesars creek and became the proprietor of two hundred and twenty

acres. He died in 1860 and his widow survived him for nearly twenty-five years, her death occurring in 1884, she then being eighty years of age. They were the parents of fifteen children, all of whom lived to maturity and twelve of whom married and reared families. Mr. and Mrs. St. John have one child, a son, Fred Howard, born on November 14, 1901. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at New Jasper. Mr. St. John is a Republican.

GEORGE N. PERRILL.

George N. Perrill, a member of the board of county commissioners for Greene county, president of the Bowersville Bank of Bowersville, this county, the owner of a grain elevator at that place as well as an extensive land acreage in this county and other interests of a substantial character, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Greene county since the days of his young manhood when he married and settled down on a farm in Jefferson township. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of what is now Milledgeville, in the neighboring county of Fayette, August 11, 1856, son of John and Margaret J. (Sparks) Perrill, the former of whom was born in the neighborhood of Cynthiana, in Pike county, this state, and the latter in Kentucky, she having come into this state with her parents from the Blue Grass state when a girl, the family settling in Fayette county. John Perrill moved from Pike county to Fayette county after he attained his majority and in the latter county spent the rest of his life, successfully engaged there in farming until his death which occurred in the year 1898. He was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the eldest and nine of whom lived to maturity.

Reared on the home farm in Fayette county, George N. Perrill completed his schooling in the high school at Washington Court House, the county seat of his home county, and remained at home until his marriage in the spring of 1878, when he came over into Greene county and bought a farm of one hundred acres in Jefferson township, on which he made his home for twelve years, at the end of which time he bought a farm of one hundred acres south of the village of Bowersville, where he lived for two years, or until he became engaged in the grain business in Bowersville. Mr. Perrill leased the first grain elevator erected in that place and engaged in business there as the senior member of the firm of Perrill & Lewis, a connection which continued for seven years, at the end of which time his son became associated with him and the business was continued under



GEORGE N. PERRILL.

the firm name of Perrill & Son until the organization of the Miami Grain Company, of which Mr. Perrill was elected president, as is set out in the history of Bowersville, presented elsewhere in this work. When the Bowersville Bank was organized Mr. Perrill was one of the prime movers in the enterprise and was elected first president of the concern, a position he ever since has occupied. Besides owning a farm south of Bowersville he also has other real estate and is a stockholder in the Commercial Bank of Washington Court House. Mr. Perrill has ever taken a good citizen's interest in local civic affairs and for three years served as trustee of his home township. In 1916 he was elected member of the board of county commissioners from his district and on September 1, 1917, entered upon the duties of that office, since which time he has made his home on the farm of his son-in-law one mile northeast of Xenia, on the Columbus pike, moving there from his home in Bowersville, in order that he might give more time to the duties of his office. Mr. Perrill for years has served as a member of the board of directors of the County Agricultural Society.

On March 14, 1878, George N. Perrill was united in marriage to Elizabeth Vanniman, daughter of Stephen and Rebecca Jane (Early) Vanniman, of Bowersville, both members of old and substantial families in that part of the county, and to this union two children were born, Edith, who completed her schooling at Cedarville College, and Arthur, who completed his schooling at Ohio Northern University at Ada and is now engaged in the wholesale grain business at Xenia, secretary of the Xenia Grain Company. He married Tullis Reynolds and has four children, George, Evelyn, John and Martha. Edith Perrill married Luther Chitty, of Bowersville, who is now farming on the Columbus pike just out of the city of Xenia, and four sons, Donald, Hugh, George and Robert. Mrs. Perrill died on July 24, 1910. She was a member of the Methodist Protestant church at Bowersville, as is Mr. Perrill, and the latter has been for years a member of the board of trustees of the church as well as a member of the Methodist Protestant camp-meeting board.

MARSHALL BROWN.

Marshall Brown, formerly engaged in the saw-mill business at the village of New Jasper, and who is still living there, owner of the old William Huston farm on the edge of the village, is a native son of Greene county, born on a farm in the northwest corner of Jefferson township on September 27, 1852, son of James T. and Rachel (Powers) Brown, whose last days were spent at Paintersville. Marshall Brown was about twelve years of age when his father moved from Jefferson township to New Jasper town-

ship and he completed his schooling in the schools of the latter township, remaining on the home farm there, the place now occupied and owned by his brother Cyrus, until after his marriage in 1874 when he bought a farm of fifty acres in the neighborhood of his father's place and there resided for ten years, at the end of which time he sold that farm and for eighteen months thereafter lived on a rented farm. He then bought a tract of eleven acres in the village of New Jasper and there set up a saw-mill, which he continued to operate for sixteen years, mainly engaged in custom sawing. As a young man Mr. Brown had learned the trade of stonemason and he also continued engaged during the summers as a contracting mason, doing quite an extensive business in that line as well as in his mill. Upon selling the mill he rented a farm in Xenia township and six years later moved from that place to a farm on the Hussey pike in Caesarscreek township, where he lived for two years, at the end of which time he bought eighty acres on the Nash road in Xenia township. On this latter place he lived for two years, or until March 1, 1913, when he sold that place and bought the William Huston farm of fifty acres at the edge of the village of New Jasper, where he since has made his home. Mr. Brown is a Republican, and for some time served as assessor in New Jasper township.

On February 24, 1874, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Katurah Gates, who was born on the old William Spahr farm in New Jasper township, daughter and only child of Bailey and Temperance (Spahr) Gates, the latter of whom was born in that same place on December 31, 1836, and who died there on September 25, 1858, her daughter Katurah then being but two years of age. Mrs. Brown having thus been bereft of her mother at the early age of two years was reared in the household of her maternal grandfather, William Spahr, one of the pioneers of that part of Greene county. Mrs. Brown's father, Bailey Gates, was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, December 25, 1832, seventh son of Bailey and Delilah Gates, and early became a school teacher, civil engineer and surveyor, continuing to serve as a teacher nearly all his life. He was teaching in this county when he married Temperance Spahr and was living here when the Civil War broke out. He served as a soldier of the Union, a member of Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-second Regiment, and in 1866 went to Kansas, where he remained for seven years, teaching school at Elizabeth, in Anderson county, and proving up a homestead claim in that vicinity. In 1873 he returned to Ohio and here died on October 25 of that same year. To Marshall and Katurah (Gates) Brown three children have been born, namely: Nora Alzina, born on November 22, 1874, who died at the age of seven months; Delphus, who died unmarried at the age of thirty-three years, and Leola, wife of Howard Glass, who owns a farm adjoining that of Mr. Brown in

the immediate vicinity of the village of New Jasper. Mr. and Mrs. Glass have one child, a son, Hubert Delphus. The Browns are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at New Jasper and Mr. Brown is a member of the Masonic lodge at Jamestown and of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Xenia.

CHARLES S. BINGAMON.

Charles S. Bingamon, a farmer living on rural mail route No. 5 out of Xenia and the proprietor of the old Charleston Mills farm on Massies creek on the line between Xenia and Cedarville townships, which he has owned since the spring of 1902, has been a resident of this county all his life. He was born on a farm in Spring Valley township on September 21, 1856, son of John and Emaline (Beck) Bingamon, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families, and who spent all their lives here. John Bingamon owned a farm in Spring Valley township, the place on which his parents had settled upon coming here from Maryland in pioneer days, but late in life sold that place and bought a farm of one hundred and thirty acres in Sugarcreek township on which he spent his last days, his death occurring there in 1903, he then being eighty-two years of age. His wife had preceded him to the grave but one year, her death having occurred in 1902, she then being seventy-two years of age. She was a member of the United Presbyterian church and her children were reared in that faith. There were five of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being Melinda, wife of Aaron Mills, of Xenia township; Greer, now a resident of Dayton; Sarah, deceased, and Bertie, wife of William Harbison, of Xenia township.

Reared on the home farm in Spring Valley township, Charles S. Bingamon received his schooling in the district schools, and in later years was the mainstay of his aged parents until their death. He remained with them, moving from the old farm in Spring Valley township to the later place in Sugarcreek township, and also rented and farmed other places, for eleven years being a tenant of the George Kendall place. In March, 1902, Mr. Bingamon bought the old Charlton Mills farm, on which the mill erected by Peter Moudy on Massies creek in 1837 is still standing, and after his marriage in 1908 established his home there. Since taking possession of that place Mr. Bingamon has made numerous improvements on the same, working the barn over into a bank-barn. He has a good brick house on the farm. In the summer of 1917 he had one of the finest fields of corn in Greene county, the stalks standing seventeen feet and six inches in height and bearing fine, large, sound ears. Mr. Bingamon is a Republican.

On March 25, 1908, Mr. Bingamon was united in marriage to Mrs. Eva (Snyder) Coy, a widow whose two sons by her previous marriage, Ross and Charles Coy, are now employed in the Delco factory at Dayton, and to this union three children have been born, Mark, born in 1909; Donald, 1913, and Mary E., 1915.

JOHN HARBEIN.

An older chronicle in referring to John Harbein, who died at his home in Alpha on June 8, 1873, and who at the time of his death was regarded as one of the wealthiest men in Greene county, notes that "throughout his life Mr. Harbein was a quiet, unostentatious Christian gentleman. He was a strict, prudent and successful business man, and to his energy, influence and enterprise the development of Greene county is largely due. He shrank from public notice and, though many were offered, never accepted a public office, but was always one of the foremost to aid in the advancement of public interests. Though a private citizen, he was widely known. His influence was cast in the direction of progress. Having the advantage of a good education, he was a friend of schools and looked upon them as being the hope of our republican institutions. He was a great tourist and a polished gentleman; a man of liberal views and a lover of his country."

John Harbein was born in Washington county, Maryland, January 17, 1804, first-born of the six children born to Daniel and Elizabeth (Reber) Harbein, and was the first of these children, two sons and four daughters, to answer the final summons. The Harbeins are of Huguenot stock, the ancestors of the Greene county family of this name having been driven from France to lands where they might worship according to their faith. One branch of the family settled in Algiers, on the river Shelif, where a small town now bears their name. Two other families of the name came to the American colonies, one settling in North Carolina and the other in Berks county, Pennsylvania. The head of this latter branch of the family was Peter Harbein, great-great-grandfather of John Harbein. He had fled to Switzerland from France and was there some time before completing his arrangements to come to America. During the voyage over a son, Peter, was born. This Peter, junior, was reared in Berks county, Pennsylvania, and there married and made his home. One of his sons, Abram Harbein, was the father of Daniel Harbein, father of John Harbein.

In 1827 John Harbein married Hettie Herr, of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and in October, 1828, came to Ohio with his wife and established his home in Beavercreek township, this county, buying there the farm on which stood the log house of Owen Davis, in which the first court held



John Harbain



in Greene county was convened following the formal organization of the county in that same cabin in 1803. On that place, the site of the old Owen Davis mill, he erected in 1833 a new mill and there began the successful operations that for so many years marked him as one of the foremost factors in the general business life of the community, and there he and his wife reared their family of eight children and spent the remainder of their lives, John Harbein's death occurring, as noted above, in the summer of 1873. The house he erected there at Alpha is now occupied by his daughter, Mrs. Hattie M. Miller, widow of Hon. John M. Miller, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume.

HIRAM H. FAWCETT.

Hiram H. Fawcett, former trustee of New Jasper township and the proprietor of a farm in that township, one and one-half miles south of the village of New Jasper, rural mail route No. 8 out of Xenia, now living retired from the active labors of the farm, his son, Hiram F. Fawcett, carrying on the operations of the farm, is a native son of Greene county and has lived here all his life. He was born in a log house on a farm in Caesarscreek township on December 15, 1850, son of Mahlon and Emily (Howell) Fawcett, Quakers, both of whom also were born in Ohio, the latter in Belmont county in 1826, a daughter of John and Eleanor Howell, Quakers and early settlers in Belmont county, where they spent their last days.

Mahlon Fawcett was born in Caesarscreek township in 1825, a son of John and Phœbe Fawcett, Virginians, who came to this county in the early '20s and settled in Caesarscreek township, where they developed a farm of about one hundred and seventy-five acres. They were Quakers and attended New Hope meeting. They had a large family of children, nearly all of whom established their homes in this county. Mahlon Fawcett grew up on the home farm and after his marriage continued to make his home there, his death occurring on that place in 1852, he then being but twenty-seven years of age. To him and his wife, Emily Howell, three children had been born, the subject of this sketch, the youngest, having had a brother, Harvey, who died in childhood, and a sister who died in infancy. The widow Fawcett in 1857 married William Huston and spent her last days on the Huston farm in New Jasper township, the place now owned and occupied by A. D. Smith, her death occurring there in 1900, she then being seventy-seven years of age. By her second marriage she was the mother of two sons, A. J. Huston, who is living on a farm in New Jasper township, and John C. Huston, who is engaged in the hardware business at Xenia. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at New Jasper.

Hiram H. Fawcett was not two years of age when his father died. He grew up on the Huston farm, received his schooling in the Haslip school in that neighborhood and before he was twenty years of age was married. His wife was the owner of fifty acres of land in that vicinity and on that place he and his wife established their home, he also looking after the management of his mother-in-law's farm, the Nelson Smith place. About six years after his marriage Mr. Fawcett bought forty-seven acres of the Bruce farm nearby, one and one-half miles south of the village of New Jasper, and has ever since made his home on that place. In 1888 he erected there the farm house in which he is now living. Since taking possession of that place Mr. Fawcett has added to his acreage by purchase and now has a farm of one hundred and fifty acres, besides which he and his son own a farm of eighty-eight acres just south of the home place, on which farm his son makes his home, operating that place as well as the home place, his father having turned over to him the general management of the farms some time ago. Mr. Fawcett is a Republican and for several terms served as trustee of his home township. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at New Jasper.

On September 1, 1870, Hiram H. Fawcett was united in marriage to Kesiah Elizabeth Smith, who was born on a part of the farm on which she is still living; a daughter of Nelson and Lydia (Beeson) Smith, both of whom also were born in this county, the former in 1823 and the latter in 1827. Nelson Smith having been a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Kimble) Smith, who had come here from Hardin county, Virginia, in 1814, and had become pioneers of the Caesarscreek settlement. Lydia Beeson was one of the fourteen children born to Thomas and Kesiah (Turner) Beeson, the former of whom was born near Uniontown, Pennsylvania, and was but a boy when he came to Greene county with his parents in pioneer days. Nelson Smith, who became the owner of a farm of three hundred and seventeen acres two miles south of New Jasper, died at the age of forty-two, March 27, 1866. His widow did not remarry and spent the rest of her life on the home farm, her death occurring there in September, 1912. She had four daughters, those besides Mrs. Fawcett, the third in order of birth, being Amanda, now deceased, who was the wife of John W. Fudge, of Xenia; Susan, who married William D. Sutton, and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased, and Emma, wife of A. J. Huston, of New Jasper township.

To Hiram H. and Kesiah E. (Smith) Fawcett have been born four children, namely: Lydia Luetta, wife of Oliver M. Spahr, of New Jasper township, of whom a biographical sketch is presented elsewhere in this volume; Carrie Emily, wife of James Jones, of Beavercreek township;

Hiram Fredwin, who married Mary Spahr of this township and is now operating the home place as well as a place of his own adjoining, making his home on the latter place, and Grace Elizabeth, wife of Arthur M. Peterson, of Cedarville township.

HURL R. ADAMS.

Hurl R. Adams, who has been in the bakery business at Yellow Springs since 1901, having moved there in that year from Waynesville, in the neighboring county of Warren, where he had been engaged in business for three years or more, was born in the city of Xenia on April 15, 1874, son of David M. and Etta (Rader) Adams, both of whom also were born in this county, the former on a farm three miles south of Xenia, in 1840, and the latter, in the city of Xenia, in 1844, who were married in 1872 and whose last days were spent in Xenia.

David M. Adams received his schooling at Xenia and was early trained to the trade of carpenter and bridge builder, which vocation he followed all the rest of his life. He had a shop in Xenia and during the winters employed his time in the making of sleighs and in the general upholstery business. He died in 1885, leaving two sons, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Joseph Harry Adams, born on January 4, 1880, who married Ella Mason, of Xenia, and is still residing in that city.

Hurl R. Adams received his schooling in the schools of Xenia and when fifteen years of age becoming employed during school vacations in one of the local elevators. When eighteen years of age he became interested in the bakery business and after learning the details of that business was for three years engaged as the manager of C. W. Trader's bake shop in Xenia. Thus qualified by practical experience, Mr. Adams then went to Waynesville, in the neighboring county of Warren and there became engaged in the bakery business on his own account, and was thus engaged there for three years, at the end of which time he sold his shop there and moved to Yellow Springs, where, in 1901, he opened a bakery and has since been quite successfully engaged in business. In 1906 he bought the property he now occupies on Xenia avenue and is well equipped for handling the trade he has built up.

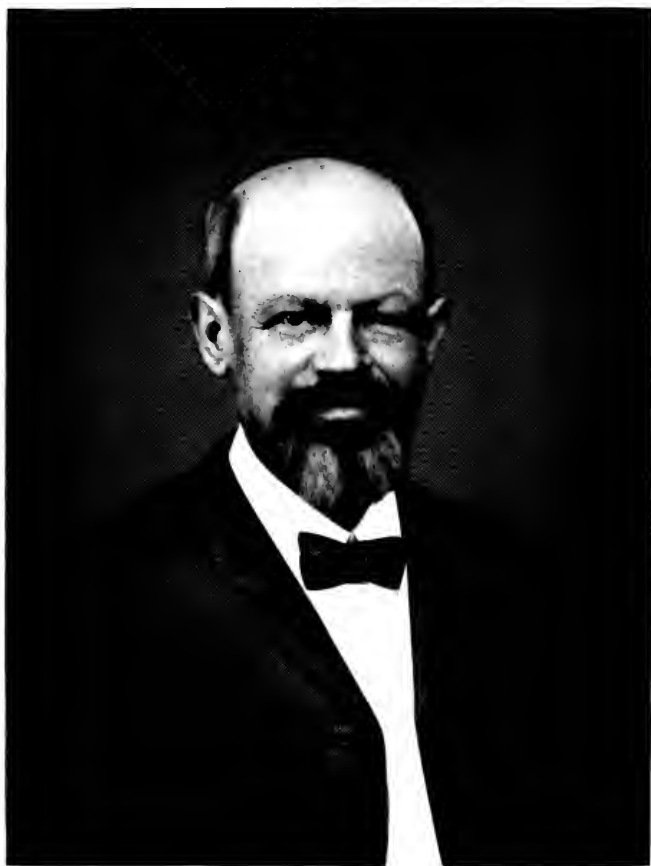
On September 29, 1896, while living at Waynesville, Mr. Adams was united in marriage, at Xenia, to Meddie Hartman, who was born at Starbuck, in the vicinity of Wilmington, in the neighboring county of Clinton, daughter of William and Hannah Hartman, and to this union three children have been born, namely: Harold R., born on November 1, 1899, who is now engaged in the Edison Laboratory at Orange, New Jersey; Thelma,

January 16, 1904, who is now a pupil in the Yellow Springs high school, and Mildred, February 28, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are members of the Methodist church. Mr. Adams is a member of the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons.

JOSEPH E. EAVEY.

Joseph E. Eavey, proprietor of a farm of nearly five hundred acres in Xenia township, who is now living in Xenia, where he has made his home since 1897, is a native son of Greene county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm one mile southeast of Xenia, on the Wilmington pike, September 20, 1848, son of John S. and Margaret Christina (Kanode) Eavey, both of whom were natives of the state of Maryland, who came to Ohio in 1841 and whose last days were spent in Greene county, the former dying on his farm southeast of Xenia and the latter in town, she having moved from the farm after her husband's death.

John S. Eavey was born in the vicinity of Boonesborough, in Maryland, January 14, 1814, the second son of Jacob and Margaret Eavey, the former of whom owned an extensive marble quarry near that place. There John S. Eavey grew to manhood, receiving a liberal education for that period, and from boyhood was an assistant to his father in the operations of the quarry, continuing thus engaged, in the sales department of the quarry, until his marriage at the age of twenty-four years, after which he became engaged in the milling business. His wife, Margaret C. Kanode, was a daughter of John and Margaret Kanode, the former of whom was a farmer in the neighborhood of Hagerstown, Maryland. In the third year of their married life John S. Eavey and his wife and their two children, Henry H. and Arthur W., the latter of whom then was but a babe in arms, came to Ohio, driving through in a Conestoga wagon, and settled in Greene county. That was in 1841 and after his arrival here Mr. Eavey bought a tract of two hundred and forty acres lying along the Wilmington pike, one mile southeast of Xenia, paying for the same twelve dollars an acre, and there established his home. He later bought a farm adjoining the same on the north and in 1875 erected there a brick house, in which he spent his last days, his death occurring there in 1879. At the time of his death John S. Eavey was the owner of five hundred and forty acres of land. For a time he also was engaged in the mercantile business at Xenia. He was a Democrat and took an active part in local political affairs. He and his wife were members of the Reformed church. After the death of her husband Mrs. Eavey left the farm and moved to Xenia, buying a house in West Church street, where she spent her last days. She survived her husband many years, her death oc-



Joseph G. Garvey



Mrs. Joseph E. Garvey

curing in 1898, she then being eighty years of age. John S. Eavey and his wife were the parents of six children, all of whom grew to maturity save one son, who died in infancy. Of these children the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being Arthur W., who became a farmer in the state of Mississippi; Henry H., now deceased, for years one of Xenia's best-known business men; Susan, who married J. F. G. Bell and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased, her death having occurred in September, 1915, and John K., a Greene county farmer, who died in 1902. Henry H. Eavey, late president of the Citizens National Bank of Xenia and head of the Eavey Wholesale Grocery Company, was a veteran of the Civil War, having served during that struggle as a member of Company H, Ninety-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio. He was twice married, his first wife, who was Sarah C. Winters and whom he married in 1863, having died in December, 1891. In February, 1896, he married Rebecca Alice Galloway. His home was at the corner of West Market street and King streets in Xenia, where he died on April 18, 1918.

Reared on the home farm on the outskirts of the city of Xenia, Joseph E. Eavey received his schooling at Xenia, completing the same in Professor Smith's Seminary, which then was quite an institution of higher education, situated on East Church street, and after leaving school became engaged in the grocery business at Xenia in association with his brother Henry. This form of occupation did not suit him, however, and after nine months of experience with the grocery business he left the store and returned to the home farm. Three years later, in 1872, he began farming on his own account, renting a portion of his father's place, and in 1880, he meanwhile having married, bought a tract of two hundred and forty acres, paying for the same seventy-five dollars an acre—land now worth much more than double that price. On that place Mr. Eavey continued to make his home until 1897, when he moved to Xenia, where he since has made his home. In 1909 he erected there a house at 234 East Second street and continues to reside at that number. Though having for years made his home in the city Mr. Eavey has ever continued personally to superintend the work of his farms. He bought a tract of two hundred and thirty acres adjoining his original purchase and has long given considerable attention to the raising of live stock, making a specialty of Red Polled and Holstein cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs. In 1897 Mr. Eavey bought a half interest in a coal business at Xenia and continued his connection with the same, under the firm name of Maddox & Eavey, for three years, at the end of which time he sold out, and has since given his whole attention to his agricultural interests. Politically, Mr. Eavey is "independent."

On October 18, 1877, Joseph E. Eavey was united in marriage to Sarah Etta Wright, who was also born in this county, daughter of John and Rebecca (Vaneton) Wright, who had settled here in the '40s, and to this union two children have been born, Herman and Ellen, the latter of whom married John M. Davidson, of Xenia, and has three children, Sarah, Margaret and Marie. Herman Eavey, manager of the Eavey Packing Company, continues to make his home in the house of his parents. He married Edith Givens and has two children, Wallace and Elizabeth. The Eaveys are members of the First United Presbyterian church.

DAVID ELLIOT TURNER.

David Elliot Turner, owner of the old William G. Sutton farm, in New Jasper township, was born on a farm in that township, one mile south of the village of that name, March 12, 1860, son of Cornelius and Elizabeth (Spahr) Turner, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families, and who spent all their lives here.

Cornelius Turner was born in Silvercreek township in 1833, son of William and Elizabeth (Cruzen) Turner, who were married in this county on May 28, 1819, and established their home in Silvercreek township. William Turner, who was a soldier of the War of 1812, serving in the command of Joseph Lucas, was born in the vicinity of Cincinnati on October 23, 1792. His wife was born in Virginia on October 27, 1802, and was but a child when her parents came to Ohio and settled in this county, where she was married in her seventeenth year. To that union were born nine children and the descendants of these children form a numerous connection in the present generation. William Turner lived to be eighty years of age. His wife died in her seventieth year. Cornelius Turner, one of the sons of this pioneer couple, was given excellent educational advantages and after a course in Wesleyan University at Delaware was licensed to preach as a "local" preacher of the Methodist Episcopal church. After his marriage he became engaged in the insurance business at Jamestown and there he died in 1871, he then being thirty-eight years of age. His widow survived him but two years, her death occurring in 1873. She was born, Elizabeth Spahr, in 1835, daughter of William and Sarah (Smith) Spahr, pioneers of Greene county. Cornelius and Elizabeth (Spahr) Turner were the parents of seven children, namely: William Albert, who established his home at Washington, Iowa, and there spent his last days; Sarah E., who married Douglas Rathbone and who, as well as her husband, also died at Washington, Iowa; David E., the immediate subject of this biographical sketch; Rosa, who is living

on a farm two miles west of Jamestown, widow of Nathan Devoe; Ida, who married James Rathbone and died at Washington, Iowa; James, who also died at Washington, Iowa, and Phoebe, wife of Thomas Dewitt, of Springfield, Ohio.

David E. Turner was but eleven years of age when his father died and was but thirteen when he was orphaned indeed by the death of his mother. He was reared in the household of his maternal grandfather, William Spahr, in New Jasper township and in the schools of that neighborhood completed his schooling. After his marriage in the summer of 1884 he for some time made his home on the place of his father-in-law, James R. Sutton, in New Jasper township and then bought a farm of seventy-five acres in that same township, on which he made his home for four years, at the end of which time, in 1900, he sold that place and bought the Sutton farm of one hundred and eighty acres adjoining his former place on the west, moved on to the same and has since made that his place of residence, he and his wife living in the substantial old brick house which the latter's grandfather, Jacob Sutton, erected on that place in 1851.

On June 12, 1884, Mr. Turner was united in marriage to Mary Armintha Sutton, who was born on the place on which she and Mr. Turner are now living, daughter and only child of James Raper and Catherine Elizabeth (Greenwood) Sutton, the former of whom was born on that same farm and there spent all his life. James Raper Sutton was born on October 27, 1844, son of Jacob and Susan (Smith) Sutton, the former of whom was a son of William G. Sutton, who in 1812 established his home on the tract of land now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Turner and is referred to in older chronicles as the first permanent settler in that portion of Greene county comprised within the borders of New Jasper township and further reference to whom, as well as further details regarding the history of the Sutton family, is made elsewhere in this work. James R. Sutton grew up on that place and after his marriage established his home there. He married Catherine Elizabeth Greenwood, who was born on a farm two and one-half miles east of Xenia, May 25, 1846, a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Layman) Greenwood, the former of whom had come to this county with his parents from Virginia when but a lad. Robert Greenwood was married twice, his first wife a Watkins, and was the father of eight children, four by each wife. James R. Sutton died on March 26, 1900, and his widow died on July 1, 1906. They were members of Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Sutton was for years a class leader in the same.

To David E. and Mary Armintha (Sutton) Turner one child was born, a daughter, Susan Elizabeth, who married Ray Fudge, who lives on the farm adjoining that of the Turners, and has two children, Russell David

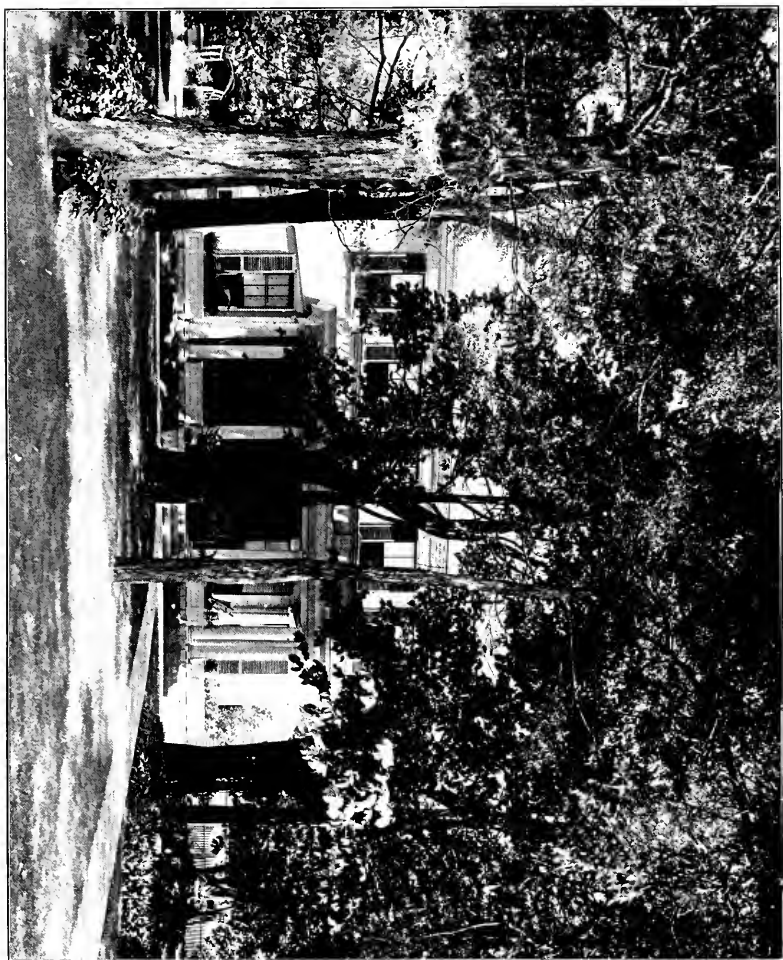
and Frances J. Mr. and Mrs. Turner are members of Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal church, Mr. Turner being the present class leader as well as a member of the board of trustees and a steward. He also is serving at present as district steward of the church and formerly and for years served as superintendent of the Sunday school. By political inclination he is a Republican.

HON. JOHN M. MILLER.

Not once but several times in this work the reader will have noticed references to the high character of the work done in the old Beaver grade school in Beavercreek township in the days of a past generation when that school, which was giving a course akin to that of the present high school, had a reputation of more than local note. In those days twenty dollars a month was regarded as fair pay for the school teacher, but John M. Miller, during the time he had charge of the Beaver grade school, was paid one hundred dollars a month, a testimony to his fitness for the position that cannot be misunderstood. In that day the Beaver grade school ranked higher than the seminary at Xenia and the academies at Dayton and young men from both of these towns gladly placed themselves under the tutelage of Mr. Miller, who taught surveying in addition to the ordinary branches of learning that constituted the course in the old grade school. At the time of his death Mr. Miller was representing this district in the Legislature.

Hon. John M. Miller was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, in 1830, and was ten years of age when he came to Ohio with his parents, Robert and Nancy (Minnich) Miller, the family locating in this county in 1840. Five years later the Miller family moved to Indiana, but seven years later, in 1852, John M. Miller returned to Greene county and in that same year entered Miami University, from which institution he was graduated in 1856. He then took up the study of law in Xenia and in 1859 was admitted to the bar. In 1862 he was elected to represent this legislative district in the General Assembly of the state of Ohio and was serving in that capacity when he died on January 9, 1863, a contemporary account stating that the arduous labors of his legislative service undoubtedly hastened his death. Mr. Miller left a widow and two children, a son, Charles Edward, who died at the age of twenty-one years, and a daughter, Luella, who is still living with her mother in the old Harbein home at Alpha. Mrs. Miller was born at Alpha, Hetty M. Harbein, daughter of John and Hetty (Herr) Harbein, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, John Harbein having been regarded in his day as perhaps the wealthiest man in

OLD HARBEIN HOMESTEAD, LATER OCCUPIED BY JOHN M. MILLER AND FAMILY.



Greene county. The Harbein place at Alpha, now occupied by Mrs. Miller and her daughter, is perhaps richer in historic associations than any single spot connected with the development of Greene county, for on that spot stood the little log cabin of Owen Davis in which was held the meeting at which formal organization of Greene county was effected in 1803 and in which the first court held in Greene county performed its functions.

An older chronicle refers to John M. Miller as having been essentially a self-made man, and continues the narrative thus: "His father being poor, he was obliged to devote his minor years to helping on the home farm—inclement weather only being called his own. On such days he toiled with the axe, maul and mattock—cutting cordwood, splitting rails and clearing ground—to earn means to purchase books and pay for tuition when he could go to school. His evenings were all spent in study (his page being lighted from scraps of burning bark), and by diligent application he soon got to master the elementary branches and was able to teach a common school. By alternate teaching and rough manual labor he husbanded enough to commence a college course. It was yet, however, to be much interrupted and himself to be reduced to many straits before it was completed—losing at one time a year and a half, and in all, two years of a four-years course. The question is, in the reader's mind, 'Did he graduate?' Yes! 'How did he rank?' Number one! 'What! in two years of study?' Exactly so—and this not consecutive, but made up, in truth, of mere fragments of time. Moreover, he added both German and French to the usual college course. And here we may safely rest the claims of Mr. M. to genius and perseverance; for we doubt if any other institution in the United States has recorded such an achievement. We once read of one who performed such a feat, but who won, at the same time the honors of the martyr and the victor.

"Mr. M. was very tall and rather slender, but he was as straight as an arrow. His head was very well shaped. His hair was dark and worn rather long his beard was full, but thin; and his features were regular, but slightly prominent. His manners were very inviting, his disposition genial, and his friendship sincere and cordial. As a representative he was faithful to his trust—always at his post and always attentive to what was passing before him. He was a very good speaker and reasoned well, and with careful culture would have soon become a leading man in the state."

EZRA BROWN.

Ezra Brown, trustee of New Jasper township and the owner of a farm on rural mail route No. 8 out of Xenia, in that township, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life, now living practically retired, he

and his wife being very comfortably situated at their home just north of the village of New Jasper. Mr. Brown was born on a farm in Silvercreek township on February 6, 1855, son of James and Rachel (Powers) Brown, both of whom also were born in this state, the former in Belmont county and the latter in Clinton county, whose last days were spent in Greene county, where James Brown had resided since the days of his young manhood.

James Brown was born in 1816 and grew up in Belmont county, where he was born, his parents, Richard and Mary Elizabeth Brown, having been pioneers of that county. Richard Brown and his wife were Methodists and their last days were spent in Belmont county. Their son James was early trained as a brickmason and as a young man came to Greene county to establish himself as a building contractor and for some time worked at that vocation in and about Paintersville, his first contract there having been the erection of the old Beal house near that village. He later bought a farm in Silvercreek township and having married meanwhile, established his home there, remaining on that farm until 1865, when he sold that place and bought a farm of one hundred and ten acres in New Jasper township, the place where his eldest son, Cyrus Brown, is now living, making his residence on that place until his retirement from the farm and removal to Paintersville. There he opened a grocery store and spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there in August, 1886, he then being past seventy years of age. James Brown was a Republican and for some time served as assessor of New Jasper township. In addition to his other activities he was for years recognized as one of the leading stockmen in that part of the county, he and Squire Clemens having long been engaged together in the breeding of fine horses and mules. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Brown died in May, 1893. She was born, Rachel Powers, in the neighboring county of Clinton in 1812, daughter of Edward and Mary Powers, who had a farm in that county and who spent their last days there. Edward Powers was born in Ireland and when nineteen years of age left that country in order to evade army service and came to America as a stowaway, hiding beneath household goods, on a vessel that was six weeks in making the passage. He brought with him a gun which is still in the possession of the family. After looking about in the East, Edward Powers came to Ohio, locating in Clinton county, where he became the owner of a farm and where he spent the rest of his life and where his daughter Rachel was living when she married James Brown. To that union were born seven children, namely: Cyrus, who is still living on the old home place in New Jasper township; Mary Elizabeth, widow of Lewis Lane; Lami, who died in youth; John, who became a farmer in

Xenia township and there died in 1912; Marshall, a farmer of New Jasper township; Ezra, the subject of this biographical sketch, and Rachel Ann, wife of Charles Harrison, of Lima, Ohio.

Ezra Brown was about ten years of age when his parents moved from Silvercreek township, where he was born, to New Jasper township and his schooling was completed in the schools of the latter township. As a young man he was for three years engaged working on the farm of his brother Marshall, making his home with the latter. He then for several years was employed variously in the neighborhood, mainly engaged in farm work, and, in the meantime having married, then rented a farm on which he made his home for five years, at the end of which time, in 1897, he bought the farm on which he is now living, just north of the village of New Jasper, the fields of which, since 1914, he has rented out. Mr. Brown has a farm of ninety-nine acres. He is a Republican and is serving his third term as trustee of his home township. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at New Jasper.

On January 23, 1887, Ezra Brown was united in marriage to Mary Letitia Spahr, who was born in New Jasper township, this county, daughter of Sanford and Eliza Spahr, and a member of one of the oldest families in the county. Sanford Spahr was a son of Mathias and Susanne (Hagler) Spahr, both natives of Virginia. His father, John V. Spahr, lived and died in Virginia. Mathias Spahr was a brother of Philip Spahr, who was one of the first settlers in what is now New Jasper township. Mathias Spahr settled in Xenia township on a farm owned by Clark Bickett. Sanford Spahr moved from this county over into Indiana many years ago and settled on a farm in Randolph county, his daughter (now Mrs. Brown) then having been but four years of age.

MICHAEL BROWN.

Michael Brown, proprietor of a farm on the Fairfield pike about two miles northwest of Yellow Springs, in Miami township, is a native son of the Emerald Isle, but has been a resident of this country since the days of his boyhood. He was born in County Cork, Ireland, December 15, 1838, and was seventeen years of age when he came to this country. For two years after his arrival on this side he worked at St. Louis, Missouri, and then came to Ohio and began working on a farm in the vicinity of Cedarville in this county. He later worked on the railroad and in the stone quarries. Some time later Mr. Brown bought a farm in the vicinity of Clifton, but three years later disposed of his interests there and returned to Cedarville, where he remained for eighteen months, at the end of which time

he decided to resume farming and in 1874 bought the farm of fifty-one acres on which he is now living. He also owns a twenty-acre tract south of Yellow Springs.

In September, 1860, Michael Brown was united in marriage to Margaret Day, who died on February 10, 1909. To that union were born eight children, two of whom died in infancy, those who grew to maturity being the following: Margaret, who is living at home; John, a farmer, living in the vicinity of Yellow Springs; Martha, wife of John Meehan, who has one daughter, Martha; Thomas, who is at home in general charge of the farm; Mary Ann, who died in 1907, and Ellen, wife of David Bailey, living near Allentown, Ohio. Mr. Brown is a Democrat. He and his family are members of the Catholic church at Yellow Springs.

WILLIAM A. PAXSON.

The Paxsons have been represented in this county ever since the year 1804, that having been the date of the coming here of the family from Pennsylvania and their settlement in Beavercreek township. Aaron Paxson was a son of James Paxson, whose wife, Cynthia, was for years one of the most influential Quaker ministers in the city of Philadelphia, and he thus was reared amid excellent surroundings and in a manner conducing to sobriety of demeanor and steadfastness of purpose. James Paxson married Cynthia Beal and continued to make his home in Pennsylvania, having become established in Fayette county, that state, until his death about the year 1804. Then his family came to Ohio with his uncle Isaac and his mother and settled in Beavercreek township, this county. Aaron Paxson was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, May 27, 1797, and was thus but seven years of age when he became a resident of Greene county. He grew to manhood here and in June, 1820, married Susanna Wall, of Pennsylvania, and established a home of his own in Beavercreek township, reared his family there and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there on December 11, 1884, he then being eighty-seven years of age, and he was buried in the Beaver Creek cemetery. He was thrice married and was the father of eleven children by his first wife. John Paxson, one of the sons of Aaron Paxson, followed the sober and straightforward course of his Quaker ancestors and in due time made for himself a home in the Beavercreek neighborhood. He married Louisa Le Valley and to that union were born five children, of whom the subject of this biographical sketch was the first-born and all of whom lived to maturity. Louisa Le Valley was a daughter of John Le Valley, who had

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM A. PAXSON



come to America from France with General Lafayette and was an aid-de-camp on the latter's staff. Her mother was of the family with which John Smith of Jamestown colony fame was connected.

William A. Paxson, eldest^d of the five children born to John and Louisa (Le Valley) Paxson, was born on the old Paxson farm in Beavercreek township, this county, July 6, 1850, and was there reared to manhood. His early schooling was received in the neighborhood schools. When fourteen years of age he found that he had exhausted the possibilities of the neighborhood school and he then began attendance on the schools at Jamestown, four miles away, walking daily to and from the school, and he recalls that during that course and despite often adverse weather conditions and other handicaps he did not miss a day of school during that period of attendance. Thus equipped by preliminary study Mr. Paxson then entered Ohio Wesleyan University and there pursued his studies for two years, at the end of which time he was licensed to teach school and for one term taught in what then was known as the Larkin school, resuming his place on the farm in the following spring. In the meantime Mr. Paxson had been devoting such leisure as he could command to the study of law under the preceptorship of J. A. Sexton at Xenia and in due time matriculated at the Cincinnati Law College, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1874 and was in that same spring admitted to the bar. During his attendance at law school Mr. Paxson was associated with the law firm of Donham & Foraker at Cincinnati and upon being admitted to the bar was inclined to enter upon the practice of his profession in the city, but the state of his health having become somewhat reduced he was advised by his physician to get out of the city. Following this advice he located at Washington Court House, county seat of the neighboring county of Fayette, there became associated in practice with Col. S. F. Kerr and continued thus engaged in that city until his return in 1876 to Greene county and location at Jamestown, where he ever since has made his home and where he has continued his law practice.

In addition to carrying on his law practice Mr. Paxson has for years been personally interested in agricultural pursuits and owns land in this county and five hundred and sixty-six acres in the neighboring county of Fayette. In the development of his properties he has followed a system carefully thought out years ago that has been beneficial to the whole community, for the example set by him in his agricultural operations has been followed with advantage and profit by many others. That he early gave his thoughtful attention to the subject of the betterment of farming conditions was shown years ago when he secured the first prize in a contest for the best article upon the subject of "Tile Drainage of Farm Lands"

and the second prize in a similar contest upon the subject of "System in Farming," conducted by two of the leading agricultural papers in the United States, both of which were hotly contested; while in his great poem, "The Rented Farm," which originally appeared in the *Stockman* (Pittsburgh) and which, by request, has been reprinted in that journal no fewer than a half dozen times (a very great compliment to the writer), as well as copied by other farm journals and various newspapers all over the country, gave to the world a most valuable word-picture of a condition that has faced the farmer from time immemorial, and it is undoubted that the lesson there conveyed has been heeded with advantage and comfort by many. In passing, it is but proper to state that Mr. Paxson's "The Rented Farm" is presented in the "Sidelights" chapter of the historical section of this work and is thus definitely preserved as a valuable contribution to the literary development of Greene county.

Mr. Paxson also is a writer on various other subjects besides that of agriculture and has been a wide contributor to the press on political, social, legal and religious topics. He has from the days of his youth been a constant reader, and has accumulated an excellent library at his home in Jamestown. In 1901 he published a story of rural life in Ohio under the title of "A Buckeye Baron," which received considerable favorable attention on the part of the reviewers. The book is generously illustrated with pictures of scenes about Clifton and as much of the narrative of the story has to do with what must be recognized as conditions common to that section of Greene county the "local atmosphere" of the story is thus strengthened. There is a suggestion of an autobiographic quality about "A Buckeye Baron" that lends an additional interest to the tale in the minds of the friends of the author. Both by tradition and by preference a Republican, Mr. Paxson, in his political views reserves the same right to independence of expression as he reserves in the expression of his religious views and his views on other basic phases of social life. Though nominally a Methodist, Mr. Paxson has never been regarded as strictly orthodox in his observance of the tenets of that communion. "They have Moses and the prophets, let them hear them"—each one for himself, is his doctrine. Mr. Paxson has been a wide traveler and has given his thoughtful attention to the problems of government revealed to him in his travels. His simple creed is summed up in the following expressive little poem written by him many years ago:

I want not gains begot by pelf,
But what I honest earn myself;
I crave not piles and hoards of wealth,
But I do wish for strength and health,
My family good and true and pure,
Endowed with virtues that endure.

No honest debts unliquidater
 No reputation overrated;
 Uncursed amidst the harpy tribe,
 Untainted by the guilty bribe;
 A faith in God, who doeth right,
 Unmoved by wrong, though backed by might;
 No orphan's cry to wound my ear,
 My conscience and my honor clear.
 Thus may I calmly meet my end,
 Thus to the grave in peace descend;
 And when I'm gone, I'd have it said
 "We're sorry that our neighbor's dead."
 It will comfort me in dying, to feel that it is true,
 That the world is someway better for my having traveled through.

On January 24, 1875, while living at Washington Court House, William A. Paxson was united in marriage to Rebecca C. Rankin, daughter of William C. and Jemima (Doan) Rankin, of Fayette county, and to this union were born five children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being Rankin, born on December 25, 1875, who died at the age of five years; Frostie, wife of F. H. Moyer, chief engineer of the Cambria Steel Works at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and William Stanley, born on January 17, 1890. William Stanley Paxson was graduated from the Jamestown high school when fifteen years of age, the youngest member of a graduating class in the history of that school, and was awarded a scholarship in Ohio Wesleyan University on account of the excellence of his grades. In his sophomore year in this latter institution he was made president of his class. He left there in his junior year and took up the study of law under the preceptorship of his father, later entering the Cincinnati Law School, from which he was graduated with honors after a three-years course, receiving a prize of one hundred dollars for having attained the highest grades in the class during the entire three years. In January, 1913, he began the practice of law at Cincinnati and is still located in that city, a member of the firm of Long & Paxson. In May, 1916, William S. Paxson was united in marriage to Amanda Maul, of Kentucky, and to this union one child has been born, a son, William Stanley, born on June 22, 1917.

EDWARD HACKETT.

In a biographical sketch relating to Charles H. Hackett, postmaster at Yellow Springs, there is set out at considerable length something of the history of the Hackett family in Greene county and of the coming of James Hackett and family to this county and their settlement in Miami township when the subject of this sketch was but a boy. James Hackett and his wife,

Ellen Cavanaugh, were born in Ireland, but were married at Springfield, Ohio, where for some time James Hackett was engaged in railroading. He then came down into Greene county with his family and after a while settled on the old R. B. Harvison farm, where he spent several years. He then moved to the Turner farm, later to the Harper farm, then to the Joseph Humphrey farm, then bought the old King farm south of Clifton and lived there twenty years. His health failed and he went to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. John Downey, where he died in 1916. His wife died in 1914.

Of the ten children born to James Hackett and wife and whose names are set out in the narrative above referred to, Edward Hackett, the well-known blacksmith at Yellow Springs, was the fourth in order of birth. He was born at Defiance, Ohio, February 20, 1870, and was but a child when his parents located in Greene county. He received his schooling in the Turner school and at Clifton and remained on the farm until he was twenty-two years of age, when he took up blacksmithing in the shop of M. M. Murray at Yellow Springs. Not long afterward he resumed farming, but four years later returned to blacksmithing and for two years was engaged in that business at Yellow Springs in association with S. W. Cox. Two years later Mr. Hackett bought S. W. Cox out in the place and has since been engaged in business there alone, continuing to occupy the same old stand on Walnut street where he began business many years ago. Mr. Hackett is a Democrat and a Catholic. On November 21, 1917, Mr. Hackett was married to Katherine Quinn, of Clark county, Ohio. She was born on March 3, 1872.

JOHN GRAHAM BUICK.

John Graham Buick, a farmer of the Yellow Springs neighborhood, is one of those fortunate individuals who have never been disturbed by a change of residence, he still residing in the house in which he was born on November 1, 1855, the house in which his parents spent their last days. These parents were William and Janet (Syme) Buick, natives of Scotland, the former born in 1810 and the latter, January 20, 1811, who were married in August, 1848, and who came to this country in 1853.

William Buick was a stonemason and the first work he performed in his line upon coming here was in helping to build Antioch College at Yellow Spring. He bought a tract of land in the neighborhood of the village, the place now owned by his son, John G., and there established his home, carrying on farming operations in addition to his labors as a stonemason, and he was thus engaged the rest of his life, his death occurring there on



JOHN G. BUICK AND DAUGHTER, JANET BLANCHE.
Apple Tree in Background was Planted in 1854 by William Buick.



February 3, 1861. His widow survived him for many years, her death occurring in that same house on October 15, 1892. They were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last born, the others being: Margaret S., who was born in 1849 in the village of Dunfermline, in Fifeshire, Scotland, the same village in which Andrew Carnegie was born; James, who was born in the city of Glasgow, September 2, 1850, and who died in 1883, and William, born at Yellow Springs, who died in childhood.

Reared on the home place in the neighborhood of Yellow Springs, John G. Buick completed his local schooling at Antioch College and then took a course in the Normal School at Lebanon, after which he resumed his place on the home farm and has ever since been operating the same, continuing there to make his residence in the house in which he was born. Mr. Buick is a Republican, as was his father, the latter having voted for Abraham Lincoln for President of the United States, but the only public office he has held has been as a member of the school board. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church at Clifton.

On October 12, 1915, John Graham Buick was united in marriage to Mrs. Etta Blanche (Callison) Campbell, of Yellow Springs, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Janet Blanche, born on May 8, 1917. By her previous marriage Mrs. Buick is the mother of one child, a son, Horace A. Campbell, who was born on August 24, 1911. Mrs. Buick was born in the neighboring county of Clark, daughter of Willard E. and Jennie (Dudley) Callison, who are living in the vicinity of Hustead, in that county, where Mr. Callison is engaged in market gardening. Mrs. Buick has one brother, Arges Carl Callison, who married Mabel Weaver and lives at Springfield, and two sisters, Ethel May, who married Albert Beeler, a Clark county farmer, and has three children, Harold, Ruth and Louise; and Leva Margaret Callison, who is living at Springfield.

FRANCIS MARION THOMAS.

For more than a hundred years, or ever since the days of the early settlement of the Painters Run region in this county, the Thomases, the Beesons and the Bayliffs have been represented in that neighborhood. It was in 1802 that Joshua and Margaret (Fry) Bayliff left their home in the vicinity of Winchester, Virginia, and came down the Ohio river, having fitted out a flatboat at Wheeling, and stopped at the then mere river hamlet of Cincinnati, where they remained for about a year, at the end of which time they came on up here into the valley of the Little Miami and settled

on a tract of land along Painters Run, in the vicinity of Paintersville, in Caesarscreek township, this county. These pioneers had eight children, Joshua, Margaret, Sarah, Elizabeth, Susanna, Anna, Polly Ann and Daniel. About the time that the Bayliffs settled there Jacob and Ellen Thomas, with their four sons, Benjamin, Henry, Arthur and Francis, and their daughter, Hannah, arrived in the settlement and located on a tract nearby the Bayliff home, the two families quickly becoming fast friends and neighbors. Benjamin Thomas married Elizabeth Bayliff and Henry Thomas married Susanna Bayliff and thus there early created something more than a mere neighborly bond between the two families. The tract on which the family of Jacob Thomas settled upon their arrival in this county is now owned by Mrs. Joshua Devoe. After his marriage to Elizabeth Bayliff, Benjamin Thomas established his home on that part of his father's original tract now owned by Raper Bales, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Polly, who married Simon Harness; Hannah, who married Lewis Bales; Ellen, who married Steele Dean; Joshua, who married Martha Lucas; Margaret, who married William Cottrell; Catherine, who married John Underwood, and Jacob, who married Eliza Beeson, the latter of whom, born in 1837, was one of the fourteen children born to Thomas and Keziah Beeson, well-known pioneers along the Paintersville road about three miles south of the village of New Jasper, in that part of the county that in the summer of 1853 was set off as the township of New Jasper.

Jacob Thomas was born in that part of the county that in 1858 was set off as Jefferson township, January 30, 1831, and grew up on the home farm. He married Eliza Beeson and established his home close by the old home farm and a few years later settled on a farm of one hundred and forty-five acres in New Jasper township, where he died on January 13, 1871, he then lacking but seventeen days of being forty years of age. He was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the Mt. Carmel Methodist Protestant church, not far from their home. Mr. Thomas's widow did not remarry and survived her husband until September, 1893. Jacob and Eliza (Beeson) Thomas were the parents of eight children, namely: Keziah, now living at Xenia, widow of William Albert Smith; Joshua, who died on November 18, 1863, at the age of four years; Benjamin, who died on November 30, 1863, at the age of three years; Lydia, born on June 7, 1862, who on September 18, 1879, married Jacob R. Jones and is now living at Mt. Tabor, this county; Alice, born on August 7, 1864, who married J. C. Bales and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased, her death having occurred on January 4, 1892; Loretta, born on April 10, 1866, who married Frank M. Spahr and who, as well as her husband, also

is deceased, her death having occurred on June 1, 1915; Francis Marion, the subject of this biographical review, and Jacob Lewis, born on May 8, 1870, now a resident of Logan county, this state, who married Ida Hite and has two children.

Francis Marion Thomas, seventh in the order of birth of the eight children born to Jacob and Eliza (Beeson) Thomas, was born on the home farm a mile and a quarter south of New Jasper on February 1, 1868. He was but three years of age when his father died and he thus early became an active factor in the labors of the home farm, the operations of which were maintained by his mother, leaving school at a somewhat earlier age than was the custom. A couple of months after his mother's death he married and took charge of the farm of his father-in-law, Cyrus Brown, in New Jasper township, making his home there for seven years, at the end of which time he and Mr. Brown bought a farm of one hundred and seventy-one acres, the place on which he is now living in that same township, and there he since has made his home. A few years after forming that land partnership with his father-in-law, Mr. Thomas bought Mr. Brown's interest in the place and in 1913 bought an adjoining tract of fifty-three acres and now has a farm of two hundred and twenty-four acres. In 1909 he erected on that place a fine new farm house. In addition to his general farming Mr. Thomas has given considerable attention to the raising of Poland China hogs. He is a Republican, and has served as a member of the local school board.

On November 2, 1893, Francis M. Thomas was united in marriage to Alice L. Brown, who also was born in New Jasper township, daughter of Cyrus and Mary Elizabeth Brown, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Grace E. Thomas, now (1918) a senior in Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and their daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at New Jasper and Mr. Thomas is a member of the board of trustees of the church.

CHARLES J. MELLINGER.

One of the young farmers of Miami township is Charles J. Mellinger, who was born in Clarke county, Ohio, July 16, 1882, the son of B. F. and Emma L. (Johnson) Mellinger, the former of whom was a native of Clark county, Ohio, and the latter of Greene county.

B. F. Mellinger comes of Pennsylvania stock, his parents being natives of that state, who came to Clark county in an early day. In 1876 he married Emma L. Johnson, the daughter of Asahel B. and Mary A.

(Gilmore) Johnson, the former of whom was a native of Kentucky, who came to Greene county, Ohio, in an early day, settling at first at Clifton, where he engaged in the general merchandise business with his brother. Later he moved to Yellow Springs. A. B. Johnson and wife were the parents of three children: Frank W., a farmer living near Yellow Springs; Charles S., now in the wall paper business at Xenia, formerly county coroner and deputy probate judge, and Emma L., who became the wife of B. F. Mellinger, and who died February 4, 1917. Mr. Mellinger was a farmer in Clark county for many years, but is now retired from active farm work and lives in Yellow Springs.

Charles J. Mellinger is the only child of his parents, and was reared on the home farm in Clark county, attending the common schools of his township, and later becoming a student of the high school at Springfield for two years. After leaving high school he took a commercial course in Wilt's Business College at Dayton, after which he was engaged as bookkeeper for the Springfield Meat Company for two years. He then took a short course in agriculture in Ohio University, at Columbus, Ohio, after which he engaged in farming in Clark county where he remained until 1910, when he moved to his present farm near Yellow Springs. This farm was owned by his mother for many years before her death, after which it was inherited by him. Mr. Mellinger is engaged in general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of Jersey cattle, having among his herd many show cattle.

In May, 1901, Mr. Mellinger was married to Geraldine Hathaway, daughter of Lewis P. and Amanda (Brown) Hathaway, the former of whom was a farmer of Warren county, Ohio, and is now deceased, his death having occurred in June, 1917. To this union have been born three daughters: Janet E., Emma A. and Mary Gretchen. Mr. Mellinger is independent in politics.

WILLIAM HENRY HILT.

William Henry Hilt, manager of his father's farm in Miami township, rural route No. 3 out of Yellow Springs, is a native of the neighboring county of Clark, born on a farm three miles north of the city of Springfield, but has been a resident of Greene county since 1895, in which year his parents moved down here and became landowners in Miami township. He was born on January 29, 1874, son of David and Nancy Ann (Humbarger) Hilt, the former of whom was born in the kingdom of Wurtemberg, and the latter in Clark county, this state, who are now living retired in the village of Yellow Springs and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume.



Wm. Henry Hilt.
Bertha Estella Hilt.

In 1878 David Hilt bought a farm of fifty-two acres in Greene township, Clark county, just across the border from Greene county, in the Yellow Springs neighborhood, and moved onto the same, remaining there until he came over the line into this county in 1895 and bought the farm which he now owns in Miami township. Henry Hilt was therefore but four years of age when he became a resident of the Yellow Springs neighborhood. He finished his schooling at Antioch College and after his marriage in 1898 began farming on his own account on his father's farm and since the retirement of his father in 1904 has been in charge of the operations of the same, carrying on general farming and stock raising. Mr. Hilt has a well-furnished home and excellent farm buildings.

On February 28, 1898, Henry Hilt was united in marriage to Bertha Estella Pentoney, who was born on August 14, 1876, daughter of Nicholas M. and Harriet M. (Collier) Pentoney, of Clark county, the latter of whom was born in that same county and the former (now deceased) in the state of West Virginia. Nicholas M. Pentoney and wife had three children, Mrs. Hilt having a brother, Thomas E., and a sister, Ida Lorena. Mr. and Mrs. Hilt are members of Bethel Lutheran church. They have an adopted daughter, Alma Eleanor, who was born on March 21, 1907.

ALVA HUSTON SMITH.

Alva Huston Smith, former treasurer of New Jasper township and proprietor of a farm of about two hundred acres on the New Jasper pike a mile and a half east of the village of that name, situated on rural mail route No. 1 out of Jamestown, was born on the old Smith farm a mile northeast of New Jasper on August 16, 1868, son of James Marion and Eliza (Huston) Smith, both of whom also were born in New Jasper township and the latter of whom is still living, now a resident of the village of New Jasper.

The late James Marion Smith, a veteran of the Civil War, who died at his home in New Jasper township on December 10, 1911, was born in that township on February 14, 1839, son of Daniel and Lucinda (Spahr) Smith, the latter of whom also was born in this county, in the vicinity of Xenia, a daughter of Mathias and Susanna (Hagler) Spahr, both members of pioneer families in this section of Ohio, who were married on August 8, 1818. Daniel Smith was born in Virginia and was but a babe in arms when his parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Kimble) Smith, drove through to Ohio in 1814, in company with Philip Spahr and family, and settled in Greene county, locating in what is now New Jasper township, the Smiths and the

Spahrs establishing their respective homes on adjoining tracts of land. Jacob Smith became the owner of three hundred acres of land and his children in due time were given a good start in life. He was a cooper by trade and for years operated a cooper shop on his farm, his sons looking after the farm affairs. He and his wife were members of the Methodist church and their children were reared in that faith. There were ten of these children of whom Daniel was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: Sarah, who married William Spahr; Susan, who married David Paullin and lived in Silvercreek township; Phœbe, who married Evan Harris, of Caesarscreek township; Elizabeth, who married James Spahr; William, who became a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and made his home in Silvercreek township; James, who also became a Methodist minister and lived in Silvercreek township; Nelson, who made his home in New Jasper township; Catherine, who married Peter Tressler, and Amanda, who married Stephen Beal, of Cedarville. Daniel Smith grew up on the pioneer farm on which his father had settled upon coming to this county and after his marriage established his home on a farm east of New Jasper, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there in 1884, he then being seventy years of age. In addition to his home farm, Daniel Smith was the owner of two other farms in that part of the county. He was for years a class leader in the old Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal church. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, seven sons and two daughters, all of whom lived to maturity, married and reared families of their own.

Reared on the farm on which he was born, James Marion Smith grew up there and in due time his father helped him get a farm. James M. Smith and his brother David bought a tract of fifty acres in partnership and for some time operated the same under that arrangement, but later James M. Smith bought his brother's interest in the tract. By that time he had acquired other land and was thus the owner of a tract of one hundred and fifty acres northeast of New Jasper, where he had established his home after his marriage. He added to his land holdings until he became the owner of five farms and nearly five hundred acres of excellent land. In August, 1862, James M. Smith enlisted his services as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War and went to the front as a member of Company D, One Hundred and Tenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served for two years and six months, or until he received his honorable discharge following an accident which befell him during the campaign in the Wilderness, an ax which flew off its helve while soldiers were constructing a breastwork nearly cutting off one of his feet and incapacitating him for further service. For some time he was confined in a hospital at Washing-

ton and when he was in a condition to be removed his father went East and brought him home. James M. Smith was a Republican. In addition to his general farming he was engaged in cattle raising. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at New Jasper and was a class leader, even as his father had been.

On October 17, 1866, James Marion Smith was united in marriage to Eliza Huston, who also was born in New Jasper township, on a farm a miles northwest of the village of New Jasper, in 1845, and who is still living, now a resident of the village of New Jasper, to which place she moved in 1916. Mrs. Smith is a daughter of William Smith and Sarah (Smith) Huston, the latter of whom also was born in New Jasper township, in 1822, and who died when thirty-three years of age. William Smith Huston was born in Knox county, Ohio, January 28, 1821, and was fourteen years of age when his parents, Robert and Ann (Lyon) Huston, moved from that county to Greene county in 1835 and located on a tract of land now occupied by the station of New Jasper, Robert Huston there becoming the possessor of three hundred acres of land. Originally a Whig, Robert Huston became a Republican upon the organization of the latter party. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church and their children were reared in that faith. There were eleven of these children, of whom William Smith Huston was the first-born and all of whom save Robert N., the sixth in order of birth, grew to maturity, the others having been George, James, Josiah, Mary L., Eliza Ann, John, Deborah Jane, Margaret and Robert Harvey. All these save Mary L., who married and moved to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, continued to make their homes in Greene county and here reared their families.

William Smith Huston grew to manhood on the farm on which his father had settled upon coming to this county and after his marriage bought the old Moore farm of one hundred and fifty acres, nearby his father's place, and there established his home. He later bought two other farms. Politically, he was a Republican and by religious persuasion was a Methodist. His last days were spent on the farm which he had brought to a high state of development and there he died on April 29, 1896, he then being past seventy-five years of age. William Smith Huston was twice married. His first wife, Sarah (Smith) Huston, died in 1855 and he later married Mrs. Emily (Howell) Fawcett, a widow, who survived him for seven years, her death occurring in 1903. By his first marriage Mr. Huston was the father of three children, namely: Eliza, widow of James Marion Smith; Sarah Jane, now deceased, who was the wife of Isaac Files, of Xenia, and Milton, deceased, who lived on the old home farm in New Jasper township

By his second marriage he had two sons, Addison J., a farmer in New Jasper township, and John C., a hardware merchant at Xenia. To James M. and Eliza (Huston) Smith were born three children, namely: Alva H., the immediate subject of this biographical sketch; Addison D., who is now living on the old home farm of his grandfather Huston in New Jasper township and a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume, and Jennie, wife of Dr. George Davis, of Xenia, a biographical sketch of whom also appears elsewhere in this volume.

Alva Huston Smith was reared on the farm on which he was born and there grew to manhood. He received his early schooling in the nearby Schooley district school and supplemented the same by a course in the Xenia high school. After his marriage in 1895, he and his brother Addison, who married about that same time, established their home on the old homestead place of their grandfather, Daniel Smith, owned then by their father, and began farming that place, at the same time taking charge of their father's adjoining farms of three hundred acres. Thus they continued in partnership for ten years, at the end of which time Addison Smith bought the old Huston place and moved to the same. Alva H. Smith continued his operation of the Smith farms, still maintaining his home in the old Daniel Smith house, and after his father's death came into possession of that place, a farm of one hundred and forty-eight acres, on which he still lives. He bought a fifty-acre tract adjoining and now has about two hundred acres. The house in which he lives, a substantial brick structure typical of the period in which it was built, was erected in 1862 by his grandfather, Daniel Smith, and is in an excellent state of preservation. It stands on a rise overlooking Caesars creek and among the noble old cedar trees that adorn the dooryard are two which were grown from sprouts that were sent by mail to Grandfather Smith from the latter's birthplace in Hardy county, Virginia, about the year 1860.

On December 25, 1895, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Rosa May Sutton, who also was born in New Jasper township, daughter of John and Catherine (Beason) Sutton, both members of pioneer families in Greene county, for both the Suttons and the Beasons have been represented here for more than a hundred years, and to this union has been born one child, a daughter, Catherine Eliza, born on August 14, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the New Jasper Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Smith is a class leader, as were his father and his grandfather before him. For the past twelve years he has been a member of the board of trustees of the church and treasurer of the board. Mr. Smith is a Republican and for six years served as treasurer of his home township.

JOHN HARVEY NISBET.

John Harvey Nisbet, a veteran of the Civil War, former court bailiff for Greene county and a painter and interior decorator, now living retired at Cedarville, was born in Cedarville and has lived there most of his life. He was born on June 5, 1842, son of John C. and Mary (McMillan) Nisbet, both of whom were born in the Chester district of South Carolina, who were married in this county and who spent their last days here, both living to be eighty years of age.

John C. Nisbet was born in 1808 and remained in South Carolina until 1834, in which year he came to Ohio and shortly afterward at Xenia married Mary McMillan, who had come to this county from South Carolina about that same time. After his marriage he became engaged in the mercantile business, in association with Corts & Marshall, at Cortsville, in the neighboring county of Clark, six miles northeast of Cedarville, but later returned to Greene county and became engaged in business at Cedarville, where he established his home. John C. Nisbet was a Republican and during the term of John Orr as county clerk served as deputy county clerk. He also rendered public service for several years under Judge Harper. He died at Xenia in 1888, he then being eighty years of age. His widow survived him for ten years, her death occurring at Cedarville in 1898, she then also being eighty years of age. They were members of the Reformed Presbyterian (Covenanter) church and their children were reared in that faith. Of the eight children born to them, five grew to maturity, namely: Catherine, now deceased, who was the wife of Samuel Ewing, of Louisville, Kentucky; Hugh M., who was a salesman for the Stewart Dry Goods Company at Louisville and who died on December 28, 1916; John H., the immediate subject of this biographical sketch; William K., who was for twenty-five years a railway postal clerk, having had the first fast-mail run inaugurated in the United States, in New York state, and later and for years the run between Cincinnati and Louisville and who died in the latter city in 1892, and James C., now living at Chicago, where for years he has been employed as a bookkeeper.

John H. Nisbet was reared at Cedarville and received his early schooling in the schools of that village, completing the same in the school that was long conducted there by the Rev. Hugh McMillan and in the old Grove school. In 1856 he began to work at the trade of painter and paper-hanger and was thus engaged in his home town when the Civil War broke out. On September 14, 1861, he enlisted for service in the Union army as a drummer in the Forty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out in October, 1862. In January, 1864, he re-enlisted and again

went to the front, as a member of Company D, Eighth Ohio Cavalry. This regiment was reorganized at Strawberry Plains, Tennessee, under Capt. Robert Lyle, as Company M, and he then served with Company M until he received his final discharge on July 30, 1865. During the progress of what was known as Hunter's raid, June 10, 1864, Mr. Nisbet was shot in the left ankle. He had not much more than comfortably recovered from that disability when, on January 11, 1865, he was captured by the enemy and was confined in Libby prison, from which he did not secure his release until in February, 1865. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Nisbet resumed his vocation as a painter and paper-hanger at Cedarville and after his marriage in the spring of 1868 established his home there, continuing to follow that vocation there until 1898, in which year he was appointed court bailiff, a position he occupied until January 1, 1906, since which time he has been living practically retired at his pleasant home in Cedarville. He and his wife are members of the Reformed Presbyterian church at Cedarville. Their poet son, Wilbur Dick Nesbit, has done honor to his church in his poem, "The Covenanters," which is presented in connection with the history of that church set out in the historical section of this work. Mr. Nisbet is a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is past commander and adjutant. For eight years before her marriage Mrs. Nisbet had been engaged as a teacher in the schools of Greene county, a profession upon which she entered when seventeen years of age.

It was on March 19, 1868, in Logan county, Ohio, that John H. Nisbet was united in marriage to Isabel Fichthorne, who also was born in this county, a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Hardie) Fichthorne, of New Jasper township. Isaac Fichthorne was born in Hardy county, Virginia, in 1812, and was but a child when his parents, who were natives of Virginia, came to Ohio and located in Greene county, establishing their home in New Jasper township. There he grew to manhood and married Elizabeth Hardie, who was born in Ayleth, Scotland, and who was but a child in arms when her parents came to this country and proceeded on out to Ohio, settling in New Jasper township. Isaac Fichthorne was a wagon-maker by trade and later a farmer. In 1867 he and his wife moved to Logan county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. He was a Lutheran and she was a member of the United Presbyterian church. They were the parents of twelve children, ten of whom grew to maturity. To John H. and Isabel (Fichthorne) Nisbet have been born six children, namely: Charles E., since 1890 engaged in the railway mail service, now a resident of Loveland, Ohio, who married Elizabeth Winter and has five children, Lawrence W., Roger C., Mary E., Thomas A. and John Harvey; Wilbur D., one of America's best-loved poets; Edward Harvey, living at Joliet, Illinois, where

he is engaged as a traveling salesman; Estella, formerly a teacher in the Cedarville schools, who married J. J. McClelland and died in 1911, leaving two children, Dorothy and Marjorie; Kate Belle, who is at home with her parents, and John Emerson, who married Lynna Wamsley and has for years been engaged in newspaper work, formerly connected with the *Indianapolis Star* and now editor of the *Dayton Herald*.

JOSEPH W. ADAMS.

Joseph W. Adams, a farmer of Miami township, former assessor of that township and a resident of the Clifton neighborhood, was born on a farm in the vicinity of Xenia, in Xenia township, August 25, 1852, a son of James G. G. and Eleanor C. (Hutchinson) Adams, the former a native of the state of Massachusetts and the latter of Pennsylvania, who were married in this county and who later became residents of Miami township, remaining there until their retirement from the farm and removal to Yellow Springs, where their last days were spent.

James G. G. Adams was born in 1820 and was but a small child when his father died. His mother, who was a Galloway, not long afterward came to Greene county and here presently married George Townsley. James G. G. Adams was but a child when he came to Greene county with his mother from his native Massachusetts and his schooling was obtained in the Xenia city schools. At the age of eighteen years he became engaged in teaching school and was thus engaged at the time of his marriage in 1849. After his marriage he continued teaching for a few years and then began farming in Xenia township, later moving to Miami township, where he was engaged in farming until his retirement and removal to Yellow Springs, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there on January 2, 1898. He was buried in beautiful Woodland cemetery at Xenia.

It was on December 20, 1849, that James G. G. Adams was united in marriage to Eleanor C. Hutchinson, who was but a girl when she came to this county with her parents from Pennsylvania, and to that union were born nine children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being as follows: George T., born on October 8, 1850, who became an expert telegrapher and who died on January 21, 1876; Joseph W., the subject of this biographical sketch; Anna M., born on October 11, 1854, who died when three years of age; Charles Ezbon, April 18, 1858, who became a lawyer and who died on January 8, 1898; Frank E., January 1, 1861, who is now engaged in the mercantile business in the West; James A., October 7, 1862, also living in the West, where he is engaged as an electrician, and J. Harwood, May 15, 1866, now living retired at Yellow Springs.

Joseph W. Adams received his schooling in the Xenia township schools.

After his marriage in 1879 he began farming on his own account in Cedarville township and later moved to a farm in Beavercreek township, where he remained for eighteen years, or until his return to Miami township in 1903, in that year taking possession of the farm on which he is now living and where he has since resided. Mr. Adams is assisted in the management of his farm by his younger son, Howard, who is still at home. Mr. Adams is a Republican and has served as township assessor and at various times as a member of the school board.

On September 24, 1879, Mr. Adams was united in marriage to Minnie A. Anderson, daughter of James and Catherine (Blair) Anderson, of Cedarville township, both of whom were natives of Scotland and who were the parents of two children, Mrs. Adams having had a brother who died in his youth. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have five children, namely: Charles A., born on July 14, 1880, now farming in Miami township, who married Grace Harner, of Beavercreek township, and has one child, a daughter, Elva, born on December 14, 1913; Franke Eleanor, September 17, 1881, who married David J. Schwarz and has one child, a son, Paul W., born on February 4, 1908; James R., now a member of the detective force of the city of Springfield, Ohio, who on June 27, 1912, married Geneva Robinson; Joseph C., April 17, 1890, who became an electrician and who is now a member of the national army, attached to the artillery division in training at Camp Sherman, and Howard, April 8, 1894, who is unmarried and who is assisting his father in the management of the home farm, a member of the Clifton lodge of the Knights of Pythias. Mr. and Mrs. Adams and three of the children are members of the Presbyterian church at Yellow Springs. Mrs. Schwarz and Charles A. are members of the Reformed church.

DAVID FRANKLIN BELT.

David Franklin Belt, proprietor of a farm in Spring Valley township, rural mail route No. 4, out of Xenia, has been a resident of Greene county all his life. He was born on a farm in Sugarcreek township on March 27, 1863, son of John and Amanda (Crumbaugh) Belt, both of whom also were born in this county.

The late John Belt, who died at his home in this county in the summer of 1917, was born in Sugarcreek township on June 9, 1834, son of Whiteford and Matilda (Dickensheets) Belt, the former of whom was a native of the state of Maryland. Whiteford Belt was a millwright and was engaged in that vocation at various places until he established his home in Sugarcreek township, this county, where he and his wife spent their last



MR. AND MRS. DAVID F. BELT.

days. On the farm on which he was born John Belt grew to manhood and there remained until his marriage in 1859, after which for a year he made his residence in Dayton. He then lived for a couple of years in Miami county and then returned to this county and settled in the Alpha neighborhood, presently moving from there to a farm in Spring Valley township, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in June, 1917, he then being in the eighty-fourth year of his age. For ten years in the earlier part of his life he was a butcher and he also worked for some time as a carpenter before buying his farm. He was a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. John Belt was thrice married and was the father of nineteen children. On November 2, 1859, he was united in marriage to Amanda Crumbaugh, who was born at Xenia, daughter of Samuel Crumbaugh, a carpenter of that place. She died on April 2, 1863, at the age of twenty years. Of the three children born to that union the subject of this sketch is the only one now living. On October 3, 1863, John Belt married Susan P. Loy, who was born in Ohio, and who died on July 5, 1889. To that union were born fifteen children, Marion, Oliver J., John A., Charles E., Ora C., Harry E., Joseph W., George L., Thomas H., Harriet E., Ida V., Ralph A., Kate M., Anna B., and Perry. On July 23, 1890, John Belt married Elizabeth Parker, who died in 1913. To that union one child was born, a daughter, Amanda Elizabeth, who is now a student at Antioch College.

David F. Belt was reared on the home farm and received his schooling in the Bellbrook schools. He remained at home until he had passed his majority and after his marriage in the spring of 1891 he and his wife began housekeeping on a farm a mile and a half southwest of Bellbrook, a year later moving from that place to the place on which they are now living and have thus been occupying that place for twenty-six years. When Mr. Belt took up his residence there the only house on the place was an old log house, a holdover from pioneer days. In 1900 he bought the farm and has since then made numerous improvements, including the erection of a new house, barn and other farm buildings. Mr. Belt has a farm of seventy acres and in addition to his general farming for years operated a threshing-machine outfit during seasons. By political affiliation he is a Republican.

On March 27, 1891, at Xenia, David F. Belt was united in marriage to May Dilts, who was born in that city, March 15, 1867, daughter of Preston and Carrie (Hollingshead) Dilts, the latter of whom also was born in Xenia. Preston Dilts was born at Winamac, Indiana, and was for years a gardener at Xenia. He was twice married and by his first wife, the mother of Mrs. Belt, was the father of six children, those besides Mrs. Belt, the second in order of birth, being Harry, Emma, Frank, Clara and

Walter. Of these Mrs. Belt and her brother Walter, the latter now a resident of Michigan City, Indiana, are the only survivors. The mother of these children died on November 5, 1872, and in 1873 Mr. Dilts married Mrs. Susan Wood, a widow, who died on December 7, 1877, leaving two children, Elmer and Albert. Preston Dilts died on October 26, 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Dilts are members of the First Reformed church at Xenia.

BENJAMIN F. CLAYTON.

Benjamin F. Clayton, a veteran of the Civil War, formerly and for years an active minister of the Christian church and also formerly actively engaged in the practice of dental surgery, now and for some years past living practically retired at Yellow Springs, which he has regarded as his home since 1904, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state most of his life, though his ministerial vocation for some years required his residence in far removed states, he having at different times been a resident of Rhode Island, Iowa and Indiana. The Doctor has also at times been serviceable as a chautauqua lecturer. For years he has been an active worker in Pythian circles and for six years was chaplain of the Ohio state grand lodge of the order of the Knights of Pythias. He was born on a farm in Champaign county, near West Liberty, June 1, 1847, son of Jonathan and Eliza (Watson) Clayton, the former a Virginian and the latter a native of Vermont, who were married at West Liberty, Ohio, and whose last days were spent at Marion, Indiana, both living to ripe old ages.

Jonathan Clayton was born at Shepperdstown, Virginia, in 1810, of Welsh descent, received his schooling in his native state and remained there until he was twenty-one years of age, when he came to Ohio and located in Clark county, presently going thence to West Liberty, in Logan county, where, in 1843, he married Eliza Watson, who was born in Vermont on January 1, 1821. Jonathan Clayton was a grist-miller by vocation and after following that business for some time became engaged in farming in Champaign county and there continued to reside until his retirement from the farm at the age of sixty-five years, and removal to Marion, Indiana, where he spent his last days, his death occurring there in 1894, he then being eighty-four years of age. His widow survived him for about seventeen years, her death occurring on January 31, 1911, she then being at the age of ninety years and thirty days. They were the parents of ten children, of whom the doctor was the third in order of birth, the others being as follows: John R., deceased; William, deceased; Mrs. Ruhama Ann McElvan, who is now living at Denver, Colorado; Thomas C., a resident of Pitkin, Colorado; Mrs. Eliza Jane McGinnis, of Marion, Indiana; Prof. Henry C.

Clayton, superintendent of schools at Marion, Indiana; Eunice, wife of Doctor Kinley, of Marion, Indiana; Charles, of Wellington, Kansas, and Elmer E., who died in infancy.

Benjamin F. Clayton was reared at West Liberty and there received a high-school education. His inclination early being directed toward the gospel ministry he later entered the Christian Biblical Institute at Stanfordsville, New York, and after a four-years' theological course there was ordained as a minister of the Christian church. Doctor Clayton's first call was to the church at Jamestown, in this county, and he remained in pastoral charge for four years, at the end of which time he accepted a call to Rhode Island and was for eleven years and six months engaged in the service of the church there. He then returned to Ohio, accepting a call to the church at Franklin, in the neighboring county of Warren, and was for four years in pastoral charge of the church there, later being recalled to that same church for a year. After a residence of thirteen years in Franklin he moved to Yellow Springs and has since maintained his home there, though after locating there he accepted a call to the church at Clemons, Iowa. He did not remain there long, however, presently resigning his charge, but he later was recalled to the same charge.

In addition to his wide ministerial service, Mr. Clayton is also quite well known as a chautauqua lecturer and has had much experience on the platform. During his residence at Franklin he was an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, his connection with that patriotic order being based upon his service as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, a member of Company I, One Hundred and Ninety-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served from March 7, 1865, to December 18, 1865. He also for years has been an active member of the Knights of Pythias and for six years was chaplain of Uniform Rank of that order. Politically, he is a Republican.

On June 3, 1873, at Marion, Indiana, Mr. Clayton was united in marriage to Ada Maple, daughter of the Rev. James and Sarah (Maxwell) Maple, the former of whom was a minister of the Christian church, at that time pastor of the church of that denomination at Marion. Mrs. Clayton died July 9, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton had no children of their own, but they reared three children. The first of these children, Carrie Brown, remained with them until she was twenty-three years of age, when she went back to Rhode Island, the state of her birth, and was there married to Frank Dawley. The other two were boys, Alpheus McLain, who later took the middle name of Clayton, and John Marlott, the former of whom Mr. and Mrs. Clayton took when he was four years of age and the latter at the age of eleven. Both of these lads were reared to manhood by Mr. and Mrs.

Clayton and then went to Canada, where each homesteaded a half section of land and are there still making their homes. During the Philippine War John Marlott rendered service in the paymaster's department. He married Flossie B. Parsons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Parsons, of Yellow Springs, and has two children, Jane Lehlia and John Clayton. Alpheus Clayton McLain married Lizzie Wolff, of Stalwart, Saskatchewan, Canada, and has four children, Clayton Benjamin, John William, Eugene Douglas and Alline Marie.

HON. JAMES E. LEWIS.

The Hon. James E. Lewis, former representative from this district in the Ohio General Assembly, former clerk of the village of Jamestown, former treasurer of Ross township, present president of the board of education in the latter township, and proprietor of a fine farm in Ross township, situated on rural mail route No. 4 out of Jamestown, is a native "Buckeye" and has lived in this state all his life. He was born in Highland county on September 18, 1867, son of Alfred and Lucinda (Woolums) Lewis, both of whom were born in that same county, the former of whom was a building contractor, and who were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being the following: Mrs. Ida Billingsley, of Adams county, this state; William A., who is now a resident of Los Angeles, California; Arthur N. and Jonathan K., residents of New Orleans; Charles, now a first lieutenant in the national army of the United States, and Mrs. Lydia Pense, of Highland county.

Following the completion of the course in the public schools of Highland county, James E. Lewis took two years of supplemental instruction in a normal training school and for two years thereafter taught school in his home county. He then became employed as a teacher in this county, making his home in Jamestown, and for eighteen years was a teacher in Ross township. In the fall of 1892 Mr. Lewis married and in 1895 moved to the farm on which he is now living in Ross township and has since then made that his place of residence. Mr. Lewis is operating a farm of about seven hundred acres and makes a specialty of the raising of Poland China hogs. He is a Republican and for fourteen years served as a member of the county central committee of his party. In 1893 he was elected clerk of the village of Jamestown and held that office until his removal to Ross township in 1895. For two terms he served as treasurer of Ross township and for five years served as a member of the Greene county board of deputy state supervisors of elections and was chief deputy at the time of his election to a seat in the state House of Representatives in 1908. Mr. Lewis's course in the House



J. E. Lewis



Rosa B. Lewis,

proved so satisfactory to his constituents that he was re-elected and thus served as representative from this county for two terms or until 1913. He has for many years been recognized as the leader in educational affairs in his home township and is now the president of the Ross township board of education. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Jamestown and Mr. Lewis was for some time superintendent of the Sunday school of the same. He is affiliated with the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the local encampment, Patriarchs Militant, at Jamestown, and with the lodges of the Knights of Pythias and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at that place.

On September 14, 1892, James E. Lewis was united in marriage to Rosa B. Ballard, who was born and reared on the farm on which she and Mr. Lewis are now living, three miles north of Jamestown. Mrs. Lewis is the only surviving child of four children born to the late Jackson and Magdaline (Taylor) Ballard, who were for years residents of Ross township. Jackson Ballard, who became one of Ross township's substantial landowners, was born in Adams county, this state, October 25, 1822, and was but six months of age when his parents, Lyman Ballard and wife, came to Greene county and settled in Ross township, where he spent the rest of his life. In May, 1851, he married Magdaline Taylor, who was born on a farm in the Jamestown neighborhood, daughter of Isaac and Frances (Gilmore) Taylor, the former of whom also was one of Greene county's substantial landowners. Isaac Taylor was born on a sailing vessel on the Atlantic ocean while his parents were en route to this country from their native Ireland. They settled in Rockbridge county, Virginia, where Isaac Taylor grew to manhood and where he married Frances Gilmore, who was born in that county and whose father and grandmother had undergone a perilous experience years before at the hands of Indians, that experience having had what newspaper writer of the present day would call a "local end," inasmuch as it involved an enforced sojourn at the old Indian village at Chillicothe on the site of the present picturesque hamlet of Oldtown, in this county, Grandmother Gilmore and her then young son having been captured by the Indians during a savage raid into Rockbridge county and brought out here with other captives and held at the Indian village along the banks of the river where Oldtown is now situated until they were some years later rescued by a military party and restored to their family in Virginia. In 1827 Isaac Taylor and his wife came to Ohio and settled in Preble county, but two years later came to Greene county and permanently located in the Jamestown neighborhood. They were the parents of nine children, five of whom, Magdaline, William G., John F., Daniel and Isaac, grew to maturity and reared families. Jackson Ballard and his wife were the parents of four children, of

whom Mrs. Lewis, as noted above, is now the only survivor, the others having been Frances, Isaac and Minnie.

GRANVILLE C. FORD.

Granville C. Ford, a young colored farmer of Greene county and the proprietor of a farm of more than eighty-three acres, a part of the old Ferguson place, in New Jasper township, rural mail route No. 8 out of Xenia, has been a resident of this county for about eight years. He was born at Topeka, Kansas, January 7, 1881, son of George L. and Susan R. (Lett) Ford, both of whom were free-born natives of Virginia, and the latter of whom is still living, now a resident of Washington Court House in the neighboring county of Fayette.

George L. Ford was born in 1857, a son of Granville Ford, who came from Virginia to Ohio with his family and settled on a farm in Ross county, where he spent the rest of his life. George L. Ford grew up on the farm in Ross county, having been but a child when his parents came to Ohio, and in 1878 went to Kansas and rented a farm in the immediate vicinity of the city of Topeka. Two years later he returned East and married and then went back to Kansas and resumed his farming, but in 1882 he suffered a total loss of his crops by reason of the hot winds then prevalent throughout that part of the country and gave up, pocketing a loss of not less than five thousand dollars, and returned to Ohio, locating in Fayette county, where he is still living, for some time past having operated a moving-van in the county seat, Washington Court House. His wife died in 1903. He is a member of the African Methodist Episcopal church. To him and his wife were born eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being George, a teamster, now living at Canton, Ohio; Goldie, Glenna, Pearl, Beaumola and Alaroma, who are living at Xenia, and Coit C., who is now a senior at Wilberforce University.

Granville C. Ford was but a babe in arms when his parents returned to Ohio from Kansas and he grew up in Fayette county, receiving his schooling in the public schools at Washington Court House. Until he was twenty-one years of age he helped his father and then began working on his own account as a farm hand. His employer was superintendent of pikes and his time was thus so greatly diverted from his farm that the management of the place practically fell upon young Ford, who developed into a practical farmer. He remained on that farm for four years and then married and moved to Ross county, where he rented a farm and remained for three years, or until 1910, when he came over into Greene county and rented the Ferguson place in New Jasper township, where he ever since has made his

home. In 1913 he bought eighty-three and three-fourths acres of that place, and has since erected a barn. He is a Republican.

On March 23, 1907, in Fayette county, Granville C. Ford was united in marriage to Frosty Wheat, who was born in that county, daughter of Louis and Sallie Wheat, the latter of whom is still living, a resident of Fayette county, and to this union have been born five children, namely: Harold Percy, born on February 2, 1908; Glenwood, October 17, 1910; Mary, February 23, 1912; George L., June 5, 1913, and Clarence Henry, January 27, 1918.

JULIUS CICERO JACOBS.

Julius Cicero Jacobs, a Greene county farmer, now living at Yellow Springs, is a native of the state of Maryland, but has lived in Ohio and in Greene county since he was two years of age. He was born on a farm in Allegany county, Maryland, April 10, 1851, son of Ahimaaz and Emily (Trollinger) Jacobs, both of whom were born in that same state and who were married there, remaining there until 1853, in which year they came to Ohio and settled on a farm west of the village of Yellow Springs in this county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Ahimaaz Jacobs was of Welsh and English stock, was a farmer and he and his wife were the parents of six children, four of whom were born in Maryland and two in this county. Of these children the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Gabriel, who died in infancy; Laura, who died in infancy; Mary Levina, also deceased; Jacob Thomas, who is now living on the old home place west of Yellow Springs, and William Austin, deceased.

As noted above, Mr. Jacobs was but two years of age when his parents came to this county in 1853 and he grew to manhood on the home farm west of Yellow Springs. He completed his schooling by attendance for several terms at Antioch College and then became engaged in the carpenter business, a vocation which he followed for about five years, or until his marriage in 1875, after which he located on a farm in Miami township, where he established his home and where he engaged in general farming and stock raising until his retirement from the farm in 1910 and removal to Yellow Springs, where he and his wife are now living. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

On December 9, 1875, Mr. Jacobs was united in marriage to Hannah Miriam Johnson, who was born in this county, daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Estle) Johnson, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to this union six children have been born, four sons and two

daughters, namely: James Madison Harris Jacobs, born on January 28, 1877, now living in Dayton, who on March 26, 1915, married Ruth Van Tilburg and has two children, Robert H., born on March 3, 1916, and Russell, May 3, 1917; William Elmer Jacobs, September 4, 1878, now living on a farm east of Clifton, who on April 10, 1907, married Mabel Booghier and has two children, Anna and Earl; Florence Maude, February 23, 1881, who married Carl Hammer, now living at Lansing, Michigan, and has one child, a daughter, Ruth; Mary Pearl, May 29, 1884, who married Howard Birch, now manager of the Woolworth store at Fostoria, Ohio, and has one son, Kenneth; Charles Walter Jacobs, September 24, 1887, now living on the home place, who married Gladys Nave and has two children, Wendell Walter and Beatrice Alnora, and Homer Harold Jacobs, August 7, 1892, who is now located at Dayton, where he is connected with the work of the Wright aeroplane factory.

ARTHUR E. COLLINS.

It is but fitting that in the annals of the county in which he was born and in which he spent his whole life there should appear a proper tribute to the memory of the late Arthur E. Collins, who died in the spring of 1914, and whose widow, Mrs. Mary L. Leeper Collins, president of the Greene County Woman's Christian Temperance Union, is still living in Xenia. Arthur E. Collins was a member of one of the first families in Greene county, his great-grandfather, William Collins, having been one of the early settlers in the Massiescreek settlement, a few years later locating in the Oldtown neighborhood, a few miles north of Xenia, where the family home was established. William Collins came to this county with his family from York county, Pennsylvania, and was one of that sturdy band of settlers, of Scottish descent, which formed the basis of that strong United Presbyterian element which has been one of the dominant factors in the community life of this county from the very beginning. He and his wife were the parents of ten children and the Collins connection throughout this part of the state in the present generation is thus a numerous one.

Arthur E. Collins was born on the old home farm north of Oldtown, in Xenia township, February 19, 1866, a son of William H. and Mary (Galloway) Collins, the former of whom was a son of Samuel and Rebecca (McClellan) Collins, Samuel Collins being the fifth in order of birth of the ten children born to William Collins and wife, mentioned above. Samuel Collins was born in York county, Pennsylvania, in 1804, and was but a child when his parents came to Ohio and settled in this county. Here he received his schooling and for a time was engaged in teaching school. In 1836 he



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married Rebecca McClellan, daughter of John McClellan and wife, of Spring Valley township, and straightway after his marriage established his home on the farm north of Oldtown which he had bought and on which he had erected a stone house for the reception of his bride. Samuel Collins was a successful farmer and became the owner of more than five hundred acres of land. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom William H. was the second in order of birth, the others having been Nancy E., who married John H. Jobe; John Q., a veteran of the Civil War; Lydia, who died unmarried; James Martin, who became a substantial farmer of this county; Mary Jane, who married John D. M. Stewart, of Xenia; Isabella, who married S. K. Williamson, of Cedarville, and Anna Rebecca, who married R. W. Moore, of Xenia.

William H. Collins was born on the old home farm north of Xenia, above Oldtown, on November 6, 1838, and on that place grew to manhood. On February 22, 1865, he was united in marriage to Mary Galloway, who was born at Paris, Kentucky, May 17, 1836, and who was but a girl when her parents, Samuel Galloway and wife, the latter of whom was a Kirkpatrick, came to Ohio and settled in Hamilton county. After his marriage he established his home on the home farm just north of Oldtown and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were members of the United Presbyterian church and their children were reared in that faith. There were three of these children, sons all, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the first-born, the others being Frank and Harvey, both of whom are still living in the Oldtown neighborhood. Frank Collins, who was born on November 6, 1868, is living on a farm north of Xenia and has been twice married. His first wife died without issue and he later married Bartha Tate, to which union three children have been born, Louise, born in 1906; Paul, 1908, and John William, 1912. Harvey Collins, who was born on August 2, 1874, married Nellie Anderson, of Clifton, and lives on the old home farm. He and his wife have four children, Eugene, born in 1898; Frederick, 1904; John Harvey, 1908, and Mary Eleanor, 1915.

Reared on the home farm north of town, Arthur E. Collins received excellent schooling and early turned his attention to practical farming, continuing thus engaged the rest of his life, occupying that part of the home farm that he had inherited. His death occurred on March 29, 1914, and his body is now lying in beautiful Woodland cemetery at Xenia. He was a member of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia. Since the death of Mr. Collins his widow has been making her home at Xenia and has lately built an attractive new house on Detroit street. She has for years been active in church and temperance work and as the president of the Greene County Woman's Christian Temperance Union has rendered invaluable

service in behalf of the cause of temperance and good government in the city and county. Mrs. Collins has two children, a son and a daughter, Robert Leeper Collins, born on June 11, 1895, who is now serving in the great National Army of the United States, in the service of which he enlisted following the declaration of war against Germany in the spring of 1917, leaving his school work unfinished at Muskingum College, and Erma, born on March 16, 1904, who is a student in the Xenia schools.

Mrs. Collins was born, Mary Leeper, in Hookstown, Pennsylvania, and was there married to Arthur E. Collins on August 31, 1892. She is a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Dallas) Leeper, the former of whom was born at that same place, November 6, 1827, and the latter, at Springfield, Ohio, July 17, 1829. Robert Leeper was a son of Hugh and Esther (Harper) Leeper, who also were born in Pennsylvania, both of Scotch-Irish descent. He inherited the old homestead farm on which he was born at Hookstown and there he reared his family and spent all his life, an energetic farmer and for many years an elder in the United Presbyterian church. His wife, Elizabeth Dallas, was born at Springfield, in the neighboring county of Clark, but grew to womanhood in Greene county, she having been but a girl when she became a resident of Sugarcreek township, where she was living when, on November 22, 1864, she was united in marriage to Robert Leeper, straightway afterward going with him to his home at Hookstown. To that union were born five children, of whom Mrs. Collins was the third in order of birth, the others being Hugh, William, John and Robert, all of whom are still living. Hugh Leeper, who is living on a farm in the vicinity of his old home in the Hookstown neighborhood, in Pennsylvania, married Elizabeth Campbel and has four children, three sons, Earl, William and Robert, and a daughter, Gene. The Rev. William Leeper, a minister of the United Presbyterian church, now stationed at Chicago, married Lulu McClellan and has two children, Mary and Robert. John Leeper, who is now living in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, married Margaret Campbell and has one child, a daughter, Mildred. Robert Leeper, who is still living on the old Leeper farm in the vicinity of Hookstown, which has been in the possession of the family for generations, married Helen Kerr and has five children, Arthur Wallace, Hugh, Elizabeth, Frederick and Helen.

ELMER A. HAMMA.

Elmer Hamma, formerly and for fifteen years president of the Miami township school board, was born on the farm on which he now living there and has spent the greater part of his life there, a continuous resident on that place since his marriage in 1888. He was born on October 30, 1862, son

of Andrew and Matilda (Carter) Hamma, who had been residents on the farm here referred to since 1854 and whose last days were spent there.

Andrew Hamma was born in York county, Pennsylvania, and was fourteen years of age when he came with his parents to Ohio, the family driving through and settling in Greene county. Here he grew to manhood and became a farmer. He married Matilda Carter, who was born in the neighboring county of Madison and who was living there at the time of her marriage, and a few years later, in 1854, bought the farm in Miami township above referred to, and there established his home. Andrew Hamma and wife were the parents of thirteen children, three of whom died in infancy, the others being the following: David, deceased; John Madison, also deceased; Angie Belle, wife of Horace Shaw, of the neighboring county of Clark; Elizabeth, wife of John Shaw, also of Clark county; Matilda, wife of Charles Petrey, of Clark county; Myrtle, wife of Charles Garlow, of that same county; Mabel, wife of Earl Oglesby, of Yellow Springs; Dessie, wife of the Rev. Carl Aue, of Emporia, Kansas; Elmer A., the immediate subject of this biographical sketch; Dr. Charles Hamma, formerly and for years a practicing physician at Springfield, who enlisted his services upon the declaration of war against Germany in 1917 and is now connected with the medical corps of the national army, attached to the expeditionary forces in France, and Ervine, who is married and is living in California. Andrew Hamma and wife were Lutherans and their children were reared in that faith.

Reared on the home farm in Miami township, Elmer A. Hamma received his early schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and when fourteen years of age went up into Clark county, where he remained twelve years, or until his marriage in the fall of 1888, after which he returned to the old home place and established his home there. For fifteen years he rendered service as president of the Miami township school board, holding that office continuously during that period or until his resignation about five years ago.

On October 20, 1888, at Clifton, Mr. Hamma was united in marriage to Hattie Gowdy, of that place, daughter of James and Louise (Confer) Gowdy, both members of pioneer families in Greene county, and to this union five children have been born, namely: Howard, who is now working on the Whitehall farm in this county and who married Mabel Dewine and has one daughter, Louise; Nellie, who married Edward Lampert, of Xenia, and has one daughter, Martha; Mabel, who is at home with her parents; Marjorie, who married Ted Haines, an engineer on the Big Four railroad, now living at Sharonville, in the vicinity of Cincinnati, and has two children, Pollyanna and Frances; and Dorothy, wife of Roy Ferrell, a farmer living in the neighboring county of Clark. The Hammans are Lutherans.

GEORGE HENRY VOLKENAND.

George Henry Volkenand, proprietor of "Sycamore Stock Farm" in the Alpha neighborhood in Beavercreek township, was born in that township on December 19, 1860, son of Herman and Martha (Brod) Volkenand, whose last days were spent at Dayton, this state, and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume.

Herman Volkenand was born in Germany, January 26, 1826, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Haas) Volkenand, the former of French birth, and was educated in his native land, coming to this country in the days of his young manhood, the only member of his family to come over here at that time. However, some years later his sister Elizabeth, now Mrs. Zein, of Dayton, came to this country. Upon his arrival in this country Herman Volkenand came to Ohio and for some months was engaged at work in an oil mill near the Indian Ripple bridge, later accepting employment as a farm hand on the Jacob Coy farm. He then went to Missouri and thence up into Iowa and Minnesota, but a year later returned to this county and in 1848, in the Mt. Zion Reformed church in Beaver township was married to Martha Brod, who also was born in Germany, January 3, 1828, and who had not long before come to this country. For two years after his marriage Mr. Volkenand was employed as foreman in the Shoup & Harline distillery in Beavercreek township and then he bought a farm of seventy-five acres on the east bank of the Little Miami, the place now occupied by his son Herman. On October 18, 1871, he started on a trip back to his boyhood home in Germany and there spent three months visiting his mother. In April, 1877, he bought property in the village of Alpha and moved to that village, where he remained until July 17, 1877, when he moved onto a farm of sixty-eight acres he previously had bought in that neighborhood, the place now occupied by his son George H., and there he lived until his retirement in 1888 and removal to the old Samuel Edgar home at Dayton, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, her death occurring on January 29, 1899, and his, March 17, 1904. During their residence in this county they were members of Mt. Zion Reformed church and upon their removal to Dayton became connected with the Reformed church in that city. During his residence in Greene county Herman Volkenand served as postmaster at Alpha, under the administration of President Cleveland, during the years 1881-85, also served as railway ticket agent and as express agent at Alpha, for fifteen years was school director in his home district, for eight years was a member of the board of education and also served for some time as trustee of Beavercreek township. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was



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the fourth in order of birth, the others being Leonard, a building contractor at Dayton; Anna, wife of Warren Glotfelter, a farmer of Sugarcreek township; Elizabeth, who died at the age of seventeen years; Herman, mentioned above as the owner of the old home farm along the river; John, who made his home at Dayton and who died in that city in July, 1917; and Martha, wife of John Higgins, of Sugarcreek township.

George H. Volkenand grew up on the farm and received his schooling in the McClung district school in the neighborhood of his home. He remained on the farm until 1887, when he went to Alpha and there became engaged in the general merchandise business and was postmaster under Cleveland's second administration, continuing there engaged in business for nine years and three months, at the end of which time he went to Lawrenceburg, Indiana, where for two years he was engaged in the mercantile business. He then returned to Greene county and in the spring of 1900 married and became engaged in the carpenter business, working at Dayton, Trebeins and other place for five years, or until in March, 1905, when he moved to the farm on which he is now living and to which he has given the name of "Sycamore Stock Farm." Since taking possession of that place Mr. Volkenand has made numerous improvements on the same and has added to his holdings until now he is the owner of a farm of one hundred and three acres. In addition to this general farming he makes a specialty of the raising of Shorthorn and Jersey cattle, Duroc and Poland China hogs and keeps a good many horses. Mr. Volkenand votes the Democratic national ticket, as did his father, but in local affairs does not draw party lines. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias at Alpha.

On March 28, 1900, George H. Volkenand was united in marriage to Margaret Neff, who was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, and who was but a child when she came to this county with her parents, Joseph and Anna Neff, the family settling in New Jasper township. Joseph Neff was a stonemason. He and his wife were born in Virginia and their last days were spent in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Volkenand have one child, a son, Murrill Leonard, born on January 8, 1905. About six years ago they took into their home a little girl, Delsa Alderman, who they are rearing as one of their family, though they have not adopted her.

OLIVER MALLOW SPAHR.

Oliver Mallow Spahr, clerk of New Jasper township and a farmer of that township, living on rural mail route No. 8 out of Xenia, was born in that township, a member of one of the old families of Greene county, and

has lived there all his life. He was born on the old William Spahr place in the neighborhood of the village of New Jasper, December 12, 1873, son and only child of David C. and Sarah Elizabeth (Mallow) Spahr, the latter of whom died on February 26, 1888, her son then being fifteen years of age. She was born in Caesarscreek township, this county, June 3, 1852, daughter of John and Hannah Mallow, who had a farm in that township.

David C. Spahr was born on the farm mentioned above as the birth-place of his son, November 20, 1847, last-born of the twelve children born to William and Sarah (Smith) Spahr, further and fitting mention of whom, together with a comprehensive history of the Spahr family in Greene county, is made elsewhere in this volume, William Spahr having been a son of Philip and Mary (Shook) Spahr, who came here with their family in 1814 from Virginia and became pioneers of the New Jasper neighborhood. They were the parents of ten children, as noted elsewhere. Both William Spahr and Sarah Smith were born in Hardin county, Virginia, and were children when they came with their respective parents to this county, the Spahrs and the Smiths having made the trip over from Virginia together. Sarah Smith was born in September, 1807, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Kimble) Smith, who settled on a farm alongside that of the Spahrs when the two families came to locate in what is now New Jasper township, the Smith farm of three hundred acres adjoining that of the Spahrs on the east. Jacob Smith was a cooper and gave his chief attention to his cooperage business, leaving his sons to develop the farm. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, of whom Sarah, who on December 12, 1829, married William Spahr, was the eldest, the others being Susan, who married David Paullin, of Silvercreek township; Daniel, who remained a farmer in New Jasper township; Phoebe, who married Evan Harris, of Caesarscreek township; Elizabeth, who married James Spahr; William, who became a Methodist minister and lived in Caesarscreek township; James, who made his home in Silvercreek township and who also became a Methodist minister; Nelson, who married Lydia Beeson and lived in New Jasper township; Catherine, who married Peter Tressler, and Amanda, who married Stephen Beal, of Cedarville. William Spahr and his wife had twelve children and further details regarding this family are set out at considerable length elsewhere. As the youngest son, David C. Spahr, remained on the home place with his father and when not more than fifteen or sixteen years of age was given practical charge of the same, his father's advancing years and crippled condition entailing upon the young man the responsibility of carrying on the operations of the place, making his home there after his marriage in 1871.

His mother died on March 25, 1888, and his father died on October 1, 1891. The farm then was sold and the proceeds divided and David C. Spahr bought a farm of two hundred and forty-two acres in Caesarscreek township and sixty acres in New Jasper township and on this place he made his home until 1917, when he retired and has since been making his home with his sister, Mrs. Phoebe A. Boots, widow of John M. Boots, on her farm, a half mile southwest of New Jasper village. John M. Boots was born on May 20, 1848, and died on February 23, 1913. He married Phoebe A. Spahr, on October 11, 1866. It was on November 31, 1871, that David C. Spahr was united in marriage to Sarah Elizabeth Mallow, who died in 1888, and, as noted above, to that union was born one son, the subject of this sketch.

Oliver Mallow Spahr received his early schooling in the New Jasper district school and supplemented the same by a course in the business college at Springfield. When his grandfather's farm, the place on which he was born, was divided he bought the place, but continued to make his home after his marriage in the fall of 1892 on his father's place in Caesarscreek township, renting his own land. In 1905 he sold the latter tract, one hundred and fifty-two acres, and bought the farm of one hundred and fifteen acres on which he now lives on the New Jasper pike, just east of the village of that name. Mr. Spahr gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock, his Shorthorn herd having a registered leader. In 1916 he built on his farm a modern house, with a hot-water heating plant, electric-lighting system and the like. During the past two years or more Mr. Spahr has given up to his son the active operation of the place, but still maintains a general supervisory direction over affairs, at the same time managing his father's farms. He is a Republican, as is his father, and for the past eight years has been serving as clerk of New Jasper township.

On September 15, 1892, Mr. Spahr was united in marriage to Lyda Lnetta Fawcett, who also was born in New Jasper township, daughter of Hiram H. and Elizabeth (Smith) Fawcett, both of whom are still living on a farm in that township and further and fitting mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to that union two children have been born, Leo David, who died in 1894 at the age of eleven months, and Hiram Russell, born on December 28, 1895. On December 5, 1917, Hiram Russell Spahr was united in marriage to Rosa Pearl Turner, who was born at Sabina, in the neighboring county of Clinton, daughter of A. J. and Sarah Frances (Dow) Turner, and since his marriage has continued to make his home on the farm, the operation of which he is now carrying on. The Spahrs are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at New Jasper and Mr. Spahr is a member of the board of trustees of the congregation.

ASAPH HAINES.

Asaph Haines was born on the farm on which he is still living in Caesarscreek township and which he owns and has lived there all his life. He was born on August 3, 1841, son of Zimri and Elizabeth (Compton) Haines, the former a native of the state of New Jersey and the latter of South Carolina, who had come to Ohio with their respective parents in the days of their youth and who married in the neighborhood of New Burlington, later locating on the farm in Caesarscreek township on which their son Asaph now lives. This is the old Faulkner place and the brick house which is still standing there was erected in 1821, the bricks for the same being burned on the place and the timber which entered into its construction being cut and milled on the place. After taking possession of that place Zimri Haines made extensive improvements on the same. He had been trained in youth as a cabinet-maker and even after he settled on the farm maintained there a work shop and was called on to make the coffins necessary for use in the community and also to make much of the furniture for his pioneer neighbors. He lived to be seventy-five years of age and his widow survived him for some years, she being eighty-six years of age at the time of her death. They were Quakers and their children were reared in the simple faith of the Society of Friends. There were twelve of these children, of whom but three are now living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Clayton Haines, a farmer of Caesarscreek township and a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume, and a sister, Phoebe, who married Joseph Davis and is now living in Kansas; the others of these children having been the following: Samuel, who was a farmer in Caesarscreek township; Elwood, who went to Iowa and there engaged in farming; Eli and Edward, who made their homes on farms in the neighboring county of Clinton; Zimri, who died in the days of his youth; Sarah, who was the wife of Milton Fawcett; Rebecca Ann, who married Masco Bales; Mary Maria, who married Samuel Brown and spent her last days in Indiana, and Elizabeth, who was the wife of George Carter.

Reared on the home farm, Asaph Haines has always remained there, having long ago bought the interests held by the other heirs in the place. He received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and after his marriage in the summer of 1876 established his home on the home place and has continued to make that his place of residence, having since then made numerous improvements on the place, a farm of one hundred and eighty-six acres. In addition to his general farming he has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock. He is a Republican, as was his father, and has served his district as director of schools. He and his family are members of New Hope Friends church.

RALPH HAINES AND FAMILY.



On June 11, 1876, Asaph Haines was united in marriage to Sarah C. Keiter, who was born on the old Keiter homestead farm in this county, a member of one of the old families in this part of the state, as is set out elsewhere in this volume, and to this union six children have been born, namely: Elizabeth, wife of Joseph B. Conklin, a farmer living south of Xenia; Lenna Marie, deceased, who was educated at Wilmington; Laura, wife of O. P. Middleton, a farmer of Caesarscreek township, this county; Ada, wife of William Hoffman, of the neighboring county of Clinton; Ralph K., who married Mary Walton and is farming the home place, and Alvin Z., who died at the age of eight years.

JOHN FREMONT HARSHMAN.

John Fremont Harshman, former member of the board of county commissioners for Greene county, formerly and for years trustee of Beaver creek township and now a retired farmer, making his home at Xenia, where he has resided since 1907, was born on a farm two miles north of the village of Zimmerman in Beaver creek township on September 22, 1856, son of John C. and Ann Maria (Miller) Harshman, the latter of whom also was born in this county, on a farm two miles south of the village of Fairfield, in Bath township, April 20, 1819, daughter of Daniel Miller and wife, pioneers of that part of the county.

John C. Harshman was born in the vicinity of Fredericksburg, Maryland, January 12, 1807, and was but a child when he came to this county with his parents, Philip and Frances Harshman, the family settling in the Zimmerman neighborhood, as is set out elsewhere in this volume. On that farm near Zimmerman John C. Harshman grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the primitive schools of that day. He early set out to acquire a land holding of his own and before he married was the owner of a tract of two hundred acres two miles north of Zimmerman and had cleared fifty acres. In the fall of 1841 he married and after his marriage established his home in that clearing, proceeded further to develop his place and there spent the remainder of his life, coming to be the owner of four hundred and forty acres of land. John C. Harshman died on June 26, 1880, his widow's death occurring on October 5, 1894. Both are buried in the Hawker graveyard. He was reared in the Baptist faith and she was a member of the Reformed church. They were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the eighth in order of birth, the others being the following: Samuel Henry, born on October 10, 1842, who served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, having gone to the front as a member of the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer In-

fantry, and who died on May 16, 1866; Sarah Elizabeth, October 10, 1844, who is still living in Beavercreek township, the wife of Andrew J. Tobias; Mary Catherine, March 13, 1846, who married Jacob Shoup and died on February 28, 1868; Ann Maria, December 28, 1847, who is still living in Beavercreek township, wife of W. W. Ferguson; Ephraim F., November 11, 1849, a retired farmer, now living at Springfield, Ohio; Martha Ellen, December 25, 1851, who is still living in Beavercreek township, widow of Edward O. Gerlaugh, a memorial sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume; Reuben M., January 29, 1853, a stationary engineer, who for years has made his home at Dayton; John F., the immediate subject of this biographical sketch, and Abraham Lincoln, January 4, 1861, who is now living at Dayton.

Reared on the home farm north of Zimmerman, John Fremont Harshman there grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the old "Big Woods" district school and was married when he was twenty-two years of age. For two years after his marriage he continued working on the farm under the arrangement he previously had made with his father and then, after his father's death in 1880, he and his sister, Mrs. Ferguson, and his brother Lincoln bought the home place of two hundred and fifty acres and for seven years operated it under a partnership arrangement. Mr. Harshman then sold his interests in the farm to his brother and sister and bought a farm of one hundred and fifteen acres on the Beaver Valley road in Beavercreek township and in 1890 moved to that place, erecting on the place a good house and barn, and there resided until his retirement from the farm in 1905 and removal to the village of Trebeins. In the meantime he had been elected to represent his district on the board of county commissioners and after his second election to that office moved, in 1907, to Xenia and bought a house at 423 North King street, where he still makes his home. In addition to his property interests in this county Mr. Harshman is the owner of six hundred and forty acres of arable land in southern Alabama. Mr. Harshman is a Republican, and for nine years served as trustee of Beavercreek township and for two years as treasurer of the township. In 1904 he was elected to represent his district on the board of county commissioners and was re-elected for four successive terms, though not a candidate for renomination in his last campaign, and thus served for three two-year terms and for one three-year term, the law relating to tenure having been changed during the period of his service on the board.

On July 22, 1879, John F. Harshman was united in marriage to Letha Ann Lefong, who also was born in Beavercreek township, June 10, 1861, daughter of Orlando B. and Rebecca (Black) Lefong, who then resided on a farm one mile north of Zimmerman and the latter of whom is still living

there, being now in the eighty-third year of her age. Mrs. Rebecca Lefong was born on a pioneer farm in Bath township, this county, November 2, 1835, daughter of Robert and Mary (Koogler) Black, early residents of that part of the county. Robert Black was born in Pennsylvania of Irish parents and his wife also was born in the East, of German parents, she having been born shortly after the arrival of her parents in this country. The Blacks and the Kooglers were early settlers in this county and it was here, about the year 1823, that Robert Black and Mary Koogler were married. After their marriage they located on a farm in the Byron neighborhood, but in 1840 moved to a farm in Beavercreek township. Orlando B. Lefong was born in Spottsylvania county, Virginia, October 21, 1817, and was ten years of age when he came to this county in 1827 with his parents, George Burnett and Cassandra (Lovell) Lefong, the family settling in Beavercreek township, moving in 1842 from the farm on which they first located upon their arrival here to the farm on which Mrs. Rebecca Lefong is now living, a mile north of Zimmerman. George Burnett Lefong was a native of France, but was reared in the city of Richmond, Virginia, his parents having located there upon their arrival in this country, he at that time having been but an infant. His father became a merchant and millowner at Richmond. George B. Lefong served as a soldier during the War of 1812 and after his marriage continued to make his home in Virginia until he came with his family to this county, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Orlando B. Lefong grew to manhood here and some time after his marriage to Rebecca Black bought the interests of the other heirs in his father's estate and on the home farm north of Zimmerman spent his last days, his death occurring there on April 5, 1892. He was a Democrat and was a member of the Reformed church. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom Mrs. Harshman was the first-born, the others being Sarah E., wife of Isaac Kable, of Shoup's Station; George W., who died at the age of two years; Rebecca, who married John Shoup and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased; Oscar, now a resident of the neighboring county of Montgomery, and Mary L. and Robert, who died in infancy.

To John F. and Letha A. (Lefong) Harshman three children have been born, John Burnett, Anna Viola, who died at the age of twelve years and eight months, and Sarah Myrtle, the latter of whom is at home with her parents. She completed her schooling at Hamilton College, Washington, D. C., having entered that institution after two years at Miami University at Oxford, Ohio. John Burnett Harshman, now clerk to the city commission at Dayton and a lawyer in that city, was graduated from the Beavercreek high school and then entered Ohio State University, from which he was graduated. He later took three years of study in the law school of the

university and was admitted to the bar, engaging in the practice of his profession at Xenia. He married Mary Louise Longbreak, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and has two children, Mary Ann and John Burnett, Jr. The Harshmans are members of the Reformed church and Mr. Harshman is a member of the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons. He formerly was connected with the Knights of Pythias lodge at Alpha, for some time during the period of his residence in that neighborhood a member of the Alpha Building Association, one of the trustees of the same, and for some time was a member of the board of directors of the Greene County Agricultural Society. During his residence on the farm Mr. Harshman was for some time a member of the board of trustees of the Beaver Reformed church.

JOHN SEXTON.

Among the pioneer families of Greene county there were few better known or more influential than those of the Sextons and the Comptons. The old Sexton farm in the vicinity of the mill at Oldtown is still occupied by the only surviving daughter of John Sexton, who for years operated the mill there and also carried on farming, his daughter, Miss Sarah Sexton, now well along toward eighty years of age, still maintaining her home there. She superintends the operations of the place, even as she and her sister, the late Miss Hannah Sexton, together superintended the place for forty years after they were left alone there and so continued until the death of the latter in January, 1917, since which time Miss Sarah has kept the place alone with her colored servants. She was born in Xenia township and has lived there all her life. Reared a Quaker, she has retained the sweet familiar "thee" and "thou" form of address and her gentle conversation is full of the gracious courtliness of another day.

John Sexton was born on a farm nine miles from the town of Winchester, in Frederick county, Virginia, May 25, 1795, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Burnett) Sexton, Virginians and of Quaker stock. The Burnetts are of Welsh origin, the first of the name in this country having been a member of William Penn's colony that settled in Pennsylvania, and the family later became established in Virginia, whence, in succeeding generations, it found outlet in various directions and now has a wide connection throughout the United States. Joseph Sexton was a man of substance and influence in Frederick county and for sixteen years served his district as a member of the Virginia General Assembly. In his later years, some time after his son John had settled in Greene county, he came here and located on a farm in Xenia township, on the present site of the Aetna powder-mill, and there spent his last days. Joseph Sexton was twice married, his first wife, the



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mother of John Sexton, having died when the latter was five years of age, after which he married Dorcas Lindsay. To the first union there were born three children, John Sexton having had two sisters, and to the latter union several children were born. John Sexton grew up in Virginia, reared by his paternal grandparents, Meshach and Hannah Sexton, and there became a millwright, remaining there until he was twenty-four years of age, when, in 1819, he came to Ohio and became engaged in the milling business in Clinton county. After his marriage in the fall of 1821 he came up into Greene county and rented a mill which then stood along the creek where Clifton later sprang up, in Miami township, and a year later moved to New Burlington, down on the lower edge of the county, where he rented a mill that had some time before been established there and there he erected a log house in which to make his home. Later he moved to a mill that then was being operated along the Stillwater, in the vicinity of Dayton, but after operating that mill for two or three years returned to Greene county and took charge of the Oldtown mill, at the same time buying a home nearby the mill. Several years later he bought a farm of ninety-five acres in the vicinity of the mill, on the hill along the Xenia-Springfield pike, two and a half miles north of Xenia, where his daughter, Miss Sarah Sexton, still lives, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, he continuing to operate the mill until his death, at the age of forty-six years, June 18, 1841. His widow later married James Moorman and continued making her home on the old home place, her death occurring there on March 20, 1877, and James Moorman also spent his last days there, his death occurring on January 5, 1883.

On October 21, 1821, in Greene county, John Sexton was united in marriage to Mary Compton, who was born in Union county, South Carolina, December 21, 1798, and who was but six years of age when her parents, Amos and Rebecca Compton, came to Ohio with their family in the spring of 1805 and settled on a farm in the New Burlington neighborhood in Spring Valley township, this county. Amos Compton's father, Samuel Compton, had come out here the fall preceding his son's emigration and had bought a considerable tract of land, he and his children and their respective families coming in the following spring. Samuel Compton did not long live to see the outcome of his settlement plan, for he died in the very spring in which his family became settled here, in 1805. There was then no cemetery nearer than Waynesville and, besides, the river was so high at that time that there could be no thought of the funeral party getting across, so the body of Samuel Compton, the pioneer, was laid away in the orchard whose planting he had so short a time before superintended, and there that lonely grave is still cared for after a lapse of more than a hundred years. The Comptons were

Quakers and became a substantial element in the population of the New Burlington neighborhood, and it was there that Mary Compton grew to womanhood and was living at the time of her marriage to John Sexton, the young miller. Mr. and Mrs. Sexton always retained their interest in the services of the Friends church and their children were reared in that simple faith. Eight children were born to them, two of whom died in infancy and three, Elizabeth, Rebecca and Ann, in youth, very near together, of scarlet fever, the survivors being Samuel, Sarah and Hannah, the two latter of whom remained unmarried and after their mother's death continued in charge of the old home place on the hill nearby the old mill which their father had operated so successfully. Miss Hannah Sexton died on January 14, 1917, and since then, as noted above, Miss Sarah Sexton has been alone with her faithful servitors on the old place. Her brother, Dr. Samuel Sexton, who had achieved an international reputation as a specialist in the treatment of diseases of the ear, died in 1896. Doctor Sexton was for a time located in the practice of his profession at Cincinnati, but later moved to New York City, where he became an authority on his specialty, his practice extending even to Europe, where he was able to introduce advanced methods in the treatment of diseases of the ear, at the time of his death he having been regarded as the greatest practitioner in his line in the country.

WILLIAM BURNETT.

William Burnett, who formerly and for years was connected with the operations of the Hagar Strawboard Company at Cedarville, but who since 1899 has been living on a farm on the Hoop road in New Jasper township, proprietor of a farm of sixty-one acres there, is a native of England, but has been a resident of this country and of Greene county since 1881. He was born in the town of Barrow, in Lincolnshire, October 26, 1847, son of John and Charlotte (Halling) Burnett, both of whom also were born in that country and who spent all their lives there. John Burnett and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being as follow: Hepsey, who married and made her home at New Holland, in England; Hannah, who married and spent her last days in her native land; Mrs. Barbara Starkey, a widow, who is still living in England; Ada, deceased; Olive, unmarried and still living in England, and Halling, who became a soldier and died during service in the Soudan in the '70s. These children were early left orphaned, both parents dying before their eldest son was fifteen years of age, and the children were reared in the homes of kinsfolk.

Early thrown upon his own resources for a livelihood, William Burnett began working as a boy in the mines and along the docks and after a while became permanently employed in the iron mines. In the spring of 1880 he married and a year later, in March, 1881, he came to this country, accompanied by his wife's brother, George Ross, then a lad of seventeen, his point of destination being New Mexico, but not finding conditions there to his liking he came to Ohio and located at Xenia, where, in June of that same year, he was joined by his wife and infant daughter, for whom he had sent upon making his decision to settle there. In the following year Mrs. Burnett's parents and the other nine children of their family came to this country and also settled at Xenia. For fourteen years after his arrival in Xenia Mr. Burnett was engaged there in the employ of the Hagar Strawboard Company, buying straw and looking after the teams. In 1895 when the Hagar Company moved its plant to Cedarville Mr. Burnett moved to that village and was there further engaged in work in the strawboard plant until in December, 1899, when he moved to the farm of sixty-one acres which he had bought a few years before and on which he since has made his home. The house he erected on that place upon taking possession of the same was destroyed by fire in 1901, but he at once rebuilt. Upon becoming a citizen of this country Mr. Burnett allied himself with the Republican party. He and his wife were reared in accordance with the tenets of the established church in England and are members of the Episcopal church at Xenia.

On March 4, 1880, the year before he came to the United States, Mr. Burnett was united in marriage to Elizabeth Ross, also a native of England, born at Winterton, in Lincolnshire, daughter of Richard and Maria (Hill) Ross, both of whom also were born in Lincolnshire and the former of whom was a shepherd there. In 1882, the year following the location of Mr. and Mrs. Burnett in Xenia, the latter's parents and the other members of their family came to this country and also located at Xenia. Richard Ross became connected with the operations of the paper mill there and spent the rest of his life in that city, his death occurring on July 18, 1897. His widow's death occurred in May, 1908. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom Mrs. Burnett was the first-born, the others being as follow: Charlotte, deceased; George, who came to this country with Mr. Burnett when seventeen years of age, became connected with the work of the Hagar Strawboard Company, eventually working up to the position of inside foreman of the plant, and met his death in the factory at Cedarville on January 22, 1897, by being drawn into the rolls when his arm was accidentally caught in the machinery; Mildred, widow of the late Scott Steward; Rebecca, wife of A. B. Gaunt, of Hartford City, Indiana; Mrs. Flor-

ence Graham, of Richmond, Indiana; Mrs. Anna Tiffany, a widow, living at Indianapolis; Harry and Pauline; William, who is superintendent of the plant of the Beveridge Paper Company at Indianapolis, and Fred, a machinist, who lives at St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Burnett have three children, Ruth, who married Wilbur Rayner and lives at Dayton; Olive, wife of D. P. Walters, also of Dayton, and Charles, a farmer, of New Jasper township, who married Bertha Thornhill and has one daughter, Elizabeth.

JAMES H. CRESWELL.

In the brief though illuminating "recollections" of Andrew Galloway represented in newspaper form in Xenia many years ago there is set out a list of the families that formed the old Seceder colony that had come up here from Kentucky in order to escape slavery conditions and who were here when the Rev. Robert Armstrong, their former pastor, rejoined them here in 1803 and again became their pastor, creating on Massies creek a congregation of faithful worshippers who exerted a dominant influence in the creation of proper social conditions hereabout in the days of the very beginning of the settlement. And in that list is the name of the Widow Creswell, who is noted as having been a member of Mr. Armstrong's congregation in Kentucky and as having come to Ohio in 1801.

The Widow Creswell thus referred to was Mrs. Catherine (Creswell) Criswell, widow of James Criswell. She and her husband were Pennsylvanians who had gone to Kentucky with their family of small children in order to establish a home there. James Criswell was killed by the Indians in Kentucky and later his widow came up into this section of the then new state of Ohio with her eight children, two sons, James and Samuel, and six daughters, to establish here a new home free from the conditions which then faced the settlers in the slave state of Kentucky. She was a Creswell, perhaps a distant relative of her husband, a Criswell, the similarity of the names suggesting a probably common source, and as she preferred the name Creswell to that of Criswell she adopted the same after the death of her husband and the family has ever since followed that form of spelling of the family name. Upon coming to Greene county Mrs. Creswell settled with her family on a tract of land near what is now the race track on the Andrew Jackson place in the Cedarville neighborhood, a fine spring of water on the place being the deciding factor in the family's selection of a place of location. She spent the rest of her life in this county, her death occurring at the home of her son, James Creswell, in 1832, and she was buried in the Massiescreek cemetery.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES H. CRESWELL.



James Creswell was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1789, and was still in his "teens" when he came here from Kentucky with his mother. In 1811 he married Ann Junkin, who was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Launcelot Junkin and wife, the latter of whom was a Galloway, who were married in Pennsylvania and who in 1779 had moved from that state to Kentucky, locating at a settlement called Frost Station, on the Kentucky river, in the Georgetown vicinity, where they remained until 1797, when they came up here into the valley of the Little Miami with the Galloway family and settled in the neighborhood of the old Indian village or "Chillicothe," now known as Oldtown, thus becoming numbered among the very first permanent white settlers of the region that later became organized as Greene county. Upon taking up his residence here Launcelot Junkin settled on a tract of land two or three miles east of the present site of Cedarville, but later moved to a place across the road from what is now the R. D. Williamson place on the Jamestown pike in Cedarville township. In 1812, the year after his marriage, James Creswell bought a tract of sixty acres of land two and one-half miles southeast of Cedarville, the place now owned and occupied by his grandson, George H. Creswell, and kept adding to the same until he was the owner of one hundred and seventy acres. As a young man he had taught school in that neighborhood and he served as clerk of the first school board organized in Cedarville township. He and his wife were Seceders, later members of the Covenanter or Reformed Presbyterian church and later of the United Presbyterian. James Creswell died in August, 1866. He and his wife were the parents of five children, namely: Martha, born on October 23, 1812, who was twice married, her first husband having been James Ervin and her second, the Rev. Andrew Heron; James Rankin, December 7, 1814, who was drowned in 1841; Launcelot, May 19, 1817, who moved to Idaville, Indiana, where he spent his last days; Samuel, father of the subject of this sketch, and George, 1822, who established his home in Cedarville township and there died in 1852.

Samuel Creswell was born on the old Creswell place on January 12, 1820, and there grew to manhood. When he was twelve years of age he planted a sycamore tree in the front dooryard of the home place and that tree, now grown to noble proportions, is still standing, carefully preserved by the family. In the days of his young manhood Samuel Creswell taught school for several terms. He remained at home and after his marriage in 1846 built a new house around the old one which had been built by his father, one room of the old house being retained as a part of the structure, and that house is still doing service as a dwelling place, now occupied by the family of George H. Creswell. After the death of his father Samuel Creswell

bought the interests of the other heirs in the home place. Upon the organization of the Republican party he became affiliated with that party, but later in life became a Prohibitionist. He and his wife were members of the (new school) Reformed Presbyterian church at Cedarville. Samuel Creswell lived to the great age of ninety-two years, his death occurring on July 16, 1912. His wife had preceded him to the grave a little less than two years, her death having occurred on August 10, 1910, she then having been eighty-three years of age. She was born in the vicinity of Hillsboro, this state, March 22, 1827, Eliza Jane Huffman, daughter of Aaron and Martha (White) Huffman, the latter of whom died before her daughter was three years of age. Eliza Jane Huffman was reared in the household of William Reed and in the household of William Thorne and it was in the Reed home that she was married, June 10, 1846, to Samuel Creswell. To that union were born ten children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Martha, a former school teacher in this county, who married Joseph Turnbull and is now living in Ross township; Sarah Jane, wife of Alexander Kyle, living on the Wilmington pike at the edge of Cedarville; Mary, unmarried, who is still living on the old home place; Julia, wife of W. R. Sterrett, of Cedarville, a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume; Andrew H., of Cedarville township, a biographical sketch of whom also is presented elsewhere; William H., also of Cedarville township, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work; George H., who is living on the old home place and further mention of whom is made elsewhere; Nettie, now living at Xenia, widow of James Ervin, who was a miller, and Ida, who is living on the Federal pike, widow of J. H. Stormont.

James H. Creswell, eldest son and fourth child of Samuel and Eliza Jane (Huffman) Creswell, was born on the old home place which his grandfather had opened up and there grew to manhood. After his marriage in 1885 he located on the old Dr. George Watt place adjoining the Creswell farm on the south, having previously been operating the same as a renter, and began housekeeping in a log cabin that then stood on the place. He later bought the Watt farm of one hundred and forty acres and in 1897 built on the place the house in which he and his family are now living. By the purchase of an adjoining tract Mr. Creswell now is the owner of one hundred and seventy-five acres and in addition to his general farming has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock. He has served as a member of the board of trustees of Cedarville College, for two terms president of the board, and his children were given the advantages of schooling in that college. There are three of these children, namely: Samuel Franklin, who was graduated from Cedarville College in 1910 and is living at home,

assisting his father in the management of the farm; Anna Alberta, who also was graduated from Cedarville College in 1910 and until 1917 was engaged as instructor in French and English in that college, and Paul H., who also completed his schooling in Cedarville College and was teaching in the high school at St. Albans, West Virginia, when in June, 1917, he left the school room and enlisted for service in the aviation corps of the United States army, in which he is now (1918) serving, with the prospect of early action "over there." The Creswells are members of the Reformed Presbyterian church at Cedarville and Mr. Creswell has been a member of the session of that congregation since 1889.

On December 30, 1885, James H. Creswell was united in marriage to Louisa Blair, who was born in Randolph county, Illinois, daughter of James Franklin and Elizabeth (Marvin) Blair, the latter of whom is still living, a resident of Cedarville since 1912. James Franklin Blair was born at Fayetteville, Tennessee, March 30, 1830, and was two years of age when his parents, James and Jean (Wiley) Blair, South Carolinians, of Scotch-Irish stock and "old side" Covenanters, moved from Tennessee in 1832 in order to escape the conditions of living that confronted them and their family in the slave state and located in the vicinity of Sparta, in Randolph county, Illinois, where James Blair developed a farm of about three hundred acres. James Blair and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom James Franklin was the fifth in order of birth and all of whom are now deceased, the others having been the following: Samuel, who became a resident of Perry county, Illinois; Tirzah, who married C. H. Stormont, of Princeton, Indiana; William R., who established his home in Perry county, Illinois, and lived to be ninety years of age; John K., who established his home in the vicinity of Sparta, Illinois; Martha, who married Dr. James F. Morton, of Cedarville, this county, and Louisa, who died when eighteen years of age.

James Franklin Blair completed his schooling in the academy at Sparta, Illinois, and after his marriage continued to make his home on the home farm in the vicinity of that town, inheriting the same after the death of his father. In 1897 he retired from the farm and moved to Sparta, where he died in 1904. For years he was a ruling elder in the Reformed Presbyterian church. His widow, who, as above noted, is still living, a resident of Cedarville, was born, Elizabeth Marvin, in New York City, April 24, 1833, daughter of William Orlando and Jane (Ritchie) Marvin, the former of whom was born in Connecticut and the latter in Ireland, she having been fifteen years of age when she came to this country with her parents, the family locating in New York City, where William O. Marvin and Jane Ritchie were married. The former was a shoemaker and tiring of city life in 1840 moved with his

family to Illinois, locating on a farm in Randolph county, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, he living to be eighty-eight years of age and she, ninety-two. They were "old side" Covenanters and were the parents of six children, namely: Joseph, who established his home in Kansas; Elizabeth, who married James Franklin Blair; Theodore, who established his home in Kansas, but is now living retired at Los Angeles, California; James Renwick, who went to the front as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, was wounded and taken prisoner by the enemy and died in a military prison at Jackson, Mississippi; William, who is now living at Pasadena, California, and Frances Jane, wife of John Holmes, of Topeka, Kansas. To James Franklin and Elizabeth (Marvin) Blair, who were married on December 4, 1857, were born ten children, namely: Samuel Alvin, who is now living in the vicinity of Greeley, Colorado; one who died in infancy; Louisa, wife of Mr. Creswell; Carrie, who died while serving as an instructor in Cedarville College; Adelle, wife of John N. Lyle, of Marianna, Arkansas; Amanda Jane, wife of George H. Creswell, brother of the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, who is a teacher in the public schools of Cedarville; William O., a machinist, living at Pomona, California; Mary E., wife of Prof. Nathan C. Plimpton, assistant auditor of the University of Chicago, and James Franklin, Jr., an electrician, living at Silver City, New Mexico. All these children received schooling in the Sparta high school and all save one received further instruction in the university at Carbondale, Illinois. In the spring of 1912 Mrs. Elizabeth Blair moved to Cedarville and is still living there, making her home with her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Blair, who has been a teacher in the schools of Cedarville since the fall of that year. Mrs. Creswell before her marriage also was a teacher, having followed that profession for five years.

DAN BAKER.

Until he recently sold his old home place and moved to the village of Yellow Springs with a view to retiring from the active labors of the farm and "taking things easy" the rest of his life, Dan Baker, a veteran of the Civil War and one of the oldest residents of Miami township, had lived from the day of his birth on the place on which he was born, three and one-half miles southeast of Yellow Springs, the place on which his father had settled in 1828, and had been quite content there to remain. He was born in a log house there on April 20, 1839, son of Nayl and Huldah (Mills) Baker, who had taken up their residence there ten years or more before.

Nayl Baker was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and was six-



Susan J. Parker



Sam Baker

teen years of age when he came with his parents, Thomas Baker and wife, Quakers, from that state of Ohio, the family settling in Greene county in 1812. Here he took his part as a young man in the development of a pioneer farm and presently began farming on his own account. On January 6, 1825, Nayl Baker was united in marriage to Huldah Mills, who was born in Montgomery county in 1802, a daughter of Jacob Mills and wife, who were among the first settlers in this section of the Miami valley. Jacob Mills became a resident of the northern part of this county and when Miami township was organized in 1808 he was elected the first justice of the peace in and for that township. Miami township then included the northern portions of what are now Cedarville and Ross townships, in this county, and about one-third of Mad River township, all of Greene township and one-half of Madison township, in Clark county. The first election was held in the house of David S. Brodick at Yellow Springs. In 1828, three years after his marriage, Nayl Baker settled on the farm which his son Dan has just recently sold and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. He died in 1865 and was buried in the Clifton cemetery. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, one of whom died in childhood, and of whom but two now survive, Dan Baker having a brother, William Baker, living in California. The others were Sarah, Thomas, Jacob, Rachel, Mary and Letitia.

Dan Baker grew up on the farm on which he was born and helped to develop the same. During the progress of the Civil War he joined the Home Guard and later went to the front in the hundred-days service. He always made his home on the home place and after his marriage in 1872 established his home there and continued there to reside until in November, 1917, when he sold the place preparatory to retirement from further active labors and removed to Yellow Springs. Mr. Baker is a Republican and for twenty-two years served as school director in his home district and also for some time as a director of the village schools at Clifton. He is a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and is a member of the Presbyterian church. Though now in his eightieth year Mr. Baker retains much of his aforesaid physical vigor and is hale and hearty beyond his years.

On February 22, 1872, Dan Baker was united in marriage to Susan E. Waymire, daughter of Daniel and Mary Anna (Stebbins) Waymire, of Dayton, both of whom were also born in this state and who were the parents of six children, Mrs. Baker having had two brothers, John and Daniel, and three sisters, Mary, Elizabeth and Anna. Mrs. Baker died on November 8, 1907. To her and her husband were born seven children, namely: Joseph, deceased; Huldah, deceased; Mrs. Mary Donovan, of this county; John, deceased; Mrs. Bessie Dallas, who lives near Xenia and has one child,

a son, Donald; and Evan, who is married and resides in Springfield. To Evan Baker and wife four children have been born, one of whom, Harold, is deceased, the others being Mildred, Thelma and Gladys.

JACOB THOMAS JACOBS.

Jacob Thomas Jacobs, the proprietor of a farm on section 26 of Miami township, about a mile and a half west of Yellow Springs, was born on that farm and has lived there the greater part of his life. He was born on July 30, 1856, son of Ahimaaz and Emily (Trollinger) Jacobs, both of whom were born in Allegany county, Maryland, the former on October 13, 1821, and the latter, April 4, 1826, and whose last days were spent on the farm here referred to and on which they had settled not long after their marriage in the '40s.

Ahimaaz Jacobs was a son of Gabriel and Margaret (Jackson) Jacobs, both of whom also were born in Maryland, the former on July 7, 1781, and who were the parents of eleven children. Gabriel Jacobs worked as a carpenter during the earlier years of his manhood, but later turned his attention to farming and his last days were spent on the farm he owned in Allegany county, in his native state, his death occurring there on October 11, 1848. His widow later came to this county, her son Ahimaaz meanwhile having settled here, and here her last days were spent, her death occurring on October 20, 1855.

Reared on the home farm in Maryland, Ahimaaz Jacobs received his schooling in the primitive schools of that time and place, and remained at home until he was nineteen years of age, when he accompanied his elder brother, Samuel, to Ogle county, Illinois, and was there engaged in farming for a couple of years, at the end of which time he returned to his home in Maryland and was there, on March 10, 1846, married to Emily Trollinger, daughter of Jacob and Sallie (Jacobs) Trollinger, natives of that state and the latter of whom died there. Some time after the death of his wife Jacob Trollinger came to Ohio and settled in this county, where he spent the rest of his life. He and his wife were the parents of seven children. After his marriage Ahimaaz Jacobs settled down on a farm in his home county, in Maryland, but some years later came with his family to Ohio and settled on the farm in section 26 of Miami township, this county, where his son, the subject of this sketch, is now living. There he developed a tract of one hundred and seventy-two acres of land, and on that farm he and his wife spent the rest of their lives, her death occurring on August 19, 1888, and his, January 27, 1905. They were members of the Christian church,

of which Mr. Jacobs was for years one of the trustees, and their children were reared in that faith. Upon the organization of the Prohibition party Mr. Jacobs threw his support in that direction and was one of the active workers in the cause of temperance in his neighborhood. For years he was a member of the local school board and in one campaign was elected supervisor of his home township, but declined to serve. Of the six children born to him and his wife four grew to maturity, namely: J. Cicero, a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume; William Austin, who died on January 20, 1901, at Springfield, Ohio, and Mary L., who on May 26, 1891, married John P. Confer and who died on September 25, 1904.

Jacob T. Jacobs was reared on the farm on which he was born in Miami township. He completed his schooling by attendance at Antioch College during the years 1873-74 and then continued his labors on the farm for a few years, at the end of which time he went to Nebraska and was there engaged in the employ of the Burlington & Missouri Railroad Company, working both in the passenger and freight departments of that road until 1884, when he returned to the home farm in this county and there has since been engaged in farming, having established his home there after his marriage in the fall of 1891. Mr. Jacobs is now serving as a member of the school board, to which office he was elected in the fall of 1917. He is affiliated with the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Yellow Springs.

On October 14, 1891, Mr. Jacobs was united in marriage to Mary Frances Berg, who was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Clifton, in this county, February 14, 1871, a daughter of Joseph and Hannah Catherine (Ward) Berg, the latter of whom also was born in this county, a member of one of the pioneer families in the northern part of the county. Joseph Berg was born in Pennsylvania, but had been a resident of this county for many years. He died on May 10, 1900, and his widow is now living in California, where two of her children also reside. Joseph Berg and his wife were the parents of nine children, all of whom are living and of whom Mrs. Jacobs is the fourth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Jacob Elmer, who is living in Nevada; Jessie, a resident of California; Mrs. Allie Glenn Dawson, of Yellow Springs; William Henry, of Nevada; John Ward, also a resident of Nevada; Mrs. Rebecca Elizabeth Bodell, who lives in North Carolina; Carl Chester, of Nevada, and Mrs. Georgetta Thomas, of Los Angeles, California. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs three children have been born, sons all, namely: Albert Leroy, born on August 10, 1892, who married Clara R. Martin, has one son, Clitus J.,

born January 19, 1918, and is living on a farm southeast of Yellow Springs; Omar Kenneth, February 12, 1895, who died on December 26, 1912, and Leslie Berg, October 13, 1904, who is in school.

HARRY N. HEIFNER.

Harry N. Heifner, proprietor of the Wickersham Hotel at Jamestown, was born on a farm in Silvercreek township, this county, November 16, 1883, son of Samuel and Mary (Early) Heifner, both of whom also were born in this county, the former in 1855 and the latter in 1858, who are still living on the old home place a mile east of Jamestown, where Mr. Heifner has been for years engaged in general farming and in the live-stock business, with particular reference to the shipment of hogs. To Samuel Heifner and wife three children have been born, one of whom, a son, Charles D. Heifner, is now deceased, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Stella, born on March 5, 1878, who married W. W. Barnett, of Jamestown.

Reared on the home farm, Harry N. Heifner completed his schooling in the Jamestown schools and for a short time thereafter was engaged on his father's farm, remaining there until he was past twenty-one years of age, when he went to Dayton and became engaged there as a street railway motorman, but he did not find that sort of a vocation to his liking and he presently returned home and became engaged in the live-stock business in association with his father, continuing thus engaged until some months after his marriage, when he moved to Jamestown and became the proprietor of the Wickersham Hotel, in succession to C. H. Neil. It was on March 1, 1914, that Mr. Heifner bought the furniture and fixtures of the Wickersham Hotel and in the following December he bought the hotel building and has since continued as sole proprietor and manager of that popular hostelry. The Wickersham Hotel occupies a corner that has been devoted to hotel purposes ever since the village was platted, the first building erected there having been the pioneer tavern that was conducted by Thomas Watson, who was succeeded by Zina Adams. In after years the old tavern was replaced by a more commodious hotel building called the Parker House and which served as hostelry in the village until it was destroyed by fire at the time of the disastrous conflagration that swept the town on the night of June 18, 1878. The historic corner was unoccupied after that fire until in the spring of 1880, when Al. Wickersham, at that time one of Jamestown's public-spirited citizens and who still retains interests there, though now a resident of Denver, Colorado, commenced the erection of the building which still bears his name. The hotel building is of brick, with stone trimmings, of an attractive style of architecture, is one hundred and forty feet in length by

forty wide, two stories in height and besides ample office and dining room contains twenty-five sleeping rooms, as well as three rooms that are used for commercial purposes. Mr. Heifner has in his wife competent aid in the operation of the hotel.

On October 3, 1913, Harry N. Heifner was united in marriage to Helen K. Bradds, who was born in the village of Jamestown, daughter of Richland and Margaret (McFarland) Bradds, the former of whom is deceased and the latter of whom is still living at Jamestown, and to this union has been born one child, a son, Frederick Russell, born on March 19, 1917.

PAUL WILLIAM WEISS.

Paul William Weiss, senior member of the mercantile firm of Weiss & Wead, of Yellow Springs, has had many years of mercantile experience, and has been engaged in business at Yellow Springs since the summer of 1915. He was born at Xenia, on June 2, 1880, son of Paul and Josephine (Schury) Weiss, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in the city of Xenia.

The elder Paul Weiss was born on May 9, 1844. When he came to this country he located in Greene county, Ohio. On February 17, 1874, he married Josephine Schury, who was born at Xenia on October 28, 1855, and who died on May 23, 1895. To that union were born eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being the following: Emma Elizabeth, born on November 30, 1875; Edgar Henry, January 13, 1878, who died on August 27, 1881; Eva Charlotte, February 8, 1882; Mabel Rose, January 13, 1886, who died on February 5, 1910; Bertha Grace, December 9, 1888; an infant, February 24, 1891, who died on March 3, 1891, and Mary Ruth, January 14, 1893. For twenty-five years the elder Paul Weiss was employed at the powder mills, moving from Xenia to Goes in 1887, and continued to make his home at the latter place until his removal to Springfield, where he is now living, in the employ of the American Seeding Machine Company.

Paul William Weiss was seven years of age when his parents moved from Xenia to Goes and in the latter place he received his schooling. When sixteen years of age he began working in the general store known as Shoemaker's, and there acquired his initial experience in the mercantile line. He afterward was employed in stores both at Xenia and at Dayton, but returned to Goes and there remained until in October, 1909, when he moved to Yellow Springs and there became engaged in the mercantile business in partnership with D. A. Brewer, the firm doing business under the name of Brewer

& Weiss, an arrangement that continued for three years and three months, at the end of which time Mr. Weiss retired from business and moved to a farm, where he remained for nineteen months. He then returned to Yellow Springs and for six months thereafter was engaged as a carpenter, in association with his brother-in-law, continuing thus engaged until June 16, 1915, when he formed a partnership with Prof. Ralph O. Wead, superintendent of the Yellow Springs schools, and again engaged in the mercantile business, under the firm name of Weiss & Wead, he and his partner having bought the old established business of J. H. Birch at Yellow Springs. Mr. Weiss is the general manager of the store. He is a Republican.

On June 18, 1902, Mr. Weiss was united in marriage to Louise Geiger, who also was born in this county, daughter of Burkhart Geiger and wife, natives of Germany and the latter of whom is now deceased, and to this union four children have been born, namely: Kenneth Burkhart, born on February 4, 1904, who is now in high school; Mary Ella, September 25, 1908; Mabel Louise, October 11, 1910, and Hester Pauline, September 9, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Weiss are members of the Presbyterian church, their older children also being members of the church.

GUY H. FOGG.

Guy H. Fogg, of the vicinity of Yellow Springs and the proprietor of a farm of two hundred and sixty-five acres just west of that village, is a native son of Greene county and has lived here all his life. He was born at Grape Grove, eight miles east of Cedarville, August 3, 1854, son of Andrew and Naomi (Little) Fogg, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of Virginia, who later became residents of the Yellow Springs neighborhood and whose last days were spent on the farm on the Dayton pike which their son, Guy H. Fogg, owns, just west of the village.

Andrew Fogg was born in 1804 and became a skilled cabinetmaker and gunsmith. When twenty-five years of age he located at Cincinnati and there became engaged as a cabinet-maker, but did not long remain in that city, presently coming into Greene county and locating at Xenia, where he became engaged as a gunsmith. Some time after his marriage he located at Grape Grove, where he remained until 1865, when he bought a farm just west of the village of Yellow Springs and on that place he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, Andrew Fogg dying there in 1885. His widow's death occurred at the home place in 1906. Andrew Fogg and wife were the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch having had a sister, Elizabeth, who was born at Grape Grove in 1850 and who died in 1870.

Guy H. Fogg was eleven years of age when his parents took possession of the place which he now owns on Dayton pike. As a boy he was trained

by his father in the use of wood-working tools and early became a cabinet-maker, a vocation which has ever been a pleasure to him, though his principal occupation has been farming. When sixteen years of age, in 1870, Mr. Fogg attended Antioch College and in that institution pursued a four-years course of study. During his school vacations he spent much of his time working at the carpenter trade, at the same time continuing his assistance in the labors of developing the home farm and after his marriage in the fall of 1878 established his home on that place and since the death of his father in 1882 has been in control of the same. Mr. Fogg is the owner of a farm of two hundred and sixty-five acres of land, the active management of which is now in the hands of his son, Kenneth, for whom he erected a fine house about fifty yards from the home place, taking much pleasure in doing the better part of that construction himself. Mr. Fogg's skill as a cabinet-maker is in evidence in numerous handsome pieces of furniture which he made with his own hands for his home and that of his son and his carpenter shop is a great source of pleasure to him. He and his son have a fine herd of Herefords.

On September 2, 1878, Guy H. Fogg was united in marriage to Georgia Jackson, who was born at Patriot, in Switzerland county, Indiana, January 6, 1850, and who died March 27, 1910, leaving three children, namely: E. Kenneth, now managing the farm for his father, and who married Mary Tresler, of the neighboring county of Montgomery, and has three children, Helen, Margaret and Kingsley; Ella, unmarried, who is keeping house for her father, and Florence, wife of Kingsley Smith, a real-estate dealer, living at Kansas City, Missouri. Miss Fogg and her brother and the latter's family are attendants on the services of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Fogg is a Republican.

CHARLES E. BEATTY.

Charles E. Beatty, a farmer of Miami township, is a native son of Greene county, born on a farm in Xenia township on March 5, 1865, son of John and Delilah (Jones) Beatty, the former of whom was a native of Ireland, born in County Tyrone, Ulster, and the latter, of the state of Virginia, born in 1837. John Beatty was born in 1812 and was twenty-eight years of age when he came to this country. After his marriage he settled on a farm in the neighborhood of the Collins school in Xenia township, and there spent the rest of his life. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being as follows: Catherine, who is living in Xenia township; William, a farmer, of Xenia township; James, deceased; John, who is engaged in the furniture business at Xenia; Margaret, also of Xenia township;

Frank, who is now living in Michigan, owner of the great Kellogg strawberry farm at Three Rivers, and Allie, of Xenia township.

Reared on the home farm in Xenia township, Charles E. Beatty received his schooling in the Collins school and as a young man began farming on his own account, renting farms, and was thus engaged until he entered upon possession of the farm on which he is now living in Miami township. Mr. Beatty served as school supervisor for four or five years. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Beatty has been twice married. On March 4, 1887, he was united in marriage to Amanda Burrows, a resident of the Osborn neighborhood, in Bath township, and to that union were born three children, namely: Alice, who married L. M. Stevenson, now living at Columbus, Ohio, and has one son, Robert; Roscoe, now living at Twin Falls, Idaho, manager of a big ranch belonging to his uncle, and who married Frances Lyman and has two children, Alice May and Francis Edward; and Mary, a professional nurse, who continues her residence at the old home in Miami township. The mother of these children died on April 3, 1907, and on June 28, 1910, at Yellow Springs, Mr. Beatty married Missouri Lott, who was born in Perry county, Ohio, July 14, 1880, daughter of Bradford and Delilah (Gates) Lott, the latter of whom is now deceased and the former of whom is now a resident of Fairfield, this county. Bradford Lott and wife were the parents of five children, those besides Mrs. Beatty being as follow: Mrs. Fay Loe, of Yellow Springs; Mrs. Blanche Sellers, of Troy; William, who married Sarah Frick, sister of Henry Clay Frick, of New York, the great coke and steel magnate, and is now living retired at Wooster, Ohio, and Victor, who died in 1904 and whose widow is living at Xenia.

CALVIN L. OGLESBEE.

Calvin L. Oglesbee, now living retired in the village of Spring Valley, was born over the line in Wayne township, in the neighboring county of Warren, and has been a resident of this section of the state all his life. He was born on March 25, 1833, son of Elias and Mary (Stump) Oglesbee, both of whom were born in Frederick county, Virginia, and who were members of pioneer families in this part of Ohio.

Elias Oglesbee was a son of Isaiah and Phebe (Painter) Oglesbee, Quakers, who in 1800, in company with four other Quaker families, the Kellys, the O'Neills, the Millses and the Faulkners, drove through from Frederick county, Virginia, to the then Territory of Ohio and formed what later came to be known as the Waynesville settlement, in Warren county, down on the Little Miami, not far below the Greene county line. In 1903 when the Quakers of Waynesville had their centennial celebration, descen-



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dants of these families from various parts of Ohio and Indiana were present. Isaiah Oglesbee got a tract of land in the woods on what later came to be established the county line, between Lumberton and Port William, there made a clearing, put up a log cabin and began to make a home in the wilderness. He and his wife reared a large family and spent their last days there. Their sons were David, John, Elias, Isaiah, Jacob, Jonathan and Eli, the latter of whom moved over into Indiana. Jonathan went to Iowa. For two years prior to 1817 Elias Oglesbee worked at his trade of a shoemaker at Cincinnati and then he came back up here, walking to Paintersville, where his mother's folks were living. In Virginia he had married Mary Stump, a daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Ramey) Stump, Methodists, who had settled on a farm east of Waynesville in 1817. Daniel Stump and wife were the parents of nine children, namely: Hannah, who married Jesse Romine and moved to Indiana; Sarah, who married John Oglesbee and lived near Lumberton; Mary, who married Elias Oglesbee; Matilda, who married Isaac Stump and lived in this county; Catherine, who married John Henry and lived in the neighboring county of Clinton; Lydia, who died unmarried; Daniel, who remained on the old homestead; Jonas, who established his home in Greene county, and William, who became a resident of Harveysburg, in Warren county.

After his marriage Elias Oglesbee located on a tract of land three miles east of Waynesville, but later became the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of land near Dunkirk, Indiana. He was a Quaker. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the seventh in order of birth, the others being the following: Sidney, who married Samuel Stump and moved to Indiana; Eleanor, who married Hugh Prater, of Warren county; Hannah, who married Thomas McKee and moved to Indiana; Mary, who also became a resident of Indiana and who was twice married, her first husband having been Jesse Baker and her second, a Parnell; Ruth, who married Isaac McKinney and also moved to Indiana; Jane, who married Stephen Compton and moved to Indiana; Phoebe, who married Jonathan Compton and also became a resident of Indiana, and Jonathan, who married a Piper and continued to live in Warren county. The mother of these children died at the age of forty-four years. The father died at the age of sixty-four.

Calvin L. Oglesbee was reared on the farm on which he was born, down in Warren county, received his early schooling in the little old log school house which served the children of that neighborhood in those days, supplemented that schooling by a course of one term in the Cedarville schools and remained at home until his marriage at the age of twenty-eight years, in 1861, after which he continued on the home place until 1865, in which year he became the owner of a sixty-acre tract of his own. He presently

sold that place and bought another farm of seventy-eight acres, which he cleared and improved and on which he resided until 1880, when he sold that place and bought a farm in the vicinity of Harveysburg, where he resided until his retirement on April 14, 1908, and removal to Spring Valley, where he since has made his home. Mr. Oglesbee owns a farm of one hundred and twenty-three acres. He has served the public in the several capacities of township trustee, clerk of the school board and as land appraiser.

Mr. Oglesbee has been twice married. On February 11, 1861, in Warren county, he was united in marriage to Rebecca Kling, who was born in the neighborhood of Lebanon, in that county, daughter of Lewis Kling and wife. Of the children born to that union two are still living, Dr. William Oglesbee, of Cleveland, this state, and Alice May, the latter of whom completed her musical education at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and is now a teacher of music at Spring Valley. Dr. William Oglesbee, who is proprietor of a hospital at Cleveland, completed his schooling at Antioch College and at the Ohio Medical College, having been graduated from the latter institution in 1891, and after some preliminary hospital work opened an office for the practice of his profession at Cozaddale, later moving to Waynesville, Warren county, where he continued in practice until his removal to Cleveland. He married Minnie Zangmaster, of Cincinnati. Mrs. Rebecca Oglesbee died in 1896 and on September 22, 1898, Mr. Oglesbee married Martha Ann Morgan, who was born in Warren county, May 30, 1846, daughter of William and Matilda (Compton) Morgan, the former of whom was born in Greene county on November 16, 1816, and the latter in Warren county, April 24, 1808. William Morgan died in Warren county on February 19, 1896. He and his wife were the parents of two children, Mrs. Oglesbee having had a brother, James H. Morgan, born on December 24, 1844, who married Anna Sherwood and made his home on a farm two miles north of Spring Valley, where he died in March, 1908. Mrs. Oglesbee received her early schooling in Warren county, the first school she attended there having been the old log Quaker church school on Caesars creek, and she completed her schooling at Earlham College, the Quaker institution of learning at Richmond, Indiana.

WILLIAM DODDS.

William Dodds, last mayor of the city of Xenia, former sheriff of Greene county, former county auditor and formerly connected with his brothers, of the old firm of A. & G. Dodds, in the marble-cutting business at Xenia, is a native of "the land o' the heather," but has been a resident of this country and of Xenia since he was sixteen years of age and is as intense an American as can be found between the two seas. He was born in Rox-

boroughshire, Scotland, last-born of the seven children born to George and Isabel (Taylor) Dodds, both of whom were born in that same shire and the former of whom died when his last-born was but an infant, the subject of this sketch therefore never having known the supporting care of a father.

Reared in his native village, William Dodds completed his studies in the night school there and when sixteen years of age came to the United States, his brothers, Andrew and George Dodds, meanwhile having become established in the marble-cutting and general monument business at Xenia, and here he joined them in 1866, settling down, under their direction, to learn the details of the marble-cutter's trade; and he continued thus engaged in the Dodds marble works at Xenia until 1882, in which year he became engaged as a member of the Xenia fire department. Three months later, however, he gave up his position in the fire department and returned to the marble works, but not long afterward again left that establishment and returned to municipal employment, becoming a member of the police force and so continued until his appointment to the position of court bailiff. During the incumbency of Sheriff Linkhart, Mr. Dodds was appointed deputy sheriff and in 1890 was elected sheriff of Greene county, having been previously nominated for that office by the Republicans of the county. He was re-elected in 1892 and thus served for two terms in the sheriff's office. Upon the expiration of this term of service, in September, 1895, Mr. Dodds resumed his former connection with the police department and continued that connection until his entrance in 1902 upon the duties of auditor of Greene county, to which position he had been elected, as the nominee of the Republican party, in the previous election. Mr. Dodds was re-elected to the office of auditor and he thus continued in that office for two terms, or until 1909. In the meantime he had been elected mayor of the city of Xenia and upon the expiration of his term of service in the auditor's office entered on his new duties in the city hall, as chief executive of the city of Xenia and by successive re-elections continued to hold that office until the creation of the city-manager form of government in 1918. In addition to the formal executive duties of his office, Mayor Dodds, by charter right, also presided over the city police court. Mr. Dodds is the proprietor of a livery stable, a business in which he was long associated with his son, the late Oliver A. Dodds, under the firm name of Dodds & Son.

On May 28, 1874, William Dodds was united in marriage, at Xenia, to Mary E. Knox, daughter of Brice Knox and wife, the former of whom formerly was engaged in the harness and saddlery business at Xenia, and to this union was born one child, a son, Oliver A. Dodds, mentioned above, who died at Akron, Ohio, March 25, 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Dodds attend the Presbyterian church.

CHRISTIAN M. ZELLER, D. D. S.

Dr. Christian M. Zeller, dental surgeon, who has been practicing his profession at Yellow Springs for the past twenty years or more, was born at Medway, in the neighboring county of Clark, December 15, 1871, son of John and Esther (Harnish) Zeller, both now deceased, who were born in Pennsylvania. The former died in 1912 and the latter in 1913. Esther Harnish was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and was but two years of age when her parents came to Ohio and settled in Clark county, where she spent the rest of her life. John Zeller was born in 1832 and his youth was spent in his native state. In the days of his young manhood he came to Ohio and located in Clark county, where for some time he followed his trade as a plasterer. After his marriage he became engaged in farming in the vicinity of Medway. All of the children born to him and his wife are still living save one, Lorenzo, who died when eight years of age. The others besides the subject of this sketch, the fifth in order of birth, are Alonzo, Henry, John, Frank, William and Cyrus.

Reared at Medway, Christian M. Zeller received his schooling in the schools of that village and until he was twenty-one years of age continued his labors on the farm. He then went to Cincinnati, where he entered the Ohio Dental School, second to the oldest institution of that character in the United States. He later entered the Cincinnati Dental School and was graduated from that institution in 1897. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Zeller opened an office for the practice of his profession at Yellow Springs and has since been located there.

On August 29, 1908, Doctor Zeller was united in marriage to Verona Brown, of South Westerlo, in Albany county, New York. They are members of the Presbyterian church. The Doctor is a Republican. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodges of the Free and Accepted Masons and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

FREDERICK SHELLABARGER.

Frederick Shellabarger, proprietor of a fine farm four miles east of Fairfield, in Bath township, rural mail route No. 3 out of Osborn, was born on what was known as the old Galloway farm, over the line in Mad River township, in the neighboring county of Clark, and has lived hereabout all his life, having resided there until he moved down to his present farm in Greene county in 1906. He was born on September 26, 1868, son of Ephraim and Jane E. (Dolbeer) Shellabarger, the former of whom also was born in Mad River township, Clark county, a member of one of the pioneer families in that section of the state.



Fred Schellabarger



Pearl V Shellabarger

Ephraim Shellabarger, who died at his home in Clark county in 1914, was a son of Reuben and Elizabeth (Baker) Shellabarger, both of whom also were born in Mad River township, Clark county, the latter a daughter of Melyn Baker and wife, who were among the early settlers in that part of the county, also were the parents of Reuben Shellabarger, the two families, the Shellabargers and the Bakers, having been identified with the work of development in the Enon neighborhood almost from the time of the beginning of a social order there. Reuben Shellabarger was reared on a pioneer farm and upon beginning operations on his own behalf took hold of a tract of one hundred and twelve acres in section 6 of his home township and after his marriage began housekeeping there in a log house. He developed that place and later adding to his holdings by the purchase of two hundred acres of the old Galloway farm in that vicinity. He was a Democrat, served as township trustee for years and also for some time as land appraiser, and he and his wife were members of the Christian church, he serving as an elder in the church for many years. His wife died on September 5, 1873, and he survived her for more than eighteen years, his death occurring on October 27, 1889, he then being past seventy-five years of age. Reuben Shellabarger and his wife were the parents of ten children, of whom seven grew to maturity and raised families of their own, those besides Ephraim Shellabarger having been Melyn, Mrs. Minerva Dolbeer, Mrs. Sarah Smith, Mrs. Rebecca Dunkel, Mrs. Elizabeth Athy and Mrs. Irene Miller, all of whom established their homes in and about Enon.

Ephraim Shellabarger was born on the old home place near Enon on September 28, 1837, and there grew to manhood. On December 22, 1863, at the bride's home in Mad River township, he married Jane E. Dolbeer, who was born in New Jersey, a daughter of Isaac N. Dolbeer and wife, and who was but a child when she came with her parents to this state, the family settling in the Enon neighborhood in Clark county, where for years Isaac N. Dolbeer later served as justice of the peace, later becoming a resident of Springfield, where his last days were spent. After his marriage Ephraim Shellabarger established his home on that portion of the home farm known as the Galloway place and later became owner of the same. In 1887 he added to his holdings by the purchase of the Francis Johnson farm of one hundred and ninety-eight acres. He was a Democrat and frequently served as a delegate to his party conventions. He and his wife were members of the Christian church. They were the parents of five sons, Charles R., Frederick and Ernest (twins), William and Raymond, all of whom are living save Ernest, who died at the age of one year, and Raymond, who died on April 14, 1918, aged thirty-five.

Frederick Shellabarger was reared on the home farm in the vicinity of Enon, receiving his schooling in what was known as the Shellabarger

school. After his marriage in the spring of 1898 he continued to make his home there until in 1906, when he bought the farm on which he is now living, about four miles east of Fairfield, in Bath township, this county, and has since made his home there. Mr. Shellabarger is a Democrat and during the time of his residence in Clark county served for ten years as treasurer of the county board of agriculture. In 1910 he was elected land appraiser for Bath township and is now serving as road superintendent in his home district.

On March 2, 1898, at Enon, Frederick Shellabarger was united in marriage to Pearl Viola Miller, of that place, who was born in Darke county, this state, but who has spent most of her life in Greene county, having been but four years of age when her parents moved here. Mr. Shellabarger had two brothers, Roy and Guy, both now deceased, and has a sister, Myrtle. Mr. and Mrs. Shellabarger are members of the Christian church. Mr. Shellabarger is a member of the Masonic lodge at Yellow Springs.

HORACE ROBERT HAWKINS, M. D.

Dr. Horace Robert Hawkins, superintendent of Washington Hospital at Xenia, a former member of the Xenia city council and for years one of the best-known colored physicians in this part of Ohio, was born in Greene county and has lived here the greater part of his life. He was born on a farm in the Trebein neighborhood in Beaver creek township, July 3, 1870, son of Leonard and Theresa (Allen) Hawkins, natives of Kentucky, who were married there and who about 1868 came up into this part of Ohio and settled in Greene county. Leonard Hawkins was a practical farmer and upon his arrival here he was given charge of a farm in the vicinity of Trebien Station. A few years later he was given charge of a farm in the Jamestown neighborhood and a few years later was given charge of a farm at Goes Station. Some years later he moved to Clifton, where his last days were spent, his death occurring there in the fall of 1889, he then being seventy-four years of age. His widow is still living, now making her home with a son and a daughter at 621 East Market street, Xenia, she now being in the eighty-third year of her age. Leonard Hawkins and his wife were the parents of sixteen children, of whom ten are still living, namely: Andrew C., who owns and operates a drug store in Xenia and who makes his home at 604 East Main street in that city; Mary E., unmarried, who makes her home in Cleveland, this state; E. E., who is connected with the Pullman railway service, with headquarters at Montreal, Canada; Doctor Hawkins, the subject of this biographical sketch; Amanda, who married James Taylor and lives in Cleveland; Ida, unmarried, who also lives in Cleveland; William N., foreman in the factory of the American Tobacco Company at Xenia; Hattie,

who is unmarried and who lives with her mother in Xenia; Anna May, wife of Charles Jenkins, of Dayton, and Edward, of Xenia.

Reared on the farm, Horace Robert Hawkins received his early schooling at Goes and later attended the high school at Clifton, from which he was graduated in 1888. Having determined to devote his life to the practice of medicine, he had been giving such time as he could to the reading of medical works and upon leaving the high school pursued his medical studies for a year under the preceptorship of Dr. William Webster at Dayton, after which he entered the Homeopathic Hospital College at Cleveland, from which he was graduated with the second honors of his class, in a class of forty-eight, in 1892. During his senior year in college Doctor Hawkins was an assistant interne in the hospital operated in connection with the college and after his graduation he immediately took a post-graduate course in the same institution, specializing in surgery and diseases of women. Thus equipped for the practice of his profession Doctor Hawkins opened an office at Dayton and after eighteen months of practice there moved, in 1894, to Xenia, where he ever since has been engaged in practice. In 1906 the Doctor took a post-graduate course in the Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital at Philadelphia, specializing in surgery, and in 1916 he helped to organize the Washington Hospital, which is located in his office building at 627 East Main street, and has since served as superintendent and chief of staff of the hospital, which has a capacity of eighteen beds. Doctor Hawkins is a member of Miami Valley Medical Society of Ohio. In 1904 the Doctor rebuilt the building in which his office and Washington Hospital are located, in East Main street, and several years ago he bought and remodeled the house in which he now lives at 609 East Main street. The Doctor is a Republican and for sixteen years, or during eight consecutive terms of office, served as a member of the Xenia city council, representing the fourth ward. For the past three years or more the Doctor also has been serving as township physician for Xenia township.

On September 28, 1892, Doctor Hawkins was united in marriage to Cora A. Taylor, who was born at Kalida, this state, daughter of Grant and Carrie V. Taylor. Doctor Hawkins and his wife are members of the Zion Baptist church and the Doctor was formerly president of the Young Peoples Society of the same. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the colored lodges of the Masons and of the Knights of Pythias.

JACOB HANES.

Jacob Hanes, widely known as Squire Hanes, of Zimmermans, one of the oldest native-born residents of Greene county, was born in Beavercreek township on April 2, 1832, a son of Jonathan and Mary (Smeltzer) Hanes.

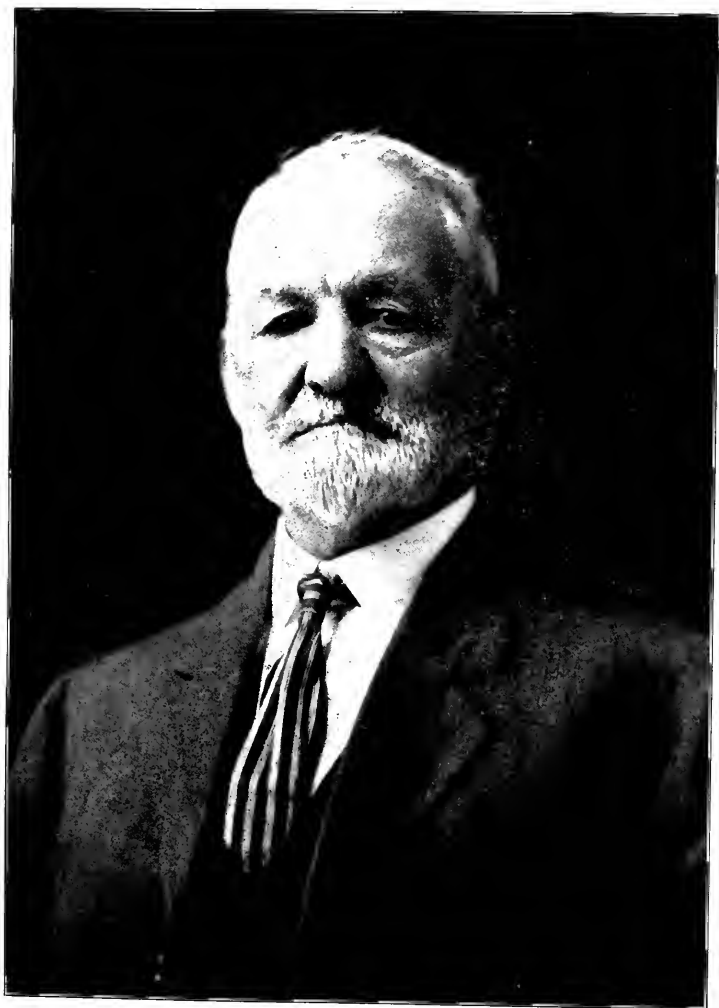
the former of whom was born in Maryland in 1802 and was but three years of age when his parents, Jacob and Mary Hanes, came to this state and settled in Greene county, locating on the land now owned by their grandson, Jacob Hanes, at Zimmermans. The elder Jacob Hanes became a soldier of the War of 1812, served as one of the associate judges of Greene county for seven years, was for many years justice of the peace and in other ways active in pioneer affairs. He died at the age of sixty-six. His widow lived to be eighty-two. They had six children, four of whom, Jacob, Jonathan, Mary and Frances, lived to maturity and reared families. Jonathan Hanes in 1831 married Mary Smeltzer and established his home on a farm at Zimmermans, where he spent the rest of his life. He and his wife were Lutherans and were the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch having had a sister Mary.

Reared on the home farm, Jacob Hanes remained there until his marriage when thirty-five years of age, after which for two years he made his home on the farm of his father-in-law. He then located on the place on which he is now living and there has ever since resided. It was in 1867 that Jacob Hanes was united in marriage to Mary M. Stull, who also was born in this county, March 9, 1847, daughter of William K. and Sarah Stull, and to his union five children were born, Jonathan W., Francis A., Jacob L., Cassius A., and Edward F., all of whom are living save the latter, who died in 1905, at the age of twenty-four years. Mrs. Hanes is a member of the Reformed church. Squire Hanes is a Republican. During recent years he has suffered considerably from failing sight, but is still able to get about with much of his old-time vigor.

Jonathan Hanes, eldest son of Squire Hanes and wife, married Hattie Flatter, of Hartford City, Indiana, and has five children, Katie V., who married O. S. Mendenhall and has one child, a daughter, Bernice Evelyn, and Nettie M., Ada M., Andrew and Nancy. Francis A. Hanes married Minnie Harner, of Oldtown, and has had five children, Raymond J., Herman F. (who died at the age of two years), Thelma, Louise and Edna P. Jacob L. Hanes married Minnie B. Mendenhall and has six children, Arthur L., Florence Jeannette, Albert Louis, Orville K., Herbert and Thomas E. Cassius A. Hanes married Anna Kott and has nine children, Harold, Violet, Edwin, Adenia, Henry, Gladena, Lillian, and Kindle and Kenneth, twins.

JOHN THOMPSON HAWKER.

The Hawkers have been represented in this part of Ohio since Territorial days, the first of the name to settle here having come over here from the Hagerstown neighborhood in Maryland a year or two before Ohio was admitted to statehood and effected a settlement in what later came to be



JOHN T. HAWKER.

organized as Beaver creek township, Greene county, the family thus becoming one of the real pioneer families of Greene county. The ancestors of John Thompson Hawker came from England and from the beginning were active in the work of Mt. Zion Reformed church and of the circuit connected therewith, the Hawker church gaining its name by reason of the family influence exerted in its organization.

The late John Thompson Hawker, who died at his home on the Shaker-town pike in Beaver creek township in the fall of 1913 and whose daughter, Miss Charlotte Hawker, is still living there, was born on that farm and had lived there practically all his life. He was born on November 16, 1828, son of David and Sarah E. (Odaffer) Hawker, both of whom were born in the vicinity of Hagerstown, Maryland, and who had come to Ohio almost immediately following their marriage. David Hawker, who was a son of George Hawker, came to Ohio in 1826, he and his wife being accompanied by the latter's brother, John Odaffer, who later settled in the neighborhood of Troy, over in Miami county. Previous to his definite settlement here David Hawker had been prospecting out here, certain of his kinsman having settled here years before, and had bought a tract of a fraction more than one hundred and seventeen acres on the Shakertown road in Beaver creek township, paying for the same one thousand and two dollars. There he established his home when he and his wife arrived here in November, 1826, and there they spent the remainder of their lives. David Hawker added to his holdings until he became the owner of about three hundred acres of land. The barn he built on that place in 1838 is still standing and serviceable. The large farm house which ever since has served as a place of family residence on the farm and where Miss Charlotte Hawker is now living with her niece and the latter's husband, Russell T. Shultz, the latter of whom is now the owner of the farm, was erected by David Hawker in 1852. David Hawker was one of the charter members of Mt. Zion Reformed church. Politically, he was a Democrat. He died in November, 1864, being then sixty-five years of age, and his widow survived him for more than twenty years, her death occurring in 1885, she then being eighty-three years of age. They were the parents of nine children, namely: Catherine, who married Abraham Darst; John T., the subject of this memorial sketch; Mary Ann, who married Jonas Lesher and lives at Greenville, this state, now eighty-seven years of age; Elizabeth, who married Abraham Darst, husband of her deceased sister, Catherine; Sarah Jane, who married Edom Burrows, who moved to Indiana and established his home in the Crawfordsville neighborhood; David, Jr., a building contractor and land-owner, now living at Dayton; Martha Ellen, who married H. C. Kiler, and Adaline, who married J. T. Leevy and died at Dayton.

John T. Hawker grew up on the home farm in Beaver creek township and lived there practically all his life. After his father's death he bought

one hundred and forty-seven acres of the old home place, including the house, and there spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on November 20, 1913. In addition to his general farming he gave considerable attention to the raising of live stock, his herd of Shorthorn cattle having something more than a local reputation. John T. Hawker was for many years an elder in the Mt. Zion Reformed church. He also took an active interest in local political affairs, a Republican, and for fourteen years served as trustee of Beaver creek township.

On October 20, 1855, John T. Hawker was united in marriage to Sarah Elizabeth Watkins, who also was born in this county, daughter of Benjamin F. Watkins and wife, the latter of whom was a Haverstick, who were residents of what is now the Wilberforce neighborhood and who were the parents of twelve children. Benjamin F. Watkins came to this county about 1830 from the Hagerstown neighborhood in Maryland. He was a son of a wealthy planter and slaveowner and was reared with the expectation of never having to work, but after his settlement in this county became a cabinet-maker and established a good home. To John T. and Elizabeth (Watkins) Hawker were born three children, Edward S., now living at Dayton; Charlotte, mentioned above as still living on the old home place in Beaver creek township, and Clara, who died at the age of ten years. Mrs. Elizabeth Hawker died in 1890 and in 1892 John T. Hawker married Mrs. A. D. Freeman, who died in 1911 without issue.

Edward S. Hawker has been twice married, his first wife, who was Mary E. Huston, having died years ago, after which he married Minnie Lutz. Upon the death of Mr. Hawker's first wife Miss Charlotte Hawker, his sister, took charge of and reared his daughter, Gertrude, and his son, J. T., Jr., at the same time buying her brother's interest in the old home place, and has ever since continued to reside there. Gertrude Hawker married Russell T. Schultz, who later bought the old Hawker farm and is now the owner of the same, operating it. J. T. Hawker, Jr., lives at Dayton, a carpenter by trade. Two other children of Edward S. Hawker by his first marriage were Myrtle, now Mrs. A. F. Gabler, of Dayton, and Clayton, also a resident of Dayton. By his second marriage Edward S. Hawker has two sons, Everett and Frederick.

HENRY F. BAKER, M. D.

Dr. Henry F. Baker, of Yellow Springs, the oldest practicing physician in Greene county, has been a continuous resident of the village in which he is now living for nearly forty years, with the exception of about three years during the early '80s, when, on account of the declining state of his wife's

health, it was necessary to seek a temporary change of scene. In August, 1879, Doctor Baker located at Yellow Springs. In 1881 he left, but in 1884 returned to the village and has since made that his place of residence, engaged in the practice of his profession.

COL. JOSEPH E. WILSON.

The late Col. Joseph E. Wilson, of Yellow Springs, was a native of Maryland, born in Montgomery county, on October 19, 1823, and was but three years of age when his father, who was a Virginian, moved with his family from Maryland back to the Old Dominion and located in Loudoun county, his birth place, where he remained for about six years. At the end of that time he came to Ohio with his family and located in the Quaker settlement in Clark county, he having been a member of the Society of Friends. Young Joseph was nine years of age when he came with his parents to Ohio and he grew up in Clark county, supplementing the schooling he received there by attendance at the Quaker school that then was being conducted at Zanesville. He married in 1845 and in 1848 moved down to Yellow Springs, there erected a lime kiln and was for six years or more there engaged in burning lime. He then became interested in Illinois lands and in various other investments and presently went to Jackson and Cass counties, Missouri, in the neighborhood of which place he was for two or three years engaged in farming, but he afterward returned to Yellow Springs and there erected the house in which his last days were spent, one of the most pretentious of the numerous fine houses in that village. He did not long remain in Yellow Springs after that return, however, for he presently returned to Missouri and at Butler, in Bates county, that state, became engaged in the banking business. Upon his retirement from the banking business the Colonel returned to his old home in Yellow Springs and there spent his last days, his death occurring there on May 12, 1898. Though reared a Quaker, Colonel Wilson was not of the non-combative sort and during the Civil War responded to the hundred-days call, helped raise a regiment and was mustered out as colonel of the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio National Guard.

On December 2, 1845, at Selma, Ohio, Joseph E. Wilson was united in marriage to Delilah Marshall, who was born at Selma in 1823, daughter of William and Catherine (Huffman) Marshall, and to that union were born four children, Emma, Frank E., William and Hannah, all of whom are still living, the latter continuing to make her home in Yellow Springs in the fine old house erected by her father many years ago. Emma Wilson married Charles K. Wilson, a farmer in the neighboring county of Clark and since his death has been making her home at Springfield. Frank E. Wilson married Elina Wright and has for years made his home in the West, at present

residing at Poteles, New Mexico. He formerly was a resident of Comanche county, Texas, and during his residence there served as treasurer of the county and for some years as sheriff. William Wilson married first Mary Woodard and second Etta Drake and is now a resident of Alberta, Canada. Hannah Wilson married Edward Winslow, who is engaged in business in Yellow Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Winslow have a son, Hugh Winslow, who is engaged with his father in business. Colonel Wilson's widow continued to make her home at Yellow Springs after his death and survived him for more than seventeen years, her death occurring there on August 19, 1915. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

GRANVILLE O. PETERSON.

The late Granville O. Peterson, who died at his home in Caesarscreek township, this county, November 18, 1913, and whose widow is still living there, was born in that same township and lived there all his life. He was born on August 8, 1854, son of Paris H. and Amanda J. (Tressler) Peterson, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families.

Paris H. Peterson was born in Spring Valley township, son of Jonas and Susan Peterson, who had settled in the woods in that township upon coming to Greene county from Virginia. Jonas Peterson and his wife began their home-making in a log cabin in the woods, reared their family there and there spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of ten children, John, Jonas, Martin, Christopher, David, Sarah, Elizabeth, Hannah, Paris and Jane. Paris Peterson grew up on that pioneer farm, married Amanda Tressler, established his home in Caesarscreek township and there reared his family, he and his wife having been the parents of three children, Granville O., David Fudge, who married Clara Boots, and Minnie Ann, who married Levitt McDonald.

Reared on the old home farm in Caesarscreek township, Granville O. Peterson received his schooling in the Maple Corners school. He married in the spring of 1877 and established his home on the farm on which his widow is now living, the old Alexander Ireland place of fifty acres in Caesarscreek township, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there, as noted above, in the fall of 1913. In addition to his general farming, Granville O. Peterson for years operated a threshing-machine throughout that part of the county during seasons. He was a genial man, made friends wherever he went and at one time and another had held township offices.

On March 22, 1877, Granville O. Peterson was united in marriage to Mina Boots, who was born in Caesarscreek township, a daughter of David and Martha E. (Peterson) Boots, both of whom also were born in this



GRANVILLE O. PETERSON.

county, members of pioneer families. David Boots was a carpenter and farmer. He died at his home in Caesarscreek township in 1859, and his widow survived him until January 18, 1917, she then being eighty-two years of age. In early life David Boots and his wife were members of the Maple Corners Reformed church, but later became affiliated with the Baptist church at Jamestown. They were the parents of three children, Mrs. Peterson having two sisters, Mary C., wife of Charles McDonald, now living at Cottage Hill, Florida, and Clara Alma, who died on March 10, 1916, and who was twice married, her first husband having been Fudge Peterson and her second, John H. Thomas, who died on July 4, 1917.

To Granville O. and Mina (Boots) Peterson were born four sons, Alpheus P., Jesse F., Arthur M. and Russell Wayne, all of whom are still living in this county. Alpheus P. Peterson married Minnie Frances Jones and is living on the old home place, managing the same since his father's death. He also operates a threshing-machine during seasons, as did his father for so many years before him. Jesse F. Peterson married Emma Thomas and is farming in Caesarscreek township. Arthur M. Peterson married Grace Fawcett and is farming in the Cedarville neighborhood. Russell W. Peterson continues to make his home on the home place, assisting his brother Alpheus in the management of the same. Mrs. Peterson has continued her residence there since the death of her husband. She is a member of the Maple Corners Reformed church.

JOHN E. JOHNSON.

John E. Johnson, a retired farmer, a veteran of the Civil War and former school trustee, now living at Yellow Springs, was born in the village of Clifton on April 1, 1845, and has lived in this county all his life. He is a son of Joseph R. and Lydia Elizabeth (Estle) Johnson, the former of whom was born at Lydaville, Kentucky, March 8, 1819, and was but seven years of age when his parents left Kentucky and came up into this part of Ohio in 1826 and located in Greene county, establishing their home on a farm half way between Yellow Springs and Clifton. Two years later the Johnsons moved up into the neighboring county of Clark, locating on a farm on the Yellow Springs and Springfield pike, where Joseph R. Johnson lived until his father's death in 1830. He then was eleven years of age and stayed on the home place and later made his home with an elder brother, W. D. Johnson, who was engaged in the milling business at Clifton, and there learned the milling business, in which he continued engaged for many years.

At Clifton Joseph R. Johnson married Lydia Elizabeth Estle, who was

born on January 30, 1822, and he continued to make his home at that place until 1861, in which year he bought the Finlay-Whiteman farm of three hundred acres, and on that place made his home until he sold the farm in 1878 and moved to Springfield, where he spent his last days, his death occurring there on November 6, 1892. His wife had died on February 29, 1880. Joseph R. Johnson had served as a school trustee, and he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church. They were the parents of eight children, those besides the subject of this sketch, the second in order of birth, being the following: Clemency, born on October 9, 1842, who married Michael Madden and died in 1915; Abigail Little, born in February, 1847, who died on April 26, 1865; Asahel, April 23, 1849, whose last days were spent at Vancouver, British Columbia; Lydia Elizabeth, May 29, 1851, who died on April 25, 1853; Mrs. Hannah Miriam Jacobe, June 30, 1857, who is living at Yellow Springs; Ann Maria, June 30, 1859, who was the wife of Harvey Scranton, now deceased; and Margaret Jane Hand, August 25, 1862, wife of William Forbes.

John E. Johnson received his schooling at Clifton and was sixteen years of age when his father moved from that village to the farm in 1861. He remained on the farm until in February, 1863, when he enlisted in the Union army and went to the front as a member of Company M, Eighth Ohio Cavalry, and at once became active on detached service. He was captured by the enemy and was sent to Libby Prison, where he was held for several months. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Johnson returned to the home farm and after his marriage in the fall of 1867 established his home there and continued there to reside, in time becoming the owner of the farm, until 1911, in which year he retired from the active labors of the farm and he and his wife moved to Yellow Springs, where they are now living. Not long ago Mr. Johnson sold his farm. He has served as school trustee and as a member of the board of education.

On November 26, 1867, John E. Johnson was united in marriage to Sarah Jane Weller, who was born in Champaign county, Ohio, March 26, 1849, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Wyant) Weller, natives, respectively, of Virginia and Ohio, and to this union five children have been born, namely: Samuel W., who has been twice married, by his marriage to Alice Budd having had three children, Edna, who married Austin Smith and has one son, Sannel; Jennie, who married Alonzo Line, and Alice; and by his marriage to Armintha Sproul has one child, a son, Samuel Ross; Gertrude Elizabeth, who married John Budd, of Springfield, Ohio, and has one child, Maria, who married Charles Lucas, and has one son, Jack; John Orlando, who is now living at Spencer, Idaho, and who has three children, Dorothy, John and Arthur Estle; Joseph R., who is married and is living at Spring-

field, and Azema, who died in 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Johnson is a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and a member of the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Knights of Pythias.

HERMAN N. COE.

Herman N. Coe, a retired farmer of Greene county, now living at Yellow Springs, where he has made his home for years, is a native son of Ohio and has been a resident of Greene county for more than forty-five years. He was born on a farm in Union county on April 24, 1854, son of Moses and Martha (Boal) Coe, the latter of whom also was a native of Union county.

Moses Coe was a native of Pennsylvania, born in Washington county in 1827, and was eight years of age when he came with his parents to Ohio, the family settling in Union county, where he received his schooling, grew to manhood, married, established his home on a farm and there spent the rest of his life. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and of the Masonic order. It was about 1849 that he married Martha Boal and to that union were born eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being Heber, who died in infancy; Orra, widow of Lewis Bland; Harvey D., who married Edith Kieth, of Iowa, and died in Colorado; Elmer D., who married Lizzie Scott, of Marysville, Ohio, and is now living in Chicago; Jennie, who married William Beckman and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased; Margaret, who married A. E. Gillett and is now living at Los Angeles, California, and Lulu, who died in the days of her girlhood.

Herman N. Coe spent his boyhood in Union county, receiving his schooling there, and when seventeen years of age came to Greene county and became engaged working on a farm on Clarks run. That was in the summer of 1871 and he continued thus engaged until after his marriage in 1876, when he began farming on his own account and presently became the owner of a farm of one hundred and fifty-four acres on the road between Clifton and Cedarville, which he still owns. There he continued farming until his retirement in 1915 and removal to Yellow Springs, where he since has made his home. Mr. Coe is a member of the Presbyterian church at Clifton and for more than thirty years has been an elder in the same.

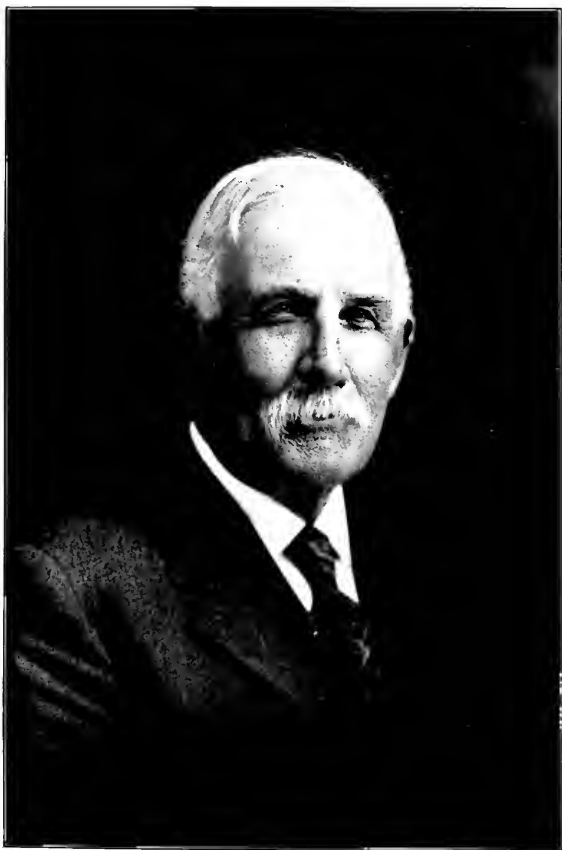
Mr. Coe has been twice married. In 1876, at Urbana, Illinois, he was united in marriage to Christina Davis, and to that union were born two daughters, Lulu M., who married A. E. Swaby and has one child, a daughter, Dorris, and Olive, who is unmarried. The mother of these daughters

died in 1907 and on October 28, 1915, Mr. Coe married Mrs. Sarah (Barnett) Currie, of Yellow Springs.

ALBERT BURRELL.

Albert Burrell, a veteran of the Civil War and proprietor of a well-kept farm in Xenia township, situated on rural mail route No. 5 out of Xenia, is a member of one of the oldest families in this county, the Burrells having been represented here for more than a hundred years. He was born on a farm in Caesarscreek township on August 18, 1846, son of Marshall and Rebecca (Powers) Burrell, whose last days were spent in Xenia, to which city Marshall Burrell had moved upon his retirement from the farm.

Marshall Burrell was born on February 22, 1825, son of John D. and Eleanor (Marshall) Burrell, the latter of whom was a daughter of John Marshall, one of the pioneers of Greene county and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. John D. Burrell was a Virginian, born along one of the branches of the Monongahela in the "panhandle" of what is now West Virginia. In 1807 he came to Greene county and on October 29, of that same year, married Eleanor Marshall and settled on a tract of land in what later came to be known as the Needmore school district, in Caesarscreek township, where he was living when the call came for volunteers for service in the War of 1812. He left his wife and the two small children who by this time had enlarged his household, and went to the front, rendering service as a soldier until the close of the war. He and his wife spent the remainder of their lives on that pioneer farm, his death occurring there on May 16, 1864, he then being eighty-one years of age. He and his wife were members of the Baptist church and their children were reared in that faith. There were six of these children, five daughters and the one son, Marshall Burrell, father of the subject of this sketch. Marshall Burrell grew up on the farm on which he was born in Caesarscreek township and eventually became a landowner in that same township, establishing his home there after his marriage. He also was a successful trader, doing quite a bit of business in real-estate transactions, as well as in the buying and selling of live stock. Upon his retirement from the farm he divided his land among his children and moved to Xenia, where his death occurred on February 11, 1907, he then lacking only eleven days of being eighty-two years of age. Marshall Burrell was twice married, his first wife and the mother of his children having been Rebecca Powers, who was born in the neighboring county of Warren in September, 1824, daughter of Edward and Mary Powers, natives of Ireland and pioneers in the upper part of Warren county, who were the parents of ten children, five sons and five daughters. To that union were born three children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Mary Ellen, wife of Frank Smith, of Xenia township, this county, and a brother, Eli Burrell, of Xenia.



ALBERT BURRELL

The mother of these children died in June, 1894, and Marshall Burrell later married Hannah Maxey. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Albert Burrell was reared on the farm on which he was born in Caesars-creek township and received his schooling in the neighborhood schools. He was but a boy when the Civil War broke out, but from the very beginning of that struggle his patriotic ardor was aroused and on May 3, 1864, he then being but seventeen years of age, he enlisted without his father's knowledge in a company of home guards that then was being recruited. It so happened that his father had enlisted for similar service in that same command on that same day and when he found that his son had enlisted interposed his legal objection and compelled the lad's resignation. The elder Burrell went with his company to the camp at Columbus and was there presently visited by young Albert, his son, who insisted that the father return home and let him serve in his stead, the father's presence being greatly needed at home. The father finally, though with much reluctance, consented to this plan and upon the matter being laid before the colonel of the regiment the latter agreed to the arrangement provided the son should enter the service under his father's name in order to avoid the necessity of altering the regimental roster, and it was thus that Albert Burrell rendered service to his country during the Civil War under the name of Marshall Burrell, an apparent discrepancy that created quite a bit of confusion in the pension department when many years later his application for a pension was filed with the government, though it did not prevent the eventual grant of the pension. The command with which Albert Burrell thus served was Company H of the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with that command he participated in the battle of New Creek, West Virginia, August 4, 1864. Upon the completion of his military service Albert Burrell returned home and resumed his place on the farm, continuing there until his marriage in the fall of 1867, when he bought a small farm and started farming on his own account. When his father retired and divided his land among his children Mr. Burrell came into possession of a part of his father's farm in Xenia township and has since been living there. To that tract he later added an adjoining tract and now has eighty-one acres. In 1902 Mr. Burrell suffered the loss of his home by fire, but he later erected a better and larger house. He is a Democrat and has served as a school director in his home district. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On October 17, 1867, Albert Burrell was united in marriage to Phoebe Eleanor Smith, who was born in the neighboring county of Clinton and who died on August 9, 1911. To that union were born ten children, namely: Francis M., a farmer, of Sugarcreek township; Flora B., wife of Robert

Charters, of Cleveland, Ohio; Laura Elsie, wife of Charles Clemans, of Cedarville township; Rebecca Maud, unmarried, who is living at home with her father; Carrie Melissa, also at home; Omar Marshall, who is now living at Springfield, this state; Edna Phoebe, at home; Alberta, wife of Amos Frame, of Ross township; Lucien Elmer, who died at the age of six years, and Oscar Lee, who died when two years of age.

WILMOT EARL LITTLETON.

Wilmot Earl Littleton, a member of the furniture and undertaking firm of Littleton & Sons, of Yellow Springs, was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Clark on September 16, 1877, son of Granville Fisher and Clarinda Ann (Sparrow) Littleton, both of whom also were born in this state, the latter in Clark county, and who are now living at Yellow Springs.

Granville Fisher Littleton, one of the oldest undertakers and furniture dealers in this part of the state and head of the firm of Littleton & Sons at Yellow Springs, was born in 1850 and his youth was spent on a farm. He finished his schooling in a "select" school in the neighboring town of Clifton and as he had been reared to the ways of the farm presently took up farming on his own account and after his marriage in the early '70s to Clarinda Ann Sparrow, who was born in Clark county, her parents having located there upon coming to this country from England, established his home on a farm in Clark county, later moving to Greene county. In the latter '70s he engaged in the furniture business at Yellow Springs, also undertaking, and in 1881 he took a course in the Clark Embalming School, the first of its kind established in this country, and set himself up in the undertaking business at Yellow Springs, where, with certain intermissions, he has since been engaged in business. In 1890 Mr. Littleton spent a year on a farm in Illinois, where he also was engaged in the undertaking business, later returning to Yellow Springs; and in 1894 he went to Alabama, but in 1896 returned to his established home at Yellow Springs and has been there continuously since, for some years past having associated with him in business his sons, the business being carried on under the firm name of Littleton & Sons, the firm doing business at the same corner on which Mr. Littleton established himself in business forty years ago. Mr. Littleton and his family are members of the Presbyterian church and he is affiliated with the local lodges of the Masons and the Odd Fellows, now serving as treasurer of the former.

To Granville F. and Clarinda A. (Sparrow) Littleton five children have been born, namely: Daisy Maude, who married Lewis Reinwald and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased, her death in 1914 leaving three

orphaned children, Josephine, who is now engaged in professional nursing at Chicago; Lewis, who lives in Yellow Springs, and Mildred, wife of Ralph Figgins; Wilmot E., the immediate subject of this biographical sketch; Morris Fisher, a member of the firm of Littleton & Sons, who married Ella Figgins, of Yellow Springs, and has one child, a daughter, Janet; Harry Ladrew, now engaged in the undertaking business at Sabina, in the neighboring county of Clinton, who married Susan Dakin and has one child, a son, Roger; Edwin, a member of the firm of Littleton & Sons, who married Ethel Diltz, who then was employed in the office of the Robbins & Myers Motor Company at Springfield, and has two daughters, Dorothy and Marjorie.

Wilmot Earl Littleton was reared at Yellow Springs and from the days of his boyhood has been interested in the details of the business established there by his father. Upon completing the course in the local high school he entered a school for instructions in the art of embalming, his brother Harry and himself being members of the first class to take the examination under the state license law, and afterward became associated with his father and his brothers in the general furniture and undertaking business at Yellow Springs. Mr. Littleton has served two years as master of the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and is also a member of the board of trustees of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He also is a member of the local school board. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Presbyterian church.

On March 29, 1900, Mr. Littleton was united in marriage to Josephine Hutchinson, of Yellow Springs, a daughter of Elder and Hester (Baker) Hutchinson, the former of whom died about 1881 and the latter of whom is still living at Yellow Springs, and who were the parents of four daughters, Mrs. Littleton having had three sisters, Nettie, wife of L. D. Welch, of Yellow Springs; Stella, now deceased, who was the wife of Howard Adams, and Fannie, who is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Littleton have four children, Joseph Wilmot, born on December 3, 1901, now a student in the high school; Eleanor, November 28, 1903, also in the high school; Granville Eugene, June 10, 1905, and Elizabeth, March 19, 1917.

J. N. WOLFORD.

J. N. Wolford, editor and proprietor of the *Yellow Springs News*, was born at Xenia on March 19, 1879, son of John Henry and America (Mills) Wolford, the latter of whom also was born in this county and is still living here, for many years a resident of Cedarville.

John Henry Wolford was born at Clear Springs, Maryland, in 1849,

and was seventeen years of age when he came to Ohio in 1866 and became employed in the blacksmith shop and carriage factory of his uncle, John Lutz, at Xenia, becoming there thoroughly trained in the details of the carriage-making business. He later became engaged in this business on his own account and presently opened an establishment at Cedarville, where he remained engaged in the carriage-making line the rest of his life, his death occurring there in 1916. His widow is still living at Cedarville. John Henry Wolford and wife were the parents of five children, namely: Bernice, who is living with her mother at Cedarville; Mrs. Ida Turnbull, also of Cedarville; Mrs. Edna Dodds, of Cincinnati; J. N., the immediate subject of this biographical sketch, and Ralph, who is continuing to carry on his father's old-established business at Cedarville.

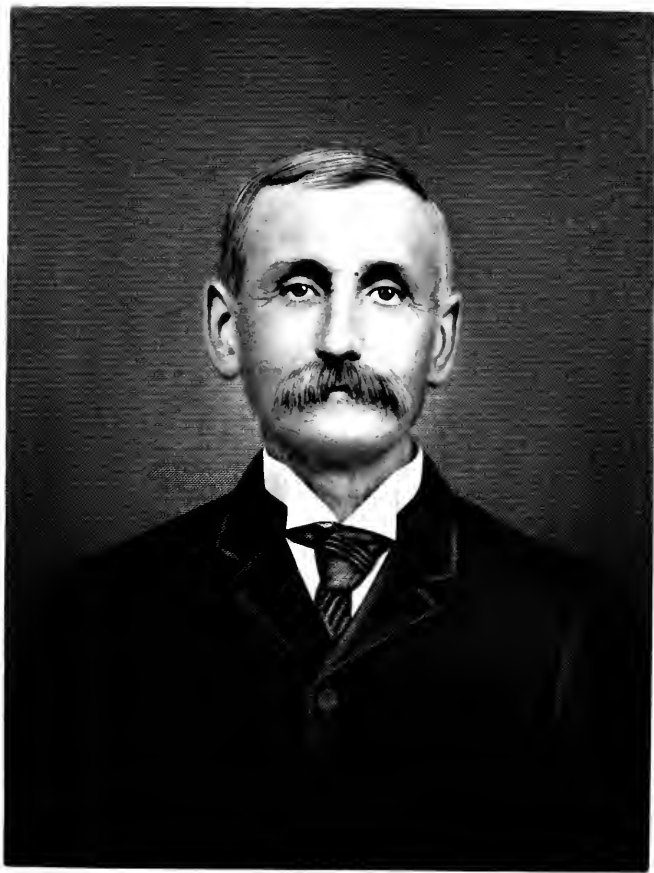
J. N. Wolford was but a child when his parents moved from Xenia to Cedarville and he was reared in the latter place. He was graduated from the Cedarville high school in 1898, meantime having become a carriage-painter, working in his father's shop, and after leaving high school entered Cedarville College, later taking a course in Ohio Northern University. Upon leaving college he bought the *Yellow Springs News*, a once-a-week newspaper that had been established at Yellow Springs in 1880, and has since then been engaged in the newspaper business. Mr. Wolford is a Republican and a Mason.

On August 11, 1910, Mr. Wolford was united in marriage to Lucy Birch, of Yellow Springs, and to this union two children have been born, Leah, born in 1912, and Jane, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Wolford are members of the Presbyterian church.

ABRAHAM L. SHUEY.

Abraham L. Shuey, former mayor of the town of Fairfield and justice of the peace in and for Bath township, was born in the vicinity of the town of Gratis, in Gratis township, Preble county, this state. On April 5, 1864, he became a resident of Greene county and remained here until in December, 1874, when he moved to a farm he had bought on the national road a mile and a half west of Donnelsville, in Clark county. Two years later he moved to Fairfield and in 1888 removed from that village to a farm just south of the village, where he remained until 1893, when he returned to the village, where he and his wife have since resided. Mr. Shuey has served as mayor of Fairfield and as justice of the peace, as well as in other official capacities, and is also a notary public.

Mrs. M. C. Wilson Shuey, wife of Abraham L. Shuey, is a daughter of William Harvey Wilson, who was the eldest of the thirteen children of



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Isaac Wilson, who had come to this region with his parents from Kentucky in 1801, and she thus is a member of one of the very first families of Greene county. Isaac Wilson established his home in the neighborhood of the present village of Byron and became one of the large landowners of Greene county. One of his sons, Uriah Wilson, who died in 1900, was a soldier of the Civil War and was the father of thirteen children, some of whom are still living in the Fairfield community. Isaac Wilson died on April 10, 1860, and left a large estate to his family. William Harvey Wilson also became a large landowner and left a substantial estate at the time of his death in 1893. Three of his children are still living, Mrs. Shuey having two brothers, Cassius M. Wilson, a veteran auctioneer, now living retired at Fairfield, and James M. Wilson, a retired farmer, living just north of the village. Mrs. Shuey has for many years been incidentally engaged in journalistic work, has written for a number of the leading papers of the country and has contributed to this publication in the way of providing data relating to the histories of the Fairfield and Osborn neighborhoods. On March 4, 1908, Mr. Shuey was taken down with an attack of la grippe from which an ailment of his left ankle developed. On April 2 following he was taken to the hospital and there his left leg was amputated. On April 5 of that same year Mrs. Shuey contracted blood-poisoning in her right thumb, the trouble quickly extending to her left arm and developing a condition which necessitated the amputation of that member, the operation being performed on May 9. Despite these physical disabilities and their advancing years, both Mr. and Mrs. Shuey are hale and hearty and full of the joy of living.

RALPH O. WEAD.

When Ralph O. Wead, superintendent of the public schools at Yellow Springs, was a candidate for clerk of courts, subject to the Republican primary, in the campaign of 1916, he thought it but fitting, as a measure of introduction to such of the electorate as might not have a personal acquaintance with him, to issue a personal statement regarding himself and in that statement he succeeded in reducing the art of biography, or autobiography, to the minimum by producing "My Credentials," a statement of facts which, gauged by its brevity, may properly enough he said to have achieved the maximum of modesty, in the following words and figures:

I was born, have always lived, was married and am rearing my family in Greene county. I lived my boyhood years in Spring Valley township and in Xenia city. Early in life I discovered that an education is a necessity and if I was to have one I must pay for it myself. During school years I worked as a *Gazette* carrier boy and during college vacations in the fuse factory, the shoe factory, as clerk, and as brakeman

on a construction train. I was graduated from Xenia high school 1899. Completed course in Xenia Business College night school 1899. Taught school in Cedarville township 1901-02. Graduated from Antioch College 1904. Principal of Sugar Creek township high school 1904-05. Elected superintendent of Yellow Springs schools 1905, which position I have held for eleven years.

Amplifying the above for the definite purpose of this volume, it may be said that Ralph O. Wead was born on a farm in Spring Valley township on January 18, 1881, a son of James V. and Susan (Lewis) Wead, the former of whom also was born in this county and the latter in the neighboring county of Warren, though she had the good fortune to be reared in Greene county, having been cared for in her girlhood by Mrs. Henry Corey. James V. Wead was born on a farm on the Xenia-Jamestown pike and early became a practical farmer. He completed his schooling in the old Xenia College on East church street and after his marriage bought a small farm in Spring Valley township, where he made his home until 1889, when he moved with his family to Xenia, where he and his wife are now living. To them four children have been born, three of whom are living, Superintendent Wead having two sisters, Lydia May, who married Joseph Shank, now living at Dayton, Ohio, and has one child, a son, Warren, and Carrie Belle, a professional nurse, engaged in that capacity at Dayton and Xenia. The latter had a twin brother, Frederick, who died in childhood.

Ralph O. Wead was eight years of age when his parents moved to Xenia. He had had two years of schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his childhood home in Spring Valley township and upon moving to Xenia entered the school there and was graduated from the high school in that city in 1899, meanwhile spending his vacation periods in various industrial activities, as set out in the modest paragraph that introduces this review. During the last year of his high-school course he completed the bookkeeping course in the night school of Xenia Business College. In the fall of 1899 he entered Antioch College and for two years pursued his studies there. He then taught school for one term in Cedarville township and later re-entered Antioch College, from which institution he was graduated in 1904 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Following his graduation he was engaged as the principal of the high school at Bellbrook and served in that capacity for one year, at the end of which time he was engaged as superintendent of the public schools at Yellow Springs, which position he since has held. In 1905, the year of his marriage, when Mr. Wead took charge there were twenty-nine pupils in the high school, and in 1918 there were one hundred and six pupils in the high school and thirty-one in the graduating class. During his incumbency as superintendent of schools Professor Wead has pursued his studies and has secured all credits necessary for his Master degree in Ohio State University. He is a Republican and in the campaign of 1916

was a candidate for the nomination for clerk of courts. In announcing his candidacy, subject to the Republican primary, he frankly declared that he was a candidate "for no other reason than because I want the position and believe that my qualifications will recommend me as worthy of a public trust. I have always taught my pupils that any good citizen should not hesitate to offer his ability on the highest market." He is a member of the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Yellow Springs. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

On August 23, 1905, Mr. Wead was united in marriage to Edith J. Hirst, who was born at Yellow Springs, daughter of Capt. T. C. Hirst and wife, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to this union two children have been born, sons both, Robert H., born in 1907, and William L., 1910. In addition to his school work Professor Wead is a member of the firm of Weiss & Wead, which in the summer of 1915 bought out the old Birch general store.

NOBEL T. PAVEY, D. D. S.

Dr. Nobel T. Pavey, member of the firm of Pavey & Kester, dentists, with offices in the Xenia National Bank building at Xenia, was born in Leesburg, in Highland county, Ohio, January 9, 1890, son of Gilbert A. and Ida (Smith) Pavey, the latter of whom was born in that same county, in 1861, and both of whom are still living at Leesburg.

Gilbert A. Pavey was born in Fayette county, Ohio, in 1860, and grew up a practical farmer, later owning and operating a farm on the line between Fayette and Highland counties, where he lived until his retirement from the farm and removal to the neighboring village of Leesburg, where he became engaged in the undertaking business, at the same time continuing to manage his farm. He is now living practically retired, though retaining an interest in the business in which he was long actively engaged. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he has been for years a steward in the same. They have three children, Doctor Pavey having a brother, Ernest W. Pavey, now general manager of the Oscar Leer Motor Company at Columbus, Ohio, and a sister, Geneva, wife of his partner, Dr. Alford B. Kester, of Xenia.

Reared at Leesburg, Doctor Pavey completed his public schooling in the high school of that village and then took a course in the Ohio State University, after which he entered Starling Dental College at Columbus and was graduated from that institution with the class of 1911. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Pavey came to Greene county and opened an office for the

practice of his profession at Jamestown, where he remained for two years, at the end of which time he moved to Xenia. In the fall of 1915, by competitive examination, Doctor Pavey entered the government service as a dental surgeon and continued that service until the spring of 1916, when he and his brother-in-law, Dr. Alford B. Kester, who also had been in the government service as a dental surgeon, formed a partnership and resumed regular practice.

On October 10, 1911, Doctor Pavey was united in marriage to Avice Fishback, who was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Fayette, daughter of John and Ida Fishback, the latter of whom is still living, and to this union have been born two children, Paul, born on November 12, 1912, and Elizabeth Jane, October 25, 1916. Doctor and Mrs. Pavey are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church at Xenia and the Doctor is a member of the official board of the same. The Doctor is a Scottish Rite Mason, affiliated with Xenia Lodge No. 49 and with the Valley at Dayton. During his college days the Doctor was a member of the Psi Omega fraternity.

WILLIAM H. CRESWELL.

The beginnings of the Creswell family in Greene county date from the coming of Mrs. Catherine Creswell, a widow, with her eight children, two sons, James and Samuel, and six daughters, up here from Scott county, Kentucky, in the days of the beginning of the past century, the family thus being numbered among the first to settle here. Mrs. Catherine Creswell was a Pennsylvanian, as was her husband, James Creswell. They had settled in Kentucky and were there members of the widespread congregation of Seceders to which the Rev. Robert Armstrong ministered before he came up here and settled on Massies creek, many of the members of his congregation having previously come up here to escape slavery conditions in Kentucky and more coming after he had established his church on Massies creek and on Sugar creek. James Creswell was slain by Indians in Kentucky and his widow later came here with her children and settled on what is now the Jackson farm west of Cedarville. Her son James married Ann Junkin, daughter of Lancelot Junkin and wife, the latter of whom was a Galloway, Pennsylvanians, who had come here with the Galloways in 1797, and after his marriage in 1811 settled on the farm at what is now the crossing of the Federal pike and the Cedarville and Jamestown road, two and one-half miles southeast of Cedarville. There his pioneer mother spent her last days and there he and his wife also spent the remainder of their lives. James Creswell died in 1866. He and his wife were the parents of five children, of

WILLIAM H. GRESWELL AND FAMILY.



whom Samuel Creswell, father of the subject of this sketch, was the fourth in order of birth, all of which is set out, together with much additional matter of a historical and genealogical character relating to the Creswells in this county, in a biographical sketch relating to James H. Creswell, elder brother of the subject of this sketch, presented elsewhere in this volume.

Samuel Creswell was born on the old Creswell home farm, now owned and occupied by his son, George H. Creswell, a biographical sketch of whom also is presented elsewhere, and there he spent all his life, having established his home there after his marriage in 1846 to Eliza Jane Huffman, who also spent her last days there, her death occurring on August 10, 1910, she then being eighty-three years of age. Samuel Creswell survived his wife about two years, his death occurring on July 16, 1912, he then being ninety-two years of age. As is set out elsewhere, he and his wife were the parents of ten children, mention of whom is made in the sketch of the elder son referred to above.

William H. Creswell, seventh in order of birth of the ten children born to Samuel and Eliza Jane (Huffman) Creswell, was born on the old Creswell farm in Cedarville township on February 26, 1859, and there grew to manhood. He completed his schooling in the Cedarville high school and remained at home until after his marriage in 1887, when he bought a tract of sixty-five acres adjoining his father's place on the southeast, built a house on the same and there established his home. Since entering upon possession of that place Mr. Creswell has enlarged his land holdings until now he is the owner of one hundred and ninety acres. In 1902 he remodeled and enlarged his dwelling house, which is equipped with an electric-lighting plant and everything "ship-shape." In addition to his general farming Mr. Creswell has for years given considerable attention to the breeding of Poland China hogs for stock purposes. By political affiliation he is a Republican, with well-defined leanings toward the principles of the Prohibition party.

On June 7, 1887, William H. Creswell was united in marriage to Flora Sterrett, who was born in Muskingum county, this state, daughter of John and Rebecca Sterrett, both now deceased, who many years ago moved from Ohio to Johnson county, Kansas, where their daughter Flora grew to womanhood and where she married Mr. Creswell. To that union three children have been born, Howard, Andrew and Helen, all of whom are living. Howard Creswell, who is now living on a part of his father's farm, is a graduate of Cedarville College. He married Mary Ellen Lownes, also a Cedarville graduate, and has two children, Mary Helen and Alice Rachel. The second son, the Rev. Andrew Creswell, was graduated from Cedarville College and from the United Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Pittsburgh and is now pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian church at Coulterville, Illinois. He

married Mary Eleanor Wilson, of Columbus, this state. Miss Helen Creswell was graduated from the Cedarville high school and is now a student in Cedarville College. The Creswells are members of the Reformed Presbyterian church at Cedarville, with the congregation of which the family has been identified ever since the church was established there more than a hundred years ago, and Mr. Creswell is one of the ruling elders of the congregation.

TOWNE CARLISLE.

Towne Carlisle, a retired lumber dealer of Yellow Springs, where he has made his home since the days of his young manhood, was born on a farm, not far from Yellow Springs, in Miami township, March 26, 1855, a son of Jehu and Hettie (Batchelor) Carlisle, residents of that township, whose last days were spent at Yellow Springs.

Jehu Carlisle was a Virginian, born in Loudoun county, in 1816, and was twenty years of age when he came to Ohio in 1836 and located in Miami township, in this county, where he presently married and established himself on a farm. When he settled there Yellow Springs was known only as the scene of the medicinal springs which formerly attracted much attention. He helped to erect the first building put up there, the old Methodist Episcopal church, which stood until in the late '90s at the corner of Corry and Dayton streets. Jehu Carlisle was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was a Democrat. Upon his retirement he continued to live on the farm and was eighty-three years of age at the time of his death. His widow died on April 26, 1909. She was born on what is now the site of the Old Folks Home at Yellow Springs, March 26, 1816, a daughter of Robert Batchelor and wife, who came here from Pennsylvania and were among the first settlers in the neighborhood of the springs, where later the thriving little city sprang up. To Jehu Carlisle and wife were born nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the eighth in order of birth. As most of these children lived to rear families of their own, the Carlisle connection hereabout is a quite numerous one in this generation.

Towne Carlisle grew up on the home farm in the neighborhood of Yellow Springs and received his schooling in the village schools. Upon attaining his majority he left the farm and became employed as a carriage-maker in the shop of T. B. Jobe. Three or four years later he became associated with J. H. Little in the lumber business at Yellow Springs, a partnership that was maintained until 1890, when Mr. Carlisle became the sole proprietor of the business, which by that time had been developed to profitable proportions. For nearly twenty-five years thereafter Mr. Carlisle continued

in the lumber business at Yellow Springs. In February, 1914, he sold his old-established plant to the John DeWein Company and retired from business. In 1912 Mr. Carlisle built a fine new house on Glenn street, the street on which he had made his home for thirty years. It is believed that Mr. Carlisle holds the state record for continuous service as a member of a local school board, and unless someone else comes forward with a better established claim his friends will continue to claim for him that honor. For thirty consecutive years Mr. Carlisle has been a member of the school board at Yellow Springs, never having had any opposition to successive re-election. In 1889 he was elected township clerk and by successive re-elections has also since continued to hold that office.

Mr. Carlisle has been twice married. In 1876 he was united in marriage to Catherine Howard, who was born on a farm in Xenia township, daughter of John Howard and wife, and to that union was born one child, a son, Howard T. Carlisle, who was for years associated with his father in the lumber business and is still living in Yellow Springs. Mrs. Catherine Carlisle died in 1878 and on October 13, 1881, Mr. Carlisle married Martha Van Horn, who was born at Cedarville, July 13, 1855, daughter of Edward Van Horn and wife, the former of whom, a lumber contractor at Cedarville, died in 1900, and to this union four children have been born, namely: Edna, who died at the age of five years; Edward J., now living at Yellow Springs, who on August 18, 1913, married Helen Frank and has two children, Phyllis, born on January 24, 1916, and Edward, Jr., January 7, 1918; and Mildred and Hazel, twins, the former of whom died on June 19, 1916. Mr. Carlisle is a Republican, a Methodist, and is affiliated with the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

ALFORD BURTON KESTER, D. D. S.

Dr. Alford Burton Kester, of the firm of Pavey & Kester, dentists, with offices in the Xenia National Bank building at the corner of Main and Detroit streets, Xenia, was born at New Carlisle, in the neighboring county of Clark, and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on August 17, 1890, son of G. E. and Elenora (Sullivan) Kester, the latter of whom was born at Peru, Indiana, in 1864, and both of whom are still living at New Carlisle.

G. E. Kester was born in the neighborhood of New Carlisle in 1863. He is a musician, performing on both the cornet and the violin, and for years was the leader of the band and the orchestra at New Carlisle. He is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Three children

have been born to them, but of these Doctor Kester is the only survivor, the others having died in infancy.

Reared at New Carlisle, Doctor Kester completed his local schooling in the high school there and won a scholarship to Ohio Wesleyan University by the excellence of his work during his senior year, but did not avail himself of the same. In the meantime he had been devoting his attention to the study of dental surgery and upon leaving high school he entered Starling Medical College at Columbus and was graduated from that institution in 1911, his roommate and classmate having been his present partner and brother-in-law, Dr. Nobel T. Pavey. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Kester returned to his home at New Carlisle and was there engaged in the practice of his profession for something more than three years, at the end of which time he came down into Greene county and opened an office at Jamestown. A year later, by competitive examination, he was appointed a dental surgeon in the service of the United States army and continued thus engaged until May 1, 1916, when he became associated with his brother-in-law and old collegemate, Dr. Nobel T. Pavey, in practice at Xenia.

On April 2, 1915, Dr. Alfred B. Kester was united in marriage to Geneva Pavey, who was born at Leesburg, Ohio, April 8, 1894, daughter of Gilbert A. and Ida (Smith) Pavey, who are still living at Leesburg, and only sister of Dr. Nobel T. Pavey, Doctor Kester's partner. Doctor and Mrs. Kester are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church at Xenia. The Doctor is a Mason and during his college days was a member of the Psi Omega fraternity.

WALTER N. SIPE.

Walter N. Sipe, the owner of a farm of something more than one hundred and forty-six acres in Bath township, located on rural mail route No. 3 out of Osborn, was born in that township and has lived there practically all his life, the exception being a period of three years spent in Indiana, during which time he was located in the village of Dayton, in Tippecanoe county, and in the city of Muncie. He was born on November 6, 1852, son of Noah and Mary Ann (Wiant) Sipe, both of whom also were born in Ohio, the former in this county and the latter in Champaign county, and whose last days were spent here.

Noah Sipe was born on the farm on which his son Walter is now living, December 29, 1820, son of Christian and Catherine (Carpenter) Sipe, who had come to Greene county from Virginia and had become pioneers of Bath township, the tract on which Christian Sipe filed upon coming here having ever since been in the family, a period of one hundred years, Walter Sipe's farm being a part of that original tract. Christian Sipe and his wife, the



MR. AND MRS. WALTER N. SIPPE

pioneers, had four children, Noah, Emanuel, Amy and Sarah. The first-born of these children, Noah Sipe, grew up on that pioneer farm, receiving his schooling in the primitive local schools of that place and period, and in turn became a farmer on his own account, and spent all his life on the old home place, after his marriage having established his home there. His wife died there on October 30, 1881. She was born, Mary Ann Wiant, in Champaign county, this state, in 1824, the Wiants having been among the pioneer settlers of that county. Noah Sipe survived his wife more than thirty-five years, his death occurring on December 15, 1915, he then being just a fortnight under ninety-five years of age.

Walter N. Sipe grew up on the old home farm in Bath township, receiving his schooling in the local schools, and with the exception of the period of three years, noted above, during which he lived in Indiana, he has always made his home there, having established himself there after his marriage in the fall of 1880, relieving his father of the active management of the farm, which he now owns and on which he has made many improvements. In addition to his general farming he has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock. Mr. Sipe is a Democrat and for fourteen years was a member of the school board. He and his family are members of the Catholic church.

On October 5, 1880, at Yellow Springs, Walter N. Sipe was united in marriage to Johanna Hern, who was born and reared in this county, daughter of John A. and Julia (Day) Hern, natives of Ireland, both born in County Cork, the former born on January 6, 1820, and the latter, June 19, 1825. John A. Hern was a shoemaker at Yellow Springs. He died on November 12, 1893, and his widow died on November 19, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Sipe have six children, namely: William R., born on January 8, 1882, now farming in Bath township, who married Katie Nieffer, of that township, and has five children; Mary Ann, July 5, 1883, who married Vere Le Bann, a butcher at Osborn, and has two children; John Walter, October 26, 1885, who remains with his father, assisting in the management of the home farm; Frank, August 9, 1889, now living at Dayton, who married Lillian Hammond and has two children; Charles, May 11, 1891, also now living in Dayton, who married Nellie Siedenstick and has three children, and Catherine, July 23, 1894, who is at home with her parents.

REV. GEORGE DOUGLAS BLACK, D. D.

The Rev. George Douglas Black, D. D., present acting president of Antioch College, was born in Knox county, Ohio, February 12, 1858, and was educated in the public schools of Mt. Vernon. Having decided to make the Christian ministry his calling, he studied literature and theology from

1876 to 1880 with Rev. J. W. Marvin, of Knox county. Doctor Black says of this incident in his life: "I have never ceased to be grateful for the years of inspiration and intimacy spent with Mr. Marvin. After the blessing of a devout father and mother, no good has come to me in this world equal to the friendship and instruction of this man. I can say of him, as Garfield said of Mark Hopkins, my conception of a university is a log with a student at one end of it and Marvin at the other. To feed on such a life is an unspeakable good to any young man." Afterward he attended the Meadville Theological School at Meadville, Pennsylvania.

When quite a young man Doctor Black came to Yellow Springs as pastor of the Christian church, which was then the college church. At this place he had two pastorates, and he resigned in 1892 to accept the editorship of the *Herald of Gospel Liberty*, the organ of the Christian denomination, published at Dayton, Ohio. While at Yellow Springs he was made the head of the English department of Antioch College. It was while he was engaged in his editorial work at Dayton that Dr. Washington Gladden visited Minneapolis in 1893 and was asked by the committee of the Park Avenue Congregational church to recommend some one for their vacant pulpit, this church at that time being the largest of the thirty-seven Congregational churches in St. Paul and Minneapolis. Doctor Gladden enthusiastically recommended Mr. Black, who went to Minneapolis, preached one Sunday and was called to the pastorate and entered upon his work within a few weeks thereafter. The field was a large one and the demands upon the pastor's time and strength were incessant. He traveled all over the Northwest, giving lectures and addresses, and in addition to his work as a speaker was associated with a group of men, among whom were Doctor Gladden, Doctor Zeublin, President George A. Gates, B. Fay Mills and Prof. John Bascom, in the editorship of *The Kingdom*, a weekly publication devoted to the awakening of a new social consciousness in the church. For this paper Doctor Black wrote an editorial every week. After five years of this strenuous life he offered his resignation to his church, but it was unanimously rejected. He realized that the pace he was going was telling seriously on his strength, but, unwilling to leave a people whom he deeply loved and among whom he had a delightful uplifting work, he continued for another year, at the end of which time suddenly the physical break came. Suffering from a nervous breakdown and knowing that he could not take up continuous pulpit work again, Doctor Black moved with his family from Minneapolis to a farm near Yellow Springs, where he remained, slowly recovering his health, till in 1909 he was asked to take a chair in Antioch College devoted to teaching the New Testament and comparative religions. A few years before he had been elected a trustee of the college, and was chosen as secretary of that body.

Soon after taking up his work in the college, owing to the long absence of the president, Dr. S. D. Fess, who was serving a term in Congress, Doctor Black was made the vice-president, a position in which he served until the resignation of Doctor Fess in 1917. Following Doctor Fess's resignation Doctor Black was made the acting president of the college, as he declined, on account of his health, to accept anything more than a temporary responsibility for the management of the college.

Doctor Black has contributed to the *New England Magazine*, *The Outlook*, the *Christian Endeavor World*, the *Christian Register* and the *Biblical World* of the University of Chicago. His deep interest in farming and animal industry has led him to write extensively on those subjects and he has contributed to the *Breeder's Gazette* and the *Country Gentleman*, while for fifteen years he has been a regular writer for the *Ohio Farmer*. In 1912 Merom College (Indiana) conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

On January 1, 1870, Doctor Black was married to Flora Belle Hanger, daughter of Rev. Andrew C. Hanger, minister of the Christian church. Doctor and Mrs. Black have three children, Georgia Evelyn, Wendell Marvin and Russell Collins, the former of whom married Pierre W. Drake, of Yellow Springs, and has one child, a daughter, Virginia E. Wendell Marvin Black was graduated from Antioch College and afterward took his Master's degree there. He married Lydia Elder and has one child, a daughter, Eleanor D. Russell Collins Black also was graduated from Antioch College and has since given his life to music. He married Hazel Ashley, and has a daughter, Helen A.

HARRY L. HACKETT.

Harry L. Hackett, general manager of the National Feed Mills Company at Yellow Springs, where he has been continuously engaged in business for nearly twenty years, is a native son of Greene county and has lived here all his life, a resident of Yellow Springs since 1898. He was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Clifton on September 13, 1879, a son of James and Ellen (Cavanaugh) Hackett, natives of Ireland, who were married in Springfield, Ohio, and who later located on a farm in Miami township, this county, where the former died in October, 1916, and where the latter is still living. James Hackett and wife were the parents of ten children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last born, and further mention of whom, together with additional details of the history of the Hackett family in this county, is made in a biographical sketch relating to Charles H. Hackett, postmaster at Yellow Springs, the fourth son and sixth child of James Hackett, presented elsewhere in this volume.

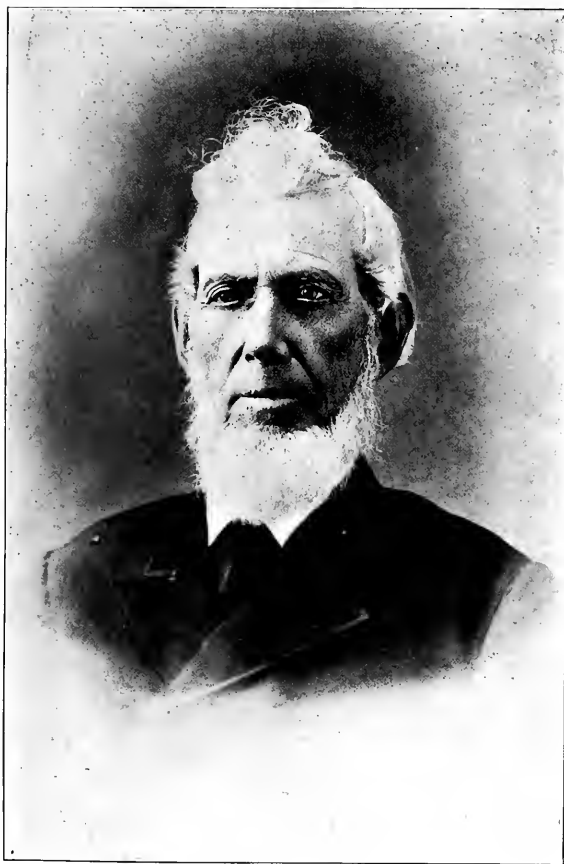
Reared on the home farm in Miami township, Harry L. Hackett received his schooling in the Clifton schools and was graduated from the high school there in 1897. He then took a course in Nelson's Business College at Springfield and on December 19, 1898, became employed in the grocery store of George H. Drake at Yellow Springs, continuing thus engaged for three years and six months, at the end of which time he transferred his services to the general store of C. C. Stevenson & Company and was connected with that concern for three years. He then spent a year in the grocery and meat market of Jacob Diehl and after that became associated with his elder brother, Charles H. Hackett, now postmaster at Yellow Springs, in the general hardware business, continuing that connection until November 10, 1913, when he became the manager for the John Dewein Company, since April, 1914, the National Feed Mills Company, at Yellow Springs, manufacturers of poultry and dairy feeds and engaged in the general grain and coal business. For thirteen years Mr. Hackett has been serving as village clerk.

On August 5, 1902, Mr. Hackett was united in marriage to Lottie J. Loe, daughter of Isaac and Minerva (Sutton) Loe, of Yellow Springs, who were the parents of five children, those besides Mrs. Hackett being William Loe, of Yellow Springs; John and Harry Loe, who are engaged in the lumber business at Springfield, and Cora, who died when about eleven years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Hackett are members of the Catholic church. They have five sons, Ralph and Harold, twins, born on January 4, 1904; Roger, January 22, 1910; Howard, May 23, 1914, and Paul E., January 1, 1918.

WILLIAM BALLARD.

Among the farmers of New Jasper township whose influence, in a generation now past, lent stability to that community, there were few who left better memories at their passing than did the late William Ballard, who died at his home in that township in the fall of 1894 and whose daughter, Miss Luella Ballard, now a resident of the village of Jamestown, still owns the old home place of two hundred and twenty acres in New Jasper township.

William Ballard was a native son of Ohio and all his life was spent in this state. He was born on a pioneer farm in Adams county on March 23, 1811, son of the Rev. Lyman and Sarah (Hanover) Ballard, early settlers in that county, who later became residents of Greene county, where their last days were spent. The Rev. Lyman Ballard was a native of the state of Massachusetts, born in November, 1783. In the days of his young manhood he came to the then Territory of Ohio and located in Adams county, where he married Sarah Hanover and where he remained until 1822, in which year he came with his family up into Greene county and bought from William



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Frazer a tract of land in Ross township, about three miles north of the village of Jamestown, where he established his home and where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, his death occurring in June, 1873. The Rev. Lyman Ballard is said to have been the first man in Ross township to own a wagon and four-horse team and when he used to go to mill, driving up to Clifton with his "grist," his neighbors would utilize this conveyance as a means of getting their "grist" taken to mill, so that his wagon usually was well filled before he had gone far on his journey. As a preacher in the old Bethel church he for years exerted a wholesome influence in the community. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the second in order of birth, the others having been Joseph, Nathan, John, Elizabeth, Jackson and Martin. Jackson Ballard became the owner of the old homestead place in Ross township after his father's death.

William Ballard was but eleven years of age when his parents settled with their family in this county in 1822, and he grew to manhood on the home place in Ross township. He had begun his schooling in his native county of Adams and completed the same in the schools of Greene county; early became licensed to teach school and for some years spent his winters teaching in the local district schools. After his marriage in the spring of 1842 Mr. Ballard and his wife began housekeeping in a house adjoining that of the former's father in Ross township, but after awhile moved to another farm in that same neighborhood and there resided until 1856, when they moved to the farm in New Jasper township referred to in the opening paragraph of this memorial, where both spent the remainder of their lives. William Ballard was for many years director of schools in his home district.

On April 21, 1842, in Cedarville township, William Ballard was united in marriage to Margaret Cunningham, who was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, February 14, 1820, and who was but a child when her parents, James and Mary (Leach) Cunningham, came to Greene county with their family and settled in Cedarville township. James Cunningham and wife were the parents of five children, Mrs. Ballard having had two brothers, Nelson and John, and two sisters, Martha and Sarah. To William and Margaret (Cunningham) Ballard were born four children, namely: Rufus H., who died on September 14, 1914, and is buried in the cemetery at Jamestown; Aniel M., who died on September 22, 1874; Elizabeth, widow of S. F. Evans, and Luella, the latter of whom still retains the old home farm in New Jasper township, though now living at Jamestown, to which village she moved on March 10, 1914, and where she lives with her sister, Mrs. Evans. The mother of these children died on October 9, 1862, about six years after the family moved to the New Jasper township farm, and was buried in the cemetery

at Jamestown. William Ballard survived her for many years, his death occurring on the old home farm on October 18, 1894, and his body also was laid in the burying ground at Jamestown. He was well past eighty-three years of age at the time of his death and more than seventy years of his life had been spent in Greene county, which he came to know as well as any man in the county. He had been twice married, on March 1, 1865, having married Anna Ellis, of Clinton county, a daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Oglesbee) Ellis. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. While Mr. Ballard never joined any church, he always aided church work with his means and influence.

WILLIAM CONLEY.

William Conley, who for many years has been the occupant and manager of the old Robert Charleston Reid farm in Cedarville township, the birthplace of the late Whitelaw Reid, former owner and editor of the *New York Tribune* and United States ambassador to England, was born in this county and has lived here all his life, a tenant of the Reid place since his marriage in 1889 and since the death of Whitelaw Reid manager of that portion of the estate, acting in behalf of the latter's widow, who continues to make her home in England and who has given to Mr. Conley full charge of the place. He was born in the vicinity of Cedarville on June 23, 1859, son of Moore and Eliza (Campbell) Conley, both of whom were born in County Antrim, Ireland, and who came to this country as young people, the Conleys and the Campbells both coming on out to Ohio and settling in Xenia, where Moore Conley and Eliza Campbell were married. For some time after coming to this county Moore Conley was engaged at farm labor and then he became a traveling representative of the King Powder Company, traveling out of Xenia, and was thus engaged until his death at the age of fifty years. His widow spent her last days at Cedarville, where she died at the age of eighty-two years. She was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church. There were five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being Thomas, who died in the days of his young manhood; Edwin, who became a hotel chef and died in 1902; Mary, wife of John W. Ross, of Cedarville, and Nancy, who married Isaac M. Deck and is now deceased.

William Conley completed his schooling in the Cedarville high school and upon leaving school became employed on the old Reid place, then owned by the widow of Robert Charleton Reid and mother of Whitelaw Reid and now owned by the latter's widow, and which has been in the Reid family

ever since it was bought by Robert Charleton Reid at the Virginia Military Tract land sales a hundred years and more ago. After his marriage in 1889 Mr. Conley rented the farm and has since been in charge. The Reid farm is a tract of two hundred acres situated between Massies creek and the Little Miami river, not far from the center of the triangle formed by the three towns of Xenia, Yellow Springs and Cedarville. The old Reid house, erected in 1823, and an excellent picture of which is presented in the historical section of this work, is one of the real landmarks of Greene county. As left by its builder, Robert Charleton Reid, it consisted of a two-story frame building with a one-story wing, in which were sitting room, dining room and kitchen. Some extensions later were made to the wing and the whole exterior was repaired and restored by Whitelaw Reid during his lifetime. The interior finish in the old part of the house was of oiled and polished black walnut, with handsome mantels, oak floors, excellent plastering and windows with eight-by-ten panes of glass, which were then regarded as "a costly elegance," according to a description of the house printed in "Howe's Historical Collections of Ohio." Every room on the first floor had a large fireplace finished in Xenia limestone, but the original framework later was filled in with fireproof concrete blocks and the roof and second story were covered with red tiles. The house contains sixteen rooms, besides bath-rooms, dressing-rooms and the like and has attractive piazzas and a porte-cochere. Situated on one of the highest points in the county, the ground gently sloping away, the house gives a view of many miles in every direction. When Robert Charleton Reid was married he immediately took his bride to this house. There he died in the room in which his children were all born and there his widow continued to live after he was gone. The lawn surrounding the house has remained unbroken by the plow and is thus the virgin soil over which the Indians roamed in the days when this region was given over to its aboriginal tenancy. The house was built from the hard-wood timber that was cut away to make a place for it and at first stood in an almost unbroken forest, for years after its completion there having been not more than ten acres of cleared land in sight. This was one of the few pioneer farms that did not start with a log house, the above being the original house.

In May, 1889, William Conley was united in marriage to Belle Mowdy, who also was born in this county, in the neighborhood of Goes Station, in Xenia township, daughter of Ambrose and Amanda (Whittington) Mowdy, the former of whom was a miller. Ambrose Mowdy, who was born in Xenia township, March 7, 1833, and died on August 25, 1872, was a son of Peter Mowdy, who in 1837 built the mill still standing on what is now the Charles A. Bingham farm in the vicinity of Wilberforce in Xenia township.

Amanda Whittington was born in October, 1833, at Winchester, Virginia, and died March 24, 1912. She came to Greene county in 1849, her parents then both being deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Conley have two sons, Robert Moore and Wilber, the latter of whom is now a student in the Cedarville high school. Robert Moore Conley, United States Navy, was graduated from the Carnegie Technical Institute at Pittsburgh and is now engaged as an inspector of naval supplies being turned out at Dayton, in the service of the United States naval department. The Conleys are members of the Reformed Presbyterian church at Cedarville and Mr. Conley has served as a member of the board of trustees of that church. He is a Republican and has served as a member of the school board and for seventeen years as supervisor of highways in his home district. Mr. Conley also is a member of the board of directors of the Greene County Mutual Insurance Association. In addition to managing the affairs of the Reid farm Mr. Conley is the owner of a farm of one hundred acres in Mianii township which he rents out.

WILLIAM THOMAS LACKEY.

The late William Thomas Lackey, who died at his farm home in Spring Valley township on November 30, 1916, and whose widow is still living there, was a native of the Old Dominion, but had been a resident of Ohio since he was twenty-one years of age. He was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, March 2, 1850, son of Isaac and Eliza Ann Lackey, both of whom also were born in that county and who were the parents of thirteen children, three of whom came to Ohio, those besides the subject of this memorial sketch having been Giles Lackey, who made his home at Xenia, and Horatio T. Lackey, of Belmont.

Reared on the home farm in Virginia, William T. Lackey received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and remained at home until he reached his majority, when he came to Ohio and located at New Burlington, on the lower edge of this county. Not long after his arrival here he married and located on the old McKnight farm in Spring Valley township, the place where his widow is now living and where she was born, a farm of one hundred and forty-five acres, and there he spent the rest of his life. Mr. Lackey was a Democrat and by religious persuasion was a Presbyterian, a member of the church at Xenia, as is his widow, who since his death has continued to make her home on the home farm, living in the house that was built there by her grandfather McKnight in 1837.

Mrs. Lackey was born, Elizabeth Janet Lyon, in Spring Valley township, on the farm on which she is now living, a daughter of James and Mary



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(McKnight) Lyon, the latter of whom was born on that same place, a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Fulton) McKnight, who had come to this county from Rockbridge county, Virginia, in 1807, and had settled on that place, which then was a wilderness of deep timber. There Robert McKnight put up a hewed-log house and established his home, that house, now more than one hundred and ten years old, still standing, used now as a stable. In 1837 that house was supplanted by the substantial dwelling house which has ever since served as a farm house on the place. Robert McKnight got possession of a thousand acres of land surrounding his location there. He served as a soldier during the War of 1812, rendering service in one of the blockhouses. He and his wife were members of the old Associate Reformed congregation. He died on that place in 1856, at the age of seventy-six years. His wife had died in 1854. They were the parents of three children, those besides Mrs. Lyon having been Margaret, who remained a spinster and lived to the age of eighty-nine years, and James, who married Ann McKay and made his home on a portion of the old home farm.

After his marriage to Mary McKnight, James Lyon, who was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, established his home on the old McKnight place and took charge of the same, continuing to farm there the rest of his life. Reared a Whig, he became a Republican upon the formation of that party. James Lyon and his wife were the parents of three children, Mrs. Lackey having had a sister, Martha C., who married Henry Hopping and died in 1914 at the age of seventy-two years, and a brother.

THOMAS CLARKSON HIRST.

Thomas Clarkson Hirst, veteran of the Civil War, formerly engaged in the drug business at Yellow Springs and later and for a period of thirty years engaged as a traveling passenger agent for the Union Pacific Railroad Company, now living retired in the pleasant village of Yellow Springs, is a Virginian by birth, but has regarded Greene county as his home ever since the days of his boyhood. He was born at Lincoln, in the county of Loudoun, forty miles west of the city of Washington, August 23, 1837, son of Eli Pierpoint and Hannah (Janney) Hirst, both of whom also were natives of the Old Dominion, whose last days were spent in Yellow Springs. They were the parents of four children, two of whom, the subject of this sketch and his sister, Miss Cosmelia Hirst, of Yellow Springs, are living and two, Cornelia and John J. Hirst, deceased.

Eli Pierpoint Hirst was educated at Winchester Academy, then presided over by Prof. John Marvin, where he received thorough schooling,

particularly in higher mathematics and in the natural sciences. He devoted his earlier years to teaching, in Virginia and Ohio, and was the possessor of a fine collection of scientific apparatus with which he illustrated his school lectures. At the time of the discovery of gold in California, he went to that territory to engage in business, going via New York City and the Isthmus and then by coastwise steamer up to San Francisco, the fare from New York to the latter city being then three hundred dollars in gold. Upon reaching the "diggings" Mr. Hirst located at Nevada City, where he remained for three years, engaged in the lumber business and in furnishing miners' supplies. Upon his return from California in 1855 he came to this county and located at Yellow Springs, being attracted to that place by reason of the location there of Antioch College, which then was presided over by that great educator, Horace Mann, for whom he entertained profound respect, and there he died two years later, in 1857.

Thomas C. Hirst was seventeen years of age when his parents took up their home in Yellow Springs and he straightway entered Antioch College, where he remained in attendance until after his father's death in 1857, after which he became engaged in farming and was thus engaged when the Civil War broke out. Early in 1862 Mr. Hirst enlisted in Company A, Ninety-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which regiment he served until constant exposure brought on what then was supposed to be a fatal illness and he was discharged on a surgeon's certificate of disability. But after remaining for some time at home he recovered his health to a great measure and determined to return to the army if possible. He re-enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with that command served with such credit that he was recommended for promotion and was commissioned first lieutenant in Company D, One Hundred and Eightieth Ohio, and with this latter command served until disabled by wounds near the close of the war. He was mustered out on June 16, 1865.

In 1866 Thomas C. Hirst and his brother, John J. Hirst, engaged in the drug business in Yellow Springs, under the firm name of Hirst Brothers, and continued in partnership until the fall of 1881, when T. C. Hirst was offered the position of traveling passenger agent for the Union Pacific Railroad Company, with headquarters at Columbus, and had charge of the territory embraced by the states of Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and Virginia, remaining thus connected with the Union Pacific service for a period of more than thirty years. When Mr. Hirst retired at the age of seventy years his name was placed for life on the pension rolls of the Union Pacific Railroad Company.

JOHN W. ROSS.

John W. Ross, foreman of the Cedarville Lime Company, was born in Cedarville, on November 18, 1861, son of James and Honora (Murray) Ross, natives of Ireland, whose last days were spent in Cedarville, of which place they had been residents for years.

Both James' Ross and his wife Honora were born in County Down, Ireland, and lived there until after their marriage in 1845, when they came to the United States and proceeded on out to Ohio, locating at Xenia. James Ross was an expert stonemason and upon taking up his residence in Xenia became there engaged working at his trade and so continued until 1858, when he moved to Cedarville and was working at his trade there when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted as a member of Company D, Twelfth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in the first year of the war and with that command served until he was mustered out on June 18, 1865. Mr. Ross participated in forty-seven battles and was twice severely wounded, being shot once through the left shoulder and once through the right foot. Upon the completion of his military service he returned to Cedarville and resumed his work as a stonemason, while thus engaged building bridges all over the county. In July, 1882, he suffered a fatal sunstroke while working on a railroad-bridge job. His widow survived him until 1887. They were members of the Catholic church at Xenia and were the parents of twelve children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the seventh in order of birth, the others being the following: Elizabeth, now deceased, who was the wife of Michael Dailey; James, also now deceased, who was a railway brakeman in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Rose, wife of John Osborn, of Xenia; Mary Ellen, deceased; Daniel, of Xenia; Kate, who is now living in Darke county, Ohio; William, deceased; Charles, who is now living at Peoria, Illinois, where he is employed as a stationary engineer; Harry, deceased; Richard, now a resident of Dayton, Ohio, and Honora, widow of Milton Jones, of Xenia.

John W. Ross was reared at Cedarville and received his schooling in the public schools of that city. As a boy he learned the trade of painter and for some time worked at that trade. He then was made custodian of the public schools and for twenty-two years held that position. On January 1, 1918, he was made foreman of the plant of the Cedarville Lime Company. Mr. Ross is a Republican. For thirty-five years he has rendered service as a member of the Cedarville fire department, for fourteen years served as constable and for some time was a member of the common council. He is affiliated with the Cedarville lodges of the Masons, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias.

On July 15, 1885, John W. Ross was united in marriage to May Con-

ley, who was born at Clifton, and to this union four children have been born, namely: Effie, who is now a teacher in the Spring Valley schools; Lillie, who is teaching in the Cedarville schools; Bessie, also formerly a teacher, who married Ernest Rulls, of Dayton, and has one child, a daughter, Phyllis; and Cameron, who was graduated from the Cedarville high school in 1915, taught school for two years and following this country's declaration of war against Germany in 1917 enlisted for service. He entered the third officers' training camp, and was commissioned second lieutenant. Mr. and Mrs. Ross are members of the Reformed Presbyterian (Covenanter) church at Cedarville, as are their children. The Ross children early began to turn their attention to the teaching profession and for a time all at one time were thus engaged, two of the daughters still continuing their teaching service and the soldier son expecting to resume teaching upon the completion of his military service.

GEORGE H. CRESWELL.

George H. Creswell was born on the farm on which he is now living and which he owns, at the crossing of the Federal pike and the Cedarville and Jamestown road in Cedarville township, and has lived there all his life, even as his father had done before him, the latter also having been born there, a son of James Creswell, who was one of the sons of the Widow Creswell, who had come up into this section of Ohio from Kentucky with her eight children and had established her home in what later came to be developed the Cedarville neighborhood in the days before Greene county had been organized, the Creswells having thus become numbered as among the very first permanent settlers of this county. In a biographical sketch relating to James H. Creswell, elder brother of the subject of this sketch, presented elsewhere in this volume, there is set out at considerable length something of the history and the genealogy of the Creswell family, and it is therefore not necessary to go into those details in this connection further than to say that George H. Creswell was born on August 30, 1860, son of Samuel and Eliza Jane (Huffman) Creswell, the former of whom was a son of James and Ann (Junkin) Creswell, both members of pioneer families here, James Creswell having been the son of James and Catherine (Creswell) Criswell, the latter of whom came up here with her children after her husband had been murdered by Indians in Kentucky and became one of the members of that old Seceder community on Massies creek to which the Rev. Robert Armstrong ministered in the early days of the settlement of this county. The Widow Criswell preferred the name Creswell, to which she was born, to that of Criswell, her husband's name, and after the tragic death of her husband adopted the former spelling of the name and the Creswells have ever since been thus known.



Mrs. AND MRS. GEORGE H. GREENWELL.



Wm. A. Anderson

Reared on the home farm, George H. Creswell completed his schooling in the Cedarville high school. As the elder children of the family of ten born to his parents moved away to make places of their own he remained on the farm and during the later years of his father's life managed the place, and after his marriage established his home there. After the death of his father he bought the interests of the other heirs in the home place and has since continued to live there, the house which his father built there many years ago still serving as a place of residence. One room of this house is a part of the house erected there by his grandfather when the latter settled on the place in 1812. In 1832 his father, then a lad of twelve years, planted a sycamore sprout in the front dooryard and that tree, now grown to noble proportions, is one of the distinctive features of the place and is thought much of by the family. Since taking possession of the old home place Mr. Creswell has added to the same by the purchase of an adjoining tract of twenty-two acres and now has a farm of one hundred and ninety-eight acres. In his political affiliation Mr. Creswell is a Republican and has served for eight years as a member of the Cedarville township school board. He also is vice-president of the W. L. Clemens Real Estate Company at Cedarville.

On December 28, 1892, George R. Creswell was united in marriage to Amanda Blair, who was born at Sparta, Illinois, March 25, 1867, daughter of J. Franklin and Elizabeth (Marvin) Blair, the latter of whom is still living, now a resident of Cedarville, where she has made her home since 1912, and further mention of whom is made in the biographical sketch of Mr. Creswell's elder brother, James H. Creswell, referred to above, the latter's wife being a sister of Mrs. Amanda Creswell. To George H. and Amanda (Blair) Creswell have been born four children, Irma, born on August 4, 1894; Eula, July 30, 1896; Samuel Morton, September 19, 1899, and Elizabeth, October 21, 1905, the two latter of whom are still in school, the son attending Cedarville College. The Creswells are members of the Reformed Presbyterian church at Cedarville, and Mr. Creswell has been a member of the board of trustees of the same for ten years, a member of the choir since 1880 and leader of the same for many years, having ever since the days of his boyhood given his attention to the affairs of the church with which the Creswell family have been connected ever since its establishment more than a century ago.

WILLIAM M. HARDMAN.

William M. Hardman, former president of the Ohio State Corn Improvement Association and proprietor of a farm in the neighborhood of Yellow Springs, was born on a farm in Bath township on June 22, 1861, son of William R. and Rebecca (Miller) Hardman, both now deceased.

William R. Hardman also was born in Bath township, a son of pioneer parents, his father, Peter Hardman, having settled in this county in 1808 upon his arrival here from Virginia. Peter Hardman was born on July 23, 1776, a son of German parents, who had located in Hardy county, in that portion of the Old Dominion now comprised within the bounds of West Virginia, upon coming to this country in 1764 and had there established their home. Upon coming to Greene county he established his home on a tract of land in Bath township, and there spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on July 30, 1859, he then being eighty-three years of age, and was buried in the Mitman cemetery near Fairfield. William R. Hardman grew to manhood on the pioneer farm on which he was born and in turn became a farmer on his own account. He married Rebecca Miller, who was born in Pennsylvania and who was but a girl when her parents came to this county in pioneer days, and to that union were born four children, namely: Charles L., now living in Dayton, who married Carrie Mentel and had one child, a son, Walter M., who died at the age of twenty-one years; Lee A., who died at the age of eight years; William M., the immediate subject of this biographical sketch, and Harriet, who makes her home at Yellow Springs, but who is employed in the office of the Hooven-Allison Company at Xenia. In 1876, William R. Hardman moved to the farm now owned and occupied by his son William M., and there spent his last days, his death occurring on December 26, 1907. His widow died on March 30, 1918.

Mrs. Rebecca Hardman was a member of the first band of crusaders in Osborn in the early '70s and often told of a circumstance of those trying times. A saloon keeper poured a ring of powder around the group of praying women, then setting it afire, hoping thus to frighten them away from his place of business.

There is another member of the family, Delia Burr Hardman, who, while not born into it, yet has held the place of a sister since her adoption at the age of four years. She took care of Mrs. William R. Hardman during the several years of the latter's invalidism, and now makes her home with Harriet Hardman in Yellow Springs.

William M. Hardman spent his early boyhood on the farm on which he was born in Bath township and was fifteen years of age when his parents moved to the farm on which he is now living. After a four-years course at Antioch College he entered upon a definite career as a farmer, giving particular attention to corn growing. Twenty-five years ago Mr. Hardman began the development of a variety of corn which he ever since has stuck to and which he brought to such a high standard that it commanded the recognition of corn experts over the state and became officially designated as

"Hardman's Favorite," and as such has secured wide cultivation throughout the state. During this time Mr. Hardman was taking an active part in the affairs of the farmers associations hereabout and in the affairs of the Ohio State Corn Improvement Association and in 1907 was elected president of the latter body, an office in which he was continued for three years.

On November 12, 1912, William M. Hardman was united in marriage to Bertha Currier, of Dayton, a daughter of the Rev. Charles W. and Fannie (Parker) Currier, the latter of whom is now living at Dayton. Mrs. Currier is a daughter of Prof. James K. Parker, who is well remembered in Greene county by reason of his activities in connection with Wilberforce in the early days of the establishment of that university. When the Methodist Episcopal church in 1856 laid the foundations for the creation of Wilberforce University, Prof. James K. Parker was put in charge of the school and for eighteen months during the formative period of that institution did there a remarkable work. His intense hatred of the institution of slavery and his devotion to the cause of the enslaved negroes and such freedmen as were able to make their way into the free state of Ohio seeking light and leading through the sources made available by the beneficent operations of the movement which led to the establishment of Wilberforce, caused him to throw his whole soul into the work that there unfolded before him. In consequence of these activities Professor Parker met with a degree of opposition and a persistence of persecution that is difficult to understand in this generation, but he would not be daunted, even when his barns were burned, and fought it out, his services in that connection giving his name an unalterable place in the hearts of all who have in the years since those trying and troublous days been connected with Wilberforce.

The Rev. Charles W. Currier, father of Mrs. Hardman, was a native of Massachusetts, born in the city of Lowell, December 22, 1842. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted his services in behalf of the Union and served for five years, finally coming to be an officer in command of colored troops at Louisville. Upon the completion of his military service he took a course in a business college at Chicago and later became engaged in farming in Tennessee. Meanwhile he had been turning his attention to studies with a view of fitting himself for the gospel ministry and presently entered Denison University at Granville, this state. Upon completing the course there he entered the theological seminary at Newton Center, Massachusetts, and in due time was ordained as a minister of the Baptist church, his first charge as a minister being as pastor of the First Baptist church at Xenia. He later became financial secretary of Denison University at Granville, and after a year spent there moved to Winfield, Kansas, on account of his health,

where he continued engaged in the ministry until his death, April 17, 1889. The Rev. Charles W. Currier and his wife were the parents of three daughters, Mrs. Hardman having two sisters, Edith, now living at Dayton, who married Walter Crebs and has two children, Frederick and Harriet, and Helen Currier, who is employed in the office of the Miami Loan Association at Dayton.

ORVILLE B. ARMSTRONG.

Orville B. Armstrong, who is engaged in the milling business at Fairfield, manager of the Fairfield Feed Mills, of which his father, George H. Armstrong, who is engaged in the milling business at West Alexandria, is the proprietor, is a representative in the third generation of the continuous milling operations of the Armstrongs in this county, his grandfather, Samuel Armstrong, having been the builder of the mills at Clifton. He also has an uncle, J. E. Armstrong, who is engaged in the milling business at Bellefontaine.

Mr. Armstrong was born at Springfield, in the neighboring county of Clark, April 11, 1891, son and only child of George H. and Otilla (Hause) Armstrong, the latter of whom was born in that same county and the former, in Shelby county, this state. George H. Armstrong, who, as above set out, is now engaged in the milling business at West Alexandria, is a son of Samuel Armstrong, a veteran miller of this section of the state, who erected the Clifton mills and was long engaged in the milling business in that village, he and his son, G. H. Armstrong, operating the mill there in partnership. Mrs. Otilla Armstrong, mother of the subject of this sketch, died in 1898 and G. H. Armstrong afterward married Emma Fennimore. Orville B. Armstrong was but an infant when his father moved to Clifton to take charge of the mill there and he was reared in that village, receiving his schooling there. From the days of his early boyhood he was instructed in the details of the milling business, under the direction of his father and his grandfather, and in 1916 when his father bought the mill at West Alexandria he was put in charge of the Fairfield mill and has ever since been thus engaged.

On June 24, 1915, Orville B. Armstrong was united in marriage to Inez Lovette, of Yellow Springs, and to this union has been born one child, a son, George Wendell, born on May 13, 1916. Mrs. Armstrong was born in this county, and had lived at Clifton and at Yellow Springs, in which latter place she was engaged in teaching at the time of her marriage. She was graduated from the Clifton schools, as was her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong are members of the Reformed church.



ORVILLE B. ARMSTRONG AND FAMILY.

THOMAS S. STEVENSON.

In the historical section of this work considerable attention is paid to the moot point as to first actual permanent white settler in the territory that in 1803 came to be organized as Greene county, and there perhaps always will remain some doubt relating to this point, but of the very early settlement of the Stevenson family here there is no doubt, for the coming of the three brothers, Thomas, John and Samuel Stevenson, up here from Versailles, Kentucky, in 1797, to take possession of a grant of one thousand acres of land that had been awarded to their father in the Military Tract here is well established. That tract covered the present location of Wilberforce. When the Rev. Robert Armstrong came up here from Kentucky and organized the Seceder colony into a congregation the Stevensons donated a plot of three acres on which to erect a church and establish a cemetery there on Massies creek and Stevenson's cemetery to this day perpetuates the memory of the thoughtful generosity of the donors. The old Stevenson school house was built on Stevenson land and the highway that was cut through the forest that then covered the tract is still known as the Stevenson road. In a home facing that ancient highway, his farm in Xenia township being a part of the original Stevenson tract, resides the subject of this sketch.

Thomas S. Stevenson was born on the farm on which he now lives, on the Stevenson road in Xenia township, rural mail route No. 5 out of Xenia, September 20, 1852, a son of James and Jane (Knox) Stevenson, the latter of whom was born in the Clifton neighborhood in 1807, a daughter of Robert and Jane Knox, natives of Scotland, who had come to this country with their respective parents in the days of their youth, were married here and became early pioneers of the Clifton settlement. Robert Knox had a farm up over the line in Clark county, a mile north of Clifton. He was a skilled cabinet-maker and varied his farming operations by making much of the household furniture used in that neighborhood in those days, as well as by making the coffins that were needed in the settlement. He and his wife were Seceders and their children were reared in that faith, later becoming United Presbyterians. There were five of these children, two sons and three daughters, and of these Jane was the youngest.

James Stevenson was born on the farm on which his son Thomas is now living, in 1806, son of Thomas and Mary (Kirkpatrick) Stevenson, the latter of whom was born in Kentucky. Thomas Stevenson was a Virginian by birth, but had come up here from Kentucky with his brothers, John and Samuel, to take over the tract of land their father, a Virginian and a soldier of the Revolution, had been granted in the Military Tract here, as noted

above, the Stevensons having some time earlier gone from Virginia to Kentucky and become pioneers of the Versailles settlement. The Stevensons were of the old Virginia colonial stock and the paternal grandmother of the elder Thomas Stevenson was a Warrick. She was slain by Indians in the Virginia colony. John Stevenson, one of the brothers mentioned above, served for two years as a soldier during the War of 1812 and was made a major. James Stevenson inherited one hundred and sixty acres of his father's estate and there established his home. To this tract he added by purchase five hundred and fifty acres adjoining on the west and thus had a farm of more than seven hundred acres. Reared a Whig, he became a Republican upon the organization of the latter party and for nine years (three terms) served as a member of the board of county commissioners. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church at Xenia. She died in 1877, being then seventy years of age, and his death occurred in 1882, he then being seventy-six years of age. They were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being Robert K., who was given a part of the home farm and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1911; John B., who also was given a part of the home farm, erected there the house in which his brother Thomas is now living, later sold that place to the latter, bought a large farm in the Yellow Springs neighborhood and there spent his last days, his death occurring in 1915, and Mary Jane, who married R. R. Knowles and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased, the subject of this sketch being now therefore the only survivor of the family. Robert R. Knowles, who formerly and for years was engaged in the drug business at Xenia, was educated for the law and for some years practiced that profession, but later engaged in business. He was a onetime chairman of the Greene county Republican central committee.

Thomas S. Stevenson was reared on the home farm in Xenia township and received his early schooling in the Stevenson school nearby his home, supplementing the course there by attendance for three years at Morton's Select School at Xenia. In the division of the home acres he received one hundred and thirty acres and after his marriage in 1877 established his home on that tract. Ten years later, in 1887, he traded his farm for that of his brother John on the Stevenson road and on this latter place of ninety-five acres has since made his home. His wife also was born in this county, Lillie B. Wolf, a member of one of the old families in the county, daughter of Joshua Wolf and wife, of Byron. Her mother died when she was an infant. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson have no children.

AARON COY.

Aaron Coy, proprietor of a farm on the Dayton-Xenia pike in Beaver-creek township, rural mail route No. 8 out of Dayton, and a minister of the Brethren church at Zimmermans, was born on that farm, which is situated about four miles east of Dayton, December 19, 1846, a son of Nicholas and Charlotta (Shoup) Coy, both of whom were born in that same township, the former in the vicinity of Alpha and the latter just north of Mt. Zion church. Nicholas Coy was born on January 21, 1811, a son of Adam Coy and wife, the latter of whom was a Martin. Charlotta Shoup was born about 1820, a daughter of Moses Shoup, a pioneer minister of the Brethren church, both the Coys and the Shoups having been among the earliest settlers of Beaver-creek township, as will be noted by reference to the history of these families presented elsewhere in this volume. Nicholas Coy inherited forty acres of his father's place on the Shakeston pike. After his marriage in the latter '30s he made his home on the farm on which his son, Aaron, is now living, a tract of one hundred and sixty-three acres, of which but nine acres then had been cleared, and set himself to the task of clearing the place. In 1863 he bought a tract of ninety-six acres a mile and a half east of there and in 1868 moved to the latter place and there spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in April, 1897. His wife had long preceded him to the grave, her death having occurred on January 25, 1874. They were the parents of eight children, whom they reared in the faith of the Brethren church, the family being connected with the church at Zimmermans. Of these children Aaron was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Elizabeth, who married John Engle; Benjamin, who spent all his life in Beavercreek township; Jane, who married William Nisley; Catherine, now living at Zimmermans, widow of Franklin M. Haverstick; Martin, who was drowned while fishing; Ella, who died at the age of twelve years, and Oren, who died at the age of fifteen.

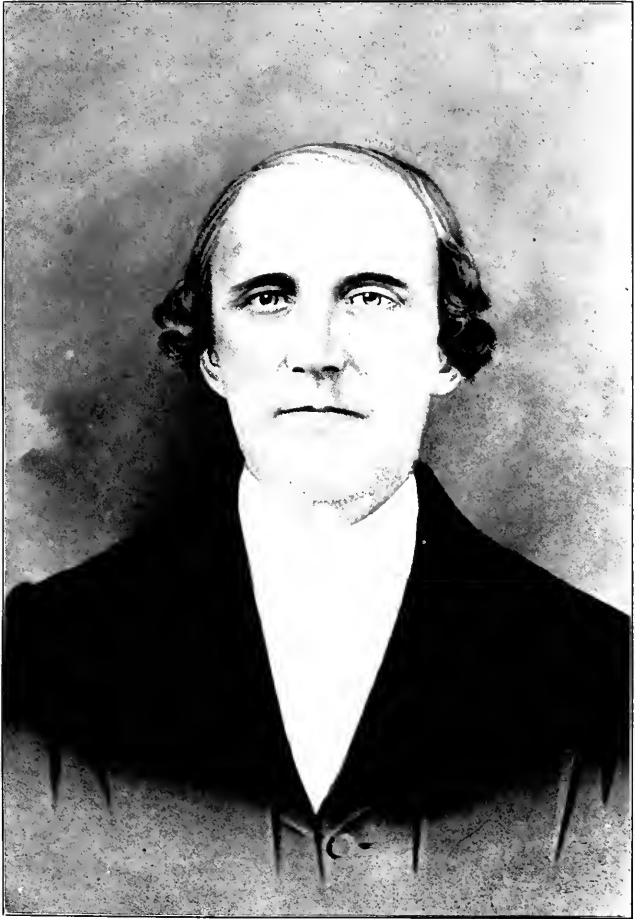
Reared on the home farm, Aaron Coy received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and from boyhood gave his attention to farming. When his father moved from the home place in 1868 he and his brother Benjamin took charge of the place and farmed it together until after Aaron Coy's marriage in 1871, when he and his wife bought the place and there established their home. Mrs. Coy died on October 11, 1910, and Mr. Coy is still living on the old place. For thirty-five years or more he has been serving as a minister of the Brethren church at Zimmermans, an elder duly elected by the congregation. He still takes part in the operation of the farm, though he some time ago sold a part of the place to his son, I. N. Coy. He is a Republican.

It was on February 23, 1871, that Aaron Coy was united in marriage to Diana Funderburg, who was born in the neighboring county of Clark on May 17, 1847, a daughter of Daniel Funderburg and wife, the latter of whom was a Kepplinger, and who later became residents of Bath township, this county, and to this union five children were born, namely: Daniel, who made his home in Beavercreek township and died on March 4, 1917; Jesse, who is now living near Vandalia, Ohio; Ira and Irvin, twins, both continuing to make their home on the home place and the latter of whom married Grace Bear; and Carrie, wife of A. D. Wenrick, who occupies the farm adjoining Mr. Coy's farm on the west, the latter having nine and one-half acres of Aaron Coy's farm on which they have their home.

JOHN COY.

Elsewhere in this work there is set out at considerable length the story of the coming of Jacob Coy and his family from Maryland to the then Northwest Territory and of the interesting personal history of Jacob Coy and of the establishment of himself and family here in 1800, two or three years before Ohio's admission to statehood and Greene county's formal organization. Jacob Coy was thus one of the first settlers of what later came to be organized as Beavercreek township. It is said that the first school conducted in that township was opened in a little log building erected on the Jacob Coy farm and that in that same place there was conducted the first formal religious services held thereabout, the present congregation of the Reformed church in that neighborhood being the outgrowth of those humble pioneer meetings. Jacob Coy lived to be ninety-three years of age, his death occurring in 1836. His widow, Susanna, survived him about four years and was eighty-three years of age at the time of her death. They were the parents of twelve children and as most of these lived to rear families of their own the Coy connection thus became one of the most numerous in this part of the state, as will be noted elsewhere in the reading of this volume.

The late John Coy, who died at his farm home in Beavercreek township in the fall of 1892 and three of whose children are still living there, was one of the numerous grandsons of the pioneer couple above referred to. He was born in Beavercreek township on September 3, 1811, a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Ritter) Coy, the former of whom was one of the sons of Jacob and Susanna Coy. Peter Coy was well grown when he came with his parents to this section of the then Territory of Ohio in 1800. He had received good schooling in his native state of Maryland and became one of the early school teachers in Greene county. After his marriage to Elizabeth



JOHN COY.



Ritter, who was a member of one of the pioneer families in that neighborhood, he established his home on a farm in Beaver creek township and there he and his wife spent their last days. They were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the first-born, the others being the following: Jacob, born on February 25, 1813; Anna Maria, June 5, 1814, who died unmarried; Tobias R., September 2, 1816, who died in infancy; Sarah, August 2, 1819, who married Thomas Young, of Miami county, and spent her last days in that county; Emanuel, August 10, 1822, who died in infancy, and Susanna, August 12, 1825, who married Jacob Romsper, of Beaver creek township.

John Coy was reared on the farm on which he was born and in his youth was given good schooling, his school-teacher father supplementing the instructions he received in the local schools. He married Catherine Cosler, who was born in the neighboring county of Montgomery, daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth (Durnbaugh) Cosler, the former of whom was born in that same county and the latter in Greene county, and after his marriage established his home on the farm on which he spent the rest of his life. His wife died there on May 24, 1883, and he survived her for nearly ten years, his death occurring on October 7, 1892. They were members of the Reformed church, with which the Coys have been connected ever since the organization of the same in this county, and their children were reared in that faith. There were eight of these children, namely: Jacob Henry, who married Eliza D. Boroff, became a farmer in Beaver creek township and died in Wayne township, Montgomery county, at the age of fifty-seven years; Sarah Elizabeth, now living in Montgomery county, widow of Jacob Hawker, a farmer of that county, who died on December 20, 1907, leaving one son, Harrison C. Hawker, who married Clara C. Bullock and is living in Montgomery county; Valentine P., who married Sevilla Folkerth and is farming in Beaver creek township; Rebecca, who is still living on the home place in Beaver creek township, rural mail route No. 16 out of Dayton; John A., who also still lives there and is carrying on the operations of the farm; David E., who married Helen V. Weeks and is farming in Montgomery county; Mary C., who is living on the home place with her brother and sister; and Effie, who died at the age of two years. The Coys are members of the Reformed church and John A. Coy is a Republican, as was his father. The Coslers also have a numerous connection throughout this part of the state, the family of which Mrs. Catherine Coy was a member having been one of the pioneer families in this section. She was the seventh in order of birth of the children born to her parents, the others having been Lewis, Henry, John, Daniel, Valentine, David, Elizabeth, Martha and Barbara.

JOSIAH LAYMAN.

Josiah Layman, proprietor of a New Jasper township farm on rural mail route No. 1 out of Jamestown, was born in that same neighborhood and has lived thereabout all his life. He was born on June 25, 1849, son of Christian B. and Susanna (Spahr) Layman, the latter of whom was born in that same section of Greene county, in 1825, a daughter of Mathias and Susanna (Hagler) Spahr, further and fitting mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, Mathias Spahr having been one of the sons of Philip Spahr, who had come over here from Virginia with his family and had become one of the influential pioneers of the New Jasper settlement.

Christian B. Layman was born in Botetourt county, Virginia, in 1816, and was nineteen years of age when he came with his parents, Jacob and Sarah H. (Baker) Layman, also Virginians, to Greene county in 1835, the family locating at Jamestown. Jacob Layman had been a tanner in Virginia, the owner of a tanyard, but upon coming to Greene county devoted his energies to farming, buying a tract of two hundred acres just at the south edge of the village of Jamestown, where he made his home until 1845, in which year he moved to what is now the Samuel Sutton farm on the Hook road in Xenia township, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were members of the New Jasper Methodist Episcopal church and were the parents of the following children: John, the eldest, who remained in Virginia and there established his home; Christian B., father of the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Betsy Greenwood, Mrs. Mary Cherry and David, Henry, George and Robert, who went to Illinois and the latter of whom is still living there, a resident of Christian county in that state.

As noted above, Christian B. Layman was nineteen years of age when he came to Greene county. After his marriage in 1842 to Susanna Spahr he rented a farm and began farming on his own account, but in 1849 bought a farm on the New Jasper pike, where he established his home and where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, her death occurring in 1907 and his on May 10, 1910. Christian B. Layman was a large man of the weight of two hundred pounds. He was a Democrat and he and his wife were members of the New Jasper Methodist Episcopal church. They were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being Jacob Milton Layman, unmarried, who makes his home with his brother Josiah; Virginia Eliza, who married Hiram Golder, a New Jasper township farmer, and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased, and Mathias, who died at the age of four years.

Josiah Layman was reared on the home farm on the New Jasper pike,

received his schooling in the Zaza district school, and remained at home until his marriage in the summer of 1874, after which he began farming on his own account. Later he bought a farm of fifty-five acres, the place on which he is now living, and there has since made his home. In 1914 Mr. Layman bought an adjoining tract of land and now has one hundred and eleven acres, where he and his son, Ralph Layman, and his son-in-law, E. H. Huston, are carrying on their farming operations. Mr. Layman is connected with the New Jasper Methodist Episcopal church and by political affiliation is a Democrat.

Mr. Layman has been twice married. On June 25, 1874, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Hight, daughter of Andrew and Sarah Hight, of Jefferson township. She died in the following year and on April 12, 1882, Mr. Layman married Emma Pence, who was born in Highland county, this state, in 1862, daughter of Martin and Sarah Pence, who had come to Greene county and had located in New Jasper township. Mrs. Emma Layman died on April 2, 1909. Mr. Layman has two children, Jessie Elizabeth, who married E. H. Huston, living on part of the Layman farm, and has one child, a son, Leo, and Ralph, who, as noted above, is still living on the home farm, assisting in the operations of the same.

JOHN WESLEY CAMDEN.

John Wesley Camden, a farmer and horseman of Beavercreek township and the proprietor of the old Johns place, one mile south of Shoups Station, rural mail route No. 8 out of Dayton, is a native of the Old Dominion and was there reared, but has been a resident of Ohio and of Greene county since 1882, having come here in the days of his young manhood. He was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Lexington, county seat of Rockbridge county, Virginia, February 15, 1856, son of George W. and Mary (Coffman) Camden, both also natives of Virginia, the latter of whom spent her last days in Greene county.

George W. Coffman was born in 1820, a son of Duncan Camden and wife, natives of Pennsylvania, who had made their home in the Lexington neighborhood in Virginia, and there he grew to manhood, becoming a skilled carpenter and builder. During the time of the Civil War he was detailed to oversee the carpenter work in the Jordan iron mills, foreman of all the carpenters there employed, and at the close of the war was put in charge of the place by the government to keep things going, and was thus engaged at the time of his sudden death in 1865, he having worked up to the day of

his death, when he was stricken with heart disease. His widow, who was born in 1831, daughter of John Coffman, was thus left with six small children, the subject of this sketch at the time being but nine years of age, and for some time her lot was a pretty hard one, but she kept the family together and all worked together to keep up the home, the mother and her two daughters doing dressmaking and plaiting straw and making straw hats, while the four boys worked at such jobs as their hands could find to do, their winters being chiefly occupied in boiling down pint knots and cones and making pine tar for axle grease, for which they found a ready market. These six children of George W. and Mary (Coffman) Camden were as follow: Ben, who died in 1882 and whose eldest son, Wyatt Camden, now living at Dayton, was reared by his uncle, the subject of this sketch; Nannie, still living in Virginia, widow of E. W. Vest; John W., the subject of this biographical review; George, farmer of New Jasper township, this county; Lizzie, wife of J. C. Bare, now living at Anderson, Alabama, and William, who died at the age of nineteen years.

John W. Camden had very little opportunity for schooling during the days of his boyhood, conditions during and immediately following the war having thoroughly disorganized the local schools in the neighborhood of his home, and the only real schooling he received was a term of "subscription" school some time after the war and he had to walk six miles daily to and from that school. As noted above, he, together with his brothers, spent his boyhood and young manhood in such labors as his hands could find to do, and he remained at home until he was twenty-six years of age, when he came to Ohio and became employed on the Squire Clemens stock farm in New Jasper township, this county, presently being made foreman of the farm of two hundred and thirty-one acres, and for fifteen years was thus engaged. In the meantime, in the fall of 1885, Mr. Camden married and in 1896 bought a farm of forty-seven acres in the vicinity of Alpha, on which place he made his home for four years, at the end of which time he bought the old Johns place of sixty-eight acres, which place had been held in the Johns name since the granting of the original patent of which it was a part, and has since made his home there. Mr. Camden's first wife died in the spring of 1890 and his mother then came to keep house for him and she spent the rest of her life with him, her death occurring in 1893, she then being sixty-two years of age. During his residence in Beavercreek township Mr. Camden has taken his part in the general affairs of the community, was for five years truant officer in the township and also served for some time as supervisor of roads in his district. In addition to his general farming he has ever given special attention to the breeding of fine horses and keeps a registered Percheron stallion.

Mr. Camden has been twice married. On September 9, 1885, he was united in marriage to Lizzie Moore, who was born in New Jasper township, daughter of William and Harriet (Wilkison) Moore, and who died without issue in May, 1890. On September 28, 1892, Mr. Camden married Louie E. Toland, who also was born in New Jasper township, daughter of J. C. and Mary Elizabeth (Clemens) Toland, the former of whom is still living, a resident of New Jasper township, and to this union four sons have been born, Floyd W., Fred Leroy, William, who died on January 3, 1918, at the age of nineteen years, and Forest. Mr. and Mrs. Camden are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically, Mr. Camden is a Democrat.

THOMAS ALEXANDER ARTHURS.

The late Thomas Alexander Arthurs, who died at his farm home in Cedarville township in 1906, was a native son of Ohio and had lived in this state all his life, a resident of Greene county since the days of his young manhood. He was born in the city of Springfield, in the neighboring county of Clark, August 2, 1850, son of Thomas Alexander and Jane (Taggart) Arthurs, whose last days were spent there.

The elder Thomas Alexander Arthurs was born in County Armagh, Ireland, as was his wife. They were married in their native land and then, in 1847, came to the United States and proceeded on out to Ohio, locating in Springfield, where they established their home and where they spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of three children, all of whom are now deceased, the subject of this memorial sketch having had a brother, Robert, and a sister, Annie, who died in April, 1917, wife of J. G. Nelson.

The younger Thomas Alexander Arthurs was reared in Springfield and received his schooling in the local schools. As a young man he came down into Greene county and here was married. He later became engaged in farming in Cedarville township, farming for nine years on one farm and for eleven years on another and then in 1904 bought the farm on which his widow is now living, known as the Dan McMillan farm of one hundred and forty-three acres, and there continued his operations until his death, which occurred on June 18, 1906. Mr. Arthurs was a Democrat and for some time served as director in his home school district. He was affiliated with the Congregational church at Springfield.

On November 6, 1876, in this county, Thomas A. Arthurs was united in marriage to Jane Mathison, who was born in Perthshire, Scotland, and who

was but a child when she came to this country with her parents, John and Catherine (Blair) Mathison, in 1852, the family locating at Tiffin, Ohio. Three years after taking up his residence at Tiffin John Mathison died. His widow later married James Anderson and in 1858 came to Greene county, where she spent the remainder of her life, she being eighty-six years of age at the time of her death. By her first marriage she was the mother of four children, of whom Mrs. Arthurs was the last-born, the others having been Mary (deceased), John (deceased) and Jessie, who married Charles Stewart. By her second marriage she was the mother of one child, a daughter, Rebecca, wife of Joseph Adams, of Yellow Springs.

To Thomas A. and Jane (Mathison) Arthurs were born five children, namely: Warren, who married Genevieve Harvey and is now living at South Charleston, in the neighboring county of Clark, where he is engaged as manager of the Houston store; Stewart Thomas, who is at home running the farm; Eva Jane, also at home; Mary Belle, who died in the days of her girlhood, and Dr. John Robert Arthurs, who was graduated from the Selma high school and from the dental department of Ohio State University and for the past four years or more has been practicing his profession as a dental surgeon at Dayton. Doctor Arthurs married Goldie Line and has one child, a son, John Robert. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Arthurs has continued to make her home on the home farm. She is a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church at Cedarville.

ROBERT HARVEY McCLELLAN.

The late Robert Harvey McClellan, who died at his farm home in Beavercreek township in the spring of 1917 and whose widow and son are still living there, the latter carrying on the operations of the home place, was a native son of Greene county, and all his life was spent here, a resident of the community in which he had lived ever since establishing his home there after his marriage in 1880. He was born on a farm in Sugarcreek township on September 30, 1852, son of Isaiah and Ann (Hamilton) McClellan, who had come up here from Kentucky and had established their home in that township, where their last days were spent.

Isaiah McClellan was a member of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia and his children were reared in the faith of that communion. Isaiah McClellan was twice married and by his first wife, Sarah Woodburn, was the father of two children, Sarah, who died in 1918, and Margaret, who died in 1880. By his union with Ann Hamilton he was the father of four children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the

last born, the others being William H., Nannie and Ella, who are still living on the old home place in Sugarcreek township.

Reared on the home farm in Sugarcreek township, Robert H. McClellan completed his schooling in the high school and in the old seminary at Xenia and remained at home until his marriage in 1880, when he bought the farm of eighty-five acres on which his widow is now living in Beavercreek township and there established his home. During the later years of his life he had turned the management of the farm over to his son, Robert P. McClellan, and the latter and his mother have been maintaining the home since Mr. McClellan's death on March 7, 1917, he then being in the sixty-fifth year of his age. Mr. McClellan was a Republican, and a member of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia.

On February 19, 1880, Robert H. McClellan was united in marriage to Laura B. McClellan, who also was born in this county, a daughter of William E. and Susan (Torrence) McClellan, of Spring Valley township. William E. McClellan was born in Pennsylvania, a son of John and Nancy McClellan and later came to Ohio and located at Wooster, whence he came to Greene county and became a farmer in Spring Valley township. Upon his retirement from the farm he moved to Xenia, where his last days were spent, his death occurring there in February, 1900, he then being seventy-two years of age. He was a Republican and a member of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia. William E. McClellan was twice married. By his union with Susan Torrence he was the father of seven children, of whom Mrs. Laura B. McClellan was the third in order of birth, the others being the following: Edward T., who married Lida Hyslop and is the proprietor of a farm on the Cincinnati pike in this county; Mary Etta, now deceased, who was the wife of William La Fever; Amanda, also deceased, who was the wife of Nathan Ramsey, of near Cedarville; Elida, wife of J. C. Williamson, of Xenia, a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume; Nettie, who married Thomas Bruce and is now living at Catherine, Alabama; and James C., a traveling man out of Troy, Ohio. Following the death of the mother of these children William C. McClellan married Margaret Dodd, who died in Xenia, and to that union one child was born, a son, Lee, who died at the age of sixteen years.

To Robert H. and Laura B. (McClellan) McClellan were born three children, namely: Edna, who married Ralph Ferguson, a farmer of the Yellow Springs neighborhood, and has six children, Edith, Ruth, Lee, Carl, James Harvey, and Donald; Anna Grace, wife of David Kyle, living east of Xenia; and Robert P., who still makes his home with his mother and is farming

the home place. These children all completed their schooling in the Xenia high school and they and their mother are members of the United Presbyterian church.

CYRUS CLAY ARNOLD AND EDGAR JAMES ARNOLD.

Among the enterprising horsemen in this part of Ohio few are better known than the Arnold brothers, Cyrus Clay Arnold and Edgar James Arnold, proprietors of the old William Moore farm in Cedarville township, this county, rural mail route No. 2 out of Xenia, and for years engaged there in the breeding of pure-bred Percheron horses, as well as being engaged in the raising of cattle and hogs. The Arnold brothers are bachelors and are natives of old Virginia, born in that part of the Old Dominion now comprised in Marshall county, West Virginia, sons of Vanlaer and Mary (Blevins) Arnold, the former of whom was born in that same state and the latter in County Armaugh, Ireland. Mary Blevins was but a child when she came with her father, James Blevins, and her three sisters to this country. Her mother had died in Ireland and when her father arrived in this country with his motherless daughters he settled in Marshall county, Virginia, where he spent the rest of his life. The other daughters were Mrs. Jane Majors, Mrs. Elizabeth Collins and Margaret, wife of William Moore.

Vanlaer Arnold was born in the vicinity of Wheeling, in Ohio county, Virginia, son of John Arnold, a millwright, and became a boatbuilder and riverman, making many commercial trips down the river, often going as far south as New Orleans. He later bought a farm of five hundred acres in Marshall county, Virginia, and there established his home. He was a Presbyterian. Politically, he had been reared a Whig, but upon the organization of the Republican party became affiliated with that party and was strongly interested in the movement which led in 1863 to the severance of the civic ties which bound western Virginia to the Old Dominion and the creation of the new state of West Virginia. He gave public service as county assessor and while thus serving secured the revaluation of the lands of his home county. Vanlaer Arnold was twice married and by his marriage to Mary Blevins was the father of six children, of whom the brothers whose names appear as the caption of this biographical sketch were the two last born, the others being the following: Wylie, a veteran of the Union army during the Civil War, who died on his farm in Guernsey county, Ohio, in 1885; Augustus, who became a merchant in his home county and who died there on December 30, 1916; Elizabeth Gertrude, who married Miles B. Pierce and lives on a farm in Marshall county, West Virginia, and Franklin, unmarried, who is now living with his brothers in Greene county. Franklin Arnold spent his early life farming in his home county and then moved to Somerset county,



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EDGAR J. ARNOLD.

Maryland, where he bought a farm, which he still owns, and which he continued to operate until his retirement and reunion with his brothers in this county. The mother of these children died in 1862 and Vanlaer Arnold later married Sallie Ann Barnes, who survived him, her death occurring in 1905. Vanlaer Arnold died on his old home place in Marshall county, West Virginia, in 1892, he then being past eighty years of age.

Cyrus Clay Arnold and Edgar James Arnold were reared on the home farm in Marshall county, West Virginia. They were but small children when the new state was created. There being no public schools in their home neighborhood at that time, they were instructed by private teachers employed by their father for five terms, and after the establishment of the free schools they became attendants in the latter. From boyhood they were well trained as practical farmers and have always remained together in their farming operations. When their father died in 1892 they inherited two hundred acres of the home place and there they continued their farming operations until 1898, when they came to Ohio and took possession of a farm of three hundred and thirty-seven acres they previously had bought in Harrison county. There they remained until 1908, in which year they disposed of their interests in that county and came to Greene county. In 1910 they bought the William Moore farm of two hundred and forty-seven acres in Cedarville township and are still making their home there. For years the Arnold brothers have been engaged in the breeding of pure-bred Percheron stock and their horses have been exhibited at county fairs and horse shows. They also carry on general farming and are likewise engaged in the raising of cattle and hogs. The Arnold brothers are members of the First Presbyterian church at Xenia. Politically, they are Republicans.

REV. JAMES GILLESPIY CARSON, D. D., LL. D.

The Rev. James Gillespy Carson, D. D., LL. D., pastor emeritus of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia and professor emeritus of the Xenia Theological Seminary, now living retired at Xenia, was born in the vicinity of Maryville, in Blount county, Tennessee, February 11, 1833. He is a son of the Rev. David and Jane Walker (Gillespy) Carson, the latter of whom was born in that same county, a daughter of James and Eleanor (Cowan) Gillespy, prominent residents of that community, James Gillespy having served his district as a member of the Tennessee General Assembly and as a member of the constitutional convention of that state.

The Rev. David Carson was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and was graduated from Jefferson College, later continuing, for three years, his theological studies under the preceptorship of Dr. Joseph Banks, of the

Associate church at Philadelphia. His first pastorate was in a church in the vicinity of Maryville, Tennessee, where he remained for nine years, or until his election in 1833 to the professorship in the Associate Presbyterian Seminary at Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, which seminary, established in 1794, was later moved to Xenia, where it is still being conducted, the oldest theological seminary in the United States. In July, 1834, the Rev. David Carson moved to Canonsburg to enter upon the discharge of his duties in the seminary and there died in the following September, his son, James G., being then under two years of age. The Rev. David Carson was the son of David and Jane (Oliver) Carson, the latter of whom was the granddaughter of the Rev. James Fisher, author of "Fisher's Catechism," and a great-granddaughter of Ebenezer Erskine (1680-1754), noted Scottish divine, and one of the organizers of the "Secession church," which held its name as the "Seceder" or Associate Presbyterian church until its merger in 1858 with the Associate Reformed church, thereafter being known as the United Presbyterian church.

James G. Carson was reared at Canonsburg and was graduated from Jefferson College in 1849. In the summer of 1852 he entered the Theological Seminary at Canonsburg and was graduated from the same in March, 1855. On June 19, 1855, he was licensed to preach and in November, 1856, was ordained and installed as pastor of the congregation at South Buffalo, now Claysville, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he remained until in May, 1867, when he accepted the pastorate of the church at Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, continuing his ministerial service there until his removal to Xenia in 1869. In 1873, he was elected professor of homiletics and pastoral theology of the Theological Seminary, which chair he occupied for fifteen years. He also has served as a member of the board of managers of the seminary, was for four years secretary of the same and upon his retirement was honored by the title of professor emeritus. In 1875 the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Monmouth College. During the progress of the Civil War Doctor Carson rendered service as a member of the Christian Commission and in later years (1904-06) he rendered further public service as a state senator, representing this district in the Ohio state Senate.

JOHN D. LANTZ.

The late John D. Lantz, for years a resident of Beaver creek township, who died at his farm home in that township early in 1913 and whose daughters, the Misses Ada and Julia Lantz, are still living there, was a native of the state of Maryland, but had been a resident of Ohio since he was six

years of age. He was born at Clear Springs, in Washington county, Maryland, December 9, 1829, a son of John and Catherine (Rhodes) Lantz, both also natives of Maryland, who came to Ohio in 1836 and here spent their last days.

John Lantz was born in Washington county, Maryland, August 27, 1806, and there grew to manhood on a farm. In 1826 he married Catherine Rhodes, who was born in 1807, daughter of John and Barbara Rhodes, who were the parents of eight children, and after his marriage continued to make his home in Maryland, engaged in the milling and distilling business at Clear Springs, until 1836, when he came with his family to Ohio and in the fall of that year settled on the Harbine farm in Beaver creek township. A few years later Mr. Lantz moved to Springfield with his family and was there engaged in the milling business until 1850, in which year he returned to this county and bought the farm in Beaver creek township on which his granddaughters, mentioned above, are now living, established his home there and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on July 14, 1871. John Lantz left a farm of two hundred and twenty-six acres. He had served the public as township trustee and in other local capacities. His widow survived him for eleven years, her death occurring on the home place in 1882. She was a member of the Lutheran church. To John and Catherine (Rhodes) Lantz were born six children, Barbara A.; John D.; Catherine J.; Mary E., who married Ebenezer Herring; Jacob L., and Eliza E. Barbara A. married George S. Lafong and Eliza E. married John A. Harner. Joseph L. Lantz, who was born in 1840, served as a soldier during the Civil War, being mustered out as a sergeant, was for more than twenty years one of Greene county's best-known school teachers, became a landowner in Beaver creek township and served that township as trustee for some years, besides holding other local offices at one time and another. He married Mary Mercer.

John D. Lantz, as noted above, was but six years of age when he came to this state with his parents and here he grew to manhood. He was twenty years of age when his father bought the farm in Beaver Creek township and moved here from Springfield. After his marriage he established his home on that farm and in time became owner of the same. He and his wife were members of the local Reformed church. Mr. Lantz was a Republican and at one time and another was elected to serve in various official capacities. John D. Lantz died on February 5, 1913, in his eighty-fourth year. His wife had preceded him to the grave nearly eighteen years, her death having occurred on February 22, 1895, she then being in the sixtieth year of her age. She was born in 1836.

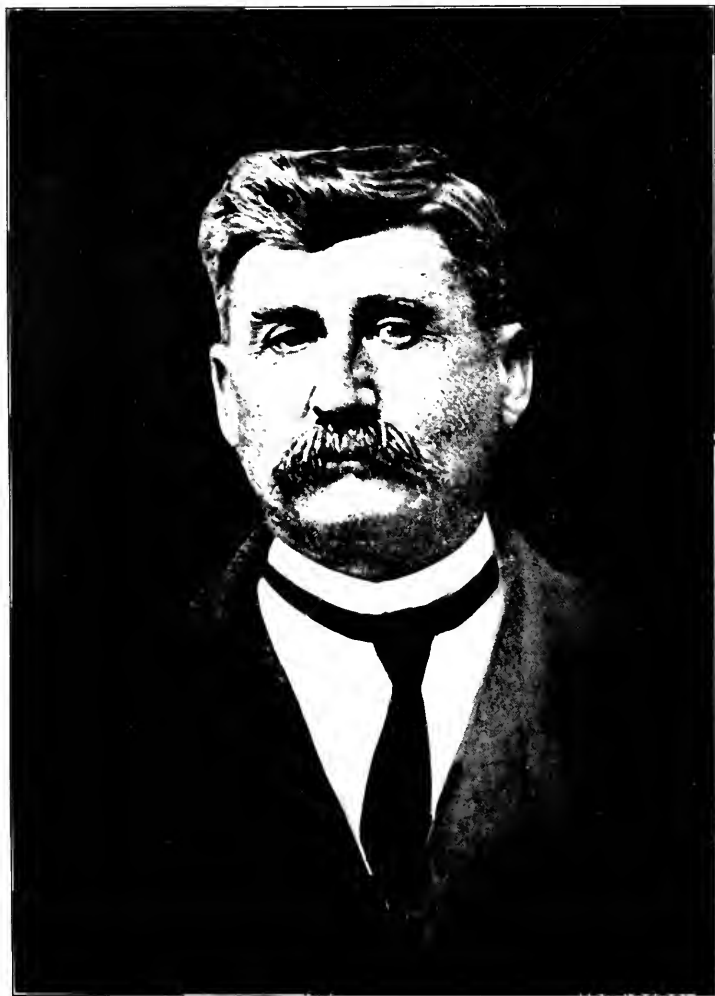
In 1855, John D. Lantz was united in marriage to Rebecca Harner, a

daughter of George and Julia A. Harner, and to that union were born four children, namely: Ada B. and Julia A., who are still living on the old home place in Beavercreek township; John C., who married Nettie R. Meyers and died at the age of thirty-nine years, leaving three children, John L., Losetta E., who married John Leshner, and Edna A., who married James Turner; and George W., who married Matilda Wetzel and is living at Zimmerman, where he is engaged in the carpenter business. Since the death of their father the Misses Ada and Julia Lantz have continued to maintain their residence on the old home place, rural mail route No. 10 out of Xenia. They are members of the local Reformed church.

JAMES WILSON MIDDLETON.

The late James Wilson Middleton, who died at his home at Middletons Corners in Caesarscreek township, in the fall of 1917, was born on that place, the old Middleton home farm, and there had spent all his life. He was born on April 27, 1849, son of James and Angeline (Musetter) Middleton, who were among the pioneer residents of that part of the county, where their last days were spent. James Middleton was born in Berkeley county, Virginia, and in 1825 came to Greene county and bought a tract of land in Caesarscreek township, where he established his home, his brothers, Thomas and John, having settled there previously, the two having come out here to locate land, afterward returning to Virginia, where they were married and then came back to Greene county to make their permanent home, their parents, Bethuel and Naomi (Ganoe) Middleton, and the other members of the family accompanying them to the new home in the then wilderness, the Middletons thus early becoming a well-established family in the Caesarscreek neighborhood, Middletons Corners thus taking its name; all of which, together with other details of the history of the Middleton family in Greene county, is set out elsewhere in this volume.

James Wilson Middleton was the last-born of the ten children born to his parents and he grew up on the home farm, receiving his schooling in the local schools, and after his marriage in 1871 established his home on a portion of the home place and there continued to make his residence, spending his life there, the owner of one hundred and fifteen acres of the old Middleton farm. In 1888 he erected on his farm a substantial farm house and the other improvements on the place were in keeping with the same. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Middleton gave considerable attention to the raising of live stock. He was a Democrat and had served the public in the capacity of township trustee and of land appraiser. He was affiliated



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with the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Middleton's death occurred on September 12, 1917, and he left a good memory in the community.

On October 4, 1871, James Wilson Middleton was united in marriage to Emma C. Peterson, who was born on a farm three miles east of the village of New Burlington, in the neighboring county of Clinton, a daughter of Jacob S. and Sarah C. (Ellis) Peterson, the latter of whom was born in that same neighborhood, on the Wilmington-Xenia pike, eight miles south of Xenia, daughter of Henry Ellis and a granddaughter of Abraham Ellis, a Revolutionary soldier, who had settled there in the early days of the settlement of that region and whose descendants in the present generation form a numerous connection throughout this part of Ohio. Jacob S. Peterson also was a member of one of the old families in this part of the state. He was born in Clinton county, where he grew up and where after his marriage he established his home on a farm, but later moved to Wilmington, the county seat, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. He was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the Reformed church. They were the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Middleton was the first-born, the others being: Ada, wife of George A. McKay, of Xenia; Orville, a real-estate dealer at Pamplin City, Virginia, who has been married twice, his first wife having been Luella Oglesbee and his second, Evelyn Greene; Alice, who married Horace McMillen and continues to live in Clinton county; Jacob Ehmer, who married Viola Farquahar and has been a teacher all his active life, now connected with the public schools at Brookneal, Virginia, and Grace, widow of Frank Colvin. For years Mrs. Colvin has been matron of the girls section of the college at Delaware, this state.

To James W. and Emma C. (Peterson) Middleton were born two sons, Orville P. and J. Raymond, both of whom are farming in Caesarscreek township, the latter farming the homestead tract where his mother still makes her home. Orville P. Middleton married Laura Haines and has four children, Wayne, Marion, Grace and Clara. J. Raymond Middleton married Lydia Maria Haines and has two sons, Allen and Paul. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Middleton has continued to make her home on the home place at Middletons Corners. She is a member of the Maple Corners Reformed church.

JESSE CLYDE TOWNSLEY.

Jesse Clyde Townsley, farmer and stockman, proprietor of the old John A. Barber farm of one hundred and eighty-six acres in Cedarville township, and former trustee of that township, was born on a farm on the

Townsley road in Cedarville township, July 5, 1874, son of John and Maliuda (Kershner) Townsley, the latter of whom is still living in Cedarville. She was born at Yellow Springs, a daughter of Jonathan and Marian (Kulp) Kershner, the former of whom also was born in Greene county and the latter in Pennsylvania. Jonathan Kershner was a carpenter at Yellow Springs and died there at the age of eighty-three years. His widow died on July 4, 1916, at the age of eighty-four. They were members of the Yellow Springs Christian church and were the parents of eight children, those besides Mrs. Townsley being James, now a resident of Mattoon, Illinois; Dross, who lives in Cedarville; Emanuel, deceased; John, deceased; Cowray, deceased; Ford, a carpenter at Yellow Springs, and Charles, who lives in the West.

The late John Townsley, who died at his home in Cedarville on September 19, 1915, was born on a farm four miles east of that place on January 4, 1850, a son of James and Clarissa (Harper) Townsley, the latter of whom was born in that same township in 1821. James Townsley was born in 1825 at Cortsville, up over the line in Clark county, son of John Townsley, one of the eight children of John Townsley, who with his brother Thomas, a soldier of the Revolution, had come up here from Kentucky and settled in what later came to be organized as Cedarville township, the first permanent settlers of that section of Greene county. James Townsley was one of a large family of children, all now deceased. He located on what is still known as the James Townsley homestead in Cedarville township and lived there until his retirement from the farm about 1887 and removal to Cedarville, where his death occurred in August, 1907. He had been twice married, his first wife having been Clarissa Harper, who received from her father a part of the farm above referred to. She was the youngest of the three daughters born to her parents, the others being Mrs. D. H. Marshall, deceased, and Mrs. Thursa Townsley, who is now living at Jamestown, aged ninety. James and Clarissa (Harper) Townsley were the parents of seven children, those besides John being Elizabeth, who married John Owens and died on August 25, 1913; Lila M., wife of J. O. Spahr, of the Jamestown neighborhood; Emma, wife of T. N. Harper, of Dayton; Jennie, now living at Xenia, Mrs. O. A. Spahr; Robert S., a retired farmer, now living at Cedarville, and Frank, who is still living on the old home farm. Following the death of the mother of these children in December, 1868, James Townsley married Hester Barber, a daughter of John and Sarah (Martin) Barber, of this county, the former of whom was a farmer and a soldier of the War of 1812. This second marriage was without issue. Mrs. Hester Townsley

died in April, 1905, aged eighty-four. James Townsley was a Republican and a member of the United Presbyterian church.

After his marriage to Malinda Kershner on February 22, 1871, John Townsley bought a hundred-acre farm adjoining his father's place and later bought an adjoining forty, living there until his retirement and removal to Cedarville, where he spent his last days. He is buried in the old Massies Creek cemetery. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, a trustee of the church and a member of the official board. To him and his wife were born four children, those besides Jesse being Clara, who married Prof. Calvin Morton, of the Cedarville schools, and has one daughter, Martha Jean; Harry, a farmer residing just south of Cedarville, and Robert, a farmer of Miami township.

Jesse C. Townsley received his schooling in the Thorn school and remained on the home farm until his marriage in 1897, after which he rented his wife's father's farm, the John A. Barber place in Cedarville township, and continued thus to operate the place for seventeen years, or until 1915, when he bought the place, one hundred and eighty-six acres, and is still living there. He and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian church at Cedarville. Mr. Townsley is a Republican and for six years served as trustee of Cedarville township. Mrs. Townsley also was born in Cedarville township, Florence Barber, daughter of John A. and Sarah (Townsley) Barber, and married Mr. Townsley on June 30, 1897. Her father, John A. Barber, also was born in Cedarville township, as was his wife, who was a daughter of Enos Townsley, one of the sons of the pioneer John Townsley, great-great-grandfather of Jesse Townsley and also, of course, of the latter's wife. Enos Townsley's wife was Sarah, daughter of James McCoy, one of the Greene county pioneers. John A. Barber was a son of John Barber, who was a son of William Barber, who had come to this country from Ireland and settled in Washington county, Pennsylvania. In that county John Barber was born. Upon reaching manhood he came to Ohio and located at Xenia, where he became engaged in the Campbell mill on Shawnee creek. In due time he bought a tract of land and his last days were spent on the farm. He married Sarah Martin and to him and his wife were born eleven children, ten of whom grew to maturity. John A. Barber, one of these children, was twice married, his first wife having been Eliza, daughter of Andrew Galloway. To that union two children were born. Mrs. Eliza Barber died in 1866 and Mr. Barber in 1868 married Sarah Townsley. Two daughters were born to this latter union, Mrs. Florence Townsley having a sister, Eva, who married Charles H. Ervin, of Xenia, and has one son, Fred. The Barbers were members of the United Presbyterian church at Cedarville.

DAVID S. WILLIAMSON.

David S. Williamson, proprietor of a farm in the Cedarville neighborhood, now living retired at Cedarville, the operations of the farm being carried on by his son, Raymond T. Williamson, is a member of one of Greene county's old families, and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of the village of Jamestown on December 29, 1851, son of John S. and Jane (Kyle) Williamson, and was the last-born of the three children born to that parentage, his mother having died when he was two years and eight months of age. She was a daughter and eldest child of Judge Samuel Kyle, one of the foremost pioneers of Greene county and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume.

John S. Williamson was the fourth in order of birth of the ten children of David and Catherine (Duncan) Williamson, who came to this county with their family in 1836 and settled in that part of the county now included in New Jasper township, their farm of three hundred acres being situated along Caesarscreek at a point equidistant between Xenia and Jamestown, as is set out elsewhere in this volume, together with a comprehensive narrative relating to the Williamson family in Greene county. In a biographical sketch relating to Samuel K. Williamson, elder brother of the subject of this sketch, there is set out at some length a history of the career of John S. Williamson, who died at his home in Cedarville in the fall of 1898.

David S. Williamson grew up to the life of the farm. His schooling was received in the neighborhood schools, being completed in the Cedarville schools, his father having moved to the farm on the Cincinnati-Columbus pike, two miles west of Cedarville, now owned by Mr. Williamson, when he was twelve years of age. On that place he grew to manhood and after his father's retirement from the farm and removal to Cedarville in 1873 he took charge of the place and after his marriage in 1881 established his home there, continuing to make that his place of residence, having inherited the farm after his father's death, until his retirement in April, 1917, and removal to Cedarville, where he now resides, though still retaining a supervisory oversight of the place, which he is accustomed to visit nearly every day. As with several others of the Williamsons, Mr. Williamson was early attracted to the possibilities of sheep raising and for many years his farm west of Cedarville has been largely devoted to the breeding of fine Merino sheep. The work there inaugurated by him is now being carried on by his son, Raymond T. Williamson, who occupied the home place and is carrying on the operations of the farm.

On February 9, 1881, at the home of the bride about a mile east of Cedarville, David S. Williamson was united in marriage to Nannie A.



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McMillan, who was born on that place on January 23, 1856, a daughter of Hugh T. and Rachel McMillan, the former a member of the well-known McMillan family of this county, and to this union have been born five children, two of whom died at birth, the survivors being Mary Erwin, born on April 12, 1885, now at home; Florence Jane, September 6, 1887, who is now teaching school at Nevada, Iowa, and Raymond Torrence, June 23, 1891, who, as noted above, is now farming the home place. In January, 1917, Raymond Torrence Williamson married Fannie Stroup and is making his home on the home place, his parents having moved into Cedarville about the time of his marriage. The Williamsons are members of the Covenanter church at Cedarville. Mr. Williamson is a Republican.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN BENHAM.

The Benhams became established here more than a century ago with the coming of Peter Benham, who left the settlement in which he was born, not far north of Cincinnati, and came up here into the valley of the Little Miami, establishing his home in Beavercreek township, this county, where he spent the rest of his life and where his descendants in the present generation are still to be found.

Peter Benham, the pioneer, was born twelve miles north of the then village of Cincinnati, in 1795, a son of Richard and Lydia Benham, the former of whom, a native of New Jersey, had been an Indian fighter in Kentucky and had later settled at Ft. Washington, building there the third cabin put up on the present site of the city of Cincinnati, at one time owning there ten acres of land that is now in the very heart of the city. At the time of his death, which occurred near Todds Forks, he was the owner of one hundred and fourteen acres there. One of his brothers, David Benham, was a friend and companion of Daniel Boone, and another, Col. Joseph Benham, became one of the most noted attorneys in the early days of Cincinnati. Richard Benham was a soldier of the War of 1812. He and his wife had four sons, John, Richard, Peter and Benjamin, the latter of whom became a resident of Indiana and was the last survivor of the family.

Reared amid pioneer conditions, Peter Benham married at the age of twenty-one years and established his home in Beavercreek township, this county. On that farm he spent the rest of his life, living to the age of eighty-six years. Peter Benham was twice married. His first wife, Catherine Beck, whom he married at Centerville, was born at Waynesville in 1800, daughter of Samuel Beck and wife, the latter of whom was a Galyard. Samuel Beck was a native of New Jersey, who came to Ohio in territorial days and became

a pioneer tavern keeper at Waynesville, in Warren county. He and his wife were the parents of four sons and four daughters, the sons having been John, Samuel, Benjamin and Joseph. To Peter and Catherine (Beck) Benham were born twelve children, of whom eight lived to maturity and of whom but one, Mrs. Lydia Huston, of Alpha, widow of George W. Huston, now survives, the others having been Benjamin, the father of the subject of this sketch; Joseph; Eliza, who married Isaac Bumgardner; Sarah, who married Leonard Coy; Mary J., who married Joseph P. B. Johns; Lydia A., who married George W. Huston; Peter O. and Samuel. The mother of these children died in January, 1864, and Peter Benham later married Catherine Nave, who was born in Pennsylvania, the daughter of John Nave, who had come to Ohio with his family and had settled in the township of Spring Valley, in this county. Both these women were members of the Reformed church and the Benham children were reared in that faith. Peter Benham lived to be eighty-six years of age.

Benjamin Benham grew up on the pioneer farm on which he was born in Beavercreek township and after his marriage began farming on his own account, for a time renting a farm in that neighborhood. He then bought the farm on which his son William F. is now living, a mile and a half southwest of Alpha, coming to be the owner of a farm of one hundred and ninety acres. He was a Republican. He and his family were members of Mt. Zion Reformed church. Benjamin Benham died in 1899. His wife had preceded him to the grave about three years, her death having occurred in 1896. She was born, Mary Gillespie, in Ross county, this state, in 1821, and was but a small child when her parents settled on the tract of land now occupied by the village of Selma, in the neighboring county of Clark, where both parents died of "milk-sickness" when she was ten years of age. Benjamin and Mary (Gillespie) Benham were the parents of three children, the subject of this sketch having had two sisters, Catherine, now living at Dayton, widow of Henry Clay Glotfelter, and Eliza Jane, who married William Masters, of Beavercreek township, and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased.

William Franklin Benham, only son of Benjamin and Mary (Gillespie) Benham, was born on the Shakertown pike, rural mail route No. 7 out of Xenia, in Beavercreek township, this county, November 24, 1849. His elementary schooling was received in the district school of his neighborhood, the Benham school, located on his father's farm, and he completed his schooling in the old Beaver grade school, the course in that excellent school at that time comprising about the same course as that now covered in high school. After his marriage in 1872 he continued to make his home on the home farm, as his father grew older gradually taking over the management of the place. Upon the death of his father in 1899 the place was divided and he since then has had ninety acres, including the old home build-

ings. Of late years Mr. Benham has been practically retired from the active labors of the farm, having turned the same over to the management of his son, Benjamin E. Benham, who is married and is living on the place.

On December 5, 1872, William Franklin Benham was united in marriage to Mary Ellen Coy, who was born on a farm a mile and a half west of the Benham farm, April 5, 1849, and who died in August, 1902. She was the daughter of Henry and Lucinda Coy and a member of one of the oldest families in Greene county, the Coys having been here since the days before the organization of Greene county. To William F. and Mary E. (Coy) Benham eight children were born, namely: Edmond C., now employed in the plant of the Delco Company at Dayton and who married Effie Dissingham and has one child, a daughter, Mildred; Gertrude Ray, who married Jacob Seifert and is also living at Dayton; Minnie, wife of Edward Shoup, a Beaver creek farmer; Benjamin Earl and Lucinda Pearl, twins, the former of whom, as noted above, is now operating the home farm and who married Ruth Campbell and has one child, a daughter, Helen, and the latter of whom married Archibald Koogler and died at the age of twenty-six years; Henry, who died in infancy; William Franklin, Jr., unmarried, who is employed in a furniture store at Dayton, and Aaron Russell, who formerly lived at Dayton, employed there in the Delco Company's plant, but now (1918) is in Camp Sherman. The Benhams are members of the Mt. Zion Reformed church, both the Benhams and the Coys having been active in the work of the Reformed congregation in Beaver creek township since pioneer days. Mr. Benham is a Republican.

CYRUS BROWN.

Cyrus Brown, veteran of the Civil War, former trustee of New Jasper township and a farmer of that township, enjoys the unique distinction of having served in the '90s as sheriff of Greene county for the shortest term ever noted in the local shrievalty, his tenure of office having lasted but two weeks. The Legislature had enacted a law fixing the beginning of the terms of sheriffs in this state on September 1 instead of on January 1, this alteration of the tenure leaving a term of eight months unprovided for. The commissioners of Greene county appointed Mr. Brown sheriff to fill the vacancy and he entered upon the duties of that office. Two weeks later the state supreme court declared the new law unconstitutional and he thus was deprived of his office, but he had been sheriff for two weeks and even the supreme court was powerless to deprive him of that distinction. During his term of service as a soldier of the Union Mr. Brown saved four hundred dollars of his pay. This sum he ever afterward retained, investing it as a separate fund against such a time as to him might seem fitting for its con-

version to another purpose of great moment, and in October, 1917, he converted the sum, with accrued earnings, into Liberty bonds of the United States government

Mr. Brown is a native son of Greene county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in what is now Jefferson township on October 6, 1842, a son of James and Rachel (Powers) Brown, both of whom also were born in Ohio, the former in Belmont county and the latter in Clinton county, and whose last days were spent in Greene county, of which latter county they had been residents since the days of their youth.

James Brown was born on February 25, 1816, son of Richard and Elizabeth (Pickering) Brown, the former of whom was born in the Old Dominion, near the line between Virginia and Maryland, and who had come to Ohio about 1810 and had settled in Belmont county. Richard Brown served as a soldier of the War of 1812 and later become engaged as a trader and teamster, hauling goods over the National road from Baltimore west. His first wife, Elizabeth Pickering, died leaving six children, Sallie, John, Joshua, James, Allan and Elizabeth. He later married Mary Pickering, a cousin of his deceased wife, and to that union were born four children, Rhoda, Jacob, William and Levi. With his family Richard Brown came to Greene county in 1842 and settled in the Paintersville neighborhood, where in 1850 he was killed by being thrown from a horse, his foot being caught in a stirrup and he being dragged to death. He was buried in the New Hope cemetery near Paintersville. John Brown, eldest son of Richard Brown, had come to Greene county during the thirties and had here become engaged as a building contractor, a general stone mason and builder of brick houses. In 1839 he was joined here by his brother, James Brown, who on January 2, 1842, married Rachel Powers, who was born in the neighboring county of Clinton on November 27, 1812, daughter of Edward and Mary (Wright) Powers, the latter of whom was born in North Carolina and who was nineteen years of age when in 1809 she married Edward Powers, a native of Ireland, born in 1773, who had come to this country in 1800. Soon after their marriage Edward Powers and his wife came to Ohio and settled in Clinton county. He rendered service as a soldier of the War of 1812 and continued to make his home in Clinton county until 1824, when he came with his family up into Greene county and settled on the farm now owned by D. C. Spahr, on the Hussey pike about a mile and a half from Paintersville in Caesarscreek township, where he died about 1843, and was buried in the New Hope graveyard. Edward Powers and his wife were the parents of ten children, all now deceased, of whom Mrs. Rachel Brown was the second in order of birth, the others having been the following: Betsy, who married Robert Oglesbee; Alford, who remained on the home farm and became the owner of a farm of six hundred acres; Edward, who also

became a farmer; Mrs. Mary Faulkner, twin sister of Edward; Allan, who lived at Paintersville; George, who made his home on a farm; Rebecca, who married Marshall Burrell and lived in Xenia township; Mrs. Emily Devoe, whose last days were spent in the West, and John, who spent his last days in Indiana.

After his marriage in 1842, James Brown rented a farm in what is now Jefferson township and there made his home for four or five years, at the end of which time he bought a little farm just north of where he had been residing and not far from the place owned and occupied by his brother Joshua. The two brothers engaged in a partnership arrangement and for years were engaged in the huckster business, James Brown keeping the supplies of groceries, "Yankee notions," and the like with which they stocked their wagons in his house. James Brown was just a "natural born" speculator and trader and would buy or sell anything that came to hand, generally being able afterward to note a margin of profit on his side of the transaction. In 1866 he disposed of his holdings in Silvercreek township and bought a farm of eighty-four acres in New Jasper township, the place on which his son Cyrus Brown is now living. To that he added adjoining land, engaged also in the live stock business, and continued to make his home there until 1881 when he sold the place to his son Cyrus, invested in farm lands in Clinton county and moved to Paintersville, where he bought a grocery store and where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there on August 31, 1886. His widow survived him until May 1, 1892. James Brown was a Republican and served the public in the capacity of township trustee and as assessor. He and his wife were members of the Protestant Methodist church at Paintersville and for years Mr. Brown was a class leader. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, namely: Cyrus, the immediate subject of this biographical sketch; Mary Elizabeth, widow of Lewis Lane, of Allen county, Ohio; Loama, who died at the age of two years; John J., deceased; Marshall, a resident of New Jasper township; Ezra, also a resident of New Jasper township, and Rachel Ann, wife of Charles Harrison, of Allen county.

Cyrus Brown was reared on the old home farm in Silvercreek township and received his schooling in the neighborhood schools of Jefferson township. From the days of his boyhood he was trained in the ways of practical farming and was engaged in farming on the home place when the Civil War broke out. On August 11, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company E, Ninety-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until he was mustered out on June 5, 1865. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Brown returned home and after his marriage in the fall of 1866 established his home on a small farm he had bought in New Jasper township, not far from his father's farm. There he continued to make his

home until 1881, in which year he bought his father's farm, then consisting of eighty-five acres, moved to that place, his father moving to Paintersville in that year, and has ever since resided there, very comfortably situated. Since taking possession of that farm Mr. Brown has added to his acreage until he now owns one hundred and sixty-five acres. In 1890 he remodeled and enlarged his house. For some years, in addition to his general farming, he gave considerable attention to the raising of pure-bred Berkshire hogs and was a successful exhibitor at county fairs. Mr. Brown is a Republican and for years served as central committeeman of that party from his home township. For six terms he served as trustee of his home township, for eighteen years served as school director in his home district, a part of that time serving as president of the township board of education, and for more than ten years served as treasurer of the township. He also, as set out above, for two weeks served as sheriff of Greene county.

On October 18, 1866, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Mary Elizabeth Smith, who was born in New Jasper township, daughter of Daniel and Lucinda (Spahr) Smith, who for years made their home on the farm on which Mrs. Brown was born, and to this union were born two daughters, Alice Lovona, born on August 16, 1867, who is the wife of F. M. Thomas, a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume, and Mary Lucinda, May 21, 1872, wife of James R. Fudge, of whom there also is a biographical sketch on another page in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at New Jasper, with which organization Mrs. Brown has been affiliated since she was eleven years of age. For many years Mr. Brown was a member of the board of trustees of that church and was serving on the board when the present church edifice was erected. When the new parsonage was built he was a member of the board having the erection of the same under its direction. For many years he also was a teacher in the Sunday school.

JOHN W. ST. JOHN.

John W. St. John, now living retired at his home in Caesarscreek township, was born in that township and has lived there all his life. He was born on the old St. John farm on December 29, 1831, son of Daniel W. and Eliza (Bone) St. John, both of whom were born in the vicinity of Lebanon, in the neighboring county of Warren, and who became residents of Greene county after their marriage, settling in Caesarscreek township, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

Elsewhere in this volume there is set out at considerable length something of the history of the St. John family in Greene county and it is



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therefore not necessary to repeat those details in this connection further than to set out that the family had its origin in this country through John and Noah St. John, brothers, of French parentage, who came to the American colonies about the middle of the eighteenth century and located in Dutchess county, New York, where John St. John married Anna Lockwood and was living when the colonists declared their independence. He joined the patriot forces and served as a soldier of the Revolution, later, in the last decade of the eighteenth century, coming with his family to the then Territory Northwest of the Ohio, locating in the neighborhood of Ft. Washington (Cincinnati), in Hamilton county, where he remained until 1803, when he came up into this part of the state and settled on a tract of land in the vicinity of Ft. Ancient, in Warren county, where he spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, the fourth in order of birth being John St. John, who was born on November 28, 1778, and who married Rhoda Wood. John St. John established his home in Warren county and there spent his last days. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, of whom Daniel W. was the first-born. Daniel W. St. John remained in Warren county until after his marriage to Eliza Bone, when, in 1828, he came up into Greene county and settled in the woods in Caesars-creek township, where he put up a log cabin and a stable and set about clearing the place. He later put up a good house and substantial farm buildings, got his place under cultivation and created a good piece of property, which later he sold and then moved to a farm on the Wilmington pike south of Xenia, where his last days were spent, he being sixty-five years of age at the time of his death. His wife was sixty-three years of age at the time of her death. Daniel W. St. John was a Whig in his early political views and later became a Republican. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their children were reared in that faith. There were eleven of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being the following: Cyrus Bone, who married Dorothy Hickman and lived in Xenia township until 1856, when he moved to Jay county, Indiana, where he spent the rest of his life; Joseph, who married Julia McNair and continued to make his home in this county until 1887, when he moved to Kansas and located on a farm in the vicinity of Coffeyville, where he spent his last days; William Harrison, who died on the home farm at the age of twenty-five years; Daniel Morgan, who married Eliza Jane Beam and spent his last days on a farm in Caesars-creek township; Sarah Ann, also deceased, who was the wife of James McNair; Charles W., who married Martha Peterson, of Xenia, and for years lived on a farm in Spring Valley township, later moving to Xenia, where

he died; Jeniah Franklin, also deceased, whose widow, who was Ellen Hook before her marriage, is now living at Xenia; Eliza Jane, who married Frank Peterson and went to Coffeyville, Kansas, where her last days were spent; Isaac Wilson, who married Rilla Hook and went to Dunkirk, Indiana, where he is still living, engaged in the mercantile business, and Lorenzo Raper, who married Alice Smith and who, as well as his wife, is now deceased. It is needless to say that the St. John family, the descendants in the present generation of the Ohio pioneer, John St. John, and of his wife, Anna Lockwood, form a numerous connection. Former Gov. John P. St. John, of Kansas, is a member of this family.

John W. St. John was reared on the old home farm in Caesarscreek township, receiving his schooling in the schools of that place, and remained at home until after his marriage in 1852, when he began farming on his own account on the farm on which his son, Joseph Oscar St. John, is now living, in that same township, buying there a tract of one hundred and eleven acres, then known as the David Murphy place, on which there was a log cabin and a stable and but little else in the way of improvement. He presently erected there a new house and substantial farm buildings, cleared and drained the place, expending more than a thousand dollars in ditch work, and otherwise improved it, and there continued engaged in general farming and stock raising until his retirement from the active labors of the farm in 1907, having thus been continuously engaged in farming on that place for about fifty-five years. Since Mr. St. John's retirement from the management of the farm the work has been carried on under the direction of his son, Joseph Oscar St. John, who makes his home on the place. Mr. St. John is a Republican, but has never been an aspirant for public office. He is a member of Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. St. John has been thrice married. On January 15, 1852, he was united in marriage to Phoebe Ann Hiney, who was born in Sandusky county, this state, June 21, 1833, daughter of Jacob and Delilah Hiney, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter in Sandusky county, this state, who later came to Greene county and after a sometime residence here moved up into Clark county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. To that union were born twelve children, namely: Thomas W., born on December 21, 1852, now living in the vicinity of Cedarville, who married Elizabeth Harris and has three children, Elmer, Roy and Alice; C. M., March 17, 1856, a stockman doing business at Xenia, who married Harriet Ary and has two children, John A. and Eva; Jacob Daniel and Martha, twins, January 16, 1854, both now deceased; Maria L., June 10, 1858, who married Moses Painter, now living in Marion county, Indiana, and has three children, Clifton, Reba and Vernon; John Franklin, October 24, 1859, who married

Zora Hoffman and moved to North Dakota, where he died in October, 1917, leaving two children, Harry and Roland; Emma Jane, November 3, 1863, who married Lewis R. Jones, a farmer, of Caesarscreek township and a biographical sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume; William Allison, November 18, 1866, now living in Clark county, this state, who married Louise Hiatt and has three children, Harmon, Grant and Goldie; Ulysses Grant, July 3, 1869, now farming in New Jasper township, this county, who married Lola Sutton and has one son, Fred; Alma and Alva L., twins, September 9, 1872, the former of whom died in childhood and the latter of whom, now farming in the Cedarville neighborhood, married Anna Turner and has four children, Myrtle, Otis, Hazel and Donna; and Joseph Oscar, January 16, 1876, now farming the old home place, who married Minnie Harness and has one son, Leo. The mother of these children died on October 30, 1897, and Mr. St. John later married Mrs. Jane (Smith) Devoe, daughter of John Smith and widow of Asa Devoe, of Caesarscreek township, and after her death married, December 13, 1909, Ellen L. Fisher, who was born in the vicinity of Wilmington, in the neighboring county of Clinton, daughter of Jacob W. and Delpha Ann (Smoke) Fisher, who had come to this state from Virginia and whose last days were spent in Clinton county, the former living to the age of eighty-three years and the latter, to the age of seventy-five. Though now past eighty-six years of age, Mr. St. John retains much of his aforesaid vigor and continues to take an active interest in current affairs. His recollection of events in this county easily covers a period of more than four score years and he has many interesting tales to tell of the days of the pioneers and of the later procession of events which marked the period of his early activities as an agriculturist. During all these years he has been a witness to many amazing changes in agricultural methods and in the general way of living and can only wonder what another eighty years of progress will bring about in the way of human invention.

ROBERT C. WATT.

Robert C. Watt, of Cedarville, head of the firm of R. C. Watt & Son, breeders of live stock, former president of the American Duroc Association, former president of the American Southdown Sheep Association, a member of the American Polled-Durham Association and of all the local live-stock associations, holder of a string of grand-championship prizes and formerly and for years a member of the firm of Watt & Foust, at the time of the dissolution of that firm in 1916 known as the oldest continuous breeders of Duroc hogs in the United States and holders of world championships in that class, is a native son of Greene county and has lived here all his life.

He was born on a farm in Xenia township in 1856, a son of William and Sarah Gordon (Carruthers) Watt, both natives of Scotland, the latter, born at Dumfries, having come to this country with her parents in the days of her girlhood to join her brother, Thomas Carruthers, who previously had come over and had located at Chillicothe, in this state, where she was living up to the time she married William Watt.

William Watt was born in Glasgow in 1814 and there grew up trained to the carpenter trade. When twenty-one years of age he came to the United States and proceeded on out to Ohio, locating at Bainbridge, where he continued to make his home for some time after his marriage to Sarah Carruthers. He then moved to Bourneville and there resided until 1851, when he came with his family to Greene county and bought a quarter of a section of land on the Federal pike in Xenia township, making his home there until 1866. In that year he sold that farm and bought another on the Jamestown pike, six miles east of Xenia, where he lived until his retirement from the farm and removal to Xenia, where he died in June, 1894. William Watt began to raise Southdown sheep shortly after he took up farming in this county and from the beginning was singularly successful with his flocks. In 1874 he began exhibiting his registered stock and the Watt Southdowns continued to be exhibited, the son continuing the operations of the father after the latter's death, all over the United States until 1916, when Mr. Watt sold his Southdown flock and took up the breeding of registered Rambouillets. During that long period the Watt flock won for its owners thousands of dollars in prize money and thousands of blue ribbons and was for years recognized as the world's champion flock of Southdowns. William Watt was a Republican and for some time served as a member of the board of county commissioners. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Mary E., now living at Xenia, widow of David H. Cherry; Mrs. Jennie Johnson, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; James, a Chicago merchant; the Rev. John A. Watt, a Presbyterian minister, now engaged in the missionary field; Agnes, a resident of Xenia township, widow of Harvey Nash, former county commissioner and a memorial sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume; David, a resident of Xenia; Margaret Ellen, who died in the days of her young womanhood; Emily Huston, who died at the age of five years, and Etta, who died at the age of six months.

Robert C. Watt was nine years of age when his parents moved to the farm on the Jamestown pike in Cedarville township and there he grew to manhood. He completed his schooling in the Xenia high school and after his marriage in 1882 continued to make his home on the farm, his parents retiring at that time and moving to Xenia. There he remained until 1899.

in which year he bought a farm of one hundred and fifty acres one mile south of Cedarville, on the Jamestown pike, where he developed a fine place, later adding an adjoining tract of one hundred and six acres, and where he made his home until in April, 1915. He then bought a house on South Main street, Cedarville, and moved to that place, turning the home place over to his son, William R. Watt, who is now operating it. Mr. Watt also owns a farm of one hundred and ten acres a mile northwest of Cedarville. As noted above, Mr. Watt began to give his attention to the raising of registered Southdowns even as a boy and when sixteen years of age became an exhibitor at state fairs. In 1897 he began raising Duroc-Jersey hogs and has since kept the registry of his herd, distribution from which, for stock purposes, has been made wherever the fame of Durocs has penetrated, for this herd has produced the world's championship boar, this honor being awarded to the great "Tip-top Notch" at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis in 1904, and to the equally great "Taxpayer XIII," another product of this herd, at the Panama-American Exposition at San Francisco in 1915. At the St. Louis exposition in 1904 another product of this herd, "Cedar Vale Queen VIII," was awarded the junior sow championship of the world. In 1902 Mr. Watt entered into a partnership with Edward Foust, of Xenia township, for the breeding of Duroc-Jerseys, and this arrangement was continued, under the firm name of Watt & Foust, until 1916, since which time Mr. Watt has carried on his operations with his son, William R., better known as "Billy" Watt, as his partner, doing business under the firm name of R. C. Watt & Son. In 1917 the Watt exhibit of Durocs at the National Hog Show at Omaha was awarded the grand championship, while prizes from the International Stock Show at Chicago and from state fair associations all over the country reveal an unbroken series of successes for the Watt herd, which is recognized as the oldest continuously maintained registered line of Durocs in the United States. Mr. Watt's services have been called on as judge not only at the Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky state fairs, but at the International Live Stock Exhibitions. He keeps his herd up to about three hundred head and ships all over the world, in one season having shipped out one hundred and twenty-eight registered boars. For thirty years Mr. Watt maintained his interest in Southdown sheep, but sold his championship flock in 1917 and he and his son are now taking up the Rambouillet line. He also for some years has been engaged in raising registered Polled-Durham cattle and has a fine herd. Mr. Watt has served as president of both the American Southdown Sheep Association and for the American Duroc Association, of which latter he afterward was for several years a director; is also a member of the American Polled-Durham Association and of local live-stock associations and has

done much in this time to develop and encourage the live-stock industry in the United States. He and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian church at Cedarville.

Mr. Watt has been twice married. In 1882 he was united in marriage to Martha Beall, who was born in this county, daughter of John and Maria (Mainer) Beall, the former of whom died while serving as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, and to that union were born four children, Margretta, wife of the Rev. W. A. Condon, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Uhrichsville, this state; William R.; one who died at birth, and John A., who died at the age of ten months. The mother of these children died on June 27, 1915, and on October 18, 1917, Mr. Watt married Lulu Barber, who was born at Cedarville, daughter of Martin and Mary M. Barber, the latter of whom is still living, making her home with her daughter at the age of ninety years. William R. Watt married Charlotta Sagler. He and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian church.

JAMES HARRY MARSHALL.

James Harry Marshall, proprietor of a farm in Beaver creek township, on the upper Bellbrook pike, three miles west of Xenia, rural mail route No. 7 out of that city, was born on a farm in Sugarcreek township on September 8, 1858, son of James and Ella (Ridenour) Marshall, the former of whom was born in that same township and the latter in the state of Maryland and both of whom spent their last days here.

James Marshall was born on a farm on the east bank of the Little Miami river in what is now Sugarcreek township, but which then was in Silvercreek township, October 22, 1812, a son of John Marshall, one of the pioneers of Greene county and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. John Marshall had come up here with his father from Kentucky about the year 1803 and had taken a tract of about six hundred acres along the east bank of the river in what is now Sugarcreek township. Not long afterward he married and established his home there, reared his family of three sons and four daughters, served during the '40s as a member of the bench of associate judges, spent his last days on his farm, dying there in 1866, at the age of eighty-two years, and was buried on his farm, the site of his grave overlooking the river. During the War of 1812 he served as a soldier. Of his seven children, James was the sixth in order of birth, the others having been Robert, who died unmarried; Hettie, who married John Kiler; Nancy, who married James McConnell; Sarah, who married John Brock; Jesse, who established his home in Sugarcreek township, and Betsey, who married William Morgan.

Reared on the home farm, James Marshall established his home there after his marriage when twenty-four years of age and after his father's death inherited two hundred and forty-five acres of the home place, where he continued to live until he bought the place of a fraction more than one hundred and fourteen acres on which his son James H. is now living, moved to that place and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on February 12, 1889. His widow died on July 3, 1893. She was born, Ella Ridenour, in Maryland, February 5, 1818, and was twelve years of age when she came to Ohio with her widowed mother, Susan (Howard) Ridenour, and the other members of the latter's family, the family consisting of four sons and three daughters, in 1830 and located at Trebeins, in Beaver creek township, this county. The widow Ridenour came through from her old home in the Hagerstown neighborhood in Maryland, driving a one-horse wagon containing her household goods, the children, including twelve-year-old Ella, thus being required to walk the whole distance, as there was no room in the over-laden wagon for them. The widow Ridenour was an adherent of the Lutheran faith and her children were reared in that faith. Of these children, the daughter Ella, Mrs. Marshall, was the last-born, the others, now all deceased, having been David, who moved to Illinois and there spent his last days; Daniel and Samuel, twins, who established their homes in this county; William, who moved to Indiana, and Cassie and Maria, twins, who remained spinsters. Mrs. Susan Ridenour lived to the age of eighty-three years, her death occurring on April 10, 1869. Ella Ridenour grew up at Trebeins and was there married on May 4, 1837, to James Marshall. To that union were born seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being the following: John, who is now living at Dayton, retired; Sarah, who died at the age of twenty-one; William P., who served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War and died not long after his return from the army, his death having been due to the exposure incident to army life; Mrs. Nancy Ann Thorp, who died in 1903, and two who died in infancy.

James H. Marshall was reared on the home farm in Sugarcreek township and received his early schooling in the old Fauber district school in that neighborhood, later attending the schools in Beaver creek township. After his marriage he established his home on the home place and as his father grew older assumed charge of the same, having thus for years carried on farming operations on the place on which he is now living. After his father's death he came into possession of the farm and is still actively engaged in farming, assisted by his second son, Charles Haines Marshall, who is still at home. In addition to their general farming Mr. Marshall and his son give considerable attention to the raising of Poland China hogs.

James H. Marshall married Laura B. Haines, who was born in Beaver-creek township, daughter of Henry and Susan Haines, the former of whom was formerly engaged in farming there, but later went West, where he became engaged in the railway service, and to this union four children have been born, namely: Robert Lee, who married Edna White and is now living in North Dakota, where he is employed in the service of the Standard Oil Company; Charles Haines, mentioned above as assisting his father in the operation of the home farm; William Harley, now living at Bellbrook, who married Pansy Taylor and has two children, Howard Lee and Pauline; and Agnew, who died at the age of four years. Mr. Marshall is a Republican, as was his father, and has served as director of schools in his home district. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Xenia.

WILLIAM C. BURR.

William C. Burr, a soldier of the Civil War and former trustee of Jefferson township, was born in this county and has lived here all his life, a resident of the farm on which he is now living for nearly seventy years, he having been under ten years of age when his father took possession of that farm back in 1848. He was born in that vicinity, on a farm in what then was Silvercreek township, but which in 1858 was set off as the new township of Jefferson, September 21, 1839, son of David and Louisa (Oxley) Burr, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. Louisa Oxley was born in the vicinity of Culpeper Court House, Virginia, and was but six years of age when she came with her parents, John Oxley and wife, to Ohio, the family settling in Clinton county. Upon their retirement from the farm John Oxley and his wife came up into Greene county and here spent their last days in the household of their son-in-law, David Burr.

David Burr was born on a farm in the vicinity of Clarksville, in the neighboring county of Clinton, a son of Peter and Hannah Burr, pioneers of that section, who spent their last days in that county. Peter Burr was for years clerk of courts at Wilmington. David Burr grew up in that county and early turned his attention to farming, coming up into Greene county and acquiring possession of a tract of land in what later came to be organized as Jefferson township and after his marriage to Louisa Oxley established his home there, continuing to reside there until 1848, when he traded that tract for the farm on which his son William, the subject of this sketch, is now living in that same township and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. David Burr died at the age of sixty-eight

years and his widow survived him for many years, she having been eighty-six years of age at the time of her death. They were members of the Methodist Protestant church and were the parents of twelve children, nine of whom grew to maturity, out of whom only three are now living, the subject of this sketch and two of his sisters, Mrs. Julia Ann Urton, widow of William Urton, of Van Wert, this state, and Mrs. Ella Fawcett, widow of Levi Fawcett, of Middleton, the others having been the following: Mary Jane, who married Levi Hollingsworth; Peter, who married Mahala Wical; Lucinda, who married Isaac Steward; John, who died in 1862 and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume; Hannah, who married Stephen Cline, and Aaron Sewell, who died while in the service of the Union during the Civil War. He enlisted in September, 1861, and went with the Thirty-first Ohio to Camp Robinson, Kentucky, where he died of brain fever in the following November.

William C. Burr was about nine years of age when his parents moved to the farm on which he is now living and there he grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools. He married when nineteen years of age and after his marriage continued farming on the home place. During the earlier stages of the Civil War he served as a member of the Home Guard and in the spring of 1864 he enlisted his services in behalf of the Union and was sent into West Virginia with Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for four months, during which time he participated in the battle of New Creek and various engagements. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Burr returned home and resumed farming on the home place, of which in due time he acquired possession, and he ever since has made his home there, for the past ten years or more having lived practically retired from the active labors of the farm. Mr. Burr is a member of the Methodist Protestant church at Bowersville. He is a Republican, as was his father, and served for several terms as township trustee and also as assessor of the township. For more than forty-five years he has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his wife and daughter formerly were connected with the Daughters of Rebekah. On March 9, 1872, Mr. Burr joined the Odd Fellows lodge at Port William and on September 20, 1874, became connected with the encampment, Patriarchs Militant, at Wilmington, later transferring his connection to the encampment at Jamestown. He was one of the organizers of Otto Lodge No. 559, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Bowersville, a charter member of the same.

In December, 1858, William C. Burr was united in marriage to Rachel Ervin, who was born in that portion of Greene county now comprised

within Jefferson township, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Cottrell) Ervin, pioneers of that section, who had come up here from Tennessee and whose last days were spent here, both dying during the time of the cholera scourge. John Ervin and wife were the parents of nine children. To Mr. and Mrs. Burr three children were born, a daughter and two sons, Jennie, who has always made her home on the home place, and George Sewell and Frank Elder, the latter of whom, an undertaker at Jamestown, married Elvie Miller and has two children, Guy and Marion. George Sewell Burr, who became a teacher in the schools of this county, was killed by the kick of a horse in 1887. He had married Elizabeth Ferguson and after his death his widow married Florence Smith, of Jamestown, and has one child, a daughter, Zora P.

GEORGE EDGAR JOBE.

George Edgar Jobe, former president of the board of control of the Ohio State Experiment Station at Wooster, former president of the board of the Selma special school district and almost continuously connected with that board since the date of its organization, and the proprietor of a farm of nearly three hundred acres, the old Thorne place, situated on rural mail route No. 3 out of Cedarville, is a member of one of Greene county's old families, and has lived in this county all his life, occupant of the farm on which he now lives since his marriage in 1889. He was born on the old Jobe home place in Xenia township on May 20, 1860, son of John Hutchison and Nancy Ellen (Collins) Jobe, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families, and whose last days were spent here.

John Hutchison Jobe was born at Xenia on October 31, 1826, son of George and Mary Ann (Hutchison) Jobe, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania on August 31, 1786, son of Isaiah Jobe and wife and one of the six children born to that parentage, three sons and three daughters. George Jobe served as a soldier of the War of 1812, in General Harrison's command, and was present at the battle of Ft. Meigs. In 1816 he came to this county and became engaged in the manufacture of wagons at Xenia. He married here and some years later bought a farm and settled in the Old-town Run school district in the vicinity of Xenia and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on January 29, 1867, he then being eighty years of age. His widow died on May 24, 1884, she then being eighty-two years of age. Mary Ann Hutchison was living in the Bellbrook neighborhood at the time of her marriage to George Jobe. To that union were born nine children, six sons and three daughters, namely: J. Harvey, who became a dry-goods merchant at Xenia; John H., father of

the subject of this sketch; Margaret Ann, who married Hugh Boyd, of this county; William H. and Martha Jane, twins, who died in childhood; Samuel H., who also died in the days of his youth; George F., a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume; Rebecca E., of Xenia, and Albert A., who died in childhood. John H. Jobe was about eight years of age when his parents moved from Xenia to the farm just east of that place. As a young man he learned the trade of carpenter and for about five years followed that trade, but later resumed farming and so continued engaged the remainder of his active life. He remained at home until after his marriage in 1859, when he bought a farm of three hundred and fifty acres on the Xenia and Jamestown pike, three and a half miles east of Xenia, and there remained until his retirement from the farm and removal to Xenia, where his death occurred on March 15, 1905. John H. Jobe was a Republican and had served as trustee of his home township and for some time as infirmary director. He and his wife were members of the First United Presbyterian church and their children were reared in that faith.

On August 30, 1859, in Xenia township, John H. Jobe was united in marriage to Nancy Ellen Collins, who was born in that township on February 25, 1837, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (McClellan) Collins, the latter of whom was the eldest sister of Doctor H. R. McClellan, of Xenia. Samuel Collins was about eight years of age when he came with his parents from York county, Pennsylvania, to this county, the family settling in Xenia township. Samuel Collins and wife were the parents of eight children, those besides Mrs. Jobe having been the following: William H., deceased; John Q., deceased; James M., of Xenia township; Belle, deceased wife of S. K. Williamson; Jennie M., wife of John D. M. Stewart, of Xenia; Anna, deceased, who was the wife of R. W. Moore, of Xenia, and Lydia, who died unmarried. To John H. and Nancy E. (Collins) Jobe were born seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being the following: Samuel Collins, who died when sixteen months of age; Charles L., a Xenia merchant and a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume; John Riley, who died in 1910 at his home in Xenia, in which city he had for years engaged in the dry-goods business, a member of the firm of Jobe Brothers; Laura B., who died on May 25, 1909; Harvey Homer, who continued to make his home on the old home farm in Xenia township and who died on April 30, 1918, and one son who died in infancy.

George Edgar Jobe completed his schooling at Monmouth College and remained at home until his marriage in 1889, when he established his home on the farm on which he is now living. This is the old Thorne place, developed by a Quaker family of that name, and during the days preceding

the Civil War was an important station on the "underground railroad" through this section. Mr. Jobe remodeled the brick house built there by the Thornes in 1846 and in other ways has improved the place. In 1892 he built a bank barn, forty by ninety-six feet in dimensions and has a silo of a capacity of one hundred and fifty tons. He gives considerable attention to the raising of Duroc-Jersey hogs and also feeds a good many cattle. Since taking possession of the Thorne place he has enlarged his holdings there until now he has two hundred and ninety acres. Mr. Jobe is a Republican and for some time he has been president of the board of control of the Ohio Experiment Station at Wooster. When in 1905 the Selma special school district was organized, the district being created to accommodate the pupils of certain districts in two of the townships of Greene county and two of the adjoining townships of Clark county, Mr. Jobe was made president of the special school board which erected the new grade and high-school building at Selma and has almost continuously since then been connected with the board.

On February 14, 1889, George E. Jobe was united in marriage to Alta Corry, who was born in Miami township, this county, daughter of William R. and Eliza (Brown) Corry, the latter of whom also was born in this county, a member of one of the old families in Cedarville township. William R. Corry was born at Corry, Pennsylvania, a son of Matthew and Rachel (Jacoby) Corry, the former of whom was a son of Matthew and Ann (Beatty) Corry, who were married in Chester county, Pennsylvania, in 1774, later moving to a farm in Northumberland county, same state, whence, in 1780, they were driven out by Indians and returned to Chester county, where they spent the remainder of their lives, the latter dying in 1824 and the former, in 1826, he then being seventy-seven years of age. Matthew and Ann (Beatty) Corry were the parents of nine children, James, John, Hannah, Eleanor, Nancy, Ann, Rebecca, Jane and Matthew. The latter, Matthew Corry, Jr., was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, February 16, 1793, and in 1814 was there married to Rachel Jacoby. In the spring of 1830 he came to Ohio with his family and established his home in Miami township, this county, where he died on May 5, 1864. Matthew Corry, Jr., was twice married. His first wife, Rachel Jacoby, died in 1850 and he afterward married Ann Bigger. To the first union there were born nine children, namely: Sarah, born on May 30, 1815, who married William Miller and died on May 3, 1839; Ann B., July 31, 1817, who married James Allison and died on February 21, 1896; John J., January 1, 1820, who married Elizabeth Jackson and died on June 9, 1869; Matthew, December 11, 1821, who died unmarried on May 12, 1900; James B., March 8, 1824, who married Nancy A. Brown and died on December 20, 1891; William R., father of Mrs. Jobe;

Henry, July 29, 1828, who married Lydia Collins and died on August 28, 1871; Hannah, August 24, 1831, who married George Collins and died on October 1, 1855, and Rachel, October 5, 1834, who married E. C. Fleming and died on September 14, 1896.

William R. Corry was born on June 10, 1826, and was four years of age when his parents came to this county from Pennsylvania and established their home in Miami township, where he grew to manhood and where, after his marriage on October 18, 1848, to Eliza Brown, he established his home, his death occurring there on October 31, 1885. He was a Republican and was for years an elder in the Presbyterian church. His widow died on December 2, 1905. To William R. and Eliza (Brown) Cory were born ten children, namely: Anna Alice, born on October 5, 1849, who married William H. Bull and died on March 27, 1906; Riley J., January 25, 1851, who on October 17, 1878, married May Garlough and is living at Yellow Springs; Matthew W., June 9, 1853, who died on September 3, 1854; Lee B., March 11, 1855, who on September 24, 1879, married Nannie J. Stewart; William Edward, April 2, 1858, who died on September 1, 1859; Harry R., February 24, 1860, who on February 18, 1886, married Effie K. Elder; Frank M., September 9, 1861, who on September 1, 1887, married Clara L. Anderson; Robert E., November 1, 1863, who on February 27, 1888, married Jessie D. Anderson; Alta (Mrs. Jobe), April 26, 1867, and Ida May, February 10, 1869, who on October 25, 1894, married Frank Currie.

To George E. and Alta (Corry) Jobe have been born three sons, namely: John Oliver, born on April 22, 1890, who completed his schooling in the Ohio State University and on February 10, 1914, was united in marriage to Edith Barber, daughter of R. B. and Kate Barber, and Delmer C. and Mereld C., twins, October 15, 1895, the former of whom was graduated in agriculture at Ohio State University in May, 1918, and the latter of whom was attending Colorado State University at Denver, where on April 2, 1918, he was called to the United States service and is now stationed at Camp Sherman. Mr. and Mrs. Jobe and their sons are members of the United Presbyterian church at Cedarville.

LEWIS C. PETERSON.

Lewis C. Peterson, proprietor of the farm in Spring Valley township on which he is now living, was born in that township on August 19, 1853, son of John and Elizabeth Peterson, both also natives of this county.

John Peterson was born on a farm in the northeast corner of Spring Valley township and his wife was born in Sugarcreek township. Reared on a farm, John Peterson in due time took up farming as his own voca-

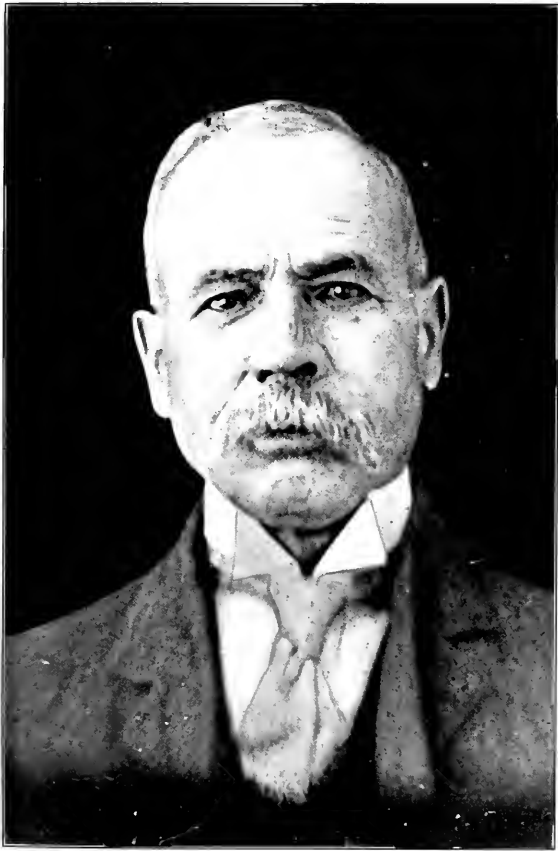
tion and in 1840 established his home on the farm on which his son Frank is now living in Spring Valley township. There he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1881, he then being fifty-seven years of age. His widow survived him for thirteen years, she being seventy years of age at the time of her death on December 1, 1894. She was a member of the Methodist Protestant church. John Peterson and his wife were the parents of six children, five sons and a daughter, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Sarah J., David A. (deceased), Jonas, a grocer at Bellbrook; Charles A., a carpenter, now living at Dayton, and Frank, who is occupying the old home farm.

Lewis C. Peterson grew up on the home farm in Spring Valley township and was educated in the local schools. After his marriage in 1875, he then being twenty-two years of age, he began farming on his own account, renting a farm in Beavercreek township and there made his home until in 1883, when he bought the John Hepford farm of fifty acres in Spring Valley township, moved onto the same and has ever since resided there. Since taking possession of that farm Mr. Peterson has made considerable improvements on the same. In addition to his general farming he raises Shropshire sheep and Berkshire hogs and for the past ten years or more has been engaged in the buying of wool.

In 1875 Lewis C. Peterson was united in marriage to Josephine Bungardner, who was born in Beavercreek township, this county, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Benham) Bungardner, both now deceased and the former of whom was an edged-tool maker. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are members of the Methodist Protestant church. Mr. Peterson is a Democrat, as was his father.

RICHARD J. FOWLER.

The late Richard J. Fowler, who died at his home, the old Turnbull place, in Cedarville township, March 10, 1917, was a native of South Carolina, born at Chester, that state, but had been a resident of this county since the days of his young manhood. He was born on March 14, 1842, son of Edward and Martha (Lackey) Fowler, both of whom also were born in South Carolina, where they spent all their lives. Deprived of his parents by death in the days of his boyhood, Richard J. Fowler was "bound out" to learn the trade of millwright and remained in his native state until he was twenty-one years of age, when, in 1863, he came to Ohio and became a resident of Cedarville township, this county. Upon coming here he joined the local company of the Ohio state militia and was thus serving at the time of the scare produced by the raid of Morgan's cavalry up from Kentucky. He



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went with that company to Camp Chase to report for duty but after ten days of service there the company was ordered to return home, the "scare" having subsided by that time. Until 1867 Mr. Fowler was engaged working at various occupations in and about Cedarville and then in that year he rented a small farm in Cedarville township and began farming on his own account. There he bought five acres on the Federal pike. After his marriage in 1870 he established his home on that place and there continued to live until 1874, when he bought seventy-eight acres of the old Turnbull place, including the stone house built there by W. T. Turnbull in 1821, and there spent the remainder of his life. He remodeled the old stone house and it is still doing service as the family residence, having been used as a dwelling place for nearly one hundred years. Mr. Fowler also bought the old John B. Squires farm of seventy-six acres on the Columbus pike, but this latter place he sold in 1913 and bought land adjoining the home place, thus bringing the acreage of the latter up to one hundred and forty-eight acres, which is now being operated by Clarence Fowler, who is managing the same for his widowed mother. Richard J. Fowler was a Republican and by religious persuasion was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church at Cedarville, of which he long served as chairman of the board of trustees and in which he did not miss a communion service for fifty-five years.

Mr. Fowler's widow is still living on the old home place. She was born in this county, Martha Ellen Silva, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Jeffreys) Silva, both long since deceased, the former of whom was a blacksmith and farmer in Cedarville township. To Richard J. and Martha Ellen (Silva) Fowler were born ten children, namely: Mary Elizabeth, who is now teaching in a mission school at Selma, Alabama; Robert McMillan Fowler, who married Regina Spencer and now lives in Buffalo, New York, where he is engaged in the railroad service; Laura Ellen, who is at home; Annie M., a graduate nurse, who is now located at St. Louis; Jennie Ethel, a teacher, now engaged in the graded schools at St. Charles, Missouri; William Leonard Fowler, who died in 1902; Clarence Fowler, who is now managing the old home farm; Carrie Helen, also at home; Howard Sprowl Fowler, who died on August 19, 1915, and Edna Irene, a pianist, who is contemplating completing her musical education with a view to becoming a teacher of piano music. Clarence Fowler, who since his father's death has been managing the home farm, was born on the farm on which he is still living, December 14, 1882. Upon leaving school he took up the study of telegraphy and was for some time thereafter employed as a telegraph operator, in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, but since the death of his father has been giving his whole attention to the direction of the home farm.

ANDREW GORDON COLLINS.

Andrew Gordon Collins, a farmer of Cedarville township, former president of the school board of that township, an elder in the United Presbyterian church at Clifton and the proprietor of a farm of nearly two hundred and thirty acres on rural mail route No. 2 out of Cedarville, was born on the farm on which he is now living and has lived there all his life, excepting nine years that were spent in Xenia. He was born on August 12, 1865, son and only child of James Wallace and Mary J. (Gordon) Collins, the latter of whom was born in York county, Pennsylvania, in 1830 and died at her home in this county in 1888. She was a daughter of Andrew and Janet (Wallace) Gordon, whose last days were spent in York county, Pennsylvania. Andrew Gordon was born in the north of Ireland, of Scottish descent and the only child of his parents. His father died and he later came to this country with a view to making a home here for his mother, but before he could complete his plans to this end he received word from the old country that his mother was dead. He continued his efforts to get along in this country and in time became a well-to-do farmer in York county, Pennsylvania, where he married and reared his family. He and his wife were Presbyterians and were the parents of five children, those besides Mrs. Mary J. Collins having been Elizabeth G. Collins, David (deceased), Eleanor G. Wilson, and Janet Wallace.

The late James Wallace Collins was born on a farm in Cedarville township on February 16, 1832, a son of William and Mary (Galloway) Collins, members of two of the oldest families in this county, as will be noted by further references in this work to the Collinses and the Galloways, who had settled along the banks of the river north of where Xenia later came to be located, as early as 1797, both families coming up here from Kentucky, among the first persons permanently to settle in this section. Mary Galloway was a daughter of Squire George Galloway, who lived to be ninety-six years of age. William Collins was born in 1800, one of the first white children born in the territory that later came to be incorporated in the organization of Greene county, and was a son of William and Lydia (Manifold) Collins, who were married in York county, Pennsylvania, went from there to Kentucky and after a few years of residence in that state came up here into the valley of the Little Miami about the year 1797 and settled on the west bank of the river about seven miles north of the present site of Xenia and about two miles from the place where the Galloways had just previously settled. This pioneer couple were the parents of ten children, Joseph, Samuel, William, John, James, Mary, Elizabeth, Eleanor, Grace and Ibbe, and the descendants of these children in the present generation form a numerous

connection hereabout. The Collinses, as were the Galloways, were Seceders and when the Rev. Robert Armstrong presently came up here from Kentucky and took pastoral charge of the several families of Seceders faith that had meanwhile settled in this region, the land on which the old Massies Creek church was built was donated out of the Collins lands, William Collins long serving as one of the ruling elders of that congregation.

The younger William Collins grew up on the home farm along the river and as a young man bought a farm of about four hundred acres in Cedarville township, a portion of that tract now forming a part of the farm owned by his grandson, the subject of this sketch. After his marriage to Mary Galloway he established his home there and there spent the remainder of his life. He was a member of the Associate Presbyterian (Seceder) church and was for years an elder in the old Massies Creek church. He was a very active anti-slavery man in the days when opposition to the "sacred institution" meant something to the persons who thus dared openly to confront and defy the authority of the slave-holding power and cast his vote against the institution when there was but one other man in the county to join him in thus registering his defiance. His home was one of the much-frequented stations of the "underground railroad" in those days and he was one of the active "conductors" in the humane work of transferring fugitive slaves from station to station along the line of that "road" through this state. In the days before the coming of the railroads he did much hauling between this section and Cincinnati. William Collins was twice married. By his first wife, Mary Galloway, he was the father of four children, those besides the father of the subject of this sketch having been George, deceased, who was a farmer in Cedarville township; Lydia, who is now living at Xenia, widow of Henry Corry, and Martha, who married David Bradfute, a farmer of this county and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased. Following the death of the mother of these children, William Collins married Catherine Dinsmore and to that union were born four children, Dinsmore S., now living in Colorado; Mitchell W., a resident of Cedarville, this county; Clarkson B., now a resident of California, and one who died in infancy.

James Wallace Collins grew up on the home farm and after his marriage to Mary Gordon established his home there, buying one hundred acres of the place from his father, and later added to the same until he had one hundred and fifty acres. In 1871 he left the farm and with his family moved to Xenia, where his son Andrew grew up and attended school, and in 1887 returned to the farm, which his son meanwhile had begun to operate and which the latter presently bought, and there he spent most of the rest of his life, continuing after the death of his wife in 1888 to make his home with his son. His death occurred at the home of Mrs. Corry in Xenia on January

21, 1915. He and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian church. For years he retained his affiliation with the Republican party, but in the later years of his life put in his lot with the Prohibitionists.

Andrew Gordon Collins was about six years of age when his parents left the farm and moved to Xenia and in that city he received his schooling. Upon leaving the high school he took charge of his father's farm and in due time bought the same and has continued ever since to make his home there, having definitely established his home on the place after his marriage in the fall of 1891. In 1913 he built a handsome new house of the bungalow type on the place. Since taking possession of the old home place Mr. Collins has added to the same by purchase of adjoining land until now he is the owner of two hundred and twenty-seven acres. Though "independent" in his general political views, Mr. Collins's sentiments incline him strongly to the cause of the Prohibition party and he is an earnest champion of the rapidly growing anti-liquor movement. For the past ten years Mr. Collins has been a member of the Cedarville township school board. He was a member of the board at the time of the erection of the consolidated school building at Cedarville, a building regarded as the finest of its type in the state, in comparison with the population supporting it, and naturally feels some pride in the action of the board in that matter. He and his family are members of the United Presbyterian church at Clifton and for the past twelve years or more he has been one of the ruling elders of that congregation.

On November 12, 1891, Andrew G. Collins was united in marriage to Mary M. Rife, who was born in Miami township, this county, daughter of John and Mary (Kitchen) Rife, both now deceased, and to this union eight children have been born, namely: Mary Dorothy, born on October 25, 1894, who was graduated from Cedarville College and is now teaching school in Butler county; John Wallace, December 1, 1895, who was graduated from Cedarville College in 1917 and is now a sergeant of the national army; William Rife, January 4, 1897, who was graduated from Cedarville College in the spring of 1918; Andrew Roger, November 12, 1898, who is now attending Cedarville College; Marion Earl, June 22, 1903, a junior in Cedarville high school; Margaret Pauline, July 24, 1904, a student in the Cedarville high school; Ruth Gordon, June 28, 1907, and James Robert, February 16, 1910.

John Rife, father of Mrs. Collins, was born on September 24, 1832, in Adams county, Pennsylvania, not far from the Maryland line, son of Daniel and Mary (Foreman) Rife, and there early learned the trade of blacksmith. When eighteen years of age he came to Ohio to join his brother, who some time previously had come out here, and some time later he went to Logansport, Indiana, and thence to Springfield, Illinois, continuing to work at his

trade, but after awhile returned to Ohio and located at Pitchin, in the neighboring county of Clark, where he set up a blacksmith shop. While living there, in the fall of 1856, he married. Two years later he moved down to Selma and there continued blacksmithing until 1862, when he leased the Taylor tract of twelve hundred acres in Clark and Greene counties and for five years thereafter operated the same, eventually effecting a sale of the estate in behalf of the heirs. Meanwhile, in the spring of 1866, Mr. Rife had bought a part of the Randolph farm in Miami township, this county, and in 1867 located on that place, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on Christmas Day, 1899. For some years Mr. Rife served as trustee of Miami township and for more than fifteen years was a member of the Clifton school board. Reared a Democrat, he became an Abolitionist and then a Republican, but in 1888 espoused the cause of the Prohibition party. He and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian church at Clifton and he was for years one of the trustees of the congregation and one of the teachers in the Sunday school. In addition to his property interests in this county Mr. Rife owned several hundred acres of farming land in Kansas. During the trial of the Hopkins-Fidelity Bank cases in the federal court at Cincinnati in 1888-89, Mr. Rife was the foreman of the jury which convicted Hopkins.

On September 25, 1856, at the home of the bride in Clark county, John Rife was united in marriage to Mary J. Kitchen, a school teacher, who was born in that county, August 11, 1836, twin sister of Erasmus J. Kitchen, and daughter of Abraham and Martha M. (Jones) Kitchen, the latter of whom was born in the neighboring county of Fayette, but whose parents subsequently came over into Greene county, where she was living when she married Abraham Kitchen in 1829. Abraham Kitchen was born in the neighboring county of Warren in 1808, his parents, Stephen and Ann (Bacaw) Kitchen, Pennsylvanians, having been among the pioneers of this section of Ohio, and after his marriage located on a farm in section 4 of Greene township, in the neighboring county of Clark, but two years later bought a larger farm in that same neighborhood and on this latter place he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, both dying in 1888, the latter on May 28 and the former on June 28. They were the parents of eight children, of whom five grew to maturity, married and reared families, those besides Mrs. Rife having been Margaret Ann, who married John McCollough; J. S., who made his home in Springfield, Ohio; I. N., who remained a farmer in Greene township, and Erasmus J., twin brother of Mrs. Rife, who served from September, 1861, to July 30, 1865, as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, and who also remained a farmer in Greene township, Clark county. Mrs. Rife survived her husband for a little more than five years.

her death occurring in February, 1905. John Rife and his wife were the parents of ten children, those besides Mrs. Collins having been George W., who married Jennie Garlough; Stephen K., who married Ada Stormont and moved to Kansas; John Bruff, of Greene county; Frederick F., who moved to Kansas; Anna, who died at the age of three years; Frank A., who died at the age of eighteen years; William C., who is living on the home place; Margaret B., also at home, and Lee E., of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

LORENZO D. WELCH.

Lorenzo D. Welch, president of the Miami township joint school board, superintendent of roads in his district in that township and owner of a farm one mile south of the village of Yellow Springs, was born in Miami township on March 25, 1871, son of Jasper L. and Barbara A. (Flutter) Welch, both of whom also were born in this county, and who spent practically all their lives here, their last days being spent in Yellow Springs, to which village they had moved upon their retirement from the farm in 1891.

Jasper L. Welch was born on July 21, 1833, on a farm in that part of Greene county now comprised in New Jasper township, where his parents had settled upon coming here from Maryland. He grew up in this county and with the exception of two or three years spent in Darke county, this state, continued to make his home here. On March 5, 1857, he married Barbara A. Flutter, who was born in Xenia township on January 15, 1833, and after his marriage established his home on a farm in Miami township and there continued engaged in farming until his retirement in 1891 and removal to Yellow Springs, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Jasper L. Welch died on October 6, 1906, and his widow died on January 1, 1914. They were the parents of nine children, four of whom died in infancy, the others being as follow: Agnes, born on November 29, 1857, who married Morris Beal, of this county, and died on April 9, 1917; Harriet, July 6, 1867, who is now making her home in California, having interests both in that state and in the state of Nevada; Lorenzo D., the immediate subject of this biographical sketch; Margaret, December 7, 1873, who died on June 5, 1900, and Grace, April 7, 1877, who married Orman Roe and is now living in Chicago.

Lorenzo D. Welch grew up on the home farm in Miami township and received his schooling in the local schools. He was married when twenty-two years of age and he and his bride began housekeeping on a farm in Xenia township. The next year they moved to the Baker place in Miami township and were there for four years, at the end of which time they moved to another rented farm and there made their home for three years.

They then moved to town and after a residence of about a year there resumed farming and for six years thereafter made their home on the Hyde farm. Mr. Welch then, in October, 1903, bought the farm of seventy-five acres on which he is now living, a mile south of Yellow Springs, established his home there and has ever since made that his place of residence. In addition to the home tract he is the owner of a tract of one hundred and thirty-six acres just across the road from his home. Mr. Welch is a Republican. Fraternally, he is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Yellow Springs. He and his family are affiliated with the Presbyterian church at Yellow Springs.

On March 23, 1893, at Yellow Springs, Lorenzo D. Welch was united in marriage to Nettie Hutchison, of that place, who also was born in Miami township, daughter of James Elder and Esther (Baker) Hutchison, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families. James Elder Hutchison met his death in a tragic manner on April 4, 1882, being killed by a premature blast while blowing up stumps along the Xenia pike. He and his wife were the parents of six daughters, Mrs. Welch having five sisters, Stella, Daisy, Fannie, Josephine and Elda. Mr. and Mrs. Welch have six children, namely: Elder Leroy, born on January 20, 1894, who is a farmer; Esther, born on March 10, 1895, who is a teacher in the Yellow Springs schools; Ruth, September 27, 1897, who is at home; Florencé, April 19, 1900, who was graduated from the Yellow Springs high school in 1918; Kenneth, March 2, 1903, a member of that same class, and Margaret, September 6, 1914. There also was a child who died in infancy, August 17, 1901.

JOHN STAKE.

John Stake, veteran furniture dealer at Bellbrook, a former member of the common council of that village and formerly and for years engaged there in the business of manufacturing furniture, was born at Bellbrook, on September 26, 1847, son of John M. and Harriet (Shriver) Stake, both of whom were born in the state of Maryland, the former in 1808, who were married in that state in 1828 and a few years later came to Ohio and located at Bellbrook, in this county, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

John M. Stake was an undertaker and cabinet-maker and upon locating at Bellbrook opened an establishment of that character there, later extending his cabinet-making business to include a general furniture factory, which was continued by his son, John Stake, up to about fifteen years ago, the old firm name of J. M. Stake & Son being maintained to the end. John M. Stake and wife were the parents of eight children, of whom the sub-

ject of this sketch was the seventh in order of birth, the others being the following: George, deceased; Catherine, deceased; Mrs. Ellen McGann, deceased; Mrs. Caroline Stonebreaker, now living at Hagerstown, Indiana; Thomas, deceased; Mary, deceased, and Henry, a resident of Bellbrook.

John Stake was reared at Bellbrook and in the schools of that village received his schooling. From the days of his boyhood he was trained in the craftsmanship of his father's furniture factory and became a skilled cabinet-maker, taking charge of the factory after his father's death and continuing the same until about fifteen years ago, when the inroads being made on local concerns by the big furniture factories of the country made it no longer commercially profitable to continue the business. In the meantime, however, he had established a furniture store at Bellbrook and has since continued that business. In earlier days, Mr. Stake also was engaged with his father and brother in the undertaking business, but long ago dropped that end of the business. He is a Democrat and served for some years as a member of the village council and is now a trustee of the local cemetery association. Mr. Stake is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Bellbrook.

On February 24, 1885, John Stake was united in marriage to Mary Hower, who also was born in this county, daughter of Eli and Catherine (Baumgartner) Hower, of Beavercreek township, both of whom also were born in Greene county, members of pioneer families, and both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Stake died in 1890 and was buried in the cemetery at Bellbrook. She left one child, a son, Harry Mason Stake, who turned his attention to music and is still living at Bellbrook.

B. FRANK HAWKINS.

The Hawkins family has been represented in Greene county since the year 1814, when Mounce Hawkins, an adventurous lad of seventeen and a cousin of David Crockett, the famous scout and explorer, left his home in the valley of the Shenandoah, in Virginia, and came out here to put in his lot with the hardy settlers who had preceded him into this fair valley of the Little Miami. Mounce Hawkins was born in 1797. In Virginia he married Mary Allen, who also was born in that state, a daughter of Davis and Elizabeth (Antrim) Allen, who came over here and settled in Xenia township, where Davis Allen bought a tract of one thousand acres of land, paying for the same the sum of five thousand dollars. Mounce Hawkins became interested with his father-in-law in the development of that tract and in time became a well-to-do landowner. He died in 1834 and was buried at Xenia.



MIR. AND MIRS. BERTHEN DAWKINS.

Reuben Hawkins, son of Mounce and Mary (Allen) Hawkins grew up on that farm and in turn became a farmer on his own account, after his marriage moving from the old home place to a farm on what had come to be known as the Hawkins road, where he established his home and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on September 15, 1870. He was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church at Xenia. Reared a Democrat, he later espoused the cause of the Republican party and for some time served as director of schools in his local district. His widow survived him for nearly twenty-five years, her death occurring in 1894 and her body was laid beside that of her husband in Woodland cemetery at Xenia. She was born, Lydia Fallis, in the neighboring county of Clinton, a daughter of Jonathan Fallis, who later became a resident of Greene county. Upon coming up here from Clinton county Jonathan Fallis settled in Xenia township, but later moved to a farm in the East Point neighborhood in Cedarville township. Afterward he purchased a tract of land below Clifton and there erected what for years was known as the Fallis mill, which he operated for some years, at the end of which time he disposed of his interests in this county and moved to Indiana, becoming there engaged in the lumber business and in the flour-milling business at Attica, from which place he moved to Dowagiac, Michigan, where his last days were spent, his death occurring there at the age of eighty-four years.

To Reuben and Lydia (Fallis) Hawkins were born six children, of whom the subject of this biographical sketch is now the only survivor, the others having been Joseph G., Mary E., Hannah L., who died at the age of fifteen years, Sarah E., who died at the age of twenty-three, and James F., who died in infancy. Joseph G. Hawkins enlisted his services as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War and was killed at the battle of the Wilderness, he then being but twenty years of age. Mary E. Hawkins married Preston Machael and continued to make her home on the old home place, where she died in March, 1901. She was the mother of three children, Jessie, who married Earl Butt, a Xenia township farmer; Harry, unmarried, who makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Butt, and Robert, deceased.

B. Frank Hawkins, eldest son of Reuben and Lydia (Fallis) Hawkins, was born on December 12, 1841, and is living in the brick house which his uncle erected on the home place. He received his schooling in the school of district No. 1, Xenia township, the school house there having been erected on land donated for that purpose by his grandfather, Mounce Hawkins. In time he assumed the management of the home place, gradually relieving his father of the responsibility of farm management, and still owns an interest in the Reuben Hawkins estate, which remains undivided. In addition

to this interest, Mr. Hawkins is also the owner of several other farms in Xenia township and in Beavercreek township and has long given considerable attention to the raising of live stock, in addition to his general farming operations. Politically, Mr. Hawkins is a Republican. His home is on the old Ankeny Mill road, now the Fair Grounds road, rural mail route No. 10 out of Xenia.

DAVID HILT.

David Hilt, now living retired at Yellow Springs, is of European birth, but has been a resident of this country and of this section of Ohio ever since he was nineteen years of age and therefore feels as much a citizen of Ohio as though born here. He was born in the kingdom of Wurtemberg on March 5, 1846, a son of Jacob and Regina Barbara (Schaefer) Hilt, also native Wurtembergers, who were the parents of three children, the subject of this sketch having had a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Swarts, now deceased, and still has a brother, Jacob, living in Wurtemberg.

Reared in his native land, David Hilt received his schooling there, completing the first-year course in the high school, and when past nineteen years of age, in 1865, came to the United States and proceeded on out to Ohio, locating in Clark county, where he began working on a farm in the vicinity of Springfield, and was thus engaged for five years or more, or until after his marriage in 1871, when he rented a farm three miles north of Springfield, where he and his wife began their housekeeping. Five years later Mr. Hilt bought a farm of fifty-two acres in the southern part of Clark county and farmed there from 1878 to 1895, during all of that period also operating a threshing-machine in season. In 1895 he moved down into Greene county and rented the B. F. Shigley farm of one hundred and seventy-two acres in Miami township, and in 1897 bought that farm. The next year he bought an adjoining tract of thirty-five acres off the Dawson farm and now has there a fraction more than two hundred and seven acres of land, besides the farm he still owns in Clark county. In 1904 Mr. Hilt retired from the active labors of the farm and bought a tract of eleven acres at the edge of the city of Yellow Springs, built a comfortable house there and there he and his wife are now living. His farms are rented to responsible tenants and he is in a position to "take things easy" in the declining years of his life. For twelve years during the time of his residence in Clark county Mr. Hilt was a member of his local school board and for eight years since he has been a resident of this county he served in a similar capacity. He formerly and for years took an active interest in the affairs of the Grange and was a member of the National Grange at



MR. AND MRS. DAVID HILT.

Washington, D. C. Politically, he is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the Bethel Lutheran church, on the Yellow Springs and Springfield pike, and for twenty-four years Mr. Hilt was superintendent of the Sunday school of the same.

On December 6, 1871, David Hilt was united in marriage to Nancy Ann Humberger, who was born on a farm in Mad River township, Clark county, June 27, 1846, daughter of William and Mary (Kinney) Humberger, and to this union five children have been born, namely: Elizabeth, who married Milton Craybill, a Clark county farmer, and has one child, a son, Ralph David; Henry, who married Estella Pentoney and lives on his father's farm east of Yellow Springs and has an adopted daughter, Alma B.; Mary, who married Sebastian Gerhart, of Clark county and has three children, Fern, Philip David and Anna; Anna Regina, who married Charles D. Clayton, a farmer of Greene county, and has one child, a son David Wayne; and David Elmer, who died at the age of three years and six months.

GEORGE R. BARGDILL.

The late George R. Bargdill, for years a merchant at Jamestown, who recently died at his home in that village and whose widow is still living there, was a native son of Greene county and had spent the greater part of his life here. He was born on a farm in Silvercreek township on April 13, 1862, son of Cyrus and Harriet (Spahr) Bargdill, both of whom also were born in this county and who spent all their lives here.

Cyrus Bargdill was born on September 7, 1829, and grew up on a farm, becoming a farmer on his own account in Silvercreek township, where he established his home after his marriage and where he died on December 3, 1865. His widow moved to Jamestown with her children after the death of her husband and there spent the rest of her life, her death occurring on June 28, 1912. She was born, Harriet Spahr, December 5, 1830. To Cyrus Bargdill and wife were born two children, the subject of this memorial sketch having had a sister, Margaret, born on September 3, 1858, who married William F. McMillan and who died in August, 1885.

George R. Bargdill was but three years of age when his father died and he grew up at Jamestown, to which village his mother moved after the death of her husband. Upon completing the course in the grade schools there he became employed at the postoffice and after a while transferred his services to the dry-goods store of M. O. Adams, where he remained until the early '90s, when he moved to Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and there became connected with the wholesale millinery establishment of J. A. Armstrong, continuing

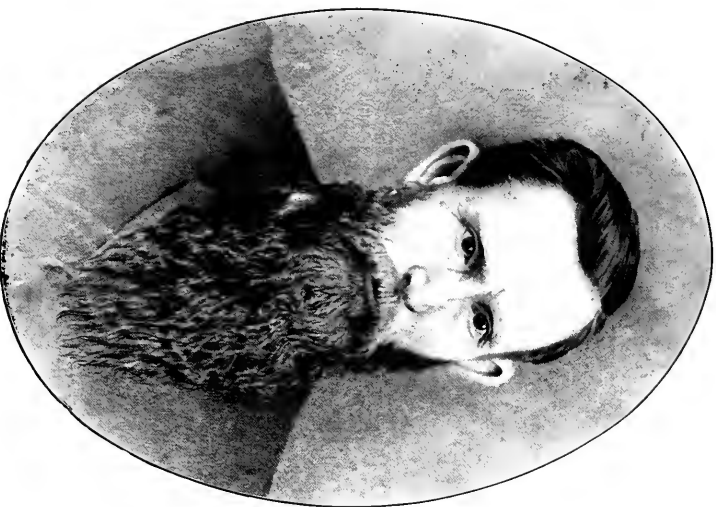
that connection for six years, at the end of which time he returned to Jamestown and bought the dry-goods store of Alexander & Spahr. He carried on that business for eighteen years, or until in September, 1916, when he sold the store to L. S. Farquahar & Company and retired from active business. He and his wife spent the succeeding winter in Florida, the condition of Mr. Burgdill's health requiring a change, but he received no permanent benefit from the change and upon his return to his home in Jamestown continued to decline and died there on December 15, 1917, he then being in the fifty-sixth year of his age. Mr. Burgdill was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Jamestown, as is his widow, and had for years been an office bearer in the church, a member of the official board and of the board of trustees.

On July 22, 1885, George R. Burgdill was united in marriage to Carrie Neiberger, who was born in the neighboring county of Madison, a daughter of Dr. J. A. and Caroline (Moss) Neiberger. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Burgdill continues to make her home at Jamestown.

SIMEON CAREY, M. D.

The late Dr. Simeon Carey, who for forty years was engaged in the practice of his profession at Spring Valley, and whose widow is still living in that village, was a native son of Ohio and all his life was spent in this state. He was born in the village of Utica, in Licking county, September 5, 1830, son of Joel and Rhoda (Graham) Carey, who later moved to Warren county, where their last days were spent. Joel Carey was twice married, his second wife having been Amanda Watson. By his first marriage he was the father of six children, of whom Doctor Carey was the third in order of birth, the others having been Samuel, Amos, Ocie, Rachel and Alice, all of whom made their homes in Warren county.

Reared in Warren county, Simeon Carey received preliminary schooling in the schools of that county and early turned his attention to the study of medicine, presently entering the Cincinnati Medical College, from which he was in due time graduated. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Carey opened an office for the practice of his profession at Clio, but not long afterward came up into Greene county and located at Spring Valley, where he continued engaged in practice the rest of his life, his death occurring there on May 8, 1900, he then having been engaged in practice at that place for a period of forty years. During the last year of his life he had associated with him in practice his son-in-law, the late Dr. Samuel Edward Dyche. Doctor Carey also was well known as a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was a Mason, affiliated with the lodge of that order



DR. SIMÉON CAREY



DR. SAMUEL E. DYGBE

at Xenia, and was a member of the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Improved Order of Red Men at Spring Valley.

On December 31, 1857, in Warren county Dr. Simeon Carey was united in marriage to Ruth Ann Cornell, who was born in the vicinity of Waynesville, in that county, in 1833, daughter of Sylvanus and Sarah (Flora) Cornell, the latter of whom was born in that same county, October 17, 1798, a member of one of the pioneer families in the Waynesville neighborhood. Sylvanus Cornell was born in Canada, July 29, 1797, but had come to Ohio with his parents when he was but a child, the family settling near Mt. Holly, on the old state road between Cincinnati and Columbus. As a boy he took part in the War of 1812. He grew up a farmer and in time became the proprietor of several farms. He was for years a local power in Democratic politics and he and his wife were earnest workers in the Methodist Episcopal church. They were the parents of eleven children of whom Mrs. Carey was the ninth in order of birth, the others having been John, Sarah J., William, Sylvanus, Jesse, Daniel, Samuel, Mary Ann, George and David. To Doctor and Mrs. Carey were born three children, Frank C., Flora Alice, and Della.

The late Frank C. Carey, who died at his home in Waynesville on April 14, 1917, was educated in the high school at Xenia and at Wilmington and became a farmer in the Waynesville neighborhood, later becoming post-master of that village. He married Viola Thomas and was the father of a son and two daughters, Pearl, Alice and Raymond, the latter of whom died in 1897 at the age of two years. Frank C. Carey was a Mason, an Odd Fellow and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Flora Alice Carey received her schooling in the schools of Spring Valley and Xenia and on June 21, 1881, was married to Dr. Samuel Edward Dyche, who was born at Berkley Springs, Virginia, February 21, 1847, and whose parents moved to Louisville, Kentucky, when he was but a babe in arms. He grew up in that city, early turned his attention to the study of medicine and after his graduation from the Louisville Medical College was for a time engaged in the practice of his profession in Tennessee. Doctor Dyche later returned to Louisville and after a brief period of practice there came up into Ohio and located at Lytle, in the neighboring county of Warren, where he was engaged in the practice of his profession until 1899, when he became associated in practice at Spring Valley with his father-in-law, Doctor Carey, who died a year later. Doctor Dyche died on July 27, 1909. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge at Xenia and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is his widow, who continues to make her home in Spring Valley. To Doctor and Mrs. Dyche one child was born, a son, Howard Edward, born on June 19, 1884, who was graduated from the Spring Valley high school, later attended the Ohio State University for

five years and the university at Pittsburgh for four years, completing there his studies in electrical engineering, and then became connected with the works of the Westinghouse plant, which service he abandoned to accept the position of professor of electrical engineering in the University of Pittsburgh, which chair he has occupied for the past four years. Professor Dyche is a Scottish Rite Mason and member of the Lutheran church. He married Edith May Guy and has one child, a son, Howard Edward, Jr., born on May 14, 1916.

Della Carey grew up in Spring Valley, born on January 11, 1887, married Leroy S. Davis, of near Xenia. They now reside in Dayton, Ohio, and have three children, Herbert, Ernest, and Lawrence.

JOHN McCONNELL.

John McConnell, former internal revenue storekeeper for this district, formerly and for some years engaged in business at Xenia and a land landowner of Greene county now living retired at Xenia, was born on a farm in Sugarcreek township, November 28, 1845, and has lived in this county all his life. Mr. McConnell is affiliated with two of the oldest families in Greene county, his parents, who were married here, having been members of pioneer families, and the farm he owns in Sugarcreek township is a part of the tract his grandfather Marshall settled on there in 1803, the same thus having been in the family continuously since this county became a civic unit considerably more than a hundred years ago.

In a biographical sketch relating to David McConnell, of Osborn, elder brother of the subject of this sketch, there is set out at considerable length something of the history of James M. McConnell, father of these brothers, and of John Marshall, their maternal grandfather, and it therefore hardly will be necessary to go into the details of Mr. McConnell's genealogy here, further than to say that John Marshall, who was a soldier of the War of 1812 and who later served as one of the associate judges of this county, was a Kentuckian, born in the vicinity of Lexington, in 1784, and was nineteen years of age when he came up into this valley in 1803 and secured a patent to six hundred acres of land along the banks of the Little Miami, in Sugarcreek township, this county, on which after his marriage he established his home and spent the rest of his life. He died in 1866, he then being past eighty-two years of age, and his body was buried on his farm, overlooking the beautiful valley of the Little Miami. He and his wife were the parents of six children, namely: Nancy, who married James M. McConnell and was the mother of the subject of this sketch; Sarah, who married John Brock; Hester, who

married Captain Kyler, of Dayton; Betsy, who married William Morgan; James, who remained on the farm, and Jesse, who also remained on the farm and was the grandfather of Judge J. C. Marshall, present judge of probate for Greene county.

James M. McConnell, father of John McConnell, was a Virginian, born in the vicinity of the salt springs in Kanawha county, in the Old Dominion, February 14, 1817, a son of David and Nancy (Munn) McConnell, who were born in that same county, the former in 1787 and the latter, in 1789, who were married in that county on January 5, 1815, and who became the parents of three children. David McConnell met his death while still a comparatively young man by falling from the "natural bridge" in Virginia and his widow, with her three young children, later moved to Cincinnati, where James M. McConnell spent his youth and received his schooling, later coming up into Greene county and locating in the McClellan settlement in Sugarcreek township, where he met and presently married Nancy Marshall, daughter of John Marshall, the pioneer, mentioned above. She had received from her father a tract of about one hundred acres, a part of his original patent there, and after his marriage James McConnell established his home on that tract. He later bought an adjoining tract of one hundred and forty acres. James M. McConnell was one of the first men in the county successfully to raise tobacco and for years was one of the most extensive tobacco growers hereabout. He was a Democrat and for a long time the only partisan of that political faith in his school district. Late in life he became an adherent of the Quaker church and died in that faith. His wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. She died on March 8, 1874, and he survived until August 12, 1889. They were the parents of three children, the subject of this sketch and his brother having had a sister, Sarah Frances, who married Thomas Ginn, of Jamestown, and died in 1916.

John McConnell was reared on the farm on which he was born in Sugarcreek township and received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood. From boyhood he was a valued assistant to his father in the labors of the farm and after his marriage when twenty-five years of age continued to make his home there until 1883, when he moved to Xenia and there became engaged, in association with his elder brother David, in the agricultural-implementation and seed business, the brothers doing business under the firm name of McConnell Brothers. During the first Cleveland administration Mr. McConnell was appointed internal revenue storekeeper for this district and upon completing that term of service became a traveling salesman and was thus engaged for several years, having in 1891 helped to organize the Tippecanoe Whip Company, at Tippecanoe, this state, one of the leading stockholders in the same, and represented that company "on the road." Some years later

he disposed of his interest in that company and then, in association with the Hon. John Little, became engaged in the general wholesale tobacco business at Xenia, buying from the growers and shipping to the central tobacco markets. For several years Mr. McConnell was thus engaged in business in Xenia. In the meantime he had retained ownership of his farm and since retiring from business he has devoted his time to the general management and oversight of the same. Mr. McConnell is a Democrat and during the memorable campaign of 1892 was chairman of the Greene county Democratic central committee. He was one time made the nominee of his party for auditor of the county and had the satisfaction of cutting down the normal Republican majority of twenty-four hundred to seven hundred. Mr. McConnell and his daughter, Mrs. Dean, and family are members of the First United Presbyterian church at Xenia.

On June 30, 1870, John McConnell was united in marriage to Cordelia Flemming, who was born in the village of New Burlington, on the Greene-Clinton county line. Her father was a carriage painter, who later moved to Crawfordsville, Indiana, where he died; his widow later marrying William Tate. Mrs. McConnell died on March 24, 1912, she then being sixty-three years of age. Mr. McConnell still occupies his old home on West Market street, Xenia, together with his daughter, Mrs. Dean. Mr. McConnell has two daughters, Imogene, wife of the Rev. Robert W. Burnside, pastor of the Fifth United Presbyterian church at Philadelphia, and Olive K., wife of Walter Levi Dean, former county auditor of Greene county and now a bond salesman living in Xenia. Mr. McConnell had a son, James, who died at the age of nineteen years. To Mr. and Mrs. Dean two children have been born, Flenning M., who is now attending Muskingum College, and Imogene, at home. Mrs. Dean is one of the leaders in local social-service movements and during the recent state-wide prohibition campaign was indefatigable in her labors in that behalf, working literally night and day for the cause. She is superintendent of the department of Christian citizenship of the Ohio Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

JOHN EDMUND MUNGER.

John Edmund Munger, of Beavercreek township, proprietor of a farm on the Dayton-Xenia pike, rural mail route No. 7 out of Xenia, is a native "Buckeye" and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Greene county and of Beavercreek township since the days of his boyhood. He was born on a farm just north of Piqua in Miami county, April 1, 1855, son of Harris and Elizabeth (Cartwright) Munger, both of whom were members of pioneer families in this section of Ohio and whose last days were spent on their



MR. AND MRS. JOHN E. McNEEL.

farm in Beaver creek township, this county, where they both died of pneumonia in February, 1907, and were buried in a single grave in the Beaver creek cemetery.

Harris Munger was born on a farm east of Dayton, in Montgomery county, in 1828, son of Festus and Mary E. (Harris) Munger, the former of whom was a son of Gen. Edmund Munger, pioneer of the Dayton district, who was commander of the Ohio troops during the War of 1812 until superseded by General Hull. The Mungers are of an old Kentish family and have been established in this country since the year 1639, when the first of the name to come to the American colonies settled in New England, as will be noted in a further and more comprehensive reference to this family made elsewhere in this volume. General Munger, who had settled in the Symmes Purchase in what later came to be organized as Montgomery county in 1798, was the father of twelve children, ten of whom lived to rear families of their own. Festus Munger and his brother Reuben married sisters, daughters of John and Elizabeth (Bingham) Harris, New Englanders who had become pioneers of this section of Ohio, Festus marrying Mary Harris and Reuben marrying Laura Harris. The late Judge Edmund Harris Munger, of Xenia, was one of the three children born to this latter union and the only one of the three to grow to maturity. After his marriage Festus Munger settled on a tract of land just east of the then village of Dayton. He and his wife were Presbyterians and were the parents of six children, of whom Harris Munger, the father of the subject of this sketch, was the first-born, the others being the following: Felix, whose last days were spent at Piqua, this state; Timothy, who died in California; Lyman, who is still living, now a resident of Kokomo, Indiana; Alvin, and Laura, the latter of whom also is still living, wife of Doctor Hayes, of Albany, in Delaware county, Indiana.

Reared on the home farm in Montgomery county, Harris Munger there married Elizabeth Cartwright, who was born in 1829 and who was reared in the household of Reuben Munger, mentioned above, her parents having died when she was a child. After his marriage Harris Munger moved over into Preble county and bought a farm there, but presently sold the same and bought a farm in Miami county, making his home on the latter place for ten years, at the end of which time he closed out his interests there and bought a farm in Champaign county, later returning to Montgomery county and buying a farm of one hundred and eighty acres three and a half miles east of Dayton, not far from his boyhood home, and there continued farming for nine years. He then came over into Greene county and bought a farm of one hundred and eighty-six acres in Beaver creek township on which he established his home. There he and his wife spent the remainder of their

lives, both dying, as noted above, in February, 1907, the former then being seventy-nine years of age and the latter, seventy-eight. Both Mr. Munger and his wife originally were Presbyterians, but upon coming to Greene county became affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church at Alpha. They were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in birth, the others being Matilda, widow of A. F. Herring, of Beaver-creek township; Dr. Perry H. Munger, a physician, now living at St. Paul Park, Minnesota; Dr. William Munger, an osteopathic physician, now living at Carlsbad, New Mexico, and Mary, wife of B. G. Smith, a Dayton photographer.

John Edmund Munger was reared as a farmer and due to the several moves made by his father previous to the definite establishment of the family in this county, received his schooling in the schools of Miami county, Montgomery county and Greene county, completing the same in the grade high school in Beaver-creek township. He remained at home until his marriage in 1878, he then being twenty-three years of age, when he rented a farm in his home township and began farming on his own account, continuing to farm as a renter until in 1896, when he bought the Weaver farm of one hundred and seventy-three acres, on the Dayton-Xenia pike in Beaver-creek township, and there established his home. Since taking possession of that place Mr. Munger has made numerous improvements on the farm, remodeling the farm house, building a new and modern barn and erecting on the place a new house for his son, John H. Munger, who is now managing the place, his father having practically retired from the direct labors of the farm. Since taking up his residence there Mr. Munger has added to the acreage of his farm by the purchase of an adjoining tract and now has two hundred and twenty-three acres. In addition to his general farming he for twelve years carried on a pretty extensive dairy business. Mr. Munger is a Republican, as was his father, and for the past fifteen years has been serving as treasurer of Beaver-creek township. He gave his three sons the benefit of schooling in Ohio State University.

In 1878 John E. Munger was united in marriage to Mary Ellen Weaver, who was born in this county, daughter of John M. and Elizabeth (Boot) Weaver, Virginians both, but residents of this county since the days of their childhood, their respective parents having come here from Virginia many years ago. John M. Weaver was but nine years of age when he came here with his parents, the family settling in Spring Valley township. For years after his marriage he lived on a farm on the Fair Ground road, a mile and a half northwest of Xenia, and then, in 1866, moved to the farm now owned by Mr. Munger in Beaver-creek township. He later bought a

farm on the Cincinnati pike and there died in 1892. His wife preceded him to the grave nearly ten years, her death having occurred in 1883. They were the parents of four children, of whom but two now survive, Mrs. Munger, the last in order of birth, having a sister, Olivia, second in order of birth, wife of Frank Hupman, of Xenia; the others having been Martha and John. Mr. and Mrs. Munger have four children, Elsie, Ralph W., John H. and Walter, the former of whom is unmarried and is at home with her parents. Ralph W. Munger, who married Florence Jackson and had been making his home at Alpha, was recently appointed agricultural agent for Shelby county and has taken up his residence in that county. John H. Munger, who married Laura McClellan, is living on the home place, as noted above, and for some time has had general direction of the farm operations. Walter Munger, who married Minerva Tate, is now living at Cincinnati, where he is engaged in business as a landscape gardener and tree surgeon. The Mungers are members of the Beaver Reformed church.

WILLIAM HENDRICKSON BURR.

William Hendrickson Burr, a Jefferson township farmer, formerly engaged in the mercantile business at Bowersville, was born in Greene county, and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of the village of Spring Valley on November 20, 1852, son of John H. and Henrietta (Morris) Burr, both of whom were born in that part of the county now comprised in Jefferson township, their respective parents having been among the early settlers of that section.

John H. Burr was a son of David and Louisa (Oxley) Burr, who had come over here from Virginia after their marriage and had established their home in that section of the county which in 1858 was set off as Jefferson township, previous to that time having been included in the boundaries of Silvercreek township. There these pioneers spent the remainder of their lives, David Burr living to the age of eighty-four years and his wife to the age of eighty-six. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom ten grew to maturity. Reared on the home place, John H. Burr remained there until his marriage to Henrietta Morris, after which he established his home on a farm in Spring Valley township and there remained until his death in 1861, he then being thirty-three years of age. His widow survived him but six years, her death occurring in 1867. They were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being Louisa E. (deceased), who was the wife of John Miller; Mary E., who married E. E. Horney and who, as well as her hus-

band, is now deceased; Hannah B., wife of A. L. Smith, of Jamestown, this county, and John H., who died at the age of two years.

William H. Burr was but eight years of age when his father died and was fourteen at the time of his mother's death. He then made his home with his grandfather Burr until the latter's death, after which he made his home with the family of his uncle, William C. Burr, until he started out for himself. He received his schooling in the local schools and early learned the blacksmith trade, at which he worked, in the shop of I. C. Stewart at Bowersville, for three years, or until his marriage in 1874, when twenty-one years of age, after which he located on a farm in Jefferson township, two miles northeast of Bowersville, where he continued to reside for twenty years, or until 1894, when he bought the Thomas Smith farm of one hundred and five acres, later selling part of the same to his son, Dwight D. Burr, who now owns it. In 1894 Mr. Burr became engaged in the hardware business at Bowersville, but two years later returned to farming. Not long afterward he became engaged as a salesman for the International Harvester Company, covering local territory, and for four years continued thus engaged. Since then Mr. Burr has been living practically retired, continuing, however, to make his home on the farm in Jefferson township. Mr. Burr is a Republican and for twenty years served as a member of the local school board. He and his wife are members of the Christian church at Bowersville, with which congregation Mr. Burr has been connected for more than forty years, an office bearer in the church for more than twenty years.

On January 8, 1874, William H. Burr was united in marriage to Flora B. Hussey, also a member of one of the old families in Greene county, and to this union the following children have been born: Charles M., a farmer in Silvercreek township; Fennie M., who married W. F. Lewis, a Silvercreek township farmer; Fred E., a Jefferson township farmer; Horace, a farmer in the neighboring county of Fayette; Henry S., a Jefferson township farmer; Dwight D., who now owns part of the old home place; Kate L., who married Charles Miley, a Jefferson township farmer, and Mary, who married Earl Garringer, a Silvercreek township farmer.

Mrs. Burr was born on the old Hussey place in that part of what then was Silvercreek township, now comprised within the bounds of Jefferson township, a daughter of Christopher and Catherine (Lockhart) Hussey, the former of whom had been a resident of this county since he was twelve or thirteen years of age, having come up here from Tennessee with his parents, Christopher and Mary Hussey, in 1807, the family settling in Silvercreek township among the very first settlers in that portion of that township that in 1858 was set off as Jefferson township. The elder Christopher

Hussey and his wife were Virginians who had established their home in Tennessee, where they resided for some years before coming up here into Ohio, where they acquired a large tract of land. The elder Christopher Hussey died in 1874. He was a soldier of the War of 1812.

The junior Christopher Hussey, for many years known throughout the community as Squire Hussey, for he served for forty years as justice of the peace in and for his home township, was born on June 12, 1794, and died at his home in Jefferson township on March 8, 1874, and was buried in the Hussey graveyard. As noted above he was but a lad when he came up here from Tennessee with his parents and he and his brothers continued the work of developing the home tract in the immediate vicinity of where the village of Bowersville presently came to be established. The old log house, circular in form, built by the Husseys upon taking up their residence there, remained one of the familiar landmarks of that section for many years and served as a place of residence until in good time a brick house was built on the place. In the family of the pioneers, Christopher and Mary Hussey, there were seven children, who grew to maturity, hence the Hussey connection in the present generation is one of the most numerous hereabout. The original homestead tract of the Husseys contained twenty-seven hundred acres of land, bought for one dollar an acre, and the junior Christopher Hussey, or Squire Hussey, as he was better known, in time came to be the owner of eleven hundred and twenty-five acres of his own. Reared a Whig, he became a Republican upon the formation of the latter party. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Following the death of his first wife, Squire Hussey married Catherine Lockhart, who was born in Silvercreek township, daughter of Samuel Lockhart, a Virginian and a soldier of the War of 1812, and to that union were born the following children: Henry M., who married Polly Ann Reeves and is now living in the vicinity of Bridgeport, Indiana; Narcissa, who married James Compton, and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased; Lydia Ann, now living at Ellsworth, Michigan, widow of Gilbert Bentley; Eveline, now living at Mt. Vernon, this state, widow of Joseph H. Huffaker; James W., who has been twice married, his first wife having been Christina Walthall and his second, Narcissus Bass, and who is now a ranchman and a dealer in lumber and brick at Starr, Idaho; Albert M., who married Rosa Green and who, as well as his wife, is now deceased; Flora B., wife of Mr. Burr; Joseph, who married Anna Hall (deceased) and is now living in western Colorado, and Catherine, who is now living in Paulding county, this state, widow of Frank Huston. The mother of these children survived her husband for many years, her death occurring on October 18, 1889, she then being eighty-two years of age.

CHARLES E. REAM, M. D.

Dr. Charles E. Ream, who for nearly twenty-five years has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Bowersville, is a native "Buckeye" and has lived in this state all his life. He was born at Centerfield, in Highland county, September 22, 1866, son of John and Christiana (Collins) Ream, the latter of whom was born in that same county, November 10, 1830. John Ream was born in the neighboring county of Ross, March 9, 1824, a son of John Ream, who had come to Ohio from Reamtown, Pennsylvania, and had settled in Ross county. After his marriage the younger John Ream located at Centerfield, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, her death occurring on July 1, 1889, and his, April 21, 1901. They were the parents of five children, of whom Doctor Ream was the fourth in order of birth, the others being the following: William Layton, born on August 9, 1855, who died on June 21, 1857; Effie Alice, April 21, 1859, who died on July 3, 1872; Addie, December 22, 1862, who is now living in Highland county, this state, wife of Clarence Baldwin, and Myrtle, June 11, 1870, who is unmarried and makes her home at Greenfield, Ohio.

Reared at Centerfield, Charles E. Ream received his early schooling there and at Hillsboro, later took a course in the college at Lebanon and then entered the Cincinnati Eclectic Medical Institute, from which institution he was graduated in 1894 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Ream came to Greene county and opened an office at Bowersville, where he has ever since been engaged in the practice of his profession. He is a member of the Greene County Medical Society, of the Ohio State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association. The Doctor is a Mason, affiliated with the lodge of that order at Jamestown, and is also affiliated with the Royal Arcanum, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and the Modern Woodmen of America. His wife is a member of the Methodist Protestant church at Bowersville. The Doctor owns town property and a farm of eighty acres a mile and a half southwest of Bowersville.

On June 24, 1897, Dr. Charles E. Ream was united in marriage to Carrie E. Conklin, who was born in Caesarscreek township, this county, daughter of James Gilbert and Catherine (Hussey) Conklin, both of whom were born in the neighboring county of Clinton, the former at Lumberton and the latter in the Port William neighborhood. James Gilbert Conklin came to this county after his marriage to Catherine Hussey and located on a farm in Caesarscreek township, later moving to a farm a little more than a mile south of Bowersville, where he is still living. His first wife died in 1880 and he later married Alice E. Elliott. To the first union three

children were born, those besides Mrs. Ream being a son, now deceased, and May, now Mrs. H. C. Wilson, of Cleveland. To the second union were born four children, namely: Zora, wife of Clyde Sutton, of Dayton; Guy, who married Ruth Sheley and is farming in New Jasper township, and Dorothy and Robert, at home. Doctor and Mrs. Ream have two children, sons both, Charles Gilbert, born on March 14, 1900, who was graduated from the Bowersville high school with the class of 1918 and is now handling the local agency for an automobile concern, and Arthur Bailey, March 5, 1903.

THEODORE PAULLIN.

Theodore Paullin, a former grain dealer at Jamestown, now living retired in that village, was born on a farm in Ross township, this county, November 27, 1864, son of Enos and Sarah (Round) Paullin, the latter of whom died when her son Theodore was but an infant. Enos Paullin also was born in this county, a son of David and Susan (Smith) Paullin, who were among the pioneers of Ross township, the former having been a resident of that township since the year 1813. Enos Paullin was twice married. By his union with Sarah Round he was the father of three children, Minnie O., wife of E. N. Shigley, who lives on the Cedarville pike about midway between Cedarville and Jamestown; Otis, who died in the days of his youth, and Theodore. After the death of the mother of these children Enos Paulin married Malinda Moorman, of Silvercreek township, and to that union were born three children, namely: C. Oscar, who is living at Washington, D. C.; Matilda, who married George Little, of Xenia, and is now deceased, and Flora, who married F. M. Harper and continues to live on the old home farm in Ross township.

Reared on the home farm in Ross township, Theodore Paullin received his early schooling in the schools of Jamestown and after completing the course in the high school there entered Ohio Wesleyan University. Upon leaving college he resumed his place on the farm and after his marriage in 1884 began farming on his own account, continuing thus engaged in Ross township for fourteen years, at the end of which time he became engaged in the grain business at Jamestown, moving to that village, and there continued thus engaged until 1903, when failing health compelled his retirement. During the period of his activity Mr. Paullin served as a public officer in several capacities, among the offices held by him having been that of township treasurer. He also was for several years a member of the school board.

On December 24, 1884, Theodore Paullin was united in marriage to Bessie Bozarth, who was born in McLean county, Illinois, daughter of Alfred and Harriet (Brooks) Bozarth, both now deceased. Alfred Bozarth died in 1872. He was the father of six children, of whom Mrs. Paullin and her sister, Mrs. Dora Rusmissell, are the only ones now living, the others having been Charles and William and twins, the latter of whom died in infancy. Alfred Bozarth's widow married J. D. Ritenour, of this county, but continued to make her home in Illinois. By her second marriage she was the mother of three children, Frank (deceased), Effie and Frederick (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Paullin have two children, Fern and Carl, both of whom were born in Ross township. Fern Paullin married Charles Reeder, of South Charleston, in the neighboring county of Clark, and has three children, Brooks, Louise and Harriet. Carl Paullin completed his schooling at Cornell University, from which institution he was graduated. Following the government's declaration of war against Germany in the spring of 1917 he enlisted his services and was assigned to the officers' training camp at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, and in due time received a commission as lieutenant, afterward being stationed at Camp Dodge (Iowa), in preparation for service abroad. The Paullins are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOSEPH C. HUNTER.

Joseph C. Hunter, proprietor of a farm of nearly two hundred acres in Bath township, this county, residing on rural mail route No 2 out of Yellow Springs, is a native of Tennessee, born in Williamson county, that state, October 10, 1860, son of Jerome Lilly, a Cherokee Indian, and Dorcas Hunter, a slave of Henry Hunter. The mother died in 1897 and the father is now living in Toronto, Canada. Reared on a farm in Tennessee, Joseph Hunter was schooled in the district schools and upon reaching manhood's estate began farming. He married in 1883 and for twenty-one years thereafter continued farming in Tennessee, sixteen years of that period also being engaged in the threshing business during seasons. In 1904 he came to Ohio and settled in Greene county, the next year buying the farm on which he now lives, and on which he has since been engaged in general farming and stock raising. He is a Republican and he and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Yellow Springs.

On December 27, 1883, at Union City, Tennessee, Joseph Hunter was united in marriage to Ellen Johnson, of that place, daughter of Lee Eddings and Sarah N. Johnson, both of whom are still living, and to this union have



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been born ten children, namely: Savannah, who married William Edwards, now farming in Miami township, this county; Robert, who is assisting his father in the management of the home farm and who married Winnie Pettiford; Queen Esther, who married Clayton G. Mills, now living at Clifton; Herman, who was pursuing his studies with the design of entering the medical profession at Nashville, Tennessee, and is now connected with the medical corps of the United States army; Clay Evans, who was graduated from Wilberforce University in 1917 and is now (1918) a second lieutenant in the National Army of the United States, stationed at Camp Funston; Joseph, who is assisting on the farm; Cecil, who is now a student in Wilberforce University; Ruby, a student in the high school at Fairfield, and Lester and Waudell, also in school. Joseph Hunter has one hundred and ninety-seven and six-tenths acres in his farm, makes a specialty of raising Holstein cattle and has a fine herd of thirty head on his place.

REV. THOMAS BEVERIDGE, D. D.

The General Assembly of the United Presbyterian church in the United States was in session at the time of the death of Doctor Beveridge in the spring of 1873 and upon receipt of the news of his death adjourned as a mark of respect for his memory and later adopted resolutions expressive of the church's profound esteem for this venerable leader. Xenia Presbytery at its next meeting following the death of Doctor Beveridge also adopted resolutions, declaring "that in his lovely Christian character and life, as a man and minister of the gospel, he has left behind him a shining testimony to the beauty and excellence of that gospel which he so long professed and preached, and an example worthy of admiration and imitation by all." The *Christian Instructor* carried a biographical reference to Doctor Beveridge following his death, the general tone of which is indicated by the concluding paragraph: "Dr. Beveridge had lived long. Not one of the ministers that took part in his licensure or ordination, and not one of the signers of his call to the church in Xenia, are now living. All his associates in study are gone, and nearly all with whom he took part in his early ministry; and no one has ever been more identified with almost all the great movements of the church in the last fifty years. Most emphatically is it the feeling of all who knew him, Dr. Beveridge was a good man, and most faithfully and usefully filled his day and place. All honor to his memory." In the same strain the *Xenia Gazette* said: "Dr. Beveridge died without an enemy. We hazard little in saying he never had an enemy. We cannot conceive that he could even give an offense or do a wrong to any one. He was pre-

eminently a good man and went about doing good. Unassuming, unpretentious, none knew him but to respect and love him. As a minister, Dr. Beveridge had nothing of the sensational about him. He was not a pulpit orator of the modern style. He preached the gospel—the gospel only, simply and plainly, but with power. He fed his hearers with meat and not with milk. From a well-cultivated and richly stored mind and a heart overflowing with love to God and man, he brought forth things new and old, and gave each and all a portion in good season. In his death the church loses one of its brightest ornaments, and the community a most exemplary citizen."

The Rev. Thomas Beveridge, D. D., whose ministerial labors at Xenia began in 1820 and who later became head of the old Associate Theological Seminary at Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, returning to Xenia when that institution was removed from Canonsburg to Xenia in 1855, the rest of his life being spent here, was a son of one of the fathers of the church and from the days of his boyhood his life was devoted to the service of the church. He was born at Cambridge, New York, son of the Rev. Thomas Beveridge and Janet Fotheringham Beveridge, both of whom were born in Scotland, the former at Eastside, in the parish of Fossoway, Fifeshire, in 1749. The elder Thomas Beveridge was ordained by the Associate presbytery of Edinburgh, Scotland, September 23, 1783; arrived in America in the spring of 1784; went to Cambridge, New York, that fall; settled there on September 10, 1789, and died at Barnet, Vermont, July 23, 1798, in his forty-ninth year.

Some years before his death Doctor Beveridge had written a quite comprehensive review of his life and after his death this autobiography was printed by his son, John A. Beveridge, for private circulation, and it is on those memoirs that the following narrative is based. "Both my parents were emigrants from Scotland," wrote Doctor Beveridge. "My mother came over when about eleven years of age. She was from Fifeshire, and born about the year 1763. Her mother (Janet Lourie, daughter of John and Ann Gilmore Lourie) was one of the first Seceders from the Church of Scotland. She united with them at the age of sixteen, in opposition to the views of the rest of the family, though after some time they all followed her example. She was first married to a Mr. [George] Beveridge, by whom she had several children. * * * After the death of her first husband, my grandmother was married to a Mr. George Fotheringame or Fotheringham (I find the name spelled both ways). My mother, Jennet Fotheringame, was the only issue of this second marriage. After the death of my grandmother's second husband, one of her sons, Andrew Beveridge, resolved to

emigrate to America, and as he had probably been a favorite son, his mother concluded to accompany him and took with her two daughters, Ann Beveridge, afterwards married to James Small, who was for many years an elder of the Associate congregation of Cambridge, and her youngest child, Jennet, my mother. * * * My grandmother, with her three children, made their way to New York state. Andrew finally settled in Hebron, where he became the father of eight sons and two daughters. [It may be noted by way of parenthesis that the late Gen. John Lourie Beveridge, former governor of Illinois, who died at his home in Hollywood, California, in 1910, was a grandson of this Andrew Beveridge.] Ann, as has been stated, married James Small, of Cambridge, and became the mother of two sons, Edward and George, and two daughters—the elder of them was married to William McGeoch, the younger to Robert Law. [By way of further parenthesis, it may be noted that the late Rev. Gilbert Small, who died at his home in Idaville, Indiana, in 1904, and who for eight years was a member of the board of managers of the Theological Seminary at Xenia, was a great-grandson of the James Small here referred to.]

** * * As I was not quite two years of age when my father died, I have no recollection of him, but hope that his prayers for me have not been altogether in vain. My mother inherited a small amount of property from her father and after her marriage insisted on investing it in a farm. * * * I was sent to school at an early age and learned the common branches of English education with, I suppose, tolerable readiness. From my earliest recollection of things my friends always spoke of me as one who must be a minister of the gospel. My father's library had always been kept in the hope that one of his sons might succeed him in his office, and my brothers having died in their youth, it seemed as if I must be the one. The first actual movement in this direction was made by my pastor, Doctor Bullions. Soon after his settlement in Cambridge, he took some notice of me at a public examination, and was urgent for my engaging in study with a view to the ministry. He persuaded me to recite to him in the Latin Grammar, but after making some progress in it I became discouraged, and signified to him that I would prefer to labor on the farm. One reason of my abandoning the Latin was that I did not comprehend or relish it. Another was the situation of the family; my brothers being dead, there was no one but myself left to attend to the farm and the support of the family. Our farm was managed by hired hands, and I had seen enough of the management of most of them to know that it was an unprofitable business. My mother also was not in circumstances to meet the expenses of my education. About a year after this, Mr. (now Rev. Dr.) Andrew Heron came into the neigh-

borhood and engaged in teaching the common school at which I attended. As he was acquainted with the Latin and Greek languages, my friends again urged me to engage in the study of the Latin. My uncle, Mr. James Small, who had always been a kind friend to the family, called one day and urged me to embrace the present opportunity of obtaining a classical education. I told him what he already knew very well, that my mother needed my services on the farm and could not at all meet the expenses of my education. When I add that his reply was the turning point in my life, it is not to be wondered at that I have a distinct recollection of it. 'Tammy,' said he, 'if ye'll only go to the learning, ye shall ne'er want sae lang as I hae a cent.' Knowing him to be quite able to fulfill his promise, my hesitation was overcome, and I immediately commenced the Latin a second time, being, I suppose, about thirteen years of age. By the time the school closed I had attained a pretty thorough knowledge of the Latin, and made a commencement in the Greek. * * * After the closing of the school I spent a winter with Doctor Bullions, chiefly engaged in the study of Greek, and in company with him, my uncle, Mr. Small, and my room-mate, Mr. Peter Dunlap, I went to Union College, Schenectady. This was in September, 1811, when a little less than fifteen years of age. * * * It has since been a source of regret to me that I entered college so young. * * * Still, when graduated, August, 1814, in a class of more than forty, and many of them fully-grown young men, my standing was next to the twelfth in the list of honors."

Doctor Beveridge's autobiography then recounts how upon leaving college he was admitted by Cambridge Presbytery to the study of theology and how during the succeeding winter he taught in the Cambridge Academy in order to obtain means to prosecute those studies. "The school was small," he writes, "the labor excessive, and the remuneration inconsiderable. * * * During the succeeding summer my studies were prosecuted under the Presbytery of Cambridge, and in the autumn of that year I set out for the Theological Hall at Service, Beaver county, Pennsylvania." Doctor Beveridge's description of that journey, which required twenty-four days of arduous travel, is a most interesting recountal of the difficulties of travel in those days. Upon his arrival at Service he took board with Dr. John Anderson, the sole professor of the institution. At the close of the session, in March, 1816, he found an opening for teaching a school in a neighboring congregation and thus occupied his summer. "The next summer," he writes, "I was induced by the promise of much better wages to undertake the teaching of a classical school at New Athens, Ohio; but both the school and the compensation proved to be quite small. I was again induced by the hope of a large increase

of both to remain during the winter and the succeeding summer, but still very little of this hope was realized. This school formed the commencement of what became Franklin College. * * * In the spring of 1819 the Associate Synod appointed me to be taken on trial for license by the Presbytery of Chartiers. * * * My first trial discourses were delivered in the church of Mt. Pleasant. * * * My remaining trials were given at a subsequent meeting of the Presbytery, in Chartiers, August 18, 1819, at which time I was licensed. My first appointments were in the Presbytery of Chartiers, which at that time included not only the congregations in Washington county, but in Pittsburgh and beyond it in the East to the Alleghany mountains. It reached over into Ohio as far as Wooster and was without limit in that direction."

Following his licensure the young minister started out on his long circuit, traveling horseback, and his description of his travels and of his experiences while preaching to the widely separated congregations of Seceders included in the circuit which embraced western Pennsylvania, eastern and southern Ohio, Kentucky and southern Indiana, provide a most interesting narrative regarding certain phases of pioneer living at that time, but must be passed as lacking local application, the personal narrative being taken up again following the writer's recountal of his experiences at "a place near Columbus, called Truro, now Reynoldsburg, where I spent two Sabbaths. The people were, with hardly an exception, emigrants from my father's congregation in Cambridge. From this place I proceeded to Xenia, where I preached on the first Sabbath of November. Here I remained, for the first time, about four weeks in the same congregation, i. e., in the Xenia and Sugar Creek, at that time a united charge. * * * From Kentucky I returned to Xenia and spent there the third and fourth Sabbaths of January." The young minister then started East, preaching on his way, and late in the spring reached his home in Cambridge quite ill after an absence of four years, and the succeeding summer, following his recuperation, was spent by him in filling vacancies in his home state.

"Whether any of these vacancies would have given me a call," Doctor Beveridge's autobiography continues, "I cannot tell, for I still told any person who spoke to me on the subject that my mind was made up, and that I wished them to receive me the same as if I were a settled minister. * * * It is true the congregation of Xenia and Sugar Creek had not given me a call at the time I left them, but they had petitioned for the moderation of a call and had no other candidate before them, and I had concluded, unless something not foreseen or anticipated should occur, that this was to be the field of my ministerial labor. This region of country had many attractions:

the people were intelligent, pious, kind and every way agreeable. However, after my settlement, my experience here was like that of my journey home—my anticipations of comfort in such a pastoral charge were too high and had too much influence on my mind. * * * The years of my pastoral labors here were attended with more discomfort than any other years of my life.

"The call to the congregation of Xenia and Sugar Creek was made out February 28, 1820, and forwarded to the meeting of the Associate Synod at Huntingdon the following May, but not being present at the meeting I had not an opportunity of accepting it till August 2nd. * * * As the members of the Kentucky Presbytery, as it was then called, were so distant from each other that meetings were almost impracticable, it had been arranged that I should undergo trials for ordination in the Presbytery of Cambridge. The Presbytery of Kentucky consisted of only three ministerial members, Messrs. Armstrong, Hume and Kennedy, yet extended over the southern part of Ohio and all the states of Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee. I accordingly remained at home and gave my trials for ordination during August and on September 4, 1820, set out to take charge of my congregation, * * * which I reached October 5, thirty-one days after leaving home. The first, or nearly the first, letter received from home contained an account of the death of my mother, which took place November 8, 1820. Her last message to me was, 'Tell him I am entering into the joy of my Lord.'

"The state of things when I arrived at Xenia was very uncomfortable. There had been strange doings about the house of the Rev. Robert Armstrong, who was the pastor of Massies Creek, a short distance from Xenia. Stones were thrown upon the house, threatening letters dropped near it, and some outbuildings set on fire. Many began to blame the family as engaged in this mischief for the purpose of frightening Mr. A. and inducing him to remove from the farm to Xenia. Mr. A., as was very natural, regarded these insinuations as slanderous. The excitement at last became so great that he had desisted from the exercise of his ministry in the congregation. This was only one or two Sabbaths before my arrival. The excitement also extended to my pastoral charge and made my entrance among them unpleasant. Perhaps I had not patience enough to bear with the clamors against the family, and especially Mr. Armstrong, against whom nothing could be alleged but his discrediting what was charged against his wife and children. I reached Xenia in October, but was not ordained till the following January. Mr. Hume came all the way from Nashville, and I was ordained by him and Mr. Armstrong Jan. 9th, 1821, Mr. Hume preaching and Mr. Armstrong giving the charge to me and the congregation. I believe it was the

last time they met together, and the last time either of them sat in the presbytery. Mr. Hume soon afterward united with the Presbyterian church and Mr. Armstrong died the next fall. At the time of my settlement the two branches of the charge numbered 138 communicants. During my ministry 60 were received by examination, 31 by certificate, 17 removed, 16 died, 10 adults were baptized. I kept no record of the baptism of infants. In the spring of 1822 I attended the meeting of the Associate Synod at Philadelphia and was appointed, together with Mr. Hanna, to go as a missionary to Upper Canada. I accepted this appointment the more willingly in the hope that it might benefit my health. In this, however, I was disappointed. * * * My health still declining, by the advice of some members of the congregation, I resorted once more to a journey, with a view to its recovery. In the fall of the next year (1823) I set out on horseback for Blount county, in eastern Tennessee. * * * After spending two months with this people I returned to my charge, but not with any sensible improvement in health. * * * I preached a few Sabbaths after returning from Tennessee, but soon felt compelled to desist, and, having become altogether discouraged in respect to the recovery of my health, concluded to resign my charge and return to my sisters to end my days with them. Having called a meeting of the congregation and preached to them a sermon on Phil. 1:27, I gave them notice of my intention and a few days afterwards set out for what I still called my home. This was in the month of February, 1824. * * *

The young minister found benefit in the return to the home farm and there being vacancies in the Cambridge Presbytery there were still, as his autobiography states, "opportunities for exercising my ministry without being confined to the labors of a pastoral charge." Two or three years later he accepted a call to the Associate church at Philadelphia and for nearly ten years continued as pastor of that church, being thus engaged when in October, 1835, Synod elected him professor of the Theological Seminary at Canonsburg, and in the following November he and his family took up their residence at Canonsburg, there remaining until the Associate Synod removed the seminary to Xenia in 1855, when Doctor Beveridge found himself thus restored to the scene of his first pastorate, and here he spent the rest of his life. His autobiography, written in 1866, concludes as follows: "Here I have had no pastoral charge, but have preached most of the time in vacancies until within about a year past. There has been of late little or no call to supply in vacancies, and the infirmities of age admonished me that my time for active service in the church is nearly ended. I have done but little, yet not without the hope that this little has been accepted of the Master, and not wholly without fruit in his Vineyard."

DANIEL H. HARTMAN.

Daniel H. Hartman, of Beavercreek township, is a native of the Keystone state, but has been a resident of Ohio and of Greene county since he was eighteen years of age. He was born on a farm in York county, Pennsylvania, May 8, 1859, son of Jacob and Mary Ann (Walker) Hartman, both of whom were born in that same county and there spent all their lives.

Jacob Hartman was a farmer, a Republican and he and his family were members of the Church of God. In his younger days he made a trip over into Ohio on a visit to kinsfolk in the vicinity of Wooster, in Wayne county, walking there and back. After his marriage he bought the old Hartman home place in York county and there lived until 1863, when he sold that farm and bought another, five miles south, and on this latter place spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there in April, 1883, he then being sixty-four years of age. After his death his widow and her only daughter and a son, Jerry Jacob, moved to Harrisburg, the state capital, and in that city the widow spent her last days, her death occurring in 1892, she then being sixty-three years of age. Jacob Hartman and wife were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being the following: William, deceased; Lydia A., who married James Nesbit and died at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Samuel W., a farmer, now living at Alpha, this county, and Capt. Jerry Jacob Hartman, a master painter, living at Harrisburg.

Daniel H. Hartman was reared on the home farm in York county, Pennsylvania, received his schooling in the neighborhood schools, and remained at home until he was eighteen years of age, when he came to Greene county to join his brother Samuel, who some time previously had come out here and was working for Horace Ankeny in Beavercreek township. His brother secured for him a place on the farm of Capt. William H. Glotfelter and on that place he worked for eleven months, at the end of which time he was given a place on the Ankeny farm, where he remained for two years and ten months. He then married and began farming on his own account, renting the Cline farm south of Alpha. Three years later he moved from there to the Harbine farm and thence, some time later, to the Puterbaugh farm, where he remained until he bought the farm of forty-two and one-half acres on which he now lives, rural mail route No. 2 out of Spring Valley. Since taking possession of that farm Mr. Hartman has made numerous improvements on the same. He is a Republican with a very friendly feeling for the Prohibition movement and for six years has served as school director in his home district.

On December 22, 1881, Daniel H. Hartman was united in marriage to



MIR. AND MRS. DANIEL H. HARTMAN.



Lucinda Jane Ward, who was born on a farm twelve miles from Wooster in Wayne county, this state, daughter of John and Caroline Ward, and to this union have been born three children, Ward, Charles and Mary, the latter of whom is at home with her parents. Charles Hartman is farming in Beaver creek township and his older brother, the Rev. Ward Hartman, is now in China where for seven years he has been rendering service as an evangelist in behalf of the mission field of the Reformed church, his station being at Shuchow, Hunan. The Rev. Ward Hartman was educated at Heidelberg College at Tiffin and in the Central Theological Seminary at Dayton and early devoted himself to labor in the mission field. The Hartmans are members of the Mt. Zion Reformed church and for the past twelve years Mr. Hartman has been an elder in the same.

JAMES R. FUDGE.

From "Pencilings From the Senate" (Ohio), published in 1852, the following is taken: "John Fudge represents the counties of Fayette, Clinton and Greene in the Senate of Ohio. He is a Whig, and physically the largest man in the Senate, weighing 250 pounds. He is a hale man, looking young, and not yet gray, although 55 years old. He has filled a seat in the Legislature several times, and as a Senator is something of a model."

The Hon. John Fudge, thus mentioned, was the great-grandfather of the gentleman whose name forms the caption of this biographical sketch. He was a Virginian, born in Botetourt county, in the Old Dominion, April 13, 1796, and was one of the early settlers in this section of Ohio, locating at a point on Caesars creek six miles southeast of Xenia, in this county, where he purchased a considerable tract of land and where he erected a tannery, carrying on the operations of the latter industry in addition to farming. For many years he served as justice of the peace in and for his home township, was a member of the board of county commissioners for years and in 1852 was appointed by Governor Bebb an associate judge for this judicial district. As noted in the above "Pencilings From the Senate," he served several terms in the Ohio General Assembly, both in the House and in the Senate. He served as administrator for something like three hundred estates and was for many years an office bearer in the Methodist church. Judge Fudge died suddenly, death coming from a paralytic stroke on September 15, 1868. He had been three times married. His first wife was Catherine Sellers, of the neighboring county of Warren, who bore him five children. His second wife was Temperance Spahr, who died two years after her marriage, leaving one child, a son, Morgan Fudge, who became

editor of the *Bellbrook Moon*. On February 25, 1846, Judge Fudge married Susan Barnett. This last marriage was without issue.

One of the children born to Judge John and Catherine (Sellers) Fudge was Joseph H. Fudge, who was born on February 15, 1824, in this county, and who married Cinderella Sutton, who also was born in this county, August 17, 1826, a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Sutton. Joseph H. Fudge spent his life in agricultural pursuits in New Jasper township, dying at his home there on April 26, 1888. His widow survived him for nearly three years, her death occurring on February 16, 1891. Of the children born to their union, John W. Fudge was born on the old paternal farm on March 23, 1846, and there grew to manhood, and continued actively engaged in agricultural pursuits until his retirement and removal to Xenia, where he is now living. John W. Fudge is a Republican and in 1895 was elected a member of the board of county commissioners. He was re-elected and became president of the board which erected the new court house at Xenia, tearing down the old edifice which his grandfather, Judge Fudge, had aided in building while on the board of commissioners more than a half century before. The new structure was erected at a cost of two hundred thousand dollars and Mr. Fudge made several trips to New York City and other places in search of information that would prove beneficial in the erection of the new temple of justice. Mr. Fudge also served as trustee of New Jasper township for fourteen years, in 1890 was elected real-estate appraiser and in 1895 was elected infirmary director, an office in which he served for three years. On June 26, 1866, in New Jasper township, John W. Fudge was united in marriage to Amanda J. Smith, who also was born in that township, daughter of Nelson Smith and wife, and to that union were born five children, four of whom are still living, namely: William, a farmer, of New Jasper township; James R., the subject of this biographical sketch; Charles N., who is operating the old home place one mile south of Jasper, and Ray S., who is also living on a farm in New Jasper township. The mother of these children died on October 31, 1915. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is her husband, and their sons were reared in that faith.

James R. Fudge was born on the old home place in New Jasper township on December 10, 1869. He supplemented the schooling he received in the local schools by a course at Valparaiso University in Indiana, and at the age of nineteen years began teaching school, in the meanwhile giving his attention to the farm during the summers. For eleven years Mr. Fudge continued teaching school, during all but one year of this period being thus engaged in his home township. In 1892 he married and established his home on the farm, where he continued to make his residence until 1907,

in which year he bought the William Anderson farm of one hundred and six acres on the Jamestown pike, in his home township, and there has since made his home. Mr. Fudge is a member of the Grange. Politically, he is a Republican and for ten years served as a member of the New Jasper township board of education.

On May 25, 1892, James R. Fudge was united in marriage to Mary L. Brown, who also was born in New Jasper township, daughter of Cyrus and Mary E. (Smith) Brown, both of whom are still living on their farm in that township, and to this union has been born one child, a daughter, Miriam, who was born on July 3, 1896, and who on August 1, 1917, married Paul Turnbull, who had been a teacher in the schools at St. Marys, West Virginia, and who is now serving in the National Army, first sergeant of Company F, Three Hundred and Thirtieth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in camp at Camp Sherman. Mr. and Mrs. Fudge are members of the New Jasper Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Fudge is one of the stewards. He also has served as assistant superintendent of the Sunday school and is now serving as recording steward for the New Jasper circuit of the local conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, following in that office his father, who served in that capacity for more than thirty years.

EDWIN KNEISLY.

Edwin Kneisly, blacksmith at Fairfield, is a native of this county, born on a farm in Bath township, June 20, 1859, the eldest in a family of six children born to Daniel and Eliza (Dice) Kneisly, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania.

Daniel Kneisly was born on September 26, 1823, and came as a boy from Pennsylvania to Greene county. After leaving school he engaged in farming, which occupation he followed for some years, after which he went into the milling business at Huffersville, this county, where he continued in this business for four years. He then resumed farming, in which occupation he continued until 1911, when he moved to Hampton, but later he again removed to the farm, where his death occurred in 1916. In the latter '50s he married Eliza Dice, who was also a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1835, who came with her parents to Greene county in an early day. Her death occurred on December 23, 1907. Both had been previously married. To their union there were born six children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Aaron S., a farmer living near Dowden, in Clark county, this state; John F., a molder living in Springfield, Ohio; Mrs. Jennie Trout,

a widow living at Enon, Clark county; Mrs. Lulu B. Smith, a resident of Dayton, and Clyde, who died in infancy.

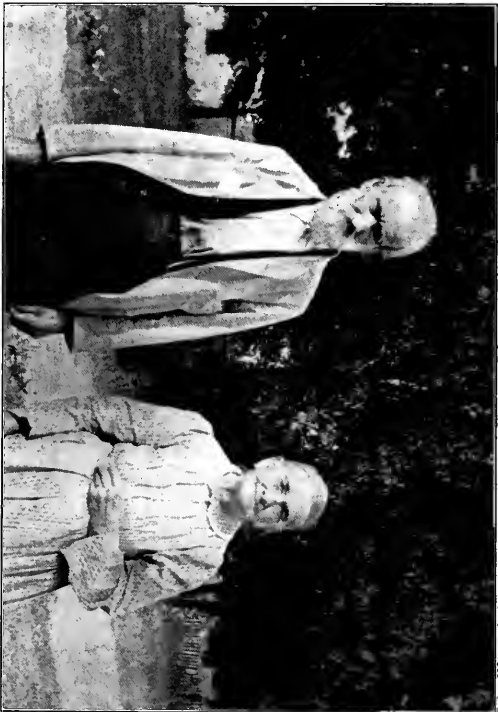
Edwin Kneisly received his education in the public schools of his home township, assisting his father with the work on the farm, and after leaving school, decided to take up the trade of a blacksmith, which occupation he has followed the greater part of his life. He lived eight years at Sulphur Grove, in Montgomery county, and also for some time in Springfield, in both of which places he carried on his business of blacksmithing. While living in Clark county, he owned and operated a farm for about four years, and moved from there to Fairfield about three years ago, since which time he has continued at his trade.

On September 14, 1882, Mr. Kneisly was married to Mary A. Shrodes, who is a native of this county, born on a farm south of Fairfield. To this union four children have been born. Floyd D., Ralph, Wayne W., still living at home with his parents, and Ethel, who died in childhood.

Mr. Kneisly and his family are members of the Reformed church and Mr. Kneisly served as elder in the local congregation for some years. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

EDWARD WILLIAM HAYSLETT.

The late Edward William Hayslett, a veteran of the Civil War, who for years was engaged in wagon-making at Clifton and who died at his home in that village on January 17, 1916, was a native of the Old Dominion, but had been a resident of this county practically all the time since the days of his young manhood. He was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, April 12, 1827, and there resided until he was past twenty-one years of age, when, in 1848 or 1849, he came to Ohio and became engaged in farming in the vicinity of Jamestown, in this county. He was married in 1850 and not long afterward went to Springfield and there became engaged in wagon-making. When the Civil War broke out his patriotic impulses were stirred and on December 25, 1861, he enlisted, at Xenia, for service in behalf of the Union and while thus serving was so seriously disabled that on June 16, 1862, he received his honorable discharge. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Hayslett resumed his trade, setting up an establishment at Clifton, but presently disposed of his interest there and moved to Illinois, where he remained but a short time, however. After coming back to Greene county he made one more trip to Illinois and remained there until 1877, when he again located at Clifton, resuming there his wagon-making indus-



MR. AND MRS. EDWARD W. HAYSLIPP.

try and there spent the rest of his life, dying there in his eighty-ninth year. Mr. Hayslett was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and by political persuasion was a Republican.

Mr. Hayslett was twice married. In 1850, not long after coming to this county, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Morris, of the Clifton neighborhood, who died in 1867. To that union were born six children, two of whom died in early youth, the others being Margaret, who died in the '90s; William A. and Henry H., now residents of Germantown, this state, and Madison, deceased. On April 17, 1877, Mr. Hayslett married Mrs. Cynthia A. (House) Wagner, widow of George Wagner, her first marriage having been solemnized in April, 1864, and to this second union four children were born, namely: Francis Marion, who has been twice married, after the death of his first wife, Millie Rankin, having married Mamie Baldman; Robert Elder, now living at Dayton, who married Lucy House and has three children, Clarence Leroy, Ruth Merle and Ethel May; Ole Bull, who married Myrtle Bolman and is engaged in farming in this county, and Jennie Lind, who married John Franklin Cultice, of Clifton, and has four children, Dulcie, Dorothy, Gertrude and Leonard. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Hayslett has continued to make her home in Clifton. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOSEPH T. HUTCHISON.

Joseph T. Hutchison, proprietor of a Beavercreek township farm on rural mail route No. 3 out of Xenia, is a native son of Greene county, and has lived here all his life, occupant of the farm on which he now lives since 1896. He was born on a farm in Xenia township on May 20, 1871, son of Joseph Andrew and Isabella (Harner) Hutchison, both of whom also were born in this county and the latter of whom is still living, now a resident of the city of Xenia.

Joseph Andrew Hutchison, who was a veteran of the Civil War, was born on a farm in Miami township, not far from the border of Xenia township, March 12, 1837, son of Joseph B. and Ann (Tenbroek) Hutchison, who had come to this county from Chester county, Pennsylvania, where both were born, and whose last days were spent here. Joseph B. Hutchison was born in 1802 and grew up in Chester county, Pennsylvania, remaining there until after his marriage, when, in 1826, he came to Greene county, he and his wife driving through in a small covered wagon with their belongings, and settled on a plot of ground now owned by Frank Corry on the Clifton pike in Miami township. He was a blacksmith by trade and for a

while after coming here followed that trade, but presently bought a farm on the Clifton pike in Xenia township, where he remained until his retirement, when he moved to Yellow Springs, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on October 29, 1877. He and his wife were the parents of thirteen children, of whom eleven grew to maturity, namely: Eleanor, who became the wife of J. G. G. Adams, of Miami township; John K., who married Catherine Townsley and moved to Garnet, Kansas; Nancy T., who married Isaac Shearer and moved to Indiana; Elizabeth M., who married Frederick Shoemaker, of Goes Station; Sarah Ann, who died unmarried in 1897; Joseph A., father of the subject of this sketch; Margaret, who married James M. Stevenson and moved to Kansas; Mary Jane, who married Frank Crapp and moved to Indiana; Matthew, who married Ella Gossett and is now living at Xenia; William H., who married Jennie Bull and established his home in Xenia township, and James Elder, who married Hester P. Baker and established his home at Yellow Springs, where his last days were spent.

Reared on the home farm, Joseph Andrew Hutchison remained there until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he entered the service of the Union and for three years and nine months served as a soldier, being mustered out as a member of Company L, Third New York Cavalry. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Hutchison returned home and after his marriage went to Sedalia, Missouri, where he remained for three years, at the end of which time he returned to Greene county and bought a farm of one hundred and twelve acres across the pike from his father's place in Xenia township, where he remained until 1880, in which year he sold that farm and bought a farm of one hundred and eighty-eight acres in Beaver-creek township, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there on July 29, 1901. His widow is now living at Xenia. She was born in Xenia township, this county, May 16, 1848, daughter of Charles and Mary (Morgan) Harner, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Hutchison is a member of the Presbyterian church, as was her husband, he having been an elder in the church. By political persuasion he was a Republican, but was not an office seeker. To Joseph Andrew and Isabella (Harner) Hutchison were born seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being the following: Charles H., born on December 29, 1868, who married Alice Dilts and lives on a farm in the vicinity of Logansport, Indiana; Frank R., who married Margaret Phillips and is engaged in the hardware business at Xenia; Leigh A., born on February 1, 1877, who married Jennie Moore and is living on a farm on the Bellbrook pike in Spring Valley township; Ralph W., September 23, 1880, who married Anna Fierstein and lives in

Xenia township; Carrie, March 4, 1884, who is now (1918) attending the College of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Missouri, and Dr. Elder Hutchison, a graduate of Johns Hopkins University, who married Ann Kincade and who upon the declaration of war against Germany in 1917 volunteered his services in the National Army and was stationed at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky, preparatory to service abroad.

Joseph T. Hutchison grew up on the home farm and supplemented his schooling in the local schools by taking a commercial course in Antioch College. After leaving college he rented a farm and began farming on his own account. Three years later he married and a year afterward bought the old Smith place of ninety-five acres in Beavercreek township, and has ever since made his home there. Since taking possession of that place Mr. Hutchison has erected a new set of buildings, his residence having been built in 1914.

On April 25, 1895, Joseph T. Hutchison was united in marriage to Carrie Andrew, who was born in Beavercreek township and who is the adopted daughter of Samuel G. and Keziah Andrew, who reared her from childhood, and to this union have been born three children, Samuel Andrew, born on August 20, 1899; Lois Belle, May 31, 1901, and Joseph Ersle, May 21, 1903, all of whom are now students in the Xenia high school. The Hutchisons are members of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia. Mr. Hutchison is a Republican.

WILLIAM L. CARLISLE.

William L. Carlisle, who has lived in his present home near Byron for a period of thirty-six years, was born in Clark county, Ohio, on May 9, 1850, the son of Jehu and Hester (Batchelor) Carlisle. Jehu Carlisle was a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, born November 16, 1816. As a young man he made the journey from Virginia to Ohio with a five-horse team, spending five weeks on the way. He spent the remainder of his life in Ohio, following the occupation of a farmer, and died at the home of his son on March 6, 1896, at the advanced age of eighty years. In 1837 Jehu Carlisle was united in marriage to Hester Batchelor, who was a native of this county, born March 26, 1817, on the site of the old Yellow Springs hotel, and was one of nineteen children born to her parents. Her father, Robert Batchelor, was born in 1750, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, being twice wounded in that struggle. Jehu Carlisle and wife were the parents of nine children, Robert B., George A., John A., James B., Julia A., Margaret S., Howard, William and Jessie D. The mother of these children died on April 26, 1908.

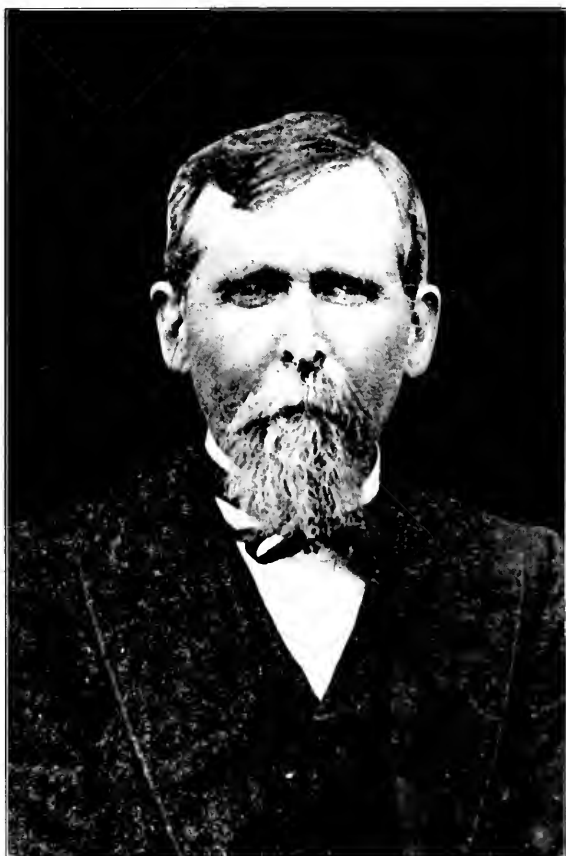
William L. Carlisle received his early education in the common schools of his home township in Greene county and after leaving school took up farming, which occupation he has followed continuously since, having lived on the Baker farm in Bath township, near Byron, for many years. For twenty-five years he has been government crop reporter for his district. He has also served his township as supervisor.

On February 16, 1897, William L. Carlisle was married to Esther Dilly, a native of Montgomery county, Ohio, the daughter of John and Jane (Hart) Dilly, both of whom are now deceased. To this union have been born two children, Paul, born on December 11, 1897, who is assisting his father on the farm, and Ada Frances, born February 23, 1905, who is in school.

THOMAS C. BERRYHILL.

Thomas C. Berryhill, former trustee of Sugarcreek township and proprietor of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres south of Bellbrook, is a native "Buckeye" and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Greene county since he was nine years of age and of the farm on which he is now living since he was fifteen. He was born in Preble county, October 25, 1845, son of the Rev. Franklin and Nancy (Sloan) Berryhill, whose last days were spent in this county, of which the former had become a resident in 1815.

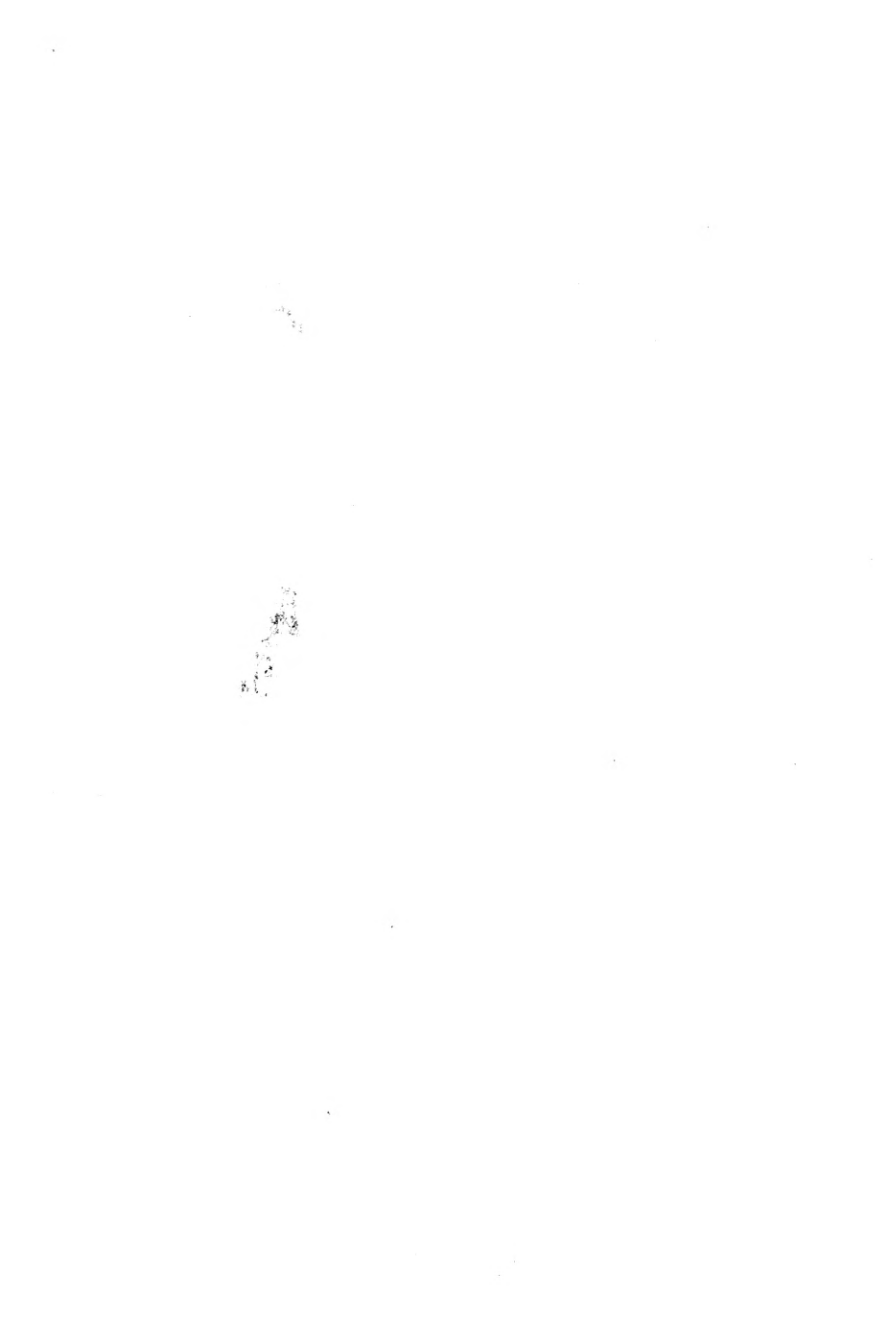
The Rev. Franklin Berryhill, a minister of the Presbyterian (old school) church, was born in Augusta county, Virginia, March 1, 1811, a son of Alexander and Rachel (Thompson) Berryhill, the latter of whom was a niece of Charles Thompson, of Revolutionary fame, secretary to the first Continental Congress. Alexander Berryhill was born in Virginia and at the age of nineteen years volunteered his services in behalf of the patriot army during the Revolutionary War and was attached to the command of General Greene. At the battle of Guilford Court House he was captured by the enemy and was held prisoner for two years, or until his exchange. During that battle he was severely wounded by a sword blow on the head and the scar of that wound he carried to his grave. At the close of his military service he returned to farming pursuits and after his marriage to Rachel Thompson settled on a farm in Augusta county, in the Old Dominion, and there remained until 1815, when he came with his family to Ohio and settled on a tract of land south of Bellbrook in this county, where he died in 1823 and was buried in the Pioneer graveyard at Bellbrook. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters. Franklin Berryhill was the youngest of these eight sons. The others were as follow: James, who



THOMAS C. BERRYHILL



MRS. LUELLA E. BERRYHILL



married Esther, a daughter of William Turner and established his home in Sugarcreek township; William T., who also made his home in Sugarcreek township, where he died on April 27, 1874, at the age of eighty-four years, and was buried in the Bellbrook cemetery; John, who served as a soldier of the War of 1812, married Rachel James and located in Sugarcreek township; Alexander, Jr., who moved to Miami county, this state; Samuel, who died in 1840 and was buried at Bellbrook; Archibald, who died on July 7, 1877, aged seventy-five, and was buried at Bellbrook, and Matthew, who died on September 25, 1898, he then being ninety-two years of age, and was buried in the Bellbrook cemetery.

Having been but a child when his parents came to this county from Virginia, Franklin Berryhill was reared on the pioneer farm in Sugarcreek township. From the days of his boyhood he evinced unusual aptitude in his studies and in due time was matriculated at Hanover College, in Indiana, from which institution he was graduated in 1837. He completed his theological studies under the preceptorship of Doctor Matthews, who was his tutor for three years, and was then ordained to the ministry of the Presbyterian church and for ten or twelve years thereafter was actively engaged in this high calling. His health then began to fail and, securing honorable retirement from the ministry, he returned to his old home in the vicinity of Bellbrook and sought recuperation on the farm; continuing, however, his ministerial labors as local occasion required and ever maintaining his active interest in church and Sunday school work. His father had settled on and led in the development of a tract of about seven hundred acres in Sugarcreek township and in the ultimate division of that tract the Rev. Franklin Berryhill shared to the extent of a good farm and his needs were amply provided for, he coming to be the owner of three hundred and seven acres of choice land. He died on that farm.

On January 21, 1841, the Rev. Franklin Berryhill was united in marriage to Nancy Sloan, who was born in Pennsylvania and who also was a member of one of Greene county's pioneer families, and to that union were born five children, namely: Theodore B., now deceased; Thomas C., the immediate subject of this biographical sketch; Caroline, who died at the age of thirteen years; Elmira, wife of William Rupert, of Westville, this state, and Mrs. Finette Fox, of Dayton. The mother of these children died on July 13, 1864, and in 1865 the Rev. Franklin Berryhill married Julia A. Cooper, of Bellbrook, which second union was without issue.

Thomas C. Berryhill was about nine years of age when his parents returned to Greene county in 1854 and was about fifteen when they located on the place on which he is now living in 1860. He completed his schooling in the local schools and after his marriage in the fall of 1887 established his

home on the home place, one hundred and sixty acres of which he now owns, and has ever since made that his place of residence. In addition to his general farming he has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock. Mr. Berryhill is a Republican and served for two terms as trustee of his home township. He was for some time a member of the Grange. His youngest son, Robert, is a member of the local lodge of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

On November 3, 1887, Thomas C. Berryhill was united in marriage to Luella E. Miller, who was born in Montgomery county, daughter of Aaron and Emma (Karr) Miller, of that county, and who died on February 29, 1912, leaving four children, Emily, Esther, John and Robert, all of whom are at home with their father save John, who is now (1918) a soldier of the National Army, stationed at Camp Sherman. Mr. Berryhill and his family are connected with the Presbyterian church.

CHARLES WALKER DEAN.

Elsewhere in this volume there is set out at considerable length a history of the Dean family in Greene county. Charles Walker Dean, a building contractor at Cedarville, was born in the northwestern corner of New Jasper township, this county, September 5, 1861, son of John Campbell and Emily Louisa (Hagler) Dean, the latter of whom was born in that same township on December 31, 1838, daughter of Samuel and Jane (Fudge) Hagler, the former of whom was a son of Leonard and Mary Susan (Peterson) Hagler, both of whom were born in Hardy county, Virginia. The Haglers are of Swiss descent. In 1817 Leonard Hagler and family came to Greene county and settled on a farm of near five hundred acres at the forks of Caesars creek. Leonard Hagler was an old-fashioned Methodist. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom Samuel was the eldest. The latter carried on farming operations until his death. His wife was a daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Nicholas) Fudge, who had come to this part of Ohio from Botetourt county, Virginia, about the time the Haglers had settled here.

John Campbell Dean was born in that part of Greene county that later became organized as New Jasper township, December 28, 1830, a son of Daniel and Jane (Campbell) Dean, of whom more is noted elsewhere, and was the first-born of that parentage, he having had a brother David, who lived in Xenia; another brother, Levi, who continued farming, and a sister who died in youth. As the eldest son, John C. Dean became the mainstay of his widowed mother after the death of his father and for some time continued to operate the home farm. He presently bought a farm of

eighty-three acres on the Stringtown road and after his marriage on February 13, 1855, to Emily Louisa Hagler, who was then but sixteen years of age, established his home in a two-room log house on that place. On that farm he and his wife spent the rest of their lives, his death occurring on April 1, 1891, and hers, September 5, 1903. He was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the First United Presbyterian church at Xenia. They were the parents of ten children, of whom Charles W. was the fifth in order of birth, the others being Samuel Edgar, born on April 14, 1856, who is now living at Enon; Anna Jane, July 10, 1857, wife of A. C. Grieve, a New Jasper township farmer; Emily Luella, October 20, 1858, who died on April 9, 1882; Moses Allen, January 26, 1860, now a resident of Xenia; David Oscar, February 14, 1863, who also lives in Xenia; Laura Etta, December 24, 1864, who died on October 4, 1865; John, August 13, 1866, a resident of Xenia; Ida May, March 8, 1874, who also lives in Xenia, and James Ralph, August 21, 1877, a Xenia township farmer.

Charles Walker Dean received his schooling in the Hazlip school and remained on the farm until he was twenty years of age, when he became employed with the contracting firm of A. G. Elerick & Sons at Cedarville and for three years was thus employed. He then became employed with the Tarbox Lumber Company at Cedarville and in 1894 became a partner of W. J. Tarbox in the operation of a lumber yard there, continuing thus engaged for a couple of years, at the end of which time he sold his interest in the concern and entered the general building contracting business on his own account, a business in which he ever since has been engaged, during this time having erected numerous dwelling houses in the Cedarville neighborhood besides more than fifty barns. Mr. Dean is a Republican and has served, at various terms, fifteen years as a member of the Cedarville common council. He and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian church.

Mr. Dean has been twice married. In May, 1887, he was united in marriage to Lydia Barber, daughter of David and Mary (Jackson) Barber, and to that union two daughters were born, Bertha May, now a bookkeeper in the Cedarville Exchange Bank, and Mary Louisa, wife of Milton Antrim, of Dayton, a bookkeeper in the Wright aeroplane factory. The mother of these daughters died on August 12, 1891, and on January 20, 1898, Mr. Dean married Clara Ellis, who also was born in this county, and to this union two children have been born, Charles Frederick, who was born on October 16, 1898, and Hester Frances, February 8, 1904. Mrs. Dean was born in the vicinity of Clifton, daughter of Aaron and Mary (Mendenhall) Ellis, the latter of whom died in February, 1913, and the former of whom is now making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Dean. Aaron Ellis was born

in this county and has resided here all his life. His wife was born in Maryland and was but a child when she came with her parents, Samuel and Mary (Whittington) Mendenhall, to this county. Samuel Mendenhall was a miller, whose last days were spent at Springfield. To Aaron Ellis and wife four children were born, Mrs. Dean having a brother, James S., living at Oakdale, and two sisters, Ida, wife of Frank Goe, of West Liberty, and Lucy, wife of Joseph P. Berg, of Round Mountain, Nevada, whose son, Chester Berg, a United States soldier, was one of the survivors of the transport "Tuscania," which was torpedoed by a German submarine early in 1918.

JOHN M. DIFFENDAL.

John Diffendal, the proprietor of a farm about a mile and a half south of the Clark county line, in Ross township, is a native of the state of Maryland, but has been a resident of Ohio since he was seventeen years of age and of Greene county since 1884. He was born on June 10, 1857, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Eyler) Diffendal, who were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the seventh in order of birth, the others being the following: Charles, a retired farmer, now living at South Charleston, in the neighboring county of Clark; Elizabeth, who died when eighteen years of age; Martin, who established his home on an Indiana farm and there died in 1917; Margaret, who died in the days of her girlhood; Amanda C., who died in 1914; Samuel, a farmer of Ross township, this county; Lewis, a resident of South Charleston, and an infant who died in 1863, the mother dying at the same time.

John Diffendal was about six years of age when his mother died. He received his schooling in his native state and remained on the home farm there until he was seventeen years of age, when he came to Ohio, South Charleston being his objective point, and in the neighborhood of that place and over in Madison county he was engaged at farm labor until his marriage in 1881, after which he began farming on his own account. In 1884 he moved into Greene county and rented a farm in Ross township, continuing farming as a renter until he bought the farm on which he is now living in 1904. This is a farm of two hundred and seventy-seven acres situated on rural mail route No. 2 out of South Charleston and since taking possession of the same Mr. Diffendal has made numerous improvements on the same. In addition to his general farming, he has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock. Mr. Diffendal is a Democrat with "independent" leanings and for some years has been a member of the school



JOHN M. DIFFENDAL.



MRS. ELIZABETH J. DIFFENDAL.

board in his home township. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons at Jamestown. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

On December 17, 1881, John Diffendal was united in marriage to Elizabeth J. Minnix, of Fayette county, this state, and to this union six children have been born, namely: Frank, who is farming in Ross township and who married Florence Dement and has two children, John Roy and Franklin R.; Daisy, who married Scott Cheney, of the neighboring county of Clark, and has four children, Emmet, Helen, Ruth and John Milton; Louis M., who is farming in Ross township and who married Theresa Dennehy and has four children, Lucile, Louis, Elizabeth and Rachel; Nellie, who married Audrey Gordon, of Fayette county, and has two children, Donah and Marjorie; John E., who is at home assisting his father in the management of the farm, and Catherine, who married Dr. Foye Troute, of Jamestown, and has one child, a son, Ralph.

CHRISTOPHER K. ELLIS.

Christopher K. Ellis, proprietor of a farm on rural mail route No. 3, out of Jamestown, where he has made his home for the past twenty-eight years, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Jefferson township, or rather in that portion of Caesars-creek township that in the summer of 1858 came to be set off as Jefferson township, December 24, 1856, son of Silas and Mary B. (Kinsey) Ellis, both of whom were members of pioneer families hereabout.

The Ellis family has been represented in Greene county since the year 1807, when Christopher Ellis, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came here with his family from Frederick county, Virginia, and settled in the southern part of the county, a mile north of Port William. Christopher Ellis was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, of Dutch stock, January 11, 1763. He married Eliza Caney, who was born on September 5, 1769, and made his home in Frederick county, Virginia, until he came to this county in 1807. He traded a horse for fifty acres of land north of Port William and thus got a start upon which he improved until at the time of his death in 1836 he was the owner of sixteen hundred acres of land in that region. His wife had preceded him to the grave about twelve years, her death having occurred on September 5, 1822, and he later married Nancy Overly. To this latter union four children were born, Martha, Tilden, Angeline and Daniel. By his marriage to Eliza Caney, Christopher Ellis was the father

of twelve children, Jacob, Abraham, Isaac, John, Samuel, William, George, James, Mary, Joseph, Christopher and Elizabeth.

Samuel Ellis, sixth son of Christopher and Eliza (Caney) Ellis, grew up on the home place north of Port William and there spent all his life, having established his home there after his marriage to Elizabeth Oglesbee, who was born in this county, a member of one of the pioneer families. Samuel Ellis died at his home in the southern part of the county on December 11, 1880, he then being eighty years, two months and seven days of age. Samuel Ellis was thrice married. By his union with Elizabeth Oglesbee he was the father of six children, namely: Preston, who became a merchant and millman at Bell Center and there lived to be eighty years of age; Polly Ann, who married John Early; Silas, father of the subject of this sketch; Joseph, Almira, who married Daniel Early, and Isaiah, who made his home in Clinton county. Following the death of the mother of these children, Samuel Ellis married Keziah Woolman, who also was born in this county, and to that union were born seven children, namely: Eli, who went to the front as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, a member of Company B, Fortieth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served for three years, and was killed at one of the later battles at Ringgold, Georgia; Susan, who married James Bone; Sarah Jane, who married John Jenkins; Simon Peter and Samuel Newton, twins, both of whom served as soldiers of the Union during the Civil War, the former a member of Company F, Sixtieth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was taken prisoner and for eleven months suffered confinement in Andersonville and Libby prisons, and the latter a member of Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio; Joshua, now living on a part of the old home place in Jefferson township and who also served as a soldier during the Civil War, a member of the Sixtieth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and Martha, who died at the age of three years and thirteen days. Following the death of the mother of these children, Samuel Ellis married Mrs. Providence Sewell, which union was without issue.

Silas Ellis grew up on the home farm north of Port William and received his schooling in the neighborhood schools. After his marriage to Mary B. Kinsey, of Port William, he bought a small farm in that neighborhood, but later moved to Clinton county, where his last days were spent. During his active operations he bought and sold a good deal of land and also dealt in horses. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Silas Ellis died on the 3rd day of February, 1806, he then being sixty-eight years, seven months and three days old, and his widow survived him to the age of seventy-seven. They were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others

being the following: Hiram, now a resident of Concordia, Kansas; Maria, wife of Benjamin Strickle, of Clinton county; one who died in infancy; Ida Ann, wife of Nathan Woolford, of Clinton county; Jonathan, a mechanic, now living in Nebraska, and Silas Andrew, who owns a farm in Warren county and resides there.

Christopher K. Ellis received his schooling in the schools of Spring Valley and Jefferson townships and remained at home until his marriage in 1880, after which he made his home for a while in Clinton county. He then came back to Greene county and located on a farm in Caesarscreek township, where he remained for eight years, or until 1890, when he bought the Daniel Bayliff farm of one hundred acres, the place on which he is now living, in Jefferson township, and has since made his home there. To his original holdings there Mr. Ellis has added by purchase until now he is the owner of three hundred and thirty-two acres and his sons also have farms in that neighborhood. In addition to his general farming Mr. Ellis has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock, making a specialty of Aberdeen-Angus cattle and heavy draft horses. He also is a stockholder and a member of the board of directors of the Wilson Engineering Company at Nenia.

On February 5, 1880, Christopher K. Ellis was united in marriage to Medora Adams, who was born in Caesarscreek township, daughter of Jackson and Eliza (Ary) Adams, the latter of whom was born in that same township. Jackson Adams was born in Virginia in 1827 and was four years of age when he came with his parents, Nimrod and Susan (Linkhart) Adams, to this county in 1831, the family settling in Caesarscreek township. Nimrod Adams and his wife were the parents of six children, of whom Jackson was the first-born, the others being the following: Ella, who married John Borden; Joseph, who established his home on a farm north of Paintersville; Harriet, who married Jonathan Bales; Harry, who died unmarried, and Josephine, who remained a spinster and is still living on a part of the old home place. After his marriage to Eliza Ary, Jackson Adams established his home on a farm in Caesarscreek township and there died in 1891. His widow survived him for twenty years, her death occurring on September 8, 1911. She was a member of the Methodist Protestant church. Jackson Adams and wife were the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Ellis was the second in order of birth, the others being Luella, who died in the days of her girlhood; James D., who married Flora M. Harness and is farming in Jefferson township; Lydia J., who died in infancy; Hattie, who died in youth, and Sarah, wife of George Babb, of Caesarscreek township.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis have two sons, Orville J. and Charles S., the former of whom remains at home, assisting his father in the management of the

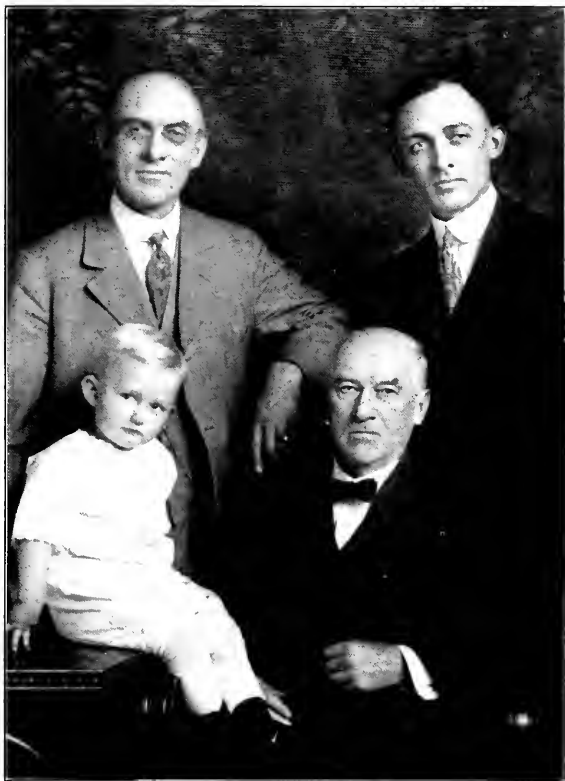
home place. He also owns a farm of his own. Charles S. Ellis also has a farm in Jefferson township, on which he makes his home. He married Iva E. Sheely and has one child, a son, Lawrence Victor, born on April 9, 1914. Mrs. Ellis is a member of the Methodist Protestant church. Mr. Ellis is a Republican, as are his sons, and, fraternally, is affiliated with the Masonic lodge at Jamestown and with the Knights of Pythias lodge at Port William.

REV. JOHN M. PIDGEON.

The late Rev. John M. Pidgeon, who at the time of his death at his home in Jefferson township in the spring of 1918 was the oldest minister of the Wilmington yearly meeting of the Society of Friends, was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, February 2, 1834, a son of Charles and Catherine Pidgeon, both of whom were born in that same state, the former on March 1, 1806, and the latter, November 23, 1810, and who were married there on November 8, 1829. During the time of the Civil War Charles Pidgeon came to Ohio with his family and settled in Clinton county, where he and his wife spent their last days, dying near Wilmington. They were the parents of twelve children, those besides John M., the third in order of birth, being Emily, deceased, who was the wife of John Briggs; Mrs. Mary Jane Cammack, deceased; Hannah E., who married William Charles and is also deceased; Julia A., living in the vicinity of Wilmington, widow of William Henry; Samuel T., now living retired at Jamestown, this county; David, who lives at Whittier, California; Jeffrey H., who died in childhood; Louisa M., wife of Adin Starbuck; Charles A., who died in young manhood; Henry H., who is still living on the home place near Wilmington, and Cornelia, wife of Bruce Sprague, of Wilmington.

John M. Pidgeon completed his schooling at New Garden Boarding School, now Guilford College, and for many years taught school. He had a birthright in the Society of Friends and in 1866, not long after the coming of the family to Ohio; was ordained a minister of the Friends church, a position he occupied until his death. In 1875 Mr. Pidgeon bought the fifty-acre farm in Jefferson township, where his widow is now living, and there he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there on March 20, 1918, and he was buried in the cemetery at Jamestown.

The Rev. John M. Pidgeon was twice married. On July 4, 1858, he was united in marriage to Caroline Priscilla Thompson and to that union were born three children, Ida May, born on January 11, 1860, who married Henry Pearson and died on July 11, 1910, leaving two daughters, Fleta Belle and Maude May; Carl A., July 11, 1861, who married Belle Vennemin



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FOUR GENERATIONS OF THE PIDGEON FAMILY.

and has five children, Vernon, Charles, Arthur, John Vance and Egbert; and Charles T., February 12, 1863, now engaged in the wholesale millinery business at Ft. Wayne, Indiana, who married Maud Keplinger and has one daughter, Mervyn. Mrs. Caroline Pidgeon died on December 11, 1908, and on December 14, 1910. Mr. Pidgeon married Mrs. Catherine (Stethem) Hughes, of Hillsboro, who survives him. Mrs. Pidgeon is a daughter of Moses and Martha (Allen) Stethem. Her first husband, Frank Hughes, was born at Hillsboro in November, 1866, and by her first marriage she has one child, a daughter, Grace D., who on January 1, 1911, married William N. Linton, a hardware merchant at Bowersville, and has two children, Catherine, born on December 23, 1911, and Mary Elizabeth, March 19, 1914.

HORACE STEELE KEMP.

Horace Steele Kemp, former trustee of Sugarcreek township, whose tragic death in the summer of 1915 by reason of a farm accident in the vicinity of his home in Sugarcreek township proved a shock to the whole community, was a member of one of the old families in this part of Ohio, the Kemps having settled in the Dayton neighborhood, over in Montgomery county, in the early days of the settlement of that section. He was born on a farm in Mad River township, Montgomery county, April 17, 1872, son of Louis A. and Hester (Taylor) Kemp, both of whom were born in that same county.

Louis A. Kemp was born on the old Kemp farm, just east of Dayton, now a part of the city corporation, and remained there until the year 1875, when he came over into Greene county and located on a farm in Sugarcreek township, where he continued farming until about 1889, when he retired from the farm and moved to the village of Bellbrook, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there in 1891. He and his wife were the parents of six children, those besides the subject of this memorial sketch being the following: Stephen A., now a rancher in New Mexico; John, who died in infancy; Josephine, wife of W. E. Strain, of Dayton; Augustus, who also is a rancher in New Mexico, and Ada, wife of Walter Weller, living one mile south of Bellbrook, in this county.

Horace S. Kemp was three years of age when his parents came to Greene county and he grew up on the home farm in Sugarcreek township and received his schooling in the neighborhood schools. He remained there until grown and then went to Kansas and became engaged in the cattle business in the vicinity of Emporia, where he married and where he remained for some years, at the end of which time he disposed of his interests there and returned to Ohio, for a year thereafter being engaged in the bak-

ery business at Greenville. He then, in 1890, returned to the home farm in this county, his father having retired from the farm about that time, and resumed farming there, continuing thus engaged until his tragic death on June 22, 1915. Mr. Kemp was at the barn of his brother-in-law, Mr. Willers, where men were haying, when the pulley of a hayfork broke and he was struck on the head by the flying missile. He was hurriedly taken to a hospital at Dayton, but surgical skill was powerless to give him relief and he died that same evening. He was buried in the cemetery at Bellbrook and the funeral was one of the most largely attended ever held in that community, there being no fewer than one thousand sympathizing friends present. Mr. Kemp was a Democrat and had served as township trustee several terms and also for several terms as a member of the district school board. He was a member of the Mt. Zion Reformed church and was affiliated with the Grange and with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

Mr. Kemp was twice married. During the time of his residence at Emporia, Kansas, he was united in marriage to Ida David, of that city. To that union two children were born, Lawrence and Helen, both of whom are now in high school. The mother of these children died on January 20, 1905, and on June 13, 1907, Mr. Kemp married Lora Kemp, daughter of Joseph W. and Mary (Pearson) Kemp, of the Dayton neighborhood. The late Joseph W. Kemp was a farmer living near Dayton and he and his wife were the parents of six children. To Horace S. and Lora (Kemp) Kemp were born two children, John, born on November 8, 1908, and Hester, May 28, 1911. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Kemp has continued to make her home on the home farm on rural mail route No. 1 out of Waynesville.

GEORGE DODDS AND SONS.

The business now conducted by the George Dodds & Sons Granite Company at Xenia was established in the year 1864 and has for more than half a century been carried on continuously from its present headquarters in that city. George Dodds, from whom the company derives its name, was one of the original founders of the business, and his six sons have grown up with knowledge of its various branches. The business was incorporated in 1911, under its present name. During the same year the Victoria White Granite Company was organized, with quarries and cutting plants at Keene, New Hampshire. The properties of the Milford Pink Granite Quarries, at Milford, Massachusetts, have also been acquired by the Dodds brothers, the

transaction having been mentioned by a leading trade journal at the time as "the greatest granite deal of this generation." The Milford Pink Granite Company is also incorporated. The executive offices of all these companies are in Xenia, all are incorporated under the laws of Ohio, and in all of them the Messrs. Dodds own a controlling interest. The president of the George Dodds & Sons Granite Company is Earl C. Dodds, now in charge of the Victoria White Granite Company's general offices at Keene, New Hampshire, and who for nearly ten years past has been the general executive head of the business at Xenia. He also is vice-president and treasurer of the Victoria White Granite Company and treasurer of the Milford Pink Granite Company. John Charles Dodds, vice-president and general manager of the company, as well as president of the Victoria White Granite Company and president of the Milford Pink Granite Company, resides in Xenia, but is kept traveling much of the time looking after the company's interests. Leslie J. Dodds, second vice-president, was for some years in the engraving department and is now at the head of one of the departments of the wholesale house of Wilson Brothers at Chicago, in which city he resides. Ralph C. Dodds, third vice-president, was for many years a salesman for the wholesale house of J. V. Farwell & Company at Chicago, but is now devoting his entire time to the sales department of the George Dodds & Sons Granite Company, in charge of the territory adjacent to Indianapolis, with headquarters in Indianapolis. Frank W. Dodds, secretary of the company, is now in charge of the company's executive offices at Xenia. He is a graduate of the Ohio State University College of Law and was for years a student of art and architecture at home and abroad. He also is secretary of the Milford Pink Granite Company and assistant secretary of the Victoria White Granite Company. George F. Dodds, treasurer and superintendent of construction of the company, secretary of the Victoria White Granite Company and vice-president of the Milford Pink Granite Company, is also located at Xenia and has charge of the manufacturing plant there, as well as of the work of setting up important work outside.

The late George Dodds, founder of the business above referred to and father of the six brothers who are now in charge of the same, was a native of Scotland, but had been a resident of this country since he was seventeen years of age, most of his life being spent in Xenia, where he died on November 17, 1914. He was born at Primside Mill, near the village of Yetholm, in Roxboroughshire, February 19, 1837, fifth in order of birth of the seven children born to George and Isabel (Taylor) Dodds, who were born in that same community and who spent all their lives there, and he remained in his native Scotland until he was seventeen years of age, when, in response to

the request of his elder brother, Andrew Dodds, who three years before had come to this country and was then engaged as foreman of a marble-cutting establishment at Madison, Indiana, he came over and joined his brother at Madison. It was on July 11, 1854, that George Dodds sailed from Glasgow and sixteen days later he landed at the port of New York, losing little time thereafter in joining his brother in Indiana. Under his brother's direction George Dodds became an expert marble-cutter. In 1859 the two brothers left Madison and came over into this part of Ohio and set up a marble shop in the vicinity of Antioch at Yellow Springs, in this county, where they remained until 1864, in which year they moved to Xenia and there enlarged their facilities for monumental work and erected a plant for general marble cutting, doing business under the firm name of A. & G. Dodds. In the spring of 1866 Andrew Dodds returned to his native Scotland and sent back a large quantity of Scotch granite, the Dodds brothers thus becoming the first importers of this quality of granite west of New York City. In the meantime they had established a branch house at St. Louis and in 1867 Andrew Dodds moved to that city to take charge of the business there, George Dodds remaining in charge of the plant at Xenia. The partnership thus being dissolved, George Dodds continued in business alone until 1871, when he admitted to partnership Alexander Caskey and in the next year established a branch house at Pittsburgh, of which Mr. Caskey took charge in 1873, Mr. Dodds thus again being left alone in charge of the business at Xenia, and from 1873 to 1897 he conducted the business. In the year last mentioned Mr. Dodds took into partnership with him his son, John Charles Dodds, present general manager of the George Dodds & Sons Granite Company, and thereafter extended the operations of the concern, making more of a specialty of the architectural phase of the business than theretofore, the original operations of the plant having been confined largely to monumental work, and this business has since been extended from year to year until now it is recognized as the greatest establishment devoted to architectural and mortuary art in the world.

George Dodds was twice married. On October 11, 1861, at Madison, Indiana, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth I. Ferguson, of that place, and to that union were born two children, George Fremont Dodds, present treasurer and superintendent of construction of the George Dodds & Sons Granite Company, of Xenia, and one who died in infancy. Mrs. Elizabeth I. Dodds died on August 20, 1865, while on a visit to her mother at Madison, and on October 16, 1866, Mr. Dodds married Mary E. Brown, of Xenia, daughter of Hiram and Rebecca Brown, the former of whom, an architect and builder, had come to Xenia to superintend the erection of the old court house. To that union were born eight children, three daughters besides the

five sons mentioned above, Carrie B., widow of the Rev. George H. Geyer and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume; Mary Alice, who died at the age of one year, and Jessie K., who resides at the family residence in Xenia. Mr. Dodds was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church, was for many years recording steward of the congregation with which he was affiliated and was a leader in the work of the Good Templars during the days of that organization's strength. Mrs. Dodds, who died on October 10, 1913, was for years contributor to the cause of temperance hereabout through her activities in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of which organization she was for some time the president.

PROF. DEWALT S. LYNN.

Prof. Dewalt S. Lynn, district superintendent of the Beaver creek and Bath township schools, is a native of the old Keystone state, but has been a resident of Ohio since the days of his young manhood. He was born in Pennsylvania on October 14, 1876, son of Andrew R. and Elizabeth (Schultz) Lynn, both of whom also were born in that state, the former in 1847 and the latter in 1852, and the former of whom is still living, now a resident of Fairfield, this county. The latter died on February 22, 1917.

Andrew R. Lynn was reared as a farmer in his native state and followed that vocation there until 1895, in which year he came with his family to Ohio and located on a farm in Bath township, this county, where he continued farming until his retirement and removal to the village of Fairfield, where his wife died and where he is still living. To them six children were born, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being Frances, wife of Samuel A. Weaver, a farmer, of Bath township, this county; Anna, who died at the age of nineteen years; Claude, a locomotive engineer in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, who married Jessie Hoffman and is living at Xenia; William, who died at the age of twenty-eight years, and the Rev. Ralph Lynn, minister of the Reformed church, who married Irene Bell and is now pastor of the Caesars-creek charge, including Maple Corner and Hawker's church.

Reared on a farm, Dewalt S. Lynn received his early schooling in the schools of his home neighborhood in his native state and when the family moved to this county he entered the Bath township high school and after two years of further instruction there began teaching school, and was thus engaged for five years, at the end of which time he entered Heidelberg University at Tiffin, this state, and was graduated from that institution, after a four-years course, in 1906. He then accepted the position of superintendent

of the village schools at Basil, in Fairfield county, this state, and after three years of service in that capacity returned home and was for a year thereafter engaged in the service of the Bath township schools. He then accepted the position of superintendent of the schools of Jefferson township, in the neighboring county of Montgomery, and was there thus engaged for four years, or until 1914, when he returned to Fairfield and has since been engaged as district superintendent of the schools in Bath and Beavercreek townships, the present enrollment of pupils under Professor Lynn's charge being three hundred from the former township and four hundred from the latter.

On June 21, 1906, in Bath township, this county, Prof. D. S. Lynn was united in marriage to Clara Tobias, daughter of Martin L. and Mary (Barnhart) Tobias, of that township, the latter of whom is still living, now making her home with her youngest son, and to this union have been born two sons, Leroy, born on February 22, 1909, and Carl, January 12, 1916. Professor and Mrs. Lynn are members of the Reformed church and reside at Fairfield. The professor is a member of the local grange. By political persuasion he is a Democrat, but reserves the right to maintain an independent attitude on local issues.

EDWIN H. SCHAUER.

Edwin H. Schauer, proprietor of a farm in Miami township, a part of the old Confer place on which he was born, has been a resident of this county all his life. He was born on April 3, 1867, son of Isaac and Mary (Confer) Schauer, both of whom also were born in this county, the former in Bath township and the latter in Miami township on the farm above referred to.

Isaac Schauer was born on November 1, 1832, a son of Samuel Schauer and wife, early settlers in the Byron neighborhood. Samuel Schauer had a brother, Jesse, and a sister, Elizabeth. Isaac Schauer was the sixth in order of birth of the seven children born to his parents, the others having been John, Jacob, George, Sarah, Samuel and Simon, all now deceased. In 1862 Isaac Schauer was married to Mary Confer, daughter of Samuel Confer, of Miami township, who was the father of three children, Mrs. Schauer having had two brothers, Hiram and Henry. After his marriage Isaac Schauer became engaged in farming on his own account and presently took up the cultivation of nursery stock. For a time during the later sixties he conducted a hotel at Yellow Springs, but in 1870 returned to the old Schauer farm in Bath township and there remained for nine years, at the end of which time he moved to a farm in Beavercreek township and there was engaged in farming for thirteen years. About the year 1897 he retired from active labors and moved to Yellow Springs, where he spent

his last days, his death occurring there on May 7, 1907. His widow is still living. To Isaac and Mary (Confer) Schauer were born six children, of whom the subject of this sketch, the third in order of birth, is now the only survivor, the others having been Lulu, who died in infancy; Ida, who married William Beatty and died before she was twenty-three years of age, and Clinton, George and Clifford, who died in infancy.

Edwin H. Schauer received his schooling in the school at Byron and in the Ludlow school in Beavercreek township. In the week following the attainment of his majority he married. For three years thereafter he remained on the home place and then bought his present farm, on which he has ever since been living, a part of the old Confer place, formerly the Walker farm, bought during the '50s by his grandfather, Samuel Confer. Mr. Schauer owns there a farm of one hundred and ten acres and in addition to his general farming gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock, Shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs being his specialty. He is a Republican with independent leanings.

On April 10, 1888, Edwin H. Schauer was united in marriage to Elizabeth Morgan, of Xenia township, who was born on March 25, 1869, daughter of David and Rose (Greene) Morgan, both of whom also were born in this county, the former in Xenia township and the latter in Beavercreek township, and who were the parents of nine children, those besides Mrs. Schauer being the following: John Morgan, a resident of the city of Xenia; Emma, wife of Richard Bull, a farmer on Clarks run in Xenia township; Joseph, a building contractor at Knoxville, Tennessee; Rose, wife of Wesley Swadener, a farmer of the Oldtown neighborhood in this county; Clinton, who is now the manager of a poultry farm in Indiana, and Margaret, wife of James Shaw, a farmer of the Oldtown neighborhood, and two who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Schauer have nine children, namely: Ethel, born on April 24, 1889, who married Warren Carpenter, a Miami township farmer, and has one child, a daughter, Marjorie; J. Myrtle, January 22, 1892, who married James Hoffman, now living at Yellow Springs, and has one child, a daughter, Marie; Goldie, August 6, 1893, who married Prof. Gilbert Funderberg, now a teacher in the high school at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and has one child, a son, Joe; Luther, May 15, 1895, a soldier of the National Army, now (1918) in camp at Camp Custer at Battle Creek, Michigan; Ida, April 14, 1898, at home; Isaac Lester, September 25, 1900, at home, a member of the class of 1918, Yellow Springs high school; Clarence, December 5, 1902, a member of the class of 1920, same school; Fern, February 26, 1905, and Catherine, December 22, 1910. The Schauers are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Schauer has been a member of the board of trustees of his church for more than twenty years.

WARREN B. STEEL.

For more than a hundred years the Steels have been represented in Greene county and particularly in the Beavercreek neighborhood, where the family became established in an early day in the settlement of that part of the county, the first of the family to settle in this county having bought a tract of timber land there upon coming over here from Maryland, paying three dollars an acre for the same, and there established his home, he and his wife, the latter of whom before her marriage was Ann Palmer, spending the rest of their lives in that neighborhood. This pioneer Steele cleared a portion of his land and in his declining days sold the place to his son Ebenezer, father of the subject of this sketch, and moved to Alpha, where his last days were spent. Ebenezer Steel was the fifth in order of birth of the ten children born to his parents, the others having been John, Jacob, Harvey, William, Mary, Sarah, Ann, Elizabeth and Martha. As most of these children reared families of their own it is apparent that the descendants of this pioneer couple must form a numerous connection in the present generation.

Ebenezer Steel was born on the pioneer farm above referred to on April 6, 1821, and there grew to manhood. He married Catherine Shuey, who was born in April, 1818, and after his marriage bought his father's farm of one hundred and fifty-nine and one-half acres and there made his home until 1875, when he disposed of his interests in this county and moved to northwestern Missouri, buying a farm in the vicinity of Lathrop, in Clinton county, that state, where he died in May, 1886. His widow survived him for more than fifteen years, her death occurring in January, 1902. Ebenezer Steel was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the Reformed church. They were the parents of seven children, namely: John, who enlisted his services in behalf of the Union during the Civil War, went to the front as a member of Company E, Ninety-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Buzzard Roost, Georgia; Henry Erman, who married Sarah J. Ross and moved to Missouri, where he died leaving one child, a son, Edgar Ross Steel; Joseph Granville, who married Salomie Palmer and became a farmer in Noble county, Indiana, where he died on February 11, 1916, leaving two children, Ada, who married Forest Moore, and Stacy; Melvin David, who died unmarried in Missouri, at the age of twenty-five years; Ebenezer Cattie, a farmer in Clinton county, Missouri, who married Elizabeth Trice and has six children, Harry, Frank, John, Maude, Eva and Mary; and Oliver Perry Morton, who married Carrie Trice and later became established at Grand Junction, Colorado, where he was engaged in the real-estate business and where he also served as deputy county clerk and who died in 1915, leaving two sons, Dr. Guy Steel, now a



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dentist at Independence, Missouri, and Hugh, who is now serving in the national army.

Warren B. Steel, fourth child and third son of Ebenezer and Catherine (Shuey) Steel, was born on the old Steel place in Beaver creek township on February 17, 1847, and there grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools and remaining there until after his marriage in 1870, when he began farming on his own account, as a renter, and was thus engaged in this county and in the neighboring county of Clark for some years, at the end of which time he moved to Noble county, Indiana, but after two years of residence there returned to this county and bought a seventy-acre farm in the vicinity of the Ludlow school house. On this latter place he made his home for thirteen years, at the end of which time he disposed of the farm and moved to Xenia, where he became engaged as an inspector in a handle factory and later was employed as an inspector of sidewalks and sewers, in the municipal service, continuing thus engaged for four years, at the end of which time, in 1905, he bought the farm on which he is now living in Beaver creek township, four and a half miles west of Xenia, rural mail route No. 10 out of Xenia, and has since made his home there, though of late years he has been living practically retired from the active labors of the farm, renting his fields. Mr. Steel has one hundred and three acres and since taking possession of the same has created there an entirely new farm plant, building new buildings and making other improvements. In addition to his general farming he has given considerable attention to the raising of Holstein cattle, Poland China hogs and Cottswold sheep. Mr. Steel is a Republican and, fraternally, is affiliated with the Masonic order. He was made a Mason forty-six years ago in the lodge at Yellow Springs, but is now connected with the lodge of that order at Xenia.

On October 16, 1870, Warren B. Steel was united in marriage to Sarah Elizabeth Harner, who also was born in Beaver creek township, a member of one of the old families of Greene county, as will be noted by reference to a comprehensive sketch of the Harner family in this county presented elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Steel is a daughter of Daniel and Anna (Snider) Harner, both of whom also were born in Beaver creek township, the former a son of George and Sarah (Koogler) Harner, pioneers of that township and the latter of whom lived to be one hundred and five years of age. Anna (Snider) Harner was a daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Miller) Snider, who had come to this county from Maryland and had settled on a farm in the vicinity of Trebeins, where Jonathan Snider also operated a mill. Mrs. Steel was one of the four children born to her parents, two sons and two daughters, and was reared in the faith of the Reformed church. Mr. and

Mrs. Steel have two sons, Daniel Frederick and Joseph I., neither of whom, however, are now residents of this county. Daniel Frederick Steel was born on November 3, 1875, completed his schooling in Antioch College, and is now engaged in the insurance business at Visalia, California. He married Grace Robertson and has two children, Helen and Harry D. Mr. and Mrs. Steel's second son, Joseph I. Steel, was born on October 7, 1885, completed his schooling in the high school, went to Joplin, Missouri, and is now engaged as a linotype operator.

GILBERT L. DILLINGHAM.

In the memorial annals of the village of Jamestown and of the Jamestown neighborhood in Greene county there are few names held in better remembrance than that of the late Gilbert L. Dillingham, who became engaged in the jewelry business in that little village in the early '40s of the past century and thus continued in business there all the rest of his life.

Gilbert L. Dillingham was born in the city of Boston, Massachusetts, May 4, 1821, and his parents also were born in that city, both of Scotch-Irish descent. He completed his schooling in the high school in Boston and early became an expert jeweler and watchsmith. When he was through with school and had completed his apprenticeship at the jeweler's bench he decided to come to Ohio and to here engage in business on his own account; and with that end in view, he then being but nineteen or twenty years of age, he located at Jamestown and there opened a jewelry store, continuing in business there the rest of his life, his death occurring there on May 5, 1864, he then being forty-three years of age.

Mr. Dillingham was twice married. In 1846, five or six years after he took up his residence in Jamestown, he was united in marriage to Melvina Dwinell, of Middletown, this state, and to that union were born six children, Angeline, Prudence, Atta, Levi, Jackson and Horace, all of whom are now deceased save Mrs. Atta Johnson, a widow, still living at Jamestown, and Levi, who is married and is living at Bloomington, Illinois. The mother of these children died about 1859 and is buried at Middletown. About 1861, at Jamestown, Mr. Dillingham married Susan Taylor, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, who died in 1877, and to this union were born three children, namely: Vica, who in 1899 married James Cooper, a farmer of Greene county; Josephine, who died when about five years of age, and Frances, who on December 25, 1880, was united in marriage to Oscar E. Bales, who for the past twenty-seven years has been engaged as a locomotive engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, running out of Xenia. Mr. Bales is a native son

of Greene county, born on a farm in New Jasper township, February 2, 1864, son of John S. Bales, a retired farmer of this county, now living in Xenia, and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Bales was for some years and until recently engaged in the hotel business at Xenia, proprietress of the Franchess Inn on Detroit street.

REUBEN G. BATDORF.

The late Reuben G. Batdorf, a veteran of the Civil War and a farmer of Bath township, this county, was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Fairfield and practically all his life was spent in this county, the exception being a sometime residence during the days of his young manhood at Dayton, where he was engaged in commercial activities, and a later residence of a few years in the then Territory of Montana. He was born on December 4, 1843, son of Peter and Mary M. (Mitman) Batdorf, the latter of whom was born in 1816 and died on November 6, 1866. Peter Batdorf was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, and in 1843 came to Ohio and settled on a farm in the immediate neighborhood of Fairfield, in Bath township, this county, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died there on April 10, 1880, being then seventy-five years of age, and was buried in the Mitman cemetery at Fairfield.

Reared on the home farm, Reuben G. Batdorf received his schooling in the Fairfield schools and when sixteen years of age enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union during the Civil War and in that behalf served for three years. Upon the completion of his military service he returned home and not long afterward became engaged in a wholesale millinery establishment at Dayton and later with a drygoods store at Osborn, in this county; later making a trip West and spending a few years in the then Territory of Montana, at the end of which time he returned to his home in this county and after his marriage located on the farm in the Byron neighborhood where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in November 6, 1896, and he was buried in the Byron cemetery. He was a member of the Reformed church at Byron, as is his widow.

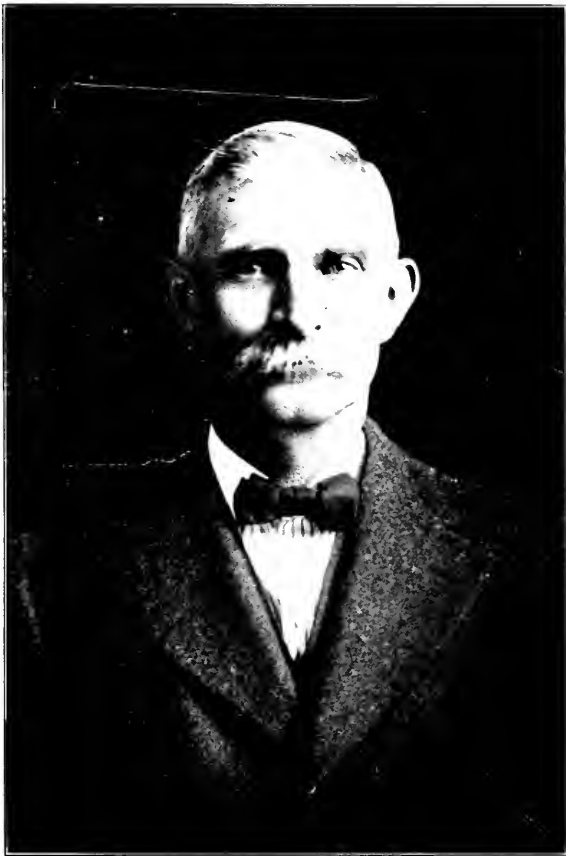
On October 3, 1869, Reuben G. Batdorf was united in marriage to Alice A. Harner, who was born on a farm north of Xenia, in Xenia township, this county, daughter of Jacob and Araminta (White) Harner, both of whom also were born in Greene county, the former in Beavercreek township and the latter in Xenia township, members of pioneer families hereabout. The Harners are one of the oldest families in Greene county and further reference to the family is made elsewhere in this volume. To Reuben G. and

Alice A. (Harner) Batdorf were born eight children, namely: Olivia, born on July 11, 1870, who is still living in Bath township and who has been twice married, after the death of her first husband, William Wolf, she having married Fred Kuhn; Daisy, born on January 7, 1875, now deceased; Stella, October 22, 1878, also deceased; R. Dewitt, December 14, 1880, a resident of the village of Byron; Mellie, April 27, 1883, who married William Bowers and is living in the neighborhood of Yellow Springs; Carrie, July 30, 1885, deceased; Florence, September 27, 1887, who is living in Bath township, widow of the late Ira Poland, and Jennie, deceased. Mrs. Batdorf has fourteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

ISAAC N. KABLE.

Isaac N. Kable, proprietor of a farm in Beavercreek township, situated on rural mail route No. 8 out of Dayton, was born on that farm and has lived there all his life. He was born on April 5, 1855, son of Samuel and Catherine (Garver) Kable, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Maryland, whose last days were spent on the farm on which their son Isaac is now living.

Samuel Kable was born at Kabletown, in Jefferson county, Virginia, now a part of West Virginia, and there grew to manhood, later coming to Ohio with his brother James and locating in Greene county, for a time the brothers making their home here with the family of Moses Shoup. Not long after his arrival here Samuel Kable married Catherine Garver and made his home at Osborn, where he became engaged in the milling business. He later moved from there to a point northwest of Carlisle, down in Warren county, where he began to operate a mill and was thus engaged there until the fall of 1854, when he returned to Greene county and bought the farm on which his son, Isaac, is now living in Beavercreek township. That place then included a tract of one hundred and six acres and was but partly improved. Samuel Kable made improvements on the place and there died in November, 1864. His widow survived him for nearly ten years, her death occurring in 1873. He was a member of the Reformed church and she was a member of the Dunker church. They were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being Ann Rebecca, Mary, Joseph, Ella, Martha J. and John, of whom all are living save the first three. Ann Rebecca Kable married David Merrick, a farmer of this county, who died in 1904. She died in February, 1917. Mary Kable married Hiram Roscell and died in May, 1869. Joseph Kable married Harriet Hawker, became a farmer in the neighboring county of Clark



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and there died in 1910. Ella Kable was married in October, 1864, to Henry H. Stafford, of Miami county, who three years later came to Greene county and after living for some years on a rented farm bought the farm of ninety acres on which he is now living in Beavercreek township. Henry H. Stafford was born in Miami county, son of William E. and Harriet (Newell) Stafford, the latter of whom died in 1848 and the former in 1849, who were the parents of seven children, of whom three are still living, Mr. Stafford having a brother, William, living in Indianapolis, and a sister, Mary, living in St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Stafford have six children, namely: Catherine, who married W. J. Engle, a Montgomery county florist, and has four children, Elberta H., W. S., Paul and Elizabeth; Franklin K., superintendent of schools of Crawford county, this state, who married Viola Dill and has two sons, Carl and James; Edwin L., who is now farming the home place and who married Ella B. Shultz and has five children, Jerome, Florence, Irene, Henry and Paul; Carrie Edith, who died in 1890 at the age of seventeen years, and Herbert S. and Harry H., twins, the former of whom married Louise Pierce and is now living at Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, where he is engaged as secretary of the local branch of the Young Men's Christian Association at that place. Dr. Harry H. Stafford married Gertrude Pierce and is engaged in the practice of medicine at Dayton. Martha J. Kable married David Hawker, now living at Dayton, and has four children, Herbert K., William S., Marietta and Bessie M. John Kable, a farmer of Sugarcreek township, this county, married Jane Ferguson and has three children, Gertrude, Charles R. and Carrie.

Isaac N. Kable grew to manhood on the farm on which he was born and received his schooling in the neighborhood schools. His father died when he was nine years of age and he thus early assumed responsibilities that ordinarily do not fall upon the shoulders of boys. He was but eighteen when his mother died and he continued to make his home on the farm, after his marriage establishing his definite home there and in due time bought from the other heirs their interests in the place and thus became the owner of the farm, which he has since improved, remodeling the house and barn. Mr. Kable has enlarged the original acreage of his father's place by purchase of a bit of land adjoining and now has one hundred and twenty-three acres, besides a tract of forty-five acres north of his home place. In addition to his general farming Mr. Kable has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock, beef and dairy cattle of the Durham and Holstein strains and Duroc-Jersey hogs. He is a Republican, but has not been a seeker after public office.

Isaac N. Kable was united in marriage to Sarah Lafong, who also was born in Beavercreek township, a daughter of Orlander B. and Rebecca (Black)

Lafong, the latter of whom is still living, a daughter of Robert and Mary (Koogler) Black, and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. To this union four children have been born, namely: Oscar, who continues to reside on the home farm, assisting his father in the management of the same; Pearl, wife of Howard Cosler, a Beavercreek township farmer; Clay, who died at the age of seven years, and Ella Marie. The Kables are members of the Mt. Zion Reformed church and Mr. Kable is an elder in the church.

CHARLES E. ANKENEY.

Charles E. Ankeney, proprietor of a farm in Beavercreek township, situated on rural mail route No. 10 out of Xenia, was born in that township on December 6, 1853, son of Nelson and Elizabeth Ankeney, the latter whom is still living. She was born on a farm two miles north of Bellbrook in this county, a daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Crumley) Sidney, who came to this county from Virginia and located in the Spring Valley neighborhood, later moving to a farm north of Bellbrook, where Jacob Sidney died in 1835. His widow married Aaron Paxton and spent her last days in Beavercreek township, her death occurring there on March 4, 1883, she then being eighty-seven years of age. Of the seven children born to Jacob and Hannah (Crumley) Sidney, Mrs. Ankeney is now the only survivor, the others having been Aaron, a soldier of the Union army during the Civil War, who lost an arm in service and whose last days were spent in the South; Joseph M., who lived in Michigan; William H., who made his home in Spring Valley; Clarissa M., who married John LaValley; Rebecca Ann, who married George Clymer, and Harriet Jane, who died unmarried.

Nelson Ankeney was born in the vicinity of Clear Springs in Washington county, Maryland, September 15, 1825, and was but five years of age when his parents, David and Elizabeth (Miller) Ankeney, came to this county with their family in 1830 and settled on a farm in Beavercreek township, the place now owned and occupied by Albert Ankeney. On the 2nd of November of that same year David Ankeney died from a paralytic stroke, he then being forty-two years of age. His widow kept the family together and continued to make her home on the place on which she and her husband had settled. There she died on December 23, 1851, being then sixty-two years of age. She was a member of the Reformed church, as was her husband, and their children were reared in that faith. There were ten of these children, Samuel, Mary, Henry, Margaret, Sarah, John, Nelson, Martha, Jacob and David, and the descendants of this family in the present generation form a numerous connection hereabout.

As noted above, Nelson Ankeney was but a child when he came to this county with his parents from Maryland and here he grew to manhood. After his marriage he began farming on his own account on a place a half mile north of Trebeins, later returning to the home place and thence, after a while, to another place, where he remained for thirteen years, or until 1876, when he bought the farm on which his widow is now living and there spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there on October 7, 1902. He was a Republican and was a member of the Reformed church, as is his widow. Of the four children born to him and his wife the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being Emma L., now living with her mother and who is the widow of Abram W. Warner, a farmer of Starke county, this state, who died on December 20, 1901; Lewis W., a Beaver-creek farmer and a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume, and Clara J., unmarried, who makes her home with her brother Lewis.

Charles E. Ankeney was reared on the farm, received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and after his marriage in the fall of 1880 made his home on a part of the home place until 1895, when he bought the place on which he is now living, moved to the same and has since made that his place of residence, the owner of a farm of two hundred and twenty-three acres. Since taking possession of that place Mr. Ankeney has erected a ten-room house, a barn 36 x 64 feet in dimensions and has made other improvements. In addition to his general farming he gives considerable attention to the raising of livestock and is ably assisted by those of his sons who are still at home.

On October 26, 1880, at Alpha, Charles E. Ankeney was united in marriage to Emma Kershner, daughter of Eli A. and Elizabeth (Steele) Kershner, the latter of whom also was born in Beaver-creek township, a member of one of the old families in that part of the county. Eli Kershner was born in Washington county, Maryland, and in 1828 came to this county, becoming engaged as a cabinet-maker at Xenia, later moving to Beaver-creek township, where he continued active in that vocation and where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring at Alpha at the age of eighty-five years. His wife had preceded him to the grave many years, her death having occurred when she was forty-four years of age. They also were members of the Reformed church and were the parents of two children, Mrs. Ankeney now alone surviving, the other child having died in youth. To Mr. and Mrs. Ankeney have been born nine children, namely: Stella K., wife of Doctor McCormick, of Xenia; Nellie, who is at home; Ray, wife of H. R. Armstrong, of the Fairfield neighborhood; Eli H. and Nelson H. (twins), both

deceased; Winfield, now a student of Miami University; Harry, who died in youth, and John and Carl, at home. The Ankeney's are members of the Reformed church. Mr. Ankeney is a Republican, but is not an office seeker.

SAMUEL HARNER.

Samuel Harner, a soldier of the Civil War and proprietor of a farm of one hundred and sixty-three acres in Beaver creek township, situated on rural mail route No. 3 out of Xenia, was born on that farm and has lived there all his life with the exception of a period of four years during the '70s, when he lived in Missouri. He was born on March 7, 1838, son of Samuel and Nancy (Watts) Harner, both of whom were born in that same township, members of pioneer families in that part of the county.

Samuel Harner was a son of Jacob and Mary (Hefley) Harner, the latter of whom was a daughter of one of the earliest settlers in Greene county. Jacob Harner was a native of Germany, who upon coming to this country made his way out to Ohio and located in Greene county, where he presently married Mary Hefley and settled on a farm in Beaver creek township, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of nine children, those besides Samuel having been Charles, Abraham, William, George, Jacob, Mary, Catherine and Sarah J., the descendants of whom in the present generation form a numerous connection. Samuel Harner grew up on that pioneer farm in Beaver creek township and in addition to becoming a good farmer became skilled in the use of tools, his services in that line being of value to his neighbors, for whom he made plows, grain cradles and various articles of agricultural or domestic use. He married Nancy Watts and in 1822 settled on the farm on which his son Samuel is now living, building there a frame house which served as a residence for the family until it was destroyed by fire in 1857, after which he erected the brick house which has ever since served as the farm house and in which the subject of this sketch is now living. The bricks for that house were burned on the place and while the house was being erected the family lived in the work shop which Samuel Harner maintained on his place. On that farm the senior Samuel Harner spent his last days, his death occurring there in 1871. His widow survived him for many years, her death occurring in 1906. They were members of the Reformed church and were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others having been Jacob, George, Mary Ann, Nathan, William and Nelson.

The junior Samuel Harner was reared on the home farm in Beaver creek



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township, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools, and living there when the Civil War broke out. In the spring of 1864 he went to the front as a member of Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and while thus serving was taken prisoner by the enemy at New Creek Station, Virginia, and for four months thereafter was confined in the rebel prisons at Belle Isle and Richmond, later requiring several weeks of hospital attention at Richmond, his condition being regarded as critical when he finally was transferred. When Mr. Harner entered the service he "tipped the beam" at one hundred and eighty pounds. When he was sent from Libby Prison he weighed but eighty pounds, a mere shadow of his former self, and he has ever since suffered more or less from the effects of the privations he was compelled to undergo in the rebel prison pens. In the spring following his return from the army Mr. Harner was married. After his marriage he continued to make his home on the home place until in the '70s, when he moved with his family to Missouri, making the journey of seven hundred miles by wagon, and located in Clinton county, that state. Four years later he returned to Greene county and resumed his place on the old home farm, where he has ever since resided. For more than fifteen years Mr. Harner has lived retired from the active labors of the farm, the place now being operated by his eldest and only surviving son, W. Harry Harner, who is married and lives there.

On March 14, 1865, Samuel Harner was united in marriage to Mary Campbell, who was born in the neighboring county of Clark, July 5, 1845, a daughter of James and Drusila (Clarke) Campbell, who later became residents of Greene county, where they spent their last days. James Campbell dying here in 1850, his daughter Mary, last-born of the twelve children born to him and his wife, being then five years of age. The widow Campbell survived her husband for many years. Of her twelve children, but three are now living, Mrs. Harner having a brother, Stephen Campbell, living at Ludlow Falls, and a sister, Rebecca, living at Bellbrook. To Samuel and Mary (Campbell) Harner three children have been born, W. Harry, Samuel L. and Ada May. The first of these, W. Harry Harner, as noted above, is now operating part of the home farm. He has been twice married, his first wife having been Luella Charlton and the second Emma Moody, and they have three children, William L., Ada Belle and Iva May. The second son, Samuel L. Harner, who died on April 6, 1917, also was a farmer and operated part of his father's place. He married Sarah Jane Hickman and had eleven children, Ernest, Everett, Mabel, Elwood, Beulah, Helen, Kenneth, Alberta, Neoma, Louise and Muriel D. The only daughter, Ada May Harner, married Owen Swadner, of Oldtown, and has had nine children,

Etta, Ethel, Esther, Carrie, Clarence, Herman, Alice, Margaret Lucile and Ada Louise, the latter of whom died at the age of three years. The Harners are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Oldtown. Mr. Harner is a Democrat and has held some local offices, including for some years membership on the school board. Mr. Harner saw the first train of cars enter Xenia upon the completion of the railroad from Springfield to that city and has witnessed the development of this county through all the wonderful change that has taken place since the days of his boyhood.

HUSTON HANNA CHERRY.

Huston Hanna Cherry, farmer and stockman and a veteran of the Spanish-American War, was born on the farm on which he is now living, in the eastern part of Xenia township, December 21, 1879, son of David H. and Mary E. (Watt) Cherry, both of whom also were born in Ohio and the latter of whom is still living, a resident of Xenia since 1903, in which year she moved from the farm to that city with her husband, the latter spending his last days there, his death occurring about twelve years after his retirement from the farm.

David H. Cherry was born on a farm on the Hook road in Xenia township, February 25, 1839, a son of James and Elizabeth (Greenwood) Cherry, Virginians, who were married in the Old Dominion on April 12, 1815, and soon afterward came to Ohio and settled in the Laughead settlement three miles east of Xenia, near where they spent the remainder of their lives. James Cherry was born on May 12, 1789, and died on December 24, 1851. His widow, who was born on April 25, 1790, survived him for more than 70 years, her last days being spent in the home of her son David, where she died on May 14, 1883. James Cherry, the pioneer, and his wife were adherents of the old Scotch Seceder faith and were the parents of eleven children, of whom David Haslip Cherry was the last-born and all of whom are now deceased, the others having been the following: William, born in 1816; Mary Ann, December 13, 1817, who died at the age of seven years; Jane, December 9, 1819, who became the wife of Robert Crawford; Rachel, December 5, 1821, who became the wife of William Kyle; James Q., October 8, 1823; Robert, December 29, 1825; John, February 20, 1828; Benjamin, July 30, 1830; Andrew Louis, December 13, 1832, and Isaac New, May 22, 1836. The Cherrys and the Laugheads were old friends and neighbors in Virginia and it was this acquaintance that led James Cherry to settle here, where the David Laugheads had previously settled, after his marriage in 1815. The old Indian trail between the two chillicothes (Indian villages),

Oldtown and the present city of Chillicothe, passed through the farm, which is now occupied by Huston Cherry.

Reared on that pioneer farm, David Haslip Cherry grew up to manhood there and after his marriage made his home on the home place for about ten years, at the end of which time he bought the Watt homestead (where his wife had lived since she was six years of age), buying the farm from a Mr. Tressler, who had purchased the land from William Watt, father of Mrs. Cherry, in time having there a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres on the Federal pike, now owned by his widow and operated by his son, the subject of this sketch. In connection with his general farming, David H. Cherry for years gave attention to the raising of full blood cattle and sheep and his sons have continued this line. He remained on the farm until his retirement in 1903 and removal to Xenia, where he spent his last days, his death occurring there on October 7, 1914. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church, as is his widow, who is still living at Xenia, and had served as a trustee of his local congregation. Mrs. Cherry was born at Bainbridge, in Ross county, this state, a daughter of William and Sarah Gordon (Carruthers) Watt, natives of Scotland, the former born in Glasgow and the latter in Dumfrees, who were married at Chillicothe, this state, and later came to Greene county, where they spent the remainder of their lives, as is set out elsewhere in this work. Mary E. Watt was about six years of age when her parents came to Greene county and she grew to womanhood on the home farm in Xenia township, where she was living when, on December 21, 1865, she was married to David H. Cherry. To that union were born five children, namely: William J., who is living on a farm adjoining the old home place in Xenia township, where he makes a specialty of raising pure-bred cattle and sheep; Lulu, who died at the age of two years and six months; Avis Belle, wife of the Rev. Frederick Elliott, a United Presbyterian minister, now stationed at Mansfield, Ohio; Huston Hanna, the subject of this biographical sketch, and David Haslip, who is engaged in business at Xenia, a member of the mercantile firm of Galloway & Cherry. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Cherry has continued to make her home at Xenia, where she continues her interest in church work and in temperance, missionary and Red Cross work.

Huston H. Cherry grew up on the home farm in Xenia township and received his early schooling in the neighborhood schools, afterward entering Cedarville College and had been a student in that institution two years when the Spanish-American War broke out. He straightway enlisted his services as a soldier and in 1898 went South as a member of Company D, Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, spending the summer with that command at Tampa, Florida, awaiting service in Cuba, but was not called over. The regiment

later was moved to Fernandina, Florida; then to Huntsville, Alabama, then back to Columbus, Ohio, where it was mustered out in November, 1898, the brief war then being regarded as over, though the treaty of peace was not made until the following December. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Cherry returned home and then spent a year in study at Monmouth College, after which he resumed his place on the farm and upon his father's retirement in 1902, took charge of the farm and has so continued, having established his home there after his marriage in the summer of 1903. Mr. Cherry has made a specialty of the raising of pure-bred Shorthorn cattle and Dorset sheep and has a show flock that he has exhibited at state fairs in Ohio, New York, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas and with which he has won literally "a barrel" of blue ribbons. In 1917 he was invited to take the position of judge of sheep at the International Live Stock Show at Chicago, which invitation he accepted. He is a director of the Dorset Club, the national association of Dorset sheep breeders. Mr. and Mrs. Cherry are members of the First United Presbyterian church at Xenia.

On August 14, 1903, Huston H. Cherry was united in marriage to Clara Gertrude Jackson, who was born at Cedarville, this county, and who had been teaching in the schools of her home town previous to her marriage. Mrs. Cherry is a daughter of the Hon. Andrew and Mary J. (Dunlap) Jackson, both members of pioneer families in the Cedarville neighborhood, the latter of whom died on July 31, 1915, and further mention of whom, together with a comprehensive history of the Jackson family, is set out elsewhere in this volume.

On December 17, 1868, Andrew Jackson was united in marriage to Mary Jane Dunlap, daughter of James and Jane (Limerick) Dunlap, the former of whom was for many years engaged in the lumber business in Cincinnati, later making his home at Cedarville, where he died on January 25, 1890, at the age of seventy-six years, and to that union were born four children, of whom Mrs. Cherry was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Pearl, wife of R. G. George, who is engaged in the milling business at Jamestown, this county; Frank, sheriff of Greene county, and Fannie, wife of R. L. Baldwin, of Chicago. Mr. Jackson still lives in Cedarville in the house formerly owned by James Dunlap, father of Mrs. Jackson, to which home the latter came with her parents from Cincinnati when seven years of age. Mrs. Lillie Limerick, widow of Dr. Samuel Limerick, of Seattle, Washington, sister of Mrs. Jackson and only surviving member of the Dunlap family, keeping the old home for him—the house in which she was born and in which she is content to spend her last days among the friends of her girlhood. As noted above, Mrs. Cherry was a school teacher

before her marriage. Since then she has retained her interest in general social-service work and in 1908 organized at Xenia a county branch of the International Sunshine Society, of which branch she is president. The object of the work of the Sunshine Society is to bring cheer, aid and comfort to the ill, shut-ins, aged and lonely and there are now more than three thousand branches of the society in the United States. For the past ten years Mrs. Cherry has been editor of the Sunshine Department of two magazines and has done other literary work. She also organized in her neighborhood the Home Club, an association of twenty women, the object of the same being to afford entertainment of a literary character once a month, meetings being held in turn in the homes of the respective members, and to provide during the winter months monthly social evenings for the husbands.

VALENTINE P. COY.

Valentine P. Coy, proprietor of a farm in Beavercreek township, situated on rural mail route No. 8 out of Dayton, is a member of one of the oldest families in the county, his great-grandfather, Jacob Coy, having settled here upon coming into the then Territory of Ohio with his family from Pennsylvania in the year 1800, as is set out, together with much else of an interesting character relating to the Coy family in this county, elsewhere in this work. Valentine P. Coy has lived in this county all his life. He was born in a log cabin on a farm in Beavercreek township, the place on which one of his brothers and three of his sisters are still living, February 14, 1852, son of John and Catherine (Cosler) Coy, both now deceased, and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, John Coy having been one of the sons of Peter Coy, who was a son of Jacob and Susanna Coy, the pioneers, noted above.

Reared on the home farm, Valentine P. Coy received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and when twenty-one years of age was given the management of the home place, his father retiring from the active labors of the farm at that time, and for six years thereafter farmed there. He then took another place and continued renting land until four years after his marriage, when, on March 14, 1890, he bought the old Perry Hawker farm of seventy-three acres in his home township, established his home there and has ever since continued to make that his place of residence. Since taking possession of that place Mr. Coy has made numerous improvements on the place. On July 26, 1917, his barn was destroyed by fire and he at once erected a new and better one, a structure 60 x 38 feet in dimensions. In addition to his general farming he gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock.

On January 18, 1886, Valentine P. Coy was united in marriage to Savilla Folkerth, who was born at Dubuque, Iowa, daughter and only child of Abraham and Catherine (Willison) Folkerth, the former of whom was born in Montgomery county, this state, and both of whom are now deceased, their last days having been spent in Dubuque, where Mr. Folkerth was engaged in the mercantile business. Mr. Coy is a Republican, as was his father, but has not been an aspirant for public office.

JOHN TURNBULL, M. D.

In the memorial annals of Greene county there are few names held in better remembrance than that of the late Dr. John Turnbull, who died at his home in Bellbrook in the summer of 1907 and whose widow is still living there, her place of residence ever since her marriage at the close of the Civil War. Doctor Turnbull served as a surgeon in the Union army during the Civil War and a narrative of his experiences in that connection would make a most interesting book. He was graduated from Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia in the spring of 1861 and had hardly returned to his home in this county when the President's call for volunteers to put down the armed rebellion against the government came in April of that year. He at once enlisted for service and went to the front as a member of Company A, Seventeenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, enlisted for three months. He was promoted to the position of hospital steward and after four months of service was mustered out in West Virginia. He then served gratuitously for nearly a year as a volunteer assistant surgeon with the Sixty-fifth Ohio and with the "minute men" of 1862, and then was appointed assistant surgeon of the One Hundred and Fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, joining that command at Tullahoma, Tennessee, July 4, 1863. The surgeon of this regiment, Dr. Charles N. Fowler, being constantly on detached service as medical director, Doctor Turnbull was practically surgeon of the One Hundred and Fifth Ohio until the close of the war and during that period of service rendered his professional offices with a skill and a kindliness of manner that endeared him to all members of the command. During the furious charges of the battle of Chickamauga, Surgeon Turnbull was on duty with his regiment and two men were shot while he was dressing their wounds. After the battle was over he was left to look after the wounded and was captured by the enemy, but two weeks later was released and sent through to the Union lines at Chattanooga. While thus a prisoner the Doctor served friend and foe alike, but his kindly offices in behalf of such of the enemy as stood in need of surgical attention did not prevent a squad of Confederate

cavalry from robbing him of his coat, hat, boots, money, case of instruments—in fact, everything he had save his shirt and trousers, the rebels giving him an old pair of shoes in exchange for the good pair they took from him. So completely stripped was he that in afterward describing the act the Doctor quaintly observed that the “rebs” had taken from him “about everything except his hope of salvation, which was so small they did not find it.” In consequence of the exposure thus entailed Doctor Turnbull was confined for several weeks in a hospital at Chattanooga.

Dr. John Turnbull was a native son of Greene county, a member of one of the oldest families in the county, both his father and his mother having been representatives of pioneer families in this section. He was born on a farm in Cedarville township, March 10, 1840, son of John and Catherine Margaret (Kyle) Turnbull, the latter of whom also was born here, daughter of Samuel and Ruth (Mitchell) Kyle, the former of whom was for many years a member of the bench of associate judges for Greene county. John Turnbull was born in the neighborhood of the “Hermitage,” Andrew Jackson’s retreat in the vicinity of Nashville, Tennessee, February 17, 1801, and was still in his “teens” when his parents, William Turnbull and wife, came up here with their family in 1817 and settled on a tract of land on what is now known as the Columbus pike, in Cedarville township, about three miles from the village of Cedarville. Of the children born to the pioneer William Turnbull and wife six sons, Alexander, Thomas, Gilbert, John, James and David, and two daughters, Betsey, who married Joseph Sterritt, and Isabella, who married John Chalmers, grew to maturity and reared families of their own, hence the Turnbull connection hereabout became a numerous one, as well as in the neighborhood of Monmouth, Illinois, to which latter place William Turnbull and his sons, Alexander, Gilbert and David, moved in 1833, establishing their homes there. John Turnbull grew to manhood on the pioneer farm in Cedarville township and on February 21, 1824, was united in marriage to Catherine Margaret Kyle, one of the daughters of Judge Kyle. After his marriage he began farming on his own account on a farm in Cedarville township, erecting there a log cabin for the reception of his bride. In 1842 he supplanted the log house by a good sized two-story frame house, which on the night of the day on which it was finished was nearly destroyed by fire communicated from a blaze which had broken out in the adjoining and abandoned log cabin. The damaged house was then restored as a one-story house and in it the family lived until later a brick addition was erected. John Turnbull lived to be nearly eighty years of age, his death occurring on August 12, 1880, and he was buried in the Cedarville cemetery. He was twice married, his first wife having died in 1852, after which he married Margaret J. Allen, daughter of Hugh and

Catherine Allen, and was the father of nineteen children, all of whom grew to maturity save three. The home place came into the possession of Samuel K. Turnbull, who rebuilt the house, tearing away the brick addition and erecting a two-story frame house. The Turnbolls, originally Seceders, became affiliated with the United Presbyterian church following the "union" of 1858.

The younger John Turnbull was reared on the home farm in Cedarville township, received his elementary schooling in the neighborhood schools, and early turned his attention to the study of medicine, presently entering Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in the spring of 1861, at twenty-one years of age. Almost immediately thereafter he enlisted his services in behalf of the Union arms, as noted in the opening paragraph of this memorial sketch, and served until the close of the war. Upon the completion of his military service Doctor Turnbull returned to Greene county and opened an office for the practice of his profession in the village of Bellbrook, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there on July 19, 1907. Doctor Turnbull served for some time as president of the local board of education, as a member of the town council and at one time was the nominee of the Democratic party in this district for a seat in the Ohio General Assembly.

On September 9, 1865, Dr. John Turnbull was united in marriage to Josephine Kyle, daughter of Dr. John and Caroline (Bullard) Kyle, of Xenia, and to this union were born two children, Jesse, who died at the age of sixteen years, and Pearl A., who married Harry Armstrong, attorney-at-law, Xenia, and has one child, a daughter, Josephine. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Turnbull has continued to make her home at Bellbrook.

WILLIAM WESLEY WHITEKER.

William Wesley Whiteker, cashier of the Spring Valley National Bank of Spring Valley, this county, was born at Cynthiana, county seat of Harrison county, Kentucky, a son of Benjamin F. and Amanda M. (King) Whiteker, both of whom were born in that same county, members of old families in that section of Kentucky. Benjamin F. Whiteker was a well-to-do landowner, farmer and tobacco merchant. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and he and his wife were members of the Freewill Baptist church. They were the parents of six children, namely: Edward J., a farmer in the vicinity of Cynthiana; Ella K., wife of John Barlow, of Havilandsville, Harrison county, Kentucky; William Wesley, subject of this biographical sketch; Charles R., a farmer and stockman at Cynthiana; Joseph D., also



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a farmer and stockman at that place, and Eureka, who is engaged in the banking business at Detroit, Michigan, connected with one of the savings banks in that city.

Reared at Cynthiana, William W. Whiteker received his early schooling in the schools of that city and supplemented the same by a course in the University of Kentucky, after which he was for two or three years engaged as deputy county clerk in his home county. In 1905 he became connected with the Farmers National Bank at Clarksville, Ohio, and was thus engaged for eight months, at the end of which time he came up into Greene county and was made cashier of the Spring Valley National Bank at Spring Valley, which position he still occupies. Mr. Whiteker is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the blue lodge at New Burlington and of the chapter and council, Royal and Select Masters, at Xenia. He was made a Mason while living in Kentucky, member of Thomas Ware lodge at Claysville, and transferred his membership upon coming to Greene county. Mr. Whiteker is past noble grand of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Spring Valley and a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Bellbrook.

On September 30, 1912, at Spring Valley, William W. Whiteker was united in marriage to Laura Clark Alexander, who was born at that place and who was graduated from the Xenia high school in 1896. Mrs. Whiteker is a member of one of the oldest families in Greene county, her family having been represented here since the year 1803, the year this county was created as an independent civic unit. She is a daughter of Perry A. and Ella M. (Elgin) Alexander, the latter of whom, a daughter of Dr. M. B. and Margaret (Craft) Elgin, was educated at Spring Valley. Perry A. Alexander was born in Spring Valley township on September 28, 1856, son of William J. and Elizabeth (Weller) Alexander, the former of whom was born in that same township and the latter, in Washington township, in the neighboring county of Montgomery, April 18, 1825, and who were married on February 28, 1850. William J. Alexander was born on June 10, 1827, son of Washington and Rachel (Clark) Alexander, members of pioneer families in Spring Valley township, who were married in that township in 1842 and who were the parents of seven children. Washington Alexander was born in South Carolina in 1801 and was but two years of age when his parents, John and Isabel Alexander, came to this county, by way of Butler county, and settled in the then mere backwoods hamlet of Xenia, John Alexander there becoming the first resident lawyer of the new county seat, all of which is told elsewhere in this volume. Washington Alexander studied for the law, but never practiced, instead, turning his attention to farming and became a landowner in Spring Valley township. He died in 1867. His second son,

William J. Alexander, also studied law and was admitted to the bar, opening an office for the practice of his profession at Spring Valley, later moving to Wilmington and thence to Xenia, where he died on April 18, 1897. He and his wife were the parents of four children, of whom Perry A. Alexander was the eldest. The latter is the owner of several hundred acres of land in the immediate vicinity of Spring Valley. He is a Democrat and in 1890 was the nominee of his party for sheriff. On November 28, 1878, Perry A. Alexander was united in marriage to Ella M. Elgin and to that union were born six children, of whom Mrs. Whiteker was the first-born, the others being William Elgin, Cantwell J., Ralph, Margaret and one deceased.

To William W. and Laura C. (Alexander) Whiteker one child has been born, a daughter, Laura Wesley, born on February 3, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Whiteker are members of the Methodist Protestant church and Mr. Whiteker is the superintendent of the Sunday school.

W. EDWIN DEAN.

W. Edwin Dean, proprietor of a farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres on rural mail route No. 1 out of Cedarville in Cedarville township, was born in that township and has lived there all his life. He was born on October 6, 1875, son of Daniel Milton and Caroline (Haines) Dean, both of whom also were born in this county, and the latter of whom is still living, now a resident of Cedarville.

Daniel Milton Dean was born on a farm in what is now New Jasper township, May 19, 1831, son of Joseph and Hannah (Boggs) Dean, the latter of whom also was born in Ohio, a daughter of Anthony Boggs, who had come to this country from the north of Ireland and had settled in Virginia, later coming over into Ohio and locating in Jackson county, whence in 1818 he moved over into Indiana and located in Blackford county, where he established his home and where he was elevated to the position of judge of the court. Joseph Dean was born at Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, December 30, 1804, and was about eight years of age when his parents, Daniel and Jennie (Steele) Dean, came up into Ohio in 1812 and settled in that section of Greene county that many years later came to be organized as New Jasper township, becoming thus early recognized as among the influential and useful pioneers of that section. Daniel Dean was a native of Ireland, born in County Down, Londonderry. Upon coming to this country he first located in Pennsylvania, moving thence after a while to Virginia, where he married Jennie Steele; later moving to Kentucky, where he remained until he came to Greene county in 1812, all of which is set out at considerable length

in this volume in a further and somewhat more comprehensive reference to the Dean family in Greene county. Joseph Dean grew up on that pioneer farm and after his marriage to Hannah Boggs established his home on a portion of the same, spending there the rest of his life. He and his wife were the parents of six children, those besides Daniel M. having been Joseph N., Lewis, Samuel S., Mary, who married John Wright, and Anna, who married Simeon W. Oldham.

Reared on the old Dean home place on which he was born, Daniel M. Dean remained there until his marriage to Caroline Haines when twenty-six years of age, when he started housekeeping on a part of the home farm, remaining there for three years, at the end of which time he moved to the Haines farm, the place where his wife was born and on which his son Edwin, the subject of this sketch, is now living, and there he spent the remainder of his life.

Daniel M. Dean was reared a Whig, but on the organization of the Republican party became affiliated with the latter and for twenty-five years was director of schools in his home district. By religious persuasion he was a member of the United Presbyterian church. His death occurred on December 1, 1912, and his widow is still living, now a resident of Cedarville. She was born on the farm on which her son Edwin is now living on April 21, 1838. To Daniel M. and Caroline (Haines) Dean were born five children, two sons and three daughters, those besides the subject of this sketch being the following: Ella, now deceased, who was the wife of R. J. Kyle; Frank; Julia, wife of the Rev. R. B. Patton, a minister of the United Presbyterian church, living at Columbus, this state, and Gertrude, wife of W. R. Sibley, who is connected with the Erie railroad, with headquarters at Columbus.

W. Edwin Dean was reared on the place on which he is now living and supplemented the schooling he received in the neighborhood schools by attendance at the schools of Cedarville and at Columbus. In 1897 he assumed charge of the home place and after his marriage in 1901 established his home there. In 1907 he bought the place and has since then added to the acreage of the same until he now is the owner of two hundred and twenty-five acres. In addition to his general farming Mr. Dean gives considerable attention to live stock.

On December 18, 1901, W. Edwin Dean was united in marriage to Maude A. Beard, who was born at Enon, in the neighboring county of Clark, a daughter of William and Aletha (Russell) Beard, the latter of whom was a daughter of the Rev. Moses Russell, who formerly and for years was the pastor of the Presbyterian church at Clifton, this county. William Beard years ago moved with his family down from Enon into this county and

located on a farm on the Xenia pike in the neighborhood of Yellow Springs, in Miami township, where he is now living. Mr. and Mrs. Dean are members of the Presbyterian church at Clifton and Mr. Dean is a Republican.

ALLEN E. WELLER.

Allen E. Weller, who is the owner of four farms comprising nearly six hundred acres of land in Sugarcreek township, where he makes his home, was born in that township and has lived there all his life. He was born on a farm a mile and a quarter southwest of Bellbrook on February 8, 1864, son and only child of Perry and Sarah (Wilson) Weller, both of whom were born in the neighboring county of Montgomery, but who came over into Greene county in 1861 and here spent the remainder of their lives.

Perry Weller was born on January 28, 1838, and remained in Montgomery county until 1861, when he bought a farm of one hundred and seventy-two acres something more than a mile southwest of Bellbrook in this county and there established his home. His wife died there on February 8, 1900, and in 1913 he bought the old White farm a mile and a half west of Bellbrook, moved onto the same and there spent his last days, his death occurring in August, 1914.

Reared on the home farm in Sugarcreek township, Allen E. Weller received his early schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and supplemented the same by a course in the schools at Centerville, over in Montgomery county. After his marriage in the spring of 1887 he began farming on his own account and has ever since been thus engaged, though of late years he has been living practically retired from the active labors of the farm, his sons and responsible tenants taking charge of his farms. Mr. Weller is now the owner of four farms in Sugarcreek township, his holdings comprising five hundred and ninety-two acres. He is a Republican, but has not been a seeker after public office.

Mr. Weller has been twice married. On March 23, 1887, at Centerville, he was united in marriage to Jessie F. Bradford, who was born in that village, daughter of Ebenezer and Cynthia (Browning) Bradford, the former of whom is still living at Centerville, and to that union were born five children, namely: Henry Bradford, born in 1890, who is living on the home farm, taking charge of the same for his father; Edna, born in 1892, who married George Carey, of West Milton, and has one child, a son, Vincent; Perry, born in August, 1893, who is at home with his father; Sarah, born in 1895, who married Walter Dinwiddie and is now living at Dayton,



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and Raymond, born in 1896, now living on one of his father's farms southwest of Bellbrook and who married Ruth Mills and has one child, a son, Byron. The mother of these children died in 1903 and was buried at Centerville. In 1906 Mr. Weller married Nellie Printz, of Waynesville. Mr. and Mrs. Weller are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. For the past six or seven years Mr. Weller has been a member of the local school board.

FRED C. BARR.

Fred C. Barr, chief electrician in charge of the electrical equipment of the three power houses of the Dayton Power and Light Company in Dayton, also the power houses owned by that company in several other towns, including the electric power plant at Xenia, is a native son of Greene county and one of the products of the scholastic and industrial training given at the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home who points with pride and pleasure to the early instruction he received in that institution. In passing, it is but fitting to say that Mr. Barr's wife also received her early schooling in that institution and both remain firm friends and supporters of the noble work that is there being carried on. Mr. Barr was born at Cedarville and was but a small child when his mother died. His father died when he was but five years of age and he later was placed in charge of the Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home at Xenia, his father having been a veteran of the Civil War. In that institution he remained until he was sixteen years of age, acquiring there the rudiments of the mechanical and engineering training which he later put to advantage in perfecting himself as an electrician, and it is noteworthy that he later was called back to his old school and was there installed as assistant chief engineer, a position he occupied some time, or until he was called to wider fields of endeavor.

On both his mother's side and that of his father, Mr. Barr is of old Greene county stock, the Barrs and the McHattons and the Mitchells—his mother having been a Mitchell—having been here since pioneer days. He was born at Cedarville on December 17, 1877, son of Samuel and Lizzie L. (Mitchell) Barr, both of whom also were born at Cedarville, the latter a daughter of John Mitchell and wife. Samuel Barr was born on March 14, 1843, son of James A. Barr and wife, the latter of whom was a McHatton, a daughter of Col. John McHatton, who was a son of Gen. Alexander McHatton, both of which officers held commissions under General Washington during the Revolutionary War and who were the recipients of considerable grants of land in Ohio by reason of their service in behalf of the patriot cause. James A. Barr was born in this state and became a

resident of Cedarville. Of the children born to him and his wife three are still living, Albert Barr, of Cedarville; James Barr, of Dayton, and Mrs. Sallie E. Mitchell, wife of the brother of Lizzie L. Mitchell.

Samuel Barr grew up at Cedarville and was living there when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted for service and went to the front as a member of the Tenth Ohio Light Artillery. While serving with that command he was severely wounded and was given an honorable discharge, but upon recovering from his disability he re-enlisted and again went to the front as a member of the Army of the Potomac. Upon the completion of his military service he returned to Cedarville and there became engaged in the contracting business. He also served for some time as town marshal. His death occurred at that place on September 16, 1882, the subject of this sketch at that time being under five years of age. On November 12, 1868, Samuel Barr was united in marriage to Lizzie L. Mitchell, of Cedarville, who predeceased him two or three years. She was a member of a considerable family and of the children born to her parents, John Mitchell and wife, two are still living, Mrs. Nellie Bishop, of Dayton, and Frank Mitchell, of South Charleston. Samuel Barr was a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Cedarville and of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at that place. He and his wife are buried at Cedarville. They were the parents of three children, one of whom, a son, died in infancy. A sister of the subject of this sketch, Maude M., married Henry Denny and died on August 9, 1890.

As noted above, the mother of Fred C. Barr died when he was but a small child and his father died when he was under five. For a year thereafter he was cared for by his grandmother and then was placed in charge of the Ohio State Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home at Xenia, where he remained until he was sixteen years of age, when he went to Dayton, where he became employed as a stationary engineer and where, a year or two later, he took up the study of electrical engineering. When twenty years of age he returned to his childhood home at Cedarville and was there charged with the construction of the old electric-light plant, which he operated for a year after its installation. He then was appointed assistant chief engineer at the Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home and while thus engaged was married, remaining there until in November, 1900, when he was made the electrician for the Xenia Light and Power Company, continuing thus engaged for a year, at the end of which time he was employed to install the equipment for the Hollenkamp ice plant at Xenia. He then went to Somerset, Kentucky, where he installed an electric-light plant and upon his return to Xenia installed there the first large gas-engine-driven electric plant set up in the state of Ohio, and was thereafter, until 1905, employed in that city

as the superintendent of the plant for the Peoples Gas and Electric Company. Mr. Barr then accepted employment with the Westinghouse Electric Company of Pittsburgh and for some time traveled for that company out of New York and Boston, engaged in erection and "trouble" work. He then returned to Ohio, having been given the position of superintendent of the electric plant at Salem and was there thus engaged until his return to Xenia in 1907 as superintendent of the two electric light and power plants in that city, and has ever since been connected with that service, for the past three years or more serving as station electrician in charge of equipment of all plants of the Dayton Power and Light Company.

In October, 1889, Fred C. Barr was united in marriage to Ruth Alberta Given, who was born at Birmingham, Alabama, daughter of William A. and Martha S. (Sparks) Given, the latter of whom died when her daughter was but a small child. William A. Given, who was a native of Ohio and a veteran of the Civil War, returned to Ohio after the death of his wife and later placed his daughter in the care of the Ohio State Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home, where she completed her schooling and where she was in residence at the time of her marriage to Mr. Barr. To that union eight children have been born, namely: Margaret, born on November 10, 1900, who died on May 26, 1916; Mildred, July 18, 1902; Frederick, July 7, 1905; Helen, March 21, 1907; Frances, March 31, 1909; Russell, November 18, 1910; Ruth, February 12, 1915, and Richard, December 16, 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Barr are members of the Second United Presbyterian church. Mr. Barr is a member of the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and both he and his wife are members of the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. He also is a member of the local lodge of the Woodmen of the World. He is independent in his political views.

J. C. BLOTNER.

J. C. Blotner, lumber dealer at Osborn, this county, has been engaged in business there since the fall of 1910. He was born in Darke county, this state, January 18, 1872, son of John and Rhoda (Swisher) Blotner, the latter of whom was born in that same county. John Blotner was born in Pennsylvania in 1840 and came to Ohio in the days of his youth, marrying in Darke county. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted his services in behalf of the Union and went to the front as a member of Company E, Fortieth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until he lost his right arm at the battle of Chickamauga. Politically, he was a Republican. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He and his wife

were the parents of nine children, three of whom died in infancy, the others besides the subject of this sketch being William F., Louisa, Sarah, Sidney and Alonzo.

Reared in Darke county, J. C. Blotner received his schooling in the public schools of that county and upon starting out for himself rented a farm for two years. He then became employed in a lumber yard, his first wage in that capacity being fifty cents a day, and in time became an experienced lumberman, continuing thus engaged, working for others, for eighteen years, or until the fall of 1910, when he moved to Osborn and bought from Mrs. S. C. Godall the lumber yard which he has since been operating at that place. It was on September 14, 1910, that Mr. Blotner took possession of that lumber yard and since then he has made additions to the same.

On October 8, 1901, J. C. Blotner was united in marriage to Helen Haack, who also was born in Darke county, this state, daughter of August and Sophia (Stierle) Haack, the latter of whom also was born in that same county and the former in Germany, he having come to this country when a young man and proceeding on out to Ohio and settling in Darke county, where he engaged in farming and where he spent his last days. Mr. and Mrs. Blotner have three children, Rubine, Dorothy Louise and Emma Caroline. They are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Blotner is independent in his political views. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias at Osborn.

ELMER NELSON SHIGLEY.

Elmer Nelson Shigley, of Ross township, proprietor of a farm on the Cedarville-Jamestown pike, rural mail route No. 3 out of Cedarville, was born on the farm on which he now lives and has lived there all his life. He was born on February 25, 1861, son of Joseph and Anna (Prugh) Shigley, the latter of whom was born on a farm six miles south of Dayton, in the neighboring county of Montgomery, in 1826, a daughter of John F. and Rebecca (Nicodemus) Prugh, who had come to Ohio from Maryland and after a sometime residence in Preble county had moved over into Montgomery county, where John F. Prugh operated a mill and became the owner of three or four hundred acres of land. He and his wife were originally Methodists, but later became affiliated with the Reformed church in the neighborhood of their home. They were the parents of three sons and four daughters.

Joseph Shigley was born on a farm in Ross township, this county, a half mile southeast of the place where his son Elmer is now living, Septem-



MR. AND MRS. ELMER N. SHIPLEY.

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ber 19, 1820, son of George and Olivet (Franklin) Shigley, natives of Virginia. George Shigley came to Ohio as a young man and located in Ross county in 1805, presently moving to Greene county and establishing his home in Ross township in 1812, becoming the owner there of a farm of about two hundred acres. During the War of 1812 he gave service as a soldier. He and his wife were Methodists and the first services conducted by the Methodists in that community were held in their house. When a congregation was organized at Jamestown they became affiliated with the same. George Shigley died at his home in Ross township on May 14, 1867, he then being seventy-seven years of age, and was buried in the cemetery at Jamestown. His wife died at the age of sixty-five. Of the children born to them five sons and five daughters grew to maturity and as most of these married and reared families, the Shigley connection in the succeeding generation became a quite numerous one hereabout.

After his marriage in 1844 to Anna Prugh, Joseph Shigley established his home on the farm on which his son Elmer now lives, buying there a tract of two hundred and fifty acres, and enlarged his holdings until he eventually became the owner of more than six hundred acres, which upon his retirement from the active labors of the farm in 1881 he divided among his children and then moved to Jamestown, where his last days were spent. His wife died there in August, 1884, and he later married Mrs. Mary Atkinson, who survived him, his death occurring in November, 1890, and hers, in 1893. Joseph Shigley was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Jamestown. Politically, he was a Republican and had served the public as township trustee and as township assessor. To Joseph and Anna (Prugh) Shigley were born seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the sixth in order of birth, the others being John W., who is now living retired with his children in Silvercreek township; Henry F., who died at his home in Ross township in 1878, three years after his marriage; David C., a retired farmer, now living at Jamestown; Viola C., a widow, now living at Jamestown, who has been twice married, her first husband having been S. S. Collett and her second, Frank Kelly; Ella, now living at Washington Court House, this state, widow of Jasper L. Chapman, and Mattie, who died at the age of sixteen years.

Elmer N. Shigley grew up on the home farm in Ross township and received his schooling in the Oak Grove school. After his father's retirement in 1881 he continued to live on the home farm, making his home with his sister, Mrs. Chapman, and her husband until his marriage three years later when his father gave him a part of the farm. To that portion he added by purchase until he now is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres, including the tract on which stands the brick farm house erected by the father

there in 1854 and in which he was born, and there he makes his home. Mrs. Shigley is also a member of one of Greene county's old families, the Paullins, further mention of which pioneer family is made elsewhere in this volume. She also was born in Ross township, Minnie Paullin, daughter of Enos and Sarah Paullin, both now deceased, and she was married to Mr. Shigley on November 6, 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Shigley are members of the Christian church at Jamestown and he has served as a member of the board of trustees of the same. Politically, he is a Republican, as was his father.

JOHN CHARLTON SPAHR.

John Charlton Spahr, proprietor of "Oak Grove Farm," in Ross township, was born on the farm on which he now lives and has resided there all his life. He was born on July 30, 1886, son and only child of John Morgan and Ella (Charlton) Spahr, both of whom also were born in this county, the former in New Jasper township and the latter in Cedarville township, and the latter of whom is still living, now a resident of Jamestown.

John Morgan Spahr, who died at his home in Ross township on June 15, 1898, was a son of John Spahr and a member of one of the pioneer families of this part of the state, the Spahrs having been prominently represented here since the early days of the settlement of Greene county, as is set out elsewhere in this work. Mr. Spahr's widow, who was born Ella Charlton, also is a member of one of the county's old families, a daughter of Samuel Charlton, a pioneer miller of the Cedarville neighborhood.

John Charlton Spahr was reared on the farm on which he was born, the operation of which was maintained by his mother after the death of his father, he having been but twelve years of age at the time of his father's death. He supplemented the schooling received in the home school by a course in the Jamestown high school and was graduated from the latter in 1905. That course he supplemented by a course in the Commercial College at Dayton, from which he also was graduated, and then he entered the agricultural department of Ohio State University, from which he was graduated in 1910. Thus equipped for farm operations along modern lines, Mr. Spahr took charge of the home farm in behalf of his mother and has since maintained his residence there, having established his home there after his marriage in the spring of 1914. "Oak Grove Farm" is a place of two hundred and fifty-five acres and since taking charge of the same Mr. Spahr has made many improvements, including a new farm house and farm buildings in keeping with the same. Mr. Spahr also is the owner of a farm of

one hundred and seventy acres south of Jamestown and in addition to his general farming gives considerable attention to the raising of hogs and Aberdeen-Angus cattle. He also is a stockholder in several corporations.

On April 18, 1914, John Charlton Spahr was united in marriage to Ethel McCallister, who was born in the vicinity of the city of Wilmington, in the neighboring county of Clinton, but was reared at Xenia, her parents having died when she was a small child. Mr. and Mrs. Spahr are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Jamestown and Mr. Spahr is a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Xenia. Politically, he is a Republican and has served his party as a delegate to state conventions.

ELMER H. SMITH.

Elmer H. Smith, proprietor of a farm of nearly one hundred acres in Silvercreek township, was born on a farm in Caesarscreek township on February 18, 1880, son of John B. and Sarah (Baynard) Smith, both of whom are still living, now residents of the city of Xenia.

John B. Smith is a Virginian, but has been a resident of this county since he was seventeen years of age. His mother died when he was a small child and his father afterward married and a few years later died. The stepmother, accompanied by the son John B. and his two sisters, then came to Ohio, locating south of Xenia, in this county, where John B. Smith remained until his marriage to Sarah Baynard, after which he rented a farm in New Jasper township and later moved to Caesarscreek township and began farming on his father-in-law's farm. He later bought a farm in Caesarscreek township and there resided until failing health compelled his retirement and removal to Xenia, where he and his wife are now living on North Detroit street. John B. Smith is a Republican. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. They have six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being Mary J., wife of William Fudge, a farmer of New Jasper township; Walter B., a carpenter; George, who is the manager of the Walker coal yard at Xenia; Hazel, wife of O. C. Colvin, a farmer of Caesarscreek township, and Albertus D., who is now (1918) with the American Expeditionary Force in France, a member of the Sixteenth Company, Second Motor Mechanics Regiment, national army of the United States, in the war against Germany.

Elmer H. Smith was reared on the home farm and received his schooling in the local schools. After his marriage in 1908 he took charge of the place he now owns and has since been operating the same, since taking possession having made numerous improvements, including a new barn. In

addition to his general farming Mr. Smith gives considerable attention to the raising of registered big-type Poland China hogs, Shorthorn cattle and horses of a good strain. In his political affiliation he is a Republican.

On December 26, 1908, Elmer H. Smith was united in marriage to Alice Haughey, who was born in Jefferson township, this county, daughter of David P. and Rose (Early) Haughey, the Haugheys being one of the old families in Greene county, and to this union two children have been born, daughters both, Zora Lucile and Mary Alice. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are member of the Methodist Protestant church at Bowersville and Mr. Smith is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Xenia.

CLYDE C. BEAM.

Clyde C. Beam, proprietor of a stone quarry at Yellow Springs, was born on a farm in Liberty township, in the neighboring county of Clinton, November 15, 1883. He is a son of William O. and Sarah Elizabeth (Place-maker) Beam, the former of whom was born in Greene county on November 29, 1856, and the latter in 1863, who are now living in the village of Port William.

William O. Beam was reared on a farm in this county and here received his schooling. After his marriage in 1882 he established his home on a farm in Liberty township, Clinton county, and there remained until about 1893, when he disposed of his interests on the farm and moved with his family to Port William and was there engaged in the retail meat business for about five years, at the end of which time he bought the old landmark mill at Port William, tore down the old mill that had been standing for more than a hundred years, replaced it with a new and modern mill and is still engaged there in the milling business. He and his wife have five children, those besides the subject of this sketch, who is the eldest, being Jennie, who is now attending business college at Springfield; Cleo, Joseph Daniel and Geneva.

Having been but about ten years of age when his parents moved from the farm to Port William, Clyde C. Beam completed his early schooling in the schools of that village and afterward took the high-school course at Wilmington College, later taking a year at Jacob's University at Dayton. In the meantime he had become experienced in the milling business, but not caring to continue in that line presently became engaged in the stone-crushing business, giving particular attention to county work, mostly road work, doing considerable work for the state on the construction of the inter-county highways, and in 1914 moved to Yellow Springs and has since carried on his operations from that point, owning a quarry just outside the city limits,

on the Pennsylvania railroad south of town, which he has equipped with stone crushers and all necessary machinery.

On August 10, 1904, Clyde C. Beam was united in marriage to Hettie M. Powers, who was born in this county February 15, 1886, daughter of Stephen and Ella (Mason) Powers, who are now living in Clinton county and who are the parents of five children, those besides Mrs. Beam being Robert, who is married and lives in Clinton county; Jessie, wife of Lee Woolery, also of Clinton county; Foy, who is at home with his parents, and Emma, who is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Beam at Yellow Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Beam are members of the Methodist church. They have one child, a daughter, Virginia L., born on August 1, 1905. Mr. Beam is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Yellow Springs. Politically, he is "independent."

JOHN ALEXANDER.

John Alexander, proprietor of a farm on rural route No. 2 out of Yellow Springs, in Miami township, was born in the neighboring township of Bath and has lived in that neighborhood and in the adjoining county of Clark all his life. He was born on February 13, 1866, son of Samuel and Lydia (Hess) Alexander, who were married in Pennsylvania and later came to Ohio, the rest of their lives being spent in Greene county and in the neighboring county of Clark.

It was in the year 1851 that Samuel Alexander and his wife came to Ohio and settled in Clark county. Two years later, in 1853, they came down into Greene county and located on a farm in Bath township, where they remained until 1870, in which year they returned to Clark county, established their home on a farm there and there spent the remainder of their lives. Samuel Alexander died in 1892 and his widow survived him for about seven years, her death occurring in 1899. They were the parents of six children, of whom four are still living, the subject of this sketch, the sixth in order of birth, having a sister, Mary, widow of Joseph Flatter, of Clark county, and two brothers, William Alexander, who lives in the West, and Samuel S. Alexander, who is engaged in the meat-packing business at Denver, Colorado.

John Alexander was four years of age when his parents moved from Bath township, this county, up into Clark county and in the latter county he was reared and had his schooling, remaining at home, engaged in farming, until he was twenty-one years of age. A year later he married and established his home on the farm on which he is now living in Miami township,

this county, and ever since has made his home there. Mr. Alexander has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock in connection with his general farming operations. He has served his district as supervisor of highways and is now serving as a member of the board of complaint under the new Warren taxing law.

On February 27, 1888, John Alexander was united in marriage to Emma Oster, daughter of Martin and Eva (Slate) Oster, of this county, and to that union five children were born, namely: Margaret, who died in infancy; George, also deceased; Lena, who is at home with her father; Charles M., who is assisting his father in the management of the home farm, and Arthur, who is now engaged as the official tester of the Clark County Dairy Association. The mother of these children died on January 23, 1918.

DAVID H. McFARLAND.

David H. McFarland, mayor of Cedarville, justice of the peace in and for Cedarville township, a former member of the town council and for years a building contractor at Cedarville, was born in that village and has lived there all his life. He was born on December 16, 1850, son of Robert Patterson and Emily (Booth) McFarland, both of whom were members of pioneer families in that part of the county.

Robert Patterson McFarland was born on a farm two and one-half miles east of Cedarville, a son of Robert McFarland and wife, the latter of whom was a White and both of whom were born in the vicinity of Lexington, Kentucky. Robert McFarland was a son of Arthur McFarland, who came to this country from Scotland, the land of his birth, and after a sometime residence in Kentucky came up into Ohio with his family and settled on a track of land south of Cedarville, in this county, where he spent the rest of his life. Arthur McFarland and wife were members of the Christian church and were the parents of eleven children, Clark, Joseph, Lewis, Robert, William, James, Priscilla, Ann, Lavina, Emily and Cynthia. Robert McFarland established his home on a farm two and one-half miles east of Cedarville and there he and his wife reared their family and spent the rest of their lives, he living to be eighty-three years of age. Their son, Robert P. McFarland, grew up on that farm and afterward became a wagon-maker, establishing a shop at Cedarville, where for many years he was thus engaged. He was a Republican and held various public offices of a local character. By religious persuasion he was a Methodist. Robert P. McFarland married Emily Booth, who also was born in Cedarville township, a daughter of Caleb Booth, who died at his home five miles

east of Cedarville when forty-five years of age. Caleb Booth was twice married. By his first marriage he had one child, a daughter, Mrs. Rainey. After the death of his first wife he married her sister and to that union were born six children, Belle, Emily, Ann, David, John and Alfonso. To Robert B. and Emily (Booth) McFarland were born five children, namely: Calvin, deceased; David Henry, the immediate subject of this biographical sketch; Mary, wife of Charles W. Harris, a retired farmer living at Cedarville; Charles B., who died at his farm home in the neighboring county of Clark in February, 1911, and William Edgar, who is now farming in the vicinity of Everson, Montana.

David H. McFarland was reared at Cedarville and received his schooling in the village schools. He learned the trade of wagon-making under the direction of his father and for some years was engaged in working in his father's shop. In 1873 he married and began working on his own account as a building contractor and has ever since been engaged in that vocation, many of the principal buildings in and about Cedarville having been built under his direction, among these works having been the reconstruction of the Whitelaw Reid home. Mr. McFarland is a Republican, and for the past six years has been serving as mayor of his home town and for an equal length of time has been justice of the peace in and for Cedarville township. He also has served as a member of the common council, as a member of the school board and for fifteen years as local health officer.

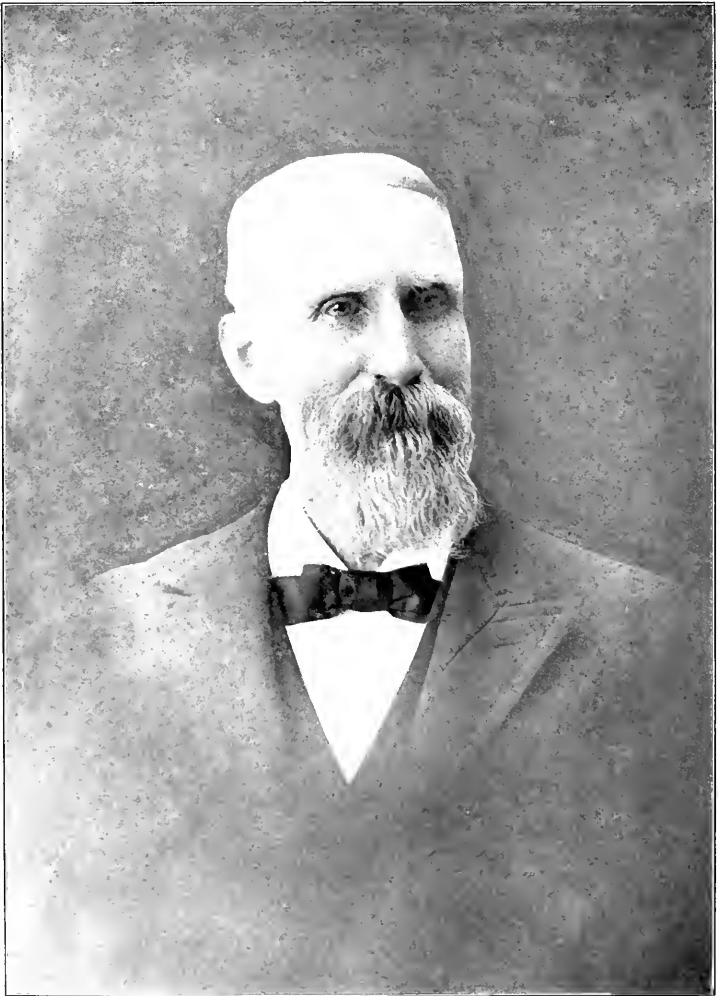
In 1873 David H. McFarland was united in marriage to Eleanor J. Owen, who also was born in Cedarville, daughter of John S. and Jane (Butler) Owen, who came to this county from Butler county, Virginia, and located at Cedarville, where they spent the remainder of their lives, John S. Owen there following the blacksmith trade and the practice of veterinary surgery. John S. Owen and wife had six children, those besides Mrs. McFarland, the last in order of birth, being James (deceased), John (deceased), Alexander, Catherine and Susan. To David H. and Eleanor J. (Owen) McFarland have been born six children, namely: Berton E., who married Daisy Ford and is living at Cedarville, where he is engaged as foreman for the Cedarville Lime Company, having formerly and for years been the assistant agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at that place; Arthur B., a painter, now living at Dayton, this state; Aletha J., who married William Parkman and is also living at Dayton; Merle, who is at home; Albert Raymond, who is now living at Columbus, this state, where he is engaged as auditor in the office of the State Savings and Trust Bank, and William Leroy, a cartoonist, who was killed in an elevator accident at Columbus in 1909, he then being twenty-four years of age. Miss Merle McFarland completed her schooling at Oxford and began teaching

in Clark county, but for the past six or seven years has been engaged as a teacher in the Cedarville schools. The McFarlands are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

DANIEL OLIVER JONES.

Daniel Oliver Jones, secretary-treasurer of the Alpha Seed and Grain Company, former trustee of Beavercreek township, a member of the Greene county board of elections and proprietor of a farm on rural mail route No. 10 out of Xenia, is a native son of Greene county and has lived here all his life. He was born at Trebeins on February 10, 1873, son of David and Rachel (Davis) Jones, the latter of whom also was born in Beavercreek township and is still living there, continuing to make her home on the farm now owned and operated by her only son Daniel, this being the old Andrew farm, on which she has lived since her marriage to the late Samuel G. Andrew in 1890.

David Jones was born in the vicinity of the city of Hagerstown in Maryland, March 17, 1849, and was about fifteen years of age when he came to Ohio with his parents, Edward and Minerva (Cook) Jones, the family locating at Trebeins, in this county. Edward Jones was a mill man and after ten years spent at Trebeins he moved to Stillwater, in the neighboring county of Montgomery, where he became engaged in the saw-mill business and where he spent the rest of his life. He and his wife were the parents of five children, of whom David was the eldest. David Jones grew up at Trebeins and was there instructed by his father in the details of the milling business, a vocation he followed until his death at the age of thirty-one years, June 8, 1880, leaving a widow and a son, Daniel O., the latter at that time being but seven years of age. The widow was born, Rachel Davis, in Beavercreek township, this county, August 19, 1850, daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Gerhard) Davis, the former of whom also was born in that township, in the Alpha neighborhood, August 19, 1810, a son of Daniel and Elizabeth Davis, pioneers of that section and both of whom died when their son Daniel was a small boy. Daniel Davis, Jr., was early put to the cooper's trade and as a young man followed that vocation. He married Rebecca Gerhard, who was born at Liberty, in Frederick county, Maryland, March 1, 1818, and who was but two years of age when her parents, John and Elizabeth Gerhard, came to Ohio with their family and settled in the neighborhood of David's church, over in Montgomery county, where they established their home and spent the remainder of their lives. After his marriage Daniel Davis bought a farm north of Alpha and thereafter followed farming



SAMUEL G. ANDREW



DANIEL O. JONES.



as a vocation until his retirement and removal to Alpha, where he died on September 12, 1877. His widow survived him for many years, her death occurring on July 21, 1911, she then being past ninety-three years of age. They were members of the Beaver Reformed church and both are buried in Beaver cemetery. They were the parents of eight children, of whom Mrs. Andrew, mother of the subject of this sketch, was the fourth in order of birth, the others being the following: John, who is still living at Trebeins; William K., who died at his home in Xenia in 1917; Harriet C., now deceased, who was the wife of Samuel Puterbaugh, also now deceased; Rebecca, unmarried, who is living at Trebeins; D. W., who is living at Xenia; Ada M., wife of Samuel Huston, of Dayton, and Augustus H., now a resident of Pasadena, California.

In 1890 Mrs. Rachel Davis Jones, widow of David Jones and mother of the subject of this biographical review, married Samuel G. Andrew, of Beavercreek township, whose first wife had died not long before, and she has ever since made her home on the old Andrew place, occupying the brick house which was erected there in 1840 and which was in those days regarded as one of the best farm residences in the county. The late Samuel G. Andrew, who died at his home on that place on December 10, 1912, was born in Xenia township, this county, August 23, 1840, son of George and Jane (Goe) Quinn Andrew, the latter of whom was a daughter of Samuel Goe, after whom Goes Station in this county was given its name, and widow of the Hon. Amos Quinn, who was representing this county in the state Legislature at the time of his death in 1837 and further mention of whom is made in connection with a biographical reference to his daughter, Mrs. John B. Lucas, made elsewhere in this volume. George Andrew was born in South Carolina in 1791 and was but a boy when he came with his parents to this county, the Andrew family becoming pioneers in Xenia township. In 1817 George Andrew married Elizabeth Ann Foster and to that union were born nine children, William, Alexander, Martha, who married James Turner, Robert, William, John, Elizabeth, Hugh and George. Following the death of the mother of these children George Andrew married, December 22, 1839, Jane, widow of Amos Quinn, and to that union were born two sons, Samuel G. and John Calvin, the latter of whom is still living, a resident of Xenia. Samuel G. Andrew in time became the owner of the farm of two hundred and fifty acres in Beavercreek township which his father had bought in 1854. During the Civil War he served as a member of the National Guard company at Xenia and later as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. In the summer of 1866 he married Keziah Luse, who died without issue, and in 1890 he mar-

ried Mrs. Rachel Jones, who survives him, as noted above. Mr. Andrew was a Republican and in 1890 was elected to the office of justice of the peace in and for his home township. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church and his widow is a member of the Reformed church, with which latter communion her son and his family are also connected.

Daniel Oliver Jones was seven years of age when his father died and was sixteen when his mother married Mr. Andrew, his home thereafter being made on the Andrew place, which he now owns, in Beavercreek township. He was graduated from the Beavercreek township high school in 1892, a member of the second class graduated from that school after it received its commission, and for nine years thereafter was engaged as a teacher in the schools of this county, teaching for seven years in Beavercreek township and for two years in Xenia township, it being a matter of distinct recollection on the part of Mr. Jones that it always seemed to him that he was given schools in which the teachers previously had had trouble due to refractory and unruly pupils, he apparently being put in charge for the purpose of restoring order and maintaining discipline. During this period he took a course of normal training at Antioch College and during the summers continued engaged on his stepfather's farm. In 1901 he gave up work in the school room and became engaged in the agricultural-impliment business at Trebeins, continuing thus engaged for two years, at the end of which time the failing health of Mr. Andrew required that he return to the home farm and take charge of the operation of the same. In the summer of 1908 he married and established his home there and in 1911 erected on the place a new house for himself and family adjoining the old brick house, the latter of which his mother still maintains as her home. Following the death of Mr. Andrew in 1912 Mr. Jones bought from the other heirs the home farm, except his mother's interest, and is now the owner of the same, a place of one hundred and forty acres. In addition to his farming operations Mr. Jones gives considerable attention to the general business affairs of his community and is secretary-treasurer and a member of the board of directors of the Alpha Grain and Seed Company. He is Republican and for ten years served as trustee of Beavercreek township and is now and for the past four years has been a member of the Greene county board of elections. For six years he served as party committeeman for his precinct and for fifteen years has been serving as a member of county central committee, for much of that time a member of the executive committee of the same.

On June 16, 1908, Daniel O. Jones was united in marriage to Gertrude Kable, daughter of John and Jennie (Ferguson) Kable, of the Bellbrook neighborhood, both members of old families in this county, and to this union

two children have been born, Miriam Kable, born on August 10, 1909, and Helen Louise, December 6, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are members of the Beaver Reformed church and for more than thirteen years Mr. Jones has been the superintendent of the Sunday school of the same. He also has served on the consistory and as treasurer of the congregation.

JASPER S. BEAL.

Jasper S. Beal, former marshal of the city of Yellow Springs and a retired farmer now living in that city, was born on a farm in Beavercreek township, this county, February 9, 1847, son of Thomas and Priscilla (Hopping) Beal, both of whom also were born in this county and whose last days were spent here.

Thomas Beal was born on October 26, 1821, son of Thomas Beal, and on May 27, 1845, married Priscilla Hopping, who was born on August 13, 1825, a daughter of John and Patsy Hopping, also pioneers of Greene county. After his marriage he established his home on a farm in Beavercreek township and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, her death occurring on February 18, 1847, when her son, the subject of this sketch, was nine days old, and less than two years after her marriage. She left also a baby daughter, Martha J. Florence, born on March 3, 1846, who married Martin Harner and died in 1897. Thomas Beal survived his wife but seven years, his death occurring on April 12, 1854, his son Jasper being then but seven years of age.

Thus early bereaved of his parents, Jasper S. Beal was reared by Jane Holland, of Beavercreek township, and received his schooling in the local public schools. In due time he took charge of the farm on which he was born and which he still owns, a place of one hundred and thirty acres, and after his marriage in the spring of 1872 established his home on that farm and there resided practically all the time until his retirement from the farm and removal in 1891 to Yellow Springs, where he has resided ever since, a period of twenty-six years. About 1887 Mr. Beal left the farm for a while and went to Kankakee, Illinois, where he became engaged in the confectionery business, but after two years of that sort of experience returned to the farm. Mr. Beal is a Republican and for two terms served as marshal of Yellow Springs.

Mr. Beal has been twice married. On March 27, 1872, he was united in marriage to Martha Jane Watson, who died on June 27, 1879, leaving on April 3, 1884. On October 12, 1881, Mr. Beal married Margaret J. one child, a daughter, Bessie Jane, born on November 1, 1877, and who died

Hume, who was born in New York state and who was but an infant when her parents, Robert and Phoebe (Sines) Hume, came to Ohio and located on a farm in Miami township, this county. To this second union one child was born, a son, Jasper L. Beal, born on December 30, 1885, who married Amy Booth, who died in October, 1913, leaving three children, Mary Frances, Jasper A. N. and Robert Leon. Mr. and Mrs. Beal are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Beal is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

REV. WILLIAM A. CONROY.

The Rev. William A. Conroy, pastor of St. Augustine Catholic church at Jamestown, this county, is a native of the Blue Grass state but has been a resident of Ohio since he was six years of age and of Greene county since he entered upon the duties of his pastorate at Jamestown in the summer of 1915. He was born at Covington, Kentucky, August 4, 1882, first in order of birth of the four children born to his parents, Charles and Catherine (O'Rourke) Conroy, the other members of the family being the Rev. James Conroy, now assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church at London, in the neighboring county of Madison; Charles Conroy, Jr., who is engaged in the retail shoe business at Piqua, this state, and Nora, wife of Anthony Hemm, also of Piqua. The elder Charles Conroy also was born in Kentucky, as was his wife, both of Irish descent, and is an iron moulder by trade. Years ago he moved with his family from Covington to Ohio and located at Piqua, where his wife died in 1913, she then being fifty-two years of age, and where he is still living. He is a member of the Catholic church, as was his wife, and their children were reared in that faith, two of their sons early entering holy orders.

As noted above, William A. Conroy was but six years of age when his parents moved from Covington to Piqua and in the latter city he grew to manhood, receiving his early schooling in St. Mary's parochial school. Early evincing unusual aptitude for study and a thoughtful concern for the affairs of the church he was placed in St. Gregory's Preparatory Seminary at Cedar Point, in Hamilton county, as a means of preliminary preparation for the priesthood, and was graduated from that institution in 1904. In that same year the preparatory school was discontinued at Cedar Point and the bishop established Mt. St. Mary's Seminary at that place for theological instruction and it was in this latter seminary that Father Conroy finished his theological course, being graduated from the seminary in 1909. On June 16 of that same year he was ordained to the priesthood and was straightway



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appointed assistant pastor at St. Peter's cathedral at Cincinnati, where he remained until in June, 1915, when he was appointed to succeed Father John Malone as the pastor of St. Augustine Parish at Jamestown, which office he since has been filling.

Father Conroy is an earnest and energetic young clergyman and during his pastorate at Jamestown has done much to build up his parish and to create a livelier interest in the affairs of the church. Since his arrival in Jamestown several new Catholic families have located there, with a resultant addition to the membership of the church, there now being thirty-four families in the parish, and admirable progress is reported along all lines of parish work. Father Conroy is a member of the Knights of Columbus, affiliated with the council of that order at Xenia, and takes a warm interest in the affairs of the same. His general manner has rendered it easy for him to enter into the life of the community in which he has been stationed and during his residence of but little more than two years at Jamestown he has made many friends there and throughout the county.

JOHN FRANKLIN PUTERBAUGH.

John Franklin Puterbaugh, proprietor of a Beavercreek township farm of two hundred and fifty acres situated on the Swigart road, rural mail route No. 2 out of Spring Valley, in that township, was born on that farm, was reared in Xenia and has been a resident of the farm, which he inherited, since his marriage in 1899. He was born on December 4, 1878, son and only surviving child of Samuel and Harriet (Davis) Puterbaugh, the former of whom was born on that same farm, a part of the old original Puterbaugh entry, and the latter on a farm adjoining, both in Beavercreek township.

Samuel Puterbaugh, who was a veteran of the Civil War, a member of Company E, Seventy-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was born on January 13, 1844, son of Samuel Puterbaugh and wife, the latter of whom was a Hower. The senior Samuel Puterbaugh was a son of George Puterbaugh, who was a son of Samuel Puterbaugh, who was one of the early settlers of Greene county and the owner of an original patent, signed by James Madison, to land in Beavercreek township, where he established his home and where the Puterbaughs have thus been represented since pioneer days. Samuel Puterbaugh, Sr., grandfather of the subject of this sketch, became the owner of about seven hundred acres of land in Beavercreek township. He was a charter member of Mt. Zion Reformed church and gave to the congregation the ground on which the church was erected. His wife was a Lutheran. They were the parents of three children, of whom but one now survives, Elizabeth, wife of George Moore, of Xenia.

the only son, Samuel, having had another sister, Eliza J., now deceased, who was the wife of the Rev. J. F. Shaeffer, a Lutheran minister at Delaware, this state.

Reared on the home farm in Beavercreek township, Samuel Puterbaugh received his schooling in the local schools and was living there when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted for service and upon the completion of that service returned to the home farm and on November 11, 1869, was united in marriage to Harriet Davis, who was born on the adjoining farm on April 30, 1848. After his marriage he continued to make his home on a part of his father's farm, the two-hundred-and-fifty-acre tract of which, now owned and occupied by his son, he inherited, and on that place spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there on March 19, 1880. On October 25, 1882, his widow married John G. Ernst and her last days were spent at Dayton, her death occurring there on June 23, 1886. To Samuel and Harriet (Davis) Puterbaugh were born three children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others having been Samuel, born on December 28, 1870, who died on January 5, 1871, and Ida May, June 20, 1872, who died on October 16, 1881.

John F. Puterbaugh was but two years of age when his father died and was but seven when bereft of his mother, after which he was taken in charge by his paternal aunt, Mrs. George Moore, of Xenia, with whom he remained until he was eighteen years of age, thus securing his early schooling in the Xenia schools. He supplemented this schooling by a business course in Scio College, in Harrison county, and in December, 1899, was married. Following his marriage Mr. Puterbaugh established his home on the farm in Beavercreek township, which he had inherited from his father, and has there ever since made his residence. Since taking up his residence there Mr. Puterbaugh has made numerous improvements on the place and has introduced the use of tractors into his agricultural operations. Politically, he is a Prohibitionist. He is a member of the Sugar Creek United Presbyterian church and, fraternally, is affiliated with the local camp of the Sons of Veterans at Xenia, with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Dayton and with the Daughters of America at Bellbrook.

On December 27, 1899, in Harrison county, this state, John F. Puterbaugh was united in marriage to Mary V. Thompson, who was born on a farm in that county, daughter of Robert and Sarah (Palmer) Thompson, both now deceased, and who died on January 27, 1908. To that union were born four children, namely: Robert Samuel, born on May 17, 1901; Julia May, December 13, 1902, who died on December 18, 1905; Florence Irene, September 9, 1904, who died on July 17, 1905, and Esther Lois, July 20, 1907, who is living with her mother's sister in Harrison county.

BENJAMIN WOLF.

Benjamin Wolf, a veteran of the Civil War and a retired farmer of Bath township, this county, now living at Osborn, was born in Bath township on December 15, 1842, son of John W. and Rebecca (Swadener) Wolf, the latter of whom also was born in this county, in Beaver creek township, and the former in the state of Pennsylvania.

John W. Wolf was a member of one of the first families to settle in the northern part of Greene county, he having been but a lad when his parents, George Wolf and wife, came here from Pennsylvania and settled in what later came to be organized as Bath township, where they were living, according to public records, when the first enumeration was taken in that township in the spring of 1807. George Wolf, the pioneer, was a native of Germany. Upon coming to this county he entered a half section of Congress land, the tract on which now stands the village of Byron, and there established his home. On that tract he set apart a plot for cemetery purposes, the Byron cemetery, and was the first person to be buried therein, his death occurring in 1813. He and his wife had seven children and the Wolf connection throughout this part of the country in this generation is therefore a quite numerous one. John W. Wolf, one of the sons of these pioneer parents, served as a soldier during the War of 1812 and afterward took up farming, which he followed the rest of his life. After his marriage he established his home on a farm in Bath township and there lived to the age of eighty-five years and eight months, his death occurring in June, 1877. His widow survived him for sixteen years, her death occurring in 1893. They were the parents of six children, two of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch and his sister Martha.

Reared on the home farm in Bath township, Benjamin Wolf received his schooling in the local schools of that neighborhood and then was engaged in farming with his father until his marriage, after which for three years he lived on a rented farm nearby. He then moved up into Clark county and was there engaged in farming for seven years, at the end of which time he returned to Bath township and there bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, established his home on the same and there continued to reside until his retirement from the farm and removal to Osborn, where he and his wife are now living. Mr. Wolf is a Republican and for some time served as school director in his home district while living on the farm. During the progress of the Civil War he enlisted, in 1864, as a member of Company K, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was with that command during the hundred-days service. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church.

On November 8, 1870, Benjamin Wolf was united in marriage to Lenora Schauer, who also was born in the vicinity of Byron, this county, a daughter of George and Catherine (Brown) Schauer, the former of whom was born in this county, in 1825, and the latter in the state of Maryland, in 1830. George Schauer, who spent most of his life as a farmer in Greene county, was a son of Samuel Schauer, who had settled here in 1818, and he was reared on a farm in the Byron neighborhood. After his marriage he for a time lived in the neighboring county of Miami, but later returned to this county. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church and were the parents of children, of whom Mrs. Wolf was the second in order of birth, the others being Sarah C., wife of Simon H. Wolf, of Springfield, this state; Samuel William, deceased; G. K., the seed man, of Osborn, and Flora, wife of J. C. Smith, a dry-goods merchant at Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. Wolf have two daughters, Cora, who married George Williamson and has one child, a daughter, Grace Mae, who married Harvey Ferguson and has one child, a son, Richard Benjamin; and Harriet, who married Frank Routzong and has three children, Wilfred Wolf, Cora Eleanor and Catherine Louise.

SAMUEL MILTON SPAHR.

The late Samuel Milton Spahr, who died at his farm home in Beaver-creek township on March 14, 1917, and whose widow is still living there, was a native son of Greene county, a member of one of the pioneer families hereabout, and all his life was spent here. He was born on a farm in New Jasper township, April 19, 1853, son of Gideon and Amanda (Hagler) Spahr, the former of whom also was born in New Jasper township, son of Philip and Martha (Shook) Spahr, who had settled there upon coming to this county from Virginia. Reared on the home farm, Gideon Spahr remained there until his marriage to Mary Amanda Hagler, daughter and one of the fifteen children born to Samuel and Anna (Fudge) Hagler, Virginians, who had come up here from the neighboring county of Warren. For nine years after his marriage Gideon Spahr continued to make his home in New Jasper township and then he moved with his family over into Jay county, Indiana, but after two years of residence in the Hoosier state he returned to Greene county and here spent the rest of his life, his last days being spent at Bellbrook, where he died on September 4, 1891. His widow died on August 9, 1904. She was born on January 17, 1825. Gideon Spahr for years conducted his operations, farming hundreds of acres, in partnership with his son Samuel M. He was a Republican and by religious persuasion



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was a Methodist. To Gideon and Amanda (Hagler) Spahr were born six children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being John L., a retired farmer of Cedarville township, who married Hannah Peterson and has three children, James Milton, Ida Jane and Osman P.; Mary Louise, who married Boyd G. Hopping, of Xenia, and died leaving three children, John, David and William; Philip R., now a resident of Dayton, who married Ella Cyphers and has six children, Lora, John, Ina, Emma, Philip and Esther; David M., who died in 1916, a farmer of Beaver creek township, who married Elizabeth Keiter, who now lives at Xenia, and had two daughters, Pearl and Edith Amanda; and Moses B., a Sugar creek township farmer, who married Harriet Gatrell and had two children, Ethel M. (deceased) and Walton M.

Samuel Milton Spahr grew up in Beaver creek township and received his schooling in the schools of his home neighborhood. In due time he effected a partnership with his father, the two extending their operations to cover the cultivation of a farm of nine hundred acres in the Trebeins neighborhood and later a farm of six hundred and forty acres in Sugar creek township, where they spent eight years, at the end of which time they took over the Maxwell farm five and a half miles west of Xenia on the Indian Ripple road in Beaver creek township, and in 1893 Samuel M. Spahr bought one hundred and thirty-three acres of that farm, the place on which his widow is now living on rural mail route No. 7 out of Xenia, and there he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there, as noted above, in 1917. Mr. Spahr was a Republican and served for some time as supervisor of highways and as a member of the school board. For many years he was a deacon in the Reformed church.

On November 11, 1886, Samuel M. Spahr was united in marriage to Margaret Wolf, who was born in Cincinnati, daughter of Frank and Margaret (Sorg) Wolf, who had come to this country from Frankfort-on-the-Rhine in 1852 and had located in Cincinnati. Frank Wolf was a locksmith by trade and after working at his trade in Cincinnati for some time moved to Columbus, from which place in 1861 he came to Greene county with his family and settled on the Crawford farm on the Springfield pike. Later he bought a farm of one hundred acres in Beaver creek township and on this latter place he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of eight children, of whom Mrs. Spahr was the second in order of birth, the others being the following: Catherine, now deceased, who was the wife of Andrew Fisher; Mary, wife of Charles Buck, of Xenia; Frank, also a resident of Xenia; Elizabeth, who married A. A. McElwain and is now living at Kansas City, Missouri; Clara, unmarried, who is living on the old home place in Beaver creek township; Charles K., who owns a farm

adjoining Mrs. Spahr's, and Emma, who married Harry S. Gerlaugh and died in 1917. To Samuel M. and Margaret (Wolf) Spahr were born four children, namely: Harry E., who is now engaged in the plumbing business at Xenia; Edna Mae, who was for years engaged as a teacher in the public schools of this county; Homer Milton, who is operating the home place, and Florence Louise, also at home. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Spahr has continued to make her home on the home farm.

FRANK ZEINER.

Frank Zeiner, a member of the firm of Zeiner Brothers, furniture dealers and undertakers at Jamestown, is a native son of Greene county and has lived here all his life. He was born in Cedarville on February 15, 1855, a son of John G. and Mary (Barr) Zeiner, the former of whom was of European birth, a native of the city of Bremen, and the latter a Pennsylvanian, who were married at Lewistown, Pennsylvania, and later came to Ohio and settled in this county, about 1862 moving from the Cedarville neighborhood to Jamestown, where John G. Zeiner opened an establishment for the manufacture and sale of furniture and developed the concern now operated by his sons. To John G. Zeiner and wife were born six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being Margaret, wife of Cal Crane, of Xenia; Albert, who married Famey Ginn and makes his home in Jamestown, where he is associated in business with his brother Frank; James O., who was murdered at Bowersville, state, about thirty years ago; Florence, who married Charles Ridgeway, and lives at Cedarville, and J. W., of Jamestown.

Having been but seven years of age when his parents moved from the Cedarville neighborhood to Jamestown, Frank Zeiner completed his schooling in the schools of the latter village and early became employed in his father's cabinet-shop and furniture store, making coffins when he was but fourteen years of age. He also became a carpenter and builder and after he had attained his majority was for about three years engaged in building operations in and about Jamestown. He then resumed the furniture and undertaking business, in association with his father, and after his father's death with his brother Albert, and the firm of Zeiner Brothers has ever since been thus engaged at Jamestown.

Mr. Zeiner has been twice married. In 1879, he was united in marriage to Anna Hickson, daughter of Ellbridge and Ellen Hickson, of Jamestown, and to this union were born two daughters, Una Clare and Frances, the latter of whom married Glade Thomas, now living at Elyria, and has

two children. Miss Una Clare Zeiner, who died in New York City at the age of twenty-one years, just as she had reached a point of assured success as a dramatic reader and actress, was fitted both by nature and preparation to be a reader and competent critics had bestowed upon her compliments which more experienced readers would be glad to claim. From the days of her childhood Miss Zeiner had been accustomed to public appearances and had earned some very complimentary press notices, among these having been references to her "wonderful dramatic talent," her "remarkable versatility," her "rare ability as a reader," her "unmistakable talent and pleasing personality" and her "wonderful powers as an elocutionist." Mrs. Anna Zeiner died in 1899 and on January 12, 1905, Mr. Zeiner married Alice Sheffield, of Athens, this state. To this latter union one child has been born, a daughter, Marguerite, born in 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Zeiner are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOHN J. WHALEY.

John J. Whaley, commercial traveler and the owner of a home and a tract of land adjoining the village of Osborn, where he has made his home for many years, is a native of the Empire state, but has been a resident of Ohio since he was three years of age. He was born at Utica, New York, June 23, 1850, a son of Daniel and Mary (Cain) Whaley, natives of Ireland, the former born in 1813 and the latter, in 1814, who came to Ohio in 1853 and settled in Clark county, where Daniel Whaley died in 1862. His widow later bought a piece of land in Clark county and there spent the rest of her life, her death occurring in 1903. Daniel Whaley and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the sixth in order of birth, the others being Thomas, deceased; James, deceased; William, who lives at Osborn, his home place adjoining that of his brother John; Mary, wife of John Mahoney, of Roanoke, Virginia; Catherine, who married S. M. Morris and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased; and Margaret, who died recently, unmarried.

As noted above, John J. Whaley was but three years of age when his parents came to Ohio and he received his early schooling in the common schools in the neighborhood of his boyhood home in Clark county, supplementing the same by a course in the Clark County Academy. He then learned telegraphy and two years later, in 1872, was appointed station agent for the railroad company at Osborn, which position he occupied until 1883, in which year he moved to Akron as agent for the Erie railroad, remaining there for eighteen months, at the end of which time he moved

back to Osborn, which ever since has been his home. In 1897 he became a traveling representative of the Thomas Phillips Company, paper manufacturers at Akron, which position he ever since has occupied. Mr. Whaley resides just at the east edge of the village of Osborn and owns there a farm of one hundred and sixteen acres, thirty acres of which lies in Greene county and the remainder over the line in Clark county, renting his land for farming purposes. Mr. Whaley is a Democrat on national issues, but reserves his right to vote independently in local elections. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

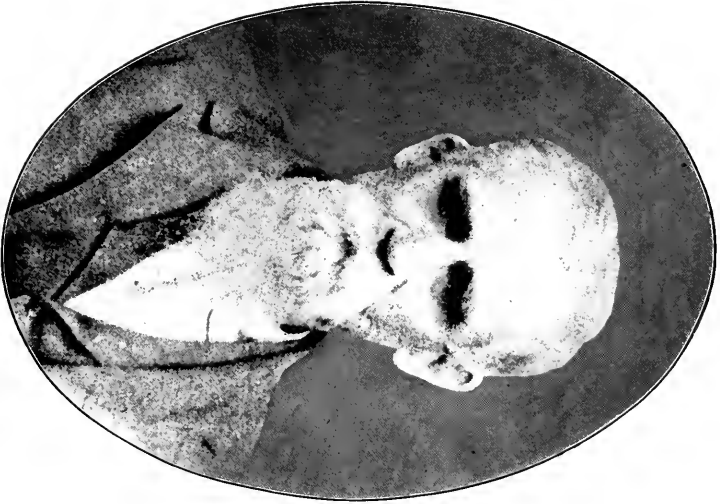
On August 24, 1874, John J. Whaley was united in marriage to Mary E. Miranda, who was born at New Carlisle, in the neighboring county of Clark, where she was reared and where she received her schooling, and to this union have been born five children, namely: Earl E. Whaley, editor of *The Implement Age*, a trade paper published at Springfield, this state; Paul M. Whaley, a resident of Columbus, this state, and a traveling salesman for the Fisk Rubber Company; William Marvin Whaley, proprietor of a flour-mill at Arcanum, in Darke county, this state; Mary E., wife of Dr. R. B. Hoover, of Dayton, and Cora A., wife of Fred McConnell, a Dayton lawyer.

CHARLES HOOVER.

The late Charles Hoover, who died at his farm home in Jefferson township on July 30, 1914, and whose widow is still living there, was born on a farm in the vicinity of Wilmington, in Clinton county, Ohio, June 14, 1845, son of Jacob and Rachel Hoover, both of whom were born in that same county, and who were the parents of eight children, those besides Charles being Calvin, Milton, Leander, George, Caroline, Amanda and Ella.

Charles Hoover remained on the home farm in Clinton county until his marriage in the fall of 1871, when he established his home on a forty-acre farm in Jefferson township, this county, the place where his widow is still living, and there he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in the summer of 1914. He improved the place and increased his acreage to one hundred and fifty-three acres. Mr. Hoover was a Democrat and had served on the school board. He was connected with the Odd Fellows lodge at Bowersville. He was buried in the cemetery at Sabina.

On November 9, 1871, Charles Hoover was united in marriage to Delitha A. Hunt, who was born in Jefferson township, this county, daughter of Hezekiah and Rachael (Johnson) Hunt, the former of whom also was born in this county and the latter, in Clinton county. Hezekiah Hunt was the owner of a hundred-acre farm in Jefferson township and there died at



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES HOOVER.



the age of sixty-seven. His wife died at the age of sixty-five. They were Quakers and were the parents of six children, those besides Mrs. Hoover being Stephen, deceased; Eliza J., deceased; Jefferson T., who is still living on a part of the home farm; Clayton, deceased, and Almeda, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Hoover eight children were born, namely: Calvin Albertus, married Ollie Harness and is farming in the vicinity of Jamestown; Elmer J., who married Allie Claybaugh and is farming the home place; John A. and James M., twins, the former of whom married Lola Stewart and is farming in the neighborhood of Bowersville and the latter of whom is farming at home; Clarence C., a clerk in a store at Sabina, who married Tina Pope; Donna E., who married Howard Cochran, of Dayton; Claude, proprietor of a garage at Wilmington, who married Loie Stewart, and Bertha A., who is at home.

GEORGE FEIRSTINE FERGUSON.

George Feirstine Ferguson, former trustee of Beavercreek township and the proprietor of a farm on the Dayton-Xenia pike, rural mail route No. 7 out of Xenia, where he has lived since the days of his childhood, was born in that township on March 7, 1850, son of John W. and Anna (Feirstine) Ferguson, the latter of whom was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, August 13, 1820, a member of one of the prominent Pennsylvania Dutch families of that county, her father, a landowner and tavern-keeper, having been for some time a member of the Pennsylvania state Legislature from his district. Her mother's name was Susan Illick. Anna Feirstine's eldest brother, George Feirstine, came to Ohio and located in Montgomery county and she later joined him there, thus being a resident of that county at the time of her marriage to John W. Ferguson. One of her younger brothers, Samuel Feirstine, also came to Ohio and was here when the Mexican War broke out. He enlisted his services, went to the front and died of a fever in the service.

John W. Ferguson was born in the neighboring county of Montgomery on August 18, 1818, a son of William and Jennie (Watson) Ferguson, the latter of whom was born in Ireland, of Scottish descent, and was but two years of age when she came with her parents to this country, the family locating in Delaware, where she grew to womanhood and married William Ferguson, who was born at Wilmington, that state, also of Scottish stock. Soon after their marriage William Ferguson and his wife came to Ohio, about the year 1812, and became pioneers in Montgomery county, establishing their home in Mad River township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They had eight sons. John W. Ferguson grew

up on the home farm in Mad River township, Montgomery county, and there married Anna Feirstine. Two years later he came over into Greene county and began working on the Gerlaugh farm, now owned by John Harbine, in the Alpha neighborhood in Beavercreek township, and presently was enabled to buy a farm of two hundred and twenty-one acres on the Dayton-Xenia road in that neighborhood, the place now owned by his son, George F., and had the same paid for when he died on May 15, 1861, he then being forty-two years of age. His widow was left with six children, the eldest of whom was but thirteen years of age. She did not remarry, kept the family together, maintained the operations of the farm, her sons taking over the management of the same when they arrived at proper age, and there she spent the remainder of her life, her death occurring in December, 1898, she then being seventy-six years of age. She was a member of the Hawker Reformed church, as was her husband, and her children were reared in that faith. There were six of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being William, a Beavercreek township farmer; Charles, who died of diphtheria in 1861, the year of the father's death, he then being nine years of age; Jennie, wife of John Kable, a Sugarcreek township farmer, living two miles north of Bellbrook; John, who died of diphtheria in 1861, he then being five years of age, and Robert, now a resident of Dayton, where he is employed as a bookkeeper in the service of the Miami "conservancy" board.

George F. Ferguson was but eleven years of age when his father died. He grew up on the home farm in Beavercreek township, receiving his schooling in the Coy school and in the Lantz school, and he and his brother William continued the operation of the farm together until their mother's death in 1896, after which Mr. Ferguson bought the interests of the other heirs in the place and has since been proprietor. Since taking possession of the farm he bought an adjoining tract of sixty-six acres and now has two hundred and eighty-five acres. After his marriage in 1874 he erected a new house on the place and the same is still serving as a place of residence. Of late years Mr. Ferguson has been living practically retired from the active labors of the farm, having turned the management of the same over to his elder son, Edwin J. Ferguson, who is operating it. Mr. Ferguson is a Democrat, as were his father and grandfather, and for fifteen years served as trustee of Beavercreek township and was also for several years a member of the township board of education. In addition to his general farming Mr. Ferguson has for years made it a point to feed a car load of cattle for the market every winter, as well as a big bunch of hogs, and was one of the first in that neighborhood to recognize the value of alfalfa as a forage crop.

On December 18, 1874, George F. Ferguson was united in marriage to Martha J. Zimmerman, who also was born in Beavercreek township, on a farm a mile west of where she is now living, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Shoup) Zimmerman, members of pioneer families in this county and both of whom are now deceased. To this union four children have been born, namely: Edwin J., unmarried, who is now operating the home place for his father and who is the owner of a farm of eighty acres of his own; Mary, who died unmarried at the age of twenty-six years; Clarence, who married Ora Morris and is now living at Louisville, Kentucky, where he is employed as an inspector for the National Lumber Association, and Lida M., who is at home.

CARL V. DRAKE.

Carl V. Drake, junior member of the firm of W. F. Drake & Son, building contractors and dealers in building supplies, stoves, electric-lighting fixtures and the like at Yellow Springs, was born in the neighboring county of Clark on December 30, 1888, son of William F. and Melissa (Collier) Drake, the latter of whom was born in that same county, March 3, 1852, and both of whom are still living, for thirty years residents of Yellow Springs.

William F. Drake was born on a farm south of Xenia, in this county, December 14, 1848, and was married to Melissa Collier on March 3, 1870. He had been early trained to the carpenter trade and presently became a building contractor on his own account, eventually establishing his headquarters at Yellow Springs. In 1910 he admitted his younger son, Carl V. Drake, into a partnership in the business, which since has been carried on under the firm name of W. F. Drake & Son. To William F. Drake and wife have been born five children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the last-born, the others being Grace May, born on July 25, 1871; Edith Pearl (deceased), January 18, 1873; James Earl, March 3, 1875, and Franklin C., September 18, 1877, who died on August 14, 1907.

Reared at Yellow Springs, for he was but an infant when his parents made their home in that village, Carl V. Drake received his schooling in the schools of that place. He early became familiar with the details of house building under the direction of his father and in 1910 became associated with his father as a partner in the business, junior member of the firm of W. F. Drake & Son, and has since been thus engaged, the firm also conducting a mercantile business at Yellow Springs.

On October 26, 1911, Carl V. Drake was united in marriage to Bertha

G. Weiss, who was born at Goes, in this county, December 9, 1888, daughter of Paul and Josephine (Schury) Weiss, the latter of whom is still living, now a resident of Springfield, and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, in a biographical sketch relating to Paul W. Weiss, a merchant at Yellow Springs and a brother of Mrs. Drake. To Carl V. and Bertha G. (Weiss) Drake three children have been born, namely: Martha Elizabeth, born on December 22, 1912; Irma Josephine, born on December 7, 1913, who died on January 29, 1914, and William Eugene, born on July 6, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Drake are members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Drake is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

WILLIAM H. COY.

The Coys were among the real pioneers in this part of Ohio, for it was in the year 1800, three years before Ohio was admitted to statehood and Greene county became a civic entity, that Jacob Coy effected a settlement here. On the Jacob Coy farm in Beavercreek township was erected the first school house built in that township and in that little log school house were held the first formal religious services held in that township; it being there that the congregation now strongly represented in the Mt. Zion neighborhood effected the organization of the Reformed (then known as the German Reformed) church in Greene county.

Jacob Coy was of German birth and was about eighteen years of age when he started with his parents and the six other children of the family for the United States. The parents died during the progress of the passage over and were buried in mid-ocean, their effects being confiscated by the ship's crew, the seven children thus being thrown penniless upon the shores of the New World. The children, in accordance with the hard custom of the day, were "sold" to pay transportation and Jacob Coy was thus thrown into the hands of a Pennsylvania planter, for whom he worked for six years to free himself and his younger brothers and sisters from debt. He afterward located in Maryland, where he married, borrowing the money with which to cover necessary expenses, and established his home there, in time coming to be the owner of three hundred and fifty acres of land, on which he made his home until the year 1800, when he disposed of his interests there and with his wife Susanna and their children, emigrated to the then promising Territory of Ohio, coming down the river as far as Cincinnati, the village that had sprung up around old Ft. Washington. Though importuned to remain there he had decided on a settlement further up state and two months later with his family drove up here into the beautiful valley of

WILLIAM H. GOV. AND FAMILY.





the Little Miami, having meantime invested in a tract of three thousand acres of land in this section, in what later came to be organized as Beaver-creek township, Greene county, and established his permanent home here, the Coys thus becoming accounted as among the earliest settlers in this county. Here the pioneer Jacob Coy spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1836, he then being ninety-three years of age. His widow survived him about four years, she being eighty-three years of age at the time of her death. They were the parents of twelve children and the Coy connection in this county in succeeding generations became a numerous one.

William H. Coy, former trustee of Beaver-creek township and proprietor of a farm on the Shakertown pike, rural mail route No. 7 out of Xenia, was born on that farm, a great-grandson of Jacob and Susanna Coy, the pioneers mentioned above, April 9, 1854, son of Jacob H. and Rebecca Ella (Buck) Coy, the former of whom was born on that same farm, a son of Henry Coy, who was one of the twelve children born to the pioneers, Jacob and Susanna Coy. Henry Coy, who was one of the charter members of the Reformed church in Beaver-creek township, became the owner of about five hundred acres of land. He and his wife were the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Leonard, who spent his last days in Elkhart county, Indiana; William, who moved to Iowa and thence to California, in which latter state his last days were spent; Jacob H., father of the subject of this sketch; Daniel, who was married at the age of eighteen, later going to Iowa and settling in Davis county, where he and his wife spent their last days, both dying in 1916, he then being ninety-two years of age; Susan, who married Doctor Kyler and later moved to Elkhart county, Indiana, and Mrs. Catherine Bingaman.

Jacob H. Coy was born in 1820 on the place now owned and occupied by his son William H. and there spent all his life. After the death of his father he bought his mother's dower right in the home place of one hundred and fifty-four acres and continued to make his home in the house which his grandfather had erected there in 1820, in that house spending his last days, his death occurring there on October 1, 1894. Jacob H. Coy was a Republican and by religious persuasion was a member of the Reformed church, in which for years he was an office-bearer. His widow survived him for nearly twelve years, her death occurring on July 27, 1906. She was born, Rebecca Ella Buck, in the vicinity of Sheppardstown, Virginia, in 1833. Jacob H. and Rebecca E. (Buck) Coy were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being the following: Martha, wife of George Loy, of Miamisburg, this state; John F., a farmer, living in the Mt. Zion neighborhood in this county; Charles N., who farms with his brother; Dr. Joseph M. Coy, who was grad-

uated from the dental department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and who engaged in the practice of his profession at Dayton, where he died; Emma, unmarried, who is now a resident of Chicago; Louie M., also unmarried, who lives near her brother William; Perry, who died soon after his marriage, and Anna, who married Rosco Rockafeld and is now living at Fairfield, this county.

William H. Coy was reared on the farm on which he was born and on which he is still living, and received his schooling in the neighborhood school, old district No. 4, Beavercreek township, one of his schoolmates there being M. A. Broadstone, whose name appears on the title page of this work and for whom he still entertains the same high regard that marked the boyhood friendship. For some time after his marriage in the spring of 1882 he continued to farm on the home place and he and his brother Charles then bought a farm in the vicinity of Mt. Zion, in that same township, and William H. Coy later bought one hundred and twenty-one acres of the old home place, established his home there and has since made that place his home, having added to the place until now he is the owner of one hundred and seventy-eight acres. In addition to his general farming Mr. Coy has for years given considerable attention to the raising of Poland China hogs and also has a herd of dairy cattle. In 1915 Mr. Coy erected a new house of cream-colored brick, equipped with an individual electric-lighting plant and all modern conveniences. Mr. Coy is a Republican and for six years served as trustee of Beavercreek township. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodge of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Bellbrook. His wife is a member of Mt. Zion Reformed church.

On March 30, 1882, William H. Coy was united in marriage to Sarah Elizabeth Merrick, who also was born in Beavercreek township, and to this union three children have been born, Lawrence, a farmer of Sugarcreek township, who married Ida N. Keiter and has one child, a son, Robert, and Guy and Glenn, who are at home assisting on their father's farm. Mrs. Coy is a daughter of David and Ann (Kable) Merrick, both of whom also were born in this county, the former in Beavercreek township and the latter in the village of Osborn, April 21, 1837, a daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Garver) Kable, Virginians, who came to this county from the vicinity of Harper's Ferry in 1831 and here spent the remainder of their lives. Samuel Kable died on November 25, 1864, he then being sixty-three years of age, and his widow survived him for nearly nine years, her death occurring on May 31, 1873. They were the parents of seven children, those besides Mrs. Merrick having been Mary E., Joseph, Sarah E., Martha J., John W. and Isaac N.

David Merrick was born on October 3, 1830, a son of Joseph D. and

Susan (Boston) Merrick, the former of whom was born in Kent county, Delaware, October 9, 1779, and the latter, in Frederick county, Maryland, December 25, 1793. Joseph D. Merrick was the son of the Rev. John Merrick, a Methodist minister, and was trained as a weaver in the days of his youth and was working at that trade in Maryland in 1812 when he married Susan Boston. In 1814 he and his wife came to Ohio and presently became located in Beavercreek township, this county, where they spent the remainder of their lives, Joseph D. Merrick dying there on March 3, 1857. His widow died on January 10, 1873. They were the parents of five children, three sons, John, Israel and David, and two daughters, Elizabeth, who married David Stutesman, and Mary Ann, who died at the age of fourteen years. David Merrick grew up in Beavercreek township and at the age of twenty years began teaching school, a profession he followed during the winters for a period of twelve years. In 1858 he purchased a tract of sixty acres of land east of Shakertown and after his marriage in the following spring to Ann R. Kable established his home there, remaining there until the spring of 1865, when he moved to a farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres which he had purchased, a mile and a half west of the village of Alpha. David Merrick and wife were the parents of nine children, seven of whom grew to maturity, those besides Mrs. Coy being William K., Joseph S., Emma H., Ellen C., Martha J. and Benjamin D. The Merricks were members of the Reformed church.

ARTHUR A. SHOUP.

Arthur A. Shoup, proprietor of a farm of one hundred and nine acres in Beavercreek township, rural mail route No. 8 out of Dayton, was born on that farm on August 5, 1872, son of Daniel M. and Maria (Wampler) Shoup, the former of whom was born in that same township, a son of Moses W. Shoup, a minister of the Dunkirk church and one of the largest landowners among the pioneers of that section, a son of George Shoup, who had come to the then Territory of Ohio from Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1796, and had entered two sections of land in what later came to be organized as Beavercreek township, this county. The Shoups are of Swiss origin. Daniel M. Shoup was born on September 10, 1822, and in August, 1844, married Maria Wampler, who was born in Starke county, Ohio, February 24, 1827, but who at the time of her marriage was living in Montgomery county, whence her parents, Philip and Catherine (Royer) Wampler, had moved when she was little more than an infant. The Wampplers came to this state from Carroll county, Maryland. Ten years after his marriage Daniel M. Shoup

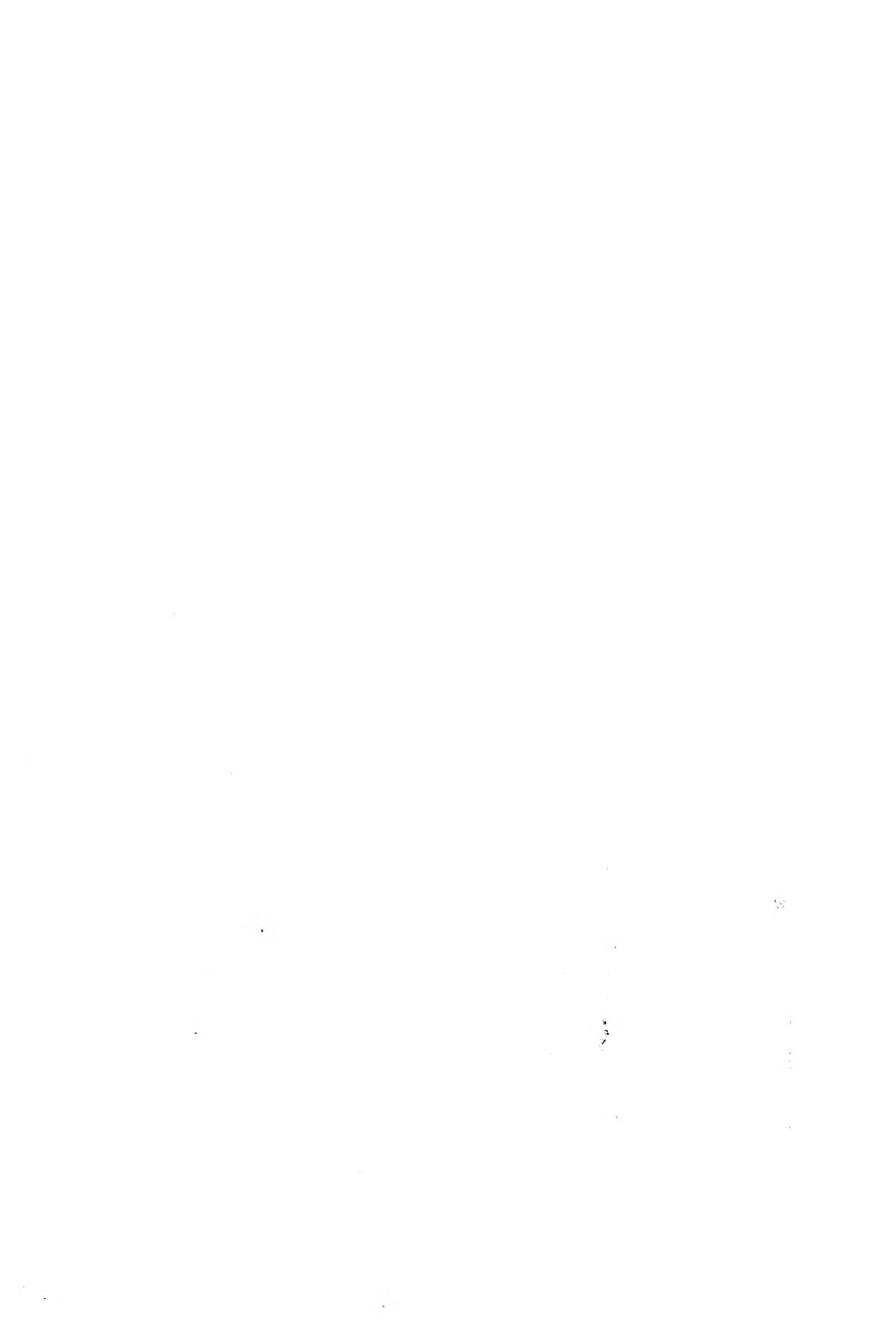
bought the farm on which his son Arthur is now living and there spent the rest of his life. He also, following the precepts of his father, was a minister of the Dunker church. He had five sisters, Mrs. Charlotte Coy, Mrs. Catherine Gearhart, Mrs. Sarah Wampler, Mrs. Harriet Brubaker and Mrs. Rebecca Ann Darst. His wife died in 1900 and he survived until 1911.

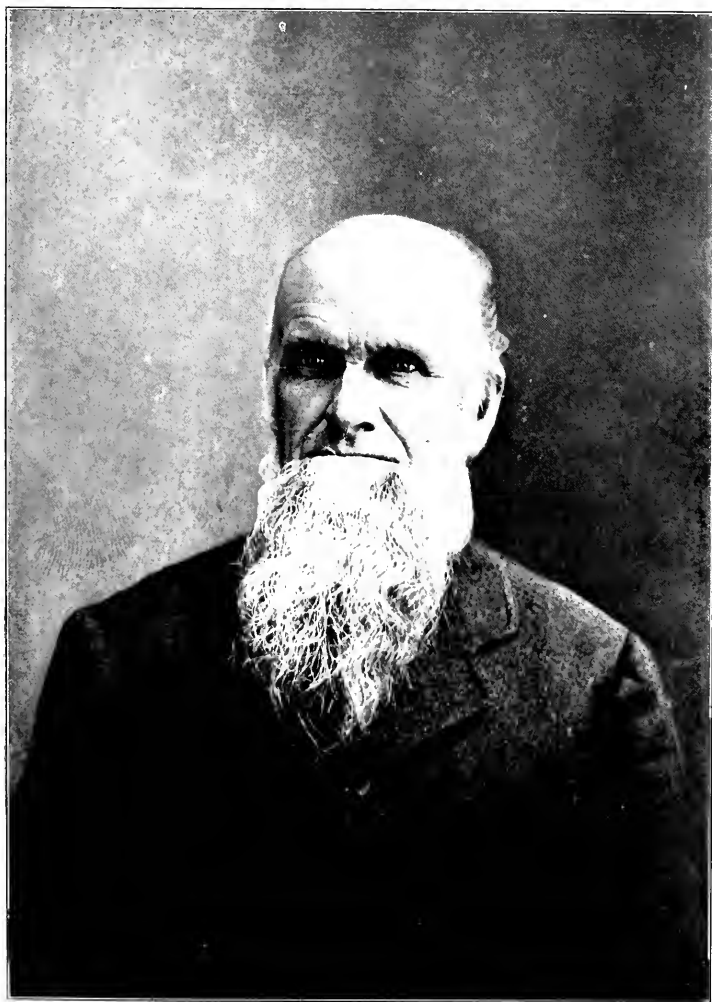
Reared on the home farm, Arthur A. Shoup completed his schooling in the Beavercreek township high school. After his marriage in 1894 he established his home on the home place, taking charge of the same for his father, and after the latter's death in 1911 bought the interests of the other heirs in one hundred and nine acres of the place, including the old home, and still lives there. He gives considerable attention to the breeding of high-grade live stock and also maintains a herd of Guernsey cattle for dairy purposes. On his farm is one of the best apple orchards in the county. Mr. Shoup is a Republican and for four years served as a member of the township board of education. He is a member and one of directors of the Greene County Improvement Association.

On November 14, 1894, Arthur A. Shoup was united in marriage to Anna Ozias, who was born in Preble county, this state, daughter of R. J. W. and Jane (Markey) Ozias, and to this union six children have been born, Grace, wife of Lawrence Howard, of Bath township, this county; Daniel, who took two years at Ohio State University and in the spring of 1918 enlisted in the aviation corps of the National Army, and Elizabeth, Charles, Ruth and Rebecca.

FRANKLIN M. HAVERSTICK.

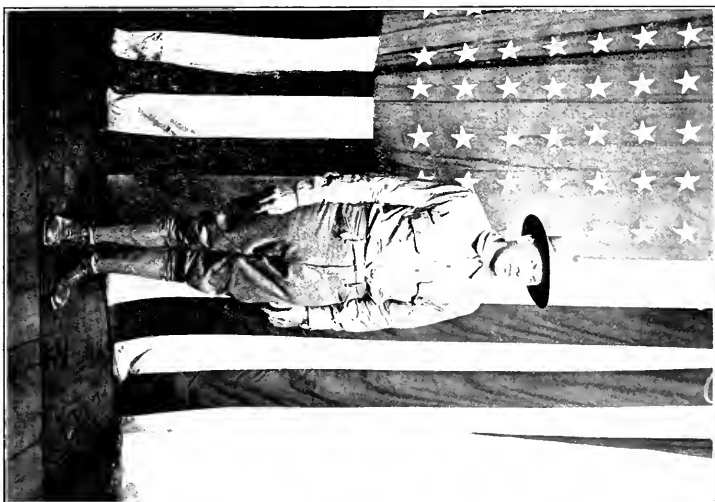
The late Franklin M. Haverstick, a veteran of the Civil War, who died at his farm home in Beavercreek township on April 8, 1908, and whose widow is now living at Zimmermans, was born on a farm south of Xenia, in Xenia township, January 14, 1843, son of John and Elizabeth (Holly) Haverstick, who had come to this county from Maryland about the year 1830. John Haverstick and wife were members of the Reformed church and were the parents of eight children, those besides Franklin, the fourth in order of birth, being Thomas, who served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War; John, who made his home in Sugarcreek township; William, who is overseer of Woodland cemetery at Dayton; Christ, who is still living in Xenia township; Matthew, deceased; Maria, also deceased, who was the wife of Daniel Neckman, of Dayton, and Mignon, who died unmarried. John Haverstick, who was a stone contractor, died in 1853, at the age of forty years, and his widow survived him until 1882. Her





FRANKLIN M. HAVERSTICK.

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father was a soldier of the War of 1812 and her grandfather was present by invitation at the funeral of George Washington.

Left fatherless at the age of ten years, Franklin M. Haverstick was early thrown on his own resources and did such work as his hand found to do in the community until his enlistment on August 14, 1862, at Alpha, for service in the Union army. He was sent to the front as a member of Company E, Ninety-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until mustered out in June, 1865, the war then being over. During his service Mr. Haverstick was severely wounded at the battle of Chattanooga, and though thus off duty for a time did not go to the hospital. He participated in the many battles and engagements in which his command was involved and was with Sherman on the march to the sea. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Haverstick returned to Greene county and began working on the Thomas Hawker farm. On April 9, 1867, he married Catherine Coy, a daughter of Nicholas and Charlotte (Shoup) Coy and a granddaughter of Moses Shoup, the Brethren minister, and for a year thereafter he and his wife made their home in Kosciuski county, Indiana. They then returned to Greene county and bought a small farm in the vicinity of Hawkers church in Beaver creek township, where they lived for five years, at the end of which time they bought ninety-five acres of the Nicholas Coy farm, Mrs. Haverstick's old home place, and there established their permanent home, Mr. Haverstick spending the rest of his life there. Mr. Haverstick was a Republican and was a member of the Brethren church at Zimmermans, as is his widow, he for years having served as a deacon of the church.

To Franklin M. and Mary Catherine (Coy) Haverstick were born eight children, namely: Delilah, widow of Louis Hower, who is making her home with her mother at Zimmermans; Martha, now deceased, who was the wife of Edward Snyder; Charlotte, wife of Frank Koogler, of Beaver creek township; Joseph, who is assistant superintendent of a traction line at Chicago; Harry, who is farming the home place in Beaver creek township; Huber, who is now connected with the aviation corps of the National Army, stationed (spring of 1918) in Minnesota; George, who is also with the National Army, at Camp Sherman; and Elizabeth, who is living with her mother at Zimmermans. After the death of her husband Mrs. Haverstick continued to make her home on the farm until the spring of 1918, when she bought a house in Zimmermans and has since been living there. She was born on April 9, 1849, in Beaver creek township, her father's farm being situated just west of where the railway viaduct crosses the Dayton pike. Her father, Nicholas Coy, was born in that same township, on the Shakerton pike, January 31, 1811, and her mother, Charlotte Shoup, also was born in Beaver-

creek township, the Shoup homestead being just north of Mt. Zion church. They were members of the Brethren church at Zimmermans. Nicholas Coy died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Haverstick, in April, 1897. His wife had long preceded him to the grave, her death having occurred on January 25, 1874. She was born in 1819. They were the parents of eight children, of whom Mrs. Haverstick was the fifth in order of birth, the others being Elizabeth, who married John Engle; Benjamin, who made his home in Beaver-creek township; Jane, who married William Nisley; Aaron, who is now living in Beaver-creek township; Martin, who was drowned while fishing; Ella, who died at the age of twelve years, and Oren, who died at the age of fifteen.

JOHN A. THUMA.

John A. Thuma, member of the Adams & Thuma Lumber Company at Jamestown, is a native of Virginia, born in Augusta county, in the Old Dominion, December 16, 1851, son of Robert and Catherine (Brenneman) Thuma, both of whom were born in that same state.

Robert Thuma was born about the year 1830 and in 1850 was married. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted his services in behalf of the Confederacy and went to the front as a member of Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson's brigade, with which command he was serving when killed at the battle of Port Republic, June 9, 1862. He was the father of four children, those besides the subject of this sketch having been Thomas N., who is now living in the vicinity of Winchester, Indiana; Hiram, who died in infancy, and Mrs. Fannie E. Shobe, who died near Winchester, Indiana. About 1866 Mrs. Catherine Thuma, mother of these children and widow of Robert Thuma, married John Crum, of Virginia, and moved to Indiana, where she spent the rest of her life, her death occurring at Saratoga, that state, in 1902. To that second union was born one child, a daughter, Florence, who married C. M. Shierling.

Reared in Virginia, John A. Thuman received his schooling in the common schools of his home neighborhood and was early trained to the carpenter trade and the saw-mill business. After his marriage in 1875 he made his home in Virginia and there continued engaged in the carpenter and milling houses until the spring of 1882, when he came to Ohio and located at Jamestown, arriving there on May 6, of that year. Mr. Thuma presently bought a half interest in the business of the J. L. Ginn Lumber Company and has ever since been engaged in the lumber business there, the firm also operating a planing-mill. After J. L. Ginn was succeeded by E. E. Ginn Mr. Thuma continued his association with the latter until Ginn sold his

interest in the concern to J. Q. Adams, who is still connected with the company.

On April 15, 1875, in Virginia, John A. Thuma was united in marriage to Virginia H. Clark, who also was born in that state, a daughter of William D. and Rachel (Miller) Clark, who were the parents of eight children, namely: Mrs. Mary J. Stanbus, of Reesville, this state; Mrs. Sallie A. Landis, of Augusta county, Virginia; John, deceased; Virginia H., wife of Mr. Thuma; Alexander, deceased; Mrs. Ida C. Early, of Stanton, Virginia; Mrs. Rebecca McConnoughey, of Reesville, and William D., of Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Thuma have three children, namely: Charles Ernest Thuma, born in Virginia on February 4, 1876, now associated with his father in business at Jamestown, who married Bertha Gregg and has two children, Willard and Lela; Clara Edna, born on October 29, 1879, who married George H. Eckerle, a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume, and has two children, Catherine and Clark; and Mable Grace, March 18, 1885, who married O. F. Reeves, a clothing merchant at Jamestown, and has three children, Frances, Virginia and Robert. Mr. and Mrs. Thuma are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Jamestown.

CHARLES K. WOLF

Charles K. Wolf, the proprietor of a farm of one hundred and twenty-one acres in Beavercreek township, rural mail route No. 7 out of Xenia, was born on a farm in Xenia township, this county, February 3, 1865, son of Frank and Margaret (Sorg) Wolf, natives of Germany, whose last days were spent in this county. Frank Wolf, Sr., was born in 1823 and was married in his native land. In 1849 he and his wife and their first-born child, a daughter, Catherine, came to this country and located at Cincinnati. Ten years later he came up here with his family and settled in Xenia township, becoming a farmer. He died in October, 1905, and his widow survived him until 1914. They were the parents of eight children, of whom Charles K. was the seventh in order of birth, the others being Mrs. Catherine Fisher, deceased; Mrs. Margaret Spahr, of this county; Mrs. Mary Buck, also of this county; Frank, Jr., who is living at Xenia; Mrs. Elizabeth McElvaine, of Kansas City; Clara, who is living on the home farm near Xenia, and Mrs. Emma Gerlaugh, who died in 1917.

Reared on the home farm, Charles K. Wolf completed his schooling in the old Xenia College, which he attended for three years, a member of the last class in that institution. Upon leaving school he resumed his labors on the home farm and after his marriage early in 1903 continued the season

there, or until in October of that year, when he bought the farm on which he is now living in Beavercreek township and there established his home. Mr. Wolf is a Democrat and has served as township assessor and as a member of the township school board, having given seven years to the latter office. About twenty-five years ago he served as district land assessor. He is a member of the Grange and is recognized as the man who pointed out the way to the elimination of the foot-and-mouth disease in live stock by compelling the railroads to keep stock cars clean. Mr. Wolf also is regarded as one of the original promoters of the present widely adopted system of inter-county highways, his original suggestions along that line having started the movement. He was formerly a member of the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

On February 3, 1903, Charles K. Wolf was united in marriage to Julia Stryker, who was born near Ft. Ancient, Warren county, Ohio, daughter of Peter and Nancy Ann (Patterson) Stryker, the latter of whom is still living and who were the parents of seven children, Charles, Frank, Jacob, Alice, Julia, Minnie and John (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Wolf have three children, Ethel, born April 20, 1904; Alice, September 8, 1905, and Margaret, July 5, 1907.

FRANK H. HARPER.

Frank H. Harper proprietor of a farm of more than two hundred acres in Ross township, was born in that township and has lived there all his life with the exception of a period of about nine years during the days of his youth when his family was living in Missouri. He was born on February 27, 1881, son of Thomas Henry and Cinderella (Herriman) Harper, both now deceased, the latter of whom was born and reared in the vicinity of Lisbon, in Columbiana county, this state.

The late Thomas Henry Harper, who died at his home in Ross township on November 12, 1910, was born in that same township on March 17, 1834, a son of Thomas and Mary (Sirlotte) Harper, natives of Maryland, the latter of whom was a daughter of George and Elizabeth Sirlotte, also Marylanders, of French descent. Thomas Harper was one of the four sons in the family of seven children who accompanied their father and mother, John Harper and wife, over into Ohio from Maryland in 1804 and settled in Greene county, which had just been organized as a civic unit the year before. John Harper was a soldier of the Revolution and was a brother of Thomas Harper, who operated the ferry across the Potomac river at the point which thus came to be known as Harper's Ferry and is still so known.



FRANK H. HARPER AND FAMILY.



a name familiar to every student of American history, and inseparably associated with the enthusiastic attempt made by John Brown, the Kansan, in 1859, to start a movement for the liberation of the slaves. Upon coming to this county in 1804 John Harper bought a tract of more than one thousand acres of land in what later came to be organized as Ross township, there erected the first log cabin in that part of the county and with the aid of his sons soon had a clearing in the woods. John Harper, the pioneer, died there in 1820 and his land was divided among his children, whose descendants in the present generation form one of the most numerous family connections in this part of Ohio.

Thomas Harper, one of the sons of this pioneer, was born at Harper's Ferry and was named in honor of his uncle Thomas, the owner of the ferry and also then the owner of much of the land thereabout. He was a well grown lad when he came to this county with his parents and he at once began to take his part in the labors of making a farm there in the wilderness. On May 17, 1818, he married Mary Sirlotte and established his home on a part of the paternal acres and in time so increased his holdings that he became the owner of nine hundred and ninety-five acres of land. He died on January 8, 1875, he then being eighty-two years of age. His wife had preceded him to the grave about two years, her death having occurred on April 6, 1873. They were the parents of five children, William Harrison, Minerva Ann, George W., Thomas Henry and Mary L., all of whom lived to maturity.

Thomas H. Harper grew up on the home farm in Ross township and in due time became a farmer on his own account and the owner of nearly seven hundred acres of land. On January 16, 1865, he married Cinderella Herriman and continued to make his home in this county until 1889, when he moved with his family to Missouri, where he remained for nine years, at the end of which time he returned to Greene county and here spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in the fall of 1911. His wife died February 4, 1900. She was a member of the Christian church. To Thomas H. and Cinderella (Herriman) Harper were born six children, namely: Idella, who married Lon Cross and is living at South Vienna, in the neighboring county of Clark; Otis, deceased; Thomas Henry, a resident of Cleveland, this state; William, who died at the age of four years; Mary, who died at the same tender age, and Frank H., the subject of this biographical sketch.

Frank H. Harper was eight years of age when his parents moved with their family to Missouri and his boyhood was spent in that state, he having been about sixteen when the family returned to Greene county and resumed their residence on the home place in Ross township. After a year of further schooling in the local schools he entered Nelson's Business College at Spring-

field and upon completing the course in that institution returned to the home farm and was there engaged assisting his father in the management of the place until his marriage in the fall of 1906, when he began farming on his own account and has since been thus engaged, now the owner of two hundred and thirty-two acres. In addition to his general farming he gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock. By political inclination Mr. Harper is a Democrat, as were his father and grandfather. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodge of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Jeffersonville.

On September 5, 1906, Frank H. Harper was united in marriage to Nora E. Linkinhoker, who was born March 29, 1887, in the neighboring county of Clark, daughter of George E. and Mary E. (Gutshall) Linkinhoker, and to this union two children have been born, Thelma, who died at the age of two months and nineteen days, and George Henry, who was born on April 21, 1915. Mrs. Harper is a member of the Lutheran church.

MT. ST. JOHN NORMAL SCHOOL

Mt. St. John (Catholic) Normal School in Beavercreek township, this county, rural mail route No. 16 out of Dayton, was organized at Dayton under the direction of the Society of Mary (Brothers of Mary) in 1850, but in 1915 was moved to the advantageous site it now occupies on a natural elevation a few miles east of that city, just over the line in Greene county, where a commodious establishment was erected.

The founder of the Society of Mary was William Joseph Chaminade, who was born on April 16, 1761, at Perigueux, a city in southern France. At the outbreak of the French Revolution, after years of teaching in a Catholic college, he repaired to Bordeaux, where, at the peril of his life, he exercised his priestly office during the bloodiest days of the Reign of Terror. Subsequently, being exiled to Spain, he spent three years in retreat near the sanctuary of Our Lady of the Pillar at Saragossa, where he responded to the call to go forth as an Apostle of Mary. Returning to Bordeaux in 1800 he made the chapel of the Madeline the headquarters of his sodalities and there organized the movement that became the mainspring of extensive reforms, these sodalities becoming the nursery that later on gave rise to Father Chaminade's two religious congregations, the Institute of the Daughters of Mary, founded in 1816 at Agen, and the Society of Mary (Brothers of Mary), founded at Bordeaux in 1817. In 1839 Gregory XVI praised the orders established by Father Chaminade; in 1865 Pius IX gave the movement the formal approval of the Holy See, and in 1891 Leo XIII

approved the rules and constitutions of the Society of Mary. A distinctive feature of this latter society is that in its composition both priests and Brothers observe the same rule and pursue the same works of zeal, all the professed members, both lay and ecclesiastical, making the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and, in making the final or perpetual vows, add the vows of stability; its members devoting themselves to work of education. In some countries the Brothers also manage agricultural schools and orphan asylums. The superior general of the society has maintained his residence in Belgium since the expulsion of the religious orders from France. He has four assistants, two of whom are priests and the other two lay members. The society is divided into groups called provinces, at present the Society of Mary in Europe being divided into five provinces, three in France, one in Spain and one in Austria. There is also a vice-province in Japan, with colleges in four of the chief cities, of that country, there being more than one thousand students enrolled at the School of the Morning Star in Tokio and seven hundred in the school at Osaka. In the United States there are more than five hundred religious students of the Society of Mary engaged in educating more than twelve thousand boys and young men. The founder of the American province was Father Leo Meyer, one of the disciples of Father Chaminade, who, with four other Brothers, established a humble home outside of Dayton in March, 1850, having there purchased some property to which they gave the name of Nazareth, which it still bears. Notwithstanding two disastrous fires and financial difficulties, the work prospered and Nazareth grew into what is now St. Mary College. From Nazareth the missionaries or Brothers of Mary have gone forth into more than twenty dioceses, into Canada and as far as the Hawaiian Islands, where the Brothers conduct three schools, one of them being St. Louis College at Honolulu, where there are more than nine hundred boys in attendance. In 1908 the American province was divided into two provinces, the province of Cincinnati, the central house of which is at Mt. St. John, this county, and the province of St. Louis, with headquarters at Clayton, Missouri.

Mt. St. John Normal School has excellent buildings and adequate paraphernalia and is carrying on an admirable work in the way of preparing young men for teaching in the Catholic schools of the country and also in giving instruction preliminary to the seminary course of those seeking to enter holy orders. Young men between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one are received at the school and all branches are taught, embracing courses up from the first year of high school to the full college course. The president of the house is the Rev. Lawrence Yeske, who presides over the faculty, which now numbers eighteen. The vice-president and director of the school

is Brother George Deck, who has been connected with the institution since 1909. The present enrollment at Mt. St. John Normal School is one hundred and twenty-five and progress is reported in all departments of the school's work.

ELMER E. SPENCER.

Elmer E. Spencer, proprietor of a Cedarville township farm of one hundred acres situated on rural mail route No. 3 out of Cedarville, a part of the old Spencer original tract developed there by his great-grandfather in the early days of the settlement of this county, was born on that place and has lived there all his life. He was born on July 27, 1863, son of Thomas W. and Amanda (White) Spencer, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families, and whose last days were spent here.

Thomas W. Spencer was born in Cedarville township in 1830, a son of James W. and Sarah (White) Spencer, the former of whom was a native of Kentucky and the latter of Virginia. James W. Spencer had come up here from Kentucky with his father in the early days of the settlement of Greene county, the family settling on a thousand acres of land three miles east of Cedarville, and there he established his home and spent the rest of his life. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, Michael, Joseph, Daniel, Thomas W. and Frank, who made their homes on portions of the paternal tract in Cedarville township; James, who moved to Iowa; David, who moved over into Montgomery county; Martin D., who moved to Illinois, and Delilah, who spent her last days on the home place.

Reared on the home farm in Cedarville township, Thomas W. Spencer helped to develop the place and after his marriage established his home on a portion of the old home place and there he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring at the age of seventy-four years in 1905. His wife had preceded him to the grave many years, she having died at the age of forty years. She was the third in order of birth of the four children born to Joseph and Susan White, who had settled in the neighborhood of Clifton upon coming to this county from Virginia, the others of the White children having been Belle, who married Joshua Cain; Nancy, who married Simeon Jones, and Joseph, who died in the days of his youth. Thomas W. Spencer was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church. Of the children born to them the subject of this sketch is now the only survivor.

Elmer E. Spencer was reared on the farm on which he still lives, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools, and in time succeeded to the ownership of the farm, on which he has made numerous improvements since

coming into possession of the same. In 1892, some years after his marriage, his father built a new house on the place and he and his family are living there. In addition to his general farming he has given considerable attention to the raising of livestock. Mr. Spencer is a Republican, but has not been a seeker after public office. He and his family are affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church at Cedarville.

On July 28, 1885, Elmer E. Spencer was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary F. (Albright) Harris, widow of John Harris, who died at his home in Cedarville township on October 3, 1883, leaving his widow and one child, a son, Charles Marion Harris, the latter of whom is now living at Dayton. Charles M. Harris has been twice married, his first wife having been Emma Belle Cline and his second, Myrtle Brown. By his first marriage he was the father of two daughters, Maude M. and Ilo Blanche. Mrs. Spencer is a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Gardner) Albright, the former of whom died in Kentucky. His widow married Daniel Switzer, also of Kentucky, and located at Cedarville, where she died in 1893. She was the mother of five children by her first marriage, those besides Mrs. Spencer being George, Samuel, Martha and Amanda.

DAVID V. McCLELLAN

David V. McClellan, proprietor of a farm in Beaverreef township, on rural mail route No. 7 out of Xenia, is a native son of Greene county, born on a farm in Sugarcreek township on July 6, 1853, son of William S. and Mary C. (Bagford) McClellan, both of whom spent their last days in that township.

William S. McClellan also was a native son of Greene county, born at Xenia, March 10, 1825, a son of John McClellan and wife, the latter of whom was a Simpson. John McClellan was the first of this branch of the McClellan family to come to Greene county. He was a Virginian and a blacksmith by trade. Upon locating at Xenia he opened a smithy and wagon-making shop and there continued engaged in that business until his retirement, his last days being spent in the household of his son William S. in Sugarcreek township. John McClellan and wife were the parents of five children, those besides William S. having been Robert, who died at Piqua, Martin, Samuel and Mary, the latter of whom married George Filson. William S. McClellan, who was the eldest son, was early trained to the trade of blacksmith and worked at the same more or less all his life, even after buying his farm and settling in Sugarcreek township, maintaining a shop on the farm. He was a Republican and he and his family were members of

the United Presbyterian church. William S. McClellan married Mary C. Bagford, who was born in Maryland on March 17, 1824, and both he and his wife spent their last days on their farm in Sugarcreek township, her death occurring there in 1884, she then being sixty years of age, and his in 1893, he being sixty-eight years of age at the time of his death. They were the parents of nine children, namely: James W., a retired farmer now living at Beavertown, who married Ella Benham; Alice R., who married Bert Benham and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased; David V., the subject of this sketch; John O., who married Alice Cline and became a farmer in this county and who, as well as his wife, is now deceased; Mary C., wife of Eugene Barney, of Dayton; Harry B., who married Anna Spencer and is also living at Dayton; Edward, who became a carpenter and who died unmarried; Elizabeth, now deceased, who was the wife of Philip Boots, and Sarah, wife of Grant Koontz, of Dayton.

David V. McClellan was reared on the home farm, received his schooling in the local schools, and remained at home until after his marriage in 1880, when he located on the farm on which he is now living, in Beavercreek township, and has ever since made that his place of residence. Mr. McClellan has seventy-five and one-half acres and in addition to his general farming he gives considerable attention to the raising of Poland China hogs.

In December, 1880, David V. McClellan was united in marriage to Anna Babb, who was born at Xenia, daughter of James M. and Susanna (McCreary) Babb, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter in Ireland. James M. Babb was born in 1811 and was nineteen years of age when he came to this county in 1830 and began to work at his trade, that of a carpenter, at Xenia, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there in March, 1876. James M. Babb was twice married and by his first wife, Hannah Smith, was the father of four sons, James, Thomas, George and Charles, all of whom are now deceased. Following the death of the mother of these children, he married Susanna McCreary and to that union were born three children, Mrs. McClellan having a brother, Lon H. Babb, a carpenter, living at Xenia, and a sister, Lizzie, wife of John McLam, also of Xenia. Mrs. Susanna Babb survived her husband for nearly thirty years, her death occurring in 1905, she then being seventy-eight years of age.

To David V. and Anna (Babb) McClellan three children have been born, namely: D. Oliver, born on December 31, 1881, now living at Dayton, where he is employed as a toolmaker, and who married Hazel Shartel and has three children, Sarah Margaret, George V. and Sue-Anna; Sue Ethel, March 23, 1883, who married Ernest Bull, a Xenia township farmer, and has two children, Delmer D. and Harold E.; and Leon C., May 8, 1885, now

employed with the gas company at Xenia, and who married Clara St. John and has one child, a daughter, Frances Clara. Mr. McClellan is a Republican and he and his wife are affiliated with the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia.

ORAN P. MITMAN.

Oran P. Mitman, a member of the Greene county board of education and first president of that board, a landowner of this county and a former banker at Osborn, where he is now living and where he is engaged in the insurance business, was born on a farm in Bath township on February 25, 1871, son of Lewis C. and Laura I. (Bryan) Mitman, both of whom also were born in this county and the latter of whom is still living, a resident of Osborn for many years.

Lewis C. Mitman was born in Bath township, a son of Peter and Anna Mitman, who had come to this country from Pennsylvania and had settled in the northern part of the county, where they spent their last days. Reared on the farm, Lewis C. Mitman received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and after his marriage established his home on a farm in his home township and there engaged in farming until about 1897, when he retired from the farm and moved to Osborn, where he died on December 2, 1907, and where his widow is still living. Lewis C. Mitman for a number of years served as trustee of Bath township and was also for some time president of the local school board. He and his wife were the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch having had a sister, Nettie, who died in 1904.

Reared on the home farm in Bath township, Oran P. Mitman received his early schooling in the local schools and supplemented the same by attendance at Wittenberg College at Springfield, from which institution he was graduated in 1893 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For two years after leaving college Mr. Mitman taught school and then he became a bookkeeper in the Osborn Bank and was thus engaged for three years, at the end of which time he married and returned to the home farm and was there engaged in farming for ten years. He then returned to Osborn and resumed connection with the Osborn Bank, for five years serving that institution as assistant cashier, after which he began to devote his chief attention to the fire and life insurance business, in which he already had become more or less interested, and has since been engaged in that business. Mr. Mitman is the owner of two farms in this county, aggregating two hundred and ninety acres. He is now a member of the county board of education, of which he was the first president, and is also a member of the local school board at Osborn. By

political persuasion he is a Democrat, with "independent" leanings on local issues.

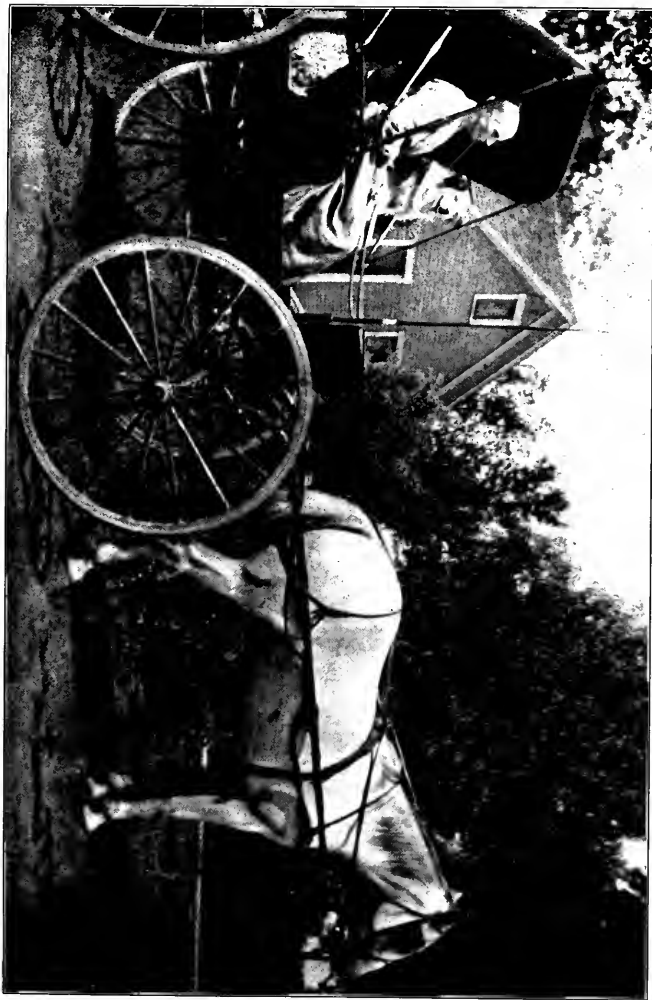
On December 22, 1897, Oran P. Mitman was united in marriage to Edith K. Mouk, daughter of Andrew and Susan Mouk, and to this union two children have been born, Clarence L., who is now a student in the Stanton Military Academy, Virginia, and Mildred Mae, who is in school at Osborn. The Mitmans are members of the Lutheran church at Osborn, of which Mr. Mitman is an elder. He is also treasurer of the congregation and superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Mitman is a Scottish Rite (32) Mason, affiliated with the consistory at Dayton, and a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias at Osborn, which latter now seems doomed to a cessation of its wonted activities by reason of the project looking to flood prevention, which, if carried out as contemplated, will necessitate the abandonment of Osborn.

HARRY JOHNSON.

The late Harry Johnson, who died at his farm home in Cedarville township in 1908 and whose sons, John and George Johnson, are still operating that farm, was a native son of Ohio and had lived in this state all his life, a resident of Greene county since the days of his boyhood. He was born at South Charleston, in the neighboring county of Clark, August 24, 1840, a son of John Johnson and wife, the former of whom was a native of Highland county, this state, and both of whom died when their son, the subject of this memorial sketch, was a child. Thus early bereaved of his parents, Harry Johnson was taken into the home of George Weymouth, of Cedarville township, this county, and there grew to manhood, completing his schooling in the schools in this county. He married Trankalina Rock, who was born at Springfield, this state, August 26, 1842, and after his marriage was for some time engaged in the grocery business at Cedarville. Presently desiring to return to the life of the farm Mr. Johnson sold his store and bought the McHatton farm of one hundred acres, on which he made his home for six years, at the end of which time he sold that place and bought the old Creswell farm, the place where his sons now live, as noted above, and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there on December 28, 1908. His widow survived him for nearly eight years, her death occurring on September 8, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Johnson was a Republican.

To Harry and Trankalina (Rock) Johnson were born nine children.

MRS. FRANKLINA JOHNSON.





namely: Laura, wife of William Northrop, of Coshocton, this state; Thomas, who married Ella Luce and is living at Springfield, this state; Leah, wife of William Huntington, of Lima, Ohio; William, who died in the days of his childhood; Charles, who married Della St. John and is now farming in the vicinity of Edler, Colorado; John and George, who remained with their parents and are still operating the old home farm in Cedarville township; Lulu, wife of Walter Iliff, a building contractor at Cedarville, and Mary, wife of Robert Townsley, of Cedarville township.

The Johnson brothers, John and George, in addition to their general farming, give considerable attention to the raising of live stock and have Red Polled cattle, Jersey hogs and Belgian horses. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and in their political affiliations are Republicans. John Johnson is a member of the order of Knights of Pythias.

JOHN SMITH

For many years John Smith, who died at his home in Caesarscreek township, this county, January 31, 1883, eighty-four years of age at the time of his death, had been a resident of this county since he was eighteen years of age and in consequence was thoroughly familiar with the main facts of the development of this region during the long period covered by that tenure of residence. John Smith was a Virginian, born in Rappahannock county, in the Old Dominion, February 14, 1798, and was eighteen years of age when he came over into Ohio, riding through on horseback, and located in Greene county. For decades after taking up his residence here he made it a point every ten years to ride back to his old home in Virginia, going over the ground on horseback he had covered upon coming out here in 1816. In due time after his arrival here Mr. Smith got a tract of land in Caesarscreek township, married Margaret Burrell, a member of one of the pioneer families of this section, she having been born in Caesarscreek township on August 16, 1806, and established his home in that township, continuing to spend the rest of his life there. Originally a Whig, he became a Republican upon the organization of the latter party. He was one of the early assessors of Caesarscreek township and, as is related elsewhere in this volume in a further reference to this pioneer, had quite a time convincing some of his neighbors that it was their duty to return their property for taxation. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

John Smith was twice married. His first wife, Margaret Burrell, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this volume, together with something relating to the history of the Burrells in this county, died on January

23, 1849, being then in the forty-third year of her age, and he later married Nancy Wright, this latter union being without issue. By his first marriage John Smith was the father of twelve children, namely: Burrell, William, Eleanor, Henry, Susan Ann, Eli, Elizabeth, Nancy, Alfred, Mary Jane, Margaret, born on February 21, 1844, who is now living on her farm in Jefferson township, this county, widow of James W. Clark, and Emily.

Margaret Smith was married on May 8, 1878, to James W. Clark, who was born in Rappahannock county, Virginia, and who had rendered service as a soldier of the Confederacy during the Civil War. Not long after the close of the war James W. Clark came to Ohio and located in this county, where in the spring of 1878 he married Margaret Smith. For eight years after his marriage he made his home on a farm in Jefferson township and then bought the farm of thirty acres on which his widow is now living in that same township, rural mail route No. 3 out of Jamestown, and there he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on July 26, 1904. To Mr. and Mrs. Clark was born one child, a son, John Edgar, who died in the days of his childhood. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Clark has continued to make her home on the home farm, the place being looked after by Orville Fawley, who with his family has made his home there since March 20, 1905. Orville Fawley was married on December 22, 1909, to Myrtle Sturgeon and has three children, Helen M., George A. and Aletha I. Mrs. Fawley was born at Jamestown, this county, daughter and only child of Albert and Flora (Tidd) Sturgeon, the latter of whom, a daughter of Josiah B. Tidd, died in 1902 and the former of whom is now living in the village of Selma, in the neighboring county of Clark. Mr. Fawley was born at Laintersville, a son of George and Laura Fawley.

CHARLES M. JOHNSON.

The late Charles M. Johnson, who died at his stock farm in the vicinity of Jamestown in the spring of 1914 and whose widow is still living there, occupying the place that has been in the possession of the Johnson family for four generations, was born in this county and all his life was spent here. He was born at Bell Center on March 23, 1861, son and only child of Alfred and Mary (McClain) Johnson, both of whom also were born in this county.

Alfred Johnson was born on January 13, 1838, a son of James C. and Jane (Greenwood) Johnson, who came to his county from Virginia and settled at Bell Center. James C. Johnson was elected to various offices of trust and responsibility. He and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian church. Upon their retirement from the farm they moved

to Jamestown, where their last days were spent, James C. Johnson dying there in 1876, at the age of seventy-five years, and his widow surviving him until 1900, she being ninety years of age at the time of her death. They were the parents of three children, Alfred having had a brother, Harvey, who moved to Iowa, and a sister, Delia, who married Charles Mahan and went to Van Wert, this state.

Reared on the home place, Alfred Johnson received his schooling in the local schools and early took up the duties of the farm, which in time came under his control and he was for years engaged there in farming and stock raising. He also for several terms served as a member of the board of county commissioners. On April 15, 1860, he married Mary McClain, who was born on February 3, 1842, and who died in 1884. He survived his wife many years, his death occurring on August 20, 1914. He and his wife were members of the Friends church.

Charles M. Johnson received his schooling in the Jamestown schools and after his marriage he established his home on the home farm, and after his father's retirement took over the management of the place, which he continued to operate until his death on March 23, 1914. Mr. Johnson was a Republican and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Jamestown, as is his widow.

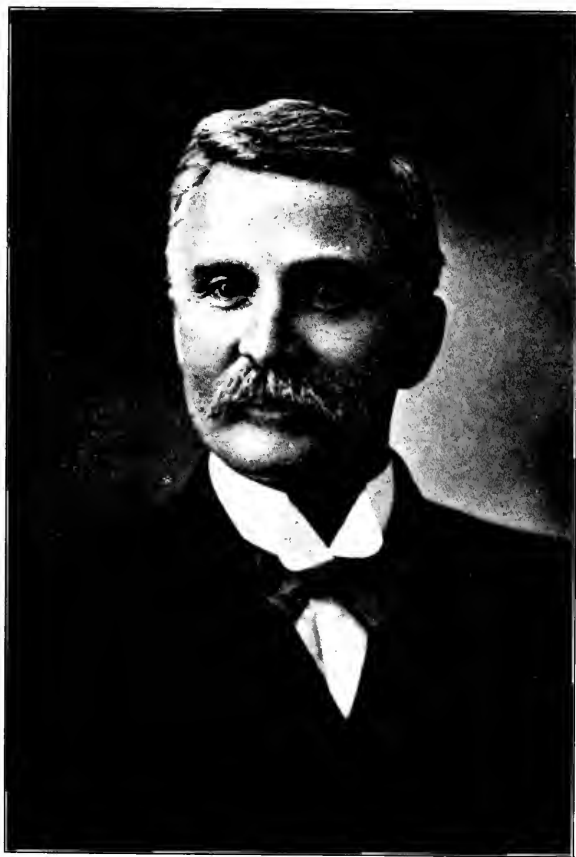
On May 28, 1885, Charles M. Johnson was united in marriage to Lulu D. Vernon, who was born in Wood county, this state, daughter of Hannum and Semilda (Crain) Vernon, the former of whom was born in that same county, February 15, 1839, and the latter, in Illinois, December 26, 1841. Hannum Vernon was a plasterer and in 1865 located at Dayton, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, her death occurring there on January 5, 1892, and his, June 1, 1910. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and had two children, Mrs. Johnson having a brother, Charles Elmer Vernon, born on May 16, 1876, who still resides at Dayton, where he is engaged as a city salesman for the Dayton Iron and Steel Company. Charles E. Vernon married Ethel Storp, who died on April 3, 1918. To Charles E. and Lulu D. (Vernon) Johnson were born two sons, James A., born on January 23, 1897, and Morgan D., July 30, 1904, the latter of whom is attending school at Jamestown. James A. Johnson received his schooling in the Jamestown schools and later attended a school for electrical engineering at Milwaukee. He married Louise Adsit, of this county, born on April 23, 1897, and is now the head of the Jamestown Floral Company at Jamestown, operated by his father-in-law, a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume. Besides owning the home farm of eighty-five acres in the Jamestown vicinity, Mrs. Johnson owns a farm of three hundred and fifteen acres in Resc township.

EDWARD O. GERLAUGH.

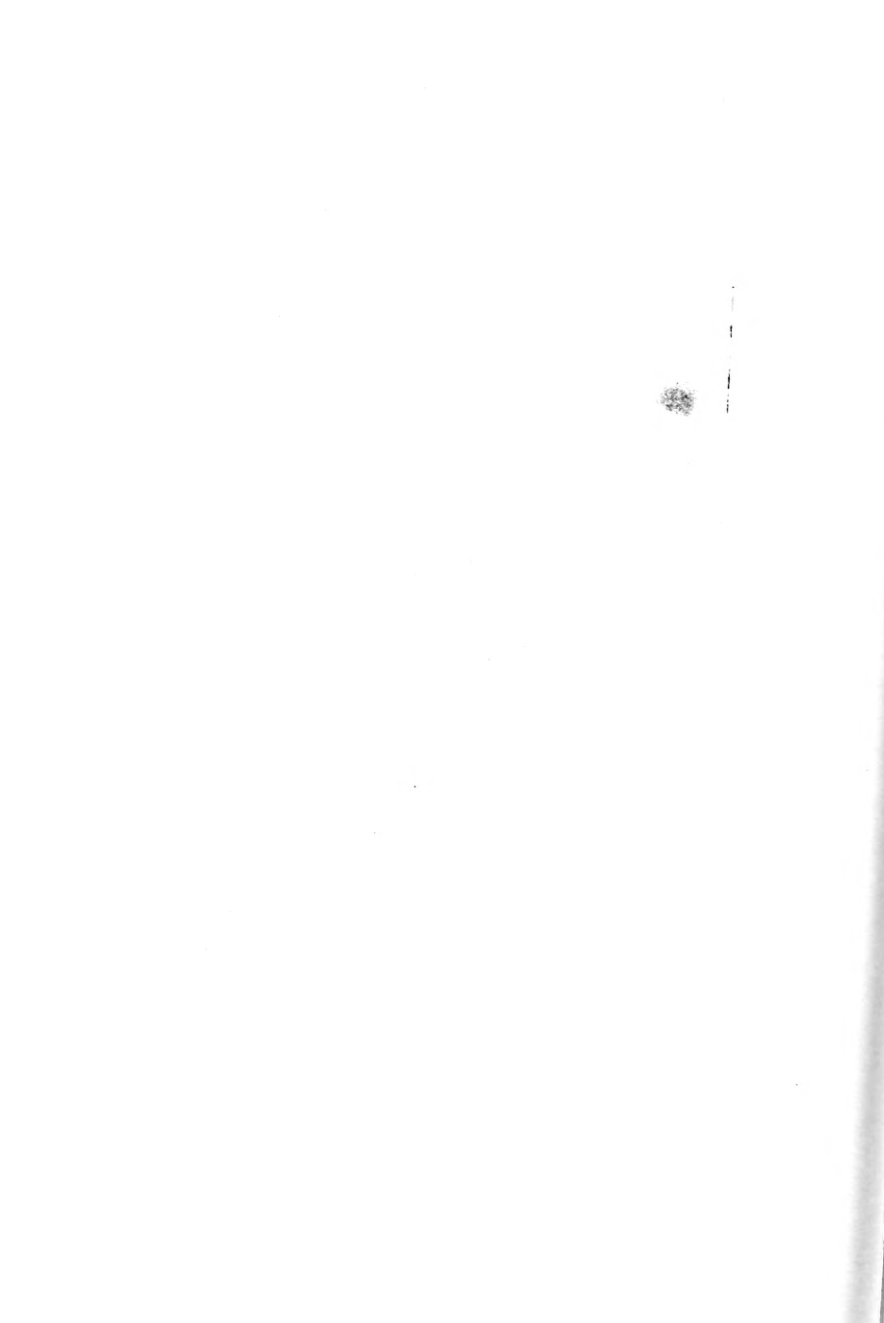
The late Edward O. Gerlaugh, who for years was looked upon as one of the leading agriculturists of Beavercreek township and whose widow is still living on the home farm in that township, the operations of the same being carried on by her youngest son, Earl C. Gerlaugh, was a native "Buckeye," born on a farm in the neighboring county of Montgomery on February 27, 1846, a son of Jacob and Anna (Miller) Gerlaugh, the latter of whom was born in Virginia, but who had come to Ohio in the days of her girlhood and was making her home with an uncle in Montgomery county at the time of her marriage.

Jacob Gerlaugh was born on a pioneer farm in Beavercreek township, this county, in 1810, a son of Adam and Catherine (Haines) Gerlaugh, both of whom were born in Washington county, Maryland, in the year 1786, there having been but a few days difference in their birthdays. Adam Gerlaugh was a son of Adam Gerlaugh and was twenty-one years of age when he came with his parents and the other members of the family to Ohio in 1807, the family settling in Beavercreek township, this county, as is set out elsewhere in this volume in a further reference to this pioneer family. In the winter following his arrival here the younger Adam Gerlaugh married Catherine Haines, who had been his sweetheart back in Maryland and who had come to this county with her brother, coming through on horseback, about the time the Gerlaughs had come. After their marriage Adam Gerlaugh and his wife located on a tract of land that had been purchased by the latter's father during a trip he some time previously had made to this county, and there in Beavercreek township they established their home and proceeded to develop a property that is held in the Gerlaugh name to this day. Adam Gerlaugh was affiliated with the Beaver Reformed church and his wife held to the Lutheran connection. She died on April 19, 1852, and several years later Adam Gerlaugh went to Wisconsin on a visit to one of his sons and on his return stopped in Warren county, Illinois, to visit another son and there was taken ill and died. That was in 1856, he then being seventy years of age. Adam Gerlaugh and his wife were the parents of ten children, eight sons and two daughters, those besides Jacob having been David, Otho, Adam, Robert, Arthur, Jonathan, Henry, Frances, who married Benjamin Clark, and Mary Jane, who married Manuel Hawker.

Reared amid pioneer conditions on the farm on which he was born, Jacob Gerlaugh remained there until his marriage in 1840 to Anna Miller, after which he made his home in Montgomery county until about 1852, when he returned to Greene county and established his home on the farm in Beavercreek township on which the widow of his son Edward is now living. There



EDWARD O. GERLAUGH.



he and his wife spent the rest of their lives, the latter dying in 1893 and the former, in February, 1897. They were the parents of thirteen children, those besides the subject of this memorial sketch, the fourth in order of birth, having been William, Oliver, Lydia Ann, Taylor, Mary Jane and Martha Ellen (twins), Haines, Harriet, Alice, Jacob, Henry and Sarah Belle. The eldest son, William Gerlaugh, went to the front as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, a member of Company E, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was taken prisoner by the Rebels at Moorfield, West Virginia, and was starved to death in the Confederate prison hole at Salisbury, North Carolina, his death occurring there on February 15, 1865.

Edward O. Gerlaugh was reared on the home farm and received his schooling in the neighborhood district school. He was still in his teens when his brother William went away to war and the second son, Oliver, having died in childhood, he was thus left as his father's mainstay on the farm, the general management of which he assumed in due time and the ownership of which he later acquired, owning there two hundred and eighteen acres. The old farm house was destroyed by fire in 1887 and Mr. Gerlaugh then erected a new residence, where his widow still resides. In addition to his general farming Mr. Gerlaugh had long given particular attention to the raising of pure-bred Hereford cattle, was one of the first to introduce this strain in Greene county, did much to help the development of the live-stock industry hereabout and was for years an active member of the Hereford Breeders Association. Mr. Gerlaugh died on February 5, 1916, and since then the operations of the farm have been carried on by his youngest son, Earl C. Gerlaugh, who is making a specialty of the raising of Guernsey cattle for dairy purposes.

On January 11, 1870, Edward O. Gerlaugh was united in marriage to Martha Ellen Harshman, who was born in Beavercreek township, this county, a daughter of John C. and Anna M. (Miller) Harshman, the latter of whom was a daughter of Samuel Miller. John C. Harshman was born on a pioneer farm in Beavercreek township in 1807, a son of Philip and Frances Harshman, who had come over here from Maryland and had established their home in Beavercreek among the early settlers of that part of the county, spending there the remainder of their lives. Philip Harshman and his wife were the parents of six children. John C. Harshman grew up on that pioneer farm and in 1841 married Anna M. Miller, establishing his home in a log cabin on a tract of two hundred acres of woodland which he had bought in the neighborhood of his home, and there he continued engaged in farming the rest of his life, gradually adding to his possessions until he became the owner of four hundred acres. He died on June 27, 1880, and

his widow survived him for twelve years, her death occurring in 1892. She also was born in Beavercreek township, in 1819, her parents, Samuel Miller and wife, having settled there upon coming to this county from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, about two years previous to that date. Samuel Miller died at the age of sixty-three years and his widow lived to be eighty-four years of age. They were the parents of eight children, those besides Mrs. Harshman having been Samuel, Martha, Alosa, John, Daniel, Reuben and Eliza. To John C. Harshman and wife were born nine children, those besides Mrs. Gerlaugh being Sarah E., Ephraim F., Anna M., Reuben M., Freeman, Lincoln, Samuel H. and Mary C. Of these sons, Samuel H. Harshman went to the front as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, a member of Company C, Seventy-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, participated in some important battles of the war and was so broken in health by the stress of his army service that he died at the age of twenty-three years.

To Edward O. and Martha Ellen (Harshman) Gerlaugh were born seven children, two of whom, William and Anna, died in childhood, the others being the following: Edward, who became a resident of Dayton and died on November 26, 1905; Oscar, who formerly was a member of the Ohio National Guard, with which he rendered service on the Mexican border in 1916, and who now (1918) is attached to the National Army, a member of Company G, One Hundred and Forty-eighth Regiment, United States Infantry, for service in the war against Germany; Luella, who with her younger brother remains at home with her mother; Jacob, who married Elizabeth Herring, daughter of E. E. Herring, and is now living at Alpha, and Earl C., born on May 17, 1886, who, as noted above, is now operating the home farm on rural mail route No. 10 out of Xenia.

JOHN F. HOPKINS.

John F. Hopkins, a veteran of the Civil War and a one-time farmer of Greene county, now living retired at Bellbrook, where he has made his home since leaving the farm in 1884 and where he for some time after leaving the farm was engaged in business, was born in Bellbrook and has lived there and in that vicinity all his life. He was born on January 11, 1842, son of Samuel H. and Mary A. (Shorts) Hopkins, whose last days were spent in this county.

Samuel H. Hopkins was born in the neighboring county of Warren and was there married to Mary A. Shorts, who was born in Pennsylvania, but who was but a girl when her parents came to Ohio with their family and

settled in Warren county. Samuel H. Hopkins was a manufacturer of shoes and in 1840 came up into Greene county and established a factory at Bellbrook, where he was for some time thus engaged in business. He also became a landowner in the neighborhood of that village. He died in February, 1896, being then past ninety years of age. His widow survived him for some years, she being past ninety-five years of age at the time of her death. They were the parents of fourteen children, of whom eleven grew to maturity and seven of whom are still living. Of these latter the subject of this sketch is the only one now living in Greene county, the others being the following: Mrs. Mary Catherine Willoughby, now about eighty years of age, living at Dayton; Samuel T., of Bellefontaine; F. M., of Waco, Texas; Mrs. Joseph Sebring, of Dayton; Mrs. Louisa J. Smith, of Dayton, and Miss Clara V. Hopkins, also of Dayton, the youngest of the family and now nearly sixty years of age.

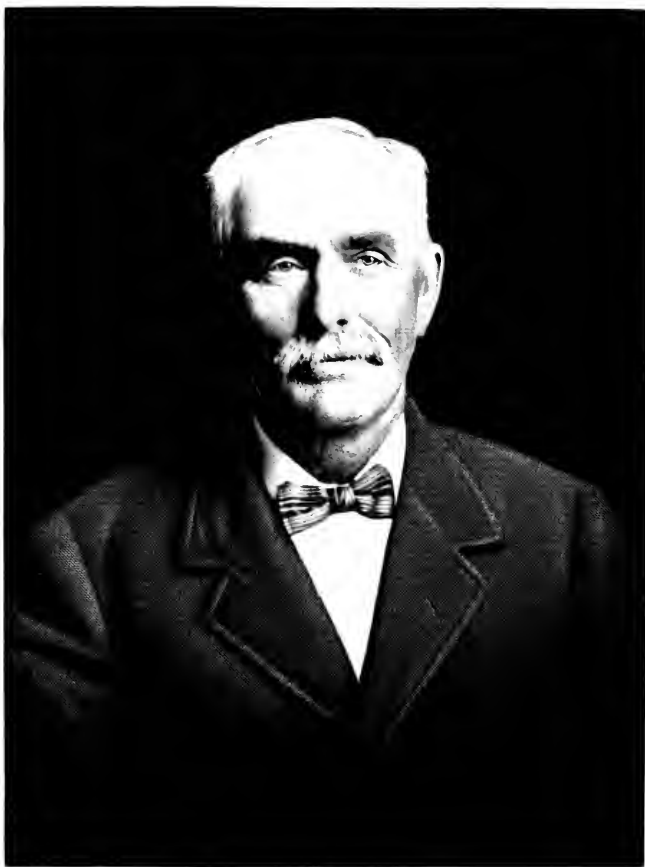
John F. Hopkins was reared at Bellbrook, the place of his birth, and received his schooling in the schools of that village. When twenty years of age he enlisted as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War and went to the front as a member of Company F, Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served for three years. Among the important engagements Mr. Hopkins took part in during this period of service were the battles of Lynchburg, Cedar Creek, Winchester and others. Upon the completion of his military service he returned to Bellbrook and presently became engaged in farming in that neighborhood, after his marriage in 1874 establishing his home on a portion of his father's land, becoming the owner of a farm of one hundred and six acres, and there continued farming until his wife's death in 1884, when he left the farm and returned to Bellbrook, where he since has made his home. For six or eight years after returning to Bellbrook Mr. Hopkins was engaged in business at that place in association with his brother, but for years past has lived retired, for the past ten years having been physically afflicted in such a manner as to confine him to a wheel-chair, making his home with his elder son, Ralph Hopkins, a building contractor of that village.

On February 19, 1874, that John F. Hopkins was united in marriage to Addie C. Haney, who was born in Warren county, this state, and who died in 1884. To that union were born four children, namely: Ralph, mentioned above, a building contractor at Bellbrook, who married Bessie Martindale, who was born in the Paintersville neighborhood in + county and has six children, Mary, Stella, Edna, Thirel, Wayne and Scott; Henry, a farmer of this county; Marshall, who was accidentally killed, and Alexander, who died in infancy.

GEORGE BRANDT.

George Brandt, proprietor of a farm in Beavercreek township, situated on rural mail route No. 7 out of Xenia, is of European birth, a native of Germany, but has been a resident of this country since he was two years of age and in consequence is American to the core, every fiber of his mental and moral being giving loyal and devoted allegiance to the great country that has been so good to him. His parents were of the class somewhat contemptuously looked on in Europe as "peasants" and he was born to that condition of life, a condition from which in his native country he hardly could have hoped to escape, so rigid there are the distinctions of "class." But his father possessed something more than the ordinary ambition of a peasant and when the babies began to enter his home he determined that they should have an opportunity to rise out of the condition to which his family had been tied for generations. He had heard of the wonderful opportunities awaiting industry and perseverance in the great New World beyond the sea and his parents gave him money to bring him over here to see for himself whether the reports he had heard could be true. He found here all that he could have hoped for and a year later sent for his wife and the two children, a little girl and a baby boy, who in good time rejoined him in this country and in 1852 the little German family found domicile in Greene county and it was not long until prosperity began to smile on their efforts. That German peasant who had the courage to break away from the traditions of generations of his downtrodden "class" in due time became the owner of a good farm in this county and he and his wife spent their last days in the midst of comforts and in a freedom of community for the impulse that had promised them to seek a new home and better interest that never could have been theirs in their old home land, ever grate-conditions for their children over on this side. The "baby boy" above referred to grew up naturally amid these new conditions, as much an American in spirit as any, ever profiting by the lessons of frugality that his parents had imparted to him, and with the passing of years has prospered, being now the holder of profitable land interests in Beavercreek township besides numerous investments elsewhere.

Mr. Brandt was born in the German province of Hesse, a grand duchy, February 16, 1850, son of John and Mary (Prysell) Brandt, natives of that same province, as had been their respective families for generations. They were adherents of the Reformed faith and John Brandt was the driver of the local minister's carriage. In 1851 he came to the United States in the hope of finding conditions here favorable to the transplanting of his family to this country and made his way to St. Louis, where he knew of some



George Brandt



Mrs. Charlotte Brandt



old-country friends. A year later he sent for his wife and the two children, the little girl Mary and the baby boy, George, and welcomed his family at St. Louis. Six months later, however, having meanwhile heard of the conditions existing among the people of the (German) Reformed congregation in this county, he came with his family to Greene county and found employment on a farm in Beavercreek township. He and his wife had the right idea and from the beginning of their residence in this county began to look forward to owning a home and a farm of their own. Their efforts in this direction were presently rewarded and John Brandt bought a farm of forty-six acres in that township and there established his home, that tract being a part of the considerable farm now owned there by his son George. John Brandt and his wife put in their lot with the members of Mt. Zion Reformed church and reared their children in the faith of that communion. John Brandt died on the farm which he had developed, his death occurring there in 1896, he then being seventy-nine years of age. His wife had preceded him to the grave about four years, her death having occurred in the fall of 1892, she then being eighty years of age. Of the two children born to them the subject of this sketch alone survives, his sister Mary having died on February 11, 1874, at the age of twenty-six years.

As noted above, George Brandt was but two years of age when he was brought to this country and he grew up on the farm in Beavercreek township, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools. In time, as his father grew older, he assumed complete management of the farm, in 1886 building a new house on the place. As his affairs prospered he gradually added to the original acreage of the farm until now he is the owner of two hundred and fifteen acres. In addition to his general farming Mr. Brandt has long given considerable attention to the raising of pure-bred Shorthorn cattle and also has considerable outside investments. By political persuasion he is a Republican, with "independent" leanings on issues of merely local importance.

In March, 1892, George Brandt was united in marriage to Charlotte Ingle, who was born in Beavercreek township, on the Dayton-Xenia pike, daughter of John and Elizabeth Ingle, both now deceased and the former of whom was a carpenter, and to that union two children were born, George and Mary, both of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Brandt died on December 27, 1914, and Mr. Brandt is thus without a living relative, unless there be some of whom he has no acquaintance in Europe. Since the death of his wife he has continued to maintain his home on the farm, his big house being cared for by a housekeeper, Mrs. Martha Hoffman, and is content there to spend his last days.

ARMSTRONG R. HOWLAND.

Armstrong R. Howland, carpenter and builder at Bellbrook, where he has made his home for the past quarter of a century, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Greene county practically all the time since he was ten or twelve years of age, the exception being a period of two or three years during the early '80s, when he was engaged in farming over in Drake county. He was born in Brown county, December 20, 1852, son of Ralston and Rebecca J. (Gilliland) Howland, both of whom were born in that same county, the former in 1815 and the latter in 1817, whose last days were spent at Bellbrook, in this county.

Ralston Howland was a farmer and a "local" preacher, an exhorter in the Methodist church, who came to Greene county in 1861, after a previous residence in the counties of Brown, Adams, Highland and Clinton, and settled on a farm in the Port William neighborhood, where he remained until 1886, when he retired from the farm and moved to Bellbrook, where he died in 1895. His wife had preceded him to the grave about four years, her death having occurred in 1891. They were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being the following: Mary Ann, deceased; Elizabeth J., unmarried, who is still living at Bellbrook; Margaret F., deceased; Daniel G., who is living at Bellbrook; Angeline, deceased; Sarah, deceased; Martha, wife of J. W. Smith, living north of Bellbrook, and Emma, deceased.

Armstrong R. Howland was but nine months of age when his parents moved from Brown county to Adams county and was still but a child when they moved from that county to Highland county. In this latter county the family remained for eight years and then moved to Clinton county and after a residence of nine months in that county came up over the line into Greene county, where he completed his schooling and became engaged in farming in association with his father. He was married on Christmas Day, 1879, and in 1882 moved over into Darke county, where he was engaged in farming for two years and six months, at the end of which time, in 1885, he returned to Greene county and became engaged in farming in the Bellbrook neighborhood, continuing thus engaged until 1894, when he retired from the farm and began to give his attention to carpentering, and has ever since been engaged at Bellbrook as a building contractor. Mr. Howland is a Republican, for a number of years served as a member of the county central committee of that party, was a delegate to the state convention that nominated Asa Bushnell for governor and has frequently served as a delegate to senatorial and congressional conventions. For two terms Mr. Howland served as mayor of Bellbrook, was for twelve years township

trustee and justice of the peace and since 1906 has been assessor of his home township, having been re-elected to that office in the fall of 1917 for another term of two years. He also has for years held a commission as a notary public. He is one of the charter members of the local lodge of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, has been an office bearer in that lodge ever since it was constituted and has "been through the chairs." He and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant church.

On December 25, 1879, Armstrong R. Howland was united in marriage to Laura Devoe, who was born in this county, daughter of Abram and Nancy (Rogers) Devoe, both members of old families here, and to this union three children have been born, namely: Herman O., born on March 13, 1882, now living at Dayton, where he is employed as an inspector for the National Cash Register Company, and who married Doris Sellers and has two children, Russell A. and Emerson; Bertha J., February 10, 1884, who married Dr. P. L. Gunckel and is also living at Dayton, and Ohmer E., April 4, 1886, who also is living at Dayton, where he is employed as secretary and treasurer of the Dayton Power and Light Company.

LEWIS W. ANKENEY.

In a work of this character, dealing with the pioneer families of Greene county, there naturally appear repeated references to individual families, for some of the old pioneer stock is represented in the present generation by a numerous connection; but of all these old families there are few that have received more frequent mention than the family of the Ankeney, for the founder of this family in Greene county left ten children to carry on the family name and traditions, and it is thus that the name Ankeney has been associated with the development of this county since pioneer times. Elsewhere in this volume there is set out at considerable length the story of the coming of the Ankeney to Greene county and of the family's settlement on a farm in the Alpha neighborhood, the farm now and for many years owned and occupied by Albert Ankeney, a grandson of David and Elizabeth (Miller) Ankeney, the pioneers, who had come here from Washington county, Maryland, in 1830, with their nine children; and of how David Ankeney died suddenly in the fall of that same year, another child being born to his widow not long after his death, and of how that pioneer farm was developed by the family and has ever since continued in the Ankeney name. David Ankeney's ten children were Samuel, Mary, Henry, Margaret, Sarah, John, Nelson, Martha, Jacob and David, the last-named being the posthumous son.

Of the daughters. Mary married John Steele, Margaret married the Rev. George Long and Martha married one of the Shanks.

Nelson Ankeney, seventh in order of birth of the ten children born to David and Elizabeth (Miller) Ankeney and the father of the subject of this biographical sketch, was born in the vicinity of Clear Spring, in Washington county, Maryland, September 15, 1825, and was thus but four years of age when his parents came to Ohio and settled in this county and was but little more than five when his father died. He grew up on the farm now occupied by Albert Ankeney and for some years during the days of his young manhood occupied his winters in teaching school. When twenty-five years of age he married and bought a farm a half mile north of Trebeins, but later sold the same and returned to the old home farm, where he remained for one year, at the end of which time he moved to another farm in that neighborhood and there remained until in 1876, when he bought the farm in Beaver creek township on which he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there on October 7, 1902. Upon taking possession of that place he erected a large new barn, and in 1879 he erected the dwelling house in which his widow is still living. Nelson Ankeney was a Republican and he and his family were members of the Beaver Reformed church.

On May 22, 1851, Nelson Ankeney was united in marriage to Elizabeth Sidney Coffelt, who was born on a farm two miles north of Bellbrook in this county, December 8, 1832, daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Crumley) Coffelt who had come to this county from Virginia. Jacob Coffelt died in 1835 and his widow married Aaron Paxton and thereafter made her home in Beaver creek township, where she died in 1883 at the age of eighty-seven years. By her union with Jacob Coffelt she was the mother of seven children, of whom Mrs. Ankeney, the sixth in order of birth, is the only one now living, the others having been Aaron C., a veteran of the Civil War, who lost an arm while fighting for the Union and whose last days were spent in the South; Joseph, who made his home in Michigan; William H., who established his home in Spring Valley, this county; Clarissa, who married John LeValley; Rebecca Ann, who married George Climber, and Harriet Jane, who died unmarried. To Nelson and Elizabeth Sidney (Coffelt) Ankeney were born four children, namely: Emma L., who married Abram W. Warner, a farmer of Starke county, this state, who later became engaged in the building and loan business and who died on December 20, 1901, since which time his widow has been making her home with her mother in this county; Charles E., who married Emma E. Kershner and is living on the farm adjoining that of his brother Lewis in Beaver creek township; Lewis W., the immediate subject of this biographical sketch, and Clara J., unmarried, who since the

death of her brother Lewis's wife has been keeping house for him and his family.

Lewis W. Ankeney was born on the old Ankeney homestead place in Beavercreek township on January 13, 1856, and has been a resident of this county all his life. He completed his schooling in the old Xenia College, which then was under the direction of Professor Smith, and after leaving school resumed his place on the farm, assisting his father there until after his marriage in the spring of 1882, after which he bought the old John Steele farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Beavercreek township and for seven years made his home there, later renting one of the Cline farms and operating the same in connection with his own farm, and for twenty-five years made his home on one or another of the Cline farms, gradually adding to his land holdings until now he is the owner of two hundred and seventy acres. In 1914 Mr. Ankeney bought sixty-four acres of the T. H. Bell farm adjoining his mother's place in Beavercreek township and has since made his home there. Of late years Mr. Ankeney has been living practically retired from the active labors of the farm, turning the management of the same over to his son, J. Blaine Ankeney, who is carrying on the operations of the farm. Mr. Ankeney is a Republican and has served as a member of the township school board. He and his family are members of the Beaver Reformed church and for the past thirty years and more he has been one of the deacons of the congregation. For years during his more active farming operations Mr. Ankeney made a specialty of raising thoroughbred Short-horn cattle.

On March 18, 1882, Lewis W. Ankeney was united in marriage to Jessie K. Cline, who also was born in Beavercreek township, a member of one of the old families there, and who died on January 5, 1901. She was a daughter of William C. and Nancy (Harner) Cline, both of whom also were born in this county and the latter of whom is still living, now making her home at Alpha. William C. Cline was born in Beavercreek township on December 20, 1829, a son of Adam and Barbara (Herring) Cline, who had come here from Pennsylvania and were associated with the Reformed congregation in Beavercreek township. Adam Cline died in 1854 and his widow died in 1865. William C. Cline grew up on a farm and followed that vocation all his life. On August 3, 1858, he married Nancy Ann Harner, who also was born in Beavercreek township, October 12, 1834, a daughter of John and Magdaline (Haines) Harner, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume, and to that union were born six children, namely: Lina, who married Horace Ankeney; Jesse, who married Lewis Ankeney; Margaret, who married Thomas Lehman; William, who married Flora Routzong, and Maud and John. William C. Cline died at the age of seventy-five years and, as noted above,

his widow still survives him. To Lewis W. and Jessie K. (Cline) Ankeney were born six children, namely: Fred, who became an electrical engineer and who died in Chicago; William Nelson, who married Lillian Skinner and is now living at Washington, D. C., where he is connected with the work of the department of agriculture of the United States Government, having been called to that service from Ohio State University, in which institution he had been serving as instructor in botany following his graduation from Heidelberg College at Tiffin; Catherine, who married James P. McCalmont, a farmer of Beaver creek township, living a half mile south of Shoup's Station, and has two children, Robert and Catherine L.; J. Blaine, who took a course in the agricultural college at Winona Lake and is now managing his father's farms; Lois, now attending college at Delaware, this state, and Jessie, who died in infancy. The Ankeney's reside on rural mail route No. 10 out of Xenia.

JOSEPH F. SHOEMAKER.

Joseph F. Shoemaker, merchant at Goes Station and for years post-master of that village, formerly and for some years assistant superintendent of the plant of the Miami Powder Company at that place and from the days of his boyhood identified with the affairs of that community, was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Goes and has lived in and about that village all his life. He was born on June 17, 1858, son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Shoemaker, both of whom also were born in that township, the former in 1835 and the latter in 1833, and who spent all their lives in this county.

Frederick Shoemaker was a son of Isaac and Lucinda (Hite) Shoemaker, who came here from Virginia about 1810 and settled on a farm on the Columbus pike in Xenia township, two miles east of Xenia, where Isaac Shoemaker spent his last days, his death occurring in 1853. His widow survived him for many years, living to the great age of ninety-seven years. Her brothers, the Hite brothers, were soldiers in the War of 1812. Isaac Shoemaker and his wife were the parents of five sons and two daughters, and all of these sons served as soldiers of the Union during the Civil War, Frederick Shoemaker's service in that behalf having been begun as a member of the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Upon the completion of that term of enlistment he re-enlisted and returned to the front as a member of the Engineers Corps. He was trained as a carpenter and followed that vocation most of his life. Upon his retirement he moved to Goes Station and there died in 1886. His widow survived him for many years, her

death occurring in 1914, she then being eighty-one years of age. She also was born in Xenia township, Elizabeth Hutchinson, daughter of Joseph B. and Ann (Tenbrook) Hutchinson, Pennsylvanians, who had settled in the vicinity of Goes, in Xenia township, upon coming to this county, Joseph B. Hutchinson becoming there the owner of about four hundred acres of land. Joseph B. Hutchinson served as a member of the state militia in the old days. He and his wife were Presbyterians and their children were reared in that faith. There were thirteen of these children, one of whom, Matthew Hutchinson, is still living, a resident of Xenia, now past seventy-five years of age. Frederick Shoemaker and wife were the parents of three sons, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being Charles Shoemaker, general manager of the Steele Tank Car Company of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, who has his office and maintains his home at Chicago, and George Shoemaker, born in 1861, who became connected with the operations of the Standard Oil Company and died in 1911.

Joseph F. Shoemaker received his early schooling in the schools of Goes Station and supplemented the same by a course in the old Xenia College on Church street in the city of Xenia. For some little time he was engaged at farm labor and then took employment at the plant of the old Miami Powder Company (now the Aetna Explosive Company) at Goes and in 1883 was made assistant superintendent of the powder-mill, a position he occupied for three years, or until 1886, when he built a store building at Goes, opened there a general store and has ever since been thus engaged in business at that place. Mr. Shoemaker was appointed postmaster at Goes many years ago and continues to hold that position. He is a Republican and for twenty years also served as a member of the township school board. Fraternaly, he is affiliated with the local lodges of the Masons and of the Odd Fellows at Yellow Springs.

On January 26, 1882, Joseph F. Shoemaker was united in marriage to Mary Etta Confer, who was born in Miami township, this county, daughter of George and Ann (Johnson) Confer, the latter of whom also was born in this county, a daughter of James and Catherine (Ehrler) Johnson, the former of whom was born in Kentucky and the latter in France, she having been but a child when she came across the water with her parents, the family coming on out to Ohio and locating in Clark county, not far above the Greene county line. George Confer, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, was born in the vicinity of Hagerstown, in the state of Maryland, February 8, 1827, and was but seven years of age when he came to Ohio with his parents, George and Elizabeth (Bowman) Confer, also natives of Maryland, in 1834, the family locating on a farm in Miami township.

this county. Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker have one child, a daughter, Cora May, who married George Hall, now engaged as a traveling salesman, making his home at Goes, and has three children, Dorothy M., Mary Elizabeth and George G. The Shoemakers are members of the First Reformed church at Xenia and Mr. Shoemaker is a member of the deaconate of the same.

WILLIAM A. TOBIAS.

The late William A. Tobias, who died at his farm home in Beavercreek township in the spring of 1917 and whose widow is still living there, was a member of one of Greene county's pioneer families and all his life was spent here. He was born on a farm in Sugarcreek township on January 19, 1853, son of William and Jane (Miller) Tobias, the former of whom was born in the Zimmerman settlement in this county, in 1821, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Hanney) Tobias, who had come here from Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania. Jane Miller was born in Bath township, this county, in 1824, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Wheeler) Miller, the former of whom was a soldier of the War of 1812, and who had come here after their marriage in Maryland. William and Jane (Miller) Tobias were the parents of eight children, of whom William A. was the third in order of birth, and further mention of whom is made in a somewhat more comprehensive narrative relating to the Tobias family in this county presented elsewhere in this volume. William Tobias died on January 15, 1910, and his widow survived him less than a year, her death occurring on December 15 of that same year. They were formerly members of the Lutheran church, but later became members of the Beaver Reformed church.

Reared on the home farm, William A. Tobias received his schooling in the local schools and remained at home until his marriage in the fall of 1881, after which he rented a farm and began farming on his own account. In 1893 he bought the farm on which his widow is now living, on rural mail route No. 10 out of Xenia, and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there on April 13, 1917. Mr. Tobias was a Republican and was a member of the Reformed church.

On November 24, 1881, William A. Tobias was united in marriage to Jennie Alice Gerlaugh, who was born in Beavercreek township, this county, daughter of David and Rebecca (Weaver) Gerlaugh, the former of whom was born in that same township, son of Adam and Catherine (Haines) Gerlaugh, both of whom were born in Washington county, Maryland. Adam Gerlaugh was a son of Adam Gerlaugh and was twenty-one years of age when he came with his father and the other members of the family to Ohio in 1807 and settled on a tract of land in Beavercreek township, this county.



WILLIAM A. TOBIAS AND FAMILY.



which the senior Adam Gerlaugh had bought some time previously when he made a prospecting trip out this way with a neighbor, Mr. Haines, who also had bought a tract of land here, the two then returning to Maryland. Mr. Haines never returned to Ohio, but the land he had bought here was later occupied by members of his family who came out here at the time the Gerlaughs came, among these being the daughter, Catherine Haines, and her brother, and in the winter following their arrival here the younger Adam Gerlaugh and Catherine Haines were married and settled on the Haines tract. There they reared their family and there Mrs. Gerlaugh died in the spring of 1852. Adam Gerlaugh survived his wife for four years, his death occurring at the home of a son down in Warren county in 1856. They were pioneer members of the Reformed church in Beavercreek township and their children were reared in that faith. There were ten of these children, eight sons, David, Jacob, Otho, Adam, Robert, Arthur, Jonathan and Henry, and two daughters, Frances, who married Benjamin Clark, of Montgomery county, and Mary Jane, who married one of the Hawkens and became a resident of Dayton.

David Gerlaugh grew up on the home farm in Beavercreek township and after his marriage to Rebecca Weaver began farming for himself, he and his wife making their home in a log cabin on the farm on which their daughter, Mrs. Tobias, is now living. That was a farm of one hundred and sixty-two acres, on which at that time there was but a small clearing, but Mr. Gerlaugh presently got the place under cultivation and in good time built a substantial brick house, the house in which Mrs. Tobias is living, burning the bricks for the same on his place, and there he and his wife spent their last days, his death occurring on November 4, 1885, and hers, April 27, 1889. They were members of the local congregation of the Reformed church. Of the four children born to them Mrs. Tobias was the last-born, the others being Mary, who married William Needles and is now deceased; Harriet, who married Samuel Rahn and is also deceased, and Alexander, a farmer, who spent his last days at Springfield, in the neighboring county of Clark.

To William A. and Jennie Alice (Gerlaugh) Tobias were born three children, D. Emerson, Edna, who died at the age of nine years, and Irene, who died in infancy. The Rev. D. Emerson Tobias, now a minister of the Reformed church, stationed at Baltimore, this state, was educated at Heidelberg College at Tiffin, Ohio, and at the Central Theological Seminary at Dayton and in 1909 was ordained to the ministry, later occupying charges at Hillsboro and at West Salem, from which latter place he was transferred to Baltimore, in Fairfield county, where he is now stationed. He married Florence Engle and has one child, a son, William A.

CHARLES WESLEY ST. JOHN.

The late Charles Wesley St. John, who died at his home in Xenia in March, 1911, was born on a farm two miles southwest of Paintersville, Greene county, on November 7, 1839, a son of Daniel and Eliza (Boone) St. John, the former of whom was born in New York state and the latter in Warren county, Ohio, whose last days were spent on a farm on the Wilmington pike, a mile and a half south of Xenia. Daniel St. John became one of the early residents of the Paintersville neighborhood and a landowner there, but later moved to another farm, on the Wilmington pike, noted above, a mile and a half south of Xenia, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their children were reared in that faith. There were eleven of these children, all of whom grew up and reared families and three of whom are still living, John W. St. John, a retired farmer, living in the neighborhood of Paintersville; Isaac Wilson St. John, who is living at Dunkirk, Indiana, and Eliza Jane, widow of F. A. Peterson, who is now making her home at Coffeyville, Kansas.

Reared on the home farm near Paintersville, Charles Wesley St. John received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and lived at home until his marriage at the age of twenty-two years, when he began farming on his own account on a hundred-acre farm in Caesarscreek township, near Paintersville, where he remained until 1908, when he retired from the farm and moved to Xenia, where his last days were spent, his death occurring there in the seventy-second year of his age. Mr. St. John was a Republican, but had never aspired to hold public office. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is his widow.

It was on November 7, 1861, that Charles W. St. John was united in marriage to Martha Peterson, of Caesarscreek township, who survives him and who is still living at Xenia. Mrs. St. John is a member of one of the old families of Greene county, a daughter of Jesse and Eleanor Ann (Weaver) Peterson, both of whom were born in Caesarscreek township, members of pioneer families there. Jesse Peterson was a farmer and also had taught school for some years during the days of his young manhood. He was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the Reformed church. He died on his farm and his widow spent her last days in the home of her daughter, Mrs. St. John. Jesse Peterson and wife were the parents of seven children, of whom Mrs. St. John was the first-born, the others being A. F., deceased; J. L., now living at Springfield, in the neighboring county of Clark; Jacob, who died at the age of twenty years; Mary Elizabeth, deceased, who

was the wife of Felix Eyman, of Xenia; Estella, wife of Albert Trusler, a carpenter, of Xenia, and Isaac, a farmer, living in Clinton county, this state.

To Charles W. and Martha (Peterson) St. John were born five children, namely: Belle, widow of Daniel Anderson, who is now making her home with her mother at Xenia; Otis, who married Floy Sutton and is living on a farm two and one-half miles east of Xenia; Pliny, who married Bessie Huston and is a farmer in Spring Valley township; Elmer, who married Lespie Fox and is living at Dayton, where he is engaged as a machinist, and Jennie, who is at home with her mother.

ANDREW JACKSON TOBIAS.

The late Andrew Jackson Tobias, who died at his farm home in Beaver-creek township on April 10, 1910, and whose widow is still living there, the farm being managed by her son, Samuel E. Tobias, was born in that township in 1833, a son of Jacob Tobias and wife, who had come to this county from Pennsylvania and who were the parents of eight children, Andrew having had four brothers, Peter, Jonathan, Samuel and John Tobias, and three sisters, Margaret, Catherine and Susanna. Later the family moved to Auglaize county, this state, and thence to Illinois, where Andrew J. Tobias completed his schooling. As a young man he returned to Greene county, took up carpentering here and here spent the remainder of his life, in 1882 taking up farming and becoming the proprietor of a farm of two hundred and five acres in Beaver-creek township, which his widow now owns. She was born in Beaver-creek township, Sarah E. Harshman, daughter of John C. and Maria (Miller) Harshman, further mention of whom is made elsewhere, and in 1863 was united in marriage to Andrew J. Tobias. To that union two children were born, Samuel E. and Emily Leonora, the latter of whom married L. E. Coy, a grocer at Dayton, and has two children, Ethel, born in 1889, and Herbert, born in 1897.

Samuel E. Tobias was born on March 12, 1864, and was educated in the schools of Beaver-creek township. He early became interested in black-smithing and continued engaged in that vocation for twenty years, at the end of which time he began to give his particular attention to gunsmithing and has since made a specialty along that line, having become recognized as one of the expert gunsmiths in the United States. Since the death of his father he also has given his general oversight to the operations of the home farm. Mr. Tobias is a Democrat and for fifteen years served as a member of the local board of education. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and he and his family are members of the Mt. Zion Reformed church.

In January, 1883, Samuel E. Tobias was united in marriage to Jennie Belle Bates, who also was born in Beavercreek township, and to this union seven children have been born, namely: Blanche Lenora, who married Hiram Zimmer, now living in Logan county, and has two children, Leon and Elza Juanita; Elmer Fay, a farmer, living on his grandmother Tobias' farm in Beavercreek township and operating the same, who married Anna Zimmer and has four children, Elsie, Elwood, Gladys and Alberta; Thomas C., who is at home; Esta, who died in infancy, and Elsie May, Winifred and Edythe.

RUSH R. HUSTON.

Rush R. Huston, proprietor of a Sugarcreek township farm on rural mail route No. 12 out of Dayton, was born in that township and has lived there all his life. He is the third in order of birth of the five children born to John and Eunice (Lambertson) Huston, the former of whom was also born in Sugarcreek township and is still living there. John Huston is a son of William Huston, who was one of the pioneer farmers of that neighborhood, having established his home there after his marriage. He came over here from Montgomery county, where he was born. William Huston was twice married. By his second marriage he had one son, William F. Huston, who is living on the old Huston home place and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. By his first marriage William Huston was the father of five children, of whom John Huston, the third in order of birth, is now the only survivor, the others having been James, Michael, Sarah and Philena.

John Huston married Eunice Lambertson and to that union were born five children, namely: Nettie, who married A. C. Burgert and has seven children; Nora, who married William Bense and has two children; Rush R., the immediate subject of this biographical sketch; Beryl, now deceased, who was the wife of William B. Hawker and had one child, and Marcena, who married F. J. Hawker, of Beavercreek township, and has two children.

Rush R. Huston was reared on the home farm in Sugarcreek township, received his schooling in the neighborhood schools, and has been a farmer all his life. After his marriage he established his home on the farm on which he is now living and has since resided there. His wife, who before her marriage was Elizabeth Lenz, also was born in this county, daughter of William and Charlotte (Garlaugh) Lenz, the former of whom is deceased and the latter of whom is still living in Beavercreek township. Mr. and Mrs. Huston have four children, Viola May, Paul Leroy, Charlotte and Doris. Another child, John, died in infancy.



RISH R. HIRSTON AND FAMILY.



HARRY ABRAM COSLER, M. D.

Dr. Harry Abram Cosler, physician at Fairfield, where he has been located since the summer of 1905, is a native son of Greene county and has lived here most of his life, the exception being the period of three years during which he was engaged in practice at North Hampton, up in the adjoining county of Clark. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of Yellow Springs on May 4, 1873, posthumous child of Abram B. Cosler, who died on March 8, 1873, and of his wife, Susan V. (Stutsman) Cosler, who survived her husband many years, her death occurring on May 28, 1911.

Abram B. Cosler, who was a veteran of the Civil War, was born on a farm in Beavercreek township, this county, and his wife also was a native of this county, born in Bath township. Reared as a farmer, Abram B. Cosler was engaged in that vocation all his life. During the progress of the Civil War he enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union and went to the front as a member of the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Upon the completion of his military service he returned to this county and resumed farming, after his marriage locating on a farm in Beavercreek township, where he resided four years, and then moved to near Yellow Springs, where he died, as noted above, in the spring of 1873, a little less than two months before his second son, the subject of this sketch, was born. To him and his wife was born another son, Samuel S. Cosler, who was serving as deputy county treasurer under John Nesbit, at the time of his death at Xenia in 1867.

About three years after the death of her husband Mrs. Cosler moved from the farm to Yellow Springs and it was in that village that Harry A. Cosler grew to manhood. He was graduated from the high school there when sixteen years of age and then entered Antioch College, which he attended for three years, at the end of which time he entered Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1897. Three years later he received from that college the degree of Master of Arts. Upon the declaration of war on the part of this country against Spain in the spring of 1897 he enlisted his services and went to the front as sergeant of Company K, Fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until the close of the war, being mustered out on January 20, 1899. In September of that same year he entered Ohio Medical College at Columbus and continuing his studies there was graduated in 1902 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Cosler opened an office at North Hampton, in the neighboring county of Clark, beginning his practice there in June, 1902.

and continued thus engaged for three years, at the end of which time he moved back down into Greene county and opened an office at Fairfield, beginning his practice there on June 27, 1905, and has ever since made that his place of residence. Doctor Cosler is a member of the Greene County Medical Society and of the Ohio State Medical Society. Fraternally, the Doctor is a Scottish Rite Mason, affiliated with the consistory at Dayton, and is a member of the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Knights of Pythias.

On December 29, 1903, while living at North Hampton, Dr. Harry A. Cosler was united in marriage to Emma Myers, of Dayton, a few miles north of North Hampton, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born on November 4, 1910. Doctor and Mrs. Cosler are members of the Reformed church.

JOSEPH B. KEITER.

Joseph B. Keiter, proprietor of a farm of sixty-three acres in Sugarcreek township, is a native of Virginia, but has been a resident of this county since the days of his young manhood. He was born in Hampshire county, in that part of the Old Dominion now comprised within the state of West Virginia, May 30, 1847, son of Benjamin and Harriet (Babb) Keiter, both of whom also were born in Virginia. Benjamin Keiter was a farmer in his native state and in 1872 came to Ohio and in the next spring located on the old Allen place, now the Talbot farm, in this county, where he remained for seven years, at the end of which time he and his wife moved to the place where their son Joseph is now living, the latter and his brother meanwhile having bought the same, and there they spent the rest of their lives. Benjamin Keiter died in August, 1885. His wife had predeceased him about two years, her death having occurred in 1883. They were the parents of five children, three of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch and his twin sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Spahr, of Xenia, having a brother, Edward B. Keiter, of Beavertown.

Reared on a farm, Joseph B. Keiter was trained in the ways of farming and has followed that vocation all his life. After his marriage in 1885 he established his home on the place on which he is now living and where he had previously for some time resided, the family having taken up their residence there about 1880, and has ever since made his home there.

It was in February, 1885, that Joseph B. Keiter was united in marriage to Emily Edwards, who was born and reared in Cincinnati, daughter of I. N. Edwards, and to this union five children have been born, namely: Ida

N., wife of Lawrence Coy, a farmer of this county; Lina Etta, wife of J. W. Bellmeyer, a Spring Valley township farmer; Lawrence, who is also a Greene county farmer, residing on the Fairfield pike; Warren Sheldon, a soldier of the National Army, now (spring of 1918) in training at Camp Sherman for foreign service, and Florence and Margaret, at home with their parents.

CHARLIE K. COX.

Charlie K. Cox, a rural mail carrier living at Yellow Springs, was born in that village on February 28, 1873, a son of Richard and Susanna (Crist) Cox, the latter of whom was born in the neighboring county of Clark and both of whom are now deceased, the former having died in the fall of 1903 and the latter, in 1908. Richard Cox also was born in Yellow Springs, he having first seen the light of day in the house in which his son, the subject of this sketch, later was born. It was in 1849 that he was born and he grew up at Yellow Springs and there became a blacksmith, becoming associated with his brother, S. W. Cox, in the blacksmith business, the brothers continuing thus engaged together for years. During the last twenty years of his life Richard Cox was a wide traveler and his death occurred while traveling in Central America. It was in the fall of 1903 that he died and his widow survived him about five years, her death occurring at Yellow Springs in 1908.

In April, 1872, Richard Cox was united in marriage to Susanna Crist, who was born in the neighboring county of Clark, a daughter of Adam and Margaret (Flöre) Crist, and to that union three children were born, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Clifford, born in 1874, who is engaged as a salesman for a wholesale grocery house at Springfield, and a sister, Olivia T., who for the past eighteen years has been employed in the postoffice at Yellow Springs.

Reared at Yellow Springs, Charles K. Cox received his early schooling in the schools of that village and at the age of seventeen years began working in a saw-mill there. In 1895, he went to Springfield, where he took a course in a business college and was thus enabled to return to the saw-mill as bookkeeper for the concern. After a while he transferred his services to the bank and was for several years engaged as a bookkeeper in that institution, after which he for two years was engaged at farming, having bought a farm in Miami township. At the end of two years of agricultural experience he sold his farm and took a position on the stock farm of E. S. Kelly, continuing thus engaged until 1905, in which year he received an appointment as a rural mail carrier out of the Yellow Springs postoffice and has

ever since been thus engaged, now carrying the mail on rural route No. 1 and making his home at Yellow Springs. Mr. Cox is a Republican and is a member of the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Modern Woodmen of America.

On December 23, 1898, Charles K. Cox was united in marriage to Mary E. Dunevant, who was born on a farm in Spring Valley township, this county, daughter of Zadock and Sarah (Frazer) Dunevant, both of whom were born in Ohio, the former in Darke county and the latter, at Wilmington, in the neighboring county of Clinton, and who were the parents of nine children, of whom Mrs. Cox was the eighth in order of birth, the others being the following: Mrs. Florence Linder, of Yellow Springs; Luther, who died in childhood; Samuel, of Yellow Springs, who married Matilda Wilson, who is now deceased; John, deceased; Mrs. Margaret Holland, deceased; Mrs. Alice Osborne, deceased; Mrs. Emma Linson, who is living in the vicinity of Yellow Springs, and William, who married Mary Baker and who also lives in the Yellow Springs neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Cox are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

ARTHUR EDWARD WILDMAN.

Arthur Edward Wildman, proprietor of a farm in Cedarville township, rural mail route No. 1 out of Cedarville, was born on a farm one mile north of the village of Selma, in the neighboring county of Clark, August 10, 1860, a son of Marion and Elizabeth (Walton) Wildman, both of whom were born in Greene county, members of pioneer families in this part of the state.

Marion Wildman was born in Cedarville township, this county, in November, 1838, a son of Edward and Hannah (Thorne) Wildman, the latter of whom was born in that same township, her parents having been among the early Quaker settlers in that part of the county and prominent among the "conductors" of the "underground railroad" that was maintained between the various Quaker settlements in this state for the purpose of assisting runaway slaves to freedom. The Thornes came up here from Tennessee. The Wildmans also were Quakers and Edward Wildman was for years a leader in and the heaviest contributor to the Friends meeting at Selma. Edward Wildman was born in the year 1800 and was about nine years of age when he came to this state with his parents, John Wildman and wife, from Virginia, the family settling on the northern edge of Cedarville township, this county, but later moving up into the Selma settlement in the adjoining county of Clark, where the Wildman homestead thus came to be established. Reared on that place, Edward Wildman established his



MIR. AND MRS. ARTHUR E. WILDMAN.





home there after his marriage to Hannah Thorne and became the owner of more than twelve hundred acres of land on the line between Greene and Clark counties. In 1873 he was gored by a bull and received injuries which resulted in his death. He and his wife were the parents of four children, of whom Marion was the third in order of birth, the others having been William, who continued to make his home on the Wildman homestead tract a mile east of Selma; John, who developed a farm property in Cedarville township, this county, and Rachel, who married Israel Hollingsworth and is now living in the vicinity of Richmond, Indiana, to which place she and her husband moved in 1899.

Though born in this county, Marion Wildman was but a child when his parents moved up over the line and established their home in the Selma neighborhood and there he grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the Selma schools. During the days of his boyhood it not infrequently became a part of his duties to assist his grandfather Thorne in the operation of the "underground railroad" by hauling runaway slaves from the Thorne "station" to the next "station" north at North Lewisburg. He had a birthright in the Friends meeting at Selma and was ever devout in his service, but never forward. After his marriage he bought a tract of one hundred and fifty acres a mile north of the village of Selma, but in 1874 traded that farm for the Samuel C. Howell farm in Cedarville township, this county, and on the latter place established his home. He had inherited about three hundred acres adjoining the Howell place and after acquiring the latter place had seven hundred and thirty acres, of which all but about one hundred and fifty acres lay in Greene county. He had a brick house, just off the Columbus pike, and in addition to his general farming fed about one hundred and fifty cattle for the market every year. Originally a Republican, Marion Wildman in his later years espoused the cause of the Prohibition party. In 1897 he retired from the farm and moved to Richmond, Indiana, where he died on February 18, 1901, and where his widow and youngest daughter are still living.

Marion Wildman was twice married. His first wife, Elizabeth Walton, was born in Spring Valley township, this county, in 1842, and died at her home in Cedarville township on May 28, 1884. She was a daughter of Moses and Mary (Cook) Walton and a sister of Capt. Moses Walton, a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume, the Waltons having been early residents at Spring Valley. To Marion and Elizabeth (Walton) Wildman were born four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being Howard, now a resident of Clark county; Mary, who died unmarried in 1908, and Ethel D., also unmarried, who is now making her home at Selma. Following the

death of the mother of these children Marion Wildman, in 1885, married Almeda M. Johnson, who had been reared in the household of her grandfather, Moses Walton, at Spring Valley, and to that union was born one child, a daughter, Olive M., who is living with her mother at Richmond.

Arthur Edward Wildman was about five years of age when his parents took up their residence on the farm on which he is now living and which he owns and he consequently grew up there. His early schooling was obtained in the "College Corner" district school and he supplemented that course by attendance at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, from which institution he was graduated in 1891. Upon leaving college Mr. Wildman went to Chandlerville, in Cass county, Illinois, where he was for a year engaged in teaching school, and then returned home and resumed his place on the farm, after his father's retirement he and his brother Howard taking the management of the place, an association which was continued for eight years. In the division of the estate following the father's death Mr. Wildman received one hundred and forty-three acres, including the residence site, and after his marriage in the fall of 1904 he continued his residence there and has since made the place his home, managing also the interests held by his sisters in the place, thus operating in all a tract of five hundred and seventy-five acres. In addition to his general farming Mr. Wildman feeds about four car loads of cattle each year. In 1915 he remodeled the old farm house along modern lines. He and his wife are members of the Friends church at Selma.

On October 20, 1904, Arthur E. Wildman was united in marriage to Clara Augusta White and to this union four children have been born, namely: Elizabeth J., born on August 19, 1905; Marion W., January 4, 1907; Ruth A., September 18, 1908, and Robert Walton, March 27, 1910. Mrs. Wildman was born on August 7, 1875, on a farm in the vicinity of Raysville, in Henry county, Indiana, a daughter of James and Jemima D. (Henley) White, the latter of whom was born at Carthage, in Rush county, Indiana, and is still living, now in the eighty-fourth year of her age, a resident of Guilford College, North Carolina. James White was born in Perquimans county, North Carolina, in 1826 and was eight years of age when he came west with his parents, Caleb and Mary White, in 1834, the family settling in the Raysville settlement in Henry county, Indiana. There James White grew to manhood, married and established his home on a farm and spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1902, he then being seventy-six years of age. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, of whom Mrs. Wildman was the last-born, the others being Mary E., now living at Guilford College, North Carolina, widow of George W. White; Elias H., an attorney-at-law at Philadelphia; George E., who went to the state of Washington, where he is now the proprietor of a great orchard; Nereus,

who died in the days of his youth; Caleb, who also died in the days of his boyhood; Sibyl, wife of William T. Raine, of Indianapolis; Margaret and Miles, twins, who died in childhood, and Francis C., now a resident of Chicago.

JOHN W. HARTSOCK

Ever since the second decade of the past century the Hartsocks have been represented in the Bellbrook neighborhood in this county. John W. Hartsock was born in that neighborhood and has lived there all his life, proprietor of a farm in Sugarcreek township, on rural mail route No. 1 out of Waynesville. He was born on a farm in Sugarcreek township on October 6, 1852, son of Samuel and Mary (Weller) Hartsock, the latter of whom was born in the vicinity of Dayton, in the neighboring county of Montgomery, and both of whom spent their last days in Greene county.

Samuel Hartsock was born on a farm in Sugarcreek township, this county, December 19, 1823, son of George Hartsock and wife, the latter of whom was a Cremer, born on April 3, 1828. George Hartsock was a native of New Jersey, who came to Ohio in the early days of the settlement of this county and took a farm in Sugarcreek township, where he spent the rest of his life. When he settled on that place there was a small log house on the same and a clearing of three acres. There were hundreds of magnificent sugar trees on the place and he long made a specialty of the making of maple sugar, the products of his spring camps being marketed in Cincinnati, to which city he made the long haul in person. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, David, Samuel, George, Fanny, Lucinda, Ann and Abbie, six of whom lived to maturity and reared families of their own, the Hartsock connection hereabout thus becoming a numerous one. Samuel Hartsock grew up on that farm and in turn became a farmer on his own account, here spending all his life, his death occurring on March 28, 1894. His widow died March 14, 1911. They were the parents of six children, namely: Laura, who died when seventeen years of age, October 18, 1866; John W., the subject of this biographical sketch; Perry, a farmer residing in the neighboring county of Warren; Euphemia, now living at Waynesville, widow of William Hough; George, a retired farmer, also living at Waynesville, and Frank, a farmer living in Montgomery county.

John W. Hartsock was reared on the home farm, received his schooling in the Sugar Creek school and in due time became a farmer on his own account, after his marriage establishing his home on the farm on which he is now living and has resided there ever since. Mr. Hartsock is a Democrat and for one term served as a member of the Bellbrook school board.

In 1881 John W. Hartsock was united in marriage to Eliza Nelson, of Auglaize county, this state, and to this union three children have been born, namely: William, who married Verda Cook and is now living at Dayton; Minnie, who married Charles Thomas, of Centerville, now deceased, and has one child, a daughter, Eva; and Edward, unmarried, who is at home assisting his father in the management of the farm. The Hartsocks are members of the Middle Run Baptist church. Mrs. Hartsock is a daughter of William and Mary (Maguire) Nelson, the latter of whom was born in Holmes county, Ohio.

SHERMAN JENKS.

Sherman Jenks, a Silvercreek township farmer and stockman, now living practically retired on his farm in that township, the operations of the farm now being carried on by his son, Glenn M. Jenks, is a native "Buckeye" and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of this county and of the farm on which he is now living since his marriage nearly thirty years ago. He was born in Jefferson township, in the neighboring county of Fayette, November 5, 1865, son of Levi and Betsy (Sanders) Jenks, both of whom were born in the same county and who were the parents of nine children, those besides the subject of this sketch, the last in order of birth, being the following: Smith, who is now living at Solon, this state; Ruth, who is living at Yellow Springs, this county, widow of Moses West; Taylor, of Sabina, in the neighboring county of Clinton; Solomon, a farmer, living a half mile east of Xenia; Jane, wife of Gideon Shirk, a Fayette county farmer; Lee, a resident of Edgefield, in Fayette county; John, grain dealer, living at Jamestown, who operates an elevator at that place and at Jasper and Edgefield, and Charles, deceased. Levi Jenks owned a farm in Fayette county and was also a dealer in live stock. Politically, he was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church at West Lancaster. He died at his home in Fayette county in 1900, being then seventy-two years of age. His wife died in 1893, she then being sixty-eight years of age.

Reared on the home farm, Sherman Jenks received his schooling in the West Lancaster schools and remained at home until after his marriage in 1889, after which he came over into Greene county and established his home on the farm on which he is now living and which has ever since been his place of residence. Mr. Jenks has one hundred and forty-eight acres and since taking possession of the same has made numerous improvements, the

most notable of which perhaps is the dwelling house erected there in 1900. In addition to his general farming Mr. Jenks has given considerable attention to live stock, buying and feeding for the market, and has been assisted by his son Glenn, who is now practically in charge of the farm. Mr. Jenks is a Republican and a Baptist. His wife is a member of the Christian church.

On December 26, 1889, Sherman Jenks was united in marriage to Annetta Glass, who was born in Silvercreek township, this county, March 29, 1869, daughter of Francis M. and Anna (Thornburg) Glass, both of whom were born in that same township, the latter a daughter of Alfred and Lavina (Hogan) Thornburg, the former of whom also was born in that township and the latter in Ireland. Alfred Thornburg was a son of John William Thornburg, a Virginian and one of the early settlers of Greene county, and he and his wife were the parents of seven children, those besides the daughter Anna, who married Francis M. Glass, having been James, of Illinois; George, who spent all his life in this county; Lizzie, who married Perry Griffin; Sallie, who married Abraham Aldrich; Melissa, who married Benjamin Gifford, and Nancy, who married James Wendell. Francis M. Glass was born on June 1, 1844, son of William and Lucinda (Stanley) Glass, who had come to this county from Virginia and had settled on the farm now occupied by James Tidd in Silvercreek township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They were members of the Christian church and were the parents of seven children, those besides Francis M. having been Sidney, who married I. K. Evans; Angeline, who married James Bryan; Louisa, who married William Offrey; Nancy, who died unmarried; Lavina, who married William Tidd, and Susanna, the only one of the family now living, who is the wife of Andrew Turner, of Silvercreek township. Francis M. Glass and Anna Thornburg were united in marriage on December 16, 1863, and after their marriage established their home on the McClintock farm, sixty-four acres of which Mr. Glass bought, and there he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on January 19, 1918, and his widow is still living there. She is a member of the Christian church at Jamestown, as was her husband. He was a Republican. They were the parents of four daughters, of whom Mrs. Jenks was the third in order of birth, the others being Lucinda, born on October 16, 1865, now the widow of Lora Hinckley and making her home with her widowed mother; Louisa, March 7, 1867, now deceased, who was the wife of Clinton Moorman, and Minetta, April 27, 1873, who died in the days of her girlhood. Mr. and Mrs. Jenks have one child, a son, Glenn M. Jenks, born on July 16, 1896, who on November 10, 1917, married Opal Woods and is now taking charge of the operations of his father's farm.

BURT L. LACKEY, D. D. S.

Dr. Burt L. Lackey, dental surgeon at Xenia, was born in the vicinity of Oakland, in Clinton county, this state, June 15, 1872, son of Enos Ellsworth and Laura (Sellars) Lackey, both of whom were born and reared in the neighboring county of Warren and the latter of whom is still living, now making her home at Xenia.

Enos Ellsworth Lackey was born on September 30, 1844, a son of Enos Lackey and wife, pioneers of Warren county, the former of whom was born in 1802 and who were the parents of fourteen children. Reared in Warren county, Enos E. Lackey later made his home for a while in Clinton county and in 1873 moved to the village of New Burlington, on the Greene-Clinton county line and was there engaged in the general lumber business the rest of his life, operating a saw-mill and dealing in lumber, timber and logs and also engaged as a building contractor, his death occurring there on January 9, 1903. Mr. Lackey was a Republican and for years rendered service as a member of the local school board. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is his widow, and at the time of his death was a member of the official board of the same. To him and his wife were born three sons, of whom Doctor Lackey is the youngest, the others being Walter Lackey, of New Burlington, a farmer, and Raymond L. Lackey, who was engaged in the grocery business at New Burlington and who died on September 1, 1907.

Upon completing the course in the New Burlington high school Burt L. Lackey began teaching school and for three years thereafter was the teacher of the school in the Buck Run district in Clinton county. He matriculated at the Ohio College of Dentistry and was graduated from that institution with the class of 1896. Thus equipped for the practice of his profession, Doctor Lackey returned to his home at New Burlington and opened an office there, continuing in practice at that place for eighteen months, at the end of which time, in January, 1898, he located at Xenia, where he ever since has been engaged in practice, with present offices in the Steele building. Preparatory to his marriage in 1902, Doctor Lackey built a house at 20 Home avenue, Xenia, where he is still living.

Doctor Lackey has been twice married. On September 10, 1902, he was united in marriage to Ada Frances Clark, who was born and reared in Gallia county, this state, and who for nine years prior to her marriage had been engaged as a special teacher at the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home at Xenia. To that union were born three children, Clark, born on December 10, 1903; Dorothy, May 9, 1907, and Helen, January 1,

1911. The mother of these children died on March 27, 1914, and on June 30, 1915, Doctor Lackey married Jessella Beebe, who was born at Kingman, Kansas, and who was reared at Elwood Indiana, in which latter city her father, John W. Beebe, is still living.

MORRIS D. RICE.

Morris D. Rice, a practicing attorney at Osborn since 1909, was born on a farm in the vicinity of Circleville, in Pickaway county, Ohio, July 9, 1885, a son of Elliott and Harriet E. (Morris) Rice, both of whom were born in that same county, the former in 1855 and the latter, in 1853, who are still living there. Elliott Rice is a farmer and he and his wife have two sons, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Lemuel R. Rice.

Reared on the home farm, Morris D. Rice entered the Circleville Business College after leaving the high school in that city and was graduated from the same in 1901. He then became the stenographer in the office of a law firm in Circleville and while thus engaged occupied what leisure he could command in the study of law. In 1906 he entered the law department of Ohio Northern University and by taking both the winter and summer courses was enabled to graduate from that institution two years later, after which he passed the state bar examination and was admitted to the bar in that same year, 1908. Thus qualified for the practice of the profession, Mr. Rice located at Osborn and on January 27, 1909, opened there an office and has ever since been engaged in practice. In 1915 he was admitted to practice in the United States courts. Though engaged in general practice, Mr. Rice makes a specialty of cases in the probate courts. He is a Republican and for five years served as city attorney for Osborn.

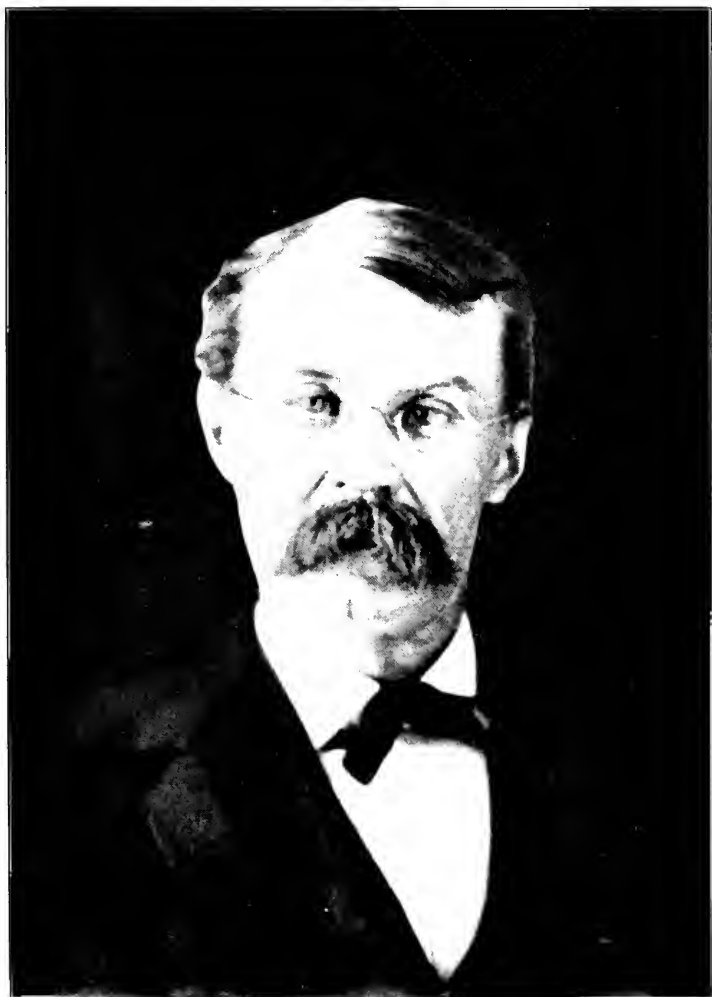
On June 17, 1909, Morris D. Rice was united in marriage to Mina D. Davidson, who was born in Clermont county, this state, daughter of Henry W. and Rebecca (Hulick) Davidson, who are still living in that county. Henry W. Davidson is a farmer and he and his wife have four children, of whom Mrs. Rice was the last-born, the others being Georgia, wife of John Lytle, a contractor and landowner of Williamsburg, this state; Dr. O. C. Davidson, a physician at Bethel, this state, and Dr. F. L. Davidson, who is engaged in practice at Delaware, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Rice reside on Williams street in Osborn. They have traveled quite extensively, taking a trip to some point of interest in the United States every year, being intent on "seeing America first." Mr. Rice is a Scottish Rite Mason, affiliated with the local lodge at New Carlisle and with the consistory (32°), Valley of Dayton. He was selected by the committee in charge of the purchase of

real estate in the village of Osborn for the Miami Conservancy District in 1915 and in addition represented the same district in taking title to all land in Osborn and several thousand acres in the valley of Mad river. Mr. Rice also was one of the attorneys who looked after the purchase of the two thousand four hundred and seventy-five acres in the vicinity of Fairfield which was converted by the government into the Wilbur Wright Aviation Field for the training of aviators for the army in 1917.

JACOB LEWIS LANTZ.

Jacob Lewis Lantz, former trustee of Beavercreek township, a soldier of the Civil War and a retired farmer of Beavercreek township, living at his farm home on rural mail route No. 4 out of Osborn, was born in that township, September 19, 1836, son of John and Catherine (Rhoades) Lantz, natives of Maryland, who were married in that state in 1826 and who came to Greene county in 1835, locating in Beavercreek township. John Lantz presently bought a farm of two hundred and sixteen acres north of Alpha and later added fifty-nine acres, the old Nesbit farm, which is now owned by his son Jacob L. On that place he spent the rest of his life. He and his wife were the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the only one now living, the others having been Barbara Ann, who married Sylvester Lafong; John Daniel, who married Rebecca Harner; Catherine Jane, who married Jonathan Gerlaugh; Mary Elizabeth, who married Ebenezer Hering, and Eliza Ellen, who married John A. Harner.

Reared on the home farm, Jacob L. Lantz completed his schooling in the Xenia high school and then began teaching school in the district schools of his home township, continuing farming during the summers. He married in the fall of 1863. In 1864 he enlisted for service in the Union army and served as a member of the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, until the close of the Civil War, being mustered out with the rank of sergeant. For eighteen years Mr. Lantz rendered service in his home township as a school teacher and then he bought a farm in the northern part of Beavercreek township and thereafter, until his retirement in the latter '80s, gave his undivided attention to his farm. Since his retirement he has sold part of his land, but still owns one hundred and seventy-two acres of the old home place in the Alpha neighborhood and fifty acres of the place on which he is now living in the north part of the township. Mr. Lantz is a Republican and during the '80s served for four years as trustee of his home township, while for twenty-one years he rendered service as a member of the school board. He is a member of the Lutheran church at Harshman and is also connected with the Odd Fellows lodge and with



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the encampment at that place, a representative for four years in the grand encampment. Mr. Lantz has been an extensive traveler and has visited most of the chief points of interest in this country and in Canada.

On September 24, 1863, Jacob L. Lantz was united in marriage to Mary M. Mercer, who was born in this county, daughter of Robert Mercer and wife, the latter of whom was a Tingley, and to that union were born four sons, Forest Clay, who died in infancy; Dayton, who died in infancy; Harry, born on June 22, 1864, who married Elizabeth Black and is engaged in farming in Beavercreek township, and John Lewis, June 11, 1866, who is a building contractor at Alpha. Mrs. Mary M. Lantz died in 1910 and is buried in the Fairfield cemetery. She was a graduate of the old Xenia Female Seminary.

WILLIAM EDGAR HOUSER.

William Edgar Houser, a Xenia township farmer, was born at Point of Rocks, in Loudoun county, Virginia, January 20, 1855, son of Samuel and Caroline (McCray) Houser, both of whom were born in that same county. Samuel Houser, who was the owner of a small farm, had a store at Point of Rocks and was also the postmaster and toll-gate keeper at that place. He was a Lutheran and his wife was a Baptist. Both died in 1869. They were the parents of three children, the subject of this sketch, the first-born; Samuel, who died at the age of six years, and Ella, who is living at Xenia, widow of J. J. Snyder.

Having been but fourteen years of age when his parents died, William E. Houser early commenced working for himself and was thus engaged in his home county until he was twenty years of age, when, in 1875, he came to Ohio and began working on a farm in this county. In 1887 he married and in the following year bought a farm in Cedarville township, where he made his home and where he continued engaged in farming until 1904, when he sold that place and bought his present farm of seventy-six and a half acres in the southern part of Xenia township, where he since has made his home and where he is engaged in general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of Jersey cattle and Chester White hogs.

In 1887 William E. Houser was united in marriage to Rosie Swank, who also was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, daughter of Aaron and Alfinda Swank, of that county, and who died in 1898, since which time Mr. Houser's niece, Miss Lillie Belle Baker, also of Loudoun county, Virginia, who has for years made her home with him, has been the housekeeper in his home. Mr. Houser is "independent" in his political views and is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church at Xenia.

JACOB A. SCOTT.

Jacob A. Scott, proprietor of a farm of a fraction more than eighty-three acres in Sugarcreek township, on which he has made his home for about twenty-six years, was born in the village of Lytle, in the neighboring county of Warren, April 7, 1854, son of Vincent and Mary Jane (Duvell) Scott, the former of whom was of Shaker stock and believed to have been born in the state of New York.

Vincent Scott was a blacksmith and operated a shop at various times at Lebanon, Lytle and other points in Warren county. He also for some time operated a houseboat on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, carrying on a blacksmith shop and a grocery store on the boat, and was thus engaged in the South when the Civil War broke out. He was given sixty days in which to close out his affairs and get back on the other side of the Mason and Dixon line and thus was compelled to dispose of his stuff at a loss, in fact the war "cleaned" him of all he had. He returned to Ohio, but after the war went to Texas, remaining there about a year, at the end of which time he returned to Ohio and here spent the rest of his life, his death occurring at Xenia when past seventy years of age. Vincent Scott was thrice married. By his first wife, the mother of the subject of this sketch, he had three children, those besides Jacob being William Winfield, who died in 1918, and Anna, who died in infancy. After the death of the mother of these children Vincent Scott married Elizabeth Denlinger, who bore him eight children. His third wife was a Chenoweth.

Jacob A. Scott was but a child when his mother died and he was reared away from home, for five years making his home with and working for Jarvis Stokes, who owned a farm of six hundred and forty acres in the Lytle neighborhood. He then for three years worked for Turner Hays, and then went down to Mason, also in Warren county, where and in the neighborhood of which place he worked for Asa Coleman and others for five years; going there without a dollar and having nine hundred dollars at the end of the five years. With this comfortable "nest egg" he returned to Lytle and after two years of further employment there was married. That was in 1881. His wife died fourteen months later and in 1885 he married again and then came up into Greene county and located on a farm in Sugarcreek township. Four years later he moved to a farm in the Spring Valley neighborhood and a year later, in 1892, bought the farm on which he is now living, in Sugarcreek township, rural mail route No. 1 out of Spring Valley, and has since resided there. Since taking possession of that place Mr. Scott has made numerous improvements on the place, erecting his present dwelling house and all the farm buildings. He is a Democrat, for fifteen

years served as road supervisor in his district, for twenty years as school director and has for several years taken the school enumeration in his district. He and his family are members of the (predestinarian) Baptist Apostolic church.

As noted above, Jacob A. Scott has been twice married. In 1881 he was united in marriage to Clara Goodill, who also was born and reared at Lytle, and who died fourteen months later without issue. In 1885 Mr. Scott married Amanda Jane Wright, who was born in Iowa, a daughter of Aaron and Sarah (Buckles) Wright, and to this union five children have been born, namely: Nina P., wife of Robert Stiles, of Sugarcreek township; John W., who married Florence Gregg and is also living in Sugarcreek township; Nora, at home; Jacob S., who married on March 7, 1918, Lillie Hayle and lives with his parents, and Israel.

RALPH BRUCE FERGUSON

Ralph Bruce Ferguson, proprietor of a farm in Miami township, on rural mail route No. 5 out of Xenia, was born on a farm in Xenia township on September 18, 1881, son of William H. and Ella Belle (Galloway) Ferguson, both of whom also were born in this county, the former in Miami township, April 22, 1854, and the latter, in the city of Xenia, November 9, 1857, who are now living retired in the village of Yellow Springs.

William H. Ferguson was reared on a farm in Miami township and completed his schooling in Antioch College and in the old college at Xenia. He early became engaged in farming on his own account and after his marriage made his home for a while on a farm in Xenia township, later buying the farm in that same township now operated by his son Ralph, and there resided until his retirement in 1914 and removal to Yellow Springs. He and his wife have three children, the subject of this sketch, the first-born, having a sister, Mary Eleanor, who married Roy McClelland, a farmer living in the vicinity of Xenia, and has three children, and a brother, William Harvey Ferguson, now living in Philadelphia, a chemist in the employ of the DuPont Powder Company, who married Grace Williamson, of this county, and has one child.

Reared on the home farm in Xenia township, Ralph B. Ferguson was early trained to farming and has always followed that vocation. Upon completing his schooling he became engaged in farming on his own account and after his marriage in the summer of 1906 established his home on the Elmer Ferguson farm and since his father's retirement in 1914 has been in active management of the home farm, in addition to which he rents an adjoining

farm which he also is cultivating, and in addition to his general farming he is engaged in the raising of live stock.

On June 5, 1906, Ralph B. Ferguson was united in marriage to Edna Belle McClelland, who also was born in this county, daughter of Harvey and Laura B. McClelland, the former of whom died in March, 1917, and the latter of whom is living south of Xenia, and to this union seven children have been born, all of whom are living save Howard M., the second in order of birth, who died when three years of age, the others being Edith Elizabeth, Ruth Eleanor, Clarence Leigh, Carl Bruce, James Harvey and Ralph Donald. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson are members of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia. In his political views Mr. Ferguson is independent of rigid party lines.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN JAMES.

The late Benjamin Franklin James, who died on October 22, 1917, at his home in Bellbrook, where he had been living retired for more than fifteen years and where his widow is still living, was a native son of Greene county and had resided here all his life. He was born on a farm in Sugar-creek township, June 25, 1848, son of David W. and Rebecca (Austin) James, both of whom also were born in this county, the former on November 3, 1805, and the latter, February 5, 1811. David W. James was a son of John and Mary James, who came to this county from Virginia in pioneer days and became residents of the Sugar-creek neighborhood. John James died on September 18, 1841, he then being sixty-seven years of age, and was buried in the Middle Run cemetery. David W. James grew up in that township and became owner of a good piece of farming property there. He died on July 9, 1875, and was buried in the Bellbrook cemetery. He and Rebecca Austin were married on February 9, 1832, and were the parents of nine children, those besides the subject of this memorial sketch having been the following: Nathan, Emily, William and Angeline, deceased; Mrs. Lydia Sloane, who is now living at Osborn, this county; Julianna, deceased; John, who is now living at Seattle, Washington, and Jane, deceased.

Reared on the home farm two miles south of Bellbrook, Benjamin Franklin James completed the course in the Bellbrook high school and later took a course in Smith College at Xenia, meanwhile teaching school for several terms, spending his winters in the school room and his summers on the farm. In the fall of 1874 he married and established his home on the old home place in Sugar-creek township, presently buying the interests of the other heirs in the place, and continued to make his home there until



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his retirement from the farm in 1900 and removal to Bellbrook, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there, as noted above, in the fall of 1917. For years Mr. James was a member of the Greene county Republican central committee from his township. His interest in the cause of temperance was sincere and he did much to advance the cause hereabout. He served for some time as a member of the Bellbrook school board and ever took an interest in the cause of education. Until about ten years before his death Mr. James was a member of the Presbyterian church, for years an elder in the same, and then he transferred his membership to the Sugarcreek United Presbyterian church. He had helped in the erection of two churches. He was buried in the Bellbrook cemetery.

On September 23, 1874, Benjamin Franklin James was united in marriage to Irene Marshall, who also was born and reared in Sugarcreek township, who had completed her schooling at Smith College at Xenia and who prior to her marriage had been for some time engaged in teaching school. Since the death of her husband Mrs. James has continued to make her home at Bellbrook. She also is a member of one of the real old families of Greene county, her parents, Jesse R. and Ruth (Robinson) Marshall, having both been born here, their respective families having been among the early settlers of the county. Jesse R. Marshall was a son of John Marshall, who was born in the vicinity of what is now the city of Lexington; Kentucky, in 1784, and who in 1803 came up here into the valley of the Little Miami and took up a tract of six hundred acres of land in what later came to be organized as Sugarcreek township, where he established his home and where he spent the rest of his life, all of which is set out elsewhere and at considerable length in this volume. Jesse R. Marshall and Ruth Robinson were married on May 22, 1851, and to them were born seven children, those besides Mrs. James being Willis, who is living in the New Burlington neighborhood and further reference to whom is made elsewhere in this volume, as well as reference to his sons, Judge J. C. Marshall, of the probate court, and L. T. Marshall, former clerk of courts and now a practicing lawyer at Xenia; Fannie, unmarried, who is living at Bellbrook; Daniel W., now a resident of Dayton; Joseph H., a resident of Bellbrook; Frank B., who lives three miles south of Bellbrook, and Edwin S., deceased. The Marshall connection in Greene county is a considerable one, the pioneer John Marshall having been the father of six children, two sons and four daughters, those besides Jesse, father of Mrs. James, having been Nancy, who married James N. McConnell; Sarah, who married John Brock; Hetty, who married Captain Kiler; Betsy, who married William Morgan, and James, who became a farmer in Sugarcreek township.

ANDREW FRANKLIN GILL.

Andrew Franklin Gill, farmer and dairyman and occupant of the old Galloway place on the Fairground pike at the edge of Xenia, the place on which he spent his youth and of which he has been in active charge for some years past, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Xenia since he was six years of age, at which tender age he became an occupant of the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home at Xenia, later being given a home on the Galloway place, which he now has in charge, having returned there in 1912, after some years of absence, to take charge of the place for Miss Rebecca Galloway. He was born at Lattasburg, in Wayne county, this state, March 30, 1872, son of Joseph and Mary (Swaisgood) Gill, the former of whom died in 1873 and the latter, in 1877.

Joseph Gill was born in Pennsylvania and was trained to the trade of a carpenter. As a young man he came to Ohio and was living in Ashland county when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted for service in the Union army in 1862 and went to the front as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Seventy-second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until the close of the war. During this service Mr. Gill suffered an attack of smallpox and was so weakened thereby as to be permanently debilitated. His brother, John Gill, who was serving in the same company, urged him to secure a furlough and go home, but he was "gritty" and stuck to it to the end. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Gill returned to Ashland county and there presently married Mary Swaisgood, who was born in that county and to whom he had been engaged to marry before going to war. After that he engaged in farming, but the disability he had suffered during his army service presently resulted in a state of invalidism and he died in the fall of 1873, leaving his widow with three small children, the subject of this sketch, the youngest, being then but eighteen months of age. The other children were William, who is now farming in Ashland county, and Harriet Alice, wife of Edward Schweiboldt, living on Cincinnati avenue, Xenia. The mother of these children did not long survive her soldier husband, her death occurring in 1877, and shortly afterward the three orphaned children were placed in the care of the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home at Xenia.

Andrew F. Gill was six years of age when he came under the protecting care of the Home authorities and he remained thus cared for until he was thirteen years of age, or until 1885, when he was taken into the home of Richard and Rebecca Galloway on the old Galloway place on the Fairground pike just out of Xenia, where he remained until after he had reached his

majority, meanwhile receiving further schooling in the Xenia public schools. He later became employed at the freight house of the Pennsylvania railroad at Xenia and after his marriage bought a home of his own, continuing to reside there until 1912, when he returned to the Galloway farm to take charge of the same for Miss Rebecca Galloway, and has since resided there with his family, farming the place and carrying on a dairy business. Mr. Gill is the owner of eleven lots and a house in Galloway Park addition to the city of Xenia. He is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the First United Presbyterian church at Xenia.

On May 26, 1904, Andrew F. Gill was united in marriage to Nellie Price, who also was born in this state and who also was left an orphan at an early age, being afterward reared in the home of Mrs. Haines in the vicinity of Trebeins, where she was living at the time of her marriage to Mr. Gill. To this union have been born six children, namely: Ellsworth Galloway, born on May 23, 1905; Marion Haines, July 21, 1906; Edna Rebecca, who died at the age of eight months; Andrew Richard, born on August 10, 1909; Harold, who lived but three days, and Margaret Faye, February 22, 1918.

GEORGE H. STILES.

George H. Stiles, who has been engaged in the barber business at Fairfield for the past thirty-five years and is thus accounted to be the oldest barber in point of continuous service in one place in Greene county, was born on a farm a half mile west of the village of Fairfield, on the tract now included in the great Wright aviation field established there by the United States government in 1917, December 26, 1853, son of William and Elizabeth (Sensenbaugh) Stiles, the former of whom was born on that same farm, a son of Benjamin Stiles, who had come here from New York and had opened to cultivation the tract now occupied as a training field for aviators who, beginning in the summer of 1917, have been in training for service against the German army in foreign fields.

William Stiles was born in 1830 and grew to manhood on the home place just west of where the village of Fairfield came to be established. After his marriage in 1852 to Elizabeth Sensenbaugh, who also was born in this county, daughter of pioneer parents, he established his home on that place and there continued to reside until 1866, when he left the farm and moved into Fairfield, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there in 1875. His widow did not long survive him, her death occurring in the following year. They were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being John W., deceased; Mrs. Annora

L. Newcomer, also deceased; Otis L., deceased, and Adrian T., now living at Akron, this state, where he is engaged in the rubber business and who has been twice married, father of one child, a son, John, by his first wife and of two children, Roy and Naomi, by the second marriage.

Reared on the home farm, George H. Stiles received his schooling in the Fairfield schools and after leaving school was variously engaged until 1883, when he opened a barber shop at Fairfield and has since maintained the same. Mr. Stiles is a Democrat and for the past eight years has been serving as treasurer of the Fairfield corporation. He is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

WILLIAM W. CRESWELL.

William W. Creswell, a retired farmer of Cedarville township, now living in the village of Cedarville, where he has made his home since 1904, was born in that township and has lived there all his life. He was born on a farm one and one-fourth miles east of Cedarville on December 1, 1867, son of Amos Wilson and Rebecca (Ward) Creswell, the former of whom was born on that same farm, a member of one of the oldest families in Greene county, and the latter, in the state of New York.

Amos Wilson Creswell was born on March 13, 1827, son of Samuel and Letitia (Wilson) Creswell, both of whom had come here with their respective parents among the very first settlers of Greene county, Letitia Wilson having been the daughter of Amos Wilson, who in older chronicles is said to have built the first house put up in what later came to be the territory comprised within this county. Samuel Creswell had come here in 1803 with his widowed mother, Mrs. Catherine Creswell, and his brother James and his six sisters, the family having come up from Kentucky with the colony of Seceders that accompanied the Rev. Robert Armstrong in that year and established a new congregation on Massies creek, the settlers having left Kentucky on account of slavery conditions in the latter state, as is set out at length in a more detailed history of the Creswell family presented elsewhere in this volume. Samuel Creswell established his home on the farm in Cedarville township above referred to and there his wife died in 1829, the year after the birth of her last-born son, Benoni, who in time established his home in the Cedarville vicinity and reared a large family. There were five children born to Samuel Creswell and wife, those besides Amos and Benoni having been James, who established his home in Illinois; one daughter, Ann, and Samuel, who died when eighteen years of age. Amos W. Creswell grew up on the home farm and after his father's death in 1855 inherited a portion of the place and afterward added to his holding until he became the



MIR. AND MIRS. WILLIAM W. GREENWELL.





owner of three hundred and sixty-five acres, on which he had one of the finest houses in that part of the county, the site of his home being an eminence along the line of the railway commanding a view for miles about. During the progress of the Civil War he served as a member of the Home Guards, familiarly known at that time as "Squirrel Hunters." Politically he was a Republican and by religious persuasion was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church at Cedarville. After the death of his first wife in 1875 he left the farm and for two years thereafter was engaged in the grocery business at Cedarville, but later moved back to the farm and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on December 23, 1899. Amos W. Creswell's first wife was Rebecca Ward, who was born in the state of New York in 1837 and who was but a child when she came to Greene county with her parents. To that union were born five children, two of whom died in infancy, the others besides the subject of this sketch being Ada C., who married S. T. Baker and is living on her father's old home place in Cedarville township, and Samuel, who died in 1876, at the age of seven years. Following the death of the mother of these children, Amos W. Creswell married Mrs. Margaret (Townesley) Rainey, a widow, daughter of J. N. Townsley, who survived her husband a little more than ten years, her death occurring in 1910. By her first marriage she was the mother of one son, Dr. Ralph B. Rainey, who is now engaged in the practice of his profession at Lafayette, Louisiana.

William W. Creswell grew up on the home farm and received his schooling in the Cedarville schools. In 1894 he left the farm and engaged in the undertaking business at Cedarville in partnership with A. H. Barr, but four years later sold his interest in that establishment and returned to the farm. Upon the division of the home place following his father's death in 1899 he received two hundred and five acres and he continued to live there, managing the place, until a few months after his marriage, when, in 1904, he rented his place and returned to Cedarville, where he since has made his home, he and his family residing on South Main street.

On October 9, 1903, William W. Creswell was united in marriage to Ethel Fields, who was born at Cedarville on November 28, 1879, daughter of William and Fannie (White) Fields, both of whom also were born in this county, in the Cedarville neighborhood, and the former of whom is still living, now a resident of Dayton, where he is engaged in the carpentry business. Mr. and Mrs. Creswell have two sons, Alfred Ward, born on June 24, 1905, and James Nelson, June 24, 1909. They are members of the Reformed Presbyterian church at Cedarville and Mr. Creswell has been treasurer of the congregation for the past eleven years or more. In his political affiliation he is a Republican.

GEORGE A. BIRCH.

George A. Birch, proprietor of the old Robert Mitchell farm on the Fairfield pike, rural mail route No. 3 out of Xenia, in Xenia township, this county, is a native of the Sunflower state, but has been a resident of Ohio since the days of his boyhood. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of Hutchinson, in Reno county, Kansas, May 3, 1880, son of George Haviland and Eliza (Kinkaid) Birch, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter, of Missouri, and the former of whom, a veteran of the Civil War, is still living, now making his home in Xenia, where he has resided since 1905, proprietor of the old Eavey homestead place on Columbus street on the eastern edge of the city.

The Birches are one of the oldest families in America, the genealogy being of record in an unbroken line back to Thomas Birch, who died at Dorchester, Connecticut, on October 3, 1657, and whose children named in his will, dated June 4, 1654, were named as Joseph, Jeremiah, Jonathan and Mary. Jeremiah Birch, second son of Thomas, went to Stonington, Connecticut, before 1670 and there had a grant of land east of the present village of Clarks Falls. His children were Thomas, Jeremiah, Joseph and Jonathan, the latter of whom, Jonathan, born at Stonington, Connecticut, August 22, 1706, married Mary Rathbone and had eight children, Jonathan, Jane, John, Zurviah, Jeremiah, Mary, David and Joshua. John Birch was born at Stonington on June 4, 1711, and on June 23, 1737, married Mary Bessey, to which union were born two sons, John and Joshua. This second John, born on December 13, 1738, moved with his father to Dutchess county, New York, settling at Pawlingtown, where both were enrolled in the Dutchess county militia for service during the Revolutionary War. The junior John Birch married Patty Ralph and their son, George Haviland Birch, born at Pawlingtown in 1778, married Phebe Fairlie Mitchell, who was born in camp at Newburg during the Revolutionary War, her father at the time being post quartermaster. This George Haviland Birch, grandfather of the present holder of the name at Xenia and great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, died in Rensselaer county, New York, July 30, 1852. He and his wife were the parents of thirteen children, namely: Maria, Erastus Mitchell, Sally Ann, Emaline, Elmira, Mrs. Harriet Link, Frederick, Phebe, George, James, Alfred, Mrs. Caroline Traver and Henrietta. The second of these children, Erastus Mitchell Birch, was born at Pawlingtown, in Dutchess county, New York, January 19, 1801, and died at Yellow Springs, in this county, July 7, 1885.

Erastus Mitchell Birch grew up at Pawlingtown and on January 13, 1830, married Sallie A. Milligan, who was born at Stockbridge, Massachu-

setts, in 1812 and died in 1865 at Yellow Springs, this county. Twenty years before this last date, in 1845, he drove west on a prospecting trip, going as far as the then Territory of Wisconsin and liked conditions there so well that he returned to New York for his family and with them drove through to the site he had selected, and settled on a farm twelve miles south of Kenosha, then called Southport, he having bought a quarter of a section of land divided there by the Illinois-Wisconsin line, an "eighty" on either side of the line. Later he disposed of that tract and moved some miles farther south in Illinois and after a while disposed of this second tract and moved to a farm sixteen miles from Laporte, in Indiana, where he became engaged in the operation of a water-power mill. While thus engaged he became associated with the local swamp-land commissioner and bought up much swamp land in that and adjacent counties. In 1857 he came with his family to Ohio and located at Yellow Springs, in this county, where he spent the rest of his life. As noted above, his wife died in 1865. He married again and lived until the summer of 1885. He was a member of the Christian church and by political persuasion was a Republican, having originally been a Whig and a free-soiler. By his first wife, Sallie A. Milligan, Erastus M. Birch was the father of six children, namely: William, whose last days were spent in Reno county, Kansas; George Haviland, now living at Xenia, father of the subject of this sketch; John, who died at Dayton, this state, in 1915; Hugh, a lawyer and real-estate dealer at Chicago; Sarah Ann, who married Dr. Walter D. Stillman and who, as well as her husband, is now dead, and Phebe Jane, who married James Hyde, owner of a four-hundred-acre farm in the vicinity of Yellow Springs, in Miami township, this county, and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased.

George Haviland Birch was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, January 2, 1838, and was about eight years of age when his parents moved to Wisconsin. He later lived with them in Indiana and was nineteen years of age when they came to Greene county and located at Yellow Springs. He completed his schooling at Antioch College and was living at Yellow Springs when the Civil War broke out. On April 17, 1861, two days after President Lincoln's first call for volunteers to put down armed rebellion against the Union, he enlisted as a member of Company F, Second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with that command went to the front and thus participated in the first battle of Bull Run. Upon the completion of that term of enlistment he re-enlisted and served until long after the close of the war, not being mustered out until in December, 1865. During this long period of service Mr. Birch participated in many of the most important engagements of the Western campaign and was severely wounded at the battle of Chickamauga. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Birch

returned to Yellow Springs and not long afterward went to Indiana and was for some time engaged in farming there with his brother William, who had a farm in Jasper county, that state. As a boy, George H. Birch had been given a tract of seven hundred and twenty-eight acres of swamp land in Starke county, Indiana, a gift from his father, but it later developed that the title was defective and he lost it. In 1875 George H. Haviland accompanied his brother William and the latter's family to Kansas, each of the brothers taking a homestead in Little River township, Reno county, that state. Two years later, in 1877, in the adjacent county of McPherson, he married Eliza Jane Kinkaid, who was born in Missouri, daughter of William C. Kinkaid and wife, who settled in McPherson county, Kansas, in 1874. He continued farming his homestead tract until 1888, when he disposed of his interests in Kansas and returned to Greene county and for four years thereafter was engaged as manager of the four-hundred-acre farm of his sister, Mrs. Hyde, in Miami township. He then bought the Sellers farm in Xenia township and there made his home until 1905, when he sold that place and bought the forty-acre tract comprising the old Eavey place on the east edge of the city of Xenia, where he since has made his home. Mr. Birch cast his first vote for President for Abraham Lincoln in 1860 and he has ever since been a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and is affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic. He has been twice married. His first wife, Eliza Jane Kinkaid, died on June 25, 1885, in Kansas, leaving two children, a son and a daughter, George A., the subject of this sketch, and Ina May, who is living at home in Xenia. Mr. Birch later married Rosa Belle Longshore, of Reno county, Kansas, and to this latter union two children were born, Edna, wife of B. U. Bell, of Xenia township, this county, and Richard, at home.

George A. Birch was but seven years of age when his father returned to Greene county from Kansas and he was reared on the farm. He completed his schooling at Antioch College and some time after his marriage bought a farm of seventy-five acres in Union township, in the neighboring county of Clinton, where he made his home for three years, or until 1906, when he sold that place and returned to Greene county and bought the Robert Mitchell place of one hundred and eighty acres on the Fairfield pike, in Xenia township, where he since has resided. Since taking possession of that place Mr. Birch has sold sixty acres. He has remodeled the brick dwelling house on the place and has made other improvements. Mr. Birch is a Republican and in 1916 was the nominee of his party for county commissioner from his district, but was defeated in the ensuing election. He is a member of the Xenia Business Men's Association.

On September 11, 1900, George A. Birch was united in marriage to Florence Anderson, who was born at Trebeins, this county, daughter of P. H. and Mary Anderson, who are now living at Springfield, this state, and to this union have been born four children, namely: Helen, born on April 27, 1902, who is now a student in the high school at Xenia; Mary, March 21, 1904; Ruth, June 10, 1906, and Frances, May 21, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Birch are members of the First Presbyterian church at Xenia and Mr. Birch is one of the ruling elders of the same.

WILLIAM H. BARBER.

William H. Barber, president of the Tarbox Lumber Company of Cedarville, a former trustee of Cedarville township and the owner of a farm just west of the village of Cedarville, was born on the farm now owned by John Taylor on July 10, 1853, son of John Alexander and Eliza (Galloway) Barber, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families, and whose last days were spent here.

John Alexander Barber was born on a farm northeast of the village of Cedarville, a son of John and Sarah (Martin) Barber, who came to Ohio from Pennsylvania after their marriage in the latter state and settled in Greene county, establishing their home on a farm in Cedarville township. John Barber spent the rest of his life on that farm and his widow, who survived him for some years, spent her last days in Cedarville. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom John A. was the tenth in order of birth, the others having been Samuel, James, Martin, David, Hester, Sallie, Al G., Robert, Frank and one who died in infancy. The father of these children was a soldier of the War of 1812 and he and his wife were members of the Associate Reformed church, in the faith of which communion their children were reared, the family becoming connected with the United Presbyterian church after the union of 1858.

Reared on the farm on which he was born, John A. Barber remained there until after his marriage, when he established his home on a farm just west of the village of Cedarville and there he spent practically the rest of his life, his death occurring in Cedarville in 1892. John A. Barber was twice married. His first wife, Eliza Galloway, was born in Xenia township, this county, a daughter of Andrew and Mary (Collins) Galloway, pioneers of that township, the former a native of York county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Bourbon county, Kentucky, whose respective families were among the earliest settlers in the region that later came to be organized as Greene county. Andrew Galloway and wife were the parents of ten children, Wash-

ington, Rebecca, Lydia, Eliza, Eleanor, William, Samuel, Isabella, Julia and Andrew H. Mrs. Eliza Galloway Barber died on July 16, 1866, leaving one child, a son, William H., the subject of this sketch. John A. Barber married, secondly, Sarah Townsley, of Cedarville township, also a member of one of the first families of Greene county, who survived him for years, her death occurring on March 15, 1915. To that second union were born two children, Eva, wife of Charles Ervin, of Xenia, and Florence, wife of Jesse Townsley, of Cedarville township. John A. Barber was a Democrat. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church.

William H. Barber grew up on the home farm in the vicinity of Cedarville and supplemented the schooling he received in the local schools by a course in Monmouth College. After his marriage in 1878 he established his home on the old home place a half mile west of Cedarville, one hundred acres of which he still owns, and there continued engaged in farming and stock raising for twenty-five years, or until his retirement from the farm in 1903 and removal to Cedarville, where he since has made his home. Mr. Barber is president of the Tarbox Lumber Company, of Cedarville. He is a Republican and has served as township trustee, as township treasurer and as a member of the library board.

On January 17, 1878, William H. Barber was united in marriage to Lucy J. Tarbox, who also was born in Cedarville township, February 4, 1854, daughter of John M. and Rachel (Nichol) Tarbox, the latter of whom was born in Belmont county, this state. John M. Tarbox was born at Parsonsfield, in York county, Maine, December 3, 1829, a son of John and Lucy (Merrill) Tarbox, the former of whom was a soldier of the War of 1812. When John M. Tarbox was eight years of age he was bereft by death of his mother and two years later his father died. Thus orphaned he was early thrown on his own resources and when twenty years of age came West and presently located at Cedarville, this county, where he became engaged working as a carpenter and where in 1852 he married Rachel Nichol, whose parents had settled there in 1840. Mr. Tarbox later followed farming for four or five years and then began the operation of a saw-mill on the old McFarland place in Cedarville township, remaining there for fifteen years, or until the water-power became exhausted, afterward working for a time with the Jeffreys cabinet shop and then built a saw-mill at Cedarville, establishing there the business which has ever since been carried on there in the lumber line, now being carried on under the name of the Tarbox Lumber Company. During the progress of the Civil War Mr. Tarbox served as a soldier of the Union, a member of the Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His wife died on February 24, 1901, she then being seventy-seven years of age, and since then Mr. Tarbox has made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Barber.

He is a Republican and a member of the United Presbyterian church. To John M. Tarbox and wife were born six children, those besides Mrs. Barber being Maria, wife of Samuel K. Williamson, living south of Cedarville; Merrill, who died at the age of eighteen months; Mary Elizabeth, who died at the age of ten months; William J., who early became engaged in the lumber business with his father and is still thus engaged at Cedarville, a member of the Tarbox Lumber Company, and Thomas N., former postmaster at Cedarville, who also is a member of the Tarbox Lumber Company. Mr. and Mrs. Barber are members of the United Presbyterian church.

WILLIAM B. CLARK.

William B. Clark, former postmaster of Clifton and for years a merchant in that village, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Greene county since the days of his early boyhood. He was born on a farm in Richland county, January 7, 1855, son of Nelson and Ann (Reagh) Clark, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Ireland, who became residents of the Clifton neighborhood along in the latter '50s of the past century and there spent their last days.

Nelson Clark was born in the year 1812 and was but a child when he came to this country with his parents, the family coming on out to Ohio and settling in Knox county. He later became a resident of Knox county, where he married, his wife having grown to womanhood there, she having been but a child when she came with her parents to this country, the family settling in that county. For some time after his marriage Nelson Clark made his home in Richland county and then moved to Henry county, where he owned land, moving thence, about 1859, to Greene county, locating on a farm in the vicinity of Clifton, where he died in the spring of 1861, leaving his widow with a large family of children. These children, in the order of birth were James, Jennie, Samuel, William B., Alice and Sallie (twins), Mary, Alexander and Clara, of whom but four are now living, the subject of this sketch, Alice, Mary and Alexander.

William B. Clark was but four or five years of age when he came to this county with his parents and he was but six when his father died. He grew up on the farm and received his schooling in the Clifton schools, going up into the high school. He early became engaged in the tanning business at Clifton and was thus engaged for fifteen years, at the end of which time he for a time worked on a farm, presently being appointed postmaster of Clifton and in the fall of 1896 became engaged in the mercantile business in Clifton, taking over the old Bennett Lewis stand, and conducted the affairs of the

postoffice in his store. For nineteen years Mr. Clark was retained as postmaster of Clifton and since the termination of that long term of service has continued engaged in the mercantile business. For the past twelve years he has been treasurer of Clifton and he also has held other township and city offices. He is a Republican and is a charter member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

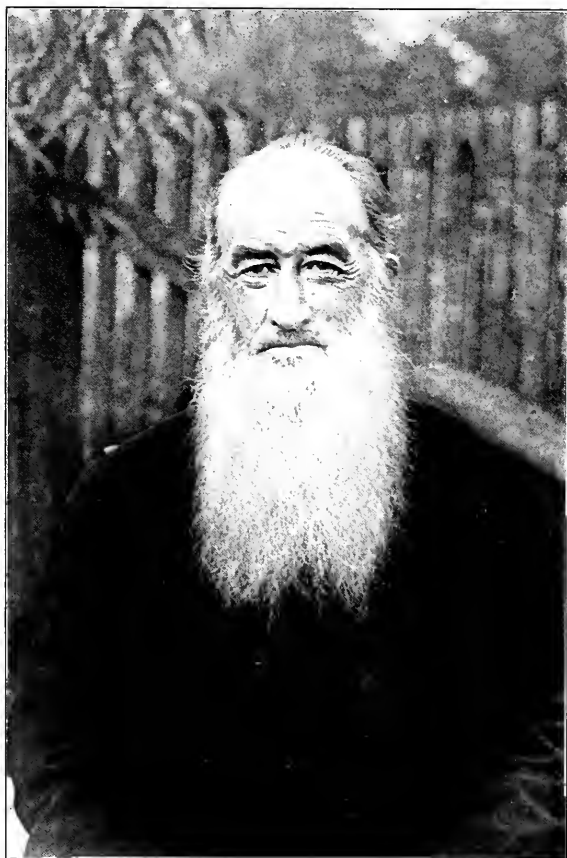
In the spring of 1874 William B. Clark was united in marriage to Louise Grindle, daughter of Henry Grindle, of Clifton, and to this union have been born three children, Nelson H., Anna B., who died on May 29, 1907, and Clyde A., now living at Clifton, who married Myrtle Highwood, of Van Wert county, and has three children, Louise, Nelson and Eugene. Mr. and Mrs. Clark's oldest son, Dr. Nelson H. Clark, who married Nellie Lewis, of Clifton, has been for some years a practicing physician at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was located there when the United States declared war against Germany in the spring of 1917. Doctor Clark offered his services to the government in behalf of the National Army and was appointed head of a hospital unit which was assembled at Lake Forest, a suburb of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are members of the Presbyterian church.

BENJAMIN F. COY.

The late Benjamin F. Coy, who died at his home in the Zimmermans neighborhood in Beavercreek township on July 11, 1911, and whose widow is still living there, was born in that township on August 5, 1841, and all his life was spent there. He was a son of Nicholas and Charlotta (Shoup) Coy, both members of pioneer families thereabout and further and fitting reference to whom is made elsewhere in this volume, together with a comprehensive history of both the Coy and Shoup families in Greene county.

Reared on the home farm, Benjamin F. Coy received his schooling in the local schools and upon attaining manhood began farming on his own account, a vocation he followed with success the rest of his life. He was a member of the Church of the Brethren and took an active interest in the affairs of the same, as does his widow. Politically, he was a Republican.

On January 4, 1867, Benjamin F. Coy was united in marriage to Catherine Silzel, who was born in Dalton county, Pennsylvania, fourth in order of birth of the ten children born to William and Catherine (Sellers) Silzel, and to this union four children were born, namely: Emma, who married William Glotfelter, now living at Dayton, and to whom two children have been born, Benjamin (deceased) and Russell; Clara, now deceased, who was the wife of John Leshner, of Alpha, and who was the mother of two children, but one of whom, Bessie, is now living; Lydia, also deceased.



BENJAMIN F. COY.

who was the wife of George Feirstein, of Beavercreek township, and who left two children, Roy and Harold; and Florence, wife of Louis Stewart, of Alpha, to whom four children have been born, Marcus, Kenneth, Evangeline (deceased) and an infant (deceased).

MILTON A. SMITH.

Milton A. Smith, distributing clerk in the postoffice at Xenia, was born on a farm one mile south of the village of New Jasper, in the township of that name, March 7, 1877, and has been a resident of this county all his life, formerly and for seven years prior to entering upon service in the Xenia postoffice having been a school teacher in the county. His parents, William Albert and Keziah (Thomas) Smith, also were born in this county and the latter is still living, having made her home at Xenia since her husband's death in 1908. She was born on December 3, 1855, daughter of Jacob and Eliza (Beason) Thomas, the former of whom was a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Bayliff) Thomas, Benjamin Thomas having been a son of Jacob and Ellen Thomas, who settled on Painters run in this county about the year 1802, Benjamin Thomas there marrying Elizabeth Bayliff, a neighbor, daughter of Joshua and Margaret (Fry) Bayliff, who had come here from Virginia about that same time or shortly prior thereto and had settled in the Paintersville neighborhood on Painters run in Caesarscreek township, all of which, together with a comprehensive history of this family, is set out at length elsewhere in this volume. Eliza Beason Thomas, mother of Mrs. Smith, was a daughter of Thomas and Keziah Beason, who had a farm three miles south of New Jasper on the Paintersville road and who were the parents of twelve or fourteen children. Mrs. Smith was the first-born of the eight children born to her parents, the others being the following: Joshua, born on August 4, 1858, who died on November 18, 1863; Benjamin, January 29, 1860, who died on November 30, 1863; Lydia, June 7, 1862, wife of Jacob R. Jones, of Mt. Tabor, this county; Alice, August 7, 1864, who married J. C. Bales and died on January 4, 1892; Loretta, April 10, 1866, who married Frank M. Spahr and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased, her death having occurred on June 1, 1915; Francis Marion, February 1, 1868, who married Alice L. Brown and lives on a farm in New Jasper township, and Jacob Lewis, May 8, 1870, who married Ida Hite and is now living in Logan county, this state.

William Albert Smith was born on a farm in Caesarscreek township, this county, son of Burrell and Mary (Bales) Smith, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families, and further mention

of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. Burrell Smith was a son of John and Margaret (Burrell) Smith, the latter of whom was born in Caesarscreek township, this county, August 16, 1808. John Smith was born in Rappahannock county, Virginia, and was eighteen years of age when he came to Ohio, riding through on horseback to Greene county, where he eventually established his home, becoming the owner of a farm of two hundred acres in Caesarscreek township. He was one of the early assessors of that township and there is a tradition that he had a difficult time convincing some of the settlers that it was their duty to return their property for taxation. He was a Whig and became one of the organizers of the Republican party in this county. By religious persuasion he was a Methodist. His death occurred on January 31, 1883, he then being eighty-four years of age, and he was buried in the Baptist graveyard near Jamestown. On January 16, 1823, John Smith married Margaret Burrell and to that union were born twelve children, of whom Burrell Smith, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was the first-born, the others being the following: William, born on August 3, 1825, who married a Miss Ireland and lived at Blainetown; Elnora, September 9, 1827, who married John Ford and moved to Indiana; Henry, September 12, 1829, who died in childhood; Sarah Ann, April 9, 1831, who married Lafayette Lucas and moved to Indiana; Eli, March 21, 1833, who married Lucy E. Hobbs and moved to Indiana; Elizabeth, September 21, 1835, who married William St. John and lived in Caesarscreek township; Nancy, October 17, 1837, who died unmarried; Alfred, December 6, 1839, a carpenter, who went to Missouri; Mary Jane, December 30, 1841, who married Asa Devoe and moved to Indiana; Margaret, February 11, 1844, who is still living, making her home in Jefferson township, widow of James W. Clark, a memorial sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume, and Emily, September 27, 1848, who married Joseph Bosman and moved to Indiana.

Burrell Smith was born on December 10, 1823, and was reared on his father's farm. After his marriage to Mary Bales, who was a member of one of Greene county's old families, he established his home on a farm on the line between New Jasper and Caesarscreek townships and spent the rest of his life there. He and his wife were Baptists. They were the parents of four children, one of whom died in infancy, the others besides the father of the subject of this sketch being John B. Smith, now living at Xenia, a member of the firm of Bales & Smith, and Emma Jane, wife of J. S. Bales, of Xenia.

William Albert Smith grew up on the home farm and at the age of nineteen years began teaching school, a profession he followed with slight

intermission for many years, or until his health became so broken that he no longer could be of service in the school room. He owned a farm in New Jasper township, devoting his summers to the cultivation of the same. In 1893 he attended college at Ada, Ohio, graduating in 1894, and later taught school at Bellbrook. Then in 1896 he located on his father's old home place in Caesarscreek township and on the latter place spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there on February 19, 1908. During his long service in the public schools of this county William A. Smith was for several years the superintendent of the Bowersville schools, for two years was superintendent of the Bellbrook schools, for two years head of the schools at New Burlington and later was returned in charge of the schools at Bowersville, where he was serving when his health failed and he was compelled to retire from the school room. He was a Republican and a member of the Mr. Tabor Methodist Episcopal church. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Smith has been making her home with the family of John Bales at 33 West Third street, Xenia. It was on March 11, 1875, that William Albert Smith and Keziah Thomas were united in marriage. To that union were born four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being Lucien E. Smith, who lives on a farm in the vicinity of Mr. Tabor church, seven miles southeast of Xenia; Prof. Orma J. B. Smith, now an instructor in the University of Idaho, and William M. Smith, a farmer, living in Caesarscreek township.

Milton A. Smith spent his youth mainly on the farm and his early schooling was received in such schools as his father would be teaching from term to term, his course being completed by attendance at the high school at Ada and the high school at Bellbrook. When twenty-one years of age he began teaching in the schools of this county and was for seven years thereafter thus engaged, employing his summers on the farm. In July, 1909, Mr. Smith accompanied his widowed mother to Xenia and has ever since made his home in that city. Upon taking up his residence there he entered a civil service examination and in the following October was appointed to service in the postoffice, being put on as a substitute mail carrier. Not long afterward he was transferred to a position as clerk and presently was promoted to the position of distributing clerk in the postoffice, a position he ever since has held.

On May 14, 1913, Milton A. Smith was united in marriage to Lavina A. Martin, who was born in Maryland, daughter of John and Amanda Martin, now living on a farm in the Cumberland valley in Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Reformed church at Xenia and he is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife reside at 410 West Main street.

ALBERT F. HERING.

The late Albert F. Hering, who died at his farm home in Beavercreek township, rural mail route No. 10 out of Xenia, December 31, 1912, and whose widow is still living there, was born in that township on December 16, 1845, a son of Jacob and Mary (Steele) Hering, both of whom were born in that same township, members of pioneer families, Jacob Hering having been born in 1808, a son of Jacob and Barbara (Richenbach) Hering, natives of Switzerland, who settled in this county not long after their arrival in this country and were thus among the earliest settlers of this part of Ohio. They established their home in Beavercreek township and there reared their family, the one son, Jacob, and three daughters, Elizabeth, Margaret and Barbara.

The younger Jacob Hering early became associated with his father in the management of the home place and after the death of his father continued the operation of the place. For twelve years he served as treasurer of his home township, was also for some years township trustee and during the most of his active life was a school director. Fraternally, he was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Xenia and he and his wife were members of the Reformed church. They were married in 1831 and were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the last born. Two of the latter's brothers served with distinction during the Civil War, Henry F. Hering being mustered out at the close of the war as captain of Company E, Seventy-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and is now a retired physician, living at Minneapolis. John J. Hering was commissioned first lieutenant of Company E of the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, but was later transferred to Company A and was made adjutant of the regiment. After serving three months he contracted typhoid fever and was sent home, where he died in October, 1864.

Albert F. Hering completed his schooling in the Xenia schools and upon attaining his majority began farming on his own account on the home place and after his marriage in 1874 continued to live there until 1893, when he bought the Bates place, remaining there until 1906, when he bought the old Harris Munger place on which he spent his last days and on which his widow still resides, a place of about one hundred and eighty acres. Mr. Hering was a Republican and was for years a member of the local school board, serving in that capacity at the time the Beavercreek high school was organized. He was a member of the Reformed church, as is his widow, and for years he was a deacon of the church and a trustee. He was buried in the Beaver Creek cemetery.

In 1874, Albert F. Hering was united in marriage to Matilda Munger,



A. F. Hervey



who was born in the neighboring county of Montgomery, daughter of Harris and Elizabeth Munger, who later became residents of Beavercreek township, this county, and further reference to whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to that union five children were born, namely: Clarence Franklin, now living at Osborn, where he is engaged in the railway service, and who married Alice Cora Wilson, of Madison county, and has one child, a daughter, Elizabeth Isabel; Edgar Russell, now living at Hamilton, this state, where he is engaged as a stationary engineer, and who married Catherine Turner, of this county, and has four children, Emma, Matilda, Russell, Catherine and Edward Everett; Harris Munger Hering, now assisting in the building of aeroplanes at Lorain, who on April 7, 1913, married Lena Gantz, of Alpha, and has two sons, Leroy Martin and Arthur Franklin; Mary Edna, who on March 10, 1914, married Ora A. Allen, a rural mail carrier out of Jeffersonville, and has one child, a son, Robert; and Jacob Early, who is operating the home place for his mother and who on February 27, 1915, married Daisy Nelson, of Springfield.

ISAAC B. PRESTON.

Isaac B. Preston, former mayor of Clifton and for years engaged in the milling business in that village, proprietor of the water-power flour-mill that was established there in 1892, and who also furnishes the electric power for the villages of Clifton, Cedarville and Yellow Springs, is a native of Missouri, born in Mercer county in that state, January 10, 1868. Mr. Preston has always been connected with the flour-milling business, as were his father and his grandfather before him, and in all his housekeeping career he has never had to buy flour but once, and on that occasion a twelve-and-a-half-pound sack of flour tided him over the emergency. His father, Jesse Preston, was born at Bloomington, Illinois, in 1831, his father at that time being there engaged in the milling business, one of the pioneer millers of that section of Illinois.

Jesse Preston grew up to the milling business and when twenty years of age became thus engaged on his own account. He married Eliza Bryan, who was born in Tennessee, and in the '50s located in Mercer county, Missouri, where he became a miller, later moving to Barry county, in that same state, where he had a mill eight miles south of Cassville. Jesse Preston died in 1891. His wife died in the year 1878. They were the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being William, who died in youth; Anna, who also died in youth; Matilda, who died in 1888; Sherman, a machinist, now living in California,

who married Angie Quinn and has two children; Ada Caroline, who married E. J. Tartar, a blacksmith, now living at Vinita, Oklahoma, and has eight children; Berry J., unmarried, who is engaged in the milling business with his brother Isaac at Clifton, and Anna (second), who died when a young girl.

Isaac B. Preston was fifteen years of age when his parents moved from Mercer to Barry county, Missouri, in 1883, and he there grew up to the milling business, continuing there thus engaged, in the mill eight miles south of Cassville, for twenty-five years, at the end of which time he disposed of his interests there and came to Ohio, locating at Clifton, where he bought the water-power mill and has since been engaged in the milling business at that place. The Clifton mills were established at the fine water power at that site many years ago and the present mill is the third that has been erected at that site. Mr. Preston took charge of his present property there on April 3, 1907, and has since then made many improvements to the industry. In addition to his flour-milling business he is also operating, by the same water power, a saw-mill, stone crusher and an electric-light plant, from which latter the villages of Clifton, Cedarville and Yellow Springs derive their light. Mr. Preston is a Democrat and during his residence in Missouri for years held the position as committeeman from his home precinct. Upon coming to Greene county he continued his interest in political affairs and is now a member of the county Democratic central committee. During the term 1913-14 he served as mayor of the town of Clifton. Mr. Preston was made a Mason in 1889, made an Odd Fellow in that same year and in 1907, the year of his arrival at Clifton, became a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias at that place. He also is a member of the United Commercial Travelers Association.

On October 18, 1888, in Barry county, Missouri, Isaac B. Preston was united in marriage to Edith M. Hartley, who was born in Delaware county, this state, but who in 1887 had moved to Missouri with her parents, the Rev. B. W. Hartley and wife, the former of whom was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, and to this union two children have been born, Cleo F., born on August 24, 1889, and Chester M., June 24, 1891. Cleo F. Preston married Fred W. Corry, of this county, who is now engaged in the milling business with Mr. Preston, and has three sons, Preston, Dewitt R. and Chester. Chester M. Preston, who also is engaged with his father in the milling business at Clifton, in 1912 married Ruth Corry, daughter of Robert E. Corry, a member of the present board of county commissioners, and to this union two children have been born, one an infant who died at birth, and Robert Chester, born on April 7, 1918. The Prestons are members of the Presbyterian church.

GEORGE GREINER.

The first house on what is now the site of the village of Fairfield, in this county, was built by George Greiner, a soldier of the American Revolution, who came over to this part of Ohio about the year 1805 and settled at that point, which then was included in Beavercreek township, but which in 1807 became organized as Bath township. There this Revolutionary soldier and his family established their home, the Greiners thus becoming numbered among the first families of Greene county, and are still represented at Fairfield, Otto A. Wilson, a great-grandson of this pioneer, now being mayor of the village.

John Greiner, one of the sons of the pioneer George Greiner, was born in 1799 and was thus but six years of age when he became a resident of this county, the rest of his life being spent here. After his marriage he established his home in Fairfield, where he became engaged in the building trades, one of the leading carpenters in that part of the county. One of his sons, George Greiner, grew up at Fairfield and as a young man learned the blacksmith trade, but later took up farming and was engaged in the latter vocation until 1873, when he moved with his family to Xenia and there became engaged in the clothing business. Upon his retirement from business he continued to make his home in Xenia and there spent his last days, his death occurring in 1913. He and his wife, the latter of whom was Patience Folkerth, were the parents of four children, two of whom died in infancy and the other two of whom, a son and a daughter, Russell and DeEtta, are still living, the latter still a resident of Xenia. Russell Greiner is one of that considerable number of the ambitious sons of Greene county who have achieved something more than merely local fame in other places. He is engaged in the lithographing and engraving business at Kansas City and is a past president of the International Rotary Club.

DeEtta Greiner was living at Xenia at the time of her marriage to the late Major William M. Wilson and is still living there at the corner of Church and King streets. Mrs. Wilson is a member of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, as was her husband, and is the present regent of Catherine Greene chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The late Major William M. Wilson was born at Zanesville, this state, and was twenty-one years of age when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted for service in behalf of the Union cause and went to the front as the first lieutenant of the company to which he was attached, presently being promoted to the rank of captain of Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, attached to the Army of the Potomac. While serving with that command at the battle of the Wilderness he was captured by the enemy and for nine months thereafter was confined in Southern prison pens

before securing his exchange. Near the close of the war he was breveted major and with this rank was mustered out after a service of nearly four years. Upon the completion of his military service Major Wilson located at Xenia, in 1865, but a few years later went to Logansport, Indiana, where he became engaged in the hardware business. Upon his retirement from business he returned to Xenia, there married Miss Greiner and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1915. The major was a York Rite Mason, elevated to the commandery, Knights Templar, in Indiana, and upon his return to Ohio was demitted to the Xenia commandery.

DAVID O. SHEELEY.

David O. Sheeley, a retired farmer now living at Alpha and the proprietor of a farm of something more than one hundred and eight acres in the southern part of Beavercreek township, was born in that part of the county now included in Jefferson township on August 25, 1846, son of William B. and Elizabeth (Osborne) Sheeley, the latter of whom was born in Clermont county, this state, October 31, 1816. Her father, a Virginian and a Methodist preacher, blacksmith and farmer, came to Greene county with his family in 1833 and bought about one thousand acres of land in that part of Silvercreek township that later came to be set off as Jefferson township. Her maternal grandfather, the Rev. Philip Gatch, was one of the pioneer Methodist preachers of Ohio and a noted evangelist in his day, and for twenty-one years was one of the associate judges of Clermont county.

William B. Sheeley was born in Greene county on October 24, 1811, and on November 14, 1841, married Elizabeth Osborne. He became a farmer in Jefferson township and there died on May 21, 1870. His widow survived him until 1890. They were the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being Preciosa, deceased; Mrs. Sarah Tysor, of Missouri; Mrs. Pallas Brookbank, deceased; Moses, who died at the age of two weeks; Isaac, deceased; Lydia, unmarried, and Mrs. Harriet Hunt, of Clinton county. By a previous marriage William B. Sheeley was the father of two children, Reuben and George.

David O. Sheeley was reared on the farm and early became engaged in farming on his own account, becoming the owner of a farm of a fraction more than one hundred and eight acres in the southern part of Beavercreek township, on which he lived until his retirement about five years ago and removal to Alpha, where he is now living, renting his farm land. Politically, Mr. Sheeley is a Democrat, and by religious persuasion is a Methodist.

On April 30, 1868, David O. Sheeley was united in marriage to Alice



MR. AND MRS. DAVID O. SHEPPEY.



J. Weeks, who was born in Warren county on October 10, 1850, and who died on December 9, 1917. To that union three children were born, Charles C., John W. and Ivy Ethel, the latter of whom married William Netherton, a Beavercreek township farmer, and has eight children, William, Ethel, Arthur, Alvida, Elizabeth, Elwood, Stephen and Charles. Mr. Sheeley's elder son, Charles C. Sheeley, now foreman of a machine shop at Dayton, married Catherine Greenwald and has six children, Anna, Dorothy, Bessie, David, Frederick and Caroline. Anna, the first-born of these, is married and has one child, Charles Caron. John W. Sheeley, also a machinist, now living in Detroit, married Matilda Neff and has three children, Ruth, who is married and has one child, and Alice and John.

JOHN L. MCKILLIP.

John L. McKillip, for some years past living practically retired at his farm home in Silvercreek township, is a native "Buckeye" and has been a resident of Greene county and of the farm on which he is now living ever since his marriage when twenty years of age. He was born on a farm west of the village of Jeffersonville, in Jefferson township, in the neighboring county of Fayette, in sight of his present home, February 17, 1840, son of James and Rachel (Mills) McKillip, the latter of whom was born in Greene county, a member of one of the pioneer families here.

James McKillip was born in Jefferson township, Fayette county, a son of John and Elizabeth (Whicker) McKillip, who had come to Ohio from North Carolina in pioneer days and had settled on a tract of land north of Jeffersonville, in Fayette county. John McKillip had been drafted for service during the Revolutionary War, but sent his brother-in-law in his stead. Before his death he was given a land warrant, but the same was lost. He became a pioneer of the Jeffersonville neighborhood, the owner of four hundred acres of land, and both he and his wife lived to the age of eighty years. Their children were Bettie, John, James, Sallie, Jane, Martha, Polly, Nancy and Thomas, and the McKillip family thus became a numerous one in this part of the state in succeeding generations. James McKillip married Rachel Mills when twenty-two years of age and established his home in the neighborhood of the place on which he was born. Upon his retirement from the farm he came over into Greene county and located at Jamestown, where he and his wife spent their last days, both living to be seventy-one years of age. They were the parents of ten children, those besides the subject of this sketch being the following: Thomas, who died in the days of his youth; Nancy, who also died young; Clarissa, who died in the days of her girlhood; Sallie, who married Robert Walton and is now living in Iowa; William, deceased; Geneva,

wife of Sanford Browder, a veteran of the Civil War, living in Fayette county; Riley, who married Mollie Spahr and went to Kansas, where he spent his last days, and Harlan and Octavia, who died in the days of their childhood.

Reared on the home farm in Fayette county, John L. McKillip received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and remained at home until his marriage in 1860, he then being not quite twenty years of age, after which he established his home on the place on which he is still living, in Silvercreek township, this county, securing there a tract of eighty-seven acres and starting his farming operations with a cash balance of twenty-six dollars. As time passed he gradually added to his land holdings until he became the owner of more than twelve hundred acres of land, five hundred and fifty-five acres of which he still owns, having given more than seven hundred acres to his children as they began to do for themselves. In addition to his general farming Mr. McKillip was for years engaged in the live-stock business. For the past eight years he has been living practically retired from the active labors of the farm. Mr. McKillip is a Republican and he and his wife are Baptists, in which faith they reared their children. When Mr. and Mrs. McKillip fifty-eight years ago entered upon possession of the place on which they are now living the only buildings on the place were a little old log cabin and a ramshackle stable, but it was not long until they began to see their way clear to the substantial improvements of the place and in 1871 built the brick house which has ever since served them as a place of residence and in which their children were reared.

It was on January 8, 1860, that John L. McKillip was united in marriage to Mary Webb, who was born on a farm south of the village of Jamestown in this county, daughter of Thomas B. and Martha (Bryan) Webb, the former of whom also was born in this county and the latter in Dinwiddie county, Virginia, daughter of Thomas and Mary Bryan, who had settled south of Jamestown upon coming to this county in pioneer days. Thomas Bryan and his wife were the parents of nine children, those besides Mrs. Webb having been Morrison, Joseph, Reese, Thomas, Mary J., Sidney, Catherine and Betsy Ann. Thomas B. Webb was born in Silvercreek township, this county, son of Samuel and Mary (Bull) Webb, Virginians, who had become pioneers of Greene county. Samuel Webb was a soldier of the Revolution and upon coming to this county settled on land south of Jamestown, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They had four children, Maria, Harriet, Asaph and Thomas B. The last-named was born in 1816 and grew up on the farm on which his parents had settled upon coming to this county. After his marriage to Martha Bryan he continued farming south of Jamestown. He died at the age of seventy years and his wife lived to be

seventy-four. They were the parents of five children, those besides Mrs. McKillip having been Mary, who married George Weymer, of the Jamestown neighborhood; John L., who is living in the vicinity of Cedarville; James, now a resident of Dayton, and Samuel, deceased.

To John L. and Mary (Webb) McKillip eight children have been born and six are living. Amy S., their first-born, is the wife of William Shiflett, of Jamestown. Lester, their only son, is now farming in the vicinity of Jeffersonville, over in Fayette county. He has been twice married, his first wife having been Ivy Armstrong and his second, Catherine Matthews, and has two children, Ray and John. Irene C., the second daughter, married Walter Adsit, of Dayton, and has six children, Harry, who is employed at Dayton; Warren, who is now connected with the aviation corps of the National Army; Mary, who is employed as a stenographer in the service of the government at the aviation field at Fairfield, and Elmer, Roscoe and Roy. Flora, the next daughter, is the wife of William Johnson, a sergeant of the Dayton police force, with which force he has been continuously connected for twenty-three years. Mollie, the next daughter, married Frank Gordon, a farmer, of Silvercreek township, and has one child, a son, Guy H., and Lena, the last-born, is the wife of Foster Jenks, a farmer of Fayette county. In 1910 Mr. and Mrs. McKillip celebrated the golden anniversary of their marriage and the occasion was made one of much felicitation on the part of their many friends.

WILLIAM GILMORE TAYLOR.

Not only was the late William Gilmore Taylor, who died at his home in Sugarcreek township on April 19, 1918, one of the oldest continuous residents of Greene county, but he had the distinction of being a grandson of a man who in the days of his boyhood, long before this section became the habitation of white men, was for seven years an enforced resident of this region, a captive of the Indians who then had their village or "chillicothe" overlooking the river at the point now known as Oldtown, north of Xenia. That captive lad was John Gilmore, who was captured, together with his mother, at the time of the Indian massacre at Kerrs Creek, in Rockbridge county, Virginia. His father and the other children of the family were slain by the Indians and their bodies burned in the ruins of their home, the children's brains being dashed out by the savages in the presence of their mother and their bodies thrown into the burning house. The savages retained the mother and the seven-year-old son John as camp servants and brought them back to the headquarters of the tribe at the then considerable Shawnee village now marked by the picturesque hamlet of Oldtown. For seven years the widow Gilmore and her son John were kept captive here and then one

of the white men also held captive there effected his escape and made his way back East, in due time getting word to the friends of Mrs. Gilmore of the plight of the widow and her son. In Rockbridge county it had all the time been supposed that Mrs. Gilmore and the lad John had perished with the other members of the family. A rescue party of fifteen determined men was raised and this party proceeded on out here into the then wilderness, reaching the chillicothe at a time when the "braves" of the camp were away on a hunting expedition. Keeping themselves concealed until they presently saw Mrs. Gilmore making her way to the spring for water, they there apprised her of the object of their mission. She returned to the village and without creating suspicion in the minds of the squaws told her son to help her get water from the spring, the two thus returning to the clump of bushes which concealed the rescue party and all quickly made their way out of sight of the village. Four days later they were overtaken by a party of Indians sent to recapture the escaping captives, but the redskins were repulsed and the widow Gilmore and her son John were presently restored to their old home and friends in Rockbridge county. William Gilmore Taylor's mother was a granddaughter of this plucky widow and a daughter of John Gilmore, the lad whose youth had been spent doing repulsive chores for his savage captors in the region now comprised within Greene county. John Gilmore became a valley farmer in Rockbridge county, a stanch Presbyterian and the father of twelve children. He lived to be ninety-six years of age and until within a year of his death walked the sides of his native mountains with vigor practically unimpaired. One of his daughters, Frances Gilmore, married Isaac Taylor, a resident of Rockbridge county, and the two came to Ohio, presently locating in Ross township, this county, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

Isaac Taylor was born on a vessel crossing the Atlantic Ocean in the year 1800, while his parents were making their way from Belfast, Ireland, to this country. The Taylors located in Rockbridge county, Virginia, and there reared their family. They were the parents of four children, two sons, Isaac and Andrew, and two daughters, one of the latter of whom married a Botkins and settled in Kentucky. There in Rockbridge county Isaac Taylor grew to manhood, being trained to the trade of a tanner, and married Frances Gilmore, who was born in that county in 1803, daughter of the John Gilmore mentioned above. After their marriage Isaac Taylor and his wife, accompanied by one slave given them by Mrs. Taylor's father, came to Ohio, in 1829, and settled in Preble county, where Mr. Taylor promptly freed his slave. Not finding conditions there to their liking, Isaac Taylor and his wife the next year, in 1830, came over into Greene county and bought a farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Ross township, the same adjoining the

farm of Isaac Lackey, north of Jamestown, and later became the owners of eight hundred acres and there spent the remainder of their lives, the latter dying about 1880 and the former, in June, 1884. For some time after coming to Ohio Isaac Taylor was engaged in teaching school, supplemental to his work of developing his farm. He also was one of the pioneer singing-school teachers in that part of the county. He was a Democrat and at one time and another held various township offices. He was reared a Presbyterian, but later gave his mental allegiance to the doctrines of the Campbellites, though he did not formally unite with that communion. Isaac and Frances (Gilmore) Taylor were the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being Mary Jane, who became the wife of Ira Adair, of this county; Magdaline, who married Jackson Ballard, also of this county; John, who made his home at Xenia, where his last days were spent; Daniel, who made his home at Jamestown, where he died, and whose son, Jesse Taylor, attained more than local fame as an advocate of the good-roads movement, and Isaac, who made his home in the neighboring county of Warren, where his last days were spent.

The late William Gilmore Taylor, last survivor of the six children born to Isaac and Frances (Gilmore) Taylor, was born on March 19, 1832, on the farm on which his parents had settled upon taking up their residence in Ross township and there grew to manhood. He received his schooling in the local schools and after his marriage in 1859 established his home on a portion of his father's eight-hundred-acre tract and there made his home for ten years, or until 1869, when he sold the place on which he had been living and bought a farm of one hundred and seventy acres in Sugarcreek township, moved onto the same and there spent his last days. For some years past Mr. Taylor had been living practically retired from the active labors of the farm, having long ago turned over the management of the place to his eldest son, Eldorus G. Taylor, who is now operating the farm. Though reared a Democrat, Mr. Taylor became a Republican under the Lincoln administration and ever after espoused the principles of that party. He was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church at Xenia, as is his widow, and was for years a member of the board of trustees of that congregation, and also for some time served as class leader, while Mrs. Taylor ever has taken an interested part in the work of the Ladies' Aid Society. During the Civil War Mr. Taylor served as a member of Ohio's locally noted "squirrel hunters" and with that organization went out to help repel Morgan's invasion of the state.

On December 29, 1859, William G. Taylor was united in marriage to Mary Long, who also was born in Ohio, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (McMillan) Long, of Lost Creek township in the nearby county of Miami,

and to this union five children were born, namely: Eldorus Gilmore, born on January 11, 1861, who, as noted above, is now managing the home farm; William Vincent, January 22, 1865, a farmer, now living at Bellbrook, who married Nellie Cunningham and has four children, Ethel A., Hazel L., W. Virgil and Ocy; James Harvey, March 30, 1867, a carpenter, now living at Xenia, who married Ida Seiber and has twin children, Erman and Elsie; Ocy Lenore, who married James Sanders and died in Tennessee, leaving two children, Jessie and Dena; and Dessie, who married Clinton Beal, of Sugar-creek township, and has three children, Frances, Gladys and Velda.

JOHN MELVIN JACOBY.

Elsewhere in this work there is mention of the Jacoby family, one of the first families to settle in the Oldtown neighborhood in Greene county. The Gowdy family, with which the subject of this sketch is connected on "the distaff side," is also one of the real old families of the county, so that wherever the Jacobys or the Gowdys are found hereabout it may very properly be taken for granted that they are descendants of the old pioneer stock which has been represented here for more than a hundred years.

John Melvin Gowdy, owner of a farm northwest of Goes Station, in Xenia township, was born on a farm in that same township on January 15, 1867, a son of James Henry and Mary (Harner) Jacoby, both of whom were also born in Xenia township, in the neighborhood of Oldtown, and the latter of whom is still living, making her home at Oldtown. James Henry Jacoby was born on a farm on the Brush road, three miles north of Xenia, June 10, 1839, son of Peter and Sarah (Gowdy) Jacoby, the former of whom was also born in this county and the latter in Kentucky. Peter Jacoby, born on September 3, 1801, was a son of John and Mary Jacoby, who came here from Pennsylvania in the early days of the settlement of this part of Ohio and located on a tract of land on the old Brush road in the vicinity of Oldtown, the old Shawnee Indian village or "chillicothe," where John Jacoby erected and operated a pioneer mill. There Peter Jacoby grew to manhood and in 1826 married Sarah Gowdy, who was born on March 6, 1803, daughter of John and Abigail (Ryan) Gowdy, and who was but a child when the Gowdy family, headed by her grandfather, John Gowdy, came up here from Kentucky, her parents locating in Xenia in 1809. On the gravestone of the patriarch John Gowdy, in the old Associate graveyard, the name is spelled Goudy. Just when he settled in Sugarcreek township is not known, but he was there previous to 1803, as his name appears on the first enumeration of that township taken in that year, the year in which Greene county was organized as a civic unit. He died in 1814, at the age of

seventy-two years, and his widow survived him until May 6, 1838. John and Abigail (Ryan) Gowdy were the parents of eleven children, of whom Sarah, the maternal grandmother of Mr. Jacoby, was the last-born, the others having been: Mary, born on April 13, 1775; Joseph, May 20, 1777; Samuel, June 9, 1780; Robert, April 4, 1782, who had a tanyard in Xenia at an early day; Martin, January 27, 1785; Jane, May 31, 1787; John, August 3, 1789; Alexander, April 2, 1792; Ryan, February, 1795, who was one of the first merchants in Xenia, and Abigail, July 17, 1797. To Peter and Sarah (Gowdy) Jacoby, the latter of whom died on March 2, 1869, were born eleven children, one of these having been James Henry Jacoby, father of the subject of this biographical sketch.

James Henry Jacoby grew to manhood on the home place in the vicinity of Oldtown and on January 31, 1861, was married to Mary E. Harner, who was born at Oldtown, a daughter of Charles and Mary (Morgan) Harner, also members of old families in this county, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. After his marriage James H. Jacoby continued farming and was thus engaged until his retirement in 1899. He died on May 28, 1907, and was buried in the cemetery at Xenia. As noted above, his widow is still living at Oldtown. To James H. and Mary E. (Harner) Jacoby were born eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being the following: Sarah, wife of Frank Carlisle, of Springfield, this state; Charles Martin, who died at the age of three years; David W., who married Mary Carl and is living at Springfield, where he is engaged in the contracting business; Mary H., who died at the age of four years; Martha Isabel, wife of Herbert Kecnan, of Oldtown; James Henry, a motorman on the traction line, who is unmarried and continues to make his home with his mother, and Morgan Franklin, who married Maude Harner and is engaged in farming in Xenia township.

John Melvin Jacoby grew up on the home farm, received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and in time began working as a farmer on his own account. After his marriage he rented a farm and continued farming the same until 1902, in which year he bought the place northwest of Goes Station, in Xenia township, rural mail route No. 2 out of Yellow Springs, where he ever since has made his home. The original tract he bought there had in but forty-five acres, but he has since enlarged his holdings to eighty-four acres. Mr. Jacoby is a Democrat and is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias at Alpha.

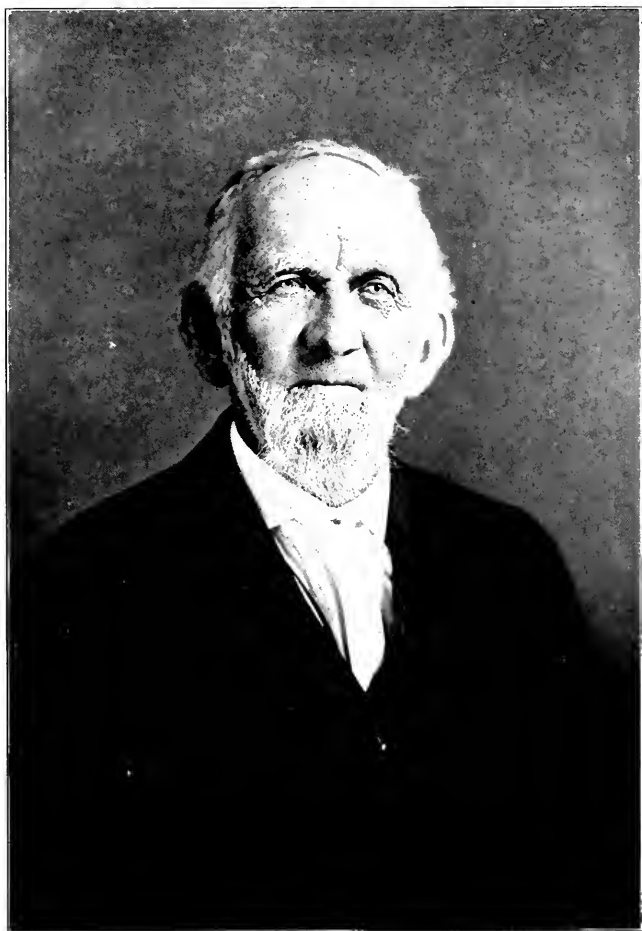
On February 22, 1897, John M. Jacoby was united in marriage to Florence Settler, who was born in Beaver creek township, this county, daughter of Michael and Ella (Ditman) Settler, the latter of whom is still living, and to this union two children have been born, Hallie, born in 1900, and Ralph, 1910.

CORNELIUS ZIMMERMAN.

Cornelius Zimmerman, a soldier of the Civil War and a farmer of Beavercreek township, now living practically retired on his farm on rural mail route No. 7 out of Xenia, was born in that township on October 9, 1844, son of Jacob and Mary (Shoup) Zimmerman, both of whom also were born in that township, members of pioneer families, as will be noted in references made elsewhere in this volume to the Zimmerman and Shoup families in this county. Jacob Zimmerman was born in 1806 and died on June 14, 1867. In addition to his farming operations he also kept a grocery and the hamlet that sprang up around his store was given the name of Zimmermans, which it bears to this day. He and his wife were members of the Church of the Brethren and their children were reared in that faith. They had six children, two of whom died in infancy, the others besides the subject of this sketch being Catherine, who married Abraham Coy and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased; Caroline, also deceased, who was the wife of Cyrus Roup, and Martha J., wife of George F. Ferguson, a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere.

Reared on the home place, Cornelius Zimmerman received his schooling in the local schools. During the progress of the Civil War he enlisted in the hundred-days service and upon the completion of that service resumed his place on the farm, also engaging in the threshing business, which latter he kept up during seasons for about thirty-five years. He married in the summer of 1866 and thereafter farmed on his own account, occupying various farms in the neighborhood until about eighteen years ago, when he bought the farm of sixty-seven acres on which he is now living and has since made his home there. Mr. Zimmerman is a Republican. For more than forty years he has been a member of the Church of the Brethren and for thirty-eight years has served as treasurer of the local congregaton of that church. He is an ardent friend of prohibition.

Mr. Zimmerman has been twice married. On June 21, 1866, he was united in marriage to Ada Crawford and to that union were born seven children, namely: Frank, now living at Dayton, who married Lena Leonard and has two daughters, Sarah and Lydia; Nettie, widow of Charles Moler, who has two sons, Floyd E., of Springfield, who is married and has a son, Charles A., and Ralph E.; William T., now living at Oakwood, a suburb of Dayton, who married Susan Wolf and has seven children, Martin, Mary, Robert, Caleb, George, Thomas and Martha; Cora M., who married Newton J. Coy and has three children, Roy, Crawford and Dorothy; John H., now living at Springfield, who has been twice married, his first wife having been Elizabeth Anderson and his second, Bessie Willard; Nellie, who married



CORNELIUS ZIMMERMAN.



Charles Wright, of Beavertown, and has three children, Harold, Fred and Louise; and J. Garfield, now living at Piqua, who married Elsie Stine and has a son, Loren. The mother of these children died on July 2, 1880, and in December, 1882, Mr. Zimmerman married Mary C. Trubee, of Zimmerman, and to that union two children have been born, Russell, who is at home, and Lester L., who married Bonnie Moore and is now living at St. Louis, Missouri, a teacher in the high school of that city.

EDWARD N. RICHMAN.

Edward N. Richman, of Fairfield, was born on September 4, 1875, in Montgomery county, Ohio, the son of William and Caroline (Newcom) Richman, both of whom were natives of Ohio.

William Richman was born in Madison county on September 22, 1834, and was reared on a farm in that county, receiving his education in the district schools. In his young manhood he was a dealer in horses and other live stock, but later took up farming and made a specialty of stock raising. He moved to Montgomery county about 1872, the year of his marriage to Caroline Newcom, who was a native of that county, and there he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1910. His widow still survives him, living on the old homestead near Dayton. William Richman and wife were the parents of six children, of whom Edward N. is the eldest, the others being Laura, wife of B. E. Barney, living on the old home farm in Montgomery county; Dora, wife of Herbert Seitner, a farmer living near Centerville, Montgomery county; William E., who married Amber Selby and lives in Dayton; Ruth, wife of L. Horlecher, living in Belmont, and Carrie, unmarried, living at home with her mother.

Edward N. Richman received his elementary education in the Belmont school and later became a student at the Normal College at Lebanon, from which institution he was graduated on June 8, 1893. After leaving college, he worked as a bookkeeper in Buffalo, New York, remaining in that city for five years. In 1898 he returned to the home farm in Montgomery county, and engaged in farming, remaining there until 1901, when he moved to Madison county, where he continued his farming operations on a farm for his father. He remained there until after his father's death in 1910, when he purchased a farm near Fairfield, on which he and his family lived until the fall of 1917, when he disposed of his farm and moved to Fairfield, purchasing there a tract of nine acres close to the village, which he has platted and is selling out in lots.

In 1905 Edward N. Richman was united in marriage to Nellie Young,

daughter of Ransom Young, who was a native of Greene county, born February 19, 1844, and whose death occurred in 1898. Mrs. Richman was born and reared in Fairfield, receiving her education in the village schools. Ransom Young and wife (Alice Helmer) were the parents of three children: Mrs. Jessie Whitson, who died January 27, 1893; Nellie, the wife of Mr. Richman, and Paul, who married Birdie Wider, and lives in Fairfield. Mr. and Mrs. Richman are members of the Reformed church and Mr. Richman is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a member of Mad River lodge at Fairfield.

GEORGE K. SCHAUER.

George K. Schauer, who is engaged in the seed business at Osborn, this county, was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Miami on August 30, 1859, son of George and Catherine (Brown) Schauer, the former of whom was born in this county in 1825 and the latter in the state of Maryland, in 1830. George Schauer, who spent most of his life as a farmer in Greene county, was a son of Samuel Schauer, who had settled here in 1813, and he was reared on a farm in the vicinity of Byron. After his marriage he, for a time lived in Miami county, but later returned to this county. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith. There were five of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Sarah C., wife of Simon H. Wolf, of Springfield, this state; Lenora J., wife of Benjamin Wolf, of Osborn; Samuel William, deceased, and Flora, wife of J. C. Smith, a Dayton dry-goods merchant.

Reared in this county, George K. Schauer received his early schooling in the schools of his home neighborhood and supplemented the same by a course in the Covington high school and for fourteen years thereafter was engaged in farming. He then became engaged in the sale of agricultural machinery at Osborn, selling direct to the farmers, agent for the "Champion" line, and there sold the first self-binders introduced into that community. Five years later he became engaged in the dry-goods business at Osborn and was thus engaged for four years, at the end of which time, in 1912, he established his present business in the seed line, making a specialty of fine seed corn. Mr. Schauer's business is largely conducted through the mail-order system.

In 1886 George K. Schauer was united in marriage to Elizabeth Kline, daughter of Samuel and Rachel (Herr) Kline, and to this union six children have been born, namely: Grace, who died at the age of sixteen years; Sumner, who married Edna Glasser and lives at Osborn, where he is engaged in business with his father; Rachel, living at home, who has had both a musical

and a commercial training; George A., who married Catherine Bagford and is also living at Osborn, where he is engaged in business with his father; Anna, a school teacher, who is making her home with her parents, and Dewey, who is a clerk in a grocery store in Osborn. The Schauers are members of the local Lutheran church. Mr. Schauer is a Republican.

RICHARD SPARROW.

Richard Sparrow, a veteran of the Civil War, who for years has been making his home at Clifton, this county, was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Clark on May 11, 1844, a son of John and Mahala (Kelly) Sparrow, the former of whom was born in the state of Maryland and the latter in Kentucky, whose last days were spent at Clifton.

John Sparrow was reared in his native Maryland and as a young man came to Ohio and located in Clark county, where he presently married and established his home on a farm, continuing there engaged in farming until he was sixty-six years of age, when he retired and moved to Clifton, where he spent the rest of his life. He and his wife were the parents of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, of whom the subject of this sketch and his sister, Mrs. Sarah Caroline Griffith, are the only ones now surviving.

Reared on the home farm in Clark county, Richard Sparrow received his schooling in the local schools of that neighborhood and was living there when the Civil War broke out. On February 15, 1864, he then being but nineteen years of age, he enlisted for service in behalf of the Union cause and went to the front as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Tenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, attached to the Army of the Potomac, under General Grant, and with that command served until the close of the war. Being mustered out on June 25, 1865. During that period of service Mr. Sparrow was three times wounded, once at the battle of Cold Harbor and twice at the battle of Petersburg. Upon the completion of his military service he returned to the home farm in Clark county and after his marriage a couple of months after his return from the army, began farming on his own account. In 1881 he moved to Clifton, where he ever since has made his home. Mr. Sparrow is a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and by political inclination is "independent." About thirteen years ago Mr. Sparrow and his family suffered a serious loss by fire which destroyed their dwelling house, but in the rebuilding of the same they constructed better than before.

On August 24, 1865, Richard Sparrow was united in marriage to Lavina Wike, who also was born in Clark county, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Williams) Wike, natives of Pennsylvania, and to this union five children

have been born, namely: Silas E., deceased; Elizabeth, who married Charles Hopping, of Yellow Springs, and has four children, Edwin, who married Frieda Centers and lives at Dayton, George Bert, Jeremiah Lee, who is now engaged as city meat inspector at Atlanta, Georgia, and Emma Lavina; Ulysses Clinton, now living at Dayton, who married Katherine Pauley and has four children, Helen, Richard, Alice and Charlotte; Katherine Jane, now deceased, who married Grant Hopping and had two children, Edna, who married Lewis Lindell, and Arthur, of Yellow Springs; and Harry, who died when nine years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Sparrow are members of the Presbyterian church.

HENRY H. EAVEY.

The late Henry H. Eavey, president of the Citizens National Bank of Xenia, founder and head of the wholesale grocery firm which bears his name, a soldier of the Civil War, former president of the local school board and for many years a conspicuous figure in the commercial life of Xenia, who died at his home in that city in the spring of 1918 and whose widow is still living there, was a native of the state of Maryland, but had been a resident of Greene county since the days of his infancy, and has thus been a participant in the affairs of this community all his adult life. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of the city of Hagerstown, Maryland, August 6, 1840, son of John and Margaret (Knode) Eavey, who in the following spring came to Ohio and settled on a farm in Greene county, the child Henry then being under one year of age.

Reared on the home farm, Henry H. Eavey received his schooling in the local schools and remained at home until he was sixteen years of age, when he took employment in the retail grocery store of David Hinton at Xenia, his wages for that service being fixed at eight and one-third dollars a month and "board," the latter being apportioned to him at such boarding houses as owed his employer grocery bills. At the end of nine months he relinquished this employment as a bad job and returned to the farm, but a few more months of farm life convinced him that he was not cut out for a farmer and in the fall of 1859 he returned to Xenia and entered the grocery store of D. A. Dean, which was situated on the corner now occupied by the Steele building, and was thus engaged when the Civil War broke out. In July, 1862, Mr. Eavey enlisted for service and went to the front as a member of Company H, Ninety-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served for five months or until his discharge by reason of physical disability caused by injuries he had received while a prisoner of war at Lexington, Kentucky. Upon his return to Xenia Mr. Eavey resumed his former position in the Dean store, which meantime had



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been purchased by Frank E. Arnold, and remained there until in May, 1865, when he opened a store of his own in West Main street. From the beginning this venture was successful and on July 1, 1869, Mr. Eavey, in association with M. C. Allison and James Carson, inaugurated the wholesale establishment which still bears his name, the firm opening for business with a capitalization of eighteen thousand dollars in the building now occupied by the Smith Advertising Company on East Main street. In 1880 Mr. Carson and Mr. Allison withdrew from the firm, the former going to Springfield and the latter becoming engaged in the cordage business at Xenia, and Mr. Eavey took into partnership with him J. D. Steele and W. B. Harrison, the new company, under the firm name of Eavey & Company, erecting the brick building on West Main street, which was the home of the company until destroyed by fire in February, 1908. Both Mr. Steele and Mr. Harrison withdrew from the firm within seven or eight years after the association was effected and invested their capital in the cordage business, S. F. Evans, of Jamestown, buying an interest in the grocery business following their withdrawal. This latter partnership, however, did not last longer than a year or two and then Mr. Eavey took his sons, William E. and H. Earl Eavey, into business with him, a mutually agreeable arrangement that continued until the death of the elder Eavey, whose sons had gradually assumed the responsibility of the business as their father retired from the more active duties of the business which he had built up and to which he had devoted his life for nearly half a century. In addition to his business interests at Xenia Mr. Eavey had helped in the establishment of other wholesale grocery houses and at various times was thus interested in concerns at Springfield, Findlay and Dayton, this state, and at Ft. Wayne and Huntington, Indiana. Mr. Eavey also was one of the incorporators of the Citizens National Bank of Xenia, served for ten years as vice-president of that concern and on January 15, 1897, was elected president of the bank, a position he held until his death. In 1880 he was elected a member of the board of education, was for thirteen years treasurer of the same and also served for some time as president of the board. For years he also was a member of the Woodland cemetery board. He was an elder of the local congregation of the Reformed church and was a member of Lewis Post No. 357, Grand Army of the Republic, and of the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Eavey died at his home in Xenia on April 18, 1918, and was buried in Woodland cemetery.

Henry H. Eavey was twice married. His first wife, who was Catherine Winters, daughter of the Rev. Thomas H. Winters, died in December, 1891, leaving four children, Mrs. Arthur H. Perfect, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and William E. Eavey, Mrs. George R. Schuster and H. Earl Eavey,

of Xenia. In February, 1896, Mr. Eavey married Alice Galloway, who survives him and who is still making her home at Xenia, residing at 106 West Market street. Mrs. Eavey is a daughter of the late James C. Galloway, a member of one of the real pioneer families of Greene county and further mention of whom, together with a comprehensive narrative relating to the Galloway family in this county, is presented elsewhere in this volume.

FRANK B. TURNBULL.

Frank B. Turnbull, manager of the Cedarville Telephone Company, was born on the old Turnbull homestead place in Cedarville township on June 27, 1867, a son of Alexander and Sarah J. (Barber) Turnbull, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families, and whose last days were spent here.

Alexander Turnbull was born on a pioneer farm two miles northeast of Cedarville on January 24, 1838, a son of John Turnbull and wife, the latter of whom was a Kyle, and the former of whom was a native of Scotland who came to this country as a young man and settled in Greene county, as is set out elsewhere in this volume. John Turnbull was twice married and by his first wife was the father of five sons, William, Samuel, Joseph, Thomas and Alexander. By his second marriage he was the father of the following children: Hugh, who is living north of Cedarville; David, now deceased, who was an undertaker at Cedarville, later moving to Monmouth, Illinois, where he engaged in the same business and where he also served for a time as sheriff; Charles, who is still living north of Cedarville; Minnie, who died unmarried; Anna and Martha, also deceased, and Ritta, who married W. L. Clemens and is living east of Cedarville. Alexander Turnbull grew up on the old home farm and continued farming all his life. During the progress of the Civil War he served for four years as a soldier of the Union, a member of Company D, Twelfth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was twice married. On December 16, 1863, he was united in marriage to Sarah J. Barber and to that union were born five children, namely: Effie, born on December 20, 1864, who died on January 21, 1884; Rachel, March 31, 1867, who married J. C. McMillen and is now living at Columbus, this state; Anna, February 1, 1877, now deceased, who was the wife of John Ervine, of Xenia; Frank B., the immediate subject of this sketch, and William A., postmaster of Cedarville, a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume. The mother of these children died on May 30, 1896, and Mr. Turnbull later married Mrs. Sarah Barber, widow of Al Barber, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. Alexander Turnbull

died on April 7, 1916. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church and his children were reared in that faith.

Frank B. Turnbull was reared on the home farm, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools, and remained at home until his marriage in the spring of 1897. He later became a resident of South Charleston, in the neighboring county of Clark, where he was engaged in the livery business and in the buying and selling of horses until his removal in 1900 to Cedarville, where he since has made his home. Mr. Turnbull is the owner of a farm, to the general direction of which he gives his personal attention, but his time is chiefly devoted to the affairs of the Cedarville Telephone Company, of which he is the general manager.

On April 28, 1897, Frank B. Turnbull was united in marriage to Lydia Bradfute, who was born at Cedarville, a daughter of David and Martha Bradfute, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to this union has been born one child, a son, Robert Alexander, born on December 25, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull are members of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Turnbull is a Democrat.

GEORGE F. KEMP.

George F. Kemp, of Beavercreek township, proprietor of a farm of one hundred and fifty-five acres in the New Germany neighborhood, was born on that farm on July 21, 1868, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Lafong) Kemp, the latter of whom was born in that same township in 1834, a member of one of the pioneer families thereabout and further reference to which family is made elsewhere in this volume. Jacob Kemp was born in Mad River township, in the neighboring county of Montgomery, July 30, 1825, and during the days of his young manhood was engaged in teaching school. He then became engaged in the grocery and dry-goods business in Dayton and there remained until in April, 1868, when he came over into Greene county and settled on the farm on which his son George is now living and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on January 13, 1899. His widow survived him until 1913. They were the parents of five children, of whom George was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Angeline Margaret, unmarried, who is living in Montgomery county; Cassandra, who died at the age of four years; Lafayette, who also died when four years of age, and Wilmer S., who married Anna Smith and is living in Montgomery county.

Reared on the home farm, George S. Kemp received his schooling in the local schools in the neighborhood of his home and for a while after attaining his majority was engaged variously in carpentering, railroading and painting, but presently resumed farming on the home place and has ever

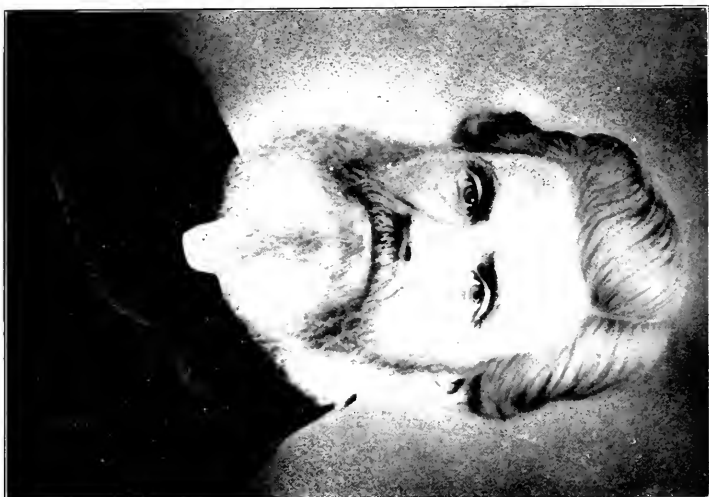
since been thus engaged, having established his home there after his marriage in the fall of 1891. In addition to his general farming Mr. Kemp has given considerable attention to the raising of Poland China hogs and Holstein cattle.

On November 26, 1891, George F. Kemp was united in marriage to Lina M. Hering, who also was born in Beavercreek township, daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Lantz) Hering, further reference to which family is made elsewhere in this volume, and to this union five children have been born, namely: Ferdinand, who died in infancy; Mary, wife of Asa Newton, of Beavercreek township; Elnora Catherine, George B. and Almeda.

DAVID ARCHER.

David Archer, member of the board of trustees of Beavercreek township, proprietor of a farm in that township and proprietor of an extensive stone quarry there, residing on rural mail route No. 8 out of Dayton, was born in Beavercreek township on January 1, 1847, a son of John and Mary J. (Boroff) Archer, the latter of whom was born in that same township. John Archer was born at Centerville in the neighboring county of Montgomery on August 8, 1823, and as a young man came over into Greene county, where he spent the rest of his life, farming and operating as a stone contractor and builder. On March 18, 1845, he married Mary J. Boroff, and to that union ten children were born, two of whom died in infancy and one in childhood, the others besides the subject of this sketch being William, deceased; Charles, now living at Troy, this state; Oliver F., a Beavercreek township farmer; Daniel, deceased; Mrs. Lida R. Helmer, of Beavercreek township, with whom her brother David makes his home, and John E., now a resident of Belmont, this state. John Archer died on November 21, 1884, and his widow survived him until February 24, 1903. She was born on April 24, 1823.

Reared on the home farm in Beavercreek township, David Archer received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and continued farming until he was twenty-three years of age, when, in the spring of 1870, he took up the operation of the stone quarry on his father's place and has ever since been operating the same, for years making a specialty of preparing stone slabs for the construction of grave vaults, a continuous resident of the place on which he is now living since 1869. Mr. Archer is a Republican and for the past nine or ten years has been serving as a member of the board of township trustees. He is affiliated with the Odd Fellows and with the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Archer's sister, Lida, with whom he makes his



Mrs. AND MISS JOHN ARCHER.

home, has been twice married, and by her first marriage is the mother of two children, a daughter, Miss Osee A. Burke, a teacher in the Beaver creek schools, and a son, John A. Burke, of Dayton, who operates a garage. She married, secondly, Edward Helmer, son of Squire Helmer, of Beaver creek township, and by that union is the mother of one child, a son, Wando Harold.

MILLARD D. FLACK.

Millard D. Flack, colored farmer and dairyman, formerly and for twenty-five years a school teacher and now the proprietor of a place of eighty acres in the Wilberforce neighborhood, is a North Carolinian by birth, but has been a resident of Ohio and of Kentucky since he was ten years of age. He was born of slave parents, Robert and Elizabeth (Tucker) Flack, in the vicinity of Morgantown, in Rutherford county, North Carolina, June 9, 1859, and remained there until after the Civil War, when, in 1869, his parents came to Ohio and located in Clermont county, where Robert Flack was able to buy a small tract of land and engage in farming on his own account. Robert Flack died in Clermont county in 1873, at the age of forty years, leaving two children, both of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Susan, widow of Samuel Jones, who is now making her home with him at his place near Wilberforce. The widow Flack married Robert Scott, who presently moved up into Warren county and thence after a few years to Springfield, where he was living when, in 1885, while engaged in working in the timber he was murdered by white men, his body being chopped to pieces; a crime for which one of the men implicated was sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary. Robert Scott was a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, having served with one of the Ohio infantry regiments. His widow died in Cincinnati in December, 1916, she then being eighty-five years of age. She was a member of the Baptist church and her children were reared in that faith.

Having been but ten years of age when his parents came to Ohio from North Carolina, Millard D. Flack received his early schooling in the schools of Clermont county. He then took a course in Berea College in Kentucky and began to teach school, spending his winters in the school room and his summers at farm work. He presently became the owner of a tract of thirty acres in Madison county, Kentucky, where he was married, and his wife was the owner of a tract of seventy-five acres. For twenty-five years he was engaged in teaching in Kentucky, beginning in the rural schools and in time being advanced to the town schools and became in turn principal of the colored

schools at Richmond, at Nicholasville and at Stanford, all in Kentucky, the holder of a life certificate, or teacher's license. This long service as a teacher in Kentucky was interrupted for a period of two years beginning in 1900, when he returned to Ohio and was for two years engaged in the butcher business at Wilberforce, but at the end of that time he returned to his home in Kentucky and resumed farming and teaching in Madison county, remaining there until the spring of 1916, when he returned to this county with his family, he and his wife having disposed of their land interests in Kentucky, and bought a tract of eighty acres on the Columbus pike in Xenia township and in January, 1917, moved onto the same.

On December 23, 1891, Millard D. Flack was united in marriage to Eliza Jane Turner, a daughter of Cyrus and Esther (Haines) Turner, of Kentucky, an interesting story of whom is carried in a biographical sketch relating to John J. Turner, brother of Mrs. Flack, presented elsewhere in this volume, and to this union six children have been born, namely: Mrs. Viola Gilmore, who is teaching school in Somerset, Kentucky; John Turner Flack, now a soldier of the National Army, a sergeant, stationed in the spring of 1918 at Camp Grant, Illinois, preparatory to service abroad; Elizabeth, who is at home; Estella, who died at the age of five years, and Lida and Helen. The Flacks are members of the Baptist church and for twenty years during his residence in Kentucky Mr. Flack served as a deacon of his local congregation. He is a member of the colored order of Masons. Mrs. Flack's mother died on March 21, 1918, at the age of eighty-six years.

CHARLES EDWIN CONFARR.

Charles Edwin Confarr, a veteran blacksmith at Clifton and former mayor of that city, was born at Clifton on June 19, 1850, son of John and Eve Catherine (Stimmel) Confarr, Virginians, the former of whom was born on March 20, 1811, and the latter, April 1, 1811, who became residents of Clifton about 1843 and there spent their last days.

John Confarr was born in Frederick county, Virginia, and there grew to manhood. He was early apprenticed to a blacksmith and completed his apprenticeship when he was nineteen years of age, afterward becoming engaged in business as a blacksmith on his own account in his home county. He was married in 1831 and continued to make his home in Frederick county until about 1843, when he came to Ohio with his family, four children having by that time been born to him and his wife, and located at Clifton, where he set up a blacksmith shop and was occupied at his trade there until his retirement from the business in 1872. He continued to make his

residence at Clifton after his retirement and there died on March 30, 1895. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the eighth in order of birth, the others being Eliza Ann, William Newton, Mary Catherine, John Wesley, Mrs. Sarah Louise Wheeler, of Dayton, Isaac Thorne, Henry Cyrus, who died in childhood, and Mrs. Susanna Cornelia Boase, of Clifton.

Reared at Clifton, Charles E. Confarr received his schooling there and when sixteen years of age took up the work of blacksmithing, an assistant in his father's shop. Upon completing his trade he went to Portsmouth, Ohio, and there worked in a paper-mill for eight months, at the end of which time he went to California and after nine months spent there at mining returned to Portsmouth and resumed his work in the paper-mill. He was married in Indiana in 1883 and presently returned to Clifton, where he established his home and where he ever since has resided. In 1885 he built the blacksmith shop he now occupies and has since been engaged in business there. Mr. Confarr has been a member of the local school board for the past twenty years and served for some time as mayor of Clifton and also for some time as town clerk. He is a Democrat. He has been a members of the Masonic order since 1874, affiliated with the lodge of that order at Yellow Springs; has been a member of the Clifton lodge of the Knights of Pythias since 1895 and is also one of the old members of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. For the past fourteen years or more Mr. Confarr has been the treasurer of the Clifton Presbyterian church.

On December 25, 1883, at Moores Hill, in Dearborn county, Indiana, Charles E. Confarr was united in marriage to Belle Lloyd, daughter of John W. and Clarissa Ellen (Lambertson) Lloyd, of that place, who were married on June 23, 1850, and who were the parents of seven children, of whom four are still living, Mrs. Confarr having two brothers, John F. and Omar Lloyd, living at Indianapolis, where the latter is engaged as superintendent of mail carriers in the postoffice, and a sister, Mrs. Alice Eudora Craven, also of Indianapolis. The deceased children of the Lloyd family were Helena, William and Henry. Mr. and Mrs. Confarr have one son, John Lloyd Confarr, born on October 13, 1887, who was graduated from the Clifton high school in 1905 and in the fall of that same year entered Cedarville College, from which institution he was graduated in 1909 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For two years after leaving college John L. Confarr was engaged in teaching school and then he became engaged in the mercantile business at Cedarville, a member of the Robert Bird's Sons Company. On October 22, 1913, at Cedarville, John L. Confarr was united in marriage to Verna Bird, of that place.

WILLIAM R. STERRETT.

William R. Sterrett, formerly and for years engaged in the coal and grain business at Cedarville and now a member of the firm of Clemens & Sterrett, general dealers in real estate, with offices at Jamestown, though he continues to make his home at Cedarville, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state practically all his life, a resident of Cedarville nearly all the time since his father, the Rev. Samuel Sterrett, located in that village as pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian church in 1868.

The Rev. Samuel Sterrett also was a native of this state, born on a farm in Muskingum county, January 8, 1818. His parents were members of the Covenanter or Reformed Presbyterian church and he was reared in accordance with the rigid tenets of that faith, early turning his attention to preparation for the gospel ministry. He was graduated from the college at Athens, this state, in 1840 and for thirty-three months thereafter was engaged in teaching school, meanwhile continuing to pursue his studies with a view to the ministry. In due time he entered the theological seminary of the Reformed Presbyterian church at Allegheny and after a four-years course there in theology was licensed to preach, April 4, 1847, was later ordained and on June 23, 1848, was installed as pastor of the Little Beaver and New Galilee congregations in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, where he remained for twenty years or until his acceptance of the call to the Reformed Presbyterian church at Cedarville in 1868. The Rev. Samuel Sterrett was installed as pastor of that church on May 16, 1868, and continued thus in service until his death on October 29, 1871. He was twice married, his first wife having been Elizabeth Kernohan, who was born in Guernsey county, this state, September 10, 1825, and who died on February 18, 1858. To that union were born four children, namely: Elizabeth Ann, wife of William D. Beggs, living in the neighborhood of Youngstown, this state; Samuel Ruthersford, who died in 1851; William R., the subject of this sketch, and Mary Jane, who is now living at Warren, this state, widow of Dr. J. D. Hemming. Following the death of the mother of these children the Rev. Samuel Sterrett married Elizabeth George, of New Galilee, Pennsylvania, who survived him for more than twenty-five years, her death occurring on February 22, 1897.

William R. Sterrett, only surviving son of the Rev. Samuel and Elizabeth (Kernohan) Sterrett, was born in the vicinity of Youngstown, this state, March 8, 1853. He was five years of age when his mother died and was fifteen when his father moved with his family to Cedarville in 1868. He entered the Cedarville schools upon his arrival in that village and was graduated from the high school there in 1871, later supplementing his local schooling by a course in Western University at Pittsburgh and was graduated from

the Iron City Commercial College, Pittsburgh, in 1871. Following his marriage in 1876 Mr. Sterrett was for four years engaged in farming in the vicinity of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, and then returned to Cedarville and was for a year thereafter engaged in farming in this county. He then left the farm and in 1881 became engaged in the coal and grain business at Cedarville under the firm name of Ervin & Sterrett, which firm was maintained until 1895, when he became sole owner and so continued until he sold the business in 1905. Not long after his retirement from the grain and coal business Mr. Sterrett became engaged, in February, 1906, in the real-estate business, a member of the firm of Clemens & Sterrett at Jamestown and has since been thus engaged, also selling insurance. Though his office is at Jamestown Mr. Sterrett continues to make his home at Cedarville. Politically, Mr. Sterrett is a Prohibitionist and by religious persuasion is a Covenanter or member of the Reformed Presbyterian church, with which communion his family has been connected for generations. Mr. Sterrett has been a teacher in the Sabbath school since he was eighteen years of age; is now and for many years has been superintendent of the Sabbath school in the home church at Cedarville, and for forty years, or since 1878, has been one of the ruling elders of that church.

On October 5, 1876, William R. Sterrett was united in marriage to Julia Creswell, daughter of Samuel and Eliza Jane (Huffman) Creswell, of Cedarville township, and a member of one of the oldest families in Greene county, as is set out at considerable length in a history of the Creswell family presented elsewhere in this volume. Samuel Creswell, who was fourth in order of birth of the five children born to James and Ann (Junkin) Creswell, was born on January 12, 1820, and spent all his life on the old home place in Cedarville township, now owned and occupied by his son George, his death occurring thereon July 16, 1912. On June 10, 1846, at the home of William Reid, in that same township, he married Eliza Jane Huffman, who was born in the vicinity of Selma, in the neighboring county of Clark, March 22, 1827, daughter of Aaron and Martha (White) Huffman, and who died on August 10, 1910. Samuel Creswell and his wife were the parents of ten children, of whom Mrs. Sterrett was the fifth in order of birth and all of whom are mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

To William R. and Julia (Creswell) Sterrett seven children have been born, namely: Samuel Leroy, who married Elizabeth Scott, of Houston, Pennsylvania; Echo D., wife of the Rev. W. G. Robb, pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian church at Washington, Iowa; Mary E., wife of the Rev. W. A. Pollock, pastor of the Second United Presbyterian church of Chicago; Elizabeth M., who is at home; Ida Lounette, a school teacher, also at home; Walter R., who married Pearl Creamer and is now living at Pitts-

burgh, where he is engaged as a draughtsman, and W. Dwight, who married Florence Clemens and is now living at Greenville, this state, where he is engaged as a teacher in the high school.

JAMES W. HUSTON,

James W. Huston, proprietor of a farm on the Dayton pike about two miles southwest of Yellow Springs, in Miami township, is a native son of Greene county and has lived here all his life. He was born in Xenia, October 16, 1866, son of James and Mary E. (Baker) Huston, both of whom also were born in Ohio, the former in Knox county and the latter in Greene county and whose last days were spent on their home farm in Miami township, the place on which the subject of this sketch is now living, where they had resided since locating there in 1876.

James Huston was born February 27, 1824, and was thirteen years of age when his parents, Robert and Anna (Lyon) Huston, moved from Knox county to Greene county in 1837 and settled on a farm in what is now New Jasper township. Robert Huston was born in Pennsylvania in 1793 and was nineteen years of age when he came with his father, Robert Huston, a soldier of the American Revolution, to Ohio in 1812, the family settling on a tract of land in the Martinsburg neighborhood in Knox county. There he presently, about 1820, married Anna Lyon, who was born in that section in 1798, and after his marriage settled down on a farm he had purchased there and there continued to reside until 1837, when he disposed of his interests in Knox county and came to Greene county with his family, settling on April 16 of that year on the farm he had bought in that section of the county which in the summer of 1853 became organized as New Jasper township, and there he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1857, twenty years after his settlement there. He had accumulated there a tract of three hundred acres of land, the homestead now owned by the subject of this sketch. His widow survived him for twenty-eight years, her death occurring in 1885, she then being eighty-seven years of age. They were the parents of eleven children and as most of these children married and had children of their own the Huston connection in the present generation is a quite numerous one.

Having been but thirteen years of age when he came to this county with his parents, James Huston completed his schooling in the schools of Greene county and remained on the home farm until he was twenty years of age, when he became employed as a millwright, a vocation he followed for five or six years, at the end of which time, about the time of his marriage, he became engaged in the mercantile business at the village of New Jasper.

Four years later he sold his store and bought a farm in his home township, but several years later moved to a farm in Xenia township and later bought the farm of one hundred and fifteen acres in section 31 of Miami township, now owned and occupied by his son, the subject of this sketch, has added to it until he now owns two hundred and twenty acres. In 1886, James Huston erected on that place a new house, which was destroyed by fire three years later and was replaced by the dwelling which has since served as a family residence.

On May 1, 1849, James Huston was united in marriage to Mary E. Baker, who was born in the vicinity of the village of Jamestown, in this county, July 9, 1829, daughter of Mathias W. and Matilda (Moerman) Baker, natives of Virginia, who were the parents of four children, Mrs. Huston having had two brothers, Salathiel and William C. M., and one sister, Lavina. William C. M. Baker served for some time (1861-67) as auditor of Greene county and later became engaged in business as a stock broker at Kansas City. Salathiel Baker became a commissioned officer in the Union army during the Civil War and died at his home in Xenia in 1866. To James and Mary E. (Baker) Huston were born four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last born, the others being Lucretia E., formerly and for years a teacher in the schools of this county; Robert F. B., who died at the age of twelve years; and Mary E., wife of M. A. Hagler, of New Jasper township, this county. James Huston died at his home on the farm on which he had lived for more than thirty years, April 22, 1899. His widow survived him for nearly fourteen years, her death occurring on March 22, 1913.

James W. Huston took part with his father in the labors of the home farm when the family located in Miami township in 1876 and remained there after he had reached manhood's estate and after his marriage in 1891 established his home there and has ever since continued to reside there. Since coming into possession of the farm he has made numerous improvements on the same and has given considerable attention to the raising of livestock.

On November 4, 1891, James W. Huston was united in marriage to Mary J. Sparrow, of the neighboring county of Clark and a daughter of John B. and Anna (Johnson) Sparrow, the latter of whom was born in England and who had come to this country with her parents when but a girl of eleven years, and to this union six children have been born, namely: Ernest Homer, who was graduated from Antioch College, spent one year in the law school of the Ohio State University at Columbus and is now serving as a member of the National Army; Robert Alton, a rural mail carrier, who continues to make his home on the home farm; Herbert Dwight, who

died at the age of five months; Edgar J. and Edna J., twins, who are now students in the high school at Yellow Springs, and Harold, also in school. The Hustons are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Yellow Springs. Mr. Huston is a Democrat in his political views, and he and his two older sons are members of the Masonic order.

SAMUEL LEONARD.

Samuel Leonard, one of the real "old settlers" of Greene county, one of the "squirrel hunters" during the Civil War, for many years a blacksmith and later a farmer and landowner, now and for years past a resident of the village of Alpha, in Beavercreek township, is a native "Buckeye" and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Greene county practically all the time since the middle '40s. He was born at Bunker Hill, in Butler county, May 26, 1836, son of Samuel and Catherine (Fraser) Leonard, both of whom were born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, where they grew up and were married; shortly after their marriage coming to Ohio and locating in Butler county about the year 1832.

During his residence in Butler county the elder Samuel Leonard's activities were chiefly concerned with the leveling of the big timber and he became locally quite famous as a wood-cutter and rail-splitter. He remained in Butler county until about 1846, when he came up into this part of the state with his family and located at Dayton, but a few years later came over into Greene county and settled at Alpha, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring at the age of seventy-four years. His wife died at the age of seventy and both were buried in Mt. Zion graveyard. They were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch, the third in order of birth, is now the only survivor, the others having been William, a retired farmer, who died at Dayton in 1910; Matilda Ann, who was the wife of John Engle, a Beavercreek township farmer, and Louis, who was a blacksmith.

Samuel Leonard's early youth was spent in the backwoods of Butler county and he was about ten years of age when his parents moved up to Dayton. He later came with them over into Greene county and his schooling was completed at Alpha. Not long after the family located at Alpha he became apprenticed to a blacksmith at Fairfield, though continuing to make his home with his parents at Alpha, and in due time he became a proficient blacksmith, a vocation he followed most of his life thereafter until his retirement. In 1860 he married and for four years thereafter operated a blacksmith shop at Medway, up in Clark county, returning to Alpha in 1864 and opening a blacksmith shop there. Ten years later he bought a farm in



MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL LEONARD



Beavercreek township as an investment, renting the same, and kept that farm until in December, 1917, when he sold it, feeling that he was nearing an age at which he would be unable to give its management the care he would desire. For years Mr. Leonard continued his smithy at Alpha and then retired from active labors. Since the death of his wife in 1906 he has been living alone at his home in Alpha. He is a Democrat and for fourteen years served as treasurer of his home township, being kept in that office by successive re-elections in a stronghold of Republicanism, a compliment on the part of his friends which he has never ceased to appreciate. During the days of the Civil War Mr. Leonard rendered service as a member of the locally famous organization of "squirrel hunters" and with that command marched away toward Cincinnati to help in repelling Morgan's invasion of the state. It was in 1860 that Samuel Leonard was married. His wife, who, as noted above, died in 1906, was Rebecca Engle, who was born in Beavercreek township, this county, daughter of Henry Engle and wife, well known among the early settlers of that township and the former of whom lived to be past ninety years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard had no children and Mr. Leonard is thus alone in his declining years. Though now in his eighty-third year he continues to take an active interest in current affairs and retains distinct memories of other days, being able to tell many an entertaining story of the days now long past.

JOHN W. SMITH.

John W. Smith, now living practically retired at his farm home in Sugarcreek township, is a native son of Greene county, born on a farm in Spring Valley township on August 22, 1846, son of James and Sarah A. (Dill) Smith, both of whom also were born in Ohio and whose last days were spent here.

James Smith was a farmer and for several years after his marriage lived in Spring Valley township, moving thence in 1847 to Sugarcreek township, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on June 30, 1899. His widow died on September 5, 1909. They were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being William J., now a resident of Detroit, Michigan; Elizabeth Ellen, now living at Spring Valley, widow of John D. Haines; Daniel Freeman, who is still living on the old home place in Sugarcreek township, and Sarah Jane, widow of Wilson J. Osborn, of Spring Valley.

John W. Smith was under two years of age when his parents moved from Spring Valley township to Sugarcreek township and on the home farm

in the latter township he grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the local schools. He was married when twenty-one years of age and then began farming on his own account. In 1886 he bought the farm on which he is now living, on rural mail route No. 2 out of Spring Valley, and has since resided there. Mr. Smith has a farm of sixty acres, but for the past ten years has been living practically retired from the active labors of the farm. He is a Democrat. For fourteen years he was a member of the board of directors of the Sugar Creek Cemetery Association.

Mr. Smith has been thrice married. On February 13, 1868, he was united in marriage to Rebecca J. Steelman, who died in 1897 leaving one child, a daughter, Rilla, wife of Carson McCoy, of Sugarcreek township. Mr. Smith later married Mary E. Lampton, who died on February 1, 1909, without issue, and on May 29, 1912, he married Martha Esther Howland, who was born in Highland county, this state, daughter of the Rev. Ralston and Rebecca Jane (Gilliland) Howland. The Rev. Ralston Howland was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and further mention of him is made elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Smith is a member of the local branch of the Order of the Golden Eagle at Dayton.

WILLIAM STEVENSON HOPPING.

William Stevenson Hopping, proprietor of a farm in Cedarville township, on rural mail route No. 2 out of Xenia, was born on a farm on Caesars creek in New Jasper township, this county, a son of Albert and Eliza (Stevenson) Hopping, both of whom were members of old families in this county, their respective grandparents having been among the pioneers.

Albert Hopping was born on the farm mentioned above as having been the birthplace of his son William S. and was a son of William and Sarah (Galloway) Hopping, both members of pioneer families, William Hopping having been a son of James Hopping, who came up here from Kentucky in the early days of the settlement of this county and located on the farm above mentioned along Caesars creek, in that part of the county that in 1858 was set off as New Jasper township. William Hopping became the owner of a farm in that same locality, but in 1871 sold that farm and bought about six hundred acres in the southern part of Cedarville township and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring about 1885. His widow survived him for several years. They were reared in the Seceder faith and after the "union" of 1858 became members of the United Presbyterian church at Xenia. Albert Hopping grew up on the home farm and after his mar-

riage established his home there. During the Civil War he served as a member of the Home Guards and during this service accompanied that command to Cincinnati to help in repelling the threatened invasion of the state by the Rebels. He inherited the home farm of six hundred acres and bought more land adjoining. He died on that farm in 1902, he then being seventy years of age, and his wife died in that same year, she being sixty-eight years of age. She was born, Eliza Stevenson, in the vicinity of Yellow Springs, daughter of William and Eliza Stevenson, the former of whom was one of the early settlers on Massies creek in Xenia township. William Stevenson was a typical frontiersman, a soldier of the War of 1812 and an old deer-hunter, and when settlers began coming in here in considerable numbers he resented being thus "crowded" and moved up into the then wilds of Hardin county and there spent several years, but returned to Xenia, where he spent the rest of his life. To Albert and Eliza (Stevenson) Hopping were born four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being the Rev. Walter Hopping, a minister of the United Presbyterian church, now in charge of a church at Buffalo, New York; Elizabeth, wife of C. G. Paul, a real-estate dealer at Dayton, and Charles Hopping, who is engaged in the automobile business at Dayton.

William S. Hopping received his early schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his boyhood home and supplemented the same by attendance for two years in the Xenia high school and for two years in the private school at that time being conducted by Professor Mott at Xenia. As a young man he took part in the labors of the home farm and upon his father's retirement from the active labors of the place took charge of operations there and so continued until his father's death in 1902, when he inherited two hundred and ten acres of the home place. In the meantime he had been developing a business in the live-stock way and after his father's death rented the farm out and gave his personal attention wholly to the live-stock business, buying and selling, and while thus engaged made his headquarters at Cedarville and at Dayton. After his marriage in 1912 he returned to his farm, erected there a house of the bungalow type and has since made his home there. Mr. Hopping, in addition to his general farming, retains his interest in live stock and still keeps a good herd of cattle, besides a flock of Delano sheep and a good many Duroc-Jersey hogs. Mr. Hopping is a Republican.

On July 8, 1912, William S. Hopping was united in marriage to Mary Boots, who was born on July 15, 1878, in Randolph county, Indiana, daughter of David and Nancy (Tomlinson) Boots, the former of whom is a retired farmer, now living at Farmland, Indiana.

CHARLES A. HARNER.

Charles A. Harner, one of Greene county's farmers and landowners, now living on the old Cromwell place on the Fairground pike in the neighborhood of the Oldtown mill north of Xenia, is a member of one of the county's pioneer families, as is his wife, the latter of whom was born at Oldtown Mills and later moved to her present abode with her parents.

Elsewhere in this volume there is set out at considerable length something of the history of the Harner family in Greene county and it hardly is necessary to go into all those details in this connection, further than to say that the family was founded here by Jacob Harner, a German, who came to this country in the days of his young manhood and was married at Hagerstown, Pennsylvania, to Anna Heffley, who was born at that place. Almost immediately following their marriage Jacob Harner and his wife came to Ohio and settled on a tract of land in Beavercreek township, this county. Jacob Harner died about 1846 and his widow survived him until 1868. They were the parents of ten children, of whom Charles Harner, father of the subject of this biographical sketch, was the seventh in order of birth.

Charles Harner was born on the pioneer home farm in Beavercreek township on February 19, 1817, and there grew to manhood. After his marriage in 1840 he established his home on a farm he had bought in the Oldtown neighborhood, in Xenia township, where he continued to reside until his removal to Oldtown, where he spent his last days, his death occurring there in August, 1908. At the time of his death he was the owner of eleven hundred acres of land in this county. He was a Democrat and he and his wife were members of the German Reformed church. His wife preceded him to the grave some months more than a year, her death having occurred on January 1, 1907. She was born, Mary Morgan, in Beavercreek township, March 14, 1823, daughter of Morgan and Elizabeth (Reel) Morgan, both of whom were born in Washington county, Maryland, where they were married, later coming to Ohio and settling in Beavercreek township, this county, where they reared their family and spent their last days. Morgan Morgan and wife were the parents of six children, five sons and one daughter, Mary, the latter having been the second in order of birth. She married Charles Harner on March 19, 1840, and to that union were born eleven children, namely: Martin, who is now living retired in the state of New Hampshire; David, who became a resident of Xenia, where he died in February, 1915; Morgan, a farmer, of Xenia township; Charles A., the immediate subject of this biographical sketch; Frank, a farmer, living on the Springfield pike in Xenia township; James, a farmer living on the lower Bellbrook pike, a mile out of Xenia; Samuel, who is still living on the old home place at Old-

town: Mary Elizabeth, also living at Oldtown, widow of Henry Jacoby; Isabel, wife of Andrew Hutchinson, of Xenia; Mrs. Rosa Clark, of Oldtown, and Martha, wife of George Oglesbee, of Xenia.

Charles A. Harner was reared on the home place at Oldtown and received his schooling in the schools of that village. When he reached his majority his father gave him a hundred-acre farm, which he began to farm on his own account, meanwhile remaining at home until he was twenty-five years of age. He then traded his hundred-acre farm for a tract of one hundred and fifteen and one-half acres east of the Oldtown mill and was engaged in the operation of that place until after his marriage in 1909, when he took up his residence at his wife's old home, the Cromwell place on the Fairground pike in that same vicinity, and has since resided there. Though Mr. Harner rents his lands and is thus not practically engaged in farming, he keeps a pretty close supervisory eye over the operation of things. He is a Democrat, but has not been an office seeker.

It was on August 12, 1909, that Charles A. Harner was united in marriage to Emma B. Cromwell, who was born at Oldtown Mills in Xenia township, only daughter and last-born of the five children born to her parents, Joseph and Bashaba (Allen) Cromwell, the latter of whom also was born in that township, March 20, 1830, daughter and third in order of birth of the seven children born to her parents, John and Wilmoth (Foreman) Allen, natives, respectively, of Virginia and of North Carolina, who had settled in Xenia township upon coming to this county, remaining there until their retirement from the farm and removal to Xenia, where they spent their last days. Joseph Cromwell was born in the city of Hagerstown, county seat of Washington county, Maryland, in March, 1814, son of Richard and Susan (McLaughlin) Cromwell, both of whom also were born there and the former of whom died about 1830. Some time after the death of her husband Mrs. Cromwell came with her family to Ohio and in 1832 settled on a tract of land in Xenia township, this county. She was the mother of eight children, of whom Joseph was the fifth in order of birth. This pioneer mother spent her last days in this county and died at the residence of her son-in-law, James Hawkins, in 1872.

Joseph Cromwell was eighteen years of age when he accompanied his mother and the other members of the family to Greene county in 1832. He later went over into Montgomery county, where he learned the miller's trade, and two years later went to Alton, Illinois, where he was for five years engaged working at that trade. He then went to Pekin, in that same state, where he worked at milling for four years, at the end of which time he began operating a mill of his own in the vicinity of Peoria, but a year later disposed of his interests there and returned to Greene county and became

engaged in the milling business at Bellbrook, later acquiring an interest in the historic old mill at Oldtown, and continued engaged in the milling business the rest of his life. He established his home nearby and built the house in which his daughter, Mrs. Harner, was born, but later moved to where the Harners now live. On January 8, 1851, Joseph Cromwell was united in marriage to Bashaba Allen, mentioned above, and to that union were born four sons, Oliver, John, Charles R. and Harry, and one daughter, Emma B., wife of Mr. Harner. Joseph Cromwell was a Democrat and his wife was a member of the Reformed church at Xenia.

WALTER CHANDLER.

Walter Chandler, owner of a small farm situated on the Wilberforce and Clifton pike, in Xenia township, rural mail route No. 5 out of Xenia, and who also is renting and farming the Doctor Patterson farm of two hundred and forty-five acres adjoining his place, is a native of the old Blue Grass state, but has been a resident of Greene county since 1900. He was born on a farm in Harrison county, Kentucky, April 2, 1875, son of Claybourne and Emily (Gossett) Chandler, both of whom were born and reared in that same county and who are still living there. Claybourne Chandler is a landowner and has for many years been engaged in farming on his home place. He is a Democrat and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They have nine children, all of whom are still living in their home state with the exception of the subject of this sketch and his brother, Charles Chandler, the latter of whom is living on a farm in Miami township, this county.

Reared on the home farm in Kentucky, Walter Chandler received his schooling in the neighborhood schools. He continued to make his home in that county until he was twenty-five years of age, when, in 1900, he came to Ohio and began working on the farm of J. C. Wolf, in Bath township, this county, remaining there until his marriage about five years later, when he rented a farm in the neighborhood of Yellow Springs and began farming on his own account, continuing thus engaged as a renter until 1909, in which year he bought the farm of twenty-six acres above referred to in Xenia township and there established his home. In 1913 Mr. Chandler secured the rental of the Doctor Patterson farm of two hundred and forty-five acres adjoining his place and has since been engaged in farming that tract in addition to his own farm. In addition to his general farming Mr. Patterson gives considerable attention to the raising of livestock.

On January 19, 1905, Walter Chandler was united in marriage to Ada Harner, who was born in the neighboring county of Clark, a daughter of

Abraham and Charlotte (Hadley) Harner, the latter of whom is still living, now making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Chandler. Abraham Harner, who was a farmer, died on May 3, 1913, at the age of sixty-three years, after an invalidism of twenty-three years. He and his wife were the parents of two daughters, Mrs. Chandler having a sister, Anna, wife of Fred Sweeney, of Bath township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Chandler have two children, a son and a daughter, Edgar, born in 1906, and Martha, 1912. They also are rearing as their own child a young cousin, Daniel Booren, who was born in 1906. Mr. Chandler is a Democrat. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and his wife was reared in the Lutheran church.

EDWARD D. PARTINGTON.

Edward D. Partington, proprietor of a farm in Sugarcreek township, situated on rural mail route No. 1 out of Spring Valley, was born in the city of Xenia on July 31, 1862, son and only child of Richard and Elizabeth M. (Confer) Partington, both members of pioneer families in this part of the state and the latter of whom is still living, making her home with her son.

Richard Partington was born in the neighboring county of Clark on October 10, 1823, and in that county received his early schooling and for a time was engaged in teaching school. He then began the study of law at Xenia under the preceptorship of Judge Wright and upon his admission to the bar entered upon the practice of his profession in that city and for some time served as mayor of Xenia. Mr. Partington retired from practice in the latter '70s and moved to a farm he had bought in Bath township. He died at Dayton on October 2, 1887. His widow, who, as noted above, still survives him, is now in her eighty-sixth year. She was born in the vicinity of the city of Hagerstown, Maryland, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Bowman) Confer, the former of whom was of French descent, who came with their family to Ohio in 1834 and located on a farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Miami township, this county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They were members of the Reformed church. George Confer lived to be seventy-two years of age and was able to give each of his children an excellent start. His widow survived him for twelve years and her last days were spent in Xenia. They were the parents of five children, Mrs. Partington having had two brothers, William G. and George, and two sisters, Hannah and Susan.

Edward D. Partington grew up at Xenia and supplemented the schooling he received in the schools of that city by a course in the Miami Commercial College at Dayton. He was about eighteen years of age when his parents moved from the city to the farm in Bath township and he ever since has given

his attention to agriculture and stock raising, making a specialty of the latter line. After farming in Bath township for nine years Mr. Partington tried his hand on a farm in the vicinity of Farmersville, over in Montgomery county, but a year later returned to Greene county and bought the farm of one hundred and fifty-seven and a half acres on which he and his mother are now living in Sugarcreek township. Mr. Partington has for years made a specialty of the raising of high-grade O. I. C. hogs and also does quite a business in the buying and selling of sheep. He is a Mason, affiliated with the local lodge of that order (No. 574) at New Burlington, and with the chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and the council, Royal and Select Masters, at Xenia, and also is affiliated with the local lodge of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Spring Valley, and with the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Spring Valley. He and his mother are members of the Reformed church. Politically, Mr. Partington is "independent."

HARRY SMITH TOWNSLEY.

Harry Smith Townsley, proprietor of a farm just south of Cedarville on the Wilmington road, and a member of the Cedarville township board of education, was born on a farm four miles east of Cedarville on February 2, 1880, son of John and Malinda (Kershner) Townsley, further mention of whom, together with a comprehensive history of the pioneer Townsley family in this county, is presented elsewhere.

Reared on the home farm, Harry S. Townsley received his schooling in the College Corner school and remained at home until his marriage in 1903, after which he made his home on a farm in the neighborhood of his old home for thirteen years, at the end of which time, in March, 1916, he bought the farm of forty acres on which he is now living, just south of Cedarville. He also rents and operates an adjoining farm. Mr. Townsley is extensively engaged in the live-stock business, buying and selling, and gives much attention to the breeding of high-grade horses, keeping two Belgian and one Shire sire. He is a Republican, has served as school director in his home district and is now a member of the township board of education.

On September 23, 1903, Harry S. Townsley was united in marriage to Mary Dorcas Brickel, who was born in Ross township, September 23, 1881, daughter of Frank and Mary Arabelle (Smith) Brickel, and to this union two children have been born, Mary Catherine, born on August 26, 1905, and George Alfred, April 20, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Townsley are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Cedarville and Mr. Townsley is a member of the board of trustees of the same.



HARRY S. TOWNSLEY AND FAMILY.



THOMAS L. ROWAND.

Thomas L. Rowand, who died at his home in the neighboring county of Fayette in 1894 and whose widow later moved to Jamestown, in this county, where she is now living, was born in the neighboring county of Clark on July 13, 1828, a son of Edward and Elizabeth (Luce) Rowand, pioneers of that county, the former of whom was a native of the state of Virginia and the latter of Maryland. Edward Rowand was the owner of several hundred acres of land in Clark county. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom Thomas L. was the youngest and all of whom are now deceased, the others having been Polly, Clara, Amanda, Benjamin, William and Alexander.

Reared on a farm in Clark county, Thomas L. Rowand became a farmer on his own account in that county, but later moved over into Fayette county, where he became the owner of a farm and where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there on January 25, 1894, he then being in the sixty-sixth year of his age. He was a member of the Christian church.

Thomas L. Rowand was twice married. His first wife, Eliza Layton, died, leaving one child, a son, George E. Rowand, who is now living in Kansas, and on February 17, 1863, he was united in marriage to Margaret A. Lott, who also was born in Clark county, this state, a daughter of Henry and Margaret (Garlough) Lott, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania on December 13, 1797. Henry Lott and Margaret Garlough were married on May 1, 1828, and to that union were born nine children, namely: Elizabeth F., born on October 10, 1829, now deceased; John, deceased; George W., deceased; Jacob N., deceased; William Henry, twin brother of Mrs. Rowland, now deceased; Michael E., who is now living at Columbia City, Indiana; Thomas E., deceased, and James T., who is now living at Springfield, this state.

To Thomas L. and Margaret A. (Lott) Rowand were born five children, Charles E., Anna M., Harry A., Cora Luella, and Clarence C., all of whom were born in Fayette county and all of whom are still living. Charles E. Rowand, who is operating the home farm of his wife in Clark county, has been twice married. His first wife, who was Emma Murray, died, leaving a son, Alfred M. Rowand, now living at Springfield, who on September 5, 1917, married Mabel Vince. Charles E. Rowand married, secondly, Laura Skillings Rowand, a cousin by marriage. Anna M. Rowand, unmarried, is a resident of Jamestown. Harry A. Rowand, now living at Port William, was married on February 14, 1894, to Louie Gordon and has two sons, Carl, who on August 27, 1916, married Viola Gaines, and Ralph. Cora Luella Rowand is living at Jamestown with her mother. Clarence C. Rowand, now living

in Madison county, in 1899 was united in marriage to Jennie Steele, who died in 1916, leaving three children, Clyone, Kenneth C. and Keith K. After the death of her husband Mrs. Rowand continued to make her home on the farm in Fayette county until 1903, in which year she and her daughters moved to Jamestown, where they have since resided. Mrs. Rowand still owns the home farm of one hundred and forty-six acres in Fayette county. Mrs. Rowand and daughters worship at the United Presbyterian church at Jamestown.

WILLIAM J. CHERRY.

William J. Cherry, proprietor of a farm in Cedarville township, located on rural mail route No. 2 out of Xenia, was born on a farm in the Hoop Grove neighborhood in Xenia township on May 10, 1868, son of David H. and Mary E. (Watt) Cherry, the latter of whom is still living, a resident of Xenia since 1902, in which year she moved from the farm to that city with her husband, the latter spending his last days there, his death occurring on October 7, 1914.

The Cherrys are one of the old families in Greene county, the first of the family to settle here having been James and Elizabeth (Greenwood) Cherry, who were born in Virginia, where they were reared and where on April 12, 1815, they were married, soon afterward coming to Ohio and settling in the Laughhead settlement three miles east of Xenia, in this county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. James Cherry, who was born on May 12, 1789, died on December 24, 1851. His widow, who was born on April 25, 1796, spent her last days in the home of her son David, where she died on May 14, 1883, having thus survived her husband more than thirty years. James Cherry and his wife were the parents of eleven children, of whom David H. Cherry was the last-born and all of whom are now deceased, the others having been William, Mary Ann, Mrs. Jane Crawford, Mrs. Rachel Kyle, James Q., Robert, John, Benjamin, Andrew L. and Isaac N. After his marriage David H. Cherry established his home on the home place, of which he later became the owner, and there continued farming until his retirement and removal to Xenia, where he spent his last days and where his widow is still living, the old home place now being operated by her son Huston H. Cherry, a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume, wherein is set out at considerable length further details of the genealogy and history of the Cherry family, together with a comprehensive history of the Watt family.

William J. Cherry grew up on the home farm and received his early schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home, supplement-

ing the same by a course at Xenia College and a year at Monmouth College. After his marriage in 1895 he rented the home farm, established his home in a new house he erected there and continued farming the place until 1904, when he bought the Rader place of one hundred and four acres adjoining his father's place in Cedarville township and later bought an adjacent tract of seventy-six acres of his father's place and thus has now one hundred and eighty acres. For years Mr. Cherry has been engaged in raising pure-bred Hampshire sheep and Shorthorn cattle and has been a successful exhibitor at stock shows and fairs.

On October 1, 1895, William J. Cherry was united in marriage to Anna May Hutchinson, who was born in Xenia township, this county, daughter of William and Jennie (Bull) Hutchinson, the latter of whom is still living, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Raymond Cherry, born on August 16, 1900, who is now a student in the Xenia high school. Mr. and Mrs. Cherry are members of the First United Presbyterian church at Xenia and Mr. Cherry is a member of the session of that congregation. By political affiliation he is a Republican and has on various occasions served on election boards in his home precinct.

ADDISON STORRS LEWIS.

From the very beginning of things at Clifton, the name Lewis has been associated with the place, for it was Bennett Lewis, father of the subject of this biographical review, who laid out the townsite, the same covering a part of the considerable tract of land he had purchased there upon coming to Greene county in 1828, and the farm on which Addison Storrs Lewis is still living, just at the edge of Clifton, is a part of that original tract.

Bennett Lewis was one of the influential figures in the earlier development of that section of Miami township surrounding the village of Clifton and was a member of the board of county commissioners when the county's second court house was erected at Xenia in 1846, that fine old edifice which, according to "Howe's Collections" of 1847, was "the most elegant, as yet built, in Ohio." Before coming here Bennett Lewis had been a contractor on the Miami & Erie canal and while thus engaged had erected the locks that still are standing at Lockland. Upon coming here he bought land in Miami township and on that place, at the site of the present village of Clifton, built a cotton and woolen-mill, opened a country store, platted a townsite and around that mill and store the village of Clifton presently began to take form. He was for years an elder in the Presbyterian church at Clifton. The mill which he erected upon coming here was washed away by a flood in 1868, but he continued engaged in his mercantile pursuits at

Clifton and was thus engaged at the time of his death, on October 10, 1876. His wife had preceded him to the grave more than three years, her death having occurred on January 24, 1873. She was born, Eliza Boughton, at Victor, in Ontario county, New York, August 15, 1803, daughter of Jared and Olive (Stone) Boughton, the former of whom was born in Connecticut on February 19, 1766, and the latter, in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, January 2, 1770. Jared Boughton's mother was a Pennoyer, a member of the French family of Pennoyers which took an influential part in Massachusetts colonial life and were among the founders of Harvard University. Eliza Boughton and Bennett Lewis were united in marriage in 1828 and it was five years later when they settled in Greene county. Bennett Lewis was born in Connecticut and was of a long-lived family, his father having attained the great age of ninety-six years, and his brother, Isaac, the age of eighty-five. The latter attended the lock on the Erie canal when the first vessel passed through to the ocean and was also there when General Lafayette revisited America and passed through the canal. Of the nine children born to Bennett and Eliza (Boughton) Lewis the subject of this sketch was the last-born. Of the five children of this family who grew to maturity but two are now living, Mr. Lewis having a sister, Miss Harriet Lewis, who has for many years been a missionary at Canton, China, connected with the Presbyterian Board of Missions. Two brothers of Mr. Lewis, Ezra B. and Charles B. Lewis, went to California many years ago and there spent their last days, the former a merchant at San Jose and the latter, in the real-estate business at San Ana.

Addison Storrs Lewis was reared at Clifton, the place of his birth, and there received his early schooling, later entering Miami University at Oxford, this state, and was graduated from that institution in 1869. Meanwhile he had been giving his attention to the study of civil engineering and upon leaving the university took a special course in Lafayette College at Easton, Pennsylvania, and was graduated from that institution in 1870 as a civil engineer. For a year thereafter he was engaged as assistant engineer in the work of making a map survey of the state of Massachusetts, his headquarters being at Boston, and he then became engaged in railway work, doing engineering work for both the Pennsylvania Lines and the Baltimore & Ohio Railway Company, and was thus engaged for three years or more, or until the death of his father in 1876, after which he returned to Clifton to look after his interests there and has ever since resided at that place, owner of the farm and home just at the edge of the village. Mr. Lewis is a member of the Presbyterian church, and has served the local congregation as elder and as trustee and treasurer. During his college days he was a member of the college fraternity, Phi Delta Theta. He for some

time served as trustee of Miami township, has also at various times rendered service on the local school board, and for some years was treasurer of the same. He is a Republican and has frequently served his party as a delegate to county and congressional conventions.

JAMES F. ESTERLINE.

James F. Esterline, a grocer at Osborn, was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Clark on October 26, 1873, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dunkle) Esterline, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania.

The late Jacob Esterline, a veteran of the Civil War, who died at his home in Fairfield, on May 5, 1918, was born in Clark county, this state, and grew up in the neighborhood of New Carlisle, where he was living when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted for service in behalf of the Union and went to the front as a member of the Sixteenth Ohio Battery, with which command he served for four years. After his marriage he established his home on a farm in Clark county and there continued to reside until his retirement from the farm and removal to Fairfield, where he spent his last days. To him and his wife were born nine children.

Reared on the home farm, James F. Esterline received his schooling in the common schools and continued farming until after his marriage in 1895, he then being twenty-two years of age, when he made his home at Osborn and there began clerking in the store which he now owns and was thus engaged as a clerk until 1906, when he bought the store from its proprietor, George Smith, and has since been engaged in business on his own account.

In 1895 James F. Esterline was united in marriage to Elizabeth M. Schroeder, daughter of John Philip Schroeder and wife, the former of whom, a blacksmith, died in 1912 and the latter of whom is still living, a resident of Fairfield, and to this union two children have been born, daughters both, Greta S. and Frances Gertrude. The Esterlines reside on William street and are naturally much concerned to know that, as the probable outcome of the present flood-prevention project, they may presently have to abandon the home that has for years meant so much to them, as well as the business in which Mr. Esterline has worked up to his present position in the mercantile life of the town which seems doomed to be deserted in behalf of the common welfare of the valley. Mr. Esterline is a Republican and is the present president of the Osborn board of education. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

LAWRENCE D. WILSON.

Lawrence D. Wilson, head of the Wilson Engineering and Contracting Company of the city of Xenia, was born in that city and has lived there practically all his life, though some years were spent in the East, where for some time he was engaged in engineering work before entering into business on his own behalf in Xenia. He was born on February 7, 1882, son of Matthew D. and Frances (Morris) Wilson, the latter of whom also was born in this county and both of whom are still living at Xenia.

Matthew D. Wilson is a Pennsylvanian by birth, but has been a resident of Ohio since the days of his early childhood, his parents having moved from Pennsylvania to Zanesville, this state, when he was but a child. When he was fifteen years of age his parents moved from Zanesville to Xenia and he completed his schooling in the schools of the latter city. After his marriage he became engaged in the grocery business in Xenia, but presently gave up that business and became a traveling salesman, a vocation he since has followed, his activities in that connection having covered a period of more than thirty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Gertrude, who married Waldo H. Sawin and is now living in New York City.

Lawrence D. Wilson was reared at Xenia, receiving his schooling in the schools of that city, and after three years of work in the high school became engaged in the T. L. Morris & Company warehouse, later becoming identified with that concern. It was while thus engaged that Mr. Wilson became interested in civil engineering and general construction work and he presently entered upon the practical phase of engineering, traveling throughout the East as a member of the staff of the Wooster Construction Company, engaged in railway work and other lines of construction work. While thus engaged he came home on a vacation and for a year thereafter was connected with the engineering work of street construction in Xenia, afterward returning East as a member of the engineering staff of J. G. White & Company of New York City, and for three years was thus connected, his principal work being in the line of railway construction. He then returned to Xenia and while "resting up" drafted a new map of the city of Xenia. While home on that visit Mr. Wilson determined to engage in business on his own account in Xenia and with that end in view opened an office for general engineering and construction work, under the firm name of Wilson & Schlesinger. That was in 1908. In that same year he was awarded the contract for surveying the line of the projected Cincinnati, Wilmington & Xenia Traction Railway and carried the same through. At the end of the year Mr. Wilson bought the Schlesinger interest in the concern of which he was

the head and not long afterward formed a new connection, for a year thereafter doing business under the firm name of Wilson & Dean. This firm name presently was changed to that of the L. D. Wilson Company and not long afterward was incorporated as the Wilson Engineering and Contracting Company, which company is now rated as a seventy-five-thousand-dollar concern. Before he was twenty-one years of age Mr. Wilson had successfully directed the construction of the Chambersburg & Gettysburg Electric Railway line. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodges of the Free and Accepted Masons and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

CHRISTOPHER J. BUTT.

Christopher J. Butt, a veteran commercial traveler, now living practically retired at his home at Osborn, this county, and a member of the village council for the past quarter of a century, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Greene county since the days of his childhood. He was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Montgomery, November 4, 1847, son of Basil and Anna (Folkert) Butt, the former of whom was born in Virginia and was but a boy when he came to Ohio with his parents, the family locating in Licking county and presently moving thence to Montgomery county, where they established their home. In this latter county Basil Butt grew to manhood and married, continuing to make his home there until about 1850, when he moved over into Greene county, establishing his home on a farm in the northwestern part of the county and there spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there in 1894. He was a Democrat and by religious persuasion was a Lutheran.

Having been under three years of age when his parents moved from Montgomery county to Greene county, Christopher J. Butt was reared in this latter county. He supplemented the schooling he received in the public schools by attendance at the Commercial College at Dayton and continued his labors on the home farm until 1883, in which year he became connected with the Superior Drill Company, of Springfield, this state, as a traveling salesman. When that concern later became incorporated as the American Seeding-Machine Company Mr. Butt continued his connection with the company as a traveling representative and so continued until 1912, a period of continuous service covering twenty-nine years. Though now retired from active traveling Mr. Butt is still connected with the concern with which he for so long was actively connected, though now on its pension list of honorably retired employees. During his long period of service as a commercial traveler Mr. Butt was a member of the United Commercial Travelers Association, affiliated with the Dayton division of that organization and still takes an interest

in the affairs of that body. He is a Republican, formerly and for some years a member of the Greene county Republican central committee and at one time chairman of that committee, and for the past twenty-five years has been a member of the common council of the village of Osborn. Fraternally, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Butt has been twice married. In 1887 he was united in marriage to Margaretta Marshall and to that union were born two children, Anna and Margaretta. Following the death of the mother of these children Mr. Butt, in 1895, married Cora M. Arbogast and to this union two children have been born, Lelia A., who for the past five years has been a teacher of voice culture in Lynwood College, North Carolina, and Waldo, who died in the days of his childhood. Mr. Butt sold his property in Osborn in the spring of 1819 and bought a home at 640 Cassilly street, Springfield, to which he and his wife will move in October.

SAMUEL W. HARTMAN.

Samuel W. Hartman, a member of the board of trustees of Beaver-creek township, former assessor of that township and a farmer now living in the village of Alpha, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, September 2, 1857, son of Jacob and Mary (Walker) Hartman, both of whom spent all their lives in that state. He was reared in his native state, receiving his schooling there, and remained there until he was nineteen years of age, when he came to Ohio and became employed on the Horace Ankeney farm in Beaver-creek township, this county. When twenty-four years of age he married and began farming on his own account, in good time becoming the owner of a farm in the vicinity of the high school in Beaver-creek township. On that place he made his home until 1917, when he sold his farm and moved to Alpha, where he bought a tract of seven acres on which he built a house and which he platted into town lots, setting the same off as an addition to the village. Mr. Hartman is a Republican and is now serving his second term as township trustee. He also served on the board of education of Beaver-creek township for ten years, in a township that has a reputation of being one of the foremost in the state. About fifteen years ago he served for three years as township assessor. He and his family are members of the Beaver Reformed church and he is a member of the board of trustees of his church. He also has served as an elder and as a deacon of the church.

On December 22, 1881, Samuel W. Hartman was united in marriage to Mary Winegartner, who was born in Beaver-creek township, and to this union five children have been born, namely: Walter, who lives at North Canton, Ohio, and who married Louise Mackelhaney and has one child, a



MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL W. HARTMAN.

son, Robert Samuel; the Rev. Albert Hartman, a minister of the Reformed church, now stationed at Roaring Springs, Pennsylvania, who married Susan Stauffer, of Dayton, and has two children, Mary E. and Franklin; Margaret, who married the Rev. R. S. Beaver, a minister of the Reformed church, now living near Shelby, this state, and has two children, Gladys and Helen; Ina, who died at the age of twenty-two years, and one who died in infancy.

WILLIAM F. HUSTON.

William F. Huston, proprietor of a farm in Sugarcreek township, situated on rural mail route No. 2 out of Dayton, was born in the house in which he is now living on that farm and has lived there all his life, having succeeded to the farm after his father's death. He was born on May 1, 1858, son and only child of William and Caroline (Mayhew) Huston, both of whom were members of pioneer families in this part of the state.

William Huston was born in the neighboring county of Montgomery, but early became a farmer in this county and became the owner of a farm of five hundred and forty-three acres in Sugarcreek township and a farm of one hundred and forty-three acres in the vicinity of Muncie, Indiana. His last days were spent at his home in Sugarcreek township. He was twice married and by his first marriage was the father of five children, James, Michael, John, Sarah and Philena, all of whom are now deceased save John, a farmer of Sugarcreek township and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. Following the death of the mother of these children, William Huston married Caroline Mayhew and to this latter union was born one child, a son, William F., the subject of this biographical sketch.

William F. Huston was reared on the farm on which he was born and has continued to make that place his home, for years the owner of the old home place. He received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and after his marriage established his home on the home farm on which he has since made many improvements. For some years past he has lived practically retired from the active labors of the farm. Mr. Huston is a Republican and has rendered public service as a member of the local school board and has also served on election boards and juries. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

On November 11, 1880, William F. Huston was united in marriage to Mary M. Miller, who was born in the state of Tennessee and who was but twelve years of age when her parents came to Ohio with their family and settled in Greene county, and to this union have been born five chil-

dren, namely: Edward H., a carpenter, living in Beavercreek township, who married Etta Carpenter and has two children, Norman and Raymond; Clarence, a Sugarcreek farmer, who married Lulu Wright and has one child, a son, Kenneth; Minnie May, wife of Elmer Wetzel, a painter, who lives in Beavercreek township; Ossa C., wife of Orville Berryhill, of Bellbrook, and Jesse Roy, a farmer, who married Golda Greene and lives at Bellbrook.

JUSTUS LABAN BAKER.

The late Justus Laban Baker, who died at his farm home in Silvercreek township in the fall of 1895, and whose widow is still living there, was born in that township on June 15, 1844, son of Jacob and Lorena (Haughey) Baker, well-known residents of that township, whose last days were spent there. Jacob Baker and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and were the parents of three children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the first-born.

Reared on the home farm in Silvercreek township, Justus L. Baker received his schooling in the local schools and remained at home until after his marriage when twenty-one years of age. Trained as a farmer from the days of his boyhood, he ever followed that vocation and at the time of his death had the farm property of sixty-six acres, on which his widow is still living and the operation of which is being carried on by his son-in-law, George W. Buckwalter. Mr. Baker was a Republican and had held minor public offices in his home township, particularly school offices. He was a member of the Baptist church at Jamestown, as is his widow. Mr. Baker died on November 21, 1895, he then being in the fifty-second year of his age.

On February 1, 1866, Justus L. Baker was united in marriage to Mary Ellen Smith, who was born in Frederick county, Virginia, and who had come here in 1865 with her parents, John and Maria (Keiter) Smith, the family locating in Silvercreek township. For a year after coming to this county John Smith rented a farm and then he bought the farm on which W. F. Lewis now resides and there he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on February 12, 1880. He was born on June 19, 1806. His widow, who was born on May 6, 1806, survived him for more than four years, her death occurring on July 10, 1884. She was a member of the Presbyterian church. John Smith and wife were the parents of seven children, of whom Mrs. Baker was the fourth in order of birth.

To Justus L. and Mary L. (Smith) Baker were born ten children, namely: Elma Rosella, who is now living in the state of Oklahoma, widow of Grant Bush; George O.; Anna Lorena, who died in the days of her girlhood; John Isaac, who married Eva Gerrard; Enma J., who married George

W. Buckwalter and is living on the home place; James Franklin, who married Eva Hargraves and is farming in Jefferson township, this county; William J., who married Sarah Johnson and also is farming in Jefferson township; Wilbur C., who married Bertha Seslar and is farming in the neighboring county of Fayette; Zola, deceased, and Laban, who died in infancy. They have sixty-six acres.

HARVEY HUMSTON.

Harvey Humston, proprietor of a farm in Caesarscreek township, formerly and for years engaged in the livery business, but for some years past living retired at Xenia, was born in the neighboring county of Clinton on November 19, 1841, son of Strother and Ann E. (Ford) Humston, natives of the Old Dominion, who later became residents of Greene county, where their last days were spent.

Strother Humston was born in Frederick county, Virginia, as was his wife, of old Colonial stock. They were married in that county and continued to make their home there for some years afterward. Then they came to Ohio, driving through with two small children, and located at Andersons Forks, in Clinton county, later coming to Greene county and settling in Caesarscreek township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Strother Humston was a produce dealer and continued that business in this county for thirty years, or until his retirement, his produce wagon long having been a familiar visitor at the farm houses on the "route" he early established and so long maintained. He was a Democrat and he and his wife were members of the Baptist church and are buried in the Baptist church cemetery (Petersons), in the neighborhood of their old home in Caesarscreek township. They were the parents of ten children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being Wilford, a farmer, who went to Washington county, Iowa, where he became sheriff of that county, but later returned to Greene county, where his last days were spent; Mary, who married Samuel Jones and who, as well as her husband, is now dead; Harvey, the subject of this biographical sketch; Ann, who married Joseph B. Cummings and who, as well as her husband, is now dead; John, a veteran of the Civil War, who served in the One Hundred and Tenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and who is now living at the Soldiers Home at Sandusky; Levi, a Greene county farmer, who died in 1915; Amanda, who married Frank Weaver and is now dead, her husband living at Bellbrook, and Ella, who died at the age of eleven years.

Having been but a child when his parents moved up from Clinton county, Harvey Humston was reared on the home farm in Caesarscreek

township and there made his home until his marriage when twenty-five years of age, after which he began farming on his own account. Upon his father's retirement from the produce business he took up the "route" his father had established and covered the same for six or seven years, meantime engaging in the livery business and was engaged in the latter business for fourteen years, after which he gave his undivided attention to his farm. Mr. Humston has one hundred and eleven acres in Caesarscreek township and on that place made his home for thirty-six years, at the end of which time he rented his farm and moved to Xenia, where he has since lived retired.

In March, 1866, Harvey Humston was united in marriage to Ellen Powers, who was born in Caesarscreek township, this county, a daughter of Alfred and Susan (Burrell) Powers, both of whom also were born in that township. Alfred Powers was a farmer and for twenty-one years served as justice of the peace in and for his home township. He and his wife spent their last days on their home place in Caesarscreek township. They were the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Humston was the fourth in order of birth, the others being the following: Allan, who was a farmer and whose last days were spent in Tennessee; Mary, now deceased, who was the wife of Christian Weaver, a farmer of Caesarscreek township; Aniel, a retired farmer, now living at Xenia; Harlan, also a farmer, now deceased, and Eli, who is a millwright, living at Dayton.

To Harvey and Ellen (Powers) Humston two children have been born, a son and a daughter, Jessie L. and Hal P., the latter of whom died at his home in Xenia, at the age of forty-four years. Jessie L. Humston married Elmer A. Thomas, formerly the proprietor of the "Beehive" store at Xenia, who is now a commercial traveler, but who continues to make his home in Xenia. The late Hal P. Humston was born on the home farm in this county on May 22, 1868, and completed his schooling in the old Xenia College and in the National Normal University at Lebanon. For eight or nine years after leaving college he was engaged in the saw-mill business in the neighborhood of his home and then opened a public training station for the training of horses. In the fall of 1901 he entered into a partnership and purchased the Paukett livery stable in Xenia, continuing engaged in that business there, first under the firm name of Humston & Grottendick, then as Humston & Burrous and finally as Humston & Humston, his father becoming a partner, and so continued until his death in 1912. On February 11, 1892, Hal P. Humston was united in marriage to Minnie Semans, of Clinton county, daughter of Jacob Semans, of that same county, formerly a resident of Greene county, and to that union was born one child, a son, Glenn Humston, born on August 9, 1893, who since completing his studies

in the Xenia high school has been employed in the office of the Hooven & Allison Company at Xenia. Hal P. Humston was an Odd Fellow, affiliated with Xenia Lodge No. 52, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and with Shawnee Encampment No. 20, of that order, and had "passed the chairs" in both of these bodies. Harvey Humston also is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has been affiliated with that order for more than forty years. Politically, he votes "independent."

ELI BURRELL.

Eli Burrell, a carpenter at Xenia, in which city he has been making his home for the past fifteen years or more, is a native son of Greene county, born on a farm in Caesarscreek township on March 3, 1858, son of Marshall and Rebecca (Powers) Burrell, both of whom also were born in this county and whose last days were spent here, residents of Caesarscreek township.

Marshall Burrell was born in Caesarscreek township on February 22, 1828, a son of John D. and Eleanor (Marshall) Burrell, the former of whom came to this county from Virginia in 1811 and settled in Caesarscreek township. John D. Burrell was a soldier of the War of 1812 and was for many years a justice of the peace in and for his home township. He was a shoemaker and in addition to his labors as a farmer followed the vocation of shoemaking "between times." He also was a carpenter and helped to erect quite a number of the old buildings put up in this county. He was a Methodist and his family were reared as Methodists. He lived to the age of eighty-one years, his death occurring on May 16, 1864. The late Marshall Burrell was reared on the home farm in Caesarscreek township, received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and became a farmer on his own account, also taking up the trade of wagon-making. He married Rebecca Powers, who also was born in this county, about the year 1835, and to that union were born five children, two of whom died in infancy, the others besides the subject of this sketch being Albert Burrell, who was born in 1846, now living on a farm on the Clifton pike, in this county, and who is married and has had ten children, eight of whom are still living, and Mary Ellen, wife of Frank P. Smith, also living on the Clifton pike, and who has four children.

Eli Burrell was reared on the home farm in Caesarscreek township and received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood. He continued farming until he was about twenty-five years of age, when he took up blacksmithing, a vocation which he followed for some time, later taking up carpentering. About fifteen years ago he moved to Xenia and has since made

his home in that city. In his political belief Mr. Burrell is an ardent Prohibitionist.

On August 16, 1883, at Cedarville, this county, Eli Burrell was united in marriage to Lizzie Irvin, daughter of Alexander and Martha (McGinnis) Irvin, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter in Ohio. To this union have been born three children, namely: Wilbur M. L. Burrell, born on October 2, 1885, who in 1914 was united in marriage to May Gayton; Lester Bernell Burrell, August 11, 1889, now living at Kalamazoo, Michigan, who married Olga Pickford and has one child, a son, Robert Burrell, and Mamie Lucile, June 26, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Burrell and their family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOSEPH A. HACKETT.

Joseph A. Hackett, proprietor of a farm just south of Clifton, was born in that neighborhood and has lived thereabout all his life. He was born on the old R. H. Harbison farm on April 19, 1876, son of James and Ellen (Cavanaugh) Hackett, natives of Ireland, who were married in Springfield, this state, and who later located on a farm in Miami township, this county, where the former died in October, 1916, and where the latter is still living. James Hackett and wife were the parents of ten children, further mention of whom, together with additional details of the history of the Hackett family in this county, is made in a biographical sketch relating to Charles H. Hackett, postmaster at Yellow Springs, the fourth son and sixth child of James Hackett, presented elsewhere in this volume.

Reared on the home farm, Joseph A. Hackett received his schooling in the Clifton schools, attending up to the second year in high school, and not long afterward began farming on his own account and has ever since been thus engaged. In addition to his general farming operations he has given considerable attention to the raising of hogs. After his marriage in 1904 Mr. Hackett and his wife began housekeeping on the old Harbison farm, the place where he was born, and later moved to the McCotton farm, where they are now living. Mr. Hackett is a Democrat.

On February 16, 1904, Joseph A. Hackett was united in marriage to Winifred Donley, further mention of whose family is made in a biographical sketch relating to her brother, Thomas A. Donley, mayor of Yellow Springs, presented elsewhere in this volume, and to this union have been born eight children, Nellie, an infant (deceased), Anna, Margaret (deceased), Catherine (deceased), Dorothy, James Edward and John J. Mr. and Mrs. Hackett are members of the Catholic church at Clifton.

JOHN S. TURNER.

For nearly forty years John S. Turner has been engaged in the mercantile business at Bellbrook and during that time has also taken part in local public affairs, for thirty years serving as township clerk and for nearly thirty-two years as village clerk, besides having for some years served as treasurer of the local school district.

Mr. Turner was born in Bellbrook on November 5, 1850, son of James and Nancy (Snodgrass) Turner, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Virginia, who established their home at Bellbrook after their marriage and there spent their last days, the latter dying on February 25, 1869. She was born in 1820 and was but a child when her parents came to Ohio and settled in Greene county. James Turner was born in 1813 and his youth was spent in Maryland, his native state. During the days of his young manhood he came to Ohio and took up his residence in Greene county. He was married in Sugarcreek township and after his marriage established his home in Bellbrook, where he became engaged in the real-estate business. He died there on October 4, 1886. He and his wife were the parents of four children, the subject of this sketch having had three sisters, Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Josephine, who married Thomas E. Stake, of Bellbrook, and spent her last days in that village, her death occurring there in 1913, and Mary M., who died in 1898.

John S. Turner was reared at Bellbrook and upon leaving school became engaged as a clerk in a local store. In the summer of 1874 he married and established his home in Bellbrook, continuing his employment as a clerk until in 1881, when he opened a grocery store there and has ever since been thus engaged. Since 1902 he has had associated with him in business his son, Harry M. Turner. In addition to his commercial activities Mr. Turner served for years as township and village clerk and as treasurer of the school district. Politically, he is a Democrat.

On June 9, 1873, in Sugarcreek township, John S. Turner was united in marriage to Martha J. Cunningham, who also was born at Bellbrook, January 24, 1853, daughter of James and Sarah (Stratton) Cunningham, the latter of whom was born in Dover, New Jersey, August 19, 1826, and was but a child when she came to Ohio with her parents, the family locating two miles south of Bellbrook in this county. James Cunningham was born at Bellbrook, September 15, 1818. He grew up to the cooper's trade and for some time carried on a cooperage business at Bellbrook, but when that business became commercially unprofitable on account of the scarcity of material in the neighborhood he moved to a farm and thereafter followed farming. He died on January 24, 1884. On April 18, 1844, James Cunning-

ham had married Sarah Stratton, who died on the home farm a half mile east of the village on December 9, 1867. To that union were born ten children, of whom Mrs. Turner was the fifth in order of birth, the others being the following: F. P., born on April 6, 1845, who became a lawyer; Mary Angeline, November 25, 1846, who became a resident of Dayton; Robert A., July 28, 1848, who died in infancy; Charles E., September 27, 1850, who became a musician in the regular army; Elizabeth, May 18, 1858, who died at the age of fourteen years; James C., December 19, 1859, who established his home in Sugarcreek township; William, September 17, 1860, who also established his home in Sugarcreek township; Nellie M., June 3, 1863, who married Victor Taylor, and Minnie L., November 22, 1865, who married William Stephenson.

To John S. and Martha J. (Cunningham) Turner have been born four children, three sons and one daughter, namely: James, who was graduated from Wittenberg College, later became employed in one of the manufacturing industries in Springfield, this state, there married Maude Butt, of that city, established his home there and has four children, John A., Robert, Frances and Nancy Jane; John, a farmer of Sugarcreek township, residing a mile and a half west of Bellbrook, who married Helen Pease, of Bellbrook, and has six children, Marjorie, Gladys, Roger, James, Richard, and Paul; Harry M., who since 1902 has been associated with his father in business at Bellbrook and who married Ethel Barnett, of Spring Valley, and has three children, Harry, Wade and John; and Grace, who married Dr. W. S. Ritenour, of Xenia, and has one child, a son, Scott Turner.

ED. S. FOUST.

Ed S. Foust, proprietor of "Miami Valley Farms" in Xenia township, this county, is the breeder and owner of "Orion Cherry King, Jr.," 58113, which at the National Swine Show at Omaha in October, 1916, was crowned the world's champion Duroc boar and which is still conceded to be the greatest Duroc living. Long previous to that date, at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis in 1904, Mr. Foust's Duroc boar, "Tip-Top Notcher," had also been proclaimed the grand champion and at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco in 1915 his "Tax-Payer XIII" also had carried off grand-championship honors, while at state fairs throughout the country Mr. Foust has for years been one of the leading exhibitors and winners of first prizes and championships, his "Miami Valley" herd of Duroc Jersey swine thus having for years been famous throughout the country. As a breeder of pure-bred Cheviot sheep Mr. Foust also has gained a wide reputation, not only in this country, but in



ED S. FOUST



Canada, South America and Europe and the shipments of stock animals from "Miami Valley Farms" form a no inconsiderable portion of the annual shipments out of Xenia. Mr. Foust also has given considerable attention to the raising of pure-bred Barred Plymouth Rock chickens, in which latter department of the activities of "Miami Valley Farms" he has been ably assisted by his wife, who is an ardent poultry fancier.

It was in 1890 that Mr. Foust began systematically the breeding of Duroc Jerseys, starting his now famous herd with three pigs he had bought in Illinois, and he was the first farmer in Greene county to introduce this strain of swine here. He found conditions particularly favorable to the development of the enterprise and it was not long before his Durocs began to attract general attention hereabout. As his herd increased and as the demand for his products grew he gradually extended his operations, giving particular attention to the breeding of stock animals, until he came to be one of the most successful swine breeders in the country. In 1902 he formed a partnership with R. C. Watt and the business was carried on under the firm name of Watt & Foust from that time until the fall of 1915, when the partnership was dissolved and since that time Mr. Foust has been carrying on his operations alone. Though he carries on a general farming business at "Miami Valley Farms," the old William Bickett homestead, where he has lived all his life, he makes his chief business the breeding of fine swine. His world's champion Duroc boar, "Orion Cherry King, Jr.," carries a weight of one thousand and thirty pounds. Mr. Foust has at "Miami Valley Farms" a fine supply of water and the convenient waterworks system he has created there is operated through a series of more than three thousand feet of pipes. In 1903 Mr. Foust erected a modern eleven-room house on his place.

Ed. S. Foust was born on the farm on which he is now living, and where he has lived all his life, January 7, 1868, son of Solomon and Mary Jane (Bickett) Foust, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in this county, she also having been born on the place where her son now lives and known as "Miami Valley Farms." Solomon Foust had come to Greene county from Pennsylvania in the days of his young manhood and became a farmer and stockman, making his home in Xenia. He was twice married and by his first wife, who was a Stewart, was the father of one child, Harriet, who married George Graham and died in 1904, leaving two children, George and Reese. Following the death of his first wife, Solomon Foust married Mary Jane Bickett, daughter of William R. and Isabella (Alexander) Bickett and a member of one of the old families of Xenia township, and by that union was the father of one child, a son, the subject of this sketch. Solomon Foust was a Republican and a member

of the United Presbyterian church. He died in 1868, at the age of fifty-seven years, and his widow survived him for many years, after his death making her home on the old Bickett place, where she was born and where her son now lives, her death occurring there in 1904, she then being seventy-nine years of age. She was the third in order of birth of the six children born to her parents, the others having been Adam R., Matthew A., Elizabeth Isabella, Lydia Ann and Harvey A. William R. Bickett, father of these children, was born in the Coaquilla Valley, in Pennsylvania, about the year 1796, a son of Adam and Elizabeth (Reed) Bickett, natives of Ireland, who were married there and all of whose children save the two younger were born there, these latter, of whom William R. was the last-born, having been born after they came to the United States and settled in Pennsylvania, where Adam Bickett died. Not long after the death of Adam Bickett, his widow and her children came to Ohio, driving through with a six-horse team, in 1818, and passed their first winter here with the household of Robert Hamill, Mrs. Bickett's brother-in-law, who had come to Ohio during the previous year as a school teacher. In the spring of 1819 the Bicketts bought a tract of one hundred and fifty acres in the neighborhood of Xenia and there established their home. After his marriage in 1827 to Isabella Alexander, William R. Bickett established his home on that same place and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1865. His widow survived him for many years, her death occurring in April, 1885, she then being eighty-three years of age. They were members of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia and their family have continued active factors in that congregation.

Reared on the old Bickett farm, his father having died when he was but an infant in arms, Ed. S. Foust received his schooling in the common schools and early became a practical farmer and stockman. To his original holdings at "Miami Valley Farms" he has added until now he is the owner of three hundred acres. Mr. Foust is vice-president and a member of the board of directors of the Commercial Bank of Xenia, is connected with the Huston-Bickett Hardware Company at that place and is otherwise interested in the general business affairs of the city. He is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia. Mrs. Foust was a teacher in the schools of Greene county for some years before her marriage to Mr. Foust on December 28, 1905. She was born, Aletha Ray, in Xenia township, a daughter of Joseph and Emily (Whiteman) Ray, the latter of whom also was born in Xenia township, a member of one of Greene county's best-known families. Joseph Ray was a native of England, who came to this country in 1851 and after a some-time residence in Boston and at other points in the East came to Ohio and

located in Greene county, taking up farming in Xenia township, where he spent the rest of his life, having established his home on a farm there after his marriage to Emily Whiteman. He died in 1901 and his widow still survives him, continuing to reside on the home farm in Xenia township. They were the parents of eight children, of whom Mrs. Foust was the fifth in order of birth, the others being John, Carrie, Levi, Anna, Elizabeth, Robert and Emily.

THOMAS GHEEN.

Thomas Gheen, proprietor of a farm situated about three miles east of the village of Fairfield, in Bath township, was born in that township on April 9, 1865, son of Nathan R. and Harriet (Dipple) Gheen, the latter of whom was born in Germany about 1838, and who spent their last days in this county.

Nathan R. Gheen was born on a farm in the northern suburbs of Dayton, in the neighboring county of Montgomery, in 1828, son of Nathan and Sarah (Bowers) Gheen, Pennsylvanians, who had come to Ohio and settled on a tract of land which the elder Nathan Gheen had bought just north of the then village of Dayton. There these pioneers reared a large family and later moved to a place not far north of Osborn. They spent their last days near Fairfield. Nathan R. Gheen grew up in the Dayton neighborhood and remained there until after his marriage when, in 1862, he came over into Greene county and established his home on a farm in the vicinity of Fairfield, in Bath township, where he became engaged in farming and where he died in 1885. His wife had preceded him to the grave fifteen years, her death having occurred in 1870. Of the four children born to them but two lived to maturity, the subject of this sketch having had a sister, Mina May, born on October 19, 1863, who married Lewis Maxton, of Dayton, and died in that city in June, 1915.

Thomas Gheen was reared on the home farm in the vicinity of Fairfield and received his schooling in the schools of that village. He married in 1887 and continued farming the home place until 1896, when he left the farm and moved into Fairfield, where he remained until 1910, in which year he bought the farm on which he is now living, about three miles east of Fairfield, and has since made his home there. Mr. Gheen has a farm of one hundred acres. He is a Republican, present member of the township central committee of that party, and during his residence in Fairfield served for four years as a member of the village council and for eight years as a member of the school board.

On February 3, 1887, Thomas Gheen was united in marriage to Ida

Camzie Dell Parsons, who also was born in this county, daughter of David and Anna (Routzong) Parsons, both of whom also were born in this county, and the latter of whom is still living, now a resident of Osborn. David Parsons was a farmer in this county and died in 1882. He and his wife were the parents of three children, Mrs. Gheen, the second in order of birth, having a sister, Minnie May, who married Elmer Kline and is now living at Osborn, and a brother, William Henry Parsons, who married Mary A. Gheen and is living at Fairfield. To Mr. and Mrs. Gheen four children have been born, namely: William Nathan Gheen, born on February 15, 1888, now living at Dayton, where he is connected with the Dayton Computing Scale Works, and who married Daisy Turner and has two children, Earl William and Anna May; Grace Anna, born on July 26, 1889, who is at home with her parents; a son who died in infancy, and Hazel Isabel, born in 1893, who also died in infancy.

WILLIAM HENRY BULL.

William Henry Bull, now living retired from the active labors of the farm on his place in the Oldtown neighborhood in Xenia township, has resided on that place ever since his marriage in 1877. Both he and his wife were born in that same township and have lived there all their lives, members, respectively, of two of the oldest families in Greene county, the Bulls and the Stevensons having settled here upon coming up from Kentucky in the days when this region was a "howling wilderness," as is set out elsewhere in this volume. Both families have a wide connection hereabout.

William Henry Bull was born on October 5, 1845, son of James Richard and Amelia (Moudy) Bull, the former of whom was born on the same farm, the old Bull homestead in Xenia township, and the latter in the state of Maryland, who spent their last days on that farm. James Richard Bull was a son of Richard and Rachel (Hunter) Bull, the former of whom was born in Kentucky and was but a child when his parents, William Bull and wife, Virginians, who had settled in Kentucky after their marriage, came up into the then Territory of Ohio in 1797 and located in this valley, settling on a tract of one thousand acres which William Bull had bought on what later came to be known as the Clarks Run road. That was five or six years before the organization of Greene county and an equal period before there was any thought of such a place as Xenia and the land was just about as destitute of white settlement as any time during the Indian occupancy. William Bull spent the rest of his life on that place and was laid away in the Stevenson graveyard, he being about seventy years of age at the time of his death. Richard Bull grew up on that pioneer farm and married Rachel

Hunter, who was born in what later came to be organized as the neighboring county of Clark. He added to his land holdings until he became the owner of more than two hundred acres in Xenia township, and there he and his wife spent their last days, he having been seventy-two years of age at the time of his death. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, James Richard, George, Bentley, William, Julia, Sarah and Maria.

James Richard Bull grew up on the old Bull homestead and received his schooling in a little log school house on Charles run, which was conducted as a subscription school and which had been built on the Bull farm, land having been donated to the community for that purpose. After his marriage he settled down on the home place and there spent the rest of his life, his death occurring at the age of seventy-two years. His widow survived him for some years, she being eighty years of age at the time of her death, her last days being spent in the home of her youngest son Richard, who is still living on the old home place. She was born, Amelia Moudy, in Maryland and was nine years of age when her parents, Peter and Nancy (McClain) Moudy, also natives of that state, came to Ohio with their family and settled in Beavercreek township, this county. A year after coming here Peter Moudy moved to Cedarville and in 1837 erected a grist-mill, which long was known as the Moudy mill, though he died not long after getting it in operation. His widow survived him for four years, her death occurring in 1860. They were the parents of four daughters, Mrs. Bull having had three sisters, Lucretia, Matilda and Sophia. James R. Bull and his wife were members of the Oldtown Methodist church and their children were reared in the Methodist faith. There were five of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being Lewis M., of Xenia, who for twenty years was engaged in the grocery business in that city, but later became a traveling man; James Ambrose, who became a school teacher and who died at the age of twenty-six years; Anna Sophia, who died at the age of six months, and Richard E., who is still living on the old home place in Xenia township, which has been in the possession of the family for more than a century and a quarter.

William H. Bull grew up on the home farm, received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and remained at home until his marriage in the spring of 1877, shortly afterward purchasing his present farm of one hundred and thirteen acres on the Clifton pike, a part of the old Stevenson estate, in the vicinity of his old home in the Oldtown neighborhood in Xenia township, and has ever since resided there. Mr. Bull is a Republican, but has not been an aspirant for public office. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church at Xenia.

On March 28, 1877, William H. Bull was united in marriage to Anna

L. Stevenson, who was born in that same township, daughter of Samuel N. and Sarah O. (Keenan) Stevenson, and to this union three children were born, the first of whom died unnamed in 1889 and the last-born of whom, W. Leroy, died at the age of seventeen months, thus leaving but one survivor, a daughter, Anna Mae, who completed her schooling in the Xenia high school, married Walter Watkins, of Xenia township, and has three children, Dena L., Martha V. and Dorris M. As noted in the opening paragraph of this review, Mrs. Bull is a member of one of the oldest families in Greene county, the Stevensons having been located here since 1797, in which year Samuel Stevenson came up here into this beautiful valley from Kentucky with his family and established his home in the then wilderness. His son, James Stevenson, who was born on April 21, 1772, married Ann Galloway, who was born on December 4, 1786, and who was a sister of Squire George Galloway, who came with his family from Kentucky about the same time and located along the Little Miami, about five miles north of where Xenia later came to be located. Not long after settling there Squire Galloway erected a house to take the place of his first humble log cabin, just north of the river bridge on the Yellow Springs pike, which house is still standing, being carefully preserved by the Miami Power Company, which now owns the site, and upon it there is a tablet bearing the inscription: "Erected in 1801." James Stevenson became the owner of a tract of six hundred acres of land, including the present site of Wilberforce University. He died on March 31, 1864, and his widow survived him for more than ten years, her death occurring on March 26, 1875. They were the parents of the following children: James Gay, William Dunlap, Rebecca Ann, Samuel N., Mary Elizabeth, Catherine, Martha M. and James Gay.

Samuel N. Stevenson was born on April 4, 1816, and all his life was spent on the old Stevenson homestead, two hundred acres of which he came to own. On March 4, 1846, he married Sarah Olive Keenan, who was born at Perry, in Somerset county, this state, July 30, 1821, and to this union were born eight children, of whom Mrs. Bull was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Mary Elizabeth, who married Philander Mayne and is living at Mt. Carmel, Illinois; Rachel S., who married N. B. Smaltz and died at her home in Warrensboro, Missouri, February 3, 1905; Ellen L., who married Wallace Freeman, of Mt. Carmel, Illinois, and died in 1914; James William, who lives at Yellow Springs, this county; Aletha J., wife of Robert Bird, of Cedarville; Sarah Louise, who died at the age of twelve years on December 1, 1877, and Susanna, who died in infancy. All of the living children of Samuel N. Stevenson and wife were home upon the occasion of the celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of their parents on March 4, 1896. Samuel N. Stevenson died five years later, March 23,

1901, and his widow survived him for nearly five years, her death occurring on January 24, 1906. They were members of the Oldtown Methodist church and for more than a half century Mr. Stevenson was class leader in his home church.

GEORGE F. BRICKEL.

George F. Brickel, proprietor of the Ross township farm on which he lives, on rural mail route No. 4 out of Jamestown, was born in this county and has been a resident of the farm on which he is now living since his marriage in 1880. He was born on a farm in Silvercreek township on May 21, 1855, son of Jacob and Mary (Phillips) Brickel, whose last days were spent in the village of Jamestown, to which place they had retired upon leaving the farm, the latter dying there in 1884 and the former in 1887.

Jacob Brickel was born in Pennsylvania on February 25, 1815, and there remained until he was nineteen years of age, when he came over into Ohio and located in Wood county, where three years later he married Mary Phillips and where he remained until 1845, when he moved with his family to Greene county and settled on a farm in Ross township. Eight years later he moved to Silvercreek township and in 1857 moved from that township to New Jasper township, where he continued farming until his retirement and removal in 1882 to Jamestown, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Of the ten children born to them all grew to maturity save Harvey, who died in infancy, and their first-born, a son, who also died in infancy, the others, besides the subject of this sketch being Daniel, Margaret, Amanda, Louisa, John, Catherine, Emma and Frank.

George F. Brickel was reared on the farm and has followed farming all his life. He received his schooling in the district schools and after leaving school continued making his home on the home place until his marriage in 1880, when he established his home on the place on which he is still living in Ross township and has thus been the occupant of that farm for nearly forty years. Mr. Brickel is now the owner of four farms, comprising four hundred and seventeen acres of land. He has served as a member of the school board, as president of the Oak Grove School Association, as a member of the local election boards and in other capacities. Politically, he is inclined to independence of party ties and his years of labor in behalf of temperance and the abolition of the liquor traffic incline him to the cause of Prohibition.

Mr. Bickel has been twice married. On November 26, 1880, he was united in marriage to Mary A. Smith, who also was born in this county, and to that union were born three children, namely: Mary Dorcas, who married

Harry Townsley, of the Cedarville neighborhood, and has two children, Mary and Alfred; Florance Grover, who is assisting in the management of the home farm and who married Ora Dill and has two children, Marion and Charles; and Herman, who married Bernice Briggs and is operating one of his father's farms adjoining the home place. The mother of these children died on January 19, 1893, and on December 9, 1897, Mr. Brickel married Margaret J. Ferguson, of Sabina, in the neighboring county of Clinton, a daughter of Kaleb Ferguson, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Paul F., born on September 20, 1900, who died on April 6, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Brickel are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Jamestown and Mr. Brickel has been a member of the official board of the same for years.

CHARLES S. DEAN.

Elsewhere in this volume there is set out at considerable length something of the history of the Dean family in this county, one of the oldest and most numerously represented families in this part of Ohio, and it is hardly necessary in this connection to repeat those details, further than to say that the Deans had their beginning here in the year 1812 with the coming up from Kentucky of the pioneer Daniel Dean, a native of Ireland, son of Roger and Mary Dean, who had come to this country in the days of his young manhood and after some years of "looking about" in the East had settled in the Mt. Sterling neighborhood in Kentucky, had there married Janet Steele and there lived until, with growing repugnance to the system of human slavery that had fastened itself upon Kentucky, he disposed of his interests there and came with his family up into this section of Ohio and established his home on a tract of land he had bought in what later came to be organized as New Jasper township, spending the rest of his life there, the place on which he settled now being owned by his great-grandson, Charles S. Dean, the subject of this biographical sketch, and occupied by the latter's son, Herbert S. Dean, whose children are of the sixth generation of Deans who have lived on that place.

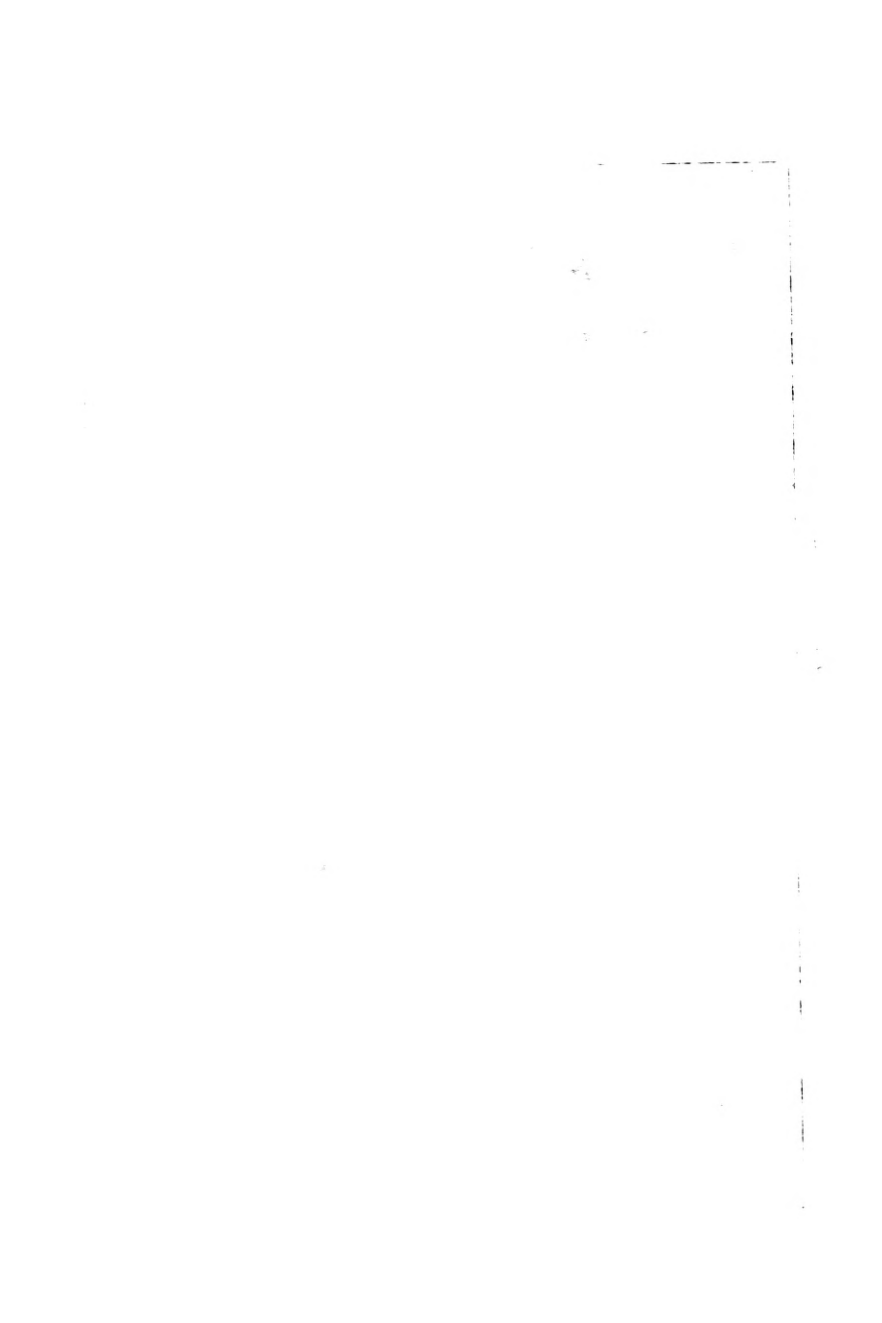
Robert Dean, the eldest of Daniel Dean's five sons and the grandfather of Charles S. Dean, was born in 1793 and was about nineteen years of age when he came with his parents to Greene county from Kentucky in 1812. Not long afterward he enlisted his services in behalf of America's second struggle for independence and served as a soldier of the War of 1812, under Capt. Robert McClellan, on a tour of duty to Ft. Wayne. He inherited a portion of his father's land in New Jasper township and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on May 8, 1856. Robert



HERBERT S. DEAN.
MRS. DEBORAH L. DEAN. HANNAH HACKNEY SPENCER
MARION RUSSELL DEAN.
FOUR GENERATIONS OF DEANS.



MRS. AND MRS. CHARLES S. DEAN.



Dean was twice married. By his first wife, who was a Campbell, he was the father of thirteen children, those besides William Campbell Dean, father of the subject of this sketch, having been Daniel A., Samuel D., James Henry, Joseph A., Mrs. Jennie Hopping, Mrs. Janet Cooley, Mrs. Elizabeth Hardie, John, Addison, Robert Harvey, Andrew H. and Mary, two of whom, Robert H. and Andrew H., are still living. After the death of the mother of these children Robert Dean married Margaret Orr and to that union were born five children, Albert, Eli, Calvin, Cyrus and Martha.

William Campbell Dean was born on the old Dean farm in New Jasper township on July 4, 1822, and there grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools. As a young man he went South and was for eighteen months employed as a guard in the Tennessee state penitentiary at Nashville. Upon his return home he married and became engaged, in association with his brother Daniel, in the grocery business at Xenia, the store of the Dean brothers being conducted on the corner now occupied by the Steele building, at the northwest corner of Main and Detroit streets. Four years later he sold his interest in that store to his brother and moved to Clinton county, where he was engaged in farming for three years, at the end of which time he returned to this county and bought the interests of the other heirs in the old home place and there spent the remainder of his life. Reared in the old Associate Reform church, William C. Dean became a member of the United Presbyterian church following the "union" of 1858. Originally a Whig, he became a Republican upon the formation of the latter party and served for some time as township trustee. He died in September, 1888, and his widow survived him for more than eight years, her death occurring in February, 1897. Susan Janney was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, in 1820, daughter of Stephen and Letitia (Taylor) Janney, Quakers, both of whom also were born in Virginia and who came to Ohio in 1832 and settled on a farm in the Springboro neighborhood in the neighboring county of Warren. To William C. and Susan (Janney) Dean were born five children, namely: Letitia, unmarried, who is still living on the old home place; Anna, now living at Indianapolis and who has been twice married, her first husband having been William Hazelrig and her second, William Baldock; William A., now living retired at Columbus, Indiana, and a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume; Charles S., the subject of this biographical sketch, and Susan, who married Edgar Ballard and is still living on the old Dean home place.

Charles S. Dean was born on the old Dean home place in New Jasper township on December 9, 1859, and there grew to manhood. He completed his schooling at Antioch College at Yellow Springs and after his marriage

in 1883 began farming the place on which his great-grandfather, Daniel Dean, had settled in 1812 and which had come into the possession of his father. He later bought the place of one hundred and fifty-six acres, and still owns the same. He made improvements on the farm and continued to make that place his home until 1910, when he turned the operation of the farm over to his son, Herbert S. Dean, who with his family now lives there, and moved to his wife's old home place, the old Spencer homestead place on the Jasper pike on the outskirts of Xenia, where he has since resided. By political persuasion Mr. Dean is a Republican.

Mr. Dean has been twice married. In 1883 he was united in marriage to Ida Smith, daughter of the Rev. William Smith, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. She died on September 5, 1886, without issue, and on September 18, 1889, Mr. Dean married Deborah L. Spencer, who was born in the neighboring county of Clinton, daughter of John B. and Hannah (Hackney) Spencer, the latter of whom was born in Wayne township in that same county, the Hackneys having settled there upon coming to this state from Virginia. Mrs. Hannah Spencer's mother was a Morgan, of the Winchester (Virginia) Morgans of Revolutionary fame. John B. Spencer was born in Greene county, a son of the Rev. George E. and Mary Ann (Faulkner) Spencer, and was here prepared for college, entering Delaware College when he was seventeen years of age. Before he had reached his eighteenth year the call for hundred-day volunteers for service during the closing period of the Civil War was made and he left college and went to the front as a member of Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with that command participated in one battle and in several skirmishes with the enemy. He later became engaged in the mercantile business at Lumberton and in 1879 moved from that place to Xenia and there became proprietor of the old Commercial Hotel, which then occupied the site of the present office of the *Daily Gazette* on Detroit street. Three years later he bought the farm at the edge of town, on the Jasper pike, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Dean, and there spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on March 7, 1907. His widow died on March 30, 1918. John B. Spencer was a Republican and he and his wife were members of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church at Xenia. He was for some years a member of the board of trustees of Xenia township and for years was commissioner of the insolvency court. Fraternally, he was a Mason. He and his wife were the parents of three children, Mrs. Dean having two brothers, George E. Spencer, of Xenia township, and Harry E. Spencer, of Xenia. Mrs. Dean has for years taken an interested part in the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and of the Woman's Relief Corps and has served as secretary and

as superintendent of various departments of the work of those two organizations. Mr. and Mrs. Dean are members of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church at Xenia. They have one child, a son, Herbert S. Dean, born on June 27, 1890, who is now operating his father's old home farm in New Jasper township and who married Edith Miller and has two children, Russell and Lorena, who, as noted above, are representatives of the sixth generation of Deans who have lived on that farm.

THOMAS S. HARPER.

Among those citizens of a past generation who did much to add to the general stability of the Jamestown neighborhood few were better known thereabout than was Thomas S. Harper, who died at his home in that village in the spring of 1896 and whose daughter, Miss Ezza May Harper, has for more than thirty-six years been a teacher in the Jamestown schools.

Thomas S. Harper was a Virginian, born in Rockbridge county, in the Old Dominion, June 2, 1819, and was eighteen years of age when he came to Ohio and settled in Greene county, where he spent the remainder of his life. His mother, Mrs. Agnes Harper, died in Virginia in 1846 and Hugh Harper, his father, in 1864, in Greene county. Hugh Harper and wife were the parents of ten children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the seventh in order of birth, the others having been James, born in 1809; Robert, 1810; Ellen, 1811; Elizabeth, 1813; Parker, 1814; Andrew, 1817; Mary, 1821; Julia, 1823, and Sophia, 1826.

Having completed his schooling in the schools of his native state before coming to Greene county in 1837, Thomas S. Harper devoted himself after his arrival here to farming and after his marriage in 1844 began farming on his own account on a farm in Silvercreek township. He presently moved from there to a farm west of Xenia, where he remained until 1879, in which year he moved with his family to Jamestown, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there on March 4, 1896. His wife had preceded him to the grave a little less than five years, her death having occurred on December 10, 1891. Thomas S. Harper was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was his wife, and for years was class leader in the local church at Jamestown. By political persuasion he was a Republican.

On January 11, 1844, Thomas S. Harper was united in marriage to Mary Ginn, a member of one of Greene county's old families, who was the seventh in order of birth of the eight children born to her parents, the others having been Margaret, Sallie, William, John H., James, Martha and Thomas. To Mr. and Mrs. Harper were born seven children, namely: Rachel Agnes, deceased; Bingadella, deceased; Martha Ellen, wife of James Barnett, living

west of Xenia; Ezza May, referred to above as having been for years a teacher in the public schools of Jamestown; Samuel W., deceased; John William, of Yellow Springs, and Sarah, of Jamestown. Miss Ezza May Harper began her teaching career at Jamestown in the fall of 1882, as an instructor in the intermediate department of the public schools. Two years later she took up the work in the primary department and has ever since been thus engaged. During the long period in which Miss Harper has been teaching the primary pupils of the Jamestown schools hundreds of youngsters have come under her gentle ministrations and her helpful influence on the plastic minds of the youth of that village has endeared her to the whole community.

HENRY DARST.

The late Henry Darst, who died at his farm home in Beavercreek township in 1914, was born at Dayton in the neighboring county of Montgomery on November 16, 1830, and was but eighteen months of age when his father, Jacob Darst, came over into Greene county with his family and settled in Beavercreek township, where he established his home and where he eventually became the owner of several hundred acres of land. Jacob Darst was twice married and by his first marriage was the father of eight children, Polly, Sallie, Susan, Betsy, John, Jacob and two who died in infancy. His second wife was Mrs. Ruhamah Licklighter and by that union he was the father of four children, Rollo, Abraham, Martha and Henry. The latter, as noted above, was but an infant when he was brought to this county and here he spent the remainder of his life, the proprietor of the farm now owned and occupied by his daughter Mary and the latter's husband, James E. Andrew. Henry Darst married Margaret Glotfelter, who was born on September 23, 1835, and who died on May 11, 1910. He survived his wife four years and was eighty-four years of age at the time of his death in 1914. He and his wife were the parents of five children, namely: Edward W., deceased; William H., who is now living at Omar Park, a suburb of Dayton; Martha, who died when three years of age; Mary, born in 1864, who married James E. Andrew and is still living on the home farm of one hundred and ninety-five acres in Beavercreek township, and Emma Ruhamah.

Mary Darst and James E. Andrew were married on November 12, 1891. Mr. Andrew was born in the neighboring county of Montgomery in 1863 and has been a farmer practically all his life. His father, J. W. Andrew, was born in Greene county and for a time farmed here, but later moved to Montgomery county. He was one of six children, five sons and one daughter, born to his parents, who were pioneers of Greene county. Mr. Andrew is

a member of the United Presbyterian church and Mrs. Andrew is a member of the Church of Christ at Dayton. They have five children, namely: Herbert L., who married Esta Batdorf and is now engaged as county agent of Vanwert county; Alma, wife of Lester Gerhard, of Montgomery county; Ralph H., who is assisting his father in the operation of the home farm, and Emma C. and Margaret, who are still in school.

ABRAHAM L. BIGLER.

Abraham L. Bigler, a Beavercreek township farmer and proprietor of a farm in the Alpha neighborhood, on which he has made his home since 1907, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, October 13, 1861, and has been a resident of Ohio since he was twenty years of age. His parents, Abraham and Elizabeth (Overholser) Bigler, were both also born in Pennsylvania and there spent all their lives. They were married in York county in 1860 and were the parents of three sons, the subject of this sketch, the first-born, having two brothers, William Henry Bigler, a farmer, now living in Texas, and John Andrew Bigler, who is unmarried and who is making his home with his brother Abraham.

Reared in his native county, Abraham L. Bigler there received his schooling and early took up practical farming, beginning to make his own way when he was twelve years of age. In 1881 he came to Ohio and took employment on the Albert Ankeney farm in Beavercreek township, this county, remaining there for six years, in the meantime, on December 23, 1886, being united in marriage to Elizabeth Wingerter, daughter of Theodore Wingerter, of this county. After leaving the Ankeney farm Mr. Bigler began farming on his own account on the Harbine farm and continued making his home in this county, renting various farms, until 1901, when he went over into Montgomery county, where he was for six years engaged in farming. In 1905 he bought the farm of twenty acres on which he is now living, in Beavercreek township and two years later moved onto the same and has ever since made his home there. Mr. Bigler is a Republican, is the present party committeeman from his precinct and has served for two terms as road supervisor in his district. He is a member of the local Grange and he and his family are members of the Reformed church. Mr. and Mrs. Bigler have six children, namely: Carl Edgar, a Beavercreek township farmer, who married Naomi Shellebarger and has one child, Glenna; Mary Catherine, who married Grover Wolf and has two children, Clifford Alton and Carrie Elizabeth; Martha Elizabeth, who married Arthur Wead and has a son, Franklin; John Theodore, a farmer, unmarried; William Albert, also an unmarried farmer, and Mabel Clara.

DAVID E. SPAHR, M. D.

Dr. David E. Spahr, of Xenia, editor in charge of the health department of *Farm and Fireside*, a journal published in the neighboring city of Springfield, is one of Greene county's native sons, born on what is known as the Stewart farm on the Stringtown road in New Jasper township, April 16, 1862, son of the Rev. Gideon and Elizabeth (Kyle) Spahr, both members of pioneer families in Greene county and the latter of whom also was born here, a member of the Kyle family that came up here from Kentucky in the early days of the settlement of Greene county.

The Rev. Gideon Spahr, affectionately remembered hereabout as "Uncle Gid" Spahr, was a native of the Old Dominion, born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, in 1812, a son of Edward and Elizabeth (Bishop) Spahr, and was five years of age when he came with his parents and the other members of their family from Virginia to Ohio, the family settling in the woods wilderness east of Xenia in 1817. Edward Spahr there bought a farm of about one hundred acres and established his home. He and his wife were members of the Methodist church and their children were reared in that faith. There were twelve of these children and the Spahr connection thus became a numerous one hereabout in succeeding generations. Gideon Spahr grew to manhood on that pioneer farm and married Elizabeth Kyle, who was born in this county, daughter of John Kyle and wife, both of whom died in middle age. John Kyle was the father of four children, those besides Mrs. Spahr having been Seth and John, who went to Missouri, and Mrs. Pollock. Gideon Spahr became a "local" preacher for the Methodists and during his many years of service in that capacity probably preached more funeral sermons than any other minister that ever served in this part of the state. "Uncle Gid" was a plain, blunt man and a friend of the whole countryside. For years he resided in this county, living on various rented farms in New Jasper township and in the eastern part of the county, and then bought a home at Lumberton, in the neighboring county of Clinton, where he spent his last days, his death occurring there in 1896. His widow survived him for nine years, her death occurring in 1905. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom Doctor Spahr was the tenth in order of birth, the others being John, who died in infancy; Madison, who went to the front as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, a member of the Nineteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and who died at Bowling Greene, Kentucky, while thus engaged in service; the late Rev. Albert N. Spahr, who was a presiding elder of the Methodist Episcopal church and had filled many important charges throughout Ohio; Cornelia, who married Silas Smith and who lived for many years at VanWert, but whose last days were spent at

Hicksville, this state; Robert, a veteran of the Civil War, having served as a member of the Fortieth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and who is now living at Xenia; Sally, unmarried, who is also living at Xenia; the Rev. Samuel K. Sparh, a minister of the Methodist Protestant church, who now has a charge in the city of Pittsburgh; Julia, now deceased, who was the wife of I. T. Cummins, of Xenia; twins, who died in infancy; and James Clinton, now living at Skidmore, Missouri, where he is engaged in the coal and grain business.

David E. Spahr was reared to the life of the farm and his early schooling was received in the district schools of New Jasper township. When eighteen years of age he went to Van Wert, where he entered the high school and then for two years worked at the printing trade there. He married in that city in December, 1873, and for two years thereafter was engaged working in a factory there, afterward taking up farming, in which he was engaged for a year. In the meantime he had been giving attention to the study of medicine and after a course of reading under the preceptorship of Doctor Stewart, of Cedarville, matriculated at Dr. C. M. Seaman's Medical College at Ft. Wayne, and was graduated from that institution in 1879. Thus qualified for the practice of his profession, Doctor Spahr opened an office at Gilbert Mills, in Paulding county, this state, and remained there until 1881, in which year he returned to his old home neighborhood in this county and opened an office at New Jasper, where he was engaged in practice for eight years, at the end of which time he moved to Clifton, where he continued in practice for twenty-one years, or until his removal in 1910 to Xenia, where he has since been located. Doctor Spahr is a member of the Greene County Medical Society, of the Ohio State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association. For some time he has been health officer for Xenia township. In 1893 he took a post-graduate course in New York City and in 1910, a similar course in Chicago. During the many years of his practice Doctor Spahr has been a contributor to medical journals and in 1915 there came to him wholly unsolicitedly a proffer from the editors of *Farm and Fireside*, at Springfield, this state, to take editorial charge of the health department of that journal and he since has devoted much of his time to the duties of that position, his department being conducted with a view to securing the widest possible variety of inquiry along medical and public-health lines. The Doctor also has contributed stories and sketches of a miscellaneous character to other magazines and newspapers. He for some years has been spending his winters in Florida. Politically, the Doctor is a Republican. He has from the days of his boyhood taken a warm interest in local geological and archaeological research and it is believed that there is no one now living in Greene county who is better informed along those

lines than he. During his long residence at Clifton the Doctor unearthed many valuable specimens both of a geological and archeological character, particularly of the latter, and thus collected a wide variety of relics of the Indian and Mound Builder occupancy of this region. Most of these specimens he has in recent years distributed to museums and libraries, the state museum at Columbus and the public library at Xenia being special beneficiaries of his thoughtfulness, though he still has at his office in Xenia some very valuable specimens. The Doctor is affiliated with the Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He and his family are members of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church at Xenia, the Doctor being a member of the board of stewards of the congregation with which he is connected and for years a teacher in the Sunday school.

In December, 1873, at Van Wert, Ohio, Dr. David E. Spahr was united in marriage to Emma Highwood, daughter of William and Caroline Highwood, both now deceased, the former of whom was for some years a merchant at New Jasper, this county, but whose last days were spent at Anderson, Indiana, and to this union were born five children, namely: Lillian, who married Edward Bush, a machinist, now living at Springfield, this state; James H., a farmer and miner, now living at Star, Oregon; Gertrude C., deceased; Jessie, who died at the age of seven years, and Elmer G., who is now the teacher of manual training in the high school at Paulding, this state. Prof. Elmer G. Spahr attended Cedarville College and Dayton Business College after his graduation from the Clifton high school and later received two degrees from the Ohio State University. He received a life license as a high-school teacher and was for some time superintendent of schools at Ansonia, this state, before entering upon the duties of his present position at Paulding. He married Mabel Hadley, of Springboro, and has one child, a son, Hadley Gideon.

GUY M. WILLIAMS.

Guy M. Williams, grocer at Osborn, was born in the neighboring county of Clark on September 11, 1883, a son of Frank and Maria (Musser) Williams, both of whom are still living, residents of Clark county. Frank Williams also was born in Clark county and there grew to manhood. He has been a farmer all his life and for some time lived in the neighboring county of Montgomery, but is now living in Clark county. To him and his wife nine children were born, six of whom are still living, but the subject of this sketch is the only one of these who is a resident of Greene county.

Reared on the farm, Guy M. Williams received most of his schooling in Montgomery county and after leaving school became a clerk in the Stephen

store at Osborn, where he remained for five years, at the end of which time he went to Springfield and was there engaged working in a wholesale grocery store until 1912, in which year he returned to Osborn and bought the Buhman store, the same store under a different management in which he had formerly been a clerk, and has ever since been engaged in business in that village.

In December, 1914. Guy M. Williams was united in marriage to Marie Hunter, daughter of Emily Hunter. Politically, Mr. Williams is a Republican and, fraternally, is affiliated with the local lodge of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

D. WALKER WILLIAMSON.

D. Walker Williamson, a veteran of the Civil War, now living retired on his farm east of Xenia, in Xenia township, where he has resided ever since the close of the war, was born, in that township on August 26, 1839, a son of Andrew Duncan and Isabel (Collins) Williamson, both of whom were born in York county, Pennsylvania, but who were married in Greene county, where their last days were spent.

Andrew Duncan Williamson was born on January 30, 1815, a son of David and Catherine (Duncan) Williamson, who in 1836 came to Greene county and settled on a farm of three hundred acres on the Jamestown pike six miles east of Xenia, as set out elsewhere in this volume in a comprehensive history of the Williamson family in this county.

Upon coming to Greene county with his parents in 1836 Andrew D. Williamson became engaged in farming and on April 8, 1838, was married in this county to Isabel Collins, who also was born in York county, Pennsylvania, in March, 1815, a daughter of William and Lydia (Luttly) Collins, both of whom also were born in Pennsylvania, and who had come to Ohio with their family and settled on a farm in this county. After his marriage Andrew D. Williamson located on a farm five miles north of Xenia and later moved to a farm south of that city, where he spent the rest of his life, for thirty years a member of the school board in Spring Valley township and for forty years president of the board of trustees of that township. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church. Andrew D. Williamson was twice married, his first wife having died in September, 1870, after which he married Elizabeth S. Barr, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, August 8, 1828, a daughter of William Barr and wife, the latter of whom was a Dickey, who had come to this country from Ireland in 1810 and had located in Washington county, Pennsylvania, becoming members of the United Presbyterian church there. This latter union was without

issue. By his marriage to Isabel Collins, Andrew D. Williamson was the father of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being the Rev. William C. Williamson, a veteran of the Civil War and a minister of the United Presbyterian church, now located at Clarinda, Iowa; Henrietta, who married the Rev. James W. McNary, a minister of the United Presbyterian church, and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased; the Rev. L. W. Williamson, a minister of the United Presbyterian church, now located at Topeka, Kansas; Rollo D., a retired farmer of this county, now living at Xenia, and Clarkson, who died at the age of two years.

Dr. Walker Williamson grew to manhood on the home farm, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools and was living at home when the Civil War broke out. On August 12, 1862, at Xenia, he enlisted for service in behalf of the cause of the Union, going out with Company H, Ninety-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with that command until April 9, 1863; re-enlisting in May, 1864, and going to the front as first lieutenant of Company G, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until mustered out at Camp Dennison on September 1, 1864, his service having been mainly rendered with the Army of the Potomac, during which service he was mostly stationed at Greenland Gap, West Virginia, on guard duty, but participated in a number of brisk skirmishes with the enemy. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Williamson returned home and after his marriage in the fall of 1865 located on the farm on which he is now living, four miles east of Xenia, and where he has ever since made his home, a place of seventy-six acres known as "Park Point Farm." Mr. Williamson erected a brick house there in 1882 and the park-like effect he has secured by the landscape gardening he has done adds to the attractiveness of his place. There he continued engaged in general farming and stock raising until his retirement from the active labors of the farm in 1906.

On October 3, 1865, D. Walker Williamson was united in marriage to Ada McClung, of Xenia township, a daughter of John S. McClung and wife, who had come to this county from Virginia, and to that union were born two children, daughters both, Echo Belle and Grace. Mr. Williamson died on October 29, 1906. Echo Williamson married George Gordon, an attorney, now located at Atlanta, Georgia, and has five children, Grace, Louis, Helen, Janet and George G. Grace Williamson is the wife of the Rev. David R. Gordon, a missionary of India, and has had four children, but two of whom are now living, Walker and David. Mr. Williamson is a Republican and has served as a member of his local school board. He is a member of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia.

OSCAR L. SMITH.

Oscar L. Smith, cashier of the Exchange Bank of Cedarville, this county, was born near Selma, in the neighboring county of Clark, and has lived in this part of the state all his life. He was born on August 23, 1877, son of Seth W. and Hannah L. (Lewis) Smith, both of whom also were born in Ohio, the former in the vicinity of Selma and the latter at New Vienna, in Clinton county, and who are now living at Whittier, California.

Seth W. Smith was born on a farm in Green township, Clark county, near the village of Selma, January 24, 1843, son of Seth and Deborah (Wildman) Smith, earnest Quakers and pioneers of the Selma neighborhood, both of whom are buried in the Selma cemetery. Seth Smith was born in eastern Tennessee and his father's name also was Seth, born in Pennsylvania, a son of Joseph and Rachel (Bales) Smith, Quakers, the former of whom also was born in Pennsylvania, where his father and two brothers had settled upon coming to this country from England to join William Penn's colony of Friends. After his marriage Joseph Smith located in the vicinity of Bladensburg, Maryland, and there for some time was a farmer and miller, later disposing of his interests there with a view to returning to Pennsylvania.

While driving across to what he had designated as his new place of residence at the point where Brownsville, Pennsylvania, is now located, he was attacked by highwaymen, an experience which caused him to change his course. He settled on a farm in the vicinity of Winchester, Virginia, and there spent the rest of his life. Among the sons of this couple was Seth Smith, who married and moved to eastern Tennessee, where he lived for fourteen years, or until the year 1800, when he moved into Ohio Territory and settled in Ross county. Here he remained until 1811, in which year he moved into Clark county and settled on the farm in Green township mentioned above as the birthplace of Seth W. Smith. Upon settling in Clark county the pioneer Seth Smith purchased the Fitzhugh survey, a tract supposed to contain one thousand acres, but which on later survey turned out to contain eleven hundred and twenty acres. On that place he built a log house and in that primitive abode made his home until 1817, when he erected a substantial two-story brick house which stood until torn down by Seth W. Smith in 1899, and there he and his wife spent their last days. They were the parents of six children, the youngest, Seth, being the grandfather of the subject of this biographical sketch.

Seth Smith II was born in 1798 and was thus about thirteen years of age when the family settled in Clark county in 1811. There he grew to manhood and as a young man became a farmer and stockman on his own account.

He inherited from his pioneer father two hundred and sixty acres of land and to this made additions from time to time until he became the owner of no less than two thousand acres of land. He was a birthright Quaker, an active Abolitionist and an ardent worker in the cause of temperance, exerting much influence in those directions in his community. He died in 1876, being then seventy-eight years of age, and was buried in the Selma cemetery. His wife, Deborah (Wildman) Smith, died in 1857. To that union were born three sons and one daughter.

Reared on the home farm in the Selma neighborhood, Seth W. Smith, son of Seth and Deborah (Wildman) Smith, received his early schooling in the village schools and supplemented the same by a two-years course in Earlham College and a year at the Michigan State Agricultural College at Lansing. He inherited some of his father's lands and bought more until he became the owner of about five hundred acres in Clark county, and in addition to his general farming became a breeder of pure-bred livestock. In 1905 Seth W. Smith and his son Oscar bought out the Wildman interest in the Exchange Bank. He became president and his son, cashier, the latter being practical manager of the bank. In 1916 Seth W. Smith retired from active participation in the affairs of the bank and moved to Whittier, California, where he and his wife are now living.

Seth W. Smith, in 1877, at New Vienna, in Clinton county, married Hannah Lewis, who was born in that village, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Hoskins) Lewis, also Quakers. Isaac Lewis was a landowner and also operated a tannery at New Vienna. He later moved to Sabina, in that same county, and there became president of the Sabina Bank, a position he was holding at the time of his death, he then being past eighty-five years of age. Seth W. Smith and wife are both birthright members of the Friends church and their children were reared in the faith of that communion. There are three of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the eldest, the others being Lewis H., who is owner of the old home farm in the vicinity of Selma, which has been in the possession of the family for more than one hundred years, and Mary Emma, wife of Dr. Herbert Tebbetts, a physician and surgeon, of Whittier, California.

Oscar L. Smith was reared near Selma and upon completing the course in the high school there took a course at Earlham College at Richmond, Indiana. In 1898 he became bookkeeper in the Exchange Bank at Cedarville, W. J. Wildman at that time being cashier, and was thus engaged until 1905, when he and his father bought the Wildman interest in the bank, he became cashier of the bank, which position he still occupies. In July, 1914, the Exchange Bank of Cedarville secured a new charter and has since been operated as a state bank. Mr. Smith is the secretary and treasurer of the Cedarville Lime Company, one of the leading industries in the village, and

also looks after his farming interests, having a farm of more than two hundred acres, located in the Rife neighborhood along the Little Miami river. In 1912, Mr. Smith erected on West Main street a buff-colored brick house and he and his family are now residing there.

On October 1, 1903, Oscar L. Smith was united in marriage to Jean Blanche Ervin, who was born at Cedarville, daughter of David S. and Belle (Murdock) Ervin. The former formerly operated the D. S. Ervin Lime Company's plant at Cedarville, but has now retired from active business. To this union have been born two children, Isabelle, born in 1908, and Elizabeth, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the United Presbyterian church at Cedarville.

AARON D. SNIVELY.

Aaron D. Snively, a Xenia township farmer and formerly and for years a school teacher, is a native son of Ohio, born on a farm in Perry township, Starke county, July 21, 1848, son of John A. and Eliza (Bordner) Snively, whose last days were spent there.

John A. Snively was a son of Joseph and Catherine (Sherman) Snively, the latter of whom was born in Germany and was but an infant when her parents, John Sherman and wife, came to this country and settled in Starke county, this state. Joseph Snively was born on a farm in southern Pennsylvania, in the vicinity of Hagerstown, a son of Christian Snively, a native of Switzerland, who had settled in southern Pennsylvania about 1755, the first of his family to come to this country. Two of Christian Snively's sons, Henry and Joseph, came to Ohio, the former settling in Butler county and the latter in Starke county. It was in 1805 that Joseph Snively entered his land in Starke county and that pioneer tract is still in the possession of his descendants. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, of whom John A., father of the subject of this sketch, was the sixth in order of birth, the others having been the following: Anna, who married Joseph Yant; Jacob, who married Mary Ann Shrefler; Martha, who married Andrew Yoder; Elizabeth, who married John Troxler; Katie, who died unmarried; Peter, Levi and Joseph, who became residents of Starke county, and Henry, who died in youth.

Reared on the home farm in Perry township, Stark county, John A. Snively in time became a farmer on his own account, spending all his life on the old homestead farm, where he died in 1891, he then being sixty-eight years of age. His wife had predeceased him about five years, her death having occurred in 1886, she then being sixty-three years of age. John A. Snively was a Democrat and had served as a school officer. He and his wife were members of the United Brethren church and their children were reared

in that faith. There were ten of these children, namely: Henry, who became a farmer in Stark county and there spent his last days, his death occurring when he was sixty-nine years of age; Isaiah, also a resident of Stark county, who died there in 1917; Aaron D., the subject of this biographical sketch; Sarah Ann, who married Reuben Decker and is living on the old Snively home place in Starke county; Mary Ellen, who married Abraham Whitnire and is also living in Stark county; Aman, a farmer of Trumbull county; Elizabeth, wife of Melvin Essey, of Canton, this state; Catherine, wife of William Wenger of Stark county, who died in 1917; Dr. John H. Snively, who completed his studies at the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati and has for years been engaged in the practice of his profession at West Lebanon, this state, and Dr. George Snively, also a graduate of Ohio Medical College, and who is also practicing his profession at West Lebanon.

Reared on the farm on which he was born and on which his father also was born, Aaron D. Snively received his early schooling in the same little old log school house which his father had attended in his youth and at the age of twenty-one years began teaching school. In 1870, when Ohio Northern University was opened at Ada, he entered that institution and was graduated from the same in 1874, a charter member of the school and a member of the first class in the scientific course in that university. Upon leaving the university Mr. Snively resumed teaching and followed that profession for years thereafter, his service in the school room covering a period of twenty years. He taught his first school at a school house three and a half miles east of Canton, in Hardin county, where he was thus engaged for two years. He then taught for two years in his home county and then went over into Indiana and for three years thereafter served as superintendent of schools at West Lebanon in that state. He then served for a year as superintendent of schools at Williamsport, Indiana, and for two years as superintendent of schools at Fowler, same state, and in 1881 returned to Ohio and located in Greene county, buying his present place, the old Orchard farm, in the northern part of Xenia township, where he since has made his home. After coming here Mr. Snively continued his service as a teacher, two years in the schools at Goes, eighteen months at the Collins school and at the time of his retirement from the school room in 1891 had been serving as superintendent of the high school at Yellow Springs. Upon taking possession of his farm in 1881 Mr. Snively erected there a nine-room house and made other improvements, to which he has added from time to time. His original purchase was a tract of seventy-six acres, but he has added to this and now owns one hundred and eighty acres. The old farm house that still stands on the place, a brick house with black walnut finish and white ash floors, was erected by Jacob Erow in 1840 and is in an excellent state of preservation. An old smoke-house with siding and frame

work of walnut, erected about the same time, is still standing, having weathered the storms of more than seventy-five years. In addition to his general farming Mr. Snively gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock, has a herd of Jersey cattle and a good bunch of pure-bred Poland China hogs. Politically, he is a Republican and has served his community as a member of the local school board. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

On May 3, 1876, at Xenia, Aaron D. Snively was united in marriage to Mary E. Johns, of that city, daughter of Daniel S. and Maria (Drake) Johns, natives of New York state, and to this union have been born five children, namely: Lester, who died at the age of sixteen months; Littell, who is now living at Ray, Arizona; Frank, who is farming in Highland county, this state, and Mabel and Homer, who are at home with their parents. Littell Snively, the eldest son, was graduated from the department of engineering in Colorado University and became a civil engineer, for three years thus engaged in government service in the Philippines, after which he became connected with irrigation engineering works and is still thus engaged. He married Charlotte Clark, of Ft. Collins, Colorado, and since 1909 has been making his home at Ray, Arizona.

THOMAS W. TREHARNE, M. D.

Dr. Thomas W. Treharne, physician and surgeon at Zimmerman, is a native of Canada, born in the province of Ontario, December 18, 1863, a son of John C. and Lydia (Owen) Treharne, natives of Wales, who were married in Ontario and there spent their last days. They were the parents of ten children, of whom Doctor Treharne was the third in order of birth, the others being the following: Laura, deceased; Mary, deceased; Hannah, who is living in Canada; Margaret, a professional nurse, now living in New York; William, who is a Canadian farmer; Eli, deceased; one who died in infancy; David, who is a farmer in Ontario, and Franklin, a salesman, living in New York.

Thomas W. Treharne received a high-school and seminary education in his native Ontario and when twenty-six years of age entered the College of Medicine and Surgery at Detroit. He was graduated from that institution in 1892 and for a while thereafter was engaged in post-graduate practice in Detroit. In 1893, Doctor Treharne came to Greene county and opened an office for the practice of his profession at Zimmerman, where with the exception of two years (1903-05) spent at Dayton and two years (1909-10) spent in Canada, he has ever since been engaged in practice. The Doctor is a member of the Greene County Medical Society and of the Ohio State

Medical Society. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Canadian Order of Foresters, with the Knights of Pythias and with the Order of the Silver Star. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

On September 28, 1886, Thomas W. Treharne was united in marriage to Lillie Cameron, who also was born in Canada, and to this union have been born six children, three of whom are deceased, the living being Horace, who is in the service of the National Army, now (spring of 1918) stationed at Camp Sherman; Thomas, a student in the Beavercreek high school, and Louise, also in school.

CAPT. JOHN N. HANES.

Capt. John N. Hanes, a veteran of the Civil War and a retired farmer of Beavercreek township, now living at Alpha, where he and his brother Perry and their sisters, Mrs. Mary Nogle and Miss Martha Hanes, are domiciled together, was born in Beavercreek township, about a mile southwest of Alpha, February 10, 1834, a son of Jacob and Susan (Coy) Hanes, both of whom were born in that same township, the latter a daughter of Adam Coy. Jacob Hanes was born in 1810, a son of Jacob Hanes, who had come here from Maryland in 1805 and had settled on the farm above referred to, a tract of a fraction under one hundred and twenty-nine acres which is still in the possession of the family, and on which the younger Jacob Hanes spent all his life, his death occurring there in 1882. His widow survived him until 1889. Both are buried in Mt. Zion cemetery. They were the parents of seven children, of whom John N. was the first-born, the others being Catherine, deceased; Albert, who is now living in the Soldiers' home at Dayton; Henry, a retired railroad man, living in the neighborhood of Alpha; and Mrs. Mary Nogle, Miss Martha Jane Hanes and Perry, a bachelor, who are living with their brother John at Alpha.

Reared on the home farm, John N. Hanes received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and later taught school for one term. He was living on the farm when the Civil War broke out and on November 4, 1861, he enlisted for service in the Union army, going to the front as a member of Company E, Seventy-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until he received his final discharge at Louisville, Kentucky, July 10, 1865, and two days later, July 12, 1865, received from Governor Brough, of Ohio, his commission as captain. Among the engagements in which Captain Hanes's regiment participated may be mentioned Stone's River, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Tunnel Hill, Dalton, Buzzard Roost, Resaca, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, Lost Mountain, Chattahoochie River, Peachtree Creek, the siege



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of Atlanta, Jonesboro, the march to Savannah, the campaign in the Carolinas, including Averagesborough and Bentonville, and the march to Richmond and thence on to Washington, where Captain Hanes participated in the Grand Review.

Though a participant in the numerous strenuous campaigns on which his regiment was engaged as a part of the Army of the Cumberland, under General Thomas, Captain Hanes came through without a scratch. Upon the completion of his military service he returned home and presently went to Dayton, where he opened an eating house, but six months later gave up that business and resumed his attention to farming, at the same time engaging in the livery-stable business. Later he became a carpenter and still later a painter, continuing engaged in the latter vocation for fifteen years. Meanwhile he had continued to retain his interest in the work of the home farm and upon giving up his business as a painter gave his whole attention to the management of the farm, continuing thus engaged until in the summer of 1917, when he erected a house at Alpha and he and his two sisters and his brother Perry are now living there. Captain Hanes is a Republican and has rendered service as a member of the local school board. He is a member of Lewis Post No. 347, Grand Army of the Republic, at Xenia. His sisters and brothers are members of the Reformed church.

OAKEY C. TAYLOR.

Oakey C. Taylor, a soldier of the Union during the Civil War and for the past twelve years a local representative of the Wilson & Barker Monument Company at Jamestown, where he has made his home since 1906, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life with the exception of a couple of years spent in Missouri during his childhood and two or three years spent in Iowa not long after his return from the army. He was born in the neighboring county of Clinton on October 5, 1841, a son of Robert and Mildred (Johnson) Taylor, Virginians, the former of whom was born in the Old Dominion about the year 1788 and whose last days were spent in Illinois.

Robert Taylor was about seventeen years of age when he came with his parents from Virginia to Ohio in 1805, the family locating in that section of the state that in 1810 came to be organized as Clinton county, it having previously been included in the territorial limits of Warren and Highland counties. There he grew to manhood and married Mildred Johnson, a member of another of the Virginia families that had settled in that community. He established his home in Clinton county and remained there until 1843, when he disposed of his interests there and moved to Missouri,

where his wife shortly afterward died. He then returned to Clinton county with his children, but presently went to Illinois, where he married again and where he died a few years later, his death occurring in 1848. To Robert and Mildred (Johnson) Taylor were born seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the sixth in order of birth, the others being James, Catherine and Martha, deceased; Mrs. Rachel Warren, who is living at Springfield, this state; John, who is dead, and Mrs. Elizabeth Schell, who is living in Iowa.

Oakey C. Taylor was but seven years of age when his father died and he afterward was cared for in the home of his maternal aunt, Elizabeth, and grew up in Clinton county, receiving his schooling in the district schools. He presently became an engineer in a local mill and in 1861 was married. In February, 1865, he enlisted for the term of one year as a soldier of the Union for service during the Civil War and went to the front as a member of the Army of the Potomac, with which command he served until the following May, when he was given his honorable discharge by reason of disability on account of illness. Upon his return from the army Mr. Taylor became engaged in farming in Clinton county and presently moved from there over into Fayette county, where he remained for a year, at the end of which time he moved with his family to Iowa and for two years and six months was engaged in farming in that state. He then returned to Ohio and became engaged in farming in Greene county, but three years later returned to Clinton county and there made his residence for eight years, at the end of which time he came back into Greene county and located on a farm just south of the village of Jamestown, where he remained for twelve years, moving thence to a farm in the vicinity of the village of New Jasper, where he made his home for another period of twelve years, at the end of which time he retired from the farm and moved to Jamestown, where he has since made his home. Upon taking up his residence in Jamestown Mr. Taylor became connected with the operations of the Wilson & Barker Monument Company and has since been acting as a salesman for that concern. Mr. Taylor is a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a Republican and by religious persuasion is a Baptist, a member of the church of that denomination in Silvercreek township.

On November 7, 1861, Oakey C. Taylor was united in marriage to Lucinda McConnell, who was born in this county and who died at Jamestown on October 14, 1908, and is buried in the cemetery at that place. To that union were born three children, namely: Mary Elma, who is keeping house for her father at Jamestown; Rosa, who married T. A. Spahr, of Jamestown, and has two children, Oakey, who married Minnie Roberts and is living near Jamestown, and Goldie, who married Frank Smith and is also living in the vicinity of Jamestown; and Charles Francis, now living at Xenia,

who married Hannah Conklin and has one child, a son, Willard. Mr. Taylor has two great-grandchildren, his grandson, Oakey Spahr, having one child, a daughter, Helen, and his granddaughter, Mrs. Goldie Smith, a daughter, Wanda Nell.

DAVID McCONNELL.

David McConnell, a veteran of the Civil War, former mayor of Osborn and former postmaster of that village, former general manager of the whip factory there and for some years past engaged in the real-estate and insurance business at that place, where he has made his home for more than twenty years, is a native son of Greene county and has lived here practically all his life. He was born on a farm in Sugarcreek township on April 15, 1842, son of James M. and Nancy (Marshall) McConnell, the former of whom was born in the Old Dominion and the latter in this county, whose last days were spent on that farm, the old Marshall place, which has been in the possession of the family for more than one hundred years, both the McConnells and the Marshalls having been among the early settlers here.

James M. McConnell was born in the neighborhood of the old salt licks in Kanawha county, Virginia, February 14, 1817, a son of David and Nancy (Munn) McConnell, both of whom were born in that same county, the former in 1787 and the latter, May 30, 1789, who were married in that county on January 5, 1815. Grandmother McConnell was a strict Presbyterian and family tradition has it that so rigid was her observance of the Sabbath day that she would cook no food on that day, all preparations in that line being made on the day preceding. David McConnell was killed by a fall from the "natural bridge" in Virginia while still a comparatively young man, his widow being thus left with three young children. She later moved with these children to Cincinnati and it was in that city that her son, James M. McConnell, spent his youth and received his schooling, remaining there until he came up here as a young man and became a resident of Greene county, locating in the McClellan neighborhood in Sugarcreek township, where he met and presently married Nancy Marshall, eldest daughter of John Marshall, one of the earliest settlers in this county.

John Marshall was a Kentuckian, born in the neighborhood of Lexington, in 1784, and was nineteen years of age when he accompanied his father up into Ohio in 1803 and at the land office at Dayton secured a patent to a tract of six hundred acres of land in the then wilderness along the banks of the Little Miami river in the eastern part of what later came to be organized as Sugarcreek township in this county, where he established his home, his marriage taking place not long afterward, and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there in 1866, he then being eighty-

two years of age, and he was buried on his farm overlooking the river. During the War of 1812 he served in the company of Capt. Ammi Maltbie and among the campaigns in which he took part was that about Watertown, New York. His first house on his farm along the river was a log cabin, but he later erected there a brick house which is still standing. With the help of his two sons he cleared most of his timber land and early divided the land among his six children. Of these children Mrs. Nancy McConnell, mother of the subject of this sketch, was the third daughter, the others having been Sarah, who married John Brock; Hester, who married Captain Kyler, of Dayton; Betsy, who married William Morgan, who was the owner of six hundred acres just below the Marshall place along the river; James, who remained on the farm, and Jesse, who also remained on the farm which came to him from his father. John Marshall was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and his children were reared in that faith. He was twice married, his second wife having been a Munn, a kinswoman of David McConnell's widow.

After the marriage of James M. McConnell and Nancy Marshall the two established their home on that portion of the Marshall farm that had been apportioned to the latter by her father, a tract of about one hundred acres, which is now owned by John McConnell, of Xenia, a brother of the subject of this sketch. To that tract James M. McConnell later added by the purchase of a tract of one hundred and forty acres adjoining. He was one of the first men in Greene county successfully to engage in tobacco culture and for years his tobacco shed, a structure one hundred by forty-four feet in dimensions, would be filled every fall. James M. Marshall was the only Democrat in his home school district. Late in life he became an adherent of the Quaker faith and died in that faith. His wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. She died on March 8, 1872, and he survived her for more than seventeen years, his death occurring on August 12, 1889. They were the parents of three children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first born, the others being Sarah Frances, who married Thomas Ginn and died at Jamestown, this county, in 1916, and John, a retired farmer of this county, now living at Xenia, and a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume.

David McConnell was reared on the old home place in Sugarcreek township, the place on which his grandfather Marshall had shot many a deer during pioneer days, and in the district school of that neighborhood received his early schooling. He was nineteen years of age when the Civil War broke out and in November, 1861, he enlisted for service in behalf of the Union cause and went to the front as a member of Company E, Seventy-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Moody, and with that

command served for thirteen months, or until a severe attack of measles in camp left him in so badly reduced a condition physically that, on a physician's certificate of disability, he received his honorable discharge. Upon his return from the army Mr. McConnell took a course in a business college at Dayton and not long afterward became associated with the work then being done by the L. H. Evarts Company in the publication of county histories and for seven years was thus engaged, his work in that connection taking him all over the Eastern states. It was during the '70s that Mr. McConnell was engaged in the history business, rendering in that capacity a service which he has ever regarded as having been of incalculable value to the many counties thus served, and he has retained many pleasant recollections of that period of his activities. In 1883 Mr. McConnell and his brother John became engaged in the farm-implement and seed business at Xenia, doing business under the firm name of McConnell Brothers, but after two years Mr. McConnell withdrew from the firm and became a traveling salesman for the Hooven & Allison Company, cordage manufacturers at Xenia, his territory covering Ohio and Indiana, and he was thus engaged for about three years, at the end of which time he transferred his services to the McCormick Machine Company and was for about three years engaged as traveling salesman for that concern. In 1891, Mr. McConnell assisted in the organization of the Tippecanoe Whip Company at Tippecanoe, this state, and became one of the chief stockholders in the same. For three years he represented that company as a traveling salesman and then, in 1894, sold his interest in the concern and cast about over the state for a likely place in which to set up another whip factory. The village of Osborn, in this county, offered inducements to have the plant located there and Mr. McConnell there organized a company and erected a plant for the manufacture of whips and was elected general manager of the concern, which in the first year of its operations paid the stockholders a sixteen per cent. dividend on their stock. In 1896, Mr. McConnell was appointed postmaster of Osborn and resigned his position as manager of the whip company. For eight years and six months Mr. McConnell was retained in office as postmaster of Osborn and upon the completion of that term of public service took up in his home village, for he had by that time come to regard Osborn as his permanent home, the general real-estate, bonds and life-insurance business, in which he ever since has been engaged. As an instance of Mr. McConnell's success as a real-estate salesman, it may properly be related that during a "drive" made by a big Texas land company some years ago he received the prize offered the salesman for the one closing the largest acreage of sales in that project. Mr. McConnell some years ago was unsolicitedly made mayor of Osborn, the appointment coming unsought

from the village council. He is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

On June 9, 1879, David McConnell was united in marriage to Kate Dawson, who was born at Jamestown, this county, daughter of Dr. James P. Dawson, who during the greater part of his active career as a practicing physician in this county was engaged in practice at Bellbrook and to this union two sons have been born, James Marshall and Fred B., both of whom are living. James M. McConnell is engaged in the raising of pure-bred chickens on his farm ten miles from Richmond, Virginia. He married Edna Hoke and has four children, Reba, Virginia, Mary Ellen and Theodore. Fred B. McConnell was graduated from the Osborn high school and later from the law school of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and is now practicing law at Dayton. He married Cora Whaley. Mr. McConnell has a pleasant home at Osborn and looks with misgiving upon the project that may require the abandonment of his home village as a flood-prevention measure. His wife died on May 7, 1916. She is survived by one brother, Samuel Dawson, of Franklin, this state.

FLORANCE R. SMITH.

Florance Smith, proprietor of a Ross township farm of two hundred acres on rural mail route No. 4 out of Jamestown, was born in that township on September 16, 1851, son of James W. and Dorcas (Spahr) Smith, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families.

James W. Smith was born on a farm in the Jasper neighborhood in 1821, his parents having been early settlers there, coming to this county from Virginia. He grew up there and after his marriage established his home on a farm in Ross township, the place now owned by his son Florance, and there died in 1861. He and his wife were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch is now the only survivor, the others having been Philip, Jacob and Mrs. Arabella Brickel.

Florance Smith was but ten years of age when his father died. He was reared on the home farm, received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and in due time began farming on his own account, a vocation he ever since has followed. After his marriage in the fall of 1887 he established his home on the place on which he is now living in Ross township and has continued to make that his place of residence. In addition to his home place of two hundred acres he owns a farm of one hundred acres over in the neighboring county of Fayette.

Mr. Smith has been twice married. On November 26, 1887, he was united in marriage to Margaret Ferguson, who died on October 9, 1889.

To that union was born one child, a daughter, Margaret E., who died in infancy. On February 26, 1891, Mr. Smith married Mrs. Elizabeth Burr, of this county, and to this union two children have been born, one who died in infancy and Herbert, who was born on December 20, 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Jamestown and Mr. Smith is a Republican.

ALBERT McHENRY MILLER.

Albert McHenry Miller, veteran of the Civil War and retired farmer and carpenter, a former justice of the peace in and for his home township, who for many years has made his home in the village of Jamestown, is a native son of Greene county, born on a farm in New Jasper township on August 1, 1841, son of George and Caroline (Wilson) Miller, the former of whom was a native of the old Keystone state and the latter of the Blue Grass state, born in the vicinity of Mammoth Cave, who were married in this county and here spent their last days.

George Miller was twice married and was the father of eighteen children. He came from Pennsylvania to Ohio during the days of his young manhood and settled in Greene county, following here his trade as a brick-mason until presently he bought a farm of one hundred acres on the Jamestown and Xenia pike in New Jasper township, paying for the same five dollars an acre, and there established his home. His first wife was a Bromagem, a member of one of the pioneer families of the Cedarville neighborhood, who bore him six children, three of whom grew to maturity and one of whom, Simon Benton Milller, is still living, now a resident of Celina, Auglaize county, and is past ninety years of age; the others having been Dr. Milton Miller and Rebecca, the latter of whom married one of the Cedarville Townsleys. Following the death of the mother of these children George Miller married Caroline Wilson, a member of one of the pioneer families that had come up here from Kentucky, and to that union were born twelve children, seven sons and five daughters, of whom the following grew to maturity: Perry W., who spent his last days in Illinois; Harney Anslie, now deceased, who was a veteran of the Civil War, his service having been rendered in the Seventy-fourth Ohio, commanded by Col. Granville Moody; George C., deceased; John Thomas, also a soldier of the Union, who went out as a member of the First Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, commanded by one of the "Fighting" McCooks, and died in service; Albert McHenry, the immediate subject of this biographical sketch; James D., who also enlisted his services in behalf of the Union during the Civil War, went to the front with the First Ohio and was killed during the battle at Missionary Ridge; William

Edwin, a retired farmer of this county, now living at Jamestown; Mrs. Mattie M. Townsley, now living in Iowa; Mrs. Miranda Caroline Hite and Mrs. Amanda Evaline Gordon, twins, the former of whom is now living at Bellefontaine and the latter in the vicinity of Jamestown, and Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Harrison, who died in 1914. Major-Gen. John Harney, of Civil War fame, was an uncle of these children.

Albert McHenry Miller grew to manhood on the home farm in New Jasper township, receiving his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and was living on the farm when the Civil War broke out. On August 15, 1862, he enlisted his services in behalf of the Union and went to the front as a member of Company D, One Hundred and Tenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Gen. J. Warren Keifer, of Springfield, commanding. After some service with the Army of the Potomac in Virginia, Mr. Miller was assigned to detached service as a headquarters guard and in that capacity continued his service until mustered out after the close of the war, his final discharge being received in May, 1865. During this service Mr. Miller participated in some most interesting experiences, his headquarters activities bringing him in close touch with some of the great leaders of the war, and he was on duty at Washington at the time of the assassination of President Lincoln. He stood guard at General Grant's headquarters in the Wilderness and on two occasions was guard over Belle Boyd, the famous Confederate spy, who was captured and brought into General Milroy's camp, he at that time being guard at Milroy's headquarters. He also served in like capacity under Gen. Lew Wallace, under General French, of the Third Corps, Army of the Potomac; under Gen. H. G. Wright and under Gen. J. B. Ricketts, the latter of whom it was his duty to awaken at the opening of the battle of Cedar Creek. He followed General Ricketts out onto the pike, where the general was seriously wounded and he carried his officer back to the hospital. Mr. Miller was present when gallant "Phil" Sheridan rode up on his famous black charger during the battle of Cedar Creek and heard Sheridan say after General Wright had ordered a withdrawal: "Place the Eighth Corps on the left; the Nineteenth on the right, and the old slow Sixth in the center and I'll whip hell out of them before sundown." During the battle of the Wilderness Mr. Miller was within ten feet of Gen. John Sedgwick, of the Sixth Corps, when the latter was slain. Mr. Miller was not of voting age at the time of the first Lincoln campaign, but he voted for Lincoln in 1864, his first Presidential vote, and at the same time voted for Brough for governor of Ohio, the latter receiving a majority in excess of one hundred thousand. Mr. Miller's experience as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War and his thoughtful consideration of the history of that period, together with his comprehensive knowledge of the general history of the country, have given him exceptional opportunities for service as a member

of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and he long has held the post of patriotic instructor in that organization, of which he also is past commander and for many years one of the most active members.

Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Miller returned home and resumed his labors on the farm, but his health presently began to fail and he sold his farming interests and began working as a carpenter, a trade in which he had been trained before going to war. After his marriage in the fall of 1872 he established his home in the village of Jamestown, where he continued to follow his vocation as a builder until his retirement. Mr. Miller is a Republican and for years served as justice of the peace at Jamestown, but in 1917 resigned that office. By religious persuasion he is a member of the Missionary Baptist church.

On September 5, 1872, Albert McHenry Miller was united in marriage to Laura M. Shrack, of this county, who died at her home in Jamestown on February 5, 1902. To that union were born three children, two sons and one daughter, the latter of whom, Jessie S., wife of the Rev. L. B. Albert, of Muskegon, Michigan, has a life certificate as a teacher and is principal of one of the schools at Muskegon. Her husband also is a teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Albert have one child, a son, Paul McHenry, born in 1906. James Albert Miller, Mr. Miller's youngest son, born on July 1, 1874, died on April 1, 1917, and twenty days later his brother, Anslie Miller, met his death in a railway accident at Jamestown. Anslie Miller, born on May 13, 1873, married Elizabeth Alice Saunders, of Jamestown, and was the father of one son, James Albert. His widow and son are still making their home at Jamestown.

DAVIS BARNHART.

Davis Barnhart, a retired farmer of Greene county who for the past twenty-five years has made his home in Jamestown, was born on a farm in Silvercreek township, this county, December 19, 1854, a son of John and Jane (Sheeley) Barnhart, the latter of whom was born in that same township, in 1826.

John Barnhart was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1818, and was eighteen years of age when he came to Ohio, locating in Wayne county, where he remained until 1840, in which year he came to Greene county and made a permanent settlement here. In 1842 he married Jane Sheeley and in 1846 he established his home on a farm just south of Jamestown, in Silvercreek township, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there on March 2, 1888. To him and his wife were born six children, one of whom died in infancy, the others being Matilda, born in 1846, who married Jacob Shigley, of this county, and is now living

at Elwood, Indiana; Theodorick, born in 1848, who died in 1878; Davis, the immediate subject of this sketch; Morgan, born in 1857, who is now living in Madison county, Indiana; and Arabella, born in 1861, who died on February 10, 1902.

Davis Barnhart was reared on the home farm south of Jamestown and received his schooling in the schools of that vicinity. After his marriage in the summer of 1878 he established his home on the home place, which he eventually came to own, and there he continued to reside until his retirement in 1893 and removal to Jamestown, where he has since made his home. In 1906-08 Mr. Barnhart served as a member of the common council of the city of Jamestown from his ward. He is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Jamestown.

On June 4, 1878, Davis Barnhart was united in marriage to Mattie L. Chalmers, who was born in Jamestown, daughter of John and Jane (Harper) Chalmers, the former of whom was born in Scotland in 1802 and was but fourteen years of age when he came to this county with his parents in 1816, and to this union was born one child, a daughter, Edith Belle, born on August 5, 1880, who died on January 6, 1892.

EUGENE S. KEITER.

Eugene S. Keiter, proprietor of a farm on rural mail route No. 8 out of Dayton, his place being located in the Zimmerman neighborhood in Beavercreek township, was born in the neighboring county of Clinton, but has been a resident of this county since he was about ten years of age, his parents having moved here in 1875. He was born on April 20, 1864, son of Benjamin and Mary (Hendrickson) Keiter, both of whom were born in Virginia, the former in 1820, and who were the parents of eight children, of whom Eugene S. was the third in order of birth, the others being Frederick Virginia, wife of Alvin Martz, of Cleveland, this state; Mrs. Emma Beilstein, deceased; Druzella, wife of Frank Roberts, of Cleveland; William, who married Mary Wolf and lives in Dayton; Ella, wife of James Eyman, of Midway; Effie, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Herbert, who married Cora Carpenter and lives at Chillicothe.

Reared in this county, Eugene S. Keiter received his schooling here and early became engaged in farming, later taking up butchering. In the fall of 1916 he bought the farm on which he is now living and has ever since made his home there. On September 23, 1893, Mr. Keiter married Mand D. Stephens, of Wilmington, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Keiter are members of the Reformed church at Alpha. Mr. Keiter is a Republican and is a member of the Alpha lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

CHARLES L. JOBE.

Charles L. Jobe, proprietor of the department store at Xenia long operated under the firm name of the Jobe Brothers Company, which it still retains, is a native son of Greene county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm on the Jamestown pike, in Xenia township, three miles east of the city of Xenia, a son of John H. and Nancy (Collins) Jobe, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families, and who spent all their lives here.

John H. Jobe was born at Xenia on October 31, 1826, son of George and Mary Anne (Hutchinson) Jobe, the former of whom was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and who came to this part of Ohio in the days of his young manhood and located in Greene county. George Jobe served as a soldier during the War of 1812, serving under General Harrison, and participated in the battle of Ft. Meigs. He later married Mary Anne Hutchinson, a member of the pioneer Hutchinson family of the Bellbrook neighborhood, in Sugarcreek township, and after his marriage located in Xenia, where he followed the vocation of wagon-making. Later he became a landowner, having bought a farm in Xenia township, but did not personally farm the same, continuing his labors as a wagon-maker until failing health compelled his retirement, when he moved to his farm, where he spent his last days, his death occurring there in the spring of 1867. His widow survived him for nearly twenty years, her death occurring May 24, 1884. They were the parents of nine children, six sons and three daughters, of whom John H. Jobe was the second in order of birth.

John H. Jobe was about eight years of age when his parents moved from Xenia to the farm and he thus had the benefit of rural training. When he was nineteen years of age he learned the carpenter trade and for five years followed the same, afterward resuming farming and presently bought a farm of his own on the Jamestown pike, three miles east of Xenia, where he spent the rest of his life, adding to his holdings there until he became the owner of three hundred and forty-eight acres. John H. Jobe was a Republican, served for years as trustee of Xenia township and was for a time director of the Greene county infirmary. He and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Jobe's wife, Nancy Collins, was born in Xenia township on February 23, 1837, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (McClellan) Collins, the former of whom was born in York county, Pennsylvania, in 1804, and was but a boy when he came to this county with his parents, William Collins and wife, the family settling on Massies creek, whence a few years later they moved to a farm six miles north of Xenia. William Collins, the pioneer, and his wife were the parents of ten children, all of whom, with one exception, reared families of their own, hence the Collins

connection is a numerous one in the present generation. Samuel Collins grew to manhood in this county and married Rebecca McClellan, a daughter of John McClellan, another of the pioneers of Greene county. After his marriage he established his home on a farm in the vicinity of the old Collins place and spent the rest of his life there. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom Mrs. Jobe was the first-born, the others being William H., John Q., Lydia, James M., Mary Jane, who married John D. M. Stewart, Isabella, who married S. K. Williamson, and Anna Rebecca, who married R. W. Moore. To John H. and Nancy (Collins) Jobe were born six children, five sons and one daughter, of whom but three are now living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Homer H. Jobe, who is living on the old home place in Xenia township, and George E., who resides in Cedarville township. The others were John Riley, Laura B. and Samuel, the latter of whom died at the age of sixteen months.

Charles L. Jobe spent his youth on the home farm in Xenia township and received his elementary schooling in the district schools of that neighborhood, supplementing the same by attendance at the Xenia city schools, after which he took a two-years course at Wooster University. He then entered the dry-goods store of Millen, Jobe & Company at Xenia, the store at that time having been located at the corner of Main and Whiteman streets and his uncle, J. H. Harvey Jobe, was one of the proprietors. Two years later he transferred his connection to the Hutchinson & Gibney dry-goods store and was thus connected, off and on, for five years, at the end of which time he returned to his first employment, the firm at that time being E. Millen & Company, his uncle having withdrawn from the firm. Upon returning to the Millen store Mr. Jobe was made the buyer and later became manager of the store, a position he continued to occupy until E. Millen & Company closed out their business in 1888, when Mr. Jobe and H. C. Hardy started a dry-goods store and took over the Millen organization, doing business under the firm name of Jobe, Hardy & Company. Two years later Mr. Hardy, who had come over here from Columbus, withdrew from the firm and Mr. Jobe's brother, J. Riley Jobe, became a member of the firm and thus continued until his death on September 20, 1910, the business being carried on under the firm name of the Jobe Brothers Company, which name Mr. Jobe has continued since the death of his brother. Mr. Jobe took over the interest held by his brother after the latter's death, so that since 1910 he has been sole proprietor of the store. In August, 1890, the location of the Jobe store was changed from its old stand at Main and Whiteman streets to its present location at 23 East Main street and in the fall of 1907 the quarters were enlarged, the store now occupying a three-story building forty-five by one hundred and fifty-five feet in dimension, the first and second floors being used for retail purposes and the third floor for stock rooms.

When Mr. Jobe first became connected with the business the store was given over to dry goods and carpets, but in 1894 he eliminated the carpets and put in millinery, later adding women's ready-to-wear goods. In March, 1899, a stock of women's and children's shoes was added and now the store carries every class of wearing apparel for women and children, the capacity of the store having been more than quadrupled since Mr. Jobe became connected with it. In 1914 he put in a new set of fixtures.

On September 9, 1886, Charles L. Jobe was united in marriage to Margaret Moore, who was born in Xenia, daughter of John and Mary (Monroe) Moore, both now deceased, the former of whom was for years a Xenia merchant, and to this union two children have been born, daughters both, Helen, who completed her schooling at Wilson College at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and is at home, and Margaret, who also completed her schooling at Wilson College and afterward married Karl Bloom, who is assisting Mr. Jobe in the management of the store. The Jobes reside on East Market street, their home occupying the lot on which formerly stood the house in which Mrs. Jobe was born. They are members of the First Presbyterian church. Mr. Jobe is a Republican.

WILLIAM H. BREWER.

William H. Brewer, retired farmer of Miami township and one of the oldest native sons of Greene county now living in this county, was born on a farm a mile and a half south of Yellow Springs and has lived in that neighborhood all his life, a resident for more than fifty-five years on the farm on which he is now living, a mile and a half southwest of Clifton. He was born on August 20, 1826, son of John G. and Sarah (Miller) Brewer, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of the Blue Ridge country in Virginia, who were married in this county, on the John Gregg farm, and who were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being George, Rebecca, Piny, John, Charles, Sarah, Louella and Russell, all of whom are now deceased save William H. and his brothers John and Russell and his sister Sarah.

Reared on the home farm south of Yellow Springs, William H. Brewer received his schooling in the pioneer schools of that neighborhood and from the days of his boyhood was trained in practical farming, a vocation he followed until his retirement about ten years ago. For ten or twelve years he also owned and operated a threshing-rig during seasons. During the early '50s Mr. Brewer married and began farming on his own account, in 1862 taking possession of the farm on which he is still living and has ever since made his home there. Not long after moving to that place Mr. Brewer

enlisted for service in the Civil War, a recruit in the hundred-days service, and was attached to the Army of the Potomac, doing service in West Virginia, and was thus connected with the army for one hundred and sixteen days before being mustered out.

Mr. Brewer's wife, who before her marriage was Sarah Bell, died on April 2, 1915. To William H. and Sarah (Bell) Brewer were born four children, namely: Adam, who lives on the same farm with his father and who married Ella Wilson and has three children, Belle, Ernest and Nellie; John, now living in Oklahoma, who has been married three times and by his first wife, Nettie McHatton, had two children, Mac and Bessie, and by his second wife, Emma Sommers, had two children, Marietta and Sarah; Florence, deceased, and Rebecca, who died when a child.

HENRY FETZ.

Henry Fetz, merchant at Xenia, the proprietor of a grocery store at the southwest corner of Second and Detroit streets, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Xenia since the days of his infancy. He was born in the neighborhood of Cincinnati on October 14, 1855, son of Paul and Elizabeth (Lippert) Fetz, both of whom were born in Germany and the latter of whom is still living, being now in the ninetieth year of her age. Paul Fetz was a young man when he came to this country about 1850 and located at Xenia, where he died in 1902. He was married in Cincinnati and he and his wife were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being George P., who lives at Xenia; Katherine, who married William Ambuhl and is also living in Xenia; Charles, who died in 1916, and William, who is now living at Denver, Colorado.

Henry Fetz was but one year of age when his parents located at Xenia and his schooling was completed in the schools of that city. During the days of his young manhood he was variously engaged until the year 1880, when, in association with his brother, George P. Fetz, he opened a grocery store at the corner he now occupies. This partnership continued for twenty-three years, at the end of which time George P. Fetz retired and since then Henry Fetz has been carrying on the business at the old stand alone.

On May 3, 1883, Henry Fetz was united in marriage to Matilda Feurle and to this union have been born three children, namely: Paul G., who is married and who is connected with his father in the grocery business; Alma, who married Leon Spahr, of Xenia, and has one child, a daughter, Elizabeth Alexander, and Eda Elizabeth, who married Philip W. Prugh, of Xenia, and is now residing in Chicago.

FRANK HUPMAN.

Frank Hupman, a former farmer and carpenter, now living retired at Xenia, was born on a farm in Spring Valley township, this county, December 26, 1852, son of John and Jane (Peterson) Hupman, both of whom were members of pioneer families in this county, the latter having been born in this county, a member of the Peterson family which became established in the Caesarscreek settlement back in the early days of the settlement of the county.

John Hupman was born in Augusta county, Virginia, in 1821, a son of John Hupman and wife, who came to this state with their family and settled on a farm between Enon and Springfield, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of eight children, Samuel, Kate, Fannie, David, James, Sarah, Peter and John. The latter was but a child when he came with his parents to this part of Ohio. After his marriage he located on a farm on the Wilmington pike in Caesarscreek township, this county, later moving to a farm two and a half miles north of Spring Valley, in the township of that name, where he remained until 1852, when he bought a farm on the Bellbrook pike, in Xenia township, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there in 1880. For many years he operated a threshing-machine in his neighborhood. He was a Democrat and by religious persuasion was a member of the Reformed church. John Hupman was twice married. His first wife, Jane Peterson, died in 1869 and in the spring of 1875 he married Amanda O. Brewer, of Enon, who still survives him. To this latter union was born one son, John Edgar, who was killed by an explosion while working in a powder mill in Illinois in 1899. By his first marriage John Hupman was the father of the following children: Celia, now deceased, who was the wife of Thomas Moore, a Xenia undertaker; Emma, wife of J. A. Webb, of West Jefferson; Frank, the subject of this biographical sketch; a son who died in infancy; Charles, a farmer of Beaver-creek township; J. S. C., who is now living in California, and Harvey C., a resident of Xenia, where he is engaged in the paper-hanging business.

Frank Hupman was reared on the farm and completed his schooling in the old Xenia College, spending two years there under the instruction of Professor Smith. He remained at home until his marriage when twenty-seven years of age and for two years thereafter made his home on a farm on the Wilmington pike in Caesarscreek township and then, his father meanwhile having died, he returned to the home farm and was in charge of the operation of that place for several years, at the end of which time he moved to the Carothers farm on the Cincinnati pike, having leased that place for five years. A year later, however, he gave up the farm and became engaged in the drayage business in Xenia and thus continued engaged for nine

months, at the end of which time he resumed farming, moving to the John Weaver farm, where he remained until his retirement in 1910 and return to Xenia, where he since has made his home. Upon his return to Xenia Mr. Hupman became more or less engaged in carpentering, but is now content to regard himself as "retired" from the active labors of life. He was the owner of two farms in Xenia township and still owns a farm of one hundred and five acres on the Cincinnati pike, a mile and a half out of town. Mr. Hupman is a Democrat, a member of the Reformed church and a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Xenia.

Mr. Hupman has been twice married. On June 3, 1880, he was united in marriage to Alice Compton, who was born in Spring Valley township, daughter of Eber Compton and wife, the former of whom was a son of Henry and Catherine (Mock) Compton, members of pioneer families in Greene county, Henry Compton having been a son of Stephen and Dinah (Millhouse) Compton, who came here with their family from North Carolina in the early days of the settlement of this part of Ohio, and to that union were born two sons, Orville C., born in 1882, who died when nine years of age, and another who died in infancy. The mother of these children died in 1886 and in 1890 Mr. Hupman married Olivia A. Weaver, who was born in the neighboring county of Clinton, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Boots) Weaver. Mr. and Mrs. Hupman are members of the Reformed church.

WARREN HAMILTON GLOTFELTER.

The Glotfelters have been represented in Greene county since the year 1816, when Adam and Elizabeth Glotfelter came here from Somerset county, Pennsylvania, with their family, and settled on a tract of land in Beavercreek township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Adam Glotfelter lived to be ninety years of age. His death occurred on December 21, 1860, and he was buried in Mt. Zion cemetery. Solomon Glotfelter, one of the sons of this pioneer couple, was born in Pennsylvania on August 24, 1804, and was twelve years of age when he came with his parents to Greene county. He grew up on the home farm and was married in his nineteenth year, thereafter settling in a log house on a forty-acre tract of land in Sugarcreek township, the place on which the subject of this sketch is now living, and in time came to be the owner of about three hundred acres. On that place he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there on August 7, 1880. Reared a Whig, Solomon Glotfelter became a Republican upon the organization of that party. He was a member of the Reformed church.

Solomon Glotfelter was twice married. On April 8, 1824, he was



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MRS. ANNA S. GLOTFELTER.



united in marriage to Sarah John and to that union were born six children, the last survivor of whom was William Glotfelter, who had moved to Menier, in Tazewell county, Illinois. Following the death of the mother of these children Solomon Glotfelter married Lydia Gerhard, who was born in Liberty township, Frederick county, Maryland, July 9, 1815, and to that union were born three children, the subject of this sketch having an elder brother, Henry Clay Glotfelter, born on August 22, 1844, who served as a corporal with the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the hundred-days service in connection with the Civil War, married Catherine Benham and made his home at Dayton, and a sister, Ruffina, wife of Samuel Benham, of Goshen, Indiana. Mrs. Lydia Glotfelter survived her husband for more than twenty years, her death occurring in October, 1902, and she was buried in the Mt. Zion cemetery.

Warren Hamilton Glotfelter, son of Solomon and Lydia (Gerhard) Glotfelter, was born on the farm on which he is now living, August 1, 1855. He received his schooling in the neighboring district school and after his marriage established his home on the old home place and has ever since resided there, though for some years past he has been living practically retired from the active labors of the farm. Politically, Mr. Glotfelter is a Republican. He is a member of the local lodge of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Bellbrook and formerly was a member of the Xenia lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife is a member of the Reformed church.

On October 3, 1882, at Alpha, this county, Warren Hamilton Glotfelter was united in marriage to Anna S. Volkenand, the Rev. David Winter officiating. Mrs. Glotfelter also is a native of Greene county, born at Alpha on February 20, 1856, daughter of Herman and Elizabeth (Broat) Volkenand, natives of Germany, who were married in this county. Herman Volkenand was about twenty-three years of age when he came to this country and came on out to Ohio, locating in Greene county. He was for some time after coming here employed at various occupations, but after his marriage bought a small tract of land on the river in Beavercreek township and settled down to farming, in time enlarging his holdings until he had two farms. His wife died in 1898 and he survived her about seven years, his death occurring in 1905. They were the parents of seven children, of whom Mrs. Glotfelter was the second in order of birth. Mr. and Mrs. Glotfelter have four children, Herman Ray, Clay Roy, Katy May and Frank McKinley, all of whom are married and have families of their own, Mr. and Mrs. Glotfelter having ten grandchildren. Herman Ray Glotfelter was born on July 16, 1883, and on November 19, 1903, was united in marriage to Susanna Mundabaugh, to which union three children have been born, Mildred May,

born on September 11, 1904; Herman Ellsworth, August 11, 1907, and Margaretta Pearl, April 3, 1914. Clay Roy Glotfelter was born on July 26, 1885, and on September 14, 1905, married Bessie R. Overholser, to which union four children have been born, Anna Evelyn, born on August 18, 1906; Clyde Roy, January 21, 1908; Wilford Edgar, March 12, 1911, and Evaline, who died as an infant. Katy May Glotfelter was born on August 10, 1887, and on March 27, 1907, married Harry V. Rackstraw, to which union one child has been born, a son, David Warren, born on September 20, 1915. Frank McKinley Glotfelter was born on April 20, 1893, and on December 23, 1914, married May Sidenstick, to which union two children have been born, Ethel May, who died on October 8, 1915, and Paul William, born in February, 1917.

KARLH BULL.

Karlh Bull, editor and publisher of the *Cedarville Herald*, was born at Cedarville and has lived there all his life. He was born on April 1, 1878, son of Lancaster Granville and Emmazetta (Barber) Bull, the latter of whom also was born at Cedarville, January 16, 1849, daughter of Martin M. and Nancy (Townesley) Barber, both members of pioneer families in this county, and is still living there.

Lancaster Granville Bull, who died at his home in Cedarville on January 16, 1914, also was a native of this county, born at Goes Station on June 22, 1850, son of Robert Scott and Ann (Reid) Bull, both of whom also were born in Greene county, members of pioneer families, and all his life was spent here. To him and his wife were born three sons, Karlh Bull having two brothers, Frank B. Bull, who for some years has been connected with the staff of the *Indianapolis Star*, and Ralph E. Bull, now living at Seattle, Washington, with offices in the White Building in that city. Elsewhere in this volume there is set out at considerable length a story relating to the Bull family in this county and also to the Townesley family, both these families having been represented here for more than a hundred years.

Karlh Bull was reared at Cedarville, was graduated from the high school there in 1898 and then took a course in Cedarville College. In April, 1899, he and Robert J. Harper took over the *Cedarville Herald* and when, in the following year, Mr. Harper retired from the firm, Mr. Bull assumed sole control of the paper and has since continued as editor and publisher of the same. Mr. Bull is a Republican; fraternally, is affiliated with the local lodge of the Masons at Cedarville and he and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian church.

On January 5, 1911, at Cedarville, Mr. Bull was united in marriage to

Dora Siegler, who was born in that village on August 9, 1877, daughter of Jacob and Carrie (Haller) Siegler, who were the parents of three children, Mrs. Bull having a brother, George F. Siegler, and a sister, Mrs. Charlotte Watt. Mr. and Mrs. Bull have one child, a daughter, Mary Eleanor, born on April 10, 1914.

CHARLES I. CRAMER.

Ever since the first decade of the past century the Cramers have been represented in Sugarcreek township, John and Margaret (Hoover) Cramer, great-grandparents of the subject of this sketch, having come up here into the valley of the Little Miami from Kentucky in the year 1807 and established their home on a farm of one hundred and eighty-six acres a half mile from the present village of Bellbrook, where they reared their family. Charles I. Cramer, one of the numerous descendants in the fourth generation of this pioneer couple, was born in the house in which he is now living, on the old Cramer homestead place founded by his great-grandfather, and has lived there all his life. He was born on May 4, 1881, son of John H. and Laura L. (Irvin) Cramer, both of whom also were born in this county and the latter of whom is still living. The late John H. Cramer was born on a farm one mile south of Bellbrook in 1852 and was a farmer all his life, after his marriage locating on his grandfather's old place, the place now occupied by his son. To him and his wife were born four children, Anna, who died in infancy; Ethel, who married Albert Davis, of Bellbrook, and died in 1915; Charles I., the subject of this sketch, and Ada B., widow of the late Raymond Crowl, now living with her mother in Bellbrook.

Charles I. Cramer was reared on the farm on which he is now living and where he was born, and received his schooling in the schools of the adjacent village of Bellbrook, completing all but the closing quarter of the last year in the high-school course. After his marriage, he at that time being not yet twenty-one years of age, he established his home on the home farm and has continued to make that his place of residence. In addition to his general farming Mr. Cramer has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock.

On October 30, 1901, Charles I. Cramer was united in marriage to Maud K. Marshall, who also was born in Sugarcreek township, daughter of John and Harriet (James) Marshall, both members of old families in this county, and to this union one child has been born, a son, John Howard, born on June 25, 1902. Mr. Cramer is a member of the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Bellbrook and he and his wife are both members of the lodge of the Pythian Sisters at that place.

ELLSWORTH GRANT LOWRY.

Ellsworth Grant Lowry, proprietor of a garage at Cedarville, where he also is engaged in electric-equipment contracting, former director and manager of the plant of the Cedarville Light and Power Company, former member of the city council and former member of the school board, is a native of West Virginia, but has been a resident of Cedarville for thirty-three years. He was born on a farm in Berkeley county, West Virginia, December 22, 1864, son of Samuel Smith and Sarah C. (Manor) Lowry, both of whom were born in that county, where they spent all their lives.

Samuel Smith Lowry was a farmer, a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian church. He died in 1882 at the age of sixty-five years, and his widow survived him for eight years, her death occurring in 1890. They were the parents of ten children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the eighth in order of birth, the others being the following: Margaret, who died in Kansas; Hannah, who also died in Kansas; James M., who is farming in Kansas; Mary, who is still living on the old home place in West Virginia; John, who is farming in the vicinity of Waynesville, in the neighboring county of Warren, in this state; Joseph, who years ago became a clothing merchant at Cedarville and whose last days were spent there; Martha, who is still living in Berkeley county, West Virginia, and Minnie, who lives in Kansas.

Ellsworth Grant Lowry remained at home until he was about eighteen years of age, receiving his schooling in the schools of his home neighborhood, and then, in 1881, came to Ohio to join his brother, who some time before had located at Cedarville. For a while after coming here he worked at farm labor and then became engaged in the office of the S. K. Mitchell Company, lumber, at Cedarville, and was thus engaged for seven years. In 1896, Mr. Lowry became interested in the promotion of the movement to give Cedarville an electric-light plant and set about the organization of a company with that end in view, his efforts leading to the organization of the Cedarville Light and Power Company, with the following officers and stockholders: President, G. F. Sigler; vice-president, W. J. Tarbox, and directors, M. I. Marsh, D. S. Ervin, O. L. Smith, L. H. Sullenberger, Dr. John Dixon and E. G. Lowry. Upon the organization of the company Mr. Lowry was given charge of construction and after the plant was erected he continued in charge of the same until it was sold to the Dayton Power and Light Company. During the '90s Mr. Lowry also was for a time engaged in the hotel business at Cedarville. When the lighting plant changed hands he opened a garage and automobile-repair establishment and has since been engaged in that business, also filling contracts for installing electric-light equipment. Mr. Lowry is a

Republican and for some time served as a member of the Cedarville common council and of the school board.

On October 3, 1889, Ellsworth G. Lowry was united in marriage to Etta G. Gregg, who was born in Xenia township, this county, daughter of David A. and Elenor (Galloway) Gregg, both now deceased, and to this union three sons have been born, namely: David A., a machinist, living at Dayton, at present a mechanician in the Aviation Corps, McCook's Field, who married Clara Push and has two children, Victoria and Mildred; Charles E., who now (1918) is a soldier of the National Army, a corporal of Motor Transportation Base Section No. 1, Truck Company No. 2, engaged with the American Expeditionary Force in France, and William Glenn, who is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Lowry are members of the United Presbyterian church at Cedarville.

LEVI M. ASHBAUGH.

Levi M. Ashbaugh, a farmer of the Osborn neighborhood in Bath township, this county, was born in the vicinity of the city of Frederick, in the county of that name in the state of Maryland, on June 14, 1841, son of Aquilla and Rachel (Hann) Ashbaugh, the former of whom was a native of the state of Pennsylvania and the latter of Maryland, who were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth. Aquilla Ashbaugh was a farmer and also gave considerable attention to the cultivation of fruit trees, carrying on quite an extensive nursery in the neighborhood of Frederick.

Reared on the home farm in Maryland, Levi M. Ashbaugh remained there until after he had attained his majority, when he came to Ohio, locating at Dayton. For four years thereafter he worked on farms in the vicinity of that city and while thus engaged, in the fall of 1865, married a Greene county girl and located in this county. About 1892 Mr. Ashbaugh bought the forty-acre farm on which he is now living in Bath township and has ever since made his home there. He is a Republican and has served the public in the capacity of supervisor of roads in his home district.

In September 14, 1865, Levi M. Ashbaugh was united in marriage to Rebecca Coy, who was born in this county, May 14, 1845, daughter of Jacob and Catherine Coy, the former of whom was twice married and was the father of twenty-one children. To Mr. and Mrs. Ashbaugh ten children have been born. The first-born of these died in infancy; the others, Nelson, John, Rose, William, Benjamin, Dessie, Ferdinand, Minnie and Maud, have all married and gone from the home place. Mr. and Mrs. Ashbaugh are members of the Dunkard church.

DANIEL WEBSTER WOLF.

Daniel Webster Wolf, who is in charge of the C. M. Harner farm in Beavercreek township, rural mail route No. 3 out of Xenia, was born in that township on June 23, 1888, son of C. E. and Minnie (Harner) Wolf, both of whom were born in that same township and who are now living about four miles north of Alpha. To them four children were born, those besides the subject of this sketch being Mina (deceased), Delora and Merle M.

Reared on the home farm, Daniel W. Wolf received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and early began farming and "hustling" on his own account. On February 22, 1912, he married Effie May Harner, who was born in Bath township, daughter of C. M. and Emma (Trollinger) Harner, and after his marriage made his home on the farm of his father-in-law, in that township, and when Mr. and Mrs. Harner left the farm and moved to Xenia took charge of the farm and has since been managing the place. Politically, Mr. Wolf is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the Reformed church at Byron. They have two children, Alfred Webster and Catherine May.

JOHN A. BEATTY.

John A. Beatty, head of the firm of J. A. Beatty & Son, dealers in furniture at Xenia, and who also has for years been engaged as a traveling salesman for a Michigan furniture house, was born in this county and has lived here practically all his life. He was born on a farm in Bath township on January 19, 1862, son of John and Delilah (Jones) Beatty, the former of whom was born in Ireland and the latter in the state of Pennsylvania, whose last days were spent in this county, they having established their home in Bath township after their marriage.

John Beatty was born in County Tyrone and remained in his native Ireland until he was twenty-two years of age, when he came to this country and was for a time located in the state of New York, coming thence to Ohio and settling in this county, where he became engaged in farming. He presently bought a farm of eighty-three acres in Bath township and after his marriage established his home there, he and his wife spending the rest of their lives on that place. She died in 1875, at the age of forty-one years, and he survived her until October 22, 1888, he being seventy-five years of age at the time of his death. They were members of the Presbyterian church and their children were reared in that faith. There were eight of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Catherine, who is still living on the home place in Bath township; William Henry, who also continues to live there, farming the place; James,

deceased; Charles Edward, who is a farmer in Bath township; Margaret Ann, who is still living on the home place; Frank E., the present owner of the old Kellogg strawberry farm in the vicinity of Three Rivers, Michigan, where he is engaged in the cultivation of strawberries, and Martha Ellen, who is living on the old home place in Bath township.

John A. Beatty grew up on the home farm, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools, and when thirteen years of age began to work on his own account, being thus engaged working at farm labor until he was twenty-two years of age, when he became employed in the grocery store of L. M. Bull at Xenia. Two years later he married and became employed in the furniture store of R. D. Adair, continuing thus engaged until 1893, in which year he moved to Urbana, this state, and there became engaged in the furniture business on his own account, a member of the firm of Arnold & Beatty. Two years later he sold his interest in that store and returned to Xenia and for two years thereafter was engaged in the hardware store of J. C. Conwell, later resuming his old position in the Adair store. A year later Mr. Beatty resigned that position to accept a position as a traveling representative of the Burkhardt Furniture Company of Dayton, a position he occupied until 1902, when he transferred his connection to the Cheboygan Couch Company and has ever since been connected with that concern. In the meantime, in September, 1915, Mr. Beatty opened a furniture store at Xenia, in association with his younger son, Ernest D. Beatty, under the firm name of J. A. Beatty & Son, his son taking the part of active manager of the store.

On March 23, 1886, John A. Beatty was united in marriage to Carrie Lantz and to that union three children have been born, namely: Clark Adair, Ernest David and Mary Lucile, the latter of whom was a graduate from the Xenia high school in 1915 and is now studying in Christ Hospital at Cincinnati to equip herself for the profession of a trained nurse. Clark Adair Beatty, who makes his home at Wilkensburg, Pennsylvania, married Vivien Lamb and has two children, Jane Reed and Mona Ruth. For six years he served as a member of Company I, Ohio National Guard, and during the Mexican border trouble in 1916 went with that command to the border and was thus engaged in active service for nine months. For the past year and more he has been engaged as a traveling salesman for the Cheboygan Couch Company, the concern with which his father has for years been connected in a similar capacity. For two years after leaving school Ernest David Beatty was engaged with the Dayton branch of the Sample Shoe Company and then accepted a position with the Burkhardt Furniture Company, for which concern he traveled for three years, at the end of which time, in 1915, he became associated with his father in business at Xenia, junior member of the firm of J. A. Beatty & Son, furniture dealers. He mar-

ried Oma Early and makes his home at Xenia. Both the Beatty brothers are members of the local camp of the Sons of Veterans, this affiliation being based upon the service of their grandfather, James L. Lantz. The Beattys are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JAMES HARVEY LACKEY.

James Harvey Lackey, proprietor of a farm in Ross township, was born in that township and has lived there all his life. He was born on May 17, 1857, son of Givens and Margaret Ann (Turnbull) Lackey, the latter of whom also was born in Ross township, daughter of James and Susan (Bull) Turnbull, both members of pioneer families in this part of Ohio.

The late Givens Lackey was a native of the Old Dominion, born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, in 1826, and was but three years of age when his parents, Isaac Lackey and wife, came to Ohio in 1829 and settled in Ross township, this county. Here Givens Lackey grew to manhood and in time became a farmer on his own account and a breeder of Shorthorns. On February 7, 1855, Givens Lackey married Margaret Ann Turnbull and of the five children born to that union four are still living, the subject of this sketch having three brothers, Cyrus C. Lackey, also of Ross township; William Hunter Lackey, a farmer of Ross township, and Dr. Joseph Clarke Lackey, a physician at Jamestown. Givens Lackey and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian church and their sons were reared in that faith.

James H. Lackey was reared on the home farm in Ross township and supplemented the schooling he received in the neighborhood schools by attendance during the years 1875-77 at Xenia College, afterward resuming his labors on the farm, giving particular attention to the live-stock operations carried on by his father, and after his marriage in the fall of 1880 established his home on the farm on which he is now living. Ever since 1876 Mr. Lackey has been engaged in the breeding of Poland China hogs and also has for years maintained a herd of Jersey dairy cattle. He is a Republican and has served as director of his home school district, for ten years as president of the board of education of Ross township, for some time as township assessor and as land appraiser and is now treasurer of Ross township, a position he has occupied for more than four years.

On November 10, 1880, James H. Lackey was united in marriage to Della Crawford, who was born in Xenia township, this county, daughter of Robert and Jane (Cherry) Crawford, and to this union have been born three daughters, Fay De Ette, wife of James I. Patterson, a Xenia township farmer, and Myrtle May and Margaret Jane, at home. The Lackeys are members of the United Presbyterian church at Jamestown.

KINGSLEY M. JOHNSTON.

Kingsley M. Johnston, manufacturer of the products of the Johnston Remedy Company at Bowersville and since the death of his father, the founder of that company, the head of the concern, was born on a farm three miles west of the village of Bowersville on October 29, 1872, son of Lemuel V. and Lucinda (Devoe) Johnston, the latter of whom also was born in this county, three miles west of Bowersville, daughter of David and Mary (Ary) Devoe, pioneers of that section and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume.

Lemuel V. Johnston was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, that county since the time of the Civil War having been comprised within the bounds of West Virginia, in 1839, a son of Thornton and Elizabeth (Neil) Johnston, both of whom were born in that same county and the latter of whom died there. In 1855 Thornton Johnston came to this county and settled on a farm south of Bowersville, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there in 1861. He and his wife were the parents of four children, of whom Lemuel V. was the third in order of birth, the others being John W., who for some time after his father's death farmed the home place and then moved over into Fayette county, later returning to this county and located on a farm east of Bowersville and on the latter place spent his last days; Sarah, who died unmarried, and Jacob, who for some years followed the profession of teaching and then became engaged with his brother and the latter's son Kingsley in the manufacture of proprietary medicine at Bowersville and thus continued engaged until his death in 1915.

Having been but sixteen years of age when he came to this county with his parents in 1855, Lemuel V. Johnston grew to manhood on the farm south of Bowersville. After his marriage to Lucinda Devoe he located on a farm three miles west of Bowersville and there was engaged in farming until 1891, when he and his son Kingsley became engaged in the manufacture of proprietary medicines at Bowersville, under the name of the Johnston Remedy Company, and he continued thus engaged until his death in 1908. His wife had preceded him to the grave four years, her death having occurred in 1904. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he was a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Port William. Lemuel V. Johnston and wife were the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being Emma, who married Lewis H. Wilson and died in 1890; Horace V., a farmer living west of Bowersville; David A., a farmer of New Jasper township; Sarah E., wife of William J. Baker, living east of Bowersville, and Jesse P., a farmer, who died in 1908 and whose widow, who before her marriage was Jennie Perkins, is now living at Columbus, this state.

Kingsley M. Johnston grew up on the home farm west of Bowersville, received his schooling in the neighborhood schools, and was eighteen years of age when he became interested with his father in the manufacture of the Johnston remedies at Bowersville, put out under the manufacturers' title of the Johnston Remedy Company, of which Mr. Johnston has been the sole proprietor since the death of his father and his uncle. He also owns a farm of three hundred and five acres three miles southeast of town.

On December 28, 1898, Kingsley M. Johnson was united in marriage to Myrtle Rittenhouse, who was born in Highland county, this state, daughter and only child of James and Sarah (Lucas) Rittenhouse, the latter of whom died on October 1, 1912, and the former of whom now makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Johnston at Bowersville. During the earlier years of his manhood James Rittenhouse was engaged as a school teacher. He then took up farming and bought and sold farms until 1896, when he located in Jefferson township, this county, where he remained until his retirement. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as are Mr. and Mrs. Johnston. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, Elizabeth, born on February 20, 1911; Alden, January 2, 1913, and James Robert, June 19, 1917.

WALTER W. BARNETT.

Walter W. Barnett, hardware dealer at Jamestown, former mayor of that city and formerly and for years a member of the common council, is a native son of Greene county, born on a farm in Xenia township on March 2, 1877, son of James H. and Martha Ellen (Harper) Barnett, both of whom also were born in this county, and who are still living here. To James H. Barnett and wife twelve children were born, namely: John, who is now living at Xenia; Walter W., the immediate subject of this biographical sketch; Ernest, of Xenia; Mary, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; Harry, deceased; Myrtle, of Xenia; Benjamin, deceased; James, of Xenia; Moudy and Clarence, who are now (1918) connected with the National Army, stationed at Camp Sherman, and Henry, of Xenia.

Reared on the home farm, Walter W. Barnett received his schooling in the common schools and for a while after leaving school was engaged in farming. He then became engaged in the lumber business at Jamestown, a member of the firm of Barnett Brothers, and was thus engaged for seven years, at the end of which time he became engaged in the livery business in that town, continuing thus occupied for two years, or until 1910, in which year he bought the Paullin hardware store at Jamestown and has ever since been engaged in the hardware business there. In 1910 Mr. Barnett was his party's nominee for the office of county commissioner from his district.

From 1908 to 1912 he served as mayor of his home town and for eight years served as a member of the common council. He is a member of the local lodges of the Free and Accepted Masons, of the Knights of Pythias and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Jamestown.

On January 14, 1904, Walter W. Barnett was united in marriage to Stella Heifner, who also was born in this county, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Early) Heifner, and a sister of Harry N. Heifner, proprietor of the Wickersham House, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Barnett are members of the Friends church.

JAMES G. CONKLIN.

James G. Conklin, a retired farmer of Jefferson township, living on his farm a mile south of Bowersville, was born in the village of Lumberton, over the line in Clinton county, June 3, 1837, son of Harvey F. and Hannah (Noland) Conklin, the latter of whom was born in Virginia. Harvey F. Conklin was born in the vicinity of Albany, New York, and grew up there, becoming a blacksmith. When a young man he came to Ohio and located at Lumberton, where he opened a blacksmith shop and where he married. In 1849 he moved with his family up into Greene county and bought a farm of one hundred acres at Middletons Corners in Caesarscreek township, where he remained until his retirement and return to Lumberton, where he died at the age of seventy-three years. His wife died at the age of seventy-four. Harvey F. Conklin was a Whig and later a Republican and he and his wife were Methodists. They were the parents of eight children, those besides James G., being Sarah, who is now living at New Burlington, widow of Newton Shambaugh; William W., a veteran of the Civil War and a retired farmer, now living at Xenia; Henry H., a banker, living at Xenia; Thomas, retired, now living at New Burlington; Tunis, also of New Burlington; George, deceased, and Charles C., a farmer of Caesarscreek township.

Having been but twelve years of age when his parents moved to the farm at Middletons Corners, James G. Conklin there grew to manhood and remained there until his marriage at the age of twenty-eight, when he bought a farm of one hundred acres in that township. Two years later he bought the Hussey farm of two hundred acres in Jefferson township, a mile south of Bowersville, and has since resided there, having made many improvements on the place, including the erection of a nine-room house. Mr. Conklin is now living retired from active farm labor. He is one of the stockholders of the Bowersville bank.

Mr. Conklin has been twice married, and by his first wife, who was Kate Hussey, has two daughters, Mrs. Ream, wife of Doctor Ream, of Bowers-

ville, and Mary, wife of Harvey Wilson, of Cleveland, Ohio. Following the death of the mother of these daughters, Mr. Conklin married Alice Elliott, of the Bellbrook neighborhood, and to this union four children were born, Zora, wife of Clyde Sutton, of Dayton; Guy, who married Ruth Sheeley and is farming in New Jasper township; Dorothy, who is now attending Wilmington College, and Robert, at home. Mrs. Conklin and her children are members of the Christian church at Bowersville. Mr. Conklin is a Republican. He formerly was connected with the Odd Fellows fraternity.

ARTHUR UPTON CONFER.

Arthur Upton Confer, the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty-four acres on the Dayton pike in Miami township, was born on that farm on July 21, 1867, son of George and Ann (Johnson) Confer, the latter of whom also was born in this county, and who spent their last days in the village of Yellow Springs, to which place they moved upon their retirement from the farm in 1891.

George Confer was a native of Maryland, born at Hagerstown, in Washington county, that state, February 8, 1827, and was but seven years of age when he came to this state with his parents, George and Elizabeth (Bowman) Confer, in 1834, the family locating on a farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Miami township, this county, where the Confers ever since have been represented. The elder George Confer gradually added to his holdings until he became one of the leading landowners thereabout, thus having been enabled to give to each of his children a farm. Originally a Whig, he became a Republican upon the organization of the latter party. He was a member of the German Reformed church and his wife was a Lutheran. He died in 1857, he then being seventy-two years of age, and his widow survived him twelve years, her death occurring at Xenia, to which city she had moved after the death of her husband. They were the parents of five children, Hannah, William G., George, Susan and Elizabeth.

As noted above, the junior George Confer was but seven years of age when he came from Maryland to this county with his parents in 1834 and he received his schooling in the district school which for many years after the settlement of his parents there was known as the Confer school in Miami township. Upon reaching manhood he continued to make his home on the home place and after their father's death in 1857 he and his brother William continued farming that place, in partnership, but two or three years later the partnership was dissolved and George Confer bought more land adjoining the tract which his father had given him in that township and after his marriage in the spring of 1861 established his home on the latter place and

there continued engaged in farming and stock raising until his retirement thirty years later, in 1891, and removal to Yellow Springs; where he and his wife spent their last days, her death occurring there on March 12, 1913, and his, June 12, 1917. Mr. Confer was a Republican and had served the public in the capacity of township supervisor and as director of his school district. He and his wife were members of the Reformed church.

On May 2, 1861, in Miami township, George Confer was united in marriage to Ann Johnson, who was born in that township on April 15, 1841, daughter of James and Catherine (Ehrler) Johnson, the former of whom was born in Kentucky and the latter in France, who were married in Clark county, this state, and later came down into Greene county and located on a farm in Miami township. There Mrs. Johnson died in 1849. Mr. Johnson married again and continued to make his home in Miami township, where his death occurred in 1890. To George and Ann (Johnson) Confer were born six children, namely: Mary Etta, who married Joseph Vernanda Shoemaker, a merchant at Goes; George Albert, who married Anna Fogel and continues farming in Miami township; Arthur U., the immediate subject of this biographical sketch; William W., of Yellow Springs, who has been twice married, his first wife having been Zella Fogel and his second Lillie Powers; Howard T., who married Nora Ginneman and is engaged in the blacksmith business at Xenia, and Susan, who married John Conrad, a Springfield butcher, and died on June 7, 1905.

Arthur U. Confer grew up on the farm on which he now lives, two and a half miles west of the village of Yellow Springs, and has always been a farmer. He received his schooling in the local schools and after his marriage in 1891 established his home on the old home place, his parents retiring to the village about that time, and he ever since has made his home there. On November 10, 1917, Mr. Confer bought the remaining interests in the old home place and is now the sole owner of the same. He has for years made a specialty of the raising of pure-bred live stock and Mrs. Confer has for a long time given particular attention to the production of poultry. Among the numerous evidences of the aboriginal occupancy of this beautiful valley of the Miamis, detailed reference to which is made in the historical section of this work, there is on the Confer farm a well-defined Indian burial ground, evidently established by the Shawnees who formerly roamed up and down this valley and had their habitation here.

On January 13, 1891, Arthur U. Confer was united in marriage to Clara K. Miller, who also was born in this county, July 13, 1868, daughter of Israel and Jane (Arthur) Miller, of the Osborn neighborhood, the former of whom died in 1900 and the latter, in 1906, and to this union have been born four children, namely: Florence Ann, born on August 16, 1896, who

married Chester Semler and lives on a farm four and a half miles west of Yellow Springs; Chester Miller, August 14, 1897, who is at home assisting his father in the management of the farm; Harry Lamar, November 4, 1901, who is now a student in the high school at Yellow Springs, and Clarence, who died in infancy in 1905. The Confers are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Confer and his son Chester are members of the local lodge of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

WILLIAM R. BAKER.

William R. Baker, a veteran of the Civil War, former auditor of Greene county and formerly and for years engaged in the mercantile business in Xenia, in which city he is now living retired, is a native son of Greene county, born on a farm in Silvercreek township, one mile west of the village of Jamestown, August 31, 1841, a son of John W. and Elizabeth (Towell) Baker, the former of whom was born in Kentucky in 1814 and the latter, in Virginia, in 1813, who were married in this county and here established their home, many years later moving to Columbus, where their last days were spent.

John W. Baker was a son of William and Dorothy (Winans) Baker and was fourteen years of age when he came to this county from Kentucky with his parents in 1828. Two years previously William Baker had come up here from Kentucky on a visit to his kinsman, Doctor Winans, who was at that time practicing his profession at Jamestown, then a hamlet of fewer than a dozen houses, and had been so favorably impressed by the promising conditions here that he decided to locate in this county. Returning to Kentucky he disposed of his interests there and in 1828 came with his family and took up his permanent abode at Jamestown, where he erected a frame building on the site now occupied by Johnson's grocery store and there engaged in the manufacturing of harness. Not long afterward he established a tavern at Jamestown and Baker's Tavern was for years a popular stopping place both "for man and beast," a large yard and stable at the rear affording accommodations for the latter. That tavern occupied the southeast corner of Main and Limestone streets. William Baker and his wife were the parents of eight sons and three daughters and John W. Baker was the fifth son. The latter grew to manhood at Jamestown and there married Elizabeth Towell, who, as noted above, was born in Virginia in 1813. She was a daughter of John and Sarah Towell, the former of whom died in Virginia, his native state, after which his widow came with her children to Ohio and after a sometime residence at Xenia located at Jamestown. After his marriage John W. Baker became engaged in the grocery business at Jamestown and remained there until his sons were well grown boys, when he moved to a farm he had

bought in Sugarcreek township, south of Jamestown, where he remained until in the early '60s, when, in order to secure better advantages in the way of schooling for the younger daughter he moved to Columbus, where he again became engaged in the grocery business and was thus engaged until his retirement. He and his wife spent their last days at Columbus, her death occurring there in 1900 and his, in 1901. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their children were reared in that faith. There were seven of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being Sarah E., widow of James Alexander, now living with her daughters in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; James C., who died in the days of his youth; John H., also now deceased; Samuel T., a veteran of the Civil War, who is living on his farm in the Cedarville neighborhood; Erastus F., a traveling salesman, who died at Chicago in 1914, and Clarissa A., wife of W. H. Dye, now living in Florida.

William R. Baker received his schooling in the schools of Jamestown and was a well-grown lad when his parents moved to the farm, where he was living when the Civil War broke out. In October, 1861, he enlisted for service, a member of Company A, Seventy-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with that command for three years, or until the completion of his term of enlistment, being mustered out in the fall of 1864, when his younger brother Samuel took his place in the company. During that period of service Mr. Baker was attached to the Army of the Cumberland, Fourteenth Army Corps, Second Division, Third Brigade, and was an orderly at division headquarters when mustered out. He participated in many of the notable battles and engagements of the war, including those of Stone's River, Chickamauga, Jonesboro and the Atlanta campaign and upon the completion of that active service became an ambulance driver and thus continued his service until the close of the war.

Not long after his return from army service Mr. Baker became employed as a clerk in the grocery store of H. H. Eavey at Xenia, beginning that employment in 1867, and two years later, in 1869, bought a half interest in the store. Soon afterward the firm again was reorganized, Mr. Baker's brother-in-law, W. B. Harrison, buying his partner's interest, the firm then becoming Baker, Harrison & Company, and Mr. Baker continued thus engaged in the mercantile business until his election in the fall of 1883 to the office of auditor of Greene county. He was retained in office, by successive reelections, until 1896, when he declined to be the further nominee of the party that had honored him by these successive nominations without opposition. For four years after his retirement from the auditor's office Mr. Baker was engaged in prospecting in the Scioto oil fields and since then has been living practically retired, his chief attention being given to the management of a

farm he owns in this county, making his home in the old W. B. Harrison residence at 202 East Market street. He is a Republican.

Mr. Baker has been twice married. On March 1, 1876, he was united in marriage to Anna Harrison, who was born and reared in this county, her home having been about eight miles east of Xenia. She was a daughter of James and Ruth (Hanna) Harrison and a sister of W. B. Harrison, who for years was a merchant and manufacturer at Xenia and a politician of more than local influence. To that union were born two daughters, Florence B., who married Frank Wickersham and now lives in Denver, Colorado, and Jessie R., wife of J. A. Chew, managing editor of the *Xenia Gazette*. The mother of these daughters died in October, 1892, and on September 12, 1905, Mr. Baker married Mrs. Agnes (Garrett) Harrison, widow of the late W. B. Harrison, mentioned above. Mrs. Baker was born at Wilmington, Delaware, a daughter of Elwood Garrett and wife, and was living in that city at the time of her marriage to Mr. Harrison, her home since then having been in Xenia. Her father, Elwood Garrett, a Quaker, who died in 1910 at the great age of ninety-three years, was a photographer and was quite an inventor, he having put up the first telephone in use in the city of Wilmington. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are members of the Church of Christ (Scientist) and Mr. Baker is a member of the Masonic order.

CLARK K. BICKETT.

Clark K. Bickett, proprietor of a farm on the Bickett road in Xenia township, rural mail route No. 2 out of Xenia, was born in that same township on March 28, 1866, son of Matthew A. and Caroline (Kendall) Bickett, both of whom also were born in that township and the latter of whom is still living there.

Matthew Alexander Bickett was born on January 19, 1831, a son of William R. and Isabella (Alexander) Bickett, the former of whom was born in the Coaquilla valley of Pennsylvania about 1796, a son of Adam and Elizabeth (Reed) Bickett, natives of Ireland, who came to this country some years after their marriage and settled in Pennsylvania, where Adam Bickett's last days were spent, his death occurring there not many years after. His widow and her children, of whom William R. Bickett was the youngest, came to Ohio in 1818 and settled in this county, purchasing a tract of one hundred and fifty acres in Xenia township, which tract is still held in the family. There William R. Bickett grew to manhood, married and spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1865. His widow survived him for twenty years, her death occurring in 1885. They were members of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia and their children



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were reared in that faith. There were six of these children, Adam R., Matthew A., Mary Jane (Mrs. Solomon Foust), Elizabeth Isabella, Lydia Ann and W. Harvey.

Reared on the home farm in Xenia township, Matthew A. Bickett established his home in that same township after his marriage in 1865 and continued to make his home there the rest of his life, his death occurring in November, 1911. His widow is still making her home on the old home place. She was born in that township, Caroline E. Kendall, a daughter of William and Eleanor (Jackson) Kendall, who were married in that township and there spent their last days. William Kendall, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, was born in Kentucky, a son of Robert Kendall and wife, who later came up into Ohio and located in Greene county. His wife, Eleanor Jackson, was born in Xenia township, a member of one of the pioneer families of that part of Greene county. Of the six children born to William Kendall and wife, all are deceased except Mrs. Bickett. Matthew A. Bickett was a member of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia, as is his widow, and their children were reared in accordance with the tenets of the same. There are seven of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being as follow: Charles A., a farmer and stockman of New Jasper township, this county, who married Edna Watt, of Greenfield, Ohio; William Albert, who married Margaret Harper and is farming in Xenia township; Anna M., unmarried, who continues to make her home with her mother; the Rev. John W. Bickett, a minister of the United Presbyterian church, who married Leota Watt, of Greenfield, Ohio, and is now stationed at New Concord, this state; Eleanor I., who married Herbert Tate and is now living on a farm in the vicinity of Bellbrook, and David Cameron Bickett, who married Pearl McCampbell, of this county, and is farming the old home place in Xenia township.

Clark K. Bickett grew to manhood on the old home farm, completed his schooling by a course in the old Xenia College on East Church street and after his marriage in the spring of 1889 began farming on his own account. He bought the William McQuiston place of one hundred acres on the Bickett road four miles east of Xenia, where he since has made his home and on which in 1916 he erected a new dwelling of nine rooms, the same being equipped with electric lights, hard-wood floors, two bath rooms and various up-to-date conveniences for housekeeping. He also built the forty-by-seventy-two barn on the place, erected two silos, one of a hundred-ton capacity and the other of seventy-five-ton capacity, and laid a cement floor one hundred and eight by one hundred and three feet on his barnyard. On his original tract of one hundred acres he laid twenty-two hundred rods of tile and on the tract of one hundred and forty acres adjoining, which he

later bought, he also has done extensive tiling. In addition to his general farming Mr. Bickett has for years given considerable attention to the raising of live stock, feeding a couple of car loads of steers and two or three hundred head of hogs annually, feeding all the grain he raises, besides buying thousands of bushels for that purpose. He has a herd of Jerseys for dairy purposes and his specialty in the way of hogs is Duroc-Jerseys. Politically, Mr. Bickett is an "independent" Republican.

On May 24, 1899, Clark K. Bickett was united in marriage to Margaret Turnbull, who was born in Ross township, this county, daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann (Spencer) Turnbull, and to this union four children have been born, Mary E., Joseph T., Blanche and Robert, the two former of whom are now (1918) students in the Xenia high school, the first-named being a senior. The Bicketts are members of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia.

CHARLES DILL DOBBINS.

The late Charles Dill Dobbins, who died at his farm home on the line between Cedarville and Ross township on January 10, 1909, was a native son of Ohio and all his life was spent in this state, a resident of Greene county since the time of his marriage in 1876. He was born in the city of Lima, county seat of Allen county, March 10, 1853, son of Hugh and Mary (Elwell) Dobbins, the latter of whom was born and reared in Clark county, this state.

Hugh Dobbins was born in Pennsylvania and was twelve years of age when he came to Ohio with his parents, the family settling in Allen county, where he grew to manhood and became a farmer and landowner and served for fourteen years as auditor of the county. After his marriage he moved to Lima and later lived at Yellow Springs. For years he was a Republican, but in his later years espoused the cause of the Prohibition party. He and his family were Presbyterians. Hugh Dobbins was twice married, and by his first wife, Mary Elwell, was the father of four children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being Chalmers, also deceased; Libbie, wife of Clark Funston, of Yellow Springs, this county; and James, a farmer, living in the vicinity of Ada, this state. The mother of the children died in 1856 and Hugh Dobbins later married Mary Funston, who died in 1908. This latter marriage was without issue.

Charles D. Dobbins was reared on the farm and completed his early schooling at Ada. He plowed the first furrow for the foundation of the main building of the Ohio Northern University and later entered the college,

pursuing his studies there with a view of entering the gospel ministry, but failing health interrupted his studies and he did not finish the course. After his marriage in 1876 Mr. Dobbins made his home in Greene county, buying here the farm of one hundred and fifty-two acres on the line between Cedarville and Ross township where he spent the rest of his life. In addition to his general farming he gave considerable attention to the raising of live stock, with particular reference to pure-bred Merino sheep and Poland China hogs. Originally a Republican, Mr. Dobbins in his later years became a Prohibitionist.

On October 25, 1876, Charles D. Dobbins was united in marriage to Flora E. Turnbull, who was born in this county and who survives her husband, now making her home in Cedarville, to which place she moved in 1911 and bought a home on North Main street. She is a member of the United Presbyterian church at Cedarville, as was her husband. To Charles D. and Flora E. (Turnbull) Dobbins were born seven children, namely: Orlando, who married Alta Spangler and is living on the home place, a part of which he is farming; Alma, wife of Harry King, a farmer, living at Washington Court House, in the neighboring county of Fayette; Mary, wife of Omer Burrell, of Springfield, in the neighboring county of Clark; Hattie, wife of Denver Wisecup, of Oxford, this state; Max Elwell, who died at the age of two years, and Zelpha, who is living with her mother at Cedarville.

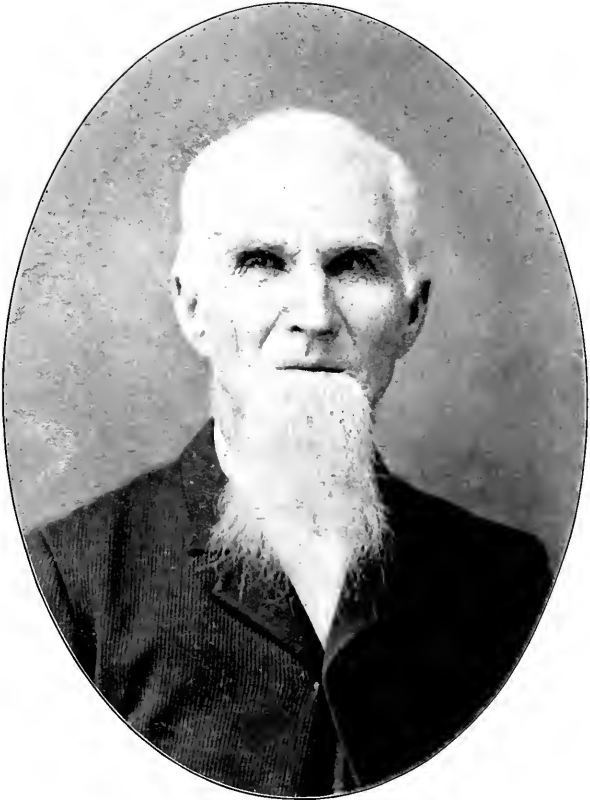
Mrs. Dobbins was born in Cedarville township, a daughter of Samuel K. and Catherine (Funston) Turnbull, both now deceased, the latter of whom died on September 5, 1913, she then being eighty-six years of age, and the former, January 5, 1917, he then being in the eighty-eighth year of his age. Samuel Kyle Turnbull, further reference to whom is made elsewhere in this volume, also was born in Cedarville township, a son of John and Margaret (Kyle) Turnbull, the former of whom was a son of William Turnbull and wife, who had come up here with their family from the vicinity of Nashville, Tennessee, and had settled in Cedarville township in the early days of the settlement of that region, all of which, together with further details of the history of the Turnbull family in Greene county, is set out at considerable length elsewhere. The stone house erected by William Turnbull upon coming to this county is still standing, now owned by the Fowler family, on the Columbus-Cincinnati pike, about three miles southwest of Cedarville. Catherine Funston was born in the neighboring county of Clark, a daughter of John and Keziah (Scott) Funston, the latter of whom was a daughter of Thomas Scott, who had come up here into Ohio from the vicinity of Lexington, Kentucky, and had settled in Clark county, not far north of the Greene county line. John Funston was a son of Paul Funston, whose parents had come to this country from Ireland. To Samuel K. and Catherine (Funston) Turnbull were born four children, those besides Mrs. Dobbins

being John Edwin Turnbull, who is living on the home place in Cedarville township; Fannie, wife of Charles Barber, of Cedarville, and Melda, who married Edwin Bull and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased.

SAMUEL T. BAKER.

Samuel T. Baker, farmer and stockman, a soldier of the Civil War, president of the Greene County Fair Association, former mayor of Jamestown and former township trustee, has been a resident of this county all his life. He was born on a farm on the Xenia-Jamestown pike, one mile west of Jamestown, March 17, 1847, son of John Winans and Elizabeth (Towell) Baker, the latter of whom also was born in this county, in Silvercreek township, in 1813, daughter of John and Sarah Towell, pioneers of that section, who had come here from Pennsylvania. John Towell was regarded as the strongest man in Greene county in his generation and he died as a result of putting his great strength to an excessive test. On a wager he carried four bushels of wheat up a stairway in a mill, but the strain was too much and he died shortly afterward, leaving his widow with four small children, of whom Mr. Baker's mother was the youngest, the others being John, who became known as Squire Towell and lived in Ross township, Samuel, who moved to Indiana, and Mrs. Canaan Brouse, who also moved to Indiana. The Widow Towell did not remarry and lived to be ninety-six years of age.

John Winans Baker was born in Kentucky in 1814 and was but a child when his parents, John and Mary (Winans) Baker, came up here with their family in 1816 and settled in the immediate vicinity of Jamestown, where John Baker built a large house and became a considerable landowner. He did a large business in hauling to Cincinnati. He and his wife were Methodists and were the parents of thirteen children, Mathias, George, William, Douglas, John Winans, Hilary, Jacob, Andrew, Mary and four daughters who died young. John Winans Baker grew up in the Jamestown neighborhood and after his marriage became engaged in the grocery business at Jamestown, remaining there until his sons were grown, when he moved to his farm southeast of the village. Upon his retirement he and his wife moved to Columbus, where in 1900 Mrs. Baker died from the effect of injuries received in a fall down a cellarway, she then being eighty-seven years of age. A year later John W. Baker fell down stairs and received injuries from which he died on Christmas Day, 1901. They were Methodists and he was a charter member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Jamestown. John W. Baker and wife were the parents of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being the following:



AMOS WILSON CRESWELL.



MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL T. PARKER.



James, who died in youth; Sarah, now living at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, widow of James Alexander; William Raper, of Xenia; John H., who died at Columbus; Erastus Frank, who died at Chicago; Isadora, who died at the age of four years, and Arvilla, who is the widow of Willis H. Dye and is now living in Florida.

Samuel T. Baker was reared at Jamestown, where he received his schooling and became familiar with the details of the grocery business in his father's store. He was but a boy when the Civil War broke out and in January, 1864, he then not being seventeen years of age, he enlisted for service as a member of Company A, Seventy-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and became an orderly to Major-Gen. Charles T. Walcott, commanding the First Division of the Fourteenth Army Corps, and while thus detailed went with Sherman's army to the sea and participated in the Grand Review at Washington, being mustered out at the close of the war. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Baker returned home and not long afterward opened a grocery store at Grape Grove, but presently returned to Jamestown and was there engaged in the grocery business for three years, at the end of which time he and Alf Johnson started a horse-breeding farm just east of the village, making a specialty of breeding and training saddle, draft and coach horses. For twenty-five years Mr. Baker exhibited his horses at county and state fairs and in show rings and acted as judge and starter at race meets over a wide territory. He also made a specialty of auctioneering at horse and general farm sales and for forty-five years followed that vocation throughout this section of Ohio and over in Indiana. For the past five years Mr. Baker has been serving as president of the Greene County Fair Association. On the place on which he lives, the old Amos W. Creswell farm east of Cedarville, Mr. Baker has in late years given much attention to the raising of registered Berkshire hogs and in 1913 was the winner of the grand champion sweepstakes for boars at the Ohio state fair. Mr. Baker is a Republican, served for two terms as mayor of Jamestown and for two terms as township trustee. He and his wife are members of the Reformed Presbyterian church at Cedarville.

Mr. Baker has been twice married. In 1868 he was united in marriage to Sarah Rebecca Townsley, a member of one of Greene county's pioneer families, and to that union two children were born, Harry T., now living at Columbus, and Raymond, now living at Cincinnati. The mother of these sons died in 1898 and on October 9, 1901, Mr. Baker married Ada L. Creswell, who also was born in this county, daughter of Amos W. and Rebecca (Ward) Creswell, who were the parents of five children, but two of whom, Mrs. Baker and William Ward Creswell, grew to maturity. Mrs. Baker is connected with two of the oldest families in Greene county. She completed

her schooling in the college at Delaware, this state. Her father, Amos W. Creswell, who was the owner of five hundred acres of land east of Cedarville, a part of which tract is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Baker, was born in that same neighborhood on March 13, 1827, son of Samuel and Letitia (Wilson) Creswell, the latter of whom, born in 1802, was a daughter of Amos Wilson, who, with his brother, Major Daniel Wilson, is traditionally said to have been the first permanent white settler in the region that came to be organized as Greene county, Amos Wilson being credited with having built the first house in the county, which he later sold to his brother Daniel, all of which is set out elsewhere in this work. The Creswells also have been here since the days before the organization of the county, as is set out at length elsewhere. Amos Wilson Creswell, father of Mrs. Baker, was a grandson of James and Catherine Creswell, the former of whom was killed by Indians in Kentucky, after which his widow and her children, two sons and five daughters, came up here and settled on what is now the Andrew Jackson farm in Cedarville township. Samuel Creswell, born in 1778, was the fourth in order of birth of the children of this pioneer widow, the others having been Ann, who married Thomas Spence and had three children: Margaret, who married John McClellan and had six children: Betsy, who married Daniel Boyles; Catherine, who married William McClellan; Sarah, who married Simon Bromagem, and James, who married Ann Junkin. Samuel Creswell was a soldier of the second war with England, 1812. To Samuel and Letitia (Wilson) Creswell were born five children, namely: James, born in 1821, who married Ellen Cregor and moved to Crawford county, Illinois, where he died in 1895; Ann, born in 1823, who remained unmarried, making her home with her brother Amos and died in 1904; Samuel R., born in 1825, who died at the age of sixteen years; Amos W., father of Mrs. Baker, and Benoni, born in 1828, who married Mary Jane Marshall and spent all his life in Cedarville township, his death occurring in 1914. Amos Wilson Creswell was twice married. In 1864 he was united in marriage to Hannah Rebecca Ward, who was born on April 27, 1841, and to that union were born five children, of whom Mrs. Baker, the first-born, was born on November 24, 1865, the others being William Ward, born on December 1, 1867, who married Ethel May Fields; Samuel Lee, born in 1870, who died in 1877; one who died in infancy in 1872, and Anna Luella, born in 1873, who died at the age of six months. The mother of these children died on January 26, 1875, and Mr. Creswell later married Mrs. Margaret A. Raney, a daughter of J. N. Townsley. He died on December 20, 1899, and the brick house he erected on his farm in 1878 is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Baker.

WALLACE FRANCIS ANDREWS.

Wallace Francis Andrews, the owner of eight hundred and twenty-five acres of land in this county and now living retired in Xenia, was born on a farm in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, April 5, 1859, son of Samuel and Susan (Bryson) Andrews, who spent their last days in that county. Samuel Andrews also was born in Westmoreland county and his wife was born in Fayette county, in that same state. She died in 1892 at the age of seventy years, and he died in 1897, aged seventy-five. They were the parents of five children, three of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Anna, wife of Charles Cunningham, of Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, and Margaret, wife of John Stoner, a farmer, of Silvercreek township, this county. Samuel Andrews was the owner of a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Westmoreland county, the coal rights to which he sold for one hundred dollars an acre. He was a Democrat and he and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian church.

Reared on the home farm in Pennsylvania, Wallace F. Andrews completed his schooling in the Mt. Pleasant Institute and when a young man went to Kansas, to "grow up with the country." From Kansas he went up into Nebraska and for a time was employed in the latter state on a big ranch. He later bought a tract of railroad land in that state and held on to it for ten years, occupying it, however, for but five years, at the end of which time he returned to Pennsylvania, married there in 1892 and took care of his father's farm until 1896, when he came to Ohio and bought a farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Fayette county. There he lived for five years, or until 1901, when he came over into Greene county and bought a farm of two hundred and thirty acres in New Jasper township, on which he made his home. When Mr. Andrews came to this county he still held on to his Fayette county farm, but later sold the same, that transaction being the first one in which Fayette county farm land was sold for one hundred dollars an acre. Upon selling that farm he bought a tract of four hundred and twenty-five acres in Ross township, this county, which latter place his son is now operating. Since entering upon possession of his place in New Jasper township he has added more in Cedarville township, adjoining the same, and now has there four hundred acres on the Jamestown pike. In 1911 he remodeled the house, the same standing on that part of his farm formerly known as the old Watt place. In April, 1918, Mr. Andrews and wife moved to Xenia to live and now reside at 436 North Galloway street. Mr. Andrews is a Democrat.

On January 29, 1891, Wallace F. Andrews was united in marriage in Pennsylvania to Anna Junk, who was born in the vicinity of Dunbar, in Fayette county, that state, daughter of Robert Junk and wife, the latter of

whom lived to the great age of ninety-six years, his death occurring in 1916, and to this union five children have been born, namely: Elbert, who is now managing his father's Ross township farm; Alice, who is at home with her parents; Samuel, who died at the age of seventeen years of typhoid fever; Howard, who died of the same disease at the same time, he being fifteen years of age at the time, and Mary, who was born in 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews are members of the United Presbyterian church.

JAMES C. CUNNINGHAM.

James C. Cunningham, a farmer of the Bellbrook neighborhood, a member of the board of the Greene County Fair Association and for years a member of the school board of Sugarcreek township, was born at Bellbrook and has lived in and about that village all his life, owner and occupant of the farm on which he is now living, a half mile out of Bellbrook, for the past eleven or twelve years. He was born on December 19, 1848, son of James and Sarah E. (Stratton) Cunningham, the former of whom came to Greene county from Shelby county, this state, when twenty years of age and located at Bellbrook. James Cunningham was a cooper by trade and upon locating at Bellbrook engaged in that business there, continuing thus engaged until 1858, when he located on the farm on which his son James is now living and there was engaged in farming until his retirement and return to his old home in Bellbrook, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there in 1896. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, Robert, Frank P., Angeline, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, Amanda, James C., William, Margaret and Minnie.

James C. Cunningham was ten years of age when his parents moved from Bellbrook to the farm just east of the village. He received his schooling in the Bellbrook schools and for some time thereafter remained on the home farm, later going to the farm of his uncle, Matthew Berryhill, where he remained, engaged in farming that place, until his marriage in 1880, when he began housekeeping on a farm in the neighboring township of Spring Valley and there remained for seventeen years, at the end of which time he sold that place and bought the old home farm where his father formerly had lived just on the edge of Bellbrook, established his home there and has since made that his place of residence. Mr. Cunningham is a Republican and for nearly thirty years has been a member of the Sugarcreek township school board. He also is a member of the official board of the Greene County Fair Association, while as a member of the Grange he has for years done what he could in that connection to promote the general agricultural interests of his home neighborhood. He was reared a Presbyterian and his wife is

a Methodist. Mrs. Cunningham, who before her marriage was Grace Jeffries, was living at Xenia at the time of her marriage to Mr. Cunningham in 1880. her parents, Francis H. and Sarah C. (Needham) Jeffries, having moved to that city from Lewisburg, this state.

PROF. JAMES HERBERT FORTNEY, M. A.

Prof. James Herbert Fortney, supervisor of schools in District No. 2 of Greene county, is a native son of Greene county and has resided in this county most of his life, now a resident of Cedarville, though for some time during the early part of his educational career he was engaged in school work in neighboring counties. He was born in the village of Osborn, a son of David and Alta (Fuller) Fortney, both now deceased, who were born on adjoining farms in Pike township, four miles north of the village of New Carlisle, in the neighboring county of Clark, the latter on February 7, 1847, daughter of James and Mary Jane (Verdier) Fuller, who were born in Virginia and who had come to this state with their respective parents in the days of their youth, marrying and establishing their home in Clark county, where James Fuller became a farmer and stock buyer.

David Fortney was born on February 9, 1842, son of Jacob Fortney and wife, natives of Pennsylvania and both of Pennsylvania-Dutch ancestry, who were married in Ohio and here spent their last days. On the home farm in the northwestern part of Clark county David Fortney grew to manhood and early became a school teacher, farming during the summers and teaching during the winters. He married in Clark county and in 1875 came down into Greene county and located at Osborn, where he became engaged in the coal and lumber business and where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there on December 30, 1913. In addition to his coal and lumber business at Osborn Mr. Fortney also was a stockholder in the Osborn Bank and in the Ohio Whip Company. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and for forty years he was an office bearer in the church and long a class leader and Sunday school worker. His wife had preceded him to the grave for more than fifteen years, her death having occurred in 1897, she then having been fifty years of age. They were the parents of four children, those besides Professor Fortney being Ann, wife of Harvey E. Snyder, of Osborn; Mary, unmarried, who is also living at Osborn, where she has continued in charge of the business there built up by her father, and Carleton E. Fortney, a mining engineer, now following that vocation in southern Illinois.

James H. Fortney completed his schooling at Ohio Wesleyan University, from which institution he was graduated in 1902. Upon leaving college he

was engaged as a teacher in the public schools of Clinton county and presently became employed as an instructor in the high school at Williamsburg. While there he was chosen by the school board of St. Paris to take the superintendency of the St. Paris high school and accepted the call. During his service at New Paris, Professor Fortney attended college during the summers and thus became qualified for his Master degree. When the new state school law became operative in 1912 the Professor was elected supervisor of District No. 2 in Greene county and has since then made his home at Cedarville, that point being rather centrally situated with respect to the territory comprised in his district, which includes the schools of the township of New Jasper, Ross and Cedarville and the Clifton consolidated school.

In 1904 Prof. James H. Fortney was united in marriage to Carrie Ryan, who also was born at Osborn, daughter of William H. and Ellen (Folkerth) Ryan, both of whom were born in this county, and to this union one child has been born, a son, James Herbert, Jr. Professor and Mrs. Fortney are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and the Professor is a teacher in the Sunday school. Fraternally, he is a Scottish Rite (32^d) Mason, affiliated with the blue lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Williamsburg; with the commandery (Knights Templar) at Urbana and with the consistory (Scottish Rite) at Dayton.

CHARLES THOMPSON.

Charles Thompson, a veteran of the Civil War, formerly and for years engaged in the retail meat business at Xenia and later a rural mail carrier, now living retired in the city which has been his home for many years, is a native of the great Empire state, but has been a resident of Ohio since the days of his boyhood and of Xenia since the year 1867, having located there not long after his return from service in the army at the close of the war. He was born in Onondaga county, New York, October 6, 1839, a son of John Thompson and wife, the latter of whom was a Gail, both natives of the state of Massachusetts, whose last days were spent in Ohio. John Thompson was a ship carpenter. He was married in Massachusetts and after a sometime residence there moved to Onondaga county, New York, whence, in 1845, he came with his family to Ohio and located at Piqua, where he resumed work at his trade and where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of ten children, Eliza, Deborah, John, Martha, Emma, Jane, James, Charles and two who died in early youth.

Having been but about six years of age when his parents moved from New York state to Piqua, Charles Thompson grew to manhood in that city, receiving his schooling in the public schools there, and was living there when

the Civil War broke out. On April 18, 1861, three days after President Lincoln issued his first call for volunteers to put down the armed assault against the Union, Mr. Thompson enlisted for service and went to the front as a member of Company F, Eleventh Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving with that command until the end of his period of enlistment, four months. He later re-enlisted and was attached to Company A, One Hundred and Tenth Ohio, attached to the Eighth Army Corps, and with that command was sent into Virginia and with the Army of the Potomac participated in all the battles from the Wilderness to Spottsylvania Court House. Mr. Thompson served as a soldier of the Union for three years, two months and thirteen days and received his discharge at Washington, D. C., June 25, 1865, the war then being over. During this period of service he served with the Third Brigade, Army of West Virginia, to December, 1862; Eighth Corps, Middle Department, to March, 1863; First Brigade, Second Division, Eighth Army Corps, Middle Department, to July, 1863; Second Brigade, Third Division, Third Corps, Army of the Potomac, to March, 1864, and Second Brigade, Third Division, Sixth Army Corps, to the time of his discharge, the only period of disability he suffered during that time being a period of eight weeks when he was laid up with typhoid fever.

Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Thompson returned to Ohio and was employed in the neighboring county of Miami until 1867, when he moved to Xenia and there engaged in the retail meat business, continuing thus engaged in that business in that city for twenty-four years, during more than twenty-two years of which time he had his store on Main street. When the system of rural mail delivery was inaugurated in the Xenia postoffice Mr. Thompson was made the carrier on the first route thus established out of that office and continued to carry the mail on that route for seventeen years, or until his retirement in March, 1913, since which time he has been "taking things easy." Mr. Thompson has been quite a traveler in his time and has at one time and another visited most of the chief points of interest to travelers in the United States. He is a Republican and a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic.

On December 31, 1867, the year in which he took up his residence in Xenia, Charles Thompson was united in marriage to Ada P. Harner, who was born in Greene county, daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Kirshner) Harner, both of Pennsylvania-Dutch stock, their respective parents having come to this county from Pennsylvania in pioneer days, and whose last days were spent in Xenia. Jacob Harner was a Republican and had served for some time as deputy sheriff of Greene county, as well as having served in township offices. He was a farmer and landowner. He was a member of the Lutheran church and his wife was a member of the Reformed church. They were the parents

of five children, of whom Mrs. Thompson is now the only survivor. Two of these children died in early youth and Solomon and Caroline, the two others who reached maturity, are also now dead. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JACOB I. WOLF.

Jacob I. Wolf, who died at his home in Xenia in the spring of 1898 and whose widow is still living in that city, was for years one of Xenia's best-known business men. For thirty years or more he was engaged there in the grocery business, was for years a member of the board of directors of the Citizens National Bank and was an elder in the First Reformed church. Mr. Wolf was a native son of Greene county, born at Byron, a member of one of the pioneer families here, and nearly all his life was spent in this county, the exception having been a brief period in the early days of his business career when he was engaged in merchandising at Kenton. He grew up on a farm in the Byron neighborhood and was engaged in farming, occupying his winters by teaching school, until after his marriage, after which he became engaged in the mercantile business at Fairfield. Not long afterward he moved to Kenton and was there engaged in business for one year, at the end of which time he moved to Xenia and there became engaged in the grocery business, a member of the firm of Harner & Wolf, 48 East Main street, and thus continued to his death, which occurred on May 7, 1898. He was born on November 14, 1833, and was thus in the sixty-fifth year of his age at the time of his death. In addition to his mercantile business at Xenia, Mr. Wolf was for years a member of the board of directors of the Citizens National Bank of that city. He was a zealous worker in the First Reformed church and was an elder of the congregation of the same at the time of his death. Mr. Wolf took a particularly earnest interest in the work of the church and it has been rightly said of him that "his church was his home," for to it he gave the sincere devotion of his heart. For some years he was a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but was not an active member of that organization at the time of his death. During the Civil War Mr. Wolf responded to the call for hundred-day volunteers and thus rendered service as a soldier of the Union.

Mr. Wolf was the sixth in order of birth of the seven children born to Jacob and Elizabeth (Kershner) Wolf, the others, all now deceased, having been Abraham, Joshua, Daniel, John Lewis, Sarah and Christina. The Wolfs are one of the pioneer families in this county, as are the Kershners, and elsewhere in this volume there is further mention of these families. Jacob Wolf was born in Pennsylvania and his parents were born in Mary-

land. They were early settlers in the Byron neighborhood in this county. Elizabeth Kershner's mother, Christina Philipina (Itenire) Kershner, was of European birth, a native of the grand duchy of Baden.

On January 31, 1859, at Dayton, this state, Jacob I. Wolf was united in marriage to Julia Ann Folkereth, who was born in the vicinity of that city on September 4, 1838, and who is still living, continuing to make her home at 225 East Church street, Xenia, her home for many years. Her parents were Christopher and Hannah Folkereth and she had two sisters, Mrs. Kit Carson and Mrs. Jennie Serface, the latter of whom is still living, and one brother, Pierce. To Mr. and Mrs. Wolf were born five children. May, the first-born, died in childhood and the others are Mrs. D. K. Prugh, Mrs. Charles B. Gowdy, Marshall L. Wolf, cashier of the Citizens National Bank of Xenia, and Edna G. Wolf, special agent at Xenia for the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company. Mrs. Prugh has two children, Mildred W., now a junior at Wellesley College, and Philip W. Prugh, an artist at Chicago. Mrs. Gowdy has one son, Richard W. Gowdy, who is attending the University of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Wolf has two daughters, Julia and Josephine, both students in Xenia.

WILSON COMPTON.

The late Wilson Compton, who died at his home in Spring Valley in November, 1912, and whose widow is still living there, was born on a farm about a mile and a quarter northeast of the village of Spring Valley on September 7, 1841, son of Henry and Catherine (Mock) Compton, both members of pioneer families in this county.

Henry Compton was born in North Carolina in 1798 and was but seven years of age when he came to Ohio with his parents, Stephen and Dinal (Millhouse) Compton, Quakers, who drove through and settled on a tract of land about where now stands the mill at New Burlington, where they established their home. It was amid that pioneer environment that Henry Compton grew to manhood. He received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and for some years after his marriage continued to make his home on his father's land and then bought a tract of one hundred acres a half mile west of that place, to which he later added until he became the owner there of more than two hundred acres. He had other farm holdings in this county, his land here aggregating about four hundred and seventy-five acres, besides which he was the owner of six hundred acres in the neighboring county of Fayette. He spent his last days on his farm, his death occurring there on November 20, 1880, he then being eighty-two years of age. Henry Compton was twice married. His first wife was Mary Horner, member of

one of the pioneer families of this county. To that union were born three sons, Stephen and Ezra, who established themselves over in Fayette county, and Martin, who moved to Iowa. Following the death of the mother of these sons Henry Compton married Catherine Mock, who was born on the farm adjoining that on which her husband lived, December 29, 1810, daughter of John and Mary (Horney) Mock, and to that union were born three sons and one daughter, Eber, Amos M. and Wilson, who became Greene county farmers, and Cynthia, who married James Dougherty, a Xenia manufacturer. The mother of these children survived her husband about ten years, her death occurring on April 6, 1890. Her father, John Mock, came to this county from North Carolina in 1804, served as a soldier of the War of 1812, moved over into Fayette county in 1853 and there died in 1862.

Wilson Compton was reared on the home farm in the vicinity of Spring Valley and in the schools of that village received his schooling. As the youngest son he remained at home and gradually assumed the management of his father's farming interests on the home place, making his home there after his marriage in 1867. After his father's death he inherited the homestead place of something more than two hundred acres and continued to reside there until in 1889, in the fall of which year he bought "Oakhill," the highest point of land in Spring Valley township, and there resided until his retirement and removal to the village of Spring Valley, where he built a house and spent his last days and where his widow continues to make her home. In addition to his farm "Oakhill," a little more than a mile east of Spring Valley, Mr. Compton retained possession of the old home place in the neighborhood. He was a Republican and in 1890 served as real-estate appraiser for the township of Spring Valley.

On January 10, 1867, Wilson Compton was united in marriage to Rachel A. Gaddis, who was born in the vicinity of the village of Harveysburg, in the neighboring county of Warren, July 8, 1844, daughter of Allan and Rachel Ann (Mershon) Gaddis, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Kentucky, who had come to this state with their respective parents in the days of their youth and who were married at Kenton. Allan Gaddis was a farmer in Warren county. His first wife died in 1845, leaving two sons and a daughter, George, William and Rachel, and he later married and moved to Decatur, Illinois, where he died on November 8, 1865. To Mr. and Mrs. Compton were born two children, daughters, Rosa G. and Birdie, both of whom are still living. Rosa G. Compton married F. B. Smith, of Spring Valley, and has one child, a daughter, Rachel Smith, born on July 27, 1893, who married Lindley Marlett, of Springfield, this state, and has a daughter, Rose Marie. Birdie Compton married William Alexander, a member of the old Alexander family of this county, further mention of

which is made elsewhere in this volume, and lives on the old Compton home place in Spring Valley township. She and her husband have three children, Mildred, Robert E. and Virginia. Mrs. Compton is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was her husband.

JOHN HIGGINS.

John Higgins, Sugarcreek township, proprietor of a farm of a fraction under one hundred and twelve acres, situated on rural mail route No. 12 out of Dayton, is a native of England, but has been a resident of this county since he was but an infant and therefore feels quite as much a "Buckeye" as though born here. He was born in 1854, son of Anthony and Winifred (Stanton) Higgins, both of whom were born in Ireland, who came to the United States with their family in 1855 and proceeded on out to Ohio and located at Bellbrook, in this county. Anthony Higgins was a stonemason and for some time after coming here followed that vocation at Bellbrook, but later took up farming in that neighborhood and died on the farm about twenty-five years ago. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, Thomas, John, Mary, Winifred (deceased), Anthony, Ellen and Gertrude.

Reared at Bellbrook, John Higgins received his schooling in the schools of that village and when his parents moved to the farm he became a practical farmer, a vocation he ever since has followed and is now the owner of a farm of nearly one hundred and twelve acres. Mr. Higgins became the possessor of that farm before he was thirty years of age and has lived there continuously since his marriage. He and his family are members of the Holy Angels Catholic church. Mr. Higgins is a Democrat and fraternally, he is affiliated with the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

On June 18, 1896, John Higgins was united in marriage to Margaret Volkenand and to this union two children have been born, Winifred, born on April 23, 1898, and Herman, January 30, 1901. Mrs. Higgins was born in Beavercreek township, this county, daughter of Herman and Elizabeth (Brod) Volkenand, who were married in this county in 1852 and who were the parents of the following children: Leonard, Anna, Elizabeth (deceased), George, Herman, John (deceased) and Margaret. The elder Herman Volkenand and his wife were both of European birth, born in what then was the state of Hesse-Cassel, but now and since 1866 a part of the Prussian province of Hesse-Nassau, the former in 1826 and the latter in 1828. Herman Volkenand was a son of George and Elizabeth (Hayes) Volkenand, who were the parents of five children, of whom only Herman came to America. The latter received his education in his native land and when twenty-five years of age came to the United States, sailing on March 1, 1851, and arriv-

ing at the port of New York after a voyage of five weeks. Upon his arrival he started on a prospecting trip through the West and Northwest, visiting the states of Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin, but in the fall of that same year came to Ohio and located in Greene county, where he had friends, and went to work in the Alpha neighborhood as a woodchopper, at the rate of forty cents a cord and "find" himself. In 1852 he married Elizabeth Brod, whom he had known in his home country and who had come here some little time before, and not long afterward bought a small farm on which he began operations on his own account.

JOHN G. WARNER.

The late John G. Warner, an honored veteran of the Civil War, who died at his home in Yellow Springs in the fall of 1914 and whose widow and one of his daughters, Miss Emma Warner, are still living there, was born in the neighboring county of Clark and there spent most of his active life, having resided there until his removal to Yellow Springs in 1902. He was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Selma, in Madison township, January 9, 1840, son of Isaac and Sarah (Gill) Warner, who were the parents of six children, of whom he was the fourth in order of birth.

Reared on the home farm, John G. Warner was attending Antioch College at Yellow Springs when the Civil War broke out. Though not yet "of age" he at once offered his services to help put down the armed rebellion against the government and on April 17, 1861, two days following President Lincoln's first call for volunteers, his name was enrolled on the roster of the Seventeenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, the first volunteer thus to go from Antioch College, which institution in the trying months to follow was almost deprived of male students. Upon the completion of the original term of enlistment, which was for three months, Mr. Warner lost little time in re-entering the service, re-enlisting on August 7. Seven days later he was at the side of General Lyon when the latter was killed at the battle of Wilson's Creek, Missouri, April 10, 1861. The young man then served under General Fremont and in 1862 was with Grant in the Tennessee campaign, taking part in the battle of Shiloh, where he was detailed for service on General Sherman's staff. He continued his service as an aide to the beloved "Tecumseh" until after the evacuation of Corinth, his most important duty being to give the pickets the countersign. After the fall of Vicksburg Mr. Warner, on account of illness, was placed on detailed duty and not long afterward was mustered out of service in the Fourth Ohio Cavalry and returned home. It was not long, however, until he was sufficiently recuperated to feel that he could properly re-enter the service and he re-enlisted, returning to the front as a member of the One Hundred and



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Forty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until September, when he was finally mustered out. During the three years of his army life Mr. Warner participated in some very hard service, but the duties connected with his last period of enlistment seemed mere "play" in comparison with those he had been called on to perform during the earlier periods of his service.

Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Warner returned home and was shortly afterward married. He then left the farm and became engaged in mercantile pursuits, but finding that this form of endeavor was not to his liking presently sold his store at Selma and returned to the home farm in the Selma neighborhood, presently obtaining possession of the same, and there continued to make his home, engaged in general farming and stock raising, until 1902, in which year he retired from the active labors of the farm and moved to Yellow Springs, where his last days were spent, his death occurring there on September 10, 1914. His body was taken back to the vicinity of his old home in Clark county for interment and is buried in the cemetery at South Charleston.

On January 9, 1865, in Clark county, John G. Warner was united in marriage to Anna Murray, who also was born in that county, daughter of George and Lavina (Morris) Murray, and who survives her husband, she continuing to make her home at Yellow Springs. To John G. and Anna (Murray) Warner were born seven children, two of whom, Georgia and Lavina, died in infancy, the others being the following: Mungo P., the first-born, Lydia A., Isaac S., Sarah A. and Emma, all of whom are still living and the latter of whom continues to make her home with her mother at Yellow Springs. Mungo P. Warner, who is now engaged in farming in the vicinity of Onondaga, Michigan, married Myrtle Draggro, now deceased, and to that union were born seven children, two of whom, Angie and Guy, are deceased, the others being Harold, Ruth, Bryce, Wilbur and Robert Murray, the last-named of whom has been adopted by his father's eldest sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Loe, of Ohio City, this state. Lydia Warner married Howard A. Loe and now resides at Ohio City. As noted above, she and her husband have adopted the youngest child of her elder brother, Mungo P. Warner. Isaac S. Warner married Adalia Little, of Yellow Springs, and is now living at Dayton. To him and his wife has been born one child, who died in infancy. Sarah A. Warner, who married W. C. Shade, is also living at Dayton. She and her husband have two daughters, Margaret and Elizabeth. Miss Emma Warner, as noted above, is still making her home with her mother at Yellow Springs. Mrs. Warner and her daughter take an interested part in local church work, as well as in the general good works of the community in which they live.

ALLEN H. MIARS.

The late Allen H. Miars, who died at his farm home in Spring Valley township in the spring of 1916, and whose son, Fremont Miars, now owns and occupies the place, was a native "Buckeye" and all his life was spent in this state. He was born on a farm in Union township, five miles north of Wilmington, in the neighboring county of Clinton, April 21, 1828, a son of Samuel and Hannah (Haines) Miars, the latter of whom was born in the same county, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Leonard) Haines, who had come to the then Territory of Ohio in 1800 and had become pioneers of the Waynesville neighborhood. Jacob Haines was a Pennsylvanian and his wife was born at Guilford Court House, in North Carolina. She was a girl when the battle was fought at that place during the Revolution and recalled that after the battle a couple of soldiers entered the Leonard home and asked for something to eat, seating themselves at the fireplace while the meal was being prepared. When they were called to partake of the meal it was found that one of the soldiers had meanwhile died while sitting there. According to Cartmell's "History of the Shenandoah Valley," the Miars family were among the pioneers of that valley, having bought their lands from Lord Fairfax. Capt. John Miars, a brother of Martin Miars, grandfather of the subject of this memorial sketch, served through the Revolution. Capt. Jacob Miars also served through the Revolution and afterward founded the town of Myersdale, Pennsylvania. This family was largely represented in the army during the Civil War, serving on both sides. Six of the name lie buried in the Confederate cemetery at Winchester, Virginia, while just over the wall in the Federal cemetery are the graves of five of the name. William H. Miars is mentioned as a gallant officer in the Laurel Brigade and Samuel D. Miars served with "Stonewall" Jackson. Capt. Jack Miars, son of William H. Miars, led the first company of soldiers through the breach in the wall of the city of Pekin to the relief of the besieged legations during the Boxer rebellion in China in 1900. Allen H. Miars was a member of a military company before the Civil War and responded to the call to help repel the Morgan invasion of the state. When that call came it found him cradling wheat in a field nearby his home. Hanging his cradle in a tree, he went to the house, got a blanket and a tincup, said goodby to his family and joined his company at Deserted Camp. Jacob Haines was a son of Joshua Haines and wife, the latter of whom was a Rich, and was a descendant of the nobility of Scotland. Upon coming to Ohio he settled on a tract of sixty acres in the vicinity of Center meeting house, accumulated there in time a large estate, died on that farm and was buried in Center graveyard. He had four brothers, Joseph, John, Israel and Job, and a sister, Mrs. Lydia Reese, and he and

his wife had seven children, Jonathan, Joshua, Isaac, Zimri, Hannah, Abigail and Lydia.

Samuel Miars was born in Frederick county, Virginia, October 29, 1799, and was about twelve years of age when he came with his parents, Martin and Jane (Summers) Miars, to Ohio in 1810 or 1811, the family settling near Center church in the Wilmington neighborhood, in Clinton county. Martin Miars and his wife, both of whom were native Virginians and Quakers, established their home there and there spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of eight children, those besides Samuel having been David, John, Martin, Jacob, Elizabeth, Mary and Jane, the descendants of whom in the present generation form a numerous connection in this part of Ohio. Samuel Miars grew to manhood on that pioneer farm in the neighborhood of Center meeting house and after his marriage to Hannah Haines established his home on a farm in that vicinity, but later moved to another place on the Burlington and Wilmington pike, near Antrim's Corner, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, both dying in April, 1874, within four days, Samuel Miars then being seventy-five years of age. He was the owner of eight hundred acres of land. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, three of whom died in infancy, the others besides Allen H., the eldest, having been Mary Jane, who married William F. Oglesbee; Martin H., who continued to farm the old home place; Isaac, whose last days were spent on a farm two miles east of Wilmington; John Milton, whose last days were spent in California, and Sarah Louise, who married Alfred McKay, of Wilmington.

Reared on the farm, Allen H. Miars received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and remained at home until after his marriage in the spring of 1859, after which he located on the Hazard farm two miles east of Wilmington and there began farming on his own account. There he remained for twenty-three years, or until 1882, when he bought the Gest farm of three hundred and twenty-one acres three-quarters of a mile west of the village of Spring Valley and moved into Greene county, where his wife spent the remainder of their lives. In addition to his general farming Mr. Miars had given considerable attention to the raising of high grade cattle. He had maintained his birthright interest in the Friends church and by political affiliation was a Republican.

It was in March, 1859, that Allen H. Miars was united in marriage to Mary Melinda Stump, who was born in Warren county October 28, 1829, a daughter of Jonas and Prudence (Smalley) Stump, the latter of whom was a daughter of William Smalley, an old Indian fighter who had helped build the first house in Cincinnati and was the first settler in the section that came to be organized as Clinton and Warren counties. William Smalley was born in New Jersey in 1761 and was at Ft. Du Quesne when the Indians

made a raid on the fort, his father being among those slain. Young Smalley then was fifteen years of age. He was taken into captivity by the Indians and for seven years was thus held, during that time being compelled to witness many an act of cruel savagery on the part of his captors, several white prisoners having been burned at the stake during that period, and on one occasion he saw an infant torn from its mother's arms and thrown into the flames. He left camp to keep from seeing Colonel Crawford burned. In 1784 he escaped from his captors and returned to Pittsburgh, a few years later coming down the river and locating at Ft. Washington, where Cincinnati came to be established. He took part in the campaigns against the Indians up in this section of Ohio with General Harnar and with General St. Clair and was later in charge of sharpshooters in Wayne's army in the Auglaize country and was present when Colonels Lynch and Truman were killed. He took part in Perry's battle of Lake Erie in the War of 1812 and using his rifle, he fired thirty-three shots, twenty-nine of which took effect. Mrs. Prudence Stump, daughter of this pioneer and mother of Mrs. Miars, lived to the great age of ninety-two years, her death occurring in November, 1902. Allen H. Miars died on March 15, 1916, and his widow survived him less than a year, her death occurring on January 16, 1917. Her father, Jonas Stump, was a son of Daniel and Mary (Ramey) Stump, Virginians, who in 1817 liberated their slaves and came to the free state of Ohio, leaving their home in Frederick county, in the Old Dominion, on account of their antipathy to the institution of slavery. Daniel Stump was a son of Capt. John Stump, of the German navy, who married Margaret Lynx, gave up his seafaring life, came to the American colonies and settled in the Shenandoah valley, his wife, it being said, forfeiting her right to a large estate by coming to this country. Three of the sons of Capt. John Stump served seven years as soldiers of the patriot army during the Revolutionary War, attached to Company 4, Morgan's Regiment. It is related that at the siege of Yorktown, Jacob Stump remarked to a comrade, "See me shoot the epaulet off that British officer's shoulder." He fired and the epaulet was torn from the shoulder of the officer. To Allen H. and Mary Melinda (Stump) Miars was born one child, a son, Fremont, who owns and occupies the old home place.

Fremont Miars, son and only child of Allen H. and Mary Melinda (Stump) Miars, was born in Clinton county on September 17, 1861, on the Hazard farm, and received his early schooling in the Hazard school in the vicinity of his boyhood home, supplementing the same by attendance at the Wilmington schools, after which he entered Wilmington College and later received further instruction in the college at Lebanon and at Delaware College. For two years after leaving college Mr. Miars was engaged in mercan-

tile pursuits at Hartmonsville, West Virginia, and then returned home, his presence on the farm being necessary in order to relieve his father of the further responsibility of the farm management. After his marriage in 1893 he established his home in the home of his parents and has since continued to make that his place of residence, now the proprietor of a farm of more than three hundred acres.

On February 8, 1893, Fremont Miars was united in marriage to Cora Bryce, who was born in the village of Spring Valley, this county, daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Irvine) Bryce, residents of that village. Alexander Bryce was born at Paisley, Scotland, and was there trained in the art of shawl weaving. In 1849 he came to the United States and became employed in the woolen mills at Urbana, this state, later coming to Greene county, making his home at Alpha and at Spring Valley, in which latter village he died at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife was eighty at the time of her death. They were members of the Methodist Protestant church and were the parents of five children, of whom Mrs. Miars was the fifth in order of birth, the others being the following: Catherine D., who is living at Xenia; Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Stiles, a Xenia township farmer; James Irvine, who became a resident of Dayton, where he died, and Anna, who married Walter Barley and is now living at Portland, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Miars have one child, a daughter, Mary Margaret, born on March 1, 1900, who attended the Spring Valley schools and Xenia high school and is now a student in Ohio State University. They are members of the Methodist Protestant church. Mr. Miars is a Republican.

JOHN B. ALLEN.

John B. Allen was one of the leading figures of Xenia for over half a century. Born near Mount Jackson, Shenandoah county, Virginia, August 5, 1816, he came to Xenia in 1836 and made his home here in this city until the day of his death, December 21, 1893. He was a son of John and Catherine (Holker) Allen, of English ancestry. He was educated at the college at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and just before reaching his majority came to Xenia alone, his sister, Mrs. John Walton, being located in the city. Soon after coming to Xenia he opened a private bank, and from that time forward banking was his life work. He saw the city rise from a village of a few hundred until it became a thriving metropolis of eight thousand, and in this growth he had an active part. He continued his private bank until it was merged into a national bank, and remained the president of this bank, the Xenia National Bank, until his death. He had other interests, but

he was essentially a banker and every other activity in which he was engaged was subordinate to his banking interests.

Mr. Allen was married on December 10, 1839, to Sarah Ann Nunnemaker. To this marriage were born two children, Mary A., who became the wife of the poet, Coates Kinney, and Clara, unmarried. The two sisters are still living in Xenia, making their home together in the old Allen homestead. Mrs. Allen died on April 30, 1902. She had been a life-long worker in the Methodist church, and was a woman of unusual character.

Mr. Allen was never a seeker after political preferment, but his friends forced him to become an active worker in political affairs, feeling that he was exceptionally qualified for public life. He consented to become a candidate for the city council, and was elected and re-elected term after term. For some years he was president of the city council. He was also a member of the board of county commissioners for several years. In 1891 he was elected a member of the state Senate and was re-elected in the fall of 1893, but his death occurred before he took up his duties for the second term. John B. Allen was such a man as make cities what they are today. Devoted to his work, he was no less devoted to the life of his fellowman. He left behind him the reputation of a man who was always ready to share his worldly goods with those less fortunately situated in life and those who remember him in his later years recall his intense interest in the well-being of those around him. Thus he lived, and thus he died—a man full of the milk of human kindness. Those who may read these lines in the years to come will here read of the life and career of one of Xenia's best loved citizens of a past generation.

Mrs. John B. (Nunnemaker) Allen was the only daughter of Michael and Mary (Hivling) Nunnemaker. Her father was born in Maryland, August 3, 1790, where he was reared to manhood. At the age of twenty-six he came to Xenia, where he lived the remainder of his life. He was a bookkeeper and principal salesman in the dry-goods store of John Hivling for a number of years. He married Mary Hivling, a daughter of his proprietor, on October 28, 1821. He died February 27, 1866. As before stated, Mrs. John B. Allen was the only daughter of this marriage. Later, Mr. Nunnemaker became a merchant and banker, and was associated with his son-in-law, John B. Allen, in the banking business.

Mrs. Nunnemaker was a capable woman in many ways. Her husband became one of the wealthy men of the county. He was prudent in his dealings, scrupulously honest in all his transactions, and never failed to help those who came to him for assistance. He was an active member of the Methodist church. Capt. John Hivling, the father of Mrs. Nunnemaker, was one of the big men of early Xenia. He built the first large hotel in the city, which

stood at the corner of Detroit and Main streets, part of which is still standing in 1917. The Captain was born in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, July 14, 1779, and came to Greene county in 1809. He became a large land-owner, buying land by the thousand-acre lots. At his death on November 4, 1851, he was the wealthiest man in the county. He was interested in the first bank, in the old Little Miami Railroad, and in every feature of the life of Xenia which promised to make it a better and larger city. He was a Mason and helped organize the first lodge in Xenia, taking an active part in its affairs through his life. Many of the features of the life of Captain Hivling are of interest to the general history of the county, and are given extended mention in the historical volume.

REV. ALVA D. WENRICK.

The Rev. Alva D. Wenrick, minister of the Brethren church and proprietor of a farm in Beavercreek township, this county, rural mail route No. 8 out of Dayton, was born in Shelby county, this state, August 17, 1880, son of Andrew J. and Sarah (Fahanstock) Wenrick, both deceased, the former of whom was a veteran of the Civil War, who were the parents of three sons, the eldest of whom, Frank, is deceased, and the youngest, Thomas, is a farmer living in Montgomery county.

At the age of twelve years Alva D. Wenrick was placed in the Ohio State Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home at Xenia, where he learned the details of the blacksmith and machinist trades. Before he was sixteen he received his discharge and was placed in charge of the blacksmith and machine shop at the Home, continuing thus engaged for eighteen months, at the end of which time he went to Sidney and was soon made foreman of a shop there. Not long afterward he started out as a journeyman machinist and until 1902 was engaged traveling all over the country, during that time finding employment in no fewer than one hundred railway shops. In 1902 Mr. Wenrick located in Dayton and there married Carrie C. Coy, of Beavercreek township, this county, a daughter of Aaron Coy, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. After his marriage he began working in the plant of the National Cash Register Company, pursuing his studies at night, and in due time received examination credits for his graduation at Taylor College at Upland, Indiana. In 1906 Mr. Wenrick was ordained a minister of the Brethren church and has ever since given his attention to preaching, general public speaking and missionary work. Not long after his return to Dayton Mr. Wenrick, in association with Harry Stutz, built the first automobile constructed in that city. Since taking possession of his farm in Beavercreek township he has done well and has recently completed a fine new house there, his place being about four miles

east of Dayton. In addition to his property in this county he has land holdings in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma and town property in Dayton. Politically, he is a Republican and has held various local offices, at present a member of the school board. To Mr. and Mrs. Wenrick five children have been born, Ralph, Ruth (deceased), Harold, Frank and Ronald.

WILLIAM W. FERGUSON.

William W. Ferguson, formerly and for more than twenty years justice of the peace in and for Beavercreek township and the proprietor of a farm on the Shoups Mill road in that township, rural mail route No. 8 out of Dayton, was born on a farm in Mad River township, two miles east of Dayton, in the adjoining county of Montgomery, April 13, 1848, and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Greene county since he was two years of age. He is a son of John W. and Anna (Feirstine) Ferguson, the latter of whom was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, August 13, 1820, daughter of George Feirstine and wife, Lutherans, of Pennsylvania-Dutch stock, who reared a considerable family and spent all their lives in that county. Two of their sons, George and Samuel Feirstine, came to Ohio and located in Montgomery county. Samuel Feirstine there enlisted for service during the Mexican War and died while in service. Anna Feirstine came out here to make her home with her brother George and it was here that she met and married John W. Ferguson, the two later coming over into Greene county and locating in Beavercreek township, where their last days were spent.

John W. Ferguson was born in the state of Delaware in 1819 and was seven years of age when he came with his parents, William and Jane (Watson) Ferguson, to Ohio, the family locating on a farm two miles east of Dayton. William Ferguson also was born in Delaware. His wife was born in Ireland of Protestant parentage and was but a girl when she came to this country with her parents, the family locating in Delaware, where she married William Ferguson about the year 1813. William Ferguson developed a farm in Montgomery county and there he and his wife spent their last days. They were Methodists and were the parents of nine sons, of whom but one, Joseph Ferguson, now living in Kansas, survives, the others having been Samuel, William, John W., Charles, Robert, Hugh, Christopher and one who died in infancy. Of these sons Charles and Robert joined the train of gold hunters who went to California in 1849 and spent their last days in the West. Hugh established his home in Bath township, this county. Reared in Montgomery county, John W. Ferguson remained there a few years after his marriage and then, in 1850, came over into Greene county and rented

one of the Gerlaugh farms in the Alpha neighborhood. In 1857 he bought a farm of two hundred and twenty-one acres on the Dayton-Xenia pike in Beavercreek township, the place now owned and occupied by his son, George F. Ferguson, and was getting the same in the way of development when he died in 1861, leaving his widow with six small children, the eldest of whom, the subject of this sketch, was but thirteen years of age. In that same year all these children were stricken with diphtheria and two of them, John, aged seven, and Charles, aged ten, died. The others besides the subject of this sketch were George F., a biographical sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume; Jane, wife of John Kable, of Sugarcreek township, and Robert H., a clerk on the Miami Conservancy Board at Dayton. The Widow Ferguson did not remarry. She kept her family together, superintended the development of the home farm and there continued to make her home until her death in February, 1898. She was a member of the Reformed church and her children were reared in the faith of that communion.

William W. Ferguson from the days of his boyhood was his widowed mother's mainstay in the affairs of the farm and as the eldest of her children early took charge of the management of the place. After his marriage in 1871 he established his home there and there continued to reside until after his mother's death in 1898, when, in 1899, he bought the Moler farm of one hundred and forty-eight acres on the Shoups Mill road in Beavercreek township, enlarged the brick house which stood on that place, made other improvements and has since made his home there, though now practically retired from the active labors of the farm, the management of the same having been turned over to his sons. He and his wife also own the old Harshman home place of two hundred acres in that neighborhood, the place where Mrs. Ferguson was born. Mr. Ferguson is a Democrat, was a member of the local school board for several years and for twenty-three years served as justice of the peace in his home township, finally declining to stand for re-election to the office to which his neighbors persistently continued to elect him. He was a member of the commission that had in hand the erection of the Greene county court house in 1901. He is a Royal Arch Mason, affiliated with the blue lodge and the council at Xenia.

On December 21, 1871, William W. Ferguson was united in marriage to Anna M. Harshman, who was born two miles north of Zimmerman in Beavercreek township, daughter of John Harshman, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to this union seven children have been born, namely: John H., a mechanic, who married Jennie Bates and now lives at Dayton; Horace E., better known as Harry, who married Mary Shoup and is assisting in the operation of the home farm; Della, who married William Evans, a Bath township farmer; Anna, at home; Hattie,

who married Harry Steadman and died at the age of thirty-three years; Robert, who married Bessie Shoup and is living on a part of the home farm, and Samuel, also at home.

JACOB SIPE.

The late Jacob Sipe, who died at his home in Beavercreek township on March 30, 1916, was born in that same township, in the neighborhood of Zimmerman, September 22, 1838, son of John and Elizabeth (Harshman) Sipe, the latter of whom was born in that same neighborhood, a member of one of the pioneer families there, the Harshmans having been among the early settlers about Zimmerman, as is set out elsewhere in this volume. John Sipe was born in the Mud Run neighborhood in the neighboring county of Clark, in 1812, a son of Francis Sipe and wife, the latter of whom was a Harner, who had come to Ohio from Pennsylvania. After his marriage to Elizabeth Harshman, John Sipe made his home in Greene county, buying a farm of ninety acres near Zimmerman, and there spent the rest of his life. He also for some time operated the mill that had been erected there by his wife's father. He and his wife were the parents of thirteen children, namely: Mary, who died at the age of seventeen years; Jacob, the subject of this memorial sketch; John, who married Sadie Jones and is living on a farm in Blackford county, Indiana; Sarah, unmarried, who is living on the home farm with her brother Daniel; George, who married Mary Thomas and is living on a farm in Blackford county, Indiana; Samuel and William, twins, the former of whom is now living at Dayton and the latter of whom died at the age of fifteen years; Ezra, who died in Michigan; Andrew, who is now living in Paulding county, this state; Mary Catherine, who died at the age of twenty years; Daniel, unmarried, who is still operating the home farm near Zimmerman; Levi, deceased, and Oliver, who became a lawyer and spent his last days in Dayton.

Jacob Sipe grew up on the home farm near Zimmerman and in 1868 he and his brothers, George and John, bought fifty acres a mile northeast of Zimmerman. A few years later Jacob Sipe bought his brothers' interests in that place and after his marriage on December 28, 1876, to Clistie Moon, he established his home there. In 1877 he built a new house on that place and in 1808 remodeled the same and there spent the remainder of his life. Mr. Sipe was a Republican, and for six years served as school director in his district. Two years before his death he became affiliated with the Reformed church. To Jacob Sipe and wife were born four children, namely: Ellen and Edith, twins, the latter of whom died when eleven days old and the former of whom is still living with her mother on the home farm; Oliver, a carpenter, now living at Dayton, who married Minnie Coy and has two children, Harold and

Carl; and Harry, also a carpenter, now living at Latonia, Kentucky, who married Edith Cummins and has seven children, Hazel, Ruth, Grace, Elva, Harry, Esther and Helen.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Sipe has continued to make her home on the farm. She was born in Blackford county, Indiana, daughter of Harrison and Ellen (Swift) Moon, the latter of whom was born in Ireland and was two years of age when her parents came to this country with their family and located in Fayette county, this state. Ellen Swift's mother's maiden name was Hannah Stafford. Harrison Moon was born in the vicinity of Harper's Ferry, Virginia, March 12, 1818, son of Reese and Elizabeth (Ladd) Moon, and was but a child when his parents came to Ohio and settled in Fayette county, where he grew up on a farm and married Ellen Swift. Reese Moon was born in Wales about the year 1794. About 1845 Harrison Moon moved to Blackford county, Indiana, bought a farm about two miles from Hartford City, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were Methodists and were the parents of eight children, of whom but three are now living, Mrs. Sipe having two brothers, John and Hugh Moon, now living retired at Hartford City, Indiana.

WILLIAM F. COSTENBORDER.

William F. Costenborder, formerly and for years a railway engineer in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company and for the past fifteen years or more the proprietor of a farm on which he makes his home in Beavercreek township, was born in that township on June 9, 1862, son of Jacob and Catherine (Shoup) Costenborder, both of whom were born in that same township, members of pioneer families. Jacob Costenborder was born on March 21, 1828, and remained in this county until the time of his retirement from the farm, when he moved to California, where his last days were spent. His wife died in 1908. She was born in 1834. They were the parents of seven children, of whom William F. was the third in order of birth, the others being Martha, deceased; Samuel J., who is now living at Dayton; Mrs. Anna Bosley, also of Dayton; Mrs. Lillie Archer, of Belmont, this state; Mrs. Ida Archer, of Beavercreek township, and Chester, of Dayton.

Reared on the home farm in Beavercreek township, William F. Costenborder received his schooling in the common schools and remained at home, assisting in the labors of the farm, until he was twenty-six years of age, when he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railway Company and in due time became a locomotive engineer, a vocation he continued to follow until he decided to return to farming. On November 4, 1902, Mr. Costenborder bought the farm of fifty acres on which he is now living in Beaver-

creek township and has ever since made his home there. Mr. Costenborder is a Republican and is affiliated with the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias. He and his wife are members of the Reformed church.

On September 15, 1897, William F. Costenborder was united in marriage to Maude Alexander, of the Xenia neighborhood, a daughter of George and Jennie (Long) Alexander, the latter of whom is still living, who were the parents of four children, those besides Mrs. Costenborder being Blanchard, who is now a resident of Indiana; Charles, who is living in Iowa, and Mrs. May Sutton, of Yellow Springs, this county. A child born to Mr. and Mrs. Costenborder died in infancy.

CHARLES M. BURR.

Charles M. Burr, the proprietor of a farm east of Jamestown in Silvercreek township and the operator of a four-hundred-acre farm of the McClintock estate in that township, is a native son of this county, born on a farm north of Bowersville, in Jefferson township, January 1, 1874, son of William H. and Flora B. (Hussey) Burr, both of whom are still living, residents of the Bowersville neighborhood, and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume.

Reared on the home farm, Charles M. Burr received his schooling in what then was known as the Compton school and as the eldest son early assumed responsibilities in connection with the operation of the farm, for some time being in practical charge of the home farm, but after his marriage he rented a farm south of Bowersville and there lived for a couple of years, at the end of which time he bought a tract of seventy acres east of Jamestown in Silvercreek township, later adding to that tract an adjoining tract of sixteen acres, and there he lived until 1917, when he took charge of the McClintock farm of four hundred acres in that same township and has since been operating the same in addition to looking after the details of management on his own farm. In addition to his general farming Mr. Burr is giving considerable attention to the raising of live stock, both cattle and hogs.

On February 23, 1898, Charles M. Burr was united in marriage to Della Bailey, who was born in Silvercreek township, daughter of Daniel M. and Flora (Glass) Bailey, both members of old families in this county and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Burr are members of the Church of Christ at Jamestown. Mr. Burr is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias (Cyclone lodge) and he and his wife are both affiliated with the lodge of the Pythian Sisters. Mr. Burr is a Republican, as is his father and as was his grandfather.

GEORGE GRANT MILLER.

George Grant Miller, a Beavercreek township farmer and dairyman and proprietor of a farm of ninety-two acres on rural mail route No. 4 out of Osborn, was born in this county, December 2, 1868, son of Reuben and Mary Ann (Tobias) Miller, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families. Reuben Miller was born on April 2, 1836, and his wife was born in 1840. They were married in 1867 and to them were born four sons, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being William, deceased; Edward, now a resident of Dayton, and Lewis, who is living at Fairfield.

Reared on the home farm, George G. Miller received his schooling in the district school in the vicinity of the farm on which he is now living, and early began practical farming, continuing thus engaged after his marriage in 1899. Recently he bought the farm of ninety-two acres on which he is now living and is steadily improving the same, with a view to giving particular attention to the raising of big-type Poland China hogs. Mr. Miller is a Republican.

On April 2, 1899, George G. Miller was united in marriage to Edith Williamson, who also was born in this county, daughter of Edward J. and Martha (Roher) Williamson, of Beavercreek township, who were the parents of six children, those besides Mrs. Miller being Bertha, deceased; George, who is living at Shoups Station; Chester, of Dayton; Frank, of Chicago, and one deceased.

WILLIAM H. ARTHUR.

William H. Arthur, proprietor of a Cedarville township farm on rural mail route No. 1 out of Cedarville, was born on a farm in the vicinity of the village of South Charleston, in the neighboring county of Clark, October 7, 1863, son of Christopher C. and Elizabeth (Watkins) Arthur, both of whom also were born in the South Charleston neighborhood, members of pioneer families in that community, and who spent all their lives there, both being now deceased. Among Christopher C. Arthur's land holdings was the farm of one hundred and eighty-six acres in Cedarville township now owned and occupied by his son, William H. Arthur, the subject of this sketch. The latter is the eldest of the three sons born to his parents, the others being John Arthur, now a resident of Springfield, this state, and Edgar Arthur, who owns and occupies the old home farm in Madison township, Clark county.

Reared on the home farm just above referred to, William H. Arthur received his schooling in the district school in that neighborhood and in the

schools of South Charleston and he remained at home until he was twenty-five years of age, when, in 1888, he took charge of the farm his father had bought in Cedarville township, this county, and has ever since been operating the same, having established his home there after his marriage in 1892. When his father died in 1908 Mr. Arthur bought the interests of the other heirs in that place and has since made improvements on the same.

On November 26, 1892, William H. Arthur was united in marriage to Florence N. Sellers, who was born on a farm about a mile from where she is now living, daughter of Albert and Harriet (Johnson) Sellers, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Howard. Mr. Arthur is a Republican.

LEANDER SPAHR.

Leander Spahr, proprietor of a Spring Valley township farm on the lower Bellbrook pike, five miles west of Xenia, was born in that township on January 23, 1855, son of Elijah and Ann (McKay) Spahr, the latter of whom was a daughter of Jesse McKay, both the Spahrs and the McKays being old families in Greene county.

Elijah Spahr was born in Hardy county, Virginia, in February, 1816, and was twelve years of age when he came with his parents to Greene county, the family establishing their home here. He early learned the woodworker's trade and in the days of his young manhood was engaged in making plows and fanning mills in the Philip Pagett factory. He married Mrs. Ann McKnight, widow of James McKnight and daughter of Jesse McKay and who by her first marriage was the mother of four children, all of whom lived to maturity. After his marriage Elijah Spahr resided for a time on the James McKnight farm in Spring Valley township and later bought the farm of two hundred and two acres in that same township on which he spent the remainder of his life. Upon taking possession of that place he made a clearing and during the early '60s erected a frame house, mainly of walnut, on the place. There Elijah Spahr died in 1893, he then being seventy-six years of age. His wife died at the age of sixty-eight. To them were born seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being the following: Angeline, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Lavina, deceased, who was the wife of Philip Peterson; Rebecca E., who died at the age of twenty-three years; Martha, who also died when twenty-three years of age; Leroy, who became engaged in mercantile pursuits at Dayton and died in 1906, and Ella, wife of L. Arthur Babb, a farmer of Spring Valley township.

Leander Spahr was born on the old McKnight farm and was but a child when his parents moved to the place on which they spent the remainder of

their lives. He received his schooling in the Richland school and after his school days were over continued on the farm and after his father's death was made the executor of the estate. In 1905 Mr. Spahr bought the old Bingham place of fifty acres in Spring Valley township and has since made his home there. Mr. Spahr is a Republican and for five years was president of the local school board. Since he was eighteen years of age he has been a member of the Richland Methodist Episcopal church and for thirty-five years and more has been the superintendent of the Sunday School there. He also has held other offices in the church, was for some time member of the board of trustees and for some time class leader. Mr. Spahr formerly was a member of the Grange and is now a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

MARTIN A. OSTER.

Martin A. Oster, who has been engaged in the hardware and implement business at Yellow Springs for many years, is a son of Adam and Emma (Fleckenstein) Oster, and was born on a farm near Xenia on February 23, 1864.

Adam Oster also was born in this county, his birth having occurred in 1834 at Byron. After reaching manhood he took up farming, which occupation he followed all his life. In 1861 he married Emma Fleckenstein, who was a native of Germany and who had come to this county as a child with her parents. To this union were born four children, Martin A., the immediate subject of this review; John, who is engaged in the grocery business in Yellow Springs; George, a resident of Dayton, where he is engaged in the cafe business and Anna, who died in infancy. At the age of twenty-six years, Adam Oster settled on a farm near Xenia, where he remained for three years, after which he moved to a farm about four miles west of Yellow Springs, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there in 1884. His wife's death occurred in the previous year.

Martin A. Oster was only one year old at the time his parents moved from the farm near Xenia to the home place west of Yellow Springs, and he was reared to the life of a farmer. After living on the farm for some years after his marriage, he decided to engage in the hardware and implement business, and on November 5, 1899, moved to Yellow Springs, where he opened up a store in this line on Dayton street, and has been continuously thus engaged since that time.

On August 17, 1886, Martin A. Oster was united in marriage with Anna Hornick, a native of this county, daughter of Sebastian H. and Elizabeth Hornick, and to this union have been born six children: Edward, unmarried, living in Yellow Springs; Emma, who died in infancy; Mamie,

a teacher in the public schools at Yellow Springs; Lena, living at home with her parents; Tresia, who teaches in the county schools, and Paul, who is a student in the public school. The family are members of the Catholic church. Mr. Oster holds membership with Eagle Lodge No. 397, at Springfield. In politics, he is independent.

GEORGE ANDERSON, M. D.

Dr. George Anderson, who for the past twenty-five years has been engaged in the practice of his profession at Alpha, and who also is the owner of a farm in the neighborhood of his home village, on which he gives considerable attention to the raising of swine for breeding purposes, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born near the banks of the Muskingum river in Morgan county, a son of Curtis and Mary Ann (Singer) Anderson, both of whom also were born in this state, natives of Harrison county, and the latter of whom is still living in the last-named county.

Curtis Anderson was born in 1832, his parents having been among the early settlers of Harrison county, this state, having come over into Ohio from Pennsylvania. He early learned the trade of sawyer and after his marriage moved down into Morgan county, where he set up a steam saw-mill and began to cut out the virgin forest along the banks of the Muskingum in the neighborhood of the point at which he had settled, finding a ready market for his lumber at Zanesville. He presently went back to Harrison county, where he bought a farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres and spent the rest of his life there, his death occurring in 1908. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is his widow, and was a Republican. His widow, who is still living on the home farm in Harrison county, was born in 1836. To Curtis and Mary A. (Singer) Anderson were born four sons, of whom Doctor Anderson is the youngest, the others being John S. and H. C., who are continuing to operate the home farm in Harrison county, and Lincoln, who is the owner of a farm in that same neighborhood.

George Anderson was two years of age when his parents moved from Morgan county to Harrison county and he was reared on the home farm in the latter county, receiving his elementary schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and supplementing the same by a course in Franklin College, from which institution he was graduated in 1888. In the meantime he had been reading medicine and upon leaving college took a formal course of reading along that line under the preceptorship of Dr. J. A. Magrew at New Athens. Thus equipped by preparatory study he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore and was graduated from that institu-

tion in 1891 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. In 1893 Doctor Anderson came to Greene county and bought out the old established practice of Dr. J. A. McClure at Alpha, as well as Doctor McClure's home on the corner where the Dayton-Xenia pike passes the village, and has ever since made his home there. In 1899 Doctor Anderson took a course in the New York Post-Graduate Medical School. He is a member of the Greene County Medical Society and of the Ohio State Medical Society. The Doctor owns a farm in Sugarcreek township and has for some time been engaged there in raising pure-bred registered O. I. C. hogs for stock purposes, though not permitting this diversion to interfere with his practice. The Doctor is a Republican and for four years was a member of the township board of education.

On December 25, 1891, at Columbus, this state, Dr. George Anderson was united in marriage to Winifred J. Barrett, who was born in Harrison county, this state, but who was living at Columbus at the time of her marriage, and to this union two children have been born, a son and a daughter, Horace Wilson and Winifred Annette, the latter of whom was graduated from the Beavercreek township high school and is at home. Prof. Horace Wilson Anderson, M. A., now teaching at Zimmerman, this county, was born in March, 1894, and upon completing the course in the Beavercreek township high school entered Antioch College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and from which he later received his Master degree.

ALFRED LOY.

Alfred Loy, a soldier of the Civil War, who for many years has been a resident of the village of Bellbrook and who has served as postmaster, as mayor, as councilman, as marshal and as an officer of that village in other public capacities, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born in the vicinity of Centerville, in the neighboring county of Montgomery, November 26, 1837, son of Jacob T. and Rachel (Bankson) Loy, whose last days were spent in this state, the latter dying on September 11, 1858, and the former, in April, 1887.

Jacob T. Loy was a native Hoosier, born in the then Territory of Indiana, January 1, 1816, and who later came to Ohio. At Waynesville, this state, in 1837, he married Rachel Bankson, who was born in the state of New Jersey on June 27, 1817, and who was but a girl when her parents moved from that state with their family to Ohio. After his marriage Jacob T. Loy located in Montgomery county and a few years later moved over into Preble county and it was in this latter county that the subject of this sketch spent his youth. Jacob T. Loy and wife were the parents of ten children,

those besides the subject of this sketch being the following: Peter W. B., who is now living at Peru, Indiana; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Hart, of Darke county, this state; Catherine A., deceased; Francis A., now a resident of Morgan county, Kentucky; Jacob H., deceased; Mrs. Sarah Jane Walker, of Darke county, this state, and Rachel C., Letta Maria and Melissa E., deceased.

Alfred Loy was but a small boy when he moved with his parents from Montgomery county to Preble county and in the latter county he received his schooling. He early became more or less dependent upon his own efforts, for before he was eleven years of age he left the home farm and for two years thereafter worked on the farm of another "for his board and keep" in order to gain the advantage of better schooling than was afforded in his home district. Upon leaving school he learned the trade of brickmaker and bricklayer and was thus engaged for seven years. In 1862 he married and afterward began farming and was thus engaged when in January, 1865, he enlisted for service in the Union army during the Civil War and was attached to General Thomas's brigade, with the Army of the Cumberland, and served with this command until he reached his final discharge in September, 1865. During his absence at the front his wife made her home at Bellbrook and upon the completion of his military service he returned to Bellbrook and has lived there and in that neighborhood ever since. For some time he was engaged in saw-mill work and in threshing-machine work and for three years lived on a farm, but about forty years ago left the farm and returned to Bellbrook, where he has since remained. During the administration of President Harrison Mr. Loy was appointed postmaster of Bellbrook and for eight years occupied that position. He also served for several years as a member of the village council, was for three months mayor of the village, filling a vacancy in that office, and has also served as constable, marshal and about all the other offices connected with the local administration of affairs in his home town. Mr. Loy is a Republican, a member of W. H. Bird Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Spring Valley, a member of the Grange and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was his wife, and has for many years been an office bearer in his church, having served as class leader, as steward, as a trustee and as superintendent of the Sunday school.

On August 19, 1862, on the Clear Spring camp-meeting ground near Spring Valley, Alfred Loy was united in marriage to Mary J. Debarr, daughter of the Rev. Thomas J. and Mary Ann (Talbert) Debarr, of Bellbrook, the former of whom was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Loy celebrated their golden-wedding anniversary in 1912 and Mrs. Loy died on October 15, 1914. To them two children were born, Elmer Elsworth, born on May 20, 1863, who died on March 7, 1866, and Omar Weston, born on October 10, 1866, who died on June 15, 1882.

SAMUEL S. JOHNSON.

Samuel S. Johnson, a retired coal dealer living at Yellow Springs, was born on a farm in the vicinity of Plattsburg, in Harmony township, in the neighboring county of Clark, February 23, 1843, son of James and Catherine (Smith) Johnson, the former of whom was born in Kentucky and the latter in Ohio.

James Johnson was born in 1800 and was but a child when his parents came to Ohio from Kentucky and settled in the neighborhood of Cable, in Champaign county, where they established themselves on a farm. There he grew to manhood, becoming a practical farmer, and after his marriage began farming in Harmony township, in Clark county, on a place not far from Plattsburg, and there he remained until 1848, in which year he returned to Champaign county, resumed farming there and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1866. His widow survived him eight years, her death occurring on December 17, 1874. They were the parents of eleven children, Elizabeth, Mary, Ezra, Nancy, Sarah, James, Jefferson, Samuel, Olive, Clay and Arminda, of whom but three are now living, the subject of this sketch and his sisters, Sarah and Arminda.

Samuel S. Johnson was about five years of age when his parents moved from Clark county to Champaign county and in the latter county he grew to manhood, received his schooling and became engaged in farming on his own account, establishing his home on a farm there after his marriage in 1873. During the Civil War he rendered service as a soldier, a member of Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Mr. Johnson continued to make his home in Champaign county until his retirement from the farm in 1893 and removal to Yellow Springs, where for a year he had charge of the college boarding house. He then, in 1894, became engaged in the coal business at Yellow Springs and continued thus engaged until on February 7, 1915, when he sold his coal yards and establishment to P. W. Drake and has since been living retired. Mr. Johnson is a Republican with independent leanings. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and a Royal Arch and York Rite Mason, affiliated with the blue lodge at Yellow Springs and the chapter and commandery at Urbana, and is also a member of the Urbana lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On November 25, 1873, in Champaign county, Samuel S. Johnson was united in marriage to Amanda Mahan, of that county, born on December 11, 1846. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have one child, a daughter, Miss Anza Johnson, born on April 25, 1875, who is living at home and who is a professional nurse, now giving her special attention to the work of the Red Cross Society. The Johnsons are members of the Christian church.

B. J. MIDDLETON.

For nearly one hundred years the family of Middleton has been represented in Green county and the old home place at Middletons Corners, in Caesarscreek township, now occupied by B. J. Middleton, has been in the family ever since the tract was settled there by James and Thomas Middleton about the year 1825. These brothers, James and Thomas Middleton, were Virginians, born in Berkeley county, sons of Bethuel and Naomi (Ganoë) Middleton, also natives of that county, who came to Greene county after their sons had effected a settlement here and here spent their last days.

James Middleton grew to manhood on a farm in the vicinity of Martinsburg, in Berkeley county, Virginia, and when a young man he and his brother Thomas rode out here into Ohio and secured possession of the tract surrounding what for many years has been known as Middletons Corners, in Caesarscreek township, a portion of which tract has long been owned and occupied by the subject of this sketch. After thus securing their location the Middleton brothers returned to their home in Virginia, were there married and at once returned to their new possessions, establishing there their homes, Middletons Corners thus coming into being. These brothers were accompanied back here by their parents and the other members of the family. Bethuel Middleton, the father, died there in 1855, at the age of eighty-three years. He and his wife were the parents of nine children. Upon his return to Virginia after having secured a location in this county, James Middleton was there united in marriage to Angeline Musetter, also a native of Berkeley county, whose family also later became represented in Greene county, and upon his return here with his bride established his home at the point he and his brother has selected as a location and on that place he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, his death occurring on January 16, 1888, he then being in the eighty-fourth year of his age. He and his wife were members of the Reformed church at Maple Corners and were the parents of ten children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth.

B. J. Middleton, son of James and Angeline (Musetter) Middleton, was born on the old Middleton place, where he is still living, September 27, 1834, and has lived there practically all his life, for some time past living retired from the active labors of the farm, the place now being under the management of his son-in-law, C. B. Hazard, who makes his home there. Mr. Middleton is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

On January 8, 1868, Mr. Middleton was united in marriage to Isadora Watts, who was born at Richmond, Indiana, daughter of Dr. J. S. and Margaret (Mendenhall) Watts, both of whom were born in the neighborhood of Stillwater, in Tuscarawas county, this state, and who were for some time

residents of Greene county, making their home at Xenia, where Doctor Watts was for some time engaged in the practice of his profession, and to this union were born three daughters, Carrie E., Laura A., and Margaret M. Carrie E. Middleton married J. Albert Davis, a farmer living in the vicinity of the village of New Burlington, and has three children, Leah May, Mary Isadora and Bertha Opal. Laura A. Middleton married W. S. Racer, of Xenia, and died on March 4, 1911. Her husband died on June 30, 1916. Margaret M. Middleton married C. B. Hazard, of the neighboring county of Clinton, and who, as noted above, has for some time been in active management of the Middleton farm.

ORVILLE DEWEY TOBIAS.

Orville Dewey Tobias, proprietor of a Beavercreek township farm on rural mail route No. 10 out of Xenia, was born on a farm in Sugarcreek township, this county, March 8, 1861, son of William and Jane (Miller) Tobias, the former of whom also was born in this county and whose last days were spent here.

William Tobias was born in the village of Zimmerman on March 14, 1821, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Hanney) Tobias, who had come to this county from Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, and had located in the settlement that early took the name of Zimmerman, in Beavercreek township. There Samuel Tobias bought twenty-five acres of land, built a log cabin and established his home. There he died in 1829, leaving his widow with six children, three sons and three daughters, those besides William, who was eight years of age at the time of his father's death, having been Lydia, who became the wife of William Kirkpatrick; Margaret, who married Noah Enry and moved to Illinois; Daniel, who made his home in the vicinity of Troy, this state; Samuel, who died unmarried, and Catherine, who married Wallace Haines. The widow Tobias married Michael Swigart and lived to be seventy-six years of age, her death occurring in 1871.

Following the death of his father William Tobias was taken into the home of Peter Swigart, a brother of his stepfather, and there remained until he was past twenty-one years of age. When twenty-five years of age he married and began farming on his own account, for some years renting farms, and in 1869 bought the farm on which his son, the subject of this sketch, is now living and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in January, 1911, he then lacking but three months of being ninety years of age. William Tobias was a Republican. Reared a Lutheran, he later became affiliated with the Reformed church and for many years served as a deacon of the Beavercreek congregation of the latter communion.

William Tobias was twice married. On December 24, 1846, he was

united in marriage to Sarah Swigart, who died in 1851, at the age of twenty-four years, leaving two sons, Martin Luther and Samuel, both of whom are now deceased, the former of whom became a farmer in Beavercreek township and the latter of whom made his home in Dayton. Martin L. Tobias was twice married. By his first wife, Christine Peeples, he had two children, Edgar and Clara, and by his second wife, Mary Barnhart, he had three children, Eva, Grace and John. Samuel Tobias married Emma John and had three children, Homer, Harold and Howard. On June 19, 1852, William Tobias married, secondly, Jane Miller, who was born in Bath township, this county, November 25, 1824, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Wheeler) Miller, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Maryland, who came to Ohio after their marriage, first locating at Columbus, then at Cincinnati and then in Greene county, becoming early settlers in Bath township, where the former spent the remainder of his life. James Miller was a soldier of the War of 1812. He died in 1840 and was buried in the Byron cemetery. His widow survived him until 1854, her death occurring at Dayton. To William and Jane (Miller) Tobias were born eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the sixth in order of birth, the others being the following: William A., who became a farmer in Beavercreek township, where he died in April, 1917, and who had married Jannie Alice Garlough and had one child, a son, Emerson D.; Elizabeth and Catherine, twins, the former of whom is unmarried and both of whom are now living at Dayton, the latter the widow of the late John W. H. Barney, by whom she was the mother of four children, Dora, Bertha, Eugene J. and Ralph; Daniel and Calvin, who died in the days of their young manhood; one who died in infancy, and Newton W., now a druggist living at Ada, who married May Kemp and has one child, Vivian G. Mrs. Jane Miller Tobias survived her husband nearly two years, her death occurring in December, 1912.

Orville D. Tobias was eight years of age when his father bought the farm on which he is now living and there he grew to manhood. He received his schooling in the local schools and after his marriage in 1890 continued to make his home on the home place, managing the same for his father, and after the latter's death bought the place from the other heirs and has since been the owner of the same, a farm of something more than one hundred acres. Mr. Tobias is a Republican and, fraternally, is affiliated with Silver Star Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at Alpha. He is a member of the Beaver Creek Reformed church, as is his wife, was formerly and for years a deacon of that congregation and is now an elder in the church.

Mr. Tobias has been twice married. On November 12, 1890, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Anna (Koogler) Coffman, a widow, who died eighteen months later, and on March 6, 1898, he married Mrs. Effie (Miller) Armstrong, a widow and the mother, by her first marriage, of four children.

Harry, who is now living in Bath township; Mayme, wife of Vernoir Ewing, of Dayton; Louise, at home, and Nellie, who died in the days of her childhood. Mrs. Tobias is a daughter of Israel and Jane Miller, both now deceased, who were residents of Bath township. To Mr. and Mrs. Tobias one child has been born, a son, Raymond, born on December 27, 1900, who is now (1918), a student in the Beaver Creek high school.

LEE R. FAWLEY.

Lee R. Fawley, manager of the store of the Koontz Hardware Company at Yellow Springs, was born on a farm in Caesarscreek township, this county, December 25, 1886, son of George and Laura (Kaley) Fawley, both of whom were born in Highland county, this state, the former in 1854 and the latter in 1858, who are now living on their farm in the vicinity of Paintersville, in this county, where they have resided for years.

George Fawley was for years a school teacher in Greene county. He received his schooling in Highland county, where he was born, and when about twenty-one years of age began teaching school in Clinton county. A few years later he moved into Greene county and began farming, meanwhile continuing engaged in teaching during the winters and for twenty years was one of Greene county's teachers. He then bought a farm in the neighborhood of Paintersville and has since then devoted his time to farming, still making his home on that farm. To him and his wife have been born seven children, of whom four are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Olive, who married O. E. St. John, a farmer of Caesarscreek township, and has one child; Orville, a farmer, of Jefferson township, who married Myrtle Sturgeon and has three children, and Alonzo, who married Lanna Faulkner and has one child. The deceased children of this family were Clarence, Glenn and Daisy.

Reared on the home farm in Caesarscreek township, Lee R. Fawley received his schooling in the common schools and upon leaving school became employed as a clerk in the general store of A. E. Faulkner at Paintersville and was thus engaged for twelve years, at the end of which time he became a clerk in the hardware store of Howard Applegate at Yellow Springs and when that store was bought by the Koontz Hardware Company about a year ago was made manager of the same, which position he now occupies. Mr. Fawley is a Republican and a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias at Paintersville.

On April 24, 1917, Lee R. Fawley was united in marriage to Clara Diehl, daughter of Jacob Diehl and wife, of Xenia. Mr. and Mrs. Fawley are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

L. MADISON RAHN.

L. Madison Rahn, now living retired at Yellow Springs, was born in this county and has spent the most of his life here, though for some years he was a resident of Dayton and of Columbus, engaged in the buggy business in those cities, and later, for a year he was engaged as a traveling salesman for the Osborn Milling Company. He was born on a farm adjoining what is now the government aviation field in the vicinity of Fairfield, April 19, 1867, son of Adam and Emaline (Feighner) Rahn, both of whom were born in the vicinity of the city of Canton, county seat of the county of Stark, this state, and who became residents of Greene county about the year 1862, locating in Bath township.

Adam Rahn was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Canton on May 12, 1831, and there grew to manhood. On April 7, 1853, he married Emaline Feighner, who was born in that same neighborhood, and in 1850 moved with his family from Canton to Montgomery county, where he remained until about 1862, when he came over into Greene county and located on what then was known as the Wilson farm just at the outskirts of the village of Fairfield and adjoining what is now the great aviation field established by the United States government there upon the outbreak of hostilities with Germany in the spring of 1917, and it was on that place that the subject of this sketch was born. In 1869 Adam Rahn moved to a farm in the northeast corner of Bath township and there he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on March 13, 1916. He was one of a family of three sons and six daughters, the others of this family having been William, Samuel, Mary, Catherine, Matilda, Belmina, Emaline and Caroline, the only one of these now living being Emaline, a resident of Columbus, this state. Mrs. Emaline Rahn, who is deceased, was one of a family of nine, she having had three brothers, Samuel, Solomon and William; three sisters, Elizabeth, Catherine and Marie, and two half-brothers, John and Henry. To Adam Rahn and wife were born six sons and one daughter, namely: Clayton, deceased; Charles, a resident of Dayton, who has been married three times, his last wife being Elizabeth Blair; Emma, who is living at Yellow Springs; Albert, also a resident of Yellow Springs, who married Abbie May Alexander and has three children, Ralph, who died when sixteen years of age, he then having been a student in the Yellow Springs high school, and Harold and Helen; Madison, the immediate subject of this biographical sketch, and Adam and Flavius, deceased.

L. Madison Rahn was but two years of age when his parents moved onto the home farm in the northeastern part of Bath township and there he grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the common schools. He remained on the home farm until 1891, when he went to Dayton and was there engaged

in the buggy business for three years, at the end of which time, in 1894, he went to Columbus and in the latter city was engaged in the same line until he took employment with the Osborn Milling Company, at Osborn, this county. For a year he continued this latter employment and then returned to the home farm and took charge of the same, continuing thus engaged until his retirement on April 4, 1917, and removal to Yellow Springs, where he since has made his home. Mr. Rahn is a member of the Reformed church, a Democrat and a member of the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons.

GEORGE H. DRAKE.

George H. Drake, a former merchant and lumber dealer, now living retired from active business in the city of Yellow Springs, where he has made his home for nearly thirty years, was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Clark on September 8, 1860. He is a son of William W. and Bethany (Caylor) Drake, the former of whom was also born in that county, in 1830, and the latter in the state of Indiana, in 1840. She, however, was reared in Clark county, a member of the household in which Samuel Shallenbarger, former congressman from this district, was reared. William W. Drake was married in 1857 and established his home on a farm in Clark county, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being Ruthetta, wife of William M. Wilson, a farmer and stockman, now living at Alberta, Canada; Oliver, who established his home on the old home place in Clark county after his marriage and who died there in 1917; Ralph, who is married and living on a farm in Clark county; Elmer, who also is married and living on a farm in Clark county, and Pierre W., who is engaged in the lumber and coal business at Yellow Springs, senior member of the firm of Drake & Van Kirk, and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume.

Reared on the home farm in Clark county, George H. Drake received his schooling in the neighborhood schools. He married in 1885 and continued farming in Clark county until 1889, in which year he disposed of his interests there and moved to Yellow Springs, where he became engaged in the furniture and undertaking business. Two years later, in 1891, he sold that establishment and bought a general-merchandise store, turning the same over to the management of Howard Applegate, while he himself became engaged in the hardwood and lumber business, in partnership with C. A. Little, an arrangement which continued for about two years, at the end of which time he bought Mr. Little's interest in the business and conducted the same alone until 1913, in which year he sold out to his brother, Pierre W. Drake.

and has since been living retired. Mr. Drake is a Republican. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian church and he is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Drake has been twice married. In 1885, in Clark county, he was united in marriage to Emma J. Kirkwood, who was born in Greene county, and who died in 1887. In June, 1895, Mr. Drake married Addie L. Sibley, who was born at Clinton, Massachusetts, daughter of Terrant W. and Adaline F. Sibley, and to this union two children have been born, one of whom died in infancy. The other, Miss Genevieve F. Drake, is now engaged as assistant librarian in the public library at Dayton.

SAMUEL W. COX.

Samuel W. Cox, a veteran of the Civil War and formerly and for many years a blacksmith at Yellow Springs, this county, now living retired in that village, was born there and has lived there all his life. He was born on December 5, 1833, the site of the house in which he was born later being occupied by the old Yellow Springs House, the scene of great activity during the days when Yellow Springs enjoyed wide fame as a watering place and which later was destroyed by fire. His parents were Samuel W. and Elizabeth (Jones) Cox, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter, of Virginia, who were among the earliest settlers in the village of Yellow Springs and whose last days were spent there.

The elder Samuel W. Cox became early trained to the trade of a blacksmith and as a young man went to Georgetown, D. C., where he became employed on the Chesapeake & Ohio canal and where he met and married Elizabeth Jones, who was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, and their first two children were born in Georgetown. Later he came to Ohio and settled at Yellow Springs, in this county, where he set up a blacksmith shop and where he and his wife spent the rest of their lives. During the administration of President Polk in the '40s Samuel W. Cox served as postmaster of Yellow Springs. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, of whom but three are now living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, George Cox, also a resident of Yellow Springs, and a sister, Mrs. Juliette Vose, of Cincinnati. The others of these children were Chapman, Sarah Ann, who married Doctor E. Thorn; Mrs. Elizabeth Runyan, Horatio, Joseph, Charles and Chauncey.

Reared at Yellow Springs, where he was born, the younger Samuel W. Cox received his schooling there in a little log house on the hill, what is now known as the Neff place, his first teacher there having been Adam Kedzie. When eleven years of age he became an assistant to his father in the latter's

blacksmith shop and thus early became a worker in iron, a business which he continued to follow at Yellow Springs all his active life, or until his retirement about fifteen years ago, an injury received about that time having necessitated his retirement from active labor. Mr. Cox was working at his trade during the time of the Civil War and upon the call for the hundred-days service enlisted and went to the front as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Upon the completion of that term of service he re-enlisted and served until the close of the war as a member of Company K, One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Ohio.

On December 4, 1855, at Yellow Springs, Samuel W. Cox was united in marriage to Mary Jane Rice, who was born at Lincolnville, Maine, and who had come to this county with her parents, and to that union were born four children, Cora, Edward, Mary and Frankie, all of whom are now deceased, the first-named and the last having died in youth. The mother of these children died on March 15, 1907, and on July 30, 1909, Mr. Cox married Susan Ault, of Yellow Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Cox are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a Republican and a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Good Templars.

SAMUEL FRALICK.

Samuel Fralick, now living retired at Yellow Springs, has been a resident of that village since 1908, in the spring of which year he moved there with his family in order that his daughters might continue their studies in Antioch College. Miss Mary B. Fralick was graduated from that institution in 1910 and afterward became engaged in teaching at Selma and later at Powell, but is now a member of the teaching force of the Yellow Springs high school. Miss Susan G. Fralick was graduated from Antioch in 1912 and later was engaged for some time as a teacher in the schools of Manchester, this state, but is now conducting a private school at Yellow Springs.

Mr. Fralick was a farmer and stockman in the neighboring county of Madison until he retired from the farm in 1895 and moved to the village of Sedalia, in that county, in order that his children might have the advantage of the village schools, and there he became engaged in the hotel and livery business, proprietor of the Midway House, continuing thus engaged until the spring of 1908, when he moved to Yellow Springs, as noted above, so that his daughters might have a home there while completing their studies in Antioch College, and there he has continued to make his home. The Fralicks are members of the United Presbyterian church.

GEORGE W. McCULLOUGH.

George W. McCullough, a veteran of the Civil War who has for years been engaged in the retail meat business at Yellow Springs, has been a resident of Ohio since he was four years of age. He was born at Rumley, in Hampshire county, Virginia, April 13, 1842, son and only surviving child of John and Mary (Smarr) McCullough, both of whom also were born in Virginia, of Scottish descent, and whose last days were spent in Ohio, they having come out here more than seventy years ago, locating in Clark county.

John McCullough was born at Rumley, Virginia, and there received his schooling and grew to manhood. He married there and began farming in his native county of Hampshire, continuing thus engaged there until 1846, when he disposed of his interests in that county and with his family came to Ohio and settled on a farm in Clark county, where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring in 1883. John McCullough was twice married. By his marriage to Mary Smarr he was the father of three children, Frank, who was born in Virginia and who died when seven or eight years of age; George W., the subject of this biographical sketch, and Anna, who died when ten years of age. The mother of these children died in 1848, two years after coming to Ohio, and John McCullough later married Margaret Ann Kitchen, of Clark county, and to that union were born three sons, Charles, who is now living in Nebraska; Isaac, of Detroit, Michigan, and Erasmus Jackson McCullough, a farmer in the vicinity of Clifton, this county.

Reared on the home farm in Clark county, George W. McCullough received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and after his marriage in the summer of 1862 began farming on his own account. A year later, in June, 1863, he enlisted his services in behalf of the Union cause and went to the front. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. McCullough returned to the farm and there remained until 1873, in which year he moved down to Yellow Springs and there became engaged in the butcher business, in which line he has been engaged practically all the time ever since. For three years also, years ago, Mr. McCullough was engaged at Yellow Springs in the livery and undertaking business, a member of the firm of Littleton & McCullough. Years ago he took a trip West, thinking to better his condition, but after a few years of experience there returned to Yellow Springs and resumed his butcher business, in which he ever since has been engaged. Mr. McCullough is a Republican, has for years been a member of the local post, of the Grand Army of the Republic, present commander of the same, and is a Mason and an Odd Fellow and has filled all the chairs in the local lodges of both of those orders. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. McCullough has been twice married. On June 15, 1862, he was

united in marriage to Louisa Rhoades, of Clifton, this county, who died in 1867, leaving one child, a daughter, Mrs. Hattie M. Green, who is now living at Sedalia, Missouri, a widow. On December 31, 1870, Mr. McCullough married Mary A. Polling, who was born in Clark county, where her parents also were born, and to this union seven children have been born, namely: Effie, who married Fred Sharp, now living at Gage, Oklahoma, and has three children; Blanche, who married Walter Stansberry, of Yellow Springs, and has three children; Mrs. Grace Straus, who died in 1916; Frank, now living at Springfield, who married Nellie Marshall and has one child; Edward, who married Stella Runyan and now lives at Wichita, Kansas; Charles, who is married and has two children, and George, who died at Springfield when twenty-three years of age.

WILLIAM CLIFFORD SUTTON.

William Clifford Sutton, a former member of the common council of the city of Xenia and for years engaged in business in that city, proprietor, in association with his brother, of a music store, and who also is now engaged in the sale of automobiles, was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of the village of New Jasper, in the township of that name, in this county, October 23, 1877, son of John R. and Emma N. (Cooper) Sutton, both of whom were also born in that same township, and who are now living retired at Xenia, having moved from the farm to that city in 1907. John R. Sutton and Emma N. Cooper were married in 1875 and to that union were born two sons, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Charles Leroy Sutton, born in 1879, who is associated with his brother in the operation of the Sutton music store at Xenia and who married Florence Kiser, of Bellefontaine, this state.

Reared on the home farm in New Jasper township, William C. Sutton supplemented his early schooling in the schools of that neighborhood by a course in the Xenia city schools. In 1901 he became associated with L. E. Drake in business at Xenia, the firm there conducting a music store for two years, at the end of which time, in 1903, Mr. Sutton bought his partner's interest in the store and continued the management of the same, later taking into partnership with him his brother, Charles Leroy Sutton, and has ever since been thus engaged, the Sutton music store being located at 50-52 East Main street. The Sutton brothers own the building in which they are carrying on their business, having bought the same on October 15, 1917. In 1910 William C. Sutton opened what has ever since been known as the "Bijou" moving-picture theater in Xenia, rebuilt the same in 1914 and continued to operate the theater until September 1, 1917, when he sold the place and became engaged in the sale of automobiles, in addition to his music-store

business, having the local agency for five makes of cars and trucks. Mr. Sutton was for eight years a member of the city common council from his ward, occupying that position at the time the city government was changed to a commission form of government on January 1, 1918.

On December 24, 1902, William C. Sutton was united in marriage to Fay Cherry, daughter of Thomas and Evaline (Tedrick) Cherry, of Newark, this state, the latter of whom is still living, and to this union has been born one child, John Thomas Sutton, born on November 4, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Sutton are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Sutton is affiliated with the local lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of the Loyal Order of Moose, of the Woodmen of the World and of the Modern Woodmen of America.

CHARLES T. STEVENSON.

Charles T. Stevenson, proprietor of a Miami township farm, was born on a farm in Cedarville township on December 2, 1870, son of Capt. John and Jane (Bradfute) Stevenson, who are now living retired in the village of Yellow Springs.

Capt. John Stevenson earned his title by service in the Union army during the Civil War. He was born on a farm in Xenia township on July 5, 1829, and has lived in this county all his life, being now one of the oldest living native-born residents of Greene county. During his younger days he was engaged in carpentering and building, but not long after his marriage in the summer of 1858 established his home on a farm in Cedarville township and there continued engaged in farming and stock raising until his retirement from the farm and removal to Yellow Springs, where he and his wife are now living. They have three children, the subject of this sketch having a brother, William B. Stevenson, who married Lizzie Andrews, a Greene county girl, and after years of farming retired from the farm and moved to Cedarville, where he and his wife are now living, and a sister, Miss Lizzie May Stevenson, who is living with her aged parents at Yellow Springs.

Charles T. Stevenson was reared on the home farm in Cedarville township and completed his schooling at Antioch College, which institution he entered in 1885. After leaving college he resumed farming and was thus engaged on the old home place until 1898, in which year he went to Illinois, where he was for two years engaged as manager of a stock farm. He then was for four years engaged in a similar capacity in the neighborhood of Wabash, Indiana, and afterward for some time in a like capacity in Virginia. In the meantime, in 1901, Mr. Stevenson had married one of Greene county's daughters and upon his return from Virginia bought the place on which his

wife was reared, the McMillan farm in Miami township, and has continued there to reside.

It was in 1901 that Charles T. Stevenson was united in marriage to Hattie May McMillan, daughter of James Harvey and Mary (Akin) McMillan, of Miami township, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Nina Elizabeth, born in 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Stevenson is a Republican.

OSCAR S. HARGRAVE.

Oscar S. Hargrave, proprietor of a farm on rural mail route No. 8 out of Xenia, in New Jasper township, was born east of Bowersville in Jefferson township and has been a resident of this county all his life. He was born on February 19, 1874, son of William Herbert and Minerva (Thompson) Hargrave, the latter of whom was born in Fayette county, and who are still living here.

William Herbert Hargrave was born on a farm two and a half miles east of Bowersville and has been a farmer all his life. He remained at home until his marriage and then located on the farm on which he is still living and where he owns one hundred and seventy-one acres. Mr. Hargrave is a Republican, has served as central committeeman for that party from his township and has also held county and township offices. He and his wife are members of the Church of Christ and their children were reared in that faith. There are four of these children, sons all, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being Marion L., a farmer, who moved from this county to Paulding county, this state, and thence to Claire, Michigan, where he is now living, and who married Hester Fannon and has five children, Bessie, Homer, Edith, Veda and Pauline; Claude E., who is farming a part of his father's farm and who married Lillian Brakefield and has two children, Harold and Helen; and Jacob, who also in farming a part of the old home place and who married Belle Ford and has two children, Robert and Paul.

Oscar S. Hargrave was reared on the home farm and received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood. After his marriage when twenty-seven years of age, he continued to make his home on the home farm for three years, at the end of which time he bought the farm on which he is now living in New Jasper township and has since resided there. He has a farm of seventy-four acres and has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock. Mr. Hargrave is a Republican and, fraternally, is affiliated with the local lodge of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at New Jasper.

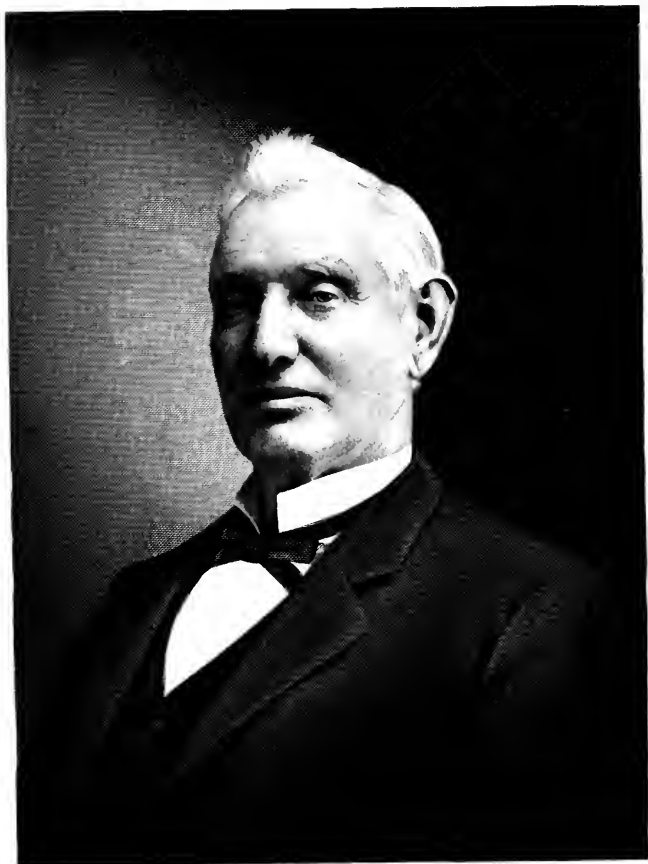
Mr. Hargrave has been twice married. On January 29, 1902, he was

united in marriage to Herma D. Stephens, daughter of William S. and Cleota (Pilcher) Stephens, of Port William, and to that union was born one child, a daughter, Isa Marie. Mrs. Herma Hargrave died in September, 1910, and on December 30, 1912, Mr. Hargrave married Mary Leona Hite, who was born in New Jasper township, this county, daughter of William Raper and Meldah R. (Spahr) Hite, both of whom also were born in this county and who are still living, now residents of the village of New Jasper. William Raper Hite was for years a farmer and also was engaged on county road and bridge contract work. He is a Republican, a member of the Improved Order of Red Men and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They have four children, of whom Mrs. Hargrave is the third in order of birth, the others being Allen Delmer, a stock salesman, now living at Cleveland, this state, and who married Eva Babb; Clarence G., a painter, living at home at New Jasper, and Eva Elizabeth, who married Loren A. Rogers, who teaches in the Ross township centralized school and has one child, a son, Roger Russell. Mrs. Hargrave is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

OTIS T. WOLFORD.

Otis T. Wolford, of "Forest Mill Farm," is one of Greene county's landowners and stockmen who for years has taken a special interest in the raising of pure-bred live stock, an exhibitor at fairs and stock shows throughout this part of the state. He and his wife are the owners of a farm of three hundred and sixty-eight acres a half mile off the Jamestown and Xenia pike, a part of the old Brown estate of two thousand acres settled by Mrs. Wolford's grandfather, Jacob Brown, in the middle of the '30s of the past century. In March, 1918, they also bought a half interest in two hundred and twenty-four acres on the Federal pike, known as the Sarah Jane Wilson or Mary McLaughlin farm, this latter tract also being a part of the two thousand acres of the Jacob Brown estate in the Military Survey.

Jacob Brown was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, of old English stock, as was his wife, Judith Walter, also of Virginia, both the Brown and the Walters families having been established in Virginia in Colonial days. He was reared in Virginia, a farmer, and there married. By religious persuasion they were Hicksite Friends and so bitterly opposed to the institution of human slavery that in 1835 they disposed of their interests in the Old Dominion and came to Ohio, settling in Greene county. The decision on the part of the Browns to come to this county was based on the good report taken back by George Walters Brown, Jacob Brown's eldest son, who in 1829 had made a comprehensive trip on horseback through this re-



Allen Brown



gion and as far west as Illinois and south into Kentucky. On all this long trip he saw no land with as fair a prospect as that in Greene county and he so reported, particularly emphasizing the desirability of a tract of two thousand acres held by Colonel Elzy, of Virginia, as a grant for military services during the Revolutionary War. The matter was investigated, the family was favorable to the emigration and Jacob Brown traded a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Loudoun county, giving some cash for "boot," for the Elzy tract in this county and in 1835 moved here with his family, driving through with such household and other belongings as could conveniently be brought. George W. Brown, the family's "pathfinder," spent the rest of his life in this county, living to be eighty years of age, his death occurring on May 17, 1883. What attracted him to the Elzy tract was the obvious excellence of the soil, the presence of ample timber and water facilities for the operation of a mill on the place, and when the family became established on that place a water-wheel saw-mill was erected and was for years operated there by Nixon G. Brown, continuing indeed until in the '70s. There was also a grist-mill attached and many neighbors brought their logs and their grist to the Brown mill. Upon their arrival here the Browns rented a stone house on the Columbus pike five miles northeast of Xenia and there resided until they could erect a log house on their own place. This house was lathed and plastered on the inside and weather-boarded on the outside and was thus doubly substantial. There Jacob Brown and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They helped organize the Oakland meeting of Friends and for many years, or until the Oakland meeting house and school house was erected, meetings were held in their house. The Oakland meeting was discontinued about 1885, most of the members having died or moved away, and the old meeting house later was destroyed by fire. As Jacob Brown's children married, their father gave them their respective portions of the land and the family became well established. Following are the names of the children of Jacob and Judith (Walters) Brown: George W., noted above as the family's "pathfinder;" Helen, who died in Virginia; Diana, who also died in Virginia; Mrs. Lydia Ellen Greenlease, who died in Virginia; William, who established his home in this county; Thomas, who also made his home here; Sarah Jane, who married Aaron Wilson and lived in the Springboro neighborhood, in Warren county; Ruth Hannah, who married James Harrison, of Xenia; Lucinda, who married William Blaine; Nixon G., father of Mrs. Wolford, and Nancy.

Nixon G. Brown, youngest of the four sons of Jacob Brown, was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, February 2, 1827, and was thus but a lad when he came to this county with his parents in 1835. He grew to man-

hood on the big farm his father opened up and received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood. On May 12, 1853, he was united in marriage to Hannah P. Wilson, who also was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Nichols) Wilson, and after his marriage established his home on a part of the parental tract, and there he and his wife spent their last days. He died on March 11, 1904, in his seventy-eighth year, and his widow survived him but five days more than a month, her death occurring on April 16 of that same year. They maintained their interest in the Oakland meeting of Friends, of which Nixon Brown was an officer, until the discontinuance of the same in the '80s. They were very sociable and were widely known as "Uncle Nixon" and "Aunt Hannah" Brown. They were the parents of two daughters, Mary Elizabeth, who with her husband now owns the home place, and Harriet Ann, the latter of whom on May 6, 1885, was united in marriage to Dr. W. P. Madden, of Xenia, who died on May 30, 1908, his widow surviving him less than three years, her death occurring on December 2, 1910.

Mary Elizabeth Brown was reared on the home farm and received excellent advantages in the way of schooling. On March 17, 1885, she was united in marriage to Otis T. Wolford, who had come to this county from Maryland in 1875. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Wolford made their home on the old Brown place, which they now own, and there Mr. Wolford gave particular attention to the raising of pure-bred Aberdeen-Angus cattle and was for years an exhibitor at stock shows and state fairs, though of late years he has not given so much attention to this line. He is still living on the farm and giving the same his active attention. He and his wife also maintain a home at Xenia, where the latter spends some of her time, having apartments in the Manhattan Hotel building.

Otis T. Wolford was born in Washington county, Maryland, sixth in order of birth of the eleven children born to his parents, John and Mahala (Brewer) Wolford, natives of that same county, and Lutherans, who spent all their lives there, the latter dying on January 24, 1872, and the former, December 29, 1884. The other children of this family follow: John H., former mayor of Cedarville, who died on October 11, 1916, and whose widow, who was America Mills and by whom he had five children, is still living at Cedarville; Alvin Victor, deceased, whose widow, who was Estella Lott and by whom he had two sons, is now living at Dayton; Mary Elizabeth, who died when a child; Emily Virginia, deceased; Ida Mahala, who married William G. Haines, of this county, and has two sons, Dr. Roy Haines, of Paintersville, and Frederick, of Xenia; Peter Elsworth, now living at Washington Court House, who married Margaret Wendell and has one child, a daughter; Sarah Ellen, unmarried, who is living at Cedarville;

William Grant, now living in Dixon, Illinois, who is married and has three children; Thomas Cowton, who married Anna Shinn and is living on a farm east of Xenia, and Anna Savilla, who died in the days of her girlhood.

LEONIDAS CROMWELL WALKER, M. D.

Dr. Leonidas Cromwell Walker, who for more than thirty years has been engaged in the practice of his profession at Jamestown, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in Eagle township, Vinton county, January 21, 1855, a son of Benjamin Morris and Margaret (Ratcliff) Walker, the latter of whom was born in that part of Ross county now included in Vinton county, June 5, 1821, daughter of Ezekiel and Dorothy (Hammer) Ratcliff, the former of whom was born in Chatham county, North Carolina, in 1795, and was eight years of age when his parents, John and Ruth Ratcliff, Quakers, moved from that place to the new state of Ohio in 1803 and settled in Ross county.

Benjamin Morris Walker was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, May 22, 1816, a son of John and Letitia (Humphrey) Walker, the latter of whom died in Virginia where the former married again and later came over into Ohio with his family and settled in what is now Vinton county, where he spent his last days. John Walker was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, March 28, 1787, a son of Benjamin and Sophia (VanHorn) Walker, Quakers, both of whom were born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and the former of whom served as a soldier of the patriot army during the Revolutionary War. Benjamin Walker was born on a farm in Springfield township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, October 26, 1757, a son of Ebenezer and Hannah Walker, Quakers. He grew up in that township and some time prior to September 1, 1776, enlisted for service during the Revolution as a member of Capt. Evan Edwards' company of the Third Pennsylvania Line, and with that command served until February 20, 1781. In February, 1780, in his home township, Benjamin Walker married Sophia VanHorn, who was born in that same township, April 21, 1757, a daughter of Garret and Mary VanHorn, and in 1785 or 1786 he moved with his family from Pennsylvania to Loudoun county, Virginia, and there became engaged in the tanning business, erecting a tannery nearby his home. That old stone tannery is still standing and some years ago while making a visit to the old home of his great-grandparents in Virginia Doctor Walker secured a photograph of the same. Benjamin Walker and his family were members of the Friends church. He died at his home in Loudoun county on September 1, 1821, and his widow survived him for more than twenty years, her death occurring in February, 1845. On account

of her husband's Revolutionary War service she was a pensioner of the government. Benjamin Walker and wife were the parents of nine children, namely: Garret, born on August 20, 1780; Joseph, April 12, 1782; William, February 13, 1785; John, Doctor Walker's grandfather, March 28, 1787; Mary, September 27, 1789; Benjamin, January 3, 1793; Sarah, June 25, 1795; a daughter who died the day after her birth, February 16, 1797, and Ebenezer, March 7, 1798, who died of typhoid fever while serving as a boy soldier during the War of 1812.

John Walker grew up in Loudoun county and there became a farmer and shoemaker, following the latter vocation during the winter periods. During the War of 1812 he rendered service as a member of Taylor's Militia of Loudoun county. He was twice married, his first wife having been Letitia Humphrey, Doctor Walker's grandmother. She was a daughter of Jesse and Winnie (Morris) Humphrey, the former of whom was a son of Col. Thomas Humphrey, an officer of the Revolutionary army. To that union were born several children. After the death of the mother of these children John Walker married Abigail Brooks and a few years later, in 1824, moved over into Ohio and on October 20 of that year settled on a farm in what is now Vinton county, but which then was comprised within the bounds of Jackson county, and there established his home. He died on August 1, 1854, and is buried in the cemetery one mile north of Londonderry, in Ross county.

Benjamin M. Walker, son of John and Letitia (Humphrey) Walker, was eight years of age when his father moved with his family from Virginia to Ohio. After his marriage he established his home on a farm and began farming on his own account, in time becoming the proprietor of twelve hundred acres of land in that county and a successful oil operator. Reared as a Quaker, he remained faithful to the tenets of that faith and he and his family were members of the Friends church. Reared a Whig, he became a Republican upon the organization of the latter party. Benjamin M. Walker lived to be three days past eighty-three years of age, his death occurring at Londonderry on May 25, 1899. His wife, Margaret Ratcliff, had long predeceased him, her death having occurred on September 19, 1875.

To Benjamin M. and Margaret (Ratcliff) Walker were born seven children, of whom Doctor Walker was the fifth in order of birth, the others being the following: Stephen, born on December 4, 1841, who enlisted his services in behalf of the Union during the Civil War, was commissioned first lieutenant of Company D, Eighty-ninth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was serving as captain of that company when he met a soldier's fate at the battle of Chickamauga, on Sunday evening, September 20, 1863, a minie ball going through his heart; John W., February 28, 1844, who served as a soldier in that same company and regiment and is now a resident of Battle

Creek, Michigan; Simon R., October 11, 1846, who became a civil engineer and is now the official surveyor of Vinton county, making his home at McArthur; Benjamin Rufus, May 23, 1852, a farmer living in the neighborhood of Worthington, in Franklin county; Emma Alice, March 3, 1858, who married Henry Stephens and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased, and Margaret, who married Fremont Milner and is living at Leesburg. The body of Lieutenant Stephen Walker, whose death at the battle of Chickamauga is noted above, was buried on the field. In the following February his father went to the battlefield to recover the body. As this was beyond the Federal lines he was given an escort of soldiers. Several bodies were uncovered before he found the one sought, among these being the body of Lieutenant Jackson and the latter and that of Lieutenant Walker were given burial in the National cemetery at Chattanooga. Lieutenant Walker fell just north of Snodgrass Hill, not far from the spot where the monument erected to the Eighty-ninth Ohio now marks that regiment's participation in the battle of Chickamauga.

Reared on the home farm in Vinton county, Leonidas Cromwell Walker received his early schooling in the neighborhood school and supplemented the same by a course in the Normal School at Lebanon, after which he taught school for five terms, in the meantime spending his summer vacation periods in the study of medicine in the office of Dr. George Ireland at Wilmington, being thus prepared for entrance at Hahnemann Medical College at Chicago, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1882. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Walker returned home and opened an office in the vicinity of Eagle Mills, where he was engaged in practice for eighteen months, at the end of which time he moved to Halltown, in Ross county, and was there engaged in practice until January 1, 1885, when he came to Greene county and opened an office at Jamestown, where he has since been engaged in practice, with his present office and dwelling on East Main street. In 1896 Doctor Walker took a post-graduate course in the Metropolitan Post-Graduate School of Medicine at New York. He is a member of the Greene County Medical Society, of the Ohio State Medical Society, of the Miami Valley Homeopathic Society and of the Ohio State Homeopathic Society. The doctor is a Republican and has served as a member of the local school board. He is a member of Jamestown Lodge No. 352, Free and Accepted Masons, and has been four times worshipful master of the same.

On June 2, 1881, Dr. Leonidas C. Walker was united in marriage to Ellen Marsh, who was born near Lower Salem, in Washington county, this state, March 25, 1857, daughter of James and Sarah Marsh, both now deceased, who were the parents of five children, of whom Mrs. Walker is the youngest, the others being William, Maria, John and Susan. James Marsh was born on October 8, 1821, and his wife was born on July 1, 1826. They

were married on May 16, 1841. Doctor and Mrs. Walker have two children, Bessie, born in Eagle township, Vinton county, November 20, 1882, who married Charles E. Fisher, a business man of Xenia, and Charles T., born in Harrison township, Ross county, November 17, 1884, who is now engaged in the automobile business at Jamestown. Mrs. Fisher is a member of Catherine Greene chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Xenia. Charles T. Walker married Eskelene Reynolds, daughter of Professor Reynolds, superintendent of the Greene county schools, and has one child, a son, Ned Lewis, born on March 9, 1917.

JOHN A. TIBBS.

John A. Tibbs, assessor of Miami township and the proprietor of a farm adjoining the western line of the village of Yellow Pine, is a Virginian by birth, but has been a resident of Ohio since he was eight years of age. He was born on August 1, 1856, at Morgantown, county seat of Monongalia county, which then was a part of the Old Dominion, but which since the Civil War has been a part of the state of West Virginia, and his parents, Samuel and Sarah (Bennett) Tibbs, also were natives of that same section.

Samuel Tibbs was born in 1812 and grew to manhood at Morgantown, where he married and where he continued to make his home until 1864, when he moved over into Ohio and settled on a farm in Scioto county, where he remained until 1884, in which year he moved to Champaign county. In this latter county he remained until 1900, when he moved down into Clark county, where his last days were spent, his death occurring there in 1902. He and his wife were the parents of twelve children, namely: Sylvanus, Mary and Adaline, who died in youth; Martha Jane, Cordelia and Hester Ann, also now deceased; Louise, who married G. L. Dodge, of Champaign county, and has eleven children; Charles, deceased; John A., the subject of this biographical sketch; Samuel and David, deceased, and George Edward, who is farming in the vicinity of Topeka, Kansas.

As noted above, John A. Tibbs was but eight years of age when his parents came to Ohio and he completed his schooling in Scioto county, moving thence with his father to Champaign county in 1884 and thence, in 1900, to Clark county, continually engaged in farming with his father. After the death of his father in 1902, Mr. Tibbs came down into Greene county and bought his present farm just west of the corporation line of Yellow Springs and has since resided there. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Tibbs has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock, his specialty being Duroc-Jersey hogs. He is a Republican and both in Champaign county and in Clark county rendered service as a member of the school board of the

districts in which he resided in those respective counties, and not long after coming to Greene county was elected assessor of Miami township, which office he is still holding, now serving his fourth term.

John A. Tibbs was united in marriage to Louise Cunningham, of Scioto county, this state, daughter of John D. and Melissa (Woodring) Cunningham, who were the parents of thirteen children and the former of whom lived to be ninety-eight years of age, and to this union have been born five children, four sons and one daughter, namely: Claude, deceased; Harry, unmarried, who is still living at home with his parents and who is engaged as a mail carrier at Yellow Springs; Orin T., who married Gertrude Adamson, of Yellow Springs, and has three children, John Charles, June Elizabeth and Robert Orin; Edna, who died when six years of age, and James Raymond, now living near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who married Dorothy Ellis, of Yellow Springs, and has two children, Marjorie Law and James R., Jr.

EDWIN W. WING.

Edwin W. Wing, former clerk of the village of Clifton and formerly engaged in the mercantile business there, now living retired at his home in that place, is a native of the great Empire state, but has been a resident of Ohio since he was six years of age and of Greene county most of the time for the past twenty years or more. He was born at Hinsdale, New York, June 27, 1859, son of William H. and Jane A. (Bullard) Wing, natives of that same state, who came to Ohio in 1865 and established their home on a farm in the Mechanicsburg neighborhood in Champaign county, where they spent the remainder of their lives.

William H. Wing was born in Rensselaer county, New York, in 1818, son of William and Miriam Wing, also natives of that state, who spent all their lives in their native state. The Wings are of old Colonial stock, the founder of the family in this country having been a Quaker who came here from Holland, the family originally having gone from England to Holland. In Rensselaer county, New York, William H. Wing grew to manhood and married Jane A. Bullard, who was born at Hinsdale, also of an old Colonial family, the Bullards being of "Mayflower" descent. After his marriage William H. Wing became engaged in the mercantile business at Hinsdale, and was thus engaged there when, in the early '60s, he came to Ohio on a little vacation trip and was so favorably impressed with the appearance of things in this section of the state that he decided to locate here. Returning to New York he disposed of his interests there and with his family came back to Ohio and bought about a hundred acres of land in the neighborhood of Mechanicsburg, in Champaign county, and there established his home, that

place having been the nucleus of the present celebrated "Woodland Farm," widely known in consequence of the astonishing results achieved there in the way of alfalfa culture and which has been referred to as "one of the milestones of American agriculture." The story of the work done by William H. Wing and his sons in the way of alfalfa culture is well known throughout this section of Ohio and need not be repeated here. The story of the establishment of the Wing Seed Company, growing out of the demand made upon the Wings for alfalfa seed, also is well known and is regarded as one of the most interesting features of the agricultural development of this part of the state. Since the death of the late Joseph Wing ("the Alfalfa King"), first president of the company, who died in 1915, Charles Wing, another of the sons of William H. Wing, has acted as president of the same. William H. Wing and his wife were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this biographical sketch was the first-born, the others being Joseph, Jennie May, Willis O. and Charles B. William H. Wing died in 1890 and his widow survived him for twenty-five years, her death occurring in September, 1915.

Edwin W. Wing was six years of age when he came with his parents from New York to Ohio and he grew up on the home farm in the immediate vicinity of Mechanicsburg, receiving his schooling in the schools of that village, and from the days of his boyhood was an assistant in the labors of the home farm and in the development of the interests that have made the name Wing known far and wide among agriculturists. In 1890 Mr. Wing married a Greene county girl and after his marriage continued his agricultural operations in Champaign county until 1896, when he moved to Clifton and there became engaged in the mercantile business, buying the George H. Smith store, which he continued to operate for eight years, at the end of which time he sold the same and for a time thereafter was engaged in developing his realty interests at Clifton, erecting the building in which the postoffice now is located and also the building in which the local Knights of Pythias have their hall. He and his family then went to Georgia, expecting to establish their home in the South if conditions seemed favorable, but after a residence of a couple of years in that state returned to Clifton, where they have since resided. Since his return from the South Mr. Wing has been living practically retired. For some time he rendered public service as clerk of the village.

On April 2, 1890, at Clifton, Edwin W. Wing was united in marriage to Sarah Iliff, who was born in this county, daughter of David B. and Flora (Grindle) Iliff, both also Greene county folk, and the latter of whom is still living here. David B. Iliff was for years engaged in operating a paper mill in the vicinity of Clifton and after his retirement from business made his home in that village, where his death occurred on October 16, 1915. He and his wife were the parents of six children, Mrs. Wing having two brothers,

John and George Iliff, and three sisters, Mrs. Anna Bowen, Mrs. Jessie Baker, of Kansas, and Mrs. Edith Randall, also of Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Wing have three daughters: Alice May, wife of Irvin Linson, a farmer, living in the vicinity of the village of Enon, in the neighboring county of Clark; Ethel, wife of Nelson Stretcher, of Covington, Kentucky, and Florence, who was born during the time of the family's residence in Georgia and who is now in school at Clifton. The Wings are members of the Baptist church.

PROF. CHESTER A. DEVOE.

Prof. Chester A. Devoe, superintendent of county school district No. 3, comprising the schools of Jamestown, Silver Creek township, Caesarscreek township and the centralized school in Jefferson township, was born on a farm in Caesarscreek township on January 15, 1883, son of John and Mary M. (Williams) Devoe, who are still living in that township, where they have made their home since their marriage on March 8, 1882. John Devoe was born in that same township, February 7, 1855, and his wife was born in Highland county, this state, March 11, 1861. They have three children, Professor Devoe having a sister, Loura, who married James Jones and is living in the immediate vicinity of Mt. Tabor church in this county, and a brother, Marion A., who is unmarried and who is still living on the old home farm.

Reared on the home farm in Caesarscreek township, Chester A. Devoe received his early schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and supplemented the same by attendance at the State Normal School at Lebanon, completing there the course for teachers in 1901. In the fall of that year he began teaching and for seven years thereafter was engaged during the winters as a teacher in the district schools of New Jasper township and Caesarscreek township. He then was appointed principal of the Caesarscreek township high school and superintendent of the schools of that township and was thus employed for eight years, or until his election in 1916 to the position he now occupies, that of superintendent of school district No. 3, comprising the schools of Jamestown, Caesarscreek township, Silvercreek township and the centralized schools of Jefferson township. Professor Devoe holds a life certificate from the state as a teacher in both the grade and high schools and is a member of the county examining board for teachers. For two years he was chairman of the county "dry" association and has ever been an ardent exponent of the principles of the temperance movement in this state.

On March 29, 1906, Prof. Chester A. Devoe was united in marriage to Sarah E. Jones, daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Thomas) Jones, of New Jasper, and to this union have been born five children, Nellie, Edna, Mary, Paul and Martha. Professor and Mrs. Devoe are members of the Methodist

Episcopal church at Jamestown and the Professor is the superintendent of the Sunday school. In 1916 he was president of the Greene County Sunday School Association, an organization to which he has for years given earnest attention. The Professor is a member of the Masonic lodge at Xenia and of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Paintersville.

HUGH A. ALEXANDER.

The late Hugh A. Alexander, who died at his home in Miami township in the summer of 1906, was born on the farm on which he died and there spent all his life. The Alexanders have been represented in this county ever since the year 1811, when Hugh Alexander, grandfather of the subject of this memorial sketch, came up here from Kentucky and bought a thousand acres of land in Miami township. Jacob Alexander, one of the sons of this pioneer, married Margaret Alexander and established his home on a portion of that tract, erecting on the same a log cabin in which he and his wife began housekeeping. Jacob Alexander became the owner of a farm of two hundred and seventy-five acres and on that place spent his last days, his death occurring there in 1838. His widow survived him for nearly thirty years, her death occurring in 1866, she then being past seventy years of age. They were the parents of ten children.

Hugh A. Alexander, last survivor of the ten children born to Jacob and Margaret (Alexander) Alexander, was born on the home farm in Miami township on March 20, 1827. He was but eleven years of age when his father died and he grew up on the home place and after his marriage in 1860 established his home there, continuing to reside there the rest of his life, his death occurring there on July 8, 1906. For some years before his death he had been living practically retired from the active labors of the farm, having turned the management of the same over to two of his sons. In 1917 the farm was sold to William Conley. By political affiliation Mr. Alexander was a Republican.

In 1860, at Dayton, this state, Hugh A. Alexander was united in marriage to Catherine Stahl, who was born in Germany, but who was but a child when she came to this country with her parents, the family locating at Dayton. To that union were born eleven children, namely: John, who for years has been engaged in the insurance business at Topeka, Kansas, and who married Minnie Roach and has five children, Archibald, Carl, Wilma, Donald and Helen; Cynthia, wife of Jacob Johnson, of Yellow Springs, this county; Margaret, who is now living at Cedarville, to which place she moved with her mother after the death of her father; Jacob, now a farmer at Knowles, Oklahoma, who married Mary Merrill and has two children, Emmet and Wiley;

Hugh, who married Flora Raney and became engaged in association with his brother William in the mercantile business at Yellow Springs, where he died on September 18, 1917, leaving three children, Eleanor, Ruth and Dorothy; Minnie, who married Riley McMillan, a farmer of Cedarville township, and has four children, Ethel, Harvey, Wilbur and Esther; Anna, who is engaged in her brother's store at Yellow Springs; Abbie, who married S. A. Rahn, who formerly was engaged in the mercantile business at Yellow Springs, and became the mother of three children, Ralph (deceased), Harold and Helen; William, who married Nellie Newell and is engaged in the mercantile business at Yellow Springs; Arthur, now living at Kansas City, who married Lunetta McMillan, and has one child, a daughter, Grace; and Walter, who died at the age of eleven years. Following the death of her husband in 1906 Mrs. Alexander and her daughters, Margaret and Anna, moved to Cedarville, where Mrs. Alexander died on December 14, 1917, and where Miss Margaret Alexander is still living. Mrs. Alexander was a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, as are her daughters.

WILLIAM A. DEAN.

Though no longer a resident of Greene county and now living retired at Columbus, Indiana, William A. Dean has never lost his interest in Greene county affairs and it is but fitting that in the history of his old home county there should be set out some of the details of his former connection with the affairs of this county, together with proper reference to the several pioneer families of Greene county with which he is connected and with which his wife is connected, for both are members of families that have been closely associated with the affairs of this county since pioneer days and which still have a wide connection hereabout.

William A. Dean was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Clinton on March 11, 1857, son of William Campbell and Susan (Janney) Dean, both members of pioneer families in this part of the state, both the Deans and the Janneys having settled here in early days, the Deans coming up from Kentucky and the Janneys, over from Virginia. Susan Janney was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, in 1820, and was twelve years of age when her parents, Stephen and Letitia (Taylor) Janney, native Virginians, Quakers, who were married in that state, drove through with their family to Ohio in 1832 and settled on a farm in the vicinity of Springboro in the neighboring county of Warren, where they established their home and spent the remainder of their days.

The Deans are one of the old families of Greene county and, as noted above, are still numerously represented hereabout, the family having had its

beginnings here with the coming of Daniel Dean and his family up from Kentucky in 1812. Daniel Dean, the pioneer, was a native of Ireland, son of Roger and Mary Dean, and was but eighteen years of age when he came to this country in 1784, landing at the port of Philadelphia. In 1788 he went to Kentucky, where in 1791 he married Janet Steele. After his marriage he continued to make his home on his Kentucky farm until 1812, when he decided to move up into Ohio. He had previously bought a tract of eighteen hundred acres of land along Caesarscreek, in this county, and in 1812 established his home there, as is set out, together with a comprehensive history of the Dean family elsewhere in this volume. There were five sons and six daughters in this pioneer family, all of whom lived to rear families of their own. The five sons were Robert, William, Daniel, Joseph and James. Thirty-six members of this family served as soldiers of the Union during the Civil War and all returned home save one, who died at the front.

Robert Dean, first-born of the children of Daniel and Janet (Steele) Dean, was born in Kentucky in 1793 and was nineteen years of age when he came with his parents to Greene county in 1812. He straightway enlisted his services in behalf of America's second war of independence, then in progress, and served as a member of Capt. Robert McClellan's company on a tour of duty to Ft. Wayne, in the Territory of Indiana. On the tract of about two hundred and fifty acres of land which he inherited from his father in what later came to be organized as New Jasper township he established his home and spent his last days, his death occurring there on May 8, 1856, and he was buried in the Dean burying ground. Robert Dean was twice married, his first wife having been a Campbell and his second, an Orr, and was the father of a considerable family, one of his sons, William Campbell Dean, a child by the first marriage, having been the father of the immediate subject of this biographical sketch.

William Campbell Dean was born on the old Dean place in New Jasper township on July 4, 1822, and there grew to manhood. During the days of his young manhood he went South and was for eighteen months engaged as a guard in the Tennessee state penitentiary at Nashville. Upon his return to Greene county he married Susan Janney, mentioned in a preceding paragraph, and after his marriage became engaged with his brother Daniel in the grocery business at Xenia, the brothers conducting at the northwest corner of Detroit and Main streets (where the Steele building now stands) the first store exclusively devoted to the sale of groceries ever started in Xenia. After four years of this form of mercantile business William C. Dean sold his interest in the store to his brother and moved to Clinton county, where he was engaged in farming for three years, at the end of which time he returned to this county and bought the interests of the other heirs in the old Dean farm in New

Jasper township, then a tract of one hundred and eighty-four acres, established his home there, on the place where he was born, and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in September, 1888, he then being in the sixty-seventh year of his age. William C. Dean was a Republican and had served as township trustee. Originally members of the Associate Reformed church, he and his wife later became members of the Friends church and their children were reared in the latter faith. There were five of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being Letitia, unmarried, who is living on the old home place in New Jasper township; Anna, now living at Indianapolis and who has been twice married, her first husband having been William Hazelrig and her second, William Baddock; Charles S., of Xenia, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and Susan, who married Edgar Ballard and is still living on the old Dean place in New Jasper township.

William A. Dean was but an infant when his parents returned to this county from their brief residence in Clinton county, where he was born, and he was reared on the old home place in New Jasper township. He received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and at Antioch College. Upon his father's death in 1888 he inherited a tract of one hundred and nine acres of land on the New Burlington pike in Spring Valley township and after his marriage two years later began housekeeping there, but in 1903 he sold that place and moved to Portage county, this state, where he bought a farm of two hundred and forty acres, on which he made his home for twelve years, at the end of which time he disposed of his farming interests and has since been living retired. In the spring of 1917 he and his wife moved to Columbus, Indiana, where they have since been living. Mr. Dean is a Republican and for some time during his residence in Portage county served as township trustee. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They have one child, a son, Edwin Janney Dean, who married Frances Elliott, of Warren, Ohio, and lives at New Falls, this state. They have one son, William A.

On February 27, 1890, William A. Dean was united in marriage to Mariella Rader, who was born at Xenia on August 2, 1859, daughter of Adam and Susan (McKnight) Rader, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Virginia, but who had been residents of Greene county since the days of their childhood, they having accompanied their respective parents to this section of Ohio when they were mere children. Adam Rader was born at Fredericksburg, Pennsylvania, November 15, 1818, and was not yet three years of age when his parents, Adam Rader and wife, came to Ohio, driving through, in 1821 and settled on a farm on the lower Bellbrook pike in Beaver creek township, this county. During the days of his youth his par-

ents left the farm and moved to Xenia, where he grew up and was for years engaged in the cooperage and brickmaking business. On December 13, 1849, at 171 Columbus avenue, Xenia, the younger Adam Rader was united in marriage to Susan V. McKnight, who was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, February 21, 1827, and who was but about fourteen years of age when her parents, Josiah McKnight and wife, came to Ohio and settled at Xenia. After their marriage Adam Rader and his wife established their home at the above number in Xenia and with the exception of two years spent at Jamestown, in this county, there spent the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Rader died there on May 15, 1894, and her husband survived her for more than eleven years, his death occurring on January 30, 1907, he then being in the eighty-ninth year of his age. They were members of the Reformed church at Xenia and their children were reared in that faith. There were six of these children, namely: Emma, who died at the age of ten years; Edwin C., a contractor at Xenia and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume; Henry Willard, Mrs. Dean's twin brother, who is now living at Dayton, this state; Martha, still living at Xenia, widow of Dr. H. R. McClelland, and Ada Virginia, wife of D. C. F. Oglesbee, of Xenia.

BURLEY J. COY.

Burley J. Coy, merchant in the village of Zimmerman, in Beavercreek township, this county, was born in that township on January 2, 1873, son of Abraham and Catherine (Zimmerman) Coy, both members of pioneer families in that part of the county, as will be noted by extensive reference made to these families elsewhere in this volume. Abraham Coy was born in Beavercreek township in 1820, a son of Jacob Coy, and died on October 19, 1905. For some time, many years ago, he operated a store at Zimmerman and was the first postmaster of that village, that having been back in the days of the stage coach. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, four of whom, Mary, Ellen, George and William, died during the '60s, the others being the following: C. Lincoln, who is living in Beavercreek township; Lewis, who lives at Dayton; Burley, the subject of this sketch; Dr. Marcellus Coy, of Dayton; Parmelia, wife of Melville Brewer, of Beavercreek township; Emma, who is living at Dayton, and Lodema, wife of William Stewart, of Beavercreek township.

Upon completing his schooling in the home schools in Beavercreek township, Burley J. Coy was for a time variously engaged and then took up rail-roading, employed as a motorman on the traction line between Dayton and Piqua, and for eighteen years was thus engaged. He then bought a corner lot at Zimmerman and on that lot, just opposite the site on which his father

years ago was engaged in mercantile business, built a store building and became engaged in business on his own account, with a view eventually to making a general store of his place. Mr. Coy is a Republican and has held township offices. Fraternaly, he is affiliated with the Masons, with the Elks, with the Knights of Pythias and with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

CHARLES E. FISHER.

Charles E. Fisher, proprietor of a meat shop at 36 East Main street, Xenia, was born in that city on January 9, 1879, a son of Andrew and Katherine (Wolf) Fisher, natives of Germany, and the former of whom died on January 28, 1918, he having been succeeded in the meat business there by his son, the subject of this sketch.

Andrew Fisher was born in the city of Frankfort, the most ancient of the old free cities of Germany, February 18, 1842, and was but a child when he came to this country with his parents, the family locating in eastern Pennsylvania. There he remained until 1853, in which year, he then being but eleven years of age, he came over into Ohio to join his elder brother, George Fisher, who was at that time the forman of a distillery at Spring Valley, in this county. At Spring Valley Andrew Fisher completed his schooling and as a young man became engaged in farming in the vicinity of Frost Station. On the last one-hundred-days call for volunteers for service in the Union army during the progress of the Civil War he enlisted and was sent with his comrades into Virginia, where he was captured by the enemy and was for four months confined in Libby Prison. In 1868, at Xenia, Andrew Fisher married Katherine Wolf, who was but nine months of age when her parents came to this country from Germany with their family and located at Cincinnati. As a young woman Katherine Wolf went from Cincinnati to Xenia and in the latter city was married and spent the rest of her life, her death occurring there on May 21, 1910. She was a member of the Reformed church. Andrew Fisher years ago became engaged in the retail meat business at Xenia and so continued until he retired and in the fall of 1903 sold his place to his son, Charles E., who is still conducting the same. Andrew Fisher for some time served as a member of the city council from his home ward. To him and his wife were born ten children, eight of whom grew to maturity, these, besides the subject of this sketch, being Elizabeth, widow of Homer Hawkins, of Xenia township; Maud and May, twins, the former of whom married W. L. Miller and the latter, William Grottendick, and both of whom are now deceased; Harry M., a locomotive engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, who married Stella Hamilton, of Xenia; Clarence W., who married Nellie VanCleave and is

also living in Xenia: Elmer A., who married Mrs. VanWinkle and is also living at Xenia; and Fred C., also of Xenia, who married Hazel Berry.

Charles E. Fisher was reared at Xenia, receiving his schooling in the schools of that city, and early became familiar with the details of the retail meat business, presently becoming engaged in that business on his own account. In 1869 his father had, in association with his brother-in-law, opened a small shop at the corner of Main and Columbus streets, later moving to Detroit street and thence, in 1880, to 38 East Main street and shortly after to 36 East Main street, where the shop has ever since been located. On September 10, 1903, Charles E. Fisher bought out his father's business and has since been conducting the same at the same old stand. Mr. Fisher is a member of Xenia Lodge No. 49, Free and Accepted Masons, of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is one of the charter members of the Xenia lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On March 23, 1904, at Jamestown, this county, Charles E. Fisher was united in marriage to Bessie Walker, of that place, daughter of Dr. L. C. and Ella (Marsh) Walker, who are still living at Jamestown and who have two children, Mrs. Fisher having a brother, C. Tiffin Walker, who is married, his wife being a Reynolds, and lives at Cedarville.

MICHAEL A. BROADSTONE.

Michael A. Broadstone was born in Greene county, Ohio, on October 30, 1852, and has made the county his home practically all of his life. Born on a farm in Beavercreek township, he passed his boyhood days in a manner similar to that of most of the boys reared on the farm in his day. After completing his elementary education in the rural schools, he became a student in Xenia College and there prepared himself for the teaching profession. Before reaching his majority he was teaching in Cedarville township and later taught in Sugarcreek township. He saved his money in order to continue his education and subsequently entered the National Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio.

Mr. Broadstone later became a representative of the firm of L. H. Everts & Company, of Philadelphia, a company engaged in the publishing of county atlases and histories. During the eight years that he was with this firm he traveled over several states in the Union, thereby gaining a fund of experience that has been valuable to him later in life. He located permanently in Xenia in 1882, having been married the previous year, and has since made that city his home. He purchased in March, 1882, an interest in the undertaking business of John Shearer and was in that business for several years. At different times he was in partnership with W. M.

McMillen and subsequently was associated with T. M. Moore for eleven years. For several years in connection with the business he conducted it alone.

While thus engaged in the undertaking business, Mr. Broadstone spent his spare time in studying law and in June, 1895, passed the state board of examination at Columbus and was admitted to the practice of law in all the courts of the state; since which time he has devoted most of his time to the practice of law, though while thus occupied he has found time to participate in local political activities and has filled various official positions. Mr. Broadstone's first official position was that of a member of the Xenia common council, an office in which he served for a five-year period following his first election to the council in 1883, and during part of which time he served as president of the council. He was elected county coroner and in that office served three terms of three years each. Upon the death of S. N. Adams, county recorder, in 1900, Mr. Broadstone was appointed to fill out the unexpired term and was then elected to that office as the nominee of the Republican party. He was re-elected and thus served for about three terms in that office. The last official position filled by Mr. Broadstone was that of state senator from this district, a position which he filled from 1912 to 1914. At present he is serving as attorney in Greene county for the Miami Conservancy Board. In 1918 Mr. Broadstone was prominently mentioned by the press and solicited by his friends over the state to become a candidate for the office of lieutenant-governor of Ohio, but declined to consider the candidacy on account of the press of business which engages him and because of a severe accident which befell him in the spring of that year, when he was caught beneath an overturned automobile.

On March 8, 1881, at Coldwater, Michigan, Mr. Broadstone was united in marriage to Ella Cretors, then a teacher in the state public school at Coldwater. Mrs. Broadstone was born in Xenia, a daughter of Samuel B. Cretors, and was graduated from the old Xenia Female Seminary, later Xenia College, and was a student in the latter during the time of Mr. Broadstone's attendance there. To Mr. and Mrs. Broadstone have been born three daughters, Louise D., Jean and Patricia, the latter of whom is the wife of Findley M. Torrence of Xenia, secretary of the Ohio Retail Lumbermen's Association and editor of *Wood Construction*, the official organ of that association. Louise D. Broadstone married John W. Dillencourt, now living at St. Louis, where he is engaged as manager of the fine cordage department of the Graham Paper Company, and has three children, Margaret, John B. and Jane. Jean Broadstone married Lawrence E. Laybourne, a lawyer now practicing at Springfield, this state, and has two children, Everett

B. and Lawrence. Mr. Broadstone is affiliated with the local lodges of the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias at Xenia. The family residence is at 101 East Church street and Mr. Broadstone has offices in the Steele building.

CHARLES A. WEAVER.

Charles A. Weaver, vice-president of the Xenia Business Men's Association and proprietor of a clothing store at 13 East Main street, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Xenia since he was nineteen years of age. He was born on a farm just over the line in Chester township, in the neighboring county of Clinton, a mile east of the village of New Burlington, in 1879, son of Volcah E. and Arabella (Peterson) Weaver, who retired from the farm in 1900 and moved to Xenia, where they are now living.

Volcah E. Weaver was born in the village of New Burlington on October 2, 1842, a son of Samuel and Anna (Ellis) Weaver, both members of pioneer families in that vicinity. Samuel Weaver was born in the neighborhood of Winchester, in Virginia, a son of Abraham and Mary Magdaline Weaver, the latter of whom died at her home in Virginia, leaving six sons and three daughters. Not long after the death of his wife Abraham Weaver came to Ohio, bringing with him his six sons and one of his daughters, and settled in Greene county. He bought a tract of two hundred acres of land in Caesars-creek township and there established his home. His death occurred not long afterward and he was buried in the burying ground at Vorah church. Samuel Weaver, one of the six sons of Abraham Weaver, had been trained as a tailor in Virginia and upon coming to Ohio did not remain on the farm with his father, but located in Cincinnati, where for some time he worked at his trade, later coming up here and locating at Xenia, where he opened a tailor shop, which he presently moved to the village of New Burlington, where he engaged in business and was thus engaged at that place the rest of his life, his death occurring there in 1885.

Samuel Weaver was born in 1809. Not long after coming to Greene county he married Anna Ellis, who was born on a farm one mile east of New Burlington, in Spring Valley township, this county, in 1814, daughter of Joel and Elizabeth (Schillinger) Ellis, both of whom were born in South Carolina, where they were married, later locating in Kentucky, whence, in 1812, they came up into this part of Ohio and settled in Spring Valley township, this county. Joel Ellis was of Scottish descent and was the son of Abraham Ellis, a soldier of the Revolution, who came into Ohio from Virginia at an early day in the settlement of this part of the state and bought a farm in the Port William neighborhood in Clinton county, where he spent his last days, his body now lying in the Lumberton cemetery. Abraham Ellis

was the father of four sons and three daughters and the descendants of these children not many years ago, Volcah E. Weaver being one of the chief promoters of the project, erected at the grave of their Revolutionary ancestor in the Lumberton cemetery a monument fittingly setting out his record as a soldier during the time of the War of Independence. Joel Ellis bought a tract of two hundred and six acres of land in Spring Valley township upon coming to this county in 1812. He and his wife were members of the Baptist church and were the parents of three children, one son and two daughters, namely: Adam S. Ellis, who spent his last days on the home farm, having come into possession of the same, increasing the acreage to three hundred and fifty-two acres, and on which he died unmarried, his place being left by will to his nephew, Volcah E. Weaver; Anna, who married Samuel Weaver, the New Burlington tailor, and Mary (Polly), who married Doctor Bald, of New Burlington, and died one year later. To Samuel and Anna (Ellis) Weaver were born four children, namely: Manuel, who died at the age of three years; Amanda, who is now living at Centerville, this state, widow of Joseph Nutt; Volcah E., father of the subject of this biographical sketch, and Mary Jane, wife of John Oglesbee, of Xenia. The mother of these children survived her husband five years, her death occurring in 1800.

Reared at New Burlington, the place of his birth, Volcah E. Weaver received his schooling in the schools of that village and as a young man began farming on his grandfather Ellis's place just east of the village and in time became the owner of a farm of his own, a tract of one hundred and forty-three acres on the line between Greene and Clinton counties. Upon the death of his uncle, Adam S. Ellis, he inherited the old Ellis place of three hundred and fifty-two acres and there continued to make his home until his retirement from the farm and removal to Xenia, where he and his wife are still living. Upon moving to Xenia Mr. Weaver bought a house at 513 South Detroit street, remodeled the same and is there now living. He and his wife are members of the Reformed church. It was in 1877, in Clinton county, that Volcah E. Weaver was united in marriage to Arabella Peterson, who was born in that county, daughter of Abraham Peterson and wife, both now deceased, and to this union were born three children, Charles A., Laura E., and Anna Elizabeth, all of whom are living. Laura E. Weaver married Norman G. Buxton, who is now president of a bank at Johnstown, in Licking county, this state, and who also operates a farm of three hundred and ninety acres in the immediate vicinity of that place. Miss Anna Weaver, who was graduated from the Xenia high school and later took a three-year course at the Mary Baldwin Seminary in Virginia, is living with her parents in Xenia.

Charles A. Weaver received his schooling in the schools of New Burlington and in the business college at Xenia and when nineteen years of age became employed in the clothing store of R. S. Kingsbury at Xenia. Two years later, in 1904, he and C. E. Nesbit, the latter of whom also was working in the Kingsbury store, decided to engage in business for themselves and

at 13 East Market street opened a clothing store, doing business under the firm name of Nesbit & Weaver, an arrangement which continued for about ten years, or until the death of Mr. Nesbit on February 20, 1914. After the death of his partner Mr. Weaver bought the latter's interest in the store and has since been conducting the business alone. In 1915 he remodeled the store, putting in an entirely new set of fixtures and furnishings. For the past two years Mr. Weaver has been serving as the vice-president of the Xenia Business Men's Association, with which useful organization he has long been actively connected. He is a Royal Arch and Scottish Rite (32^d) Mason, affiliated with the blue lodge, the chapter and the council, Royal and Select Masters, at Xenia, and with the consistory at Dayton, and is also a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Antioch Temple at Dayton. He also is a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On January 12, 1913, Charles Weaver was united in marriage to Verna Baker, who was born at Fremont, in Sandusky county, this state, daughter of William L. and Anna Baker, both of whom are still living and the former of whom is engaged in the grain business at Fremont, Ohio, and to this union one child has been born, a son Charles Ellis, born on December 17, 1914.

FRANCIS MARION BURRELL.

Francis Marion Burrell, proprietor of "Fairview Farm" in Sugarcreek township, rural mail route No. 7 out of Xenia, former trustee of that township, chairman of the Greene county Democratic central committee, commander of the local camp of the Sons of Veterans at Xenia and for years the county agent for a fertilizer firm, was born in Greene county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Caesarscreek township, February 1, 1869, son of Albert and Phoebe (Smith) Burrell, the former of whom is a veteran of the Civil War and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume.

Having been but eighteen months of age when his parents moved from Caesarscreek township to Xenia township, Francis M. Burrell grew up in the latter township and received his schooling in the Clarks Run school. After his marriage he rented a farm in the Clifton neighborhood and two years later bought the William McClellan farm of fifty acres just off the Upper Bellbrook pike in Sugarcreek township, where he now lives, and has ever since made his home there, a few years later having added to that tract by the purchase of an adjoining tract of ninety-five acres over the line in Beavercreek township, and calls his place "Fairview," a very appropriate name. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Burrell has for years acted as

the county agent for a fertilizer company and spends about half his time in that behalf, now having thirteen men acting as salesmen under him in this county. Mr. Burrell is a Democrat, served for four years as trustee of Sugar-creek township, for nine years as a member of the township board of education and is now chairman of the county Democratic central committee. He is the present commander of the Xenia Camp of the Sons of Veterans and is also a member of the Bellbrook lodge of the Knights of Pythias, representative from that lodge to the grand lodge for twelve successive years, and a member of the local council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Bellbrook. His wife is a member of the First Presbyterian church at Xenia. Mr. Burrell has in his house the first iron safe brought to Greene county, this interesting relic of another day being the old safe that was in use in the old court house and which was handed down by his wife's grandfather Baker, who came into possession of it when the old court house was dismantled.

On December 25, 1894, Francis M. Burrell was united in marriage to Mary E. Baker, who was born in Xenia township, daughter of Abram H. and Sarah A. (Miller) Baker, the latter of whom was born in Frederick City, Maryland. Abram H. Baker was born at Xenia, son of Major Brinton Baker, who came here from the vicinity of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and set up a saddlery shop at Xenia in pioneer days and who for four years (1852-56) was treasurer of Greene county. Abram H. Baker followed his father as a saddler and continued thus engaged until his death at the age of sixty-two years. His wife died in 1898 at the age of fifty-one years. Mr. and Mrs. Burrell have seven children, namely: Elmer Ankeney Burrell, who is now assisting his grandfather Burrell on the latter's farm in Xenia township; Sara Ruth, at home; Abram Albert and Marion Millard, who are attending high school at Xenia, and Phoebe Mary, Marguerite Rebecca and Kenneth Baker.

CHARLES DEWITT CLINTON HAMILTON.

The late Charles Dewitt Clinton Hamilton, a veteran of the Civil War, formerly and for years engaged in business at Yellow Springs, former mayor of that village and for years also justice of the peace in and for his home township, who died at his home in Yellow Springs on September 12, 1912, had been a resident of this part of Ohio all his life. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of Dayton on January 10, 1845, second in order of birth of the four sons born to John W. and Anna Hamilton, who later became residents of Yellow Springs, which town John W. Hamilton served for some time in the capacity of mayor and was for forty years justice of the peace, widely known as "Squire" Hamilton. In addition to his three full-brothers,

William, of Troy, this state; James, of New York City, and John, of Xenia, Charles D. C. Hamilton had a half-brother, Edward.

Reared at Yellow Springs, Charles D. C. Hamilton received his schooling in the schools of that village and was living there when the Civil War broke out. When the Forty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was enlisted in 1861 his elder brother William marched away with the colors of that regiment and in the next year, 1862, although but eighteen years of age at the time, he enlisted in the same command and with his brother remained with that regiment until its period of enlistment expired, when it was reorganized and again mustered in, this time as the Eighth Ohio Cavalry, and with this latter command Mr. Hamilton rendered further service until the close of the war. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Hamilton returned to Yellow Springs and during the years 1866-67 was a student at Antioch College. In the fall of 1868 he married and for some time thereafter was engaged in the grocery business at Yellow Springs, but later opened a shop for the repair of clocks, watches and jewelry and was thus engaged for years, or until failing health compelled his retirement from active business. Prior to his death, as the local newspaper set out in an appreciative obituary notice following his death in the fall of 1912, Mr. Hamilton "had been in feeble health for many months and during that time had been anxiously considered by his many friends and most tenderly cared for by his devoted wife." This newspaper further observed that "the funeral services were conducted by Rev. Graham and by Burkholder Post, Mr. Hamilton being a member of both the Presbyterian church and of the G. A. R. Post. The services were very impressive both at the house and at the grave in Glen Forest." In addition to his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, Mr. Hamilton was a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was a lifelong Republican and had filled the office of mayor and of justice of the peace, as the local newspaper fittingly said, "with satisfaction to his fellow citizens."

On November 23, 1868, at Yellow Springs, Charles D. C. Hamilton was united in marriage to Hester Horney, daughter of Anderson and Mary (Baldwin) Horney, of that place, who were the parents of eight children, of which number Mrs. Hamilton was the seventh in order of birth, the others being: Reese, who died while rendering service in behalf of his country as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War; Caroline, unmarried, who is living at Yellow Springs; Mrs. Mary Robinson, a widow, also living at Yellow Springs; Mrs. Eliza Gist, also a widow, now living at Richmond, Indiana; Uriah, who died while giving his service to his country as a soldier during the Civil War; Julia, who died in infancy, and David, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton were born four children, one of whom, Olivia Letha, died when eight or nine years of age, the others being Mrs. Ottie Justice, of

Springfield, this state; Mrs. Rena Pyle, of Richmond, Indiana, and Dr. Howard Hamilton, who is now enrolled as a surgeon in the national army. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Hamilton has continued to make her home in Yellow Springs. As was her husband, she is a member of the Presbyterian church.

JOSEPH DOWNEY.

Joseph Downey, one of the "old settlers" of Miami township, this county, living on a farm about two and a half miles west of the village of Yellow Springs, where he has made his home since the year 1868, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life. He was born in the city of Zanesville, on October 9, 1832, and on Thanksgiving Day, 1855, at Springfield, this state, was united in marriage to Anna Ahern, who was born in Ireland on March 6, 1835.

After their marriage Joseph Downey and his wife set up housekeeping on the Kelley farm just north of Yellow Springs and there made their home for five or six years, at the end of which time they moved to the village of Yellow Springs, where they remained until 1867, when they moved to a farm three miles west of that village. In the following year, 1868, Mr. Downey bought the farm on which he is now living, about two and a half miles west of the village, and there has ever since made his home, for some years past, however, living practically retired from the active labors of the farm, his sons now managing the place. He and his wife celebrated their golden-wedding anniversary in 1905 and have now been married sixty-two years. Mr. Downey is a life-long Democrat. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church and their children were reared in that faith.

To Joseph and Anna (Ahern) Downey nine children have been born, namely: Edward, William, John, James, Joseph (deceased), Mary, Charles, Martin, and Anna (deceased). Of these children, Edward, William, James and Mary are at home caring for their aged parents' interests and looking after the affairs of the farm, and Charles and Martin are operating a saw-mill at Fairfield. Edward Downey, the eldest son, received his schooling in the schools of Yellow Springs and at what then was known as the Confer school, in the district to which the family moved upon leaving the village, the other children being similarly schooled, and as a young man became engaged at the carpenter trade. He continued working at that vocation most of the time up to about two years ago, since which time he has been devoting his time to the home farm, he and his brothers being engaged there in general farming.

THOMAS VINCENT ILIFF.

Thomas Vincent Iliff, a veteran of the Civil War and formerly and for years engaged in the lime and quarry business, now living retired at his home in Cedarville, was born on a farm three miles south of Cedarville on August 24, 1842, son of Wesley and Sarah (Ballard) Iliff, the former of whom also was born in this county and the latter, in the state of Pennsylvania.

Wesley Iliff was born on a farm in the vicinity of the village of Jamestown, a son of James and Betsy (Hill) Iliff, who had come to this county from Pennsylvania about the year 1804 and had established their home in the Jamestown settlement. James Iliff there spent his last days. His widow later went over into Indiana, where her last days were spent. They were the parents of eight children, Jesse, James, John, Wesley, William, Thomas, David and Helen. Reared on the farm on which he was born, Wesley Iliff early became engaged in the lime business at Cedarville and for forty years was thus engaged, the business after his death being carried on by his eldest son, the late William H. Iliff. In early manhood Wesley Iliff married Sarah Ballard, who was born in Pennsylvania and who was but a girl when she came to Greene county with her parents, Joseph and Sarah Ballard, the family establishing their home on a farm two and one-half miles northeast of Jamestown. Joseph Ballard was a son of Lyman Ballard, a soldier of the Revolutionary War. Wesley Iliff died in 1889, he then being seventy-one years of age. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, Mary, William H., Thomas Vincent, John W., Martha, Emma, Harriet, Flora, Louise and Charles. Mary Iliff, now deceased, was twice married, her first husband having been Joseph Lawrence and her second, Joseph Williamson. The late William H. Iliff, who was for years engaged in the stone and lime business at Cedarville, had the distinction of having been the first man in Cedarville township to enlist his services in behalf of the Union following the President's call for volunteers on that fateful day in April, 1861, and he went to the front as a member of Company D, Twelfth Ohio Volunteers. His service as a soldier covered a period of three years and thirteen days. His widow, who was Susan Small, is still living at Cedarville. John W. Iliff, who is now living in Chicago, went to the front as a drummer boy, he having been too young for other service, going as a member of Company D, Forty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years. He also was engaged in the stone business until his retirement. His wife, who was Josie Adams, is now deceased, and he makes his home in Chicago. Martha Iliff is also living in Chicago. Emma Iliff died in the days of her girlhood. Harriet Iliff married W. H. Owens, a Cedarville blacksmith, and is still living in that village. Flora Iliff married William Karch, now deceased, and she makes her home in Chicago. Louise Iliff died in early childhood. Charles

Iloff, who married Minnie Phillips, was a blacksmith and is now living retired in Chicago.

Thomas V. Iloff received his schooling in the schools of his home neighborhood and early became engaged in the limestone quarries with his father and brothers, continuing thus engaged until on August 13, 1862, when he enlisted for service as a soldier of the Union and went to the front as a member of Company D, Forty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which his brother John also was connected. It is but fitting in this connection to note that the three Iloff boys were in active service before they had attained their respective majorities, each celebrating the twenty-first anniversary of his birth in the field. Mr. Iloff went with his command by boat from Cincinnati to Maysville, in which latter place he became engaged in his first battle. His service in the army covered a period of nearly three years and included action pretty much all over the states of Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Iloff returned home and resumed his place in connection with his father's kilns and quarries. He married in the fall of 1869 and continued to make his home at Cedarville until 1888, when he opened an establishment for the sale of lime at Cincinnati, where the Iloffs already had developed a business, and there made his home for three years, at the end of which time he sold the business to D. S. Ervin, of Cedarville, and moved to Columbus, where for something more than seven years he was engaged in the selling of lime. He later became connected with the contracting firm of his nephews, Harry and Walter Iloff, and continued thus employed until his retirement.

On October 27, 1869, Thomas Vincent Iloff was united in marriage to Sophia Lovett, who also was born in Greene county, a daughter of George R. and Elizabeth (Moore) Lovett, of New Jasper township, the former of whom was a native of Pennsylvania and the latter, of Virginia. George R. Lovett was a farmer and upon his retirement moved to Cedarville, where he died at the age of seventy years. His widow survived him for some years, she having been seventy-five years of age at the time of her death. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their children were reared in that faith. There were eight of these children, three of whom died in youth, the others, besides Mrs. Iloff, being Bushrod, who enlisted his services as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War and died of small-pox in camp at Columbus; Mary, widow of John Phillips, of Springfield, this state; Lila, who married Frank Humphries and is now deceased, and Rosa, widow of Charles Minser, of Cedarville. To Mr. and Mrs. Iloff were born two daughters, Gertrude and Nellie, the former of whom has been twice married, after the death of her first husband, Fred Fields, she having married Hugh Stormont, a rural mail carrier out of Cedarville. She has two sons, Fred L. and Roger. Nellie Iloff married George Winter, of Xenia, and

has two children, Olive Gertrude and James Alfred. Mr. and Mrs. Hiff are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Cedarville. Mr. Hiff is past commander of Curry Post No. 94, Grand Army of the Republic, at Cedarville.

WILLIAM L. CLEMANS.

William L. Clemans, formerly and for years engaged in the banking business at Cedarville and now engaged in the real-estate business, with offices at Cedarville and at Jamestown, making his home on a farm in the immediate vicinity of the former city, was born at Jamestown, in this county, and most of his life has been spent in Greene county, a continuous resident here for more than thirty years. He was born on July 7, 1865, a son of the Rev. Francis M. and Sarah Isabella (Chaffin) Clemans, both of whom also were born in this county, on adjoining farms in Ross township, the latter a daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth Chaffin, who were among the early residents of that part of the county. She was born in 1841 and died on November 5, 1885.

The Rev. Francis M. Clemans, who was for many years an influential figure in the Methodist Episcopal church in this state and who died at his home in the city of Washington Court House, in the neighboring county of Fayette, January 7, 1915, was born in 1834, a son of William T. Clemans and wife, the latter of whom was a Dalby, both born in Maryland and who had come to this county with their respective parents in pioneer days, the two families settling in Ross township. The pioneer Clemans bought in good faith a tract of one hundred acres out of an old military grant in that township, paying for the same two dollars an acre, and there established his home and made improvements. After he had become comfortably settled on the place a man from Pennsylvania came along and disclosed a prior claim to the land, but offered to settle at the original purchase price. The new-comer's title was proved to the satisfaction of Mr. Clemans, who mounted his horse and rode down through the mud to Xenia, where he borrowed two hundred dollars at the old State Bank, taking the amount in silver, and rode back, turning over to the Pennsylvania claimant the load of silver. And thus the old Clemans farm was paid for twice. William T. Clemans grew up in that township and became in turn the owner of a good farm there, remaining there until 1850, when he moved to Van Wert county and bought a farm adjoining the city of that name. There he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and were the parents of two sons and three daughters.

When his parents moved to Van Wert county Francis M. Clemans was sixteen years of age and he remained in Greene county. He early began

teaching school, first teaching in the district schools in his home township. During the term 1858-59 he served as superintendent of the Bowersville schools and then was made superintendent of the Jamestown schools, a position he occupied during the Civil War period and for two years thereafter and during which time he married Sarah Isabella Chaffin, who was a teacher in the Jamestown school when he assumed the superintendency of the same. In the meantime Mr. Clemans had been giving his attention to the study of theology with a view to entering the gospel ministry and in 1866 was ordained as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, a vocation he followed until his voice failed in 1905 and he was compelled to retire from the pulpit. The first charge held by the Rev. Francis M. Clemans was the old Union circuit around Bellbrook in his home county, his next charge was at Spring Valley where he remained a few years, and thence in succession to Kings Creek circuit, three years; Mechanicsburg, three years; Middletown, three years; Miamisburg, three years; Jamestown, three years; Franklin, three years; Fairfield for a period and then to the Broadway church at Dayton, where he was serving as pastor when his retirement became necessary by reason of a partial paralysis of his vocal organs. Upon his retirement from the pulpit he and his wife moved to their farm of two hundred and thirty-two acres eight miles east of Washington Court House. In 1914 he left the farm and moved into the city of Washington Court House where he shortly afterward died. Mr. Clemans was an active worker in the cause of temperance and for three years after his retirement from the pulpit rendered service in that behalf as the superintendent of the Cincinnati district of the Ohio Anti-Saloon League. For fifty years he had been a Mason, a member of the Jamestown lodge of that order, and had attained to the thirty-second or Scottish Rite degree, a member of the Miami Valley consistory at Dayton, and was also a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with the temple at Dayton. Mr. Clemans was twice married. As noted above, his first wife and the mother of his children, died in 1886 and he afterward married Mrs. Clara (Chaffin) Clark (a cousin of his first wife), who died on September 6, 1914. He had two sons, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Frederick Marion Clemans, of Mechanicsburg, cashier of the Farmers Bank there.

William L. Clemans grew up subject to the variations of his father's itinerary in so far as places of residence were concerned and his early schooling was thus obtained in the various towns in which his father was engaged as pastor. When seventeen years of age he left school and entered the Farmers Bank of Mechanicsburg as a bookkeeper, a position he occupied during the years 1883-86. In the latter year he became cashier of the Peoples Bank at Jamestown and there remained until 1888, in which year he entered into a

private partnership with George Harper, of Cedarville, and opened the Bank of Cedarville, a concern with which he remained connected until 1896, since which time he has been engaged in the real-estate and insurance business at Cedarville, also maintaining an office at Jamestown. Mr. Clemans is a Republican and has rendered service as a member of the Cedarville town council. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Masonic lodge at Cedarville. In addition to his other property interests Mr. Clemans is the owner of his father's old farm of two hundred and thirty-two acres in Fayette county and has a farm of three hundred acres near Kenton, in Hardin county, Ohio.

In June, 1890, William L. Clemans was united in marriage to Retta Belle Turnbull, who was born on the farm on which she and Mr. Clemans make their home nearby the village of Cedarville, a daughter of John M. and Margaret (Allen) Turnbull, both now deceased, the former of whom was a member of the well-known Turnbull family in this county, further mention of which is made elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Clemans are members of the United Presbyterian church. They have one son, Frederick Leroy Clemans, who lives on his farm, adjoining that of his parents, and operates both his place and theirs. Frederick L. Clemans married Gertrude Reynolds, daughter of Professor Reynolds, a former teacher in the schools of this county and now county superintendent of schools.

Z. T. SWEENEY.

Z. T. Sweeney, proprietor of a farm of two hundred and seventy-two acres in Beavercreek township, rural mail route No. 4 out of Osborn, was born in the state of Virginia on June 8, 1848, son of John B. and Mary (Wilson) Sweeney, also Virginians, who came with their family to this county about the year 1850 and settled in the Cedarville neighborhood. During the Civil War John B. Sweeney enlisted for service in the Union army and served until discharged on account of ill health. His third son, John Sweeney, also enlisted for service and was killed at the battle of Murfreesboro.. John B. Sweeney and his wife were Methodists. They were the parents of six children, the subject of this sketch, the youngest, having had four brothers, James M., Joseph, John and Madison S., all now deceased, and a sister, Mary, widow of George W. Duffield.

Having been little more than an infant when he came to this county with his parents in 1850, Z. T. Sweeney was reared here, receiving his schooling in the Cedarville schools, and early learned the trade of carpenter, at which he worked until his marriage in 1872 to Mrs. Rebecca Tobias, after which he began farming in Beavercreek township and has ever since been thus engaged. He is a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney have five children,

namely: Lesse Kate, wife of William Kendig, of Miami county, this state; Julianna and Jeannette, twins, the former of whom married Harry Kendig, an Osborn merchant, and has one child, a son, John, and the latter of whom married D. I. Harshman, secretary and treasurer of the Harshman Improvement Company of Montgomery county, and has a daughter, Jeannette; Fred C., making his home on a part of the home farm, and who married Anna Harner and has seven children, Lester, Robert, Kathleen Louise, Jeannette, Edward, Jasper and Mary Elizabeth; and Bertha Rebecca, who married Kendall Mays, a Dayton landscape gardener, and has two children, Gerald and Izora Rebecca.

JOHN EDWIN TURNBULL.

John Edwin Turnbull, proprietor of a farm of about two hundred acres two miles southeast of Cedarville, was born on that farm, as was his father before him, the place having been in the family ever since its original entry from the government. He was born on November 9, 1859, son of Samuel Kyle and Catherine (Funston) Turnbull, the latter of whom was born in the neighboring county of Clark, three miles north of Clifton, daughter of John and Hannah Funston, who had settled there upon coming to this country from Scotland. Samuel Kyle Turnbull was born on August 8, 1829, son of John and Margaret (Kyle) Turnbull, pioneers of the Cedarville neighborhood, and further mention of whom is made elsewhere. The Turnbulls were members of the Massies Creek Seceder church and after the "union" became affiliated with the United Presbyterian church at Cedarville. S. K. Turnbull became owner of the homestead farm and there erected the house in which his son John E. made his home until the spring of 1918. Upon retiring from the farm in 1895 S. K. Turnbull moved to Cedarville and there died on January 5, 1917. His wife had died in August, 1913. They were the parents of four children, of whom John E. was the second in order of birth, the others being Flora, now living at Cedarville, widow of Charles Dobbins; Fannie, also of Cedarville, widow of Charles Barber, and Melda, who married Ed. O. Bull and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased.

Reared on the home farm, John E. Turnbull received his schooling at the Crossroads school and at Cedarville and from the days of his boyhood was his father's "right-hand man" in the operation of the farm and after his father's retirement in 1895 assumed charge of the place, one hundred and thirty-six acres of which he inherited after his father's death. Since then he has bought an additional sixty acres and is thus now the owner of about two hundred acres of land. Mr. Turnbull is a Republican and for eight years has served as a member of the township school board. He and his

family are members of the United Presbyterian church at Cedarville and he is a member of the board of trustees of the same. In the spring of 1918 Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull retired from the farm and moved to the village of Cedarville, where they now reside.

On November 23, 1883, John E. Turnbull was united in marriage to Jennie Smith, who also was born in Cedarville township, daughter of Johnathan and Ellen Smith, whose home was on the Columbus pike, and to this union have been born three children, Nellie, wife of Leroy Marshall, a Xenia lawyer; Howard E., who married Letta Bumgardner and is engaged in farming in Cedarville township, and Paul B., who is now (spring of 1918) in the National Army officers training school at Camp Sherman. Paul B. Turnbull was graduated from Cedarville College and from Marietta College and during his college days acquired quite a reputation as an athlete. He was one of the first twelve called to service from this county in the making of the National Army in 1917 and is now stationed at Camp Sherman. In August, 1917, he married Marian Fudge.

CHARLES MCPHERSON.

Charles McPherson, proprietor of a farm of about one hundred and fifty acres on the lower Bellbrook pike four miles southwest of Xenia in Spring Valley township, was born on that farm and has lived there all his life. He was born on April 29, 1855, son of William and Mary Ann (Rader) McPherson, both of whom also were born in this county, members of old families.

William McPherson was born in the then village of Xenia on February 16, 1816, son of John H. and Margaret (Hivling) McPherson, the latter of whom was born in Maryland and was a daughter of John Hivling, who was sheriff of Greene county back in 1813-14. John H. McPherson was one of the early artisans to locate at Xenia and was a chairmaker and painter. For some time he served as postmaster of Xenia and for more than ten years served as recorder of the county, his tenure in that office beginning in 1830. Of the children born to him and his wife, John, Moses, Sophia and William lived to rear families of their own and of these William McPherson was the last survivor, his death occurring in 1913, he then being at the age of eighty-seven years.

Reared at Xenia, William McPherson received his schooling in the schools of that city and when eighteen years of age went to Dayton, where he spent a year learning the trade of saddle-making. He then returned to Xenia and was engaged working at that trade until his marriage in 1840, after which he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and began to farm a tract of land belonging to his grandfather Hivling on what is known as Day-

ton hill, now a part of the city of Xenia. In 1848 he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty-three acres in Spring Valley township, the place now owned and occupied by his son Charles, and in 1850 established his home there. Mr. McPherson was a Republican, was a member of the Reformed church at Xenia and, fraternally, was affiliated with the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in that city.

William McPherson was twice married. It was in 1840 that he was united in marriage to Mary Ann Rader, daughter of Adam and Christina (Smith) Rader, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to that union were born ten children, seven of whom grew to maturity, those besides the subject of this sketch being John H., former auditor of Greene county; Joshua, who served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, going to the front as a member of Company C, Seventy-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and died at Nashville while engaged in service; Ann, who married E. S. Barnett, of Xenia township; Sophia, who married William Priest, also of Xenia township; Adam, who moved to Iowa, and William, who was graduated from Ohio State University and later became professor of chemistry in that institution. Following the death of the mother of these children Mr. McPherson in 1891 married Mrs. Mary Ann (Price) Wright.

Charles McPherson was reared on the farm on which he was born, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools. He gradually relieved his father of the responsibilities of farm management, and after his marriage in 1892 assumed management of the place. After his father's death he bought the interests held by the other heirs in the home place and has since been owner of the same, with the exception of fifteen acres of the original tract which he sold for the convenience of a neighbor. Of late years Mr. McPherson has been aided in the operations of the farm by his son, Donald McPherson, who is married and lives on the place. In addition to their general farming Mr. McPherson and his son give considerable attention to the raising of live stock.

In 1892 Charles McPherson was united in marriage to Eva Taylor, who was born at Xenia, daughter of Wesley Taylor and wife, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Donald, who, as mentioned above, is now assisting his father in the management of the home farm. Donald McPherson completed his schooling in the Xenia high school and from boyhood has taken an interest in the affairs of the home farm. He married Mary Clewell Weaver, daughter of Alpha Weaver, of this county, and makes his home on the home place. The McPhersons are members of the Reformed church at Xenia. Mr. McPherson is a Republican, but has not been an aspirant for public office.

HORACE STEPHEN WEEKS.

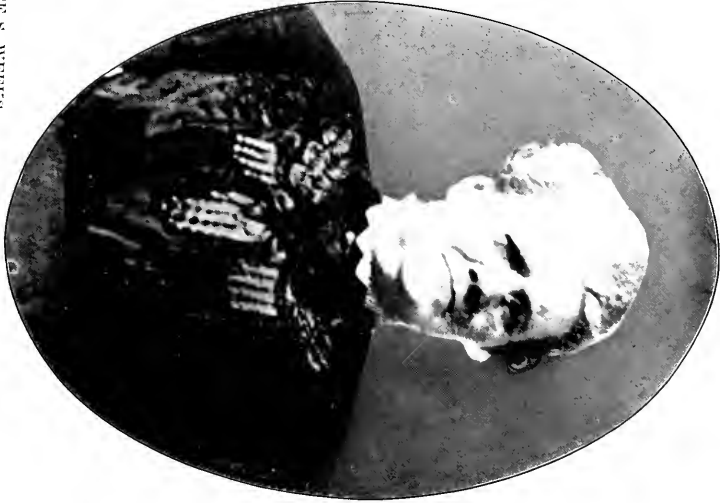
Horace Stephen Weeks, proprietor of a farm of seventy-five acres in the Mt. Zion neighborhood in Beaver creek township, was born in the neighboring county of Warren and has lived in Ohio all his life with the exception of several years during the days of his boyhood when his family lived in Missouri. He was born on March 6, 1859, son of Stephen and Margaret (Campbell) Weeks, the latter of whom was born in New Jersey on November 26, 1824. Stephen Weeks was born in Warren county, this state, December 21, 1826, and after his marriage in that county continued to make his home there until about 1866, when he moved up into Greene county and settled in the Bowersville neighborhood. Four years later he moved with his family to Missouri, but about five years later returned to Ohio. He and his wife were the parents of twelve children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the ninth in order of birth. Arthur, the first-born is deceased. The next two in order of birth died in infancy. Alfred is now living at Dayton. Alice, now deceased, was the wife of David O. Sheeley. Mrs. Catherine Pedicord is now living at Decatur, Illinois. Emma married Jesse Turner and is living at Alpha. Isaac is deceased. Helen married David Coy and is living in Montgomery county. James is deceased and William married Keturah Wiedman and is now living at Tadmore, Ohio.

Horace S. Weeks was seven years of age when his parents came to this county and was about eleven when they moved to Missouri. His early schooling was thus received in the Bowersville schools and in Missouri. He was sixteen when the family returned to this county from Missouri and located in Beaver creek township. When twenty-one he went over into the neighboring county of Montgomery and in Mad River township began farming on his own account and was thus engaged there for five years, at the end of which time, he meanwhile having married, he returned to Greene county and began farming on the Harshman farm in Bath township. Four years later he rented the farm on which the Fairfield aviation field is now located and for eleven years made his home there, farming that place until 1901, when he bought the farm on which he is now living in Beaver creek township and has ever since resided there. Mr. Weeks is a Republican and has rendered public service as supervisor of highways in his home district. He formerly gave some attention to lodge work, but is not now active in that connection. He and his family are members of Mt. Zion Reformed church.

On October 30, 1884, Horace S. Weeks was united in marriage to Emma Charlotte Tinnerman, of Dayton, who was born in that city, daugh-



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ter of Henry J. and Mary (Knapp) Tinnerman, the latter of whom was born in the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 3, 1847, and both of whom are still living at Dayton. Henry J. Tinnerman is a native of Germany and was but two years of age when he came with his parents to this country. He became a brickmaker and established himself in business in Dayton, where he is still living, residing at 1105 Hupman avenue. To him and his wife were born eight children, those besides Mrs. Weeks being William, deceased; Harry L., of Dayton; Mary, wife of Edwin Anderson, of Newport, Kentucky; Charles, deceased; George C., of Dayton; Elmer F., of Dayton, and Ione, wife of William M. Hunter, of Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. Weeks have four children, namely: Pearl W., born on July 26, 1885, who married Leigh Stephens, a Beavercreek township farmer, and has had four children, Paul, Lucille (deceased), Donald and Marjorie; Henry, June 28, 1890, now living at Dayton, who married Ethel Sunderland and has two children, Evaline and Myron; and Warner and Harold, twins, February 4, 1895, the former of whom is still at home, and the latter now employed at Dayton. Harold was drafted into the United States army and discharged on account of disability.

HERMAN H. VOLKENAND.

Herman H. Volkenand, a farmer of Beavercreek township, was born on the farm on which he is now living, near the banks of the Little Miami river; in that township, son of Herman and Martha (Brod) Volkenand, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. Reared on that farm, he received his schooling in the McClellan district school and remained on the home farm until he was twenty-three years of age. In 1889 he went to Dayton and was there for three years employed by the Davis Sewing-Machine Works. He then was for three years engaged on the Dayton police force and was thereafter variously engaged in that city, including three years as an assembler in the plant of the Tiger Bicycle Company, following his trade. In the meantime, in 1896, he married and in 1899 he returned to the home farm in this county and began to operate the same for his father, who had retired and was then making his home in Dayton. After his father's death he bought the home place of seventy-five acres and he and his family are still living there. He has two valuable properties in Dayton, and also holds an interest in oil stock. Mr. Volkenand is independent in his political views. He and his family are members of Mt. Zion Reformed church.

On March 27, 1896, Herman H. Volkenand was united in marriage to Ida May Glander, who was born on a farm in Preble county, this state.

daughter of John and Mary (Cole) Glander, both of whom are now deceased, and to this union six children have been born, namely; Lorine Helen, born on March 27, 1898, who married Joseph Orville Mills and is now living on a farm in Sugarcreek township, this county; Leona Virginia, May 23, 1900; Edna Marie, October 13, 1906; Mary Ellen, November 26, 1908; Herman John, March 24, 1912, and Ruth Irma, June 21, 1917.

WILLIAM G. PRINTZ.

William G. Printz, a retired farmer, now living in the village of Clifton, is a native of the neighboring county of Clark and all his life has been spent in this part of the state. He was born on a farm in Springfield township, four miles south of the city of Springfield, July 14, 1850, son of Peter and Ethelinda (Kelly) Printz, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of whom was a member of the well-known Springfield Kellys, formerly and for years prominent in manufacturing circles in that city. Peter Printz was born at Reading, Pennsylvania, and was but a child when he came with his parents to Ohio in 1815, the family settling on the farm south of Springfield above mentioned. After his marriage he established his home on that place and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1869. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being Isaac, deceased; Mrs. Margaret Ryan, who lives in Cleveland; Silas W., a farmer, living in the vicinity of Enon, in Clark county; Sarah, deceased; Oliver, deceased; Mrs. Ruth Ann Bollman, whose husband is a Clark county farmer; Franklin P., deceased; Daniel, deceased; Emma Jane, deceased, and Eugene, a painter, who is living at Springfield.

Reared on the home farm south of Springfield, William G. Printz received his schooling in the "ol' Possum" school house in that neighborhood. When a young man he began farming on his own account and after his marriage in 1881 worked on the farm of John Allen in Greene township, in the lower part of his home county, and moved to the same, remaining there until his retirement two years later and removal to the neighboring village of Clifton, where he is still living. Politically, Mr. Printz is a Democrat and, fraternally, is affiliated with the local lodge of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

On September 7, 1881, in Clark county, William G. Printz was united in marriage to Thursey Jane Cultice, who was born at Jamestown, in this county, but who was but a child when she moved with her parents, George and Sarah R. (Rice) Cultice, up into Clark county. Both George Cultice

and his wife were natives of Virginia and they were the parents of nine children, of whom Mrs. Printz was the eighth in order of birth, the others being Walter, deceased; John, deceased; Hannah, who died in infancy; Margaret and Martha, twins, the former of whom is deceased and the latter of whom married a Kelly and is living at Springfield; William, a farmer, who also is engaged in the retail meat business at Cedarville; Hester, deceased, and George Henry, who is living in Darke county, this state.

To William G. and Thurse J. (Cultice) Printz have been born five children, namely: Daisy Maud, born on July 9, 1883, who died on August 22, 1903; Stella, November 20, 1884, who died on December 19 of that same year; Warren D., March 1, 1886, now postmaster of the village of Clifton; Lottie Jane, November 4, 1891, who married Arthur Reed, of Clifton, and has two children, sons both, Leo William and Lamar; and Andrew William, November 2, 1895, now living at Springfield, where he is engaged as a molder, and who married Anna Strowbridge and has one child, a son, Andrew William, Jr.

Warren D. Printz, postmaster of Clifton, was about seven years of age when his parents moved from the farm to Clifton and his schooling was received in the schools of that village. Upon completing the first-year work in the high school he turned his attention to a mercantile career and in March, 1912, became employed in the store of J. A. Fudge at Clifton. On February 25, 1915, he was appointed postmaster of the village and is now serving in that important public capacity. He is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. On February 25, 1908, Warren D. Printz was united in marriage to Elvie D. Post, of Washington Court House, county seat of the neighboring county of Fayette, and to this union three children have been born, Anita Helen, Thelma Doris and Warren Granville.

REV. GEORGE HIRAM GEYER.

Though never a resident of Xenia, save incidentally and casually, for his wife was a Xenia girl, the late Rev. George Hiram Geyer was well known and highly regarded in that city, where his widow and children have long made their home, and it is regarded as but fitting to include in this compilation, comprising a review of the lives and characters of many who have definitely impressed the mark of their personalities upon the community, a brief biographical sketch of this good man. Among the most intimate friends of the late Mr. Geyer was Joseph Clark, of Albany, New York, who after the death of his friend in 1900 compiled a volume of biographia and memoria relating to his loved and departed friend, under the title of "In Memoriam," from which the following biographical sketch is taken:

"George Hiram Geyer was born in Pomeroy, Ohio, May 26, 1868, and was the eldest in a family of four sons and three daughters. John Geyer and Katharine Ohlinger, his parents, were of German descent, though both were born in this country. His grandfather, Rev. William Geyer, was one of the pioneer ministers in the German Methodist Episcopal church in Ohio.

"As a little boy he was most trustworthy, industrious and obedient, growing to young manhood loved and respected by all who knew him. He attended the public schools, and when sixteen years old was graduated from the Pomeroy high school at the head of his class, the theme of his commencement oration being 'A Man's a Man for a' That.' * * * In September, 1885, he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. And here, this first year away from home, on the 'Day of Prayer for Colleges,' he heard a call of God—a call so clear and unmistakable, that the voice never left him in the years that followed. * * * After one year at college he returned to Pomeroy and taught a year in the high school, which only two years before he had left as a pupil.

"On April 28, 1887, he was licensed to preach by the quarterly conference of the Pomeroy church. In September, 1887, he returned to Delaware and during the fall term preached his first sermon at Lewis Center from the text: 'The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.' In the fall of 1888 he was elected principal of the Pomeroy high school, and again left college, this time to teach two years. As a teacher he was successful beyond the hopes of his friends. He entered college for the third time in 1890, and was graduated with honor in the class of '92, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. During his college course there was no honor the university could bestow which he did not receive. In the Young Men's Christian Association, in the Chrestomathean Literary Society, in the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, as well as in the class room, his ability, his industry and his fidelity were recognized and rewarded. In the spring of his senior year he brought honor to the university and his friends by winning first place in the state oratorical contest, and second honors in the interstate contest, with his oration on 'The Optimism of History.' Notwithstanding the success that always crowned his efforts he never lost the modesty and simplicity of his nature, but was reserved and in no way self-assertive. Often during his college course he preached on Sabbath, and for three months in the summer of 1891 he supplied the pulpit of Walnut Street Methodist Episcopal church, Chillicothe, Ohio.

"On August 30, 1892, Mr. Geyer was married to Miss Carrie Brown Dodds, of Xenia, Ohio; Dr. James W. Bashford, his college president and friend, officiating. In setting up a home of his own he never lost sight of his one ideal—'the glory of God.' And it was here in his home life that the transparency of his character was most apparent. Nothing ever marred the

happiness of that home where father, mother and three beautiful children were all in all to each other. Curtis Bayley was born in Boston, March 31, 1895; Mary Katharine, March 15, 1897, and George Dodds, in Ironton, May 5, 1898.

"In September, 1892, Mr. Geyer entered the Boston University, School of Theology, graduating in 1895, being awarded the highest honors of the institution by the vote both of the faculty and of his class. During his stay in Boston he was pastor of Hope chapel, a mission supported and conducted by the Old South church. In October, 1895, he was admitted into the Ohio conference of the Methodist Episcopal church and was ordained by Bishop John H. Vincent, who sent him to Spencer church, Ironton, Ohio. Here he spent the three best working years of his life. Not only did his own pulpit and parish receive his untiring service, but there was nothing of public interest in the city for which he did not labor. While here he wrote four lectures: 'Joseph; or Religion and Greatness,' 'Paul the Apostle,' 'Daniel Manin' and 'The Cost of Our Country.' These he occasionally gave in other churches.

"In October, 1898, he became the pastor of King Avenue Methodist Episcopal church of Columbus, Ohio, but at the end of three months he was taken sick with la grippe which so weakened his lungs that he was sent to Asheville, North Carolina, for special treatment, and his going was made possible by the unequalled generosity of his church. After six months in the South he returned to Columbus and continued his work without interruption until March 1, 1900, when he was taken with his second attack of la grippe from which he never recovered, and his death occurred on June 25, 1900." The body was brought to Xenia for interment in Woodland cemetery.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Geyer has been making her place of residence at Xenia, the home of her girlhood. She is a daughter of the late George Dodds and Mary E. (Brown) Dodds, for many years among the best known citizens of Xenia and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume.

Carrie Brown Dodds was graduated from the Xenia high school in 1884 with the second honors of her class. She then taught one term of district school and in 1885 entered Ohio Wesleyan University. She spent the period of her junior year as a teacher in the public schools of Elyria and then re-entered the university, from which she was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1889. While in the university she served as president of the Athenæum Literary Society and also earned the additional high honor of election to Phi Beta Kappa. Upon leaving the university she entered upon a course of instruction in nursing in the Woman's Hospital at Chicago and was graduated from the hospital school in 1890, after-

ward spending a year in the medical school at St. Louis. During the school term of 1891-92 she was engaged as a teacher in the public schools at Xenia and in the summer of 1892 was married to the Rev. George H. Geyer. Upon her return to Xenia after the death of her husband Mrs. Geyer resumed the part she had taken in the cultural life of the city during the time of her former residence there and has since maintained these activities in a very helpful way, particularly in the service of the church and kindred movements. Since leaving the university Mrs. Geyer has not neglected her scholastic interests and her *alma mater* has conferred upon her the Master's degree. She is the teacher of the Busy People's Bible class of the First Methodist Episcopal church and her endeavors in that direction have made of this class one of the most notable units in the rapidly expanding Bible-class movement in this part of the state. As a field worker in behalf of the adult Bible-class movement Mrs. Geyer's activities have taken her all over the states of New York, West Virginia and Ohio, and she was a delegate to the last general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which was held at Saratoga, New York, in May, 1916. Mrs. Geyer was the first president of the Greene County Young Woman's Christian Association and has ever maintained her friendly and helpful interest in that useful organization. When the United States entered the World War in 1917 she was made Greene county chairman of the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense and has organized the entire county along four lines—Red Cross, Food Conservation, Child Welfare and Liberty Loan—among the women. She also is secretary of the County Food Administration Committee and gives almost her entire time to war work.

Mrs. Geyer's elder son, Curtis Bayley Geyer, who was born at Boston on March 31, 1895, is now (1918) connected with the great National Army of the United States in the World War. He was graduated from the Xenia high school in 1913 at the head of his class and in 1914 entered Ohio Wesleyan University and was a junior there when this government declared war against Germany in the spring of 1917. He at once left his studies and volunteered for service May 15, 1917, shortly thereafter being attached to the One Hundred and Forty-seventh Field Hospital Corps, One Hundred and Twelfth Sanitary Train, Thirty-seventh Division, United States Army, and was stationed at Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Alabama, for training for foreign service, and is leaving "An eastern port" for service in France as this goes to press. He was a "track" man in university athletics, winning two medals for long distance running. He is a student volunteer for the mission field of the Methodist church.

Mrs. Geyer's only daughter, Mary Katharine Geyer, who was born at Ironton, Ohio, March 15, 1897, was graduated from the Xenia high school

at the head of her class in 1915, entered Ohio Wesleyan University in that same year and is now in her junior year preparing for field work in the foreign missionary service. She has recently received three prizes for high scholarship in the university.

George Dodds Geyer, second son and last-born child of the Rev. George H. and Carrie B. (Dodds) Geyer, was born at Ironton, Ohio, May 5, 1898, and was graduated from the Xenia high school in 1916, president of his class. He entered Ohio Wesleyan University in 1916 for his freshman year, and was president of his class. In 1917 he entered the Boston University School of Business Administration and is now pursuing his studies there in the sophomore class.

CHARLES S. HUPMAN.

Charles S. Hupman, a Spring Valley township farmer, was born in that township on February 10, 1858, son of John and Jane (Peterson) Hupman, the latter of whom also was born in this county. John Hupman was born in Virginia in 1821 and was but a child when his parents came to Ohio and settled in Clark county, later coming down into Greene county. Here he grew to manhood, became engaged in farming and spent the rest of his life. John Hupman was twice married. By his first wife, Jane Peterson, he was the father of eight children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the sixth in order of birth, the others being Cecelia, deceased; Sarah Emily, wife of J. A. Webb; Susan, deceased; Frank, who is living at Xenia; Jonas, who died in infancy; Jonas S. C., now living in California, and Harry C., of Xenia. The mother of these children died in 1859 and in 1875 John Hupman married Amanda Brewer. To that union one child was born, a son, John, now deceased.

Charles S. Hupman was in high school when his father died and his presence was thus required on the home farm. After his marriage he continued farming in Spring Valley township and has ever since been thus engaged. Mr. Hupman is a Republican and he and his family are members of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia.

Mr. Hupman has been twice married. On March 1, 1887, he was united in marriage to Georgiana McPherson, of Spring Valley township, who died in 1901. To that union were born three children, William Paul Hupman, who is now in the service of the National Army; Anna Vesper, who married Fred Brewer, of Yellow Springs, and has two sons, Warren and William R., and Emily Johanna, who died in infancy. In 1904 Mr. Hupman married Clara J. Bickett, of Xenia.

WALTER BUELL HARDY.

Walter Buell Hardy, who died at his home in the village of Yellow Springs in 1888, was a native son of Ohio and his whole life was spent in this state, devoted to the cause of education to which he had early dedicated it. Three of his daughters also early devoted their energies to the cause of education and have rendered conspicuous service in that behalf, one of these daughters, Miss Pauline Adelaide Hardy, being still engaged in educational work at Yellow Springs, while Miss Irene Hardy's labors at Leland Stanford, Jr., University and in other Western institutions of learning have gained for her a high place in the estimation of educators. W. B. Hardy was born in Preble county, this state, May 5, 1818, last-born of the seven children born to his parents, the Rev. John and Rachel (Downing) Hardy, the former of whom was born in Kentucky and the latter in Missouri, who were married in Kentucky and whose other children were Benjamin, Thomas, Curtis, Laurinda, Eliza Jane and Frances. The Rev. John Hardy was a minister of the Christian church and died when his last-born child, the subject of this memorial sketch, was eighteen months of age.

Reared in Preble county, Walter Buell Hardy received his schooling there and early became engaged in teaching school. He married in his home county in the fall of 1840 and afterward established his home at Eaton, the county seat of that county, and was for years thereafter connected with the schools of that city, and with Eaton Institute. His wife died in 1868 and in 1875 he moved to Yellow Springs, where he entered the normal department of Antioch College. Mr. Hardy spent the rest of his life in Yellow Springs, his death occurring there on March 14, 1888, and he was buried in the cemetery at Yellow Springs.

On October 16, 1841, in Preble county, Walter Buell Hardy was united in marriage to Mary Ryan, who was born in Virginia and who had accompanied her parents to this state in 1829, the family settling in Preble county, and to that union were born five children, Irene, Laurinda Elizabeth, Pauline Adelaide, Caroline and Louis W., the latter of whom is a newspaper man, connected with the *Springfield Sun*, who continues to make his home in Yellow Springs. Miss Irene Hardy, whose labor in the field of education has been noted above, is now living at Palo Alto, California, and though now blind, an affliction which came upon her some years ago, continues actively engaged in educational service, a service to which she has devoted her life since she was sixteen years of age, her first work as a teacher having been performed at that age at Richmond, Indiana. She later became a teacher in Antioch College at Yellow Springs, from which institution she had received her degree of Bachelor of Arts, and later went West, having connection with the high

school at Oakland, California, going thence to Leland Stanford, Jr., University, where she taught English literature and rhetoric for seven years, at the end of which time she was retired as assistant professor. Miss Hardy also has written quite a bit of poetry and her published works have attracted appreciative attention in literary circles. Laurinda Elizabeth Hardy, who died in 1892, was for twenty-five years engaged in educational work. Miss Pauline Adelaide Hardy, who continues to make her home at Yellow Springs, also began her educational labors early, her first work as a teacher having been performed in the schools of her native county, Preble. After being graduated from Antioch College she taught in the West for two years. She later became a teacher in Antioch College. At Yellow Springs she has since continued to make her home, engaged in teaching. Caroline Hardy married Robert A. Braden and is now living at Dayton, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Braden were connected with the Christian Publishing House for many years. Mr. Braden owned and edited the *Ohio Poultry Journal*.

WILLIAM A. TURNBULL.

William A. Turnbull, postmaster at Cedarville, was born in Cedarville township and has been a resident of this county all his life. He was born on a farm two miles southeast of Cedarville on March 9, 1873, son of Alexander and Sarah J. (Barber) Turnbull, both of whom were born in that same township, members of pioneer families, and whose lives were spent here, the latter dying on May 30, 1897. She was born in 1831.

Alexander Turnbull was born on a farm adjoining that on which his son William was born, January 24, 1836, and was a son of John and Margaret (Kyle) Turnbull, earnest pioneers of that community, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. John Turnbull was twice married, his second wife having been Margaret J. Allen, and was the father of nineteen children. He was an active member of the old Seceder church and was the owner of six hundred or seven hundred acres of land, and helped his children get a substantial start in life. Alexander Turnbull, a veteran of the Civil War, died at his home in Cedarville township on April 8, 1915.

William A. Turnbull was reared on the home farm in Cedarville township and completed his schooling in the Cedarville high school. From the days of his boyhood he was well trained in the ways of practical farming and after his marriage in 1889 established his home on the home place, which he began to operate, at the same time operating a small farm of his own adjoining, and there continued engaged in farming until his retirement from the farm and removal in 1914 to Cedarville, where he since has made his home, he and his wife being very pleasantly situated there in a comfort-

able house of the bungalow type on Cedar street, erected in the winter of 1914-15. Mr. Turnbull is a Democrat and as a precinct committeeman in his home precinct and as a member for years of the Greene county Democratic central committee has rendered yeoman service in behalf of his party. In 1914 he was appointed postmaster of Cedarville and is still occupying that position.

On December 1, 1889, William A. Turnbull was united in marriage to Ida Wolford, who was born at Xenia, daughter of John Henry and America Wolford. Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull are members of the United Presbyterian church at Cedarville.

JOSEPH DRISKILL.

Joseph Driskill, a veteran of the Civil War and a retired farmer, now living at the pleasant village of Bowersville, is a native "Buckeye" and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in Union township, Highland county, January 7, 1845, son of Eleven O. and Lucinda (Hamilton) Driskill, the latter of whom was a great-great-grandfather of Alexander Hamilton and a daughter of John and Mary Hamilton, of Rockbridge county, Virginia. John Hamilton died in Virginia in 1819 and his widow came to Ohio with her children and settled in Highland county, where she lived to the great age of one hundred and one years. She was the mother of six children, those besides Lucinda having been Elias, who spent his last days farming in Highland county; Moses, who moved to the Rising Sun neighborhood in Indiana; Isaac, who moved to Peoria county, Illinois; James, who died at the age of nineteen years from the effects of a rattlesnake bite, and Ella, who married Lewis Chaney and in 1853 went to Des Moines, Iowa.

Eleven Driskill was born in Caroline county, Maryland, October 13, 1815, a son of John and Elizabeth (Owens) Driskill, the latter of whom also was born in Maryland. John Driskill was born in County Cork, Ireland, and upon coming to the United States in the days of his young manhood located in Maryland, where he presently married, but later made his way out to Ohio and settled in Highland county, where he established his home on a woods tract, on which he made a clearing and erected a log cabin. That old log cabin is still standing. John Driskill died there in 1827 and his widow survived him until 1850. They were members of the Campbellite church and were the parents of nine children, of whom Eleven was the second in order of birth, the others being the following: Nancy, who married John Hutchinson and moved to Ray county, Tennessee; Elizabeth, who married Thomas Dixon, of the Russell Station neighborhood in Highland county;

Maria, who married Moses Hamilton and moved to the Rising Sun neighborhood in Indiana; Nellie, who married Joshua Dormand and moved to Van Buren county, Iowa; Nettie, who married James Armstrong, who also went to Van Buren county, Ohio, and thence, in 1849, to California; Jane, who also went to Iowa; and Ephraim, who married Ann Rook and moved to Knox county, Illinois.

Eleven Driskill was but twelve years of age when his father died and he early was thrown on his own resources, beginning work on the farm of his uncle, Ben Shockley, at a wage of forty dollars a year, which he never received. After his marriage to Lucinda Hamilton he established a home of his own in Highland county and his wife died in Clinton county in 1858. He later married Harriet Dormand, of Boone county, Kentucky, and in 1860 located on a farm in the vicinity of the village of Utica, in Clark county, Indiana, where he remained for ten years, or until 1870, when he returned to his old home in Highland county, this state, and there spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on October 11, 1889. He was a Democrat and a member of the Christian church. To Eleyen and Lucinda (Hamilton) Driskill were born eight children, namely: Ephraim, a retired farmer, now living at Reesville and whose wife, Hester Ann Chapman, died in 1904; Martha Jane, who married Riley Michaels, of Highland county, and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased; Joseph, the immediate subject of this biographical sketch; Mary Elizabeth, who married John W. Thomas, of Lynchburg, this state; Ann Eliza, who died in 1850, at the age of six years; Sarah Lydia, who died at the age of four years, and Henrietta Clarissa, wife of Alonzo Smith, of Lynchburg, and Nancy Ellen, who died in infancy.

Joseph Driskill was thirteen years of age when his mother died and when his father moved to Indiana he was taken into the home of Isaiah Brewer, a farmer of the New Vienna neighborhood, in Clinton county, his schooling thus being completed in the Hoskin school and in the Hart school in their neighborhood. On September 2, 1861, he then being not sixteen years of age, he enlisted in Company G, Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Capt. I. T. Moore, Col. Thomas Kilby Smith, which command he joined at Lima, and to which he remained attached until he received his final discharge in September, 1865. During this service Mr. Driskill suffered more than the usual vicissitudes of a soldier's life, was twice captured by the enemy, for nine months held in the horrid prison pen at Andersonville, twice escaped death when many of his companions were lost in river disasters, and during his Andersonville experience contracted a trouble with his eyes that developed upon his return from the army and from the effects of which ever since the spring of 1876 he has been totally blind. Upon leaving Lima with his company late in the fall of 1861 Mr. Driskill was

headed for Ft. Donelson, but that point meantime having been taken by the enemy his company was diverted to Paducah, where they helped in the erection of a fort and were then sent up the river to Corinth, but the high stage of water compelled a landing at Shiloh, where on April 6 and 7 they participated in the great battle at that point and where Mr. Driskill received a wound which kept him in the hospital until the following August. He rejoined his company at Memphis, Tennessee, in December, 1862, and thereafter participated in the campaigns in which his regiment was engaged until taken prisoner on July 22, 1864. He saw service in the siege of Vicksburg from May until the fall of that city on July 4, 1863. He then went on to Jackson, aided in taking that city, then on into Georgia to take part in the Atlanta campaign, where he was captured, July 22, 1864, with eighteen hundred others and was sent to Andersonville prison, where he was held until the close of the war in April, 1865. He took boat at Augusta, Georgia, went to Savannah, Georgia, and Hilton Head Island, took ship there for New York City, landing June 10, 1865. The boat they started on struck a snag and sank. Mr. Driskill managed to reach shore and later at Robinson's Ferry boarded the "Jeff Davis" with forty other ex-prisoners of war. Besides these returning soldiers the boat carried a heavy cargo of cotton and three hundred negroes. Before they had been out long the vessel caught fire and in effort to escape the flames seventy-five were drowned. Mr. Driskill and four of his companions managed to float ashore on a bale of cotton and on June 10, 1865, he finally reached New York City. In good time he reported to his command and in September, 1865, was granted his final discharge.

Mr. Driskill formerly was a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at New Vienna and is now a member of the local branch of the Union Veteran Legion at Newark. He was the youngest 1861 recruit in the Legion in the state, and was also the baby of his regiment.

Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Driskill returned to the Isaiah Brewer farm in the vicinity of New Vienna and there remained until his marriage in the summer of 1871, when he began farming on his own account in that neighborhood. In 1888 he bought the Doctor Morely farm a half mile south of Centerville, and there remained until September 2, 1896, when he moved to the village of Sabina. Two years later he sold his farm and bought thirty-five acres three miles southeast of Bowersville, where he made his home for seven years. On July 8, 1908, he moved to Bowersville, where he has since made his home. In 1913 he had his present comfortable house erected there, at a cost of four thousand dollars. He and his wife are members of the Disciples church.

In June, 1871, in Clinton county, Mr. Driskill was united in marriage to Josephine Shepard, who was born at Snow Hill, in that county, February

12, 1852, daughter of William and Sidney Shepard, the former of whom, a blacksmith and farmer, died at Bowersville on May 1, 1905. William Shepard's widow survived him, her death occurring at Dayton in March, 1909. They were the parents of fifteen children. To Joseph and Josephine (Shepard) Driskill were born five children, namely: Cora A., who married Thomas Pavey, of Sabina, now deceased, and had eleven children; Taylor, Alma, Faye, Joseph, Margaret, Catherine, Helen, Delbert, Thelma, Fannie and Evelyn Pauline; William T., born on August 8, 1873, now connected with the fire department at Newark, who married Rosanna Worley and has one child; Lewis L., June 19, 1875, who died in 1912, leaving a widow, Edna Matthews Driskill, and two children, Edith and John W., now living at New Vienna; Margaret, who has been twice married, her first husband having been Alva Higler and her second, Albert MacNiel, of Charollet, North Carolina, and has one child, a daughter, Frances; and the Rev. J. Denver Driskill, March 11, 1888, a minister of the Disciples church, who married Mattie Taylor and has three children, Joseph, Ruth Olive and Anna Lee. Mrs. Josephine Driskill died on November 5, 1911, and on January 18, 1914. Mr. Driskill married Estella J. Myrick, who was born in Clermont county, this state, daughter of George F. and Elizabeth (Butler) Myrick, the latter of whom died in Clermont county and the former of whom is now living at Macomb, Illinois. George F. Myrick and wife had two children, Mrs. Driskill having a brother, Chester A. Myrick, unmarried, a ranchman at Lodi, California.

CHARLES EWING COOLEY.

Charles Ewing Cooley, one of Greene county's well-known and substantial farmers, living in Cedarville township, on rural mail route No. 2 out of Cedarville, was born on a farm in the vicinity of Goes Station, in this county, and has been a resident of the county all his life. His father, William Cooley, was a native of New York state, of old Colonial stock, his mother having been an Alden, a direct descendant of John Alden, the Puritan, whose romantic marriage to his wife Priscilla forms the basis of one of the most delightful poems in the English language.

William Cooley came to Ohio from New York during the days of his young manhood and in time became one of the leading farmers in the Goes neighborhood in Xenia township. For years he was a constant contributor to the old *Xenia Torchlight* and was one of the best-known men of his generation in this county. He was a member of the Second United Presbyterian church at Xenia, for years an elder in the same, but became affiliated with the Third United Presbyterian church in that city upon the organization of the latter, and for many years he was the superintendent of the Sabbath

school at Goes. William Cooley died on the home farm on August 30, 1884. He was twice married, first to Jeanette Dean, a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Campbell) Dean, pioneers of this county, to whom further reference is made in this volume. Upon the death of his first wife, William Cooley married Julia Parry, a school teacher at Cedarville and a daughter of Col. Walter Parry, who had earned his title as commander of the Greene county militia during the old days of the "muster." One of the daughters of Colonel Parry married the Rev. Ebenezer Curry and went with her husband to Alexandria, Egypt, where both died in the missionary service. Colonel Parry was a substantial landowner in the Jamestown neighborhood, but when his children began to require better educational advantages he moved to Cedarville, where Julia Parry completed her schooling and where she was engaged in teaching at the time of her marriage to William Cooley. To that union were born several children.

Charles E. Cooley, son of William and Julia (Parry) Cooley, was reared on the old home farm in the neighborhood of Goes in Xenia township and the schooling he received in the neighborhood school was supplemented by the training he received at home. He was married in the spring of 1884 and after the retirement of his father-in-law, John Kyle, he and his wife moved to the latter's old home place one mile south of Cedarville, where they have since made their home, Mrs. Cooley having inherited the place after her father's death.

On April 9, 1884, Charles E. Cooley was united in marriage to Mary Jeanette Kyle, who also was born in this county, a daughter of John and Martha Jane (Orr) Kyle, both members of pioneer families in Greene county. John Kyle was born on December 5, 1825, son of Judge Samuel and Rachel (Jackson) Kyle, the latter of whom was a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (McCorkle) Jackson, pioneers, further reference to whom is made elsewhere in this volume, as is also reference to the Kyles, who were among the foremost settlers of the Cedarville neighborhood. Judge Samuel Kyle was for thirty years a member of the bench of associate judges in Greene county and also for years served as county surveyor. He was a ruling elder in the Associate Reformed church at Cedarville. Judge Kyle was twice married and by his first wife, Ruth Mitchell, was the father of six children. After the death of the mother of these children he married, February 17, 1815, Rachel Jackson, and to that union were born fifteen children, of whom John Kyle was the seventh in order of birth. None of the sons of Judge Kyle were under six feet in height and the tallest was six feet and seven inches in height. Judge Kyle was a Pennsylvanian, born in the vicinity of the city of Harrisburg, and was but a boy when his parents moved from that state to Kentucky and settled in the Cynthiana neighborhood, whence he came up into the valley of the little Miami and bought twelve hundred acres of government land, the

tract on which the village of Cedarville later sprang up. John Kyle and Martha Jane Orr were married on April 9, 1850, and immediately thereafter located on the farm one mile south of Cedarville, where the Cooleys now live, and there they continued to reside until their retirement from the farm and removal to Xenia, where their last days were spent. They were members of the First United Presbyterian church at Xenia. They were the parents of four children, of whom Mrs. Cooley was the third in order of birth, the others being Samuel J., who died in infancy; Martha R., wife of Joseph Tate, and John Riley Kyle, who is living at Mansfield, Ohio.

To Charles E. and Mary Jeanette (Kyle) Cooley have been born four children: Edna, born on August 8, 1886; Martha, April 19, 1888; and Wilbur, April 2, 1890, who is married and is assisting his father in the management of the home place; Harold Parry, born October 18, 1894, died on March 1, 1911. The Cooleys are members of the United Presbyterian church.

EDWARD O. BULL.

The founder of the Bull family in Greene county was William Bull, a Revolutionary soldier, who came over here from Virginia in 1803, purchased a tract of land on Massies creek and there established his home, becoming there one of the most influential members of the old Scotch Seceder settlement. This pioneer was the father of six sons, Asaph, John, James, Thomas, Richard and William, and two daughters, Ann and Mary, the descendants of whom in the present generation form a numerous connection hereabout.

Edward O. Bull, one of the most progressive young farmers of Cedarville township and the proprietor of a fine farm of one hundred acres on rural mail route No. 3 out of Cedarville, is a member of the pioneer family above referred to. He was born in the village of Cedarville on July 15, 1889, son of Rankin and Elizabeth (Orr) Bull, the latter of whom was a member of one of Greene county's pioneer families. Rankin Bull was early trained to the trade of carpenter and after a while became a building contractor on his own account, carrying on his operations in that line at Cedarville until his removal to a farm in his home township, where he spent his last days. He was a Republican and a member of the United Presbyterian church. Rankin Bull was twice married. His first wife, Elizabeth Orr, died on May 2, 1905, and on July 7, 1908, he married Malinda Turnbull. By the first marriage he was the father of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being Raymond Samuel Bull, born on June 15, 1890, who is farming in Cedarville township; Arthur R. Bull, born in July, 1895, who also is farming in Cedarville township, and Edna M., born on May 9, 1902, who died on July 10, 1904.

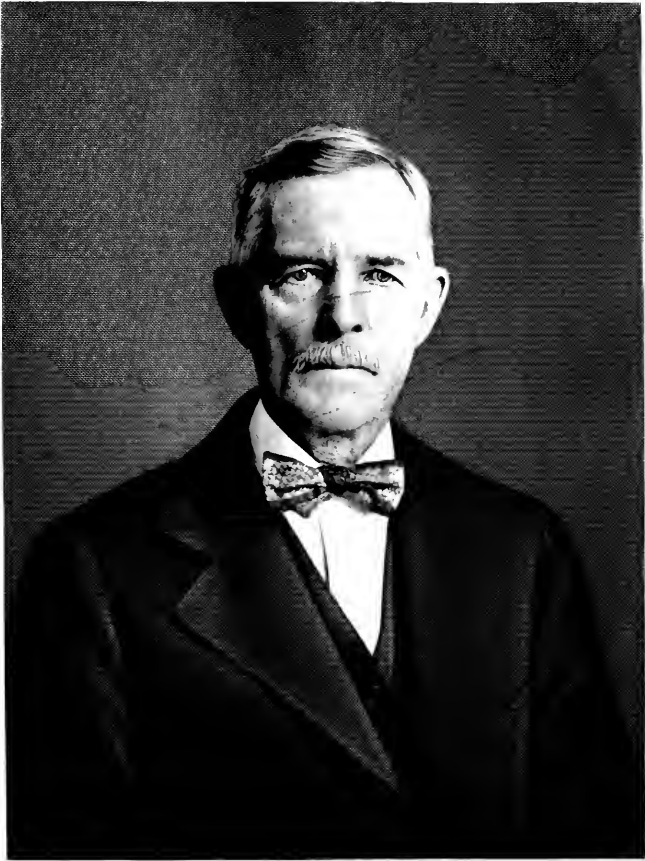
Reared on the home farm, Edward O. Bull received his early schooling in the Cedarville public schools and supplemented the same by a year at college, after which, in 1908, he resumed his place on the home farm and there remained until after his marriage in the fall of 1913, when he bought the farm on which he is now living, the old Mobley place of one hundred acres in Cedarville township, where he has since made his home. Mr. Bull has made extensive improvements on the same, remodeled the farm house, put up a silo, enlarged his farm plant by the erection of additional buildings and in other ways has made of his place one of the best-improved farms in that section. He is also giving considerable attention to the raising of live stock, making a specialty of Duroc-Jersey hogs and Shorthorn cattle.

On October 20, 1913, Edward O. Bull was united in marriage to Carrie S. Townsley, who also was born in Cedarville township, daughter of Frank and Effie (Fields) Townsley, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to this union one son has been born, Ralph Edwin, born on January 31, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Bull are members of the United Presbyterian church at Cedarville and Mr. Bull is a Republican.

ALBERT ANKENEY.

The Ankeney family have been represented in this section of Ohio ever since the year 1827, when Samuel Ankeney, then nineteen years of age, and the eldest of the ten children of David Ankeney, left his home in Washington county, Maryland, and came into Ohio with a view to selecting a spot for the settlement here of the family, David Ankeney having decided to move over here into the country out of which such excellent reports were coming back East. In 1830 David Ankeney followed with the rest of the family and settled on a tract of land in Madison county, not far east of South Charleston, and there he and his sons put out some corn, but not liking that point on account of the level ground, presently moved with his family, in the fall of that same year, down into Greene county and bought a tract of two hundred and ten acres in the Alpha neighborhood in Beavercreek township and there decided to locate. He did not live long, however, to enjoy his new home or to develop the same in accordance with his expectations, for on the evening of November 2 of that same year he died suddenly, in the forty-second year of his age, and his widow was left with the ten children to carry out the plans which the family had made for the establishment of a permanent home in this county. She was born, Elizabeth Miller, in Maryland, in the Hagerstown neighborhood in Washington county, and survived her husband for more than twenty years, her death occurring on December 23, 1852, she then being sixty-two years of age.

The progenitor of this branch of the Ankeney family in America was



Albert Aubrey

Dewalt Ankeney, who in 1746, he then having just reached the age of conscription in one of the kingdoms of what is now Germany, was brought to this country by his maternal uncle, Casper Dewalt, in order to keep the lad out of the army into which all his older brothers had been drafted, Uncle Casper Dewalt and his nephew embarking at Rotterdam, Holland, and coming over on the vessel "Neptune" and landing at the port of Philadelphia. Dewalt Ankeney, then about eighteen years of age, was trained to the trade of shoemaking and later, during the Revolutionary War, made shoes for Washington's soldiers at Valley Forge. He became a farmer and the owner of a tract of land in the vicinity of Clear Springs, in Washington county, Maryland, where his last days were spent. Dewalt Ankeney was twice married, his first wife having been Mary Jane Dörner, by whom he had two children, Peter and Christian. His second wife was Elizabeth Frederick and by that union he was the father of ten children, five sons, John, Henry, David, Jacob and George, and five daughters. It is well to note, in passing, that the Dewalts, the family of Dewalt Ankeney's mother, were French and had fled from France into Germany during the time of the Huguenot persecution. Dewalt Ankeney became a considerable landowner, his large farm being given the name of "Wellphased," and his last will and testament disposing of his estate is now in the possession of his great-grandson, Albert Ankeney, of this county, the subject of this biographical review.

Henry Ankeney, second son of Dewalt and Elizabeth (Frederick) Ankeney, grew up on the home farm in the Clear Spring neighborhood in Maryland and after his marriage established his home on a farm in that same neighborhood and became a farmer on his own account. Among his sons was David Ankeney, the Ohio pioneer, whose plans for developing a farm in Greene county were suddenly checked by his death in 1830, as set out above, and whose body for nearly ninety years has been at rest in the Xenia cemetery, but whose name is perpetuated in this section and whose memory is cherished by the large connection of the Ankeney and related families based upon his establishment of his home here in pioneer days.

As the eldest of the ten children left fatherless by the death of David Ankeney, Samuel Ankeney assumed the responsibility of developing the home place and in assisting his widowed mother to keep the family together. He married Margaret Gettard, who was born in the neighboring county of Warren and who had come up here into Greene county as a child with her parents, Henry and Catherine (Catick) Gettard, the family settling in Beavercreek township. After his marriage Samuel Ankeney continued his home on the home farm, of which he eventually became sole proprietor, and later became the owner of the neighboring farm of two hundred and seven-

teen acres now owned by his son Horace, thus being the owner of four hundred and twenty-seven acres of land. On that place he spent his last days, his death occurring in the year 1867, he then being fifty-nine years of age. Samuel Ankeney and his wife were members of the Beaver Reformed church and he was for years one of the officers in the same. Politically, he was a Republican. His widow survived him for more than thirty years, her death occurring in 1898, she then being eighty-five years of age, and her body was laid beside that of her husband in the Beaver cemetery. They were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being Joan, widow of Frederick C. Trebein, and who is making her home with a daughter in the South; Elizabeth, now making her home at Xenia, widow of the Rev. W. G. Morehead, who was for years president of the Xenia Theological Seminary, and Horace, former representative in the Legislature from this district and the owner of the farm adjoining that of his brother Albert.

Albert Ankeney, elder son and third child of Samuel and Margaret (Gettard) Ankeney, was born on the place on which he is now living and which he for years has owned, December 15, 1846, and has always lived there. The house in which he was born was a large two-story log house with a veranda on two sides, overlooking the beautiful valley of the Little Miami, and which in its days was regarded as a rather pretentious dwelling house. In 1872 he built on the same farm the brick house in which he is now living and which has ever since served as a place of residence for himself and family. Upon completing the course in the old Beaver grade school Albert Ankeney entered Miami University and was graduated from that institution in 1868, the year in which he cast his first vote and the year in which he was married. Their father having died the year previously, Albert Ankeney and his brother Horace divided the estate, buying the interests held by their sisters, and in the division Albert acquired the home place of two hundred and ten acres and his brother, the farm adjoining, which their father had bought some time after beginning his operations in this county, and the brothers thus have ever since carried on their operations side by side. Since 1873 Mr. Ankeney has given considerable attention to the breeding of pure-bred Shorthorn cattle. He is a Republican and for four terms served as trustee of Beaver creek township. Of late years Mr. Ankeney has been living more or less retired from the active duties of the farm, the operations of the same having been taken over by his sons, Horace M. and Albert S. Ankeney.

On November 5, 1868, Albert Ankeney was united in marriage to Alice Maude Stoddard, who was born at Oxford, in Butler county, this state, daughter of Prof. Orange N. and Eliza (Wheeler) Stoddard, whose last days were spent at Wooster, this state. Prof. Orange Nash Stoddard at

the time of his daughter's marriage to Mr. Ankeney was professor of science in Miami University at Oxford, but later transferred his connection to Wooster University and at the seat of the latter institution he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. To Albert and Alice M. (Stoddard) Ankeney eight children have been born, namely: Mary, who married Dr. J. L. Phythian, now living at Newport, Kentucky, and has one child, a daughter, Margaret T.; Samuel, who died at the age of four years; Horace M., who married Mrs. Nora Slifer and owns and is operating a part of the home farm, living in a house nearby the old home place; Helen and Josephine, both also at home; an infant who lived but a few days; Margaret, who died at the age of twelve years, and Albert S., who completed his schooling at Heidelberg College at Springfield and is now giving his attention to the home farm. The Ankeney family are members of the Beaver Reformed church and for thirty-five years Mr. Ankeney has been an elder in the same. Their home is on rural mail route No. 10 out of Xenia.

DANIEL M. BAILEY.

Daniel M. Bailey, former trustee of Silvercreek township and one of the well-to-do farmers of that township, is a native son of Ohio and has lived in this state all his life with the exception of a short period during the days of his early childhood when his parents were living in Illinois. He was born at Port William, in the county of Clinton, September 18, 1846, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Moorman) Bailey, both of whom also were born in this state, the latter in Silvercreek township, this county, daughter of Micaiah and Anna (Johnson) Moorman, Virginians, who had come to this county during pioneer days. Micaiah Moorman was twice married and was the father of seven children, three sons and four daughters. The Moormans were Quakers.

Daniel Bailey was one of the six children born to his parents, who were Virginians and early settlers in this part of Ohio, the other children having been Robert, James, Louisa, Almada and Judith. James's daughter, Ester, was the wife of Governor Stubbs of Kansas. Reared in this state, Daniel Bailey was trained to the trade of brickmason and followed that trade until his death, working in and around Jamestown, Morrow and Port William, and during the time of his residence in this county got a piece of land, made a clearing and established a home in the woods in Silvercreek township, later moving with his family to Watseka, Illinois, where he was killed by an accident at a mill-raising in 1850. His widow returned with her family to this county, driving through, and her last days were spent here, she being sixty-three years of age at the time of her death. To Daniel and Elizabeth (Moor-

man) Bailey nine children were born, namely: Susanna, deceased; Almeda, deceased; Granison, who served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, being mustered out as captain of Company H, Third Missouri Cavalry, later conducted a grocery store at Jamestown, from which place he moved to the old Moorman place and died while on a visit to Chicago; Barclay, who also served as a Union soldier, a member of Company A, Seventy-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and spent his last days on a farm in the Jamestown neighborhood in Silvercreek township; Elizabeth, now living at Eureka, Kansas, widow of David Fogle; Addison, who died in childhood; Daniel M., the subject of this biographical sketch; Josiah, deceased, and Isaac, who died in infancy.

Daniel M. Bailey was but a child when his widowed mother returned to this county from Illinois with her family. He thus grew up here, receiving his schooling in the local schools and from the days of his boyhood became accustomed to "doing for himself." Among the boyhood "jobs" he held was one as a teamster at Camp Nelson in 1861 when he was but fifteen years of age, he having gone there with his brother Barclay to haul supplies for the soldiers. He later was employed for a year or more as a brakeman on the Erie railroad. After his marriage he began farming on a place south of where he is now living and was there for three years, at the end of which time he bought a fifty-acre farm in that same neighborhood and there made his home until 1887, in which year he bought the farm on which he is now living, the old Smith place, and has ever since made his home there. Mr. Bailey has an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres and has made numerous substantial improvements. For the past four years or more Mr. Bailey has been living retired from the labors of the farm. He is a Republican, having cast his first ballot for U. S. Grant, for President, and never missed an election since. For some time he served as director of schools in his home district and as trustee of the township.

In 1871 Daniel M. Bailey was united in marriage to Flora Glass, who was born in Silvercreek township, this county, daughter of Vincent and Delilah (Stanley) Glass, the latter of whom was born in Madison county, this state, September 15, 1815, daughter of John and Susanna (Beaver) Stanley, who had come to Ohio from Virginia and settled in Madison county, later moving to the Mechanicsburg neighborhood in Champaign county. John Stanley and his wife were the parents of twelve children. Vincent Glass was born in Campbell county, Virginia, June 3, 1815, the fourth son and the sixth of the twelve children born to his parents, William and Lovina (Ross) Glass, who came with their family to Ohio in the second decade of the past century and established their home in Silvercreek township, this county, where they spent the remainder of their lives, William Glass living to the age of eighty-three years and his wife, eighty-four. Vincent Glass

was but a lad when he came to this county with his parents and here he grew to manhood and in turn established a home of his own and became a well-to-do landowner in Silvercreek township. To Vincent and Delilah (Stauley) Glass were born ten children, of whom Mrs. Bailey was the eighth in order of birth, the others having been Susanna, Louisa, James A., Elias, William, Lucinda, Emaline, Rebecca and Charles, all of whom grew to maturity and married.

To Daniel M. and Flora (Glass) Bailey have been born five children, daughters all, namely: Carrie, who died at the age of twenty years; Della, wife of C. M. Burr, a Silvercreek township farmer; Ida, wife of Wilbur Hughes, who also is farming in Silvercreek township; Bertha, wife of Lee Earley, who is engaged in the grain business at Bowersville, and Dora, wife of Bonner Jones, a Silvercreek township farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are members of the Disciples church, he having served as elder almost fifty years and have ever taken an interested part in the general good works of the community.

SEYMOUR WADE.

Seymour Wade, trustee of Silvercreek township and one of the progressive farmers of the Jamestown neighborhood, owner of a pleasant home in the outskirts of the village and of an excellent farm of one hundred and fifty acres in the neighboring township of Jefferson, is a native son of Ohio and a resident of Greene county since the spring of 1894. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of the city of Wilmington, in the county of Clinton, August 30, 1865, son of James R. and Martha C. (Sherman) Wade, both of whom were born in that same county, the former in 1843 and the latter, August 30, 1845.

James R. Wade was reared as a farmer and continued engaged in that vocation all his life, becoming the owner of an excellent farm in the vicinity of Wilmington, where he spent his last days, his death occurring on July 8, 1901. His widow survived him for more than ten years, her death occurring on March 18, 1912. They were the parents of seven children, all of whom are living, namely: Seymour, the immediate subject of this biographical sketch; Charles, born on August 26, 1866; Joseph, June 7, 1870; George W., September 20, 1872; Laura E., August 17, 1875; Carrie, March 10, 1878, and Cora, April 13, 1880.

Seymour Wade was reared on the home farm in the neighborhood of Wilmington, receiving his schooling in the schools of that city, and remained at home until his marriage in the fall of 1888, he then being twenty-three years of age. He then became engaged in farming on his own account in his home county and there remained until the spring of 1894, when he bought

a farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Jefferson township, and on March 11 of that year took possession of the same, continuing to make his home there until in October, 1912, when he bought a tract of a fraction less than twenty-one acres just on the north edge of the corporation line of the village of Jamestown and moved to the same. Mr. Wade continues to operate both tracts and has done well in his operations. Mr. Wade is serving as trustee of Silvercreek township, rendering a useful public service in that connection.

On November 14, 1888, in Greene county, Seymour Wade was united in marriage to Mary Olive Hawes, who was born in Greene county, a daughter of James M. and Nancy (Parker) Hawes, both of whom were born in Clinton county, the former on February 4, 1840, and the latter, January 7, 1840. Mr. Hawes died on September 3, 1912, and his widow, December 29, 1916. James M. Hawes enlisted in Company E, Ninety-fourth Ohio Regiment, August 9, 1862, and because of disability was discharged February 2, 1865. In August, 1865, he married Nancy Parker and they settled in Greene county, where they spent the rest of their lives, he dying on September 3, 1912, and she, on December 28, 1916. They were the parents of three daughters, Mrs. Wade having had two sisters, Edna and Cora, the latter of whom is still living, the wife of David Lynch, of Jefferson township, this county. Edna Hawes married Joseph Cory and both she and her husband died on the same day, August 12, 1912, leaving one child, a son, Arthur Milton Cory, who is now making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Wade. The Wades are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

DANIEL BENJAMIN EARLY.

Daniel Benjamin Early, one of Greene county's substantial farmers, now living retired in the pleasant village of Bowersville, was born on a farm in Jefferson township and has lived in this county all his life. He is the son of Daniel Early, whose last days were spent at Bowersville, to which place he had retired upon leaving the farm.

Daniel Early was born on February 18, 1830, a son of Daniel and Rachel (Hesidine) Early, both of whom were born in Kentucky, who had come to Ohio and had established their home, the former dying at the age of sixty-nine years and the latter, at the age of seventy-three. They were the parents of three children, those besides Daniel having been John, who married Agnes Shinn and continued farming until 1890, when he moved to Washington Court House, and Sallie, who married John Carlisle and in 1885 moved to Greenfield, where both she and her husband spent the remainder of their lives. In 1855 Daniel Early, Jr., came to Greene county and located on a farm four miles from Bowersville, in Jefferson township.

where he continued engaged in farming until his retirement and removal to Bowersville, where he and his wife spent the rest of their lives, his death occurring there in 1900. His widow survived him for ten years and was sixty-seven years of age at the time of her death in 1910. They were members of the Methodist Protestant church and were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being the following: Lavina, who married Henry Allen Bingaman, a farmer of Jefferson township, and who, as well as her husband, is now deceased; Rosie, who is now living at Bowersville, widow of David Haughey; Mary A., now living in Maryland, widow of William Lewis, and Clara, wife of A. B. Lewis, a farmer living west of Bowersville in Jefferson township.

Daniel B. Early was reared on the home farm in Jefferson township, receiving their schooling in the neighborhood district school, and remained at home until his marriage in the spring of 1877, when he located on a farm west of Bowersville and there established his home, continuing to make that his place of residence until 1906, in which year he bought a house in Bowersville, moved to that village and has since made his home there. He still owns his farm of one hundred and sixty acres and takes a proper interest in the operation of the same.

On March 17, 1877, Daniel B. Early was united in marriage to Ella May Fisher, who was born in Highland county, this state, daughter of Sanford and Lucinda (Schermerhorn) Fisher, both of whom also were born in that county, but who in later life made their home at Bowersville in this county. Mrs. Lucinda Fisher died in 1894 at the age of fifty years and Mr. Fisher is still living. He is a member of the Reformed church, as was his wife, and they were the parents of two children, Mrs. Early having a brother, George Lewis Fisher, born in 1862, who became a resident of Xenia in 1880, married Rosa Tillif and is now connected with the service of the traction line.

To Daniel B. and Ella M. (Fisher) Early five children have been born, namely: Alice, who married Frank Beard, a farmer living east of Bowersville, and has three children, Wilbur, Ona and Bernice; Emma, wife of Lisle Conner, a Ross township farmer; Daniel Lee Early, grain dealer at Bowersville, who bought the elevator there in 1904, and who married Bertha Bailey, daughter of D. M. Bailey, of Silvercreek township, and has two sons, Eldon and Paul; Rosie, who married Lester Bradds, of Upland, Indiana, and who now, with her husband, is attending Taylor University, she studying music there and he taking a theological course with a view to entering the ministry; and Elvie, wife of Ray Garringer, a farmer, living in the neighboring county of Fayette. Mr. and Mrs. Early are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Bowersville and Mr. Early is an ardent Prohibitionist.

JAMES M. TIDD.

James M. Tidd, a Silvercreek township farmer and the proprietor of a well-kept farm on rural mail route No. 2 out of Jamestown, has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of Washington Court House, in the county of Fayette, August 21, 1868, son of William W. and Lavina (Glass) Tidd, the latter of whom was born on the farm on which her son James M. is now living, a daughter of William and Lucinda (Stanley) Glass, both members of pioneer families in Greene county and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume.

William W. Tidd was born in Pocahontas county, Virginia, in 1840, and was ten years of age when his parents, John B. Tidd and wife, came to Ohio with their family and settled on the Dawson land in this county, their first home here being made in an old log house that had been built for church purposes. John B. Tidd cleared a hundred acres of land there, but later disposed of his interests in this county and moved over into Fayette county, where he got another farm and where he spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife were members of the Church of Christ and their children were reared in that faith. There were seven of these children, of whom William W. was the second in order of birth, the others being Josiah, who married Mary Johnson and continued farming the home place; Samuel, who married Lucinda Glass and moved to Delaware county, Indiana; Charles, who married Cynthia Robinson and continued farming; Newton, who married Arminta Steward and made his home in Indiana; Hamilton, who died unmarried, and Mary, who married Bascom Williams. Reared as a farmer, William W. Tidd followed that vocation all his life. For seven years after his marriage to Lavina Glass he made his home in Fayette county and then for three years was engaged in farming in Silvercreek township, this county, later returning to Fayette county, where he made his home for sixteen years, at the end of which time he returned to Greene county and bought the farm on which his wife was born, a portion of the old Glass estate, now owned by his son James M., and there he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on March 12, 1911, he then being seventy-one years of age. His widow survived him for five years, her death occurring March 12, 1916, she then being seventy-four years of age. William W. Tidd was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the Disciples church at Jamestown. They had two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Myrtle, wife of Alva Lucas, a farmer, living in the vicinity of Mechanicsburg, this state.

James M. Tidd was reared on the farm, receiving his schooling in the local schools, and as the only son of his father, was a valuable aid to the latter even from the days of his boyhood. After his marriage he con-

tinued to reside on the home farm, taking charge of the same after his father's retirement from active labor, and in time bought the farm and has since been operating it. In addition to his general farming he has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and is doing well.

On July 8, 1889, James M. Tidd was united in marriage to Retta Soddors, who was born July 20, 1871, at West Lancaster, in Fayette county, this state, daughter of A. J. Soddors and wife, the former of whom, a veteran of the Civil War, was engaged in the grocery business there, and to this union two children have been born, Bessie, who for five years was engaged in teaching school in this county and who married Ernest E. Hill, a farmer living in New Jasper township, two miles south of Jamestown, and Ray B., a Jefferson township farmer, living east of Bowersville, who married Chloe Garringer and has one daughter, Helen Louise. Mr. Tidd is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the Disciples church at Jamestown.

DANIEL OSCO SPAHR.

Daniel Osco Spahr, one of the substantial farmers of New Jasper township and former trustee of that township, now living retired in the village of New Jasper, was born in that township, on February 15, 1863, son of Daniel Erwin and Nancy (Fudge) Spahr, both of whom were born in that same neighborhood and who spent all their lives there, the latter dying in December, 1912. She was born in the neighborhood of the Hazlitt school house on January 28, 1832, daughter of George Fudge and wife, who were the parents of seven children and both of whom died of typhoid fever in the early '50s.

Daniel Erwin Spahr, who died at his home in New Jasper township on August 2, 1891, was born on a farm about a mile east of the place on which he died, August 1, 1830, son of William and Sarah (Smith) Spahr, the latter of whom was born in Hardin county, Virginia, in September, 1807, and died at her home in this county on March 25, 1888. She was a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Kimble) Smith, who came with the Philip Spahr family to Ohio from Virginia in 1814 and further reference to whom is made elsewhere in this volume. William Spahr was born at Morefield, in Hardin county, Virginia, now included in West Virginia, May 3, 1805, and died at his home in this county on October 1, 1891. He was a son of Philip and Mary (Shook) Spahr, the former of whom was a son of John Spahr, a native of Germany. In 1814 Philip Spahr and his family came to Ohio and settled on Paint creek, in the neighboring county of Fayette, but a year or two later came over into Greene county and established their home in what is now New Jasper township. Philip Spahr had a farm of three hundred acres just south of the present village of New Jasper. He was a

Whig and he and his wife were earnest Methodists. They were the parents of ten children, of whom William, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was the last-born, the others having been John, who made his home in Silvercreek township; David, who died six months after his marriage to Catherine Tressler; Eli, whose last days were spent in Jay county, Indiana; Gideon, who made his home in Sugarcreek township; James, who became a farmer in Jay county, Indiana; Mary, who married Judge Whiteman and also moved to Jay county, Indiana; Nancy, who married Joseph Lyons and moved to that same country; Dorcas, who married the Rev. James Smith, a Methodist minister, and Temperance, who married Judge John Fudge, for years an associate judge of the court of Greene county.

William Spahr was about ten years of age when his parents settled in this county and here he grew to manhood. After his marriage to Sarah Smith he established his home on a farm he had bought in the vicinity of his father's place and in 1850 built on that place, one mile south of the village of New Jasper, the substantial old red brick house that is still serving as a dwelling house there. In addition to his farm of more than one hundred and fifty acres there he owned a farm of four hundred acres in Jay county, Indiana. He was originally a Whig, later a Republican, and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. On December 12, 1829, William Spahr was united in marriage to Sarah Smith and to that union were born twelve children, of whom Daniel E., father of the subject of this sketch, was the second in order of birth (with his twin brother, Philip D.), the others being Jacob L., who moved to Jay county, Indiana, where he enlisted as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War and died in service in 1863; Philip D., twin brother of Daniel E., who became a substantial farmer in New Jasper township and there died in 1914; Mary, who married C. Martin, a New Jasper township farmer, and whose last days also were spent in that township; Elizabeth A., who married the Rev. Cornelius Turner, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church; Sarah Temperance, who married Barley Gates; the Rev. William E. Spahr, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, who died unmarried at the age of forty-six years; Naturah E. and Catherine L., twins, both now deceased, the former of whom married James Saville and moved to Washington county, Iowa, and the latter of whom married John Bales, who is now living in Xenia; Susan T., who died unmarried at the age of twenty-three years; Phoebe A., who is still living on her farm in New Jasper township, widow of John M. Boots, and David C., a widower and well-to-do farmer, who is now making his home with his sister, Mrs. Boots.

Daniel E. Spahr grew up on the home farm and received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood. On August 26, 1852, he married Nancy Fudge and later established his home on the farm of one hundred and

seven acres he had bought a half mile east of his father's place and there spent the rest of his life. He was a Republican and he and his wife were members of the New Jasper Methodist Episcopal church, he being for years a teacher in the Sunday school. To Daniel E. and Nancy (Fudge) Spahr were born six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being the following: George H., a school teacher and landowner, who died at Warren, Indiana, in July, 1917; William A., a retired farmer of this county, now living at New Jasper; Albert H., also a retired farmer, now living at Dayton; Charles E., a farmer, living at Bowersville, and Sarah C., wife of George Camden, of New Jasper.

Daniel O. Spahr was reared on the home farm and received a good education in the schools of that neighborhood. When twenty years of age he was given charge of his father's farm and after his marriage, when twenty-two years of age, continued to make his home there, operating the farm until his father's death, after which he rented the place from his mother and continued to live there until 1906, when he bought a tract of one hundred and fifty-two acres of his grandfather Spahr's old place west of there and on that place made his home until 1915, when he turned the management of the farm over to his son, Raymond G. Spahr, and moved to the village of New Jasper, where he had since made his home. Mr. Spahr is an ardent Republican. For some time he served as constable of the township and then was elected township trustee, a position he held by successive re-elections for thirteen years and to the duties of which important office he gave his most intelligent and painstaking attention. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at New Jasper and he is one of the stewards of the church.

On January 20, 1886, Daniel O. Spahr was united in marriage to Clara A. Gordon, who was born at Grape Grove, in Ross township, this county, daughter of Enos and Mary Jane (Downey) Gordon, and to this union six children have been born, namely: Roy C., born on June 12, 1887, who completed his schooling at Antioch College and for a time taught school, now living at Xenia, who married Bessie Mitchner and has two children, Helen and Marvin; Bessie Belle, July 27, 1888, who also finished her schooling at Antioch and for a time taught school and who married Homer Rogers, a bookkeeper in the Peoples Bank at Jamestown, and has one child, a son, Leslie; Lela Edna, September 3, 1889, who also attended Antioch and taught school and who married Robie Bartlett, of Xenia township, and has four children, Melville, Williard, Lenora and Vesper; Raymond G., September 23, 1890, who, as noted above, is now operating his father's farm and who married Clara Conklin and has one child, a son, Russell; Russell Osco, April 20, 1898, who died on November 9, 1899; and Reva Clare, April 1, 1903, now a student in the Xenia high school.

Enos Gordon, father of Mrs. Spahr, was born in the neighboring county of Clark on October 15, 1842, and died at his home in Jamestown, this county, where his widow now lives, December 2, 1916. Mrs. Gordon was born in Ross township, this county, October 3, 1842, and has lived in this county all her life. Enos Gordon was a son of George and Margaret Ann (Miller) Gordon, both of whom were born in the Donnelsville neighborhood in Bethel township, Clark county, and who not long after their marriage became residents of Ross township, this county. After his marriage Enos Gordon for some time continued farming in Ross township and then bought a farm in Silvercreek township, making his home there until his retirement and removal to Jamestown, where his last days were spent and where his widow is still living. To Enos and Mary (Downey) Gordon were born five children, those besides Mrs. Spahr, the eldest, being Emma, wife of George A. Miller, of Marion county, Illinois; Viola, who is living in New Jasper township, widow of Addison Strong; Luella, wife of Elmer Hargrave, of Sabina, in the neighboring county of Clinton, and Archie, a dairyman and stock buyer at Jamestown.

H. GLEN SHEPARD. D. V. S.

H. Glen Shepard, well-known veterinary surgeon at Osborn, was born on a farm in Wayne township, Montgomery county, January 14, 1876, son and only child of John William and Naomi Shepard, both of whom were born in that same county and are still living there on a farm.

Reared on the home farm, H. Glen Shepard received his schooling in the schools of his home neighborhood and was from boyhood a valued assistant to his father on the farm. He later became employed with the Davis Bicycle Company and while thus engaged became one of the most famous amateur bicycle racers in the Middle West, in 1897 winning the championship in the tri-state (Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky) road race between Dayton and Cincinnati. For three years (1896-98) Mr. Shepard continued active as a bicycle racer and during that period broke three records. In the meantime he had been turning his attention from the bicycle to the horse and entered the veterinary department of Ohio State University at Columbus, being graduated from that institution in 1904, with the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Surgery. The Doctor opened an office at Osborn and has ever since been engaged in the veterinary practice there, having had an extensive practice throughout the counties of Greene, Montgomery, Miami and Clark.

On October 30, 1904, Dr. H. Glen Shepard was united in marriage to Jennie Edna Hare, who was born in Columbus, this state, daughter of Edward and Martha Hare, the former of whom was born at Reading,

Pennsylvania, and the latter, at Beecher City, Illinois, who, after their marriage, located at Columbus, where Edward Hare spent his last days and where his widow is still living. Doctor and Mrs. Shepard have one child, a daughter, Helen Verna. The Doctor is a Republican and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, past noble grand of the same; a member of the Woodmen of the World, through all the chairs of which he also has passed, and is also a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

SILAS M. MURDOCK.

Silas M. Murdock, one of the best-known and most substantial farmers of Cedarville township and the proprietor of the old Judge Kyle homestead place, in that township, was born in Wayne township, in the county of Clinton, but has been a resident of Greene county and of the Cedarville neighborhood ever since he was a boy. He was born on July 4, 1848, son of Robert and Elizabeth (Richards) Murdock, both of whom were born in the same parish, in the vicinity of Ballymony, in County Antrim, Ireland, and whose last days were spent in the village of Cedarville, in this county.

Robert Murdock was a son of John Murdock and wife, who spent all their lives in their native Ireland and who were the parents of eight children, Martha, Robert, Jane, William, John, Thomas, Nancy and another, all of whom came to the United States save William and Nancy. Robert Murdock was twenty years of age when he came to this country in 1825, landing in the city of Philadelphia, where he secured employment. There he met and married Elizabeth Richards, who was born in the same parish as was he, but whom he had never met in the old country. After their marriage, about the year 1835, Robert Murdock and his wife came to Ohio and located in Wayne township, Clinton county, where Robert Murdock bought a tract of two hundred and twenty-five acres, on which he continued to reside until he sold the place and came with his family to Greene county, buying a farm of one hundred and seventeen acres in Cedarville township, where he made his home until his retirement from the farm and removal to Cedarville, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, his death occurring there in 1876, he then being seventy-five years of age. His widow survived him for nearly twenty years, her death occurring in 1895, she then being eighty-two years of age. Robert Murdock and his wife were members of the Reformed Presbyterian (Covenanter) church and their children were reared in accordance with the rigid tenets of that faith. There were six of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being as follow: John, now deceased, who formerly was the owner of the farm on which Silas M. Murdock now lives; the Rev. David Murdock, a

minister of the Reformed Presbyterian church, now living retired at Howard Lake, Minnesota; Mary, unmarried, who is living at Cedarville; Martha, now deceased, who was the wife of James McMillan, a farmer living two or three miles east of Cedarville, and Hugh, a well-known Cedarville township farmer, a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume.

Silas M. Murdock was born in a log house and his first schooling was received in a little log school house in Wayne township, Clinton county. He was nine years of age when his parents moved with their family into Greene county and the rest of his schooling was received in the Kyle school house in Cedarville township. As the youngest son, he remained on the farm during the days of his young manhood and after his marriage in 1871 he continued to make his home there, his father retiring and moving to Cedarville about that time. His first wife died in 1879 and the next year he left the farm and went to Cedarville, where he remained until 1887, when he bought from his brother John the farm on which he ever since has made his home, the old Judge Kyle place of one hundred and thirty-eight acres on the Kyle road in Cedarville township, and which John Murdock had improved in excellent shape, having erected there in 1883 a fine brick house, which still stands. The old barn on the place was destroyed by fire in 1908 and in that same year Mr. Murdock erected a substantial new barn. Mr. Murdock is progressive and in addition to his general farming he has given considerable attention to the raising of Merino sheep.

Mr. Murdock has been twice married. On January 13, 1871, he was united in marriage to Jennie Little, daughter of Robert and Mary Little, and to that union was born a son, Robert Walter Little; on June 19, 1875, who died at his father's home, unmarried, July 30, 1917. Mrs. Jennie Murdock died on March 4, 1879, and on October 18, 1883, Mr. Murdock married Mary Helen Andrew, who was born at Preston, Indiana, August 19, 1846, daughter of Thomas Scott and Jane Elder (McClellan) Andrew, the former of whom was born in this county and the latter, at Wooster, in Wayne county, this state. Thomas Scott Andrew was born on a pioneer farm in Xenia township, this county, in 1816, son of James Andrew and wife, the latter of whom was a Scott, who came to Greene county from the Carolinas and established their home on a farm on the Fairfield pike in Xenia township in the first decade of the past century. James Andrew and his wife were Seceders and active members of the old church of that faith in the community in which they lived. Thomas S. Andrew grew to manhood on the old home place and married Jane Elder McClellan, who was born at Wooster in 1817, daughter of John McClellan and wife, the latter of whom was an Elder, natives of Scotland, who had come to Greene county from Wayne county and had settled on a farm five miles south of Xenia. After his marriage Thomas S. Andrew went to Indiana, where he remained for two or

three years, at the end of which time he returned to this county and bought a farm of one hundred and fifty-two acres three miles west of Cedarville, in the township of that name, where he made his home until 1867, when he disposed of his interests there and moved over into Montgomery county, where he bought another farm and where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there in 1888. His widow survived him for six years, her death occurring in 1894. They were members of the United Presbyterian church. There were five of their children, of whom Mrs. Murdock was the second in order of birth, the others being as follow: John, now deceased, a veteran of the Civil War, who was wounded at the battle of Murfreesboro and who upon his return from the army went to St. Louis, where he engaged in the drug business and where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there in 1904; James H. and Thomas Beveridge, who are engaged in the mercantile business at Cedarville, under the firm name of Andrew Brothers, and Elizabeth, wife of W. B. Stevenson, of Cedarville.

To Silas M. and Mary Helen (Andrew) Murdock three children have been born, namely: Ralph Andrew Murdock, unmarried, who is operating a garage at Cedarville, continuing to make his home with his parents; Ina May, who was graduated from Cedarville College in 1907 and is at home, and Elizabeth Jane, wife of the Rev. Walter W. Horton, pastor of the United Presbyterian church at Alberton, Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Murdock are members of the Reformed Presbyterian church at Cedarville.

JOHN F. COY.

John F. Coy, farmer and cement contractor, living on rural mail route No. 12 out of Dayton, a resident of Beavercreek township, this county, was born in that township on October 10, 1852, son of Jacob H. and Rebecca H. Coy, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, together with a general history of the pioneer Coy family in this county. Reared on the home farm in Beavercreek township, John F. Coy received his schooling in the common schools and after his marriage in 1877 began farming on his own account in Montgomery county and continued thus engaged until his wife's death in 1895, after which he moved to Dayton, where he became engaged in operating a sand pit. Not long afterward he took up general contracting in cement work and continued in this latter line for about seven years, or until 1912, when he returned to farming and has since made his home with his brother, Charles Coy, in Beavercreek township, later also resuming his former vocation as a cement contractor. Mr. Coy is a Republican.

In March, 1877, John F. Coy was united in marriage to Martha Ellen Merrick, who also was born in this county, daughter of John and Mary E.

(Prugh) Merrick, and who died in 1895. To that union were born three children, Arlie M., now living in Dayton, who married Stella Banky and has three children, Leona, Elmer and Orville; Lucy, wife of Van Hollingin, of Dayton, and Margaret, wife of J. T. Seber, a railroad conductor living at Dayton.

RAYMOND W. SMITH, M. D.

The late Dr. Raymond W. Smith, of Spring Valley, who died on August 18, 1916, was a native son of Ohio and had lived in this state all his life, a resident of Greene county since the days of his young manhood. He was born on a farm southeast of Hillsboro, in Highland county, November 30, 1862, son of Henry B. and Elizabeth C. (Griffith) Smith, both of whom also were born in Highland county, who are now living retired at Spring Valley, in this county, where they have resided since 1905.

Henry B. Smith was born on July 9, 1832, son of Henry and Lydia (Bane) Smith, the former of whom was a native of Virginia and the latter of Maryland, who came to Ohio in 1815, by way of Kentucky, and settled on a farm in the neighborhood of Hillsboro, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and were the parents of ten children, Aquilla, Parmelia, Elizabeth, John, Richard, Clinton, Catherine, Russell, Henry B. and Wesley. Henry B. Smith grew up on the home farm and remained there until his marriage in the spring of 1855, after which he located on a farm in the vicinity of the village of Marshall in his home county and there became engaged in farming, the owner of a fine place of one hundred and three acres, on which he and his wife resided until their retirement from the farm and removal to Spring Valley in 1905. He is a Democrat and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

It was on May 11, 1855, that Henry B. Smith was united in marriage to Elizabeth C. Griffith, who was born on a farm in the vicinity of Marshall, in Highland county, this state, daughter of William H. and Margaret D. (Howe) Griffith, the former of whom was a native of Kentucky and the latter of Virginia, who were married in Highland county, where their respective parents had settled in pioneer days. Of the eleven children born to William H. Griffith and wife five grew to maturity, those besides Mrs. Smith being R. H., Arminta, Lottie and John F. To Henry B. and Elizabeth C. (Griffith) Smith were born ten children, nine of whom grew to maturity, namely: Prof. Russell Smith, who married Emma Cluxton and is now living in Cleveland, a teacher in the high school in that city; Prof. William Smith, principal of the high school at Dallas, Texas, who married Lulu McMurry, of New Jasper; Lettie, who married A. A. Monett and is



R. H. Smith



now living at Reno, Nevada; Emsley O., deceased; Dr. Raymond W. Smith, the immediate subject of this memorial sketch; Prof. John Smith, who married Olive Tingle, also a teacher, and is now teaching in the schools of Brookville, this state; E. D. Smith, who married Martha Frazer and is engaged in the practice of law at Xenia; Harley Smith, also of Xenia, formerly a teacher, who has been twice married, his first wife having been Emma Shidaker and his second, Mrs. Snyder; and Carrie, wife of Allan McLean, a Xenia undertaker.

Raymond W. Smith received an excellent education in the days of his youth and early began teaching school, for some years being thus engaged at New Jasper, in this county. After his marriage in 1888 he continued teaching, meanwhile giving his attention to the study of medicine, and presently entered the Louisville Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1893. Upon receiving his diploma, Doctor Smith located at Spring Valley, where he continued successfully engaged in the practice of his profession until his death in the summer of 1916, a period of twenty-three years of continuous practice in the same place. During that long period of unselfish labor Dr. Smith endeared himself to the whole community and his passing was sincerely mourned. The Doctor was ever a helpful force in his community and as one of the county newspapers, in an appreciation published after his death, said: "The many things of this community that he helped to formulate and mold will miss the forcefulness of his touch." The Doctor was a successful business man as well as a practitioner and besides the property he had in Spring Valley was the owner of some valuable farm lands. He was a member of the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is his widow. The Doctor's relations with his church were of a peculiarly close character and, as the newspaper appreciation above quoted said following his death: "The church of this community is at this time by his removal facing a peculiar and awful vacancy, for one of its most interested and beneficent friends has gone to take his place in the Infinite Bliss of the Great Beyond."

Since her husband's death Mrs. Smith has continued to make her home in Spring Valley, where she has long been very pleasantly situated. Doctor Smith was much attached to his home and in that connection it is not regarded as unseemly to quote further from the newspaper article above mentioned, which said of him that "his going away from us is to leave a home and a family he most dearly loved; for the environments give evidence that no sacrifice was too great for him to make." Mrs. Smith was married on August 23, 1888. She was born in this county, Mattie D. Mann, daughter

of George and Rachel (Kearns) Mann, the former of whom also was born in this county, son of pioneer parents in Spring Valley township, and the latter in the vicinity of Newark, this state. George Mann was a successful farmer in the vicinity of New Burlington. He and his wife were the parents of four children, as will be noted in a history of the Mann family in this county set out elsewhere in this volume. To Doctor and Mrs. Smith were born two sons, Carl Emsley and George Henry, the latter of whom received his schooling in the Spring Valley schools, the Xenia high school and at Cedarville College and is now living at home. Carl Emsley Smith, who was educated at Antioch College and at the Ohio State University, is now (1918) serving with the National Army, attached to the supply corps of the Three Hundred and Twenty-second United States Field Artillery, in the war against Germany.

CHARLES N. SMITH.

Charles N. Smith, a veteran of the Civil War and one of the best-known citizens of Greene county, a retired farmer and active trader, now living at Jamestown, is a native son of this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in New Jasper township on November 9, 1841, son of Daniel and Lucinda (Spahr) Smith, the latter of whom also was born in this county, a member of one of the first families to settle in Xenia township.

Daniel Smith was born in Virginia in 1803 and was but three months of age when his parents came to Ohio with their family and settled in Greene county, where he grew to manhood and became a successful farmer, the proprietor of a farm of five hundred or six hundred acres. Daniel Smith died on the home farm in New Jasper township about 1873. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: Silas, deceased; James M., deceased; David S., deceased; Mrs. Mary E. Brown, of New Jasper township; Daniel B., of Xenia; Jacob N., of Xenia; Mrs. Alice St. John, deceased, and Mathias, the present superintendent of the county farm.

Reared on the home farm in New Jasper township, Charles N. Smith received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and was early trained in the ways of practical farming. He was but nineteen years of age when the Civil War broke out and on October 9, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, Seventy-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until his honorable discharge in January, 1864. He immediately re-enlisted and continued serving until the close of the war, receiving his final discharge on July 25, 1865, after a service of nearly four years. Mr.

Smith participated in Sherman's memorable march to the sea, was captured by the enemy and was confined in Libby Prison, having been one of the last prisoners released from that historic place of detention. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Smith returned home and not long afterward was married and settled down on his grandfather's old place in New Jasper township, where he continued successfully engaged in farming and trading until his retirement from the farm and removal about 1890 to the village of Jamestown, where he ever since has made his home. For the past thirty-five years Mr. Smith has served as assessor of the township. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and, fraternally, is affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the oldest member of the latter order in Greene county. Mr. Smith is an ardent disciple of Izaak Walton, it being his custom to go away to Michigan every summer on a fishing trip.

As noted above, it was not long after his return from the army that Mr. Smith was married. His wife died at Jamestown on April 15, 1908. She also was born in this county, Hulda W. Browser, daughter of Thomas Y. and Sarah (Hurley) Browser. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born three children, Lester A., Minnie B. and Sarah L., the latter of whom is living at home with her father. Lester A. Smith, who is also living at Jamestown, married Lillian Weed and has one child, a daughter, Martha. Minnie B. Smith married Thomas Riggs, of Dayton, and has one child, a son, Jack Nelson.

ROBERT A. ROSS.

Robert A. Ross, a well-known farmer and landowner of Greene county, now living retired at Bowersville, his farm two miles north of that village being operated by his sons, Ralph and Earl Ross, was born in Monroe county, Virginia (now in West Virginia), July 3, 1845, son of James A. and Martha (Nickell) Ross, both of whom were born in that same county, the former a son of Robert Ross, who came to Ohio and became a resident of Greene county.

James A. Ross grew up in his home county in Virginia, married there and remained there until 1847, when he came with his family to Ohio and located on a farm of two hundred and seventy-nine acres in what in 1858 came to be organized as Jefferson township, this county. That farm was partly cleared when he took possession of it and he set about getting the place under way for cultivation, but was struck by a falling tree in 1851, receiving such injuries to his head and breast that he died eighteen months

later, at twenty-six years of age, leaving his widow with three children, of whom Robert A. was the eldest, the others being Mary, who married Clark Housington and moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, and Jennie Virginia, who married William Raum and also moved to Nebraska, now living in the vicinity of Ft. Robinson, that state. The widow Ross married Edwin Drury, who died at Jamestown, this county, after which she went to California, where she died at the age of seventy-three years. She was a member of the Presbyterian church. By her second marriage she was the mother of a son, Edwin D. Drury, who is now living in Oklahoma.

Robert A. Ross was but six or seven years of age when his father died. He received some schooling in the Jamestown schools and when thirteen years of age began working for his grandfather, Robert Ross, remaining on the latter's farm until his marriage when twenty-five years of age, after which he established his home on a farm two miles north of Bowersville, where he remained until his retirement from the farm in 1907 and removal to Bowersville, where he has since resided. Mr. Ross owns a well-kept farm of fifty-seven acres, which is now being operated by his sons, Ralph and Earl, who have rented the place from their father and are successfully operating the same. During his active operations on the farm Mr. Ross gave considerable attention to the raising of cattle and hogs and did well. He is a Democrat and has rendered public service as a member of the Bowersville town council.

On December 28, 1869, Robert A. Ross was united in marriage to Margaret Angeline Miller, who also was born in Monroe county, Virginia, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Neal) Miller, and to this union nine children have been born, those besides the two sons, Ralph and Earl, mentioned above, being Bernard Lee, a farmer in the neighboring county of Clinton, who married Minnie Turner and has three children, Emma, Lila and Ada; Fred, a Bowersville merchant, who married Mary Dubbs and has four children, Margaret, Robert, Eugene and Loyal; Hubert, a merchant at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, who married Lillie Geiger and has two children, Robert G. and Catherine; Wilbur, dealer in live stock, coal and building material at Bowersville, who married Elvie Hussey and has one child, a son, Donald; Carl, employed by Campbell & Company, wholesale grocers at Washington Court House, this state, who married Bertha Furgason and has two children, Evelyn and Gail; Minnie, who married Chester Brown, a farmer of the Port William neighborhood, and has three children, Hazel, Mary and Jeannette, and Myrtle, who married Howard Bowmaster, now a teacher in the schools of Springfield, this state, and has three children, Dorothy, Elvia and Lowell. Ralph married Burnie Chaney and their two children are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Ross are members of the Methodist Protestant church.

OSCAR E. BRADFUTE.

For seventy years the Bradfute stock farm in Cedarville township, this county, has been the home of registered cattle, three generations having there carried on their live-stock operations, the present proprietor of the farm, Oscar E. Bradfute, a grandson of the original proprietor, being the owner of one of the oldest Angus herds in the United States. For a series of thirteen years the Ohio State Fair Association offered a silver loving-cup for the grand championship herd of cattle, open to world competition and to any breed of cattle. With his Angus herd Mr. Bradfute won nine of these cups. For three successive years Mr. Bradfute won with his Angus bull, "Lucy's Prince," the grand championship of the world for the Angus breed at the International Live Stock Exposition. "Lucy's Prince" is the only living grand champion bull that has produced grand championship winners, several of his get having been thus honored.

The Bradfute stock farm on Clark's run was founded in 1826 by William Bradfute, the first man in Greene county to make a specialty of Shorthorn cattle, he having started his herd with a couple of heifers of that breed bought in 1847. For forty years, William Bradfute and his son, David Bradfute, the latter of whom succeeded to the business after his father's death in 1872, maintained that Shorthorn herd. In 1887 David Bradfute's son, Oscar E. Bradfute, established on that farm his noted Angus herd, starting with two heifers and a pure-bred herd leader. Mr. Bradfute was one of the organizers of the International Live Stock Exposition held in Chicago in 1900 and has several times served as judge in the cattle department of that exposition. He also has served as judge of cattle at state fairs in Ohio, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, New York and several other states, and has served as judge at the American Royal Live Stock Show at Kansas City. He was one of the original members of the executive committee of the International Live Stock Exposition and is still a member of the board of directors of the same; is former president of the American Aberdeen-Angus Association and longer than any other member a member of the board of directors of the same; former president of the Ohio Live Stock Association, and a former member of the executive committee of the National Live Stock Association. Mr. Bradfute also for years was a lecturer on the subject of cattle breeding, his lecture-field work having taken him before state breeders associations and state farmers industrial institutes all over the country, as well as before farmers "short courses" in the agricultural colleges of Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, Nebraska and Pennsylvania. Mr. Bradfute has for years given close attention to educational affairs, being appointed a member of the board of trustees of Ohio State University by Governor Herrick in 1905, and has now been appointed for his third term

of seven years by Governor Cox; he has been a member of the board of trustees of Cedarville College since 1912; for five years a member of the board of trustees of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station and for some time president of the board; and for the past six years, or ever since that board was created as a separate board under the new law, has been a member of the board of trustees of the Greene County Children's Home. He also is president of the Cedarville Telephone Company. By political persuasion Mr. Bradfute is a Democrat and in religious belief is a United Presbyterian, a descendant of Scotch Seceders, and since 1888 has been a member of the session of the United Presbyterian church at Clifton. Twice presbytery has honored Mr. Bradfute by electing him commissioner to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian church in the United States, his service in that connection having been rendered in 1895 and 1914.

Oscar E. Bradfute was born in the house in which he still lives, on the old Bradfute farm on Clarks run in Cedarville township, January 21, 1862, son of David and Martha (called Mattie) (Collins) Bradfute, both of whom also were born in this county, the latter a daughter of William and Mary (Galloway) Collins, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. David Bradfute was born at Clifton in 1835, son of William and Elizabeth (Anderson) Bradfute, the latter of whom had come to Ohio with her parents, John Anderson and wife, from Scotland in 1816, she then being twelve years of age, the family settling on a farm in Clark county about three miles north of Clifton. William Bradfute was born in Kentucky in 1798 and was there early orphaned, he and his brother, John, being thereafter cared for in the household of their uncle, John Knox, who came with his family from Kentucky up into this valley about the year 1814 and located in the Clifton settlement. There William Bradfute grew to manhood and in 1824 married Elizabeth Anderson. Two years later he bought the farm on Clarks run in Cedarville township now owned by his granddaughter, Lydia (Bradfute) Turnbull, and there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, William Bradfute dying on January 19, 1872. He and his wife were among the members of the old Seceder or Associate church on Massies creek and after the "union" of 1858 became affiliated with the United Presbyterian church. They were the parents of four children, namely: Nancy, now deceased, who was the wife of James Bryson, also deceased; Jane, widow of the late John Stevenson, now living at Yellow Springs; David, father of the subject of this sketch, and John A., who died during the middle '60s, before he had reached thirty years of age, and whose widow later moved to Bloomington, Indiana, where she is still living.

David Bradfute grew to manhood on the home farm on Clarks run. After his marriage in the spring of 1861 he established his home on a tract of forty-eight acres, and there began operations on his own account. After

his father's death in 1872 he bought an additional tract of one hundred and twenty-eight acres of the home place. Previously, after the death of his brother John, he had bought the latter's farm of one hundred acres adjoining and also bought the old Mitchell farm adjoining and certain other pieces of land until he came to be the owner of four hundred and seventy-five acres in Cedarville and Xenia townships. From the time his father had started his Shorthorn herd in 1847 David Bradfute had taken a great interest in the breeding of pure-bred Shorthorns and continued thus engaged until he gradually turned the business over to his son Oscar, who took up the Angus strain instead of the Shorthorn and has ever since been developing his herd on the place. Following his son's marriage in 1890 David Bradfute retired from the farm, turning the place over to his son, and moved to Cedarville, where his last days were spent, his death occurring there on August 18, 1913. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church at Clifton and had for years served as a member of the board of trustees of the same. After moving to Cedarville he transferred his membership to the United Presbyterian church there.

David Bradfute was twice married, first on March 19, 1861, to Martha E. Collins, who was born in Cedarville township in 1837, and who died on September 6, 1879, leaving two children, Oscar E. and Lydia, the latter of whom was graduated from Washington Female Seminary, married Frank B. Turnbull, and is now living at Cedarville. In 1883 David Bradfute married Hannah M. Nisbet, who was born at Cedarville, daughter of Samuel Nisbet, for many years a merchant in that village. She died in 1898 without issue.

Oscar E. Bradfute received his early schooling in the Clarks run district school and later took a two years' course of instruction at the Clifton high school. He then went to Bloomington, Indiana, where his aunt, Mrs. John Bradfute, was living and finished the course in the high school of that city, meanwhile making his home with his aunt. Thus equipped by preparatory study he entered Indiana University at Bloomington and was graduated from that institution in 1884, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity in the university. Upon leaving the university Mr. Bradfute returned home and resumed his place on the farm, giving his attention particularly to the live-stock side of the operations there, he having during the spring of 1887, after his graduation, bought a couple of Angus heifers and a bull of that breed with the expectation of developing a herd on the home farm. These expectations were realized and in 1889 he made his first exhibit at the Greene county fair. The next year he began to exhibit his herd at state fairs and has ever since been an exhibitor.

On April 10, 1890, Oscar E. Bradfute was united in marriage to Jennie M. Collins, who was born on a farm on the Jamestown pike east of Xenia

in Xenia township, daughter of John and Mary Collins, the former of whom was a son of Archibald Collins, one of the pioneers of Greene county, and to this union three children have been born, namely: David Collins, born in 1895; Helen, now (1918) a sophomore in Cedarville College, and John Edwin, a senior in the Cedarville high school. David Collins Bradfute entered Cedarville College upon completing the course in the high school at Cedarville and was graduated from that institution in 1915, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and of Bachelor of the Science of Education. Upon leaving college he was engaged as a teacher in Trumbull county, being employed there in high-school work and was thus engaged when called for service in the national army in 1917.

SAMUEL P. FAULKNER.

The Faulkner family has been prominently represented in Greene county for more than one hundred years, the first of the name to come to this county being Thomas Faulkner, a Virginian, born in Berkeley county on November 8, 1787, who in 1806 came over into this part of Ohio on a prospecting trip, arriving here with about one hundred dollars in currency in his possession. He determined permanently to locate here, and two years later, in 1808, he rented for a period of five years a farm on Painters run, in Caesarscreek township, and proceeded to develop the place. In 1810 he married Mary McGuire, a daughter of Jonathan and Catherine McGuire, and in 1816 he purchased a farm in that same township, the place long in the possession of the Haines family and now owned and occupied by Asaph Haines, and there he spent his last days. The brick house Thomas Faulkner erected on that place in 1821 is still standing in an excellent state of preservation. Thomas Faulkner, a son of Robert Faulkner, also was born in western Virginia, and reared a Quaker, but having married a Methodist, he was cast outside the pale of the church in which he had his birthright. He then affiliated with the Campbellites and later went over to the Methodist Episcopal church, but in 1828 he and his wife became connected with the Methodist Protestant church at Paintersville and remained connected therewith the remainder of their lives, he for many years serving as class leader. Thomas Faulkner was a Whig and served as trustee of his home township. He died on April 16, 1871, in the eighty-fourth year of his age, and his widow survived him for more than two years, being past eighty-three years of age at the time of her death on July 5, 1873. They were the parents of eight children, of whom six grew to maturity, Jonathan, Mrs. Elizabeth Conklin, Mrs. Lucinda Painter, Allen, David and Mrs. Mary Wav.

David Faulkner, son of Thomas and Mary (McGuire) Faulkner, was

born in 1816 and grew up on the home place in Caesarscreek township, receiving his schooling in the little log school house of that neighborhood. He remained at home until after his marriage when he began farming on his own account, locating on a farm in the woods on the Hussey pike, near where his son Samuel now lives, and afterward occupied one or two other farms in that vicinity until presently he bought the farm now owned by his son Samuel and there established his home, he and his wife spending the rest of their lives there. David Faulkner was a Republican and served as township trustee and a school director. He died at the age of seventy-six years and his widow survived him for some years, being eighty-four years of age at the time of her death. They were members of the Methodist church at Paintersville. Late in life David Faulkner became affiliated with the Prohibition party and was an active worker in the cause of temperance. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, namely: Mary, who is living in Caesarscreek township, widow of Francis Linkhart; Harvey C., farming a part of the old home place, and who has been twice married, his first wife having been Sarah Elizabeth Haines and his second, Cora Smith; Caroline, also living in Caesarscreek township, widow of Joseph DeVoe, and a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume; Samuel P., the immediate subject of this sketch; Elijah B., now living at South Carrollton; Harriet Ann, who married Thomas Linkhart and is now deceased, and Elizabeth, now living at Xenia and who has been twice married, her first husband having been Zimri Haines and her second, John Anderson.

Samuel P. Faulkner, son of David and Emily Jane Faulkner, was born in Caesarscreek township on January 12, 1847, and was educated in the neighborhood schools. He grew up a practical farmer, and has always followed that vocation, though in recent years he has been living practically retired from active labor, turning the management of the farm over to his son Luther, who is married and continues to make his home there. Mr. Faulkner remained with his parents after his marriage, caring for them in their declining years, and has been a resident of the farm on which he is living for more than fifty years. He has a valuable farm of one hundred and ninety-six acres and in addition to his general farming he has always given considerable attention to the raising of live stock. He is a Republican and has held some township offices. He is a member of the Methodist Protestant church at Paintersville, and has ever taken a proper part in church work, as did his faithful wife and helpmate who died more than two years ago and who was held in high esteem in the community in which she spent all her life.

In August, 1876, Samuel P. Faulkner was united in marriage to Martha

Painter, who was born on the old Painter homestead in the Paintersville neighborhood in Caesarscreek township and who died at her home in that same township in September, 1915, being fifty-seven years of age. She was a daughter of David and Mary (Frazer) Painter, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families. The Painters have been represented in Greene county for more than one hundred years, the first of the name here being David and Patsey (Faulkner) Painter, who came from Virginia into Ohio with a party of other Quaker families in the spring of 1802 and located in what is now the vicinity of Waynesville, in the county of Warren. Coming up thence into Greene county, they settled on a farm about a half mile north of where the village of Paintersville later arose and there established their home. There David Painter developed a farm and became a man of influence in his community, and there he and his wife spent their last days. They had four children, Hannah, Jesse, Thomas and Jacob. Jesse Painter laid out the townsite of Paintersville on the old home farm. He also spent the rest of his life on the old home place, his death occurring there on September 12, 1867. He had married Elizabeth Smith and to that union were born nine children, Rachel, David, Samuel, Martha, Mordecai, Rebecca, Theresa, Joseph and Hannah. David Painter, named in honor of his pioneer grandfather, grew up on the home farm and became in time a farmer on his own account, after his marriage to Mary Frazer establishing his home on a farm in that neighborhood. He died there in 1863, at the age of forty-five years, and his widow survived him for more than thirty years, she being seventy-seven years of age at the time of her death in 1897. They were the parents of eight children, Deborah S., who married Mordecai Walker; Berthena, who married William Davis; Lydia, who died unmarried; Jesse S., who became a substantial farmer, continuing his residence on the old home place; Mary Frances, who married David Parlott; Moses F., who moved to Indiana; Martha, who married Samuel P. Faulkner, and David, who established his home in Spring Valley township.

To Samuel P. and Martha (Painter) Faulkner were born three children, namely: Luther D. Faulkner, now managing his father's home farm, making his home there, who married Grace Ary, also a member of one of Greene county's pioneer families, and has four children, Delma, Charles, Ronald and Raymond; Minnie, who married Thomas Jones, a machinist, who is operating a garage at Paintersville, making his home at the Faulkner home, and has three children, Verna, Helen and Glenn, and Minnie, who married William Smith, a farmer living in the Mt. Tabor neighborhood, and has four children, Marvin, Harold, Florence and Darcy.

SOLON CARROLL.

Solon Carroll, a veteran of the Civil War and for many years actively engaged as a millwright and carpenter, and living retired in Spring Valley township, this county, has lived in this state all his life. He was born in Belmont county on May 25, 1838, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Carroll, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania and who became early settlers in Belmont county, this state. Joseph Carroll was a nailmaker by trade and also a landowner and farmer. He and his wife were Quakers. Upon leaving Belmont county they went to Indiana and after three years there returned to Ohio and for a time were residents of Clinton county, later moving to Highland county, where their last days were spent. They were the parents of ten children, three of whom are still living, Solon Carroll having a brother, Joseph Carroll, and a sister, Rebecca, wife of Dr. Robert P. Murray, of Zanesville, in Wells county, Indiana.

In 1843 Joseph Carroll moved with his family to Indiana and settled at Hartford City, then a mere hamlet, Solon Carroll being then but five years of age. They returned to Ohio three years later and he grew up on a farm five miles west of Wilmington, in Clinton county, in the schools of which neighborhood he received his schooling, and was living there when the Civil War broke out. On July 31, 1861, he enlisted for service in behalf of the cause of the Union and went to the front as a member of Company H, Thirty-ninth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until his return home on August 28, 1864. Mr. Carroll participated in many of the important engagements and battles of the war. Mr. Carroll had many narrow escapes, but got back without having suffered any serious wounds. As a young man he had learned the trade of millwright and carpenter and upon his return to Clinton county at the conclusion of his military service he resumed this vocation and did work all over this section of the state, including work for I. M. Barrett, of the Spring Valley mills, four years for the Great Western Powder Company and for some years was employed as foreman of bridge construction for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In 1907 Mr. Carroll retired from active labor and has since been living retired at his home in the vicinity of the delightful village of Spring Valley.

Mr. Carroll has been twice married. In 1865, in Clinton county, he was united in marriage to Deborah Peebles, who was born in St. George county, Virginia, and who when a girl had come with her parents to Ohio, the family settling in Clinton county. To that union were born three children, Warren, a traveling salesman, now living at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Clarence, who died at the age of thirty-two years, and William, who is the

foreman of a tool-making establishment at Dayton. The mother of these sons died in Dayton and on July 11, 1898, Mr. Carroll married Ella McClement, who was born in Philadelphia, daughter of Thomas and Catherine McClement, the former of whom was born in Scotland, who later became residents of Dayton, where their last days were spent. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Carroll is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic at Spring Valley.

WINFIELD SCOTT RITENOUR, M. D.

Dr. Winfield Scott Ritenour, a progressive young physician at Xenia, where he also is actively connected with the staff of the McClellan Hospital, was born at Grape Grove, in Ross township, July 17, 1890, son of Melvin D. and Anna M. (Brock) Ritenour, both of whom were members of old families here.

Melvin D. Ritenour was born in Ross township, in 1851, a son of Daniel P. Ritenour and wife, the former of whom came to Greene county with three brothers in 1848 and settled in Ross township, where he became a substantial farmer. He and his wife were members of the Christian church. Their son, Melvin D. Ritenour, became a farmer and dealer in live stock, establishing his home on a farm in Ross township after his marriage. He was a Democrat and he and his wife were members of the Christian church. There were five children born to them, of whom Doctor Ritenour was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: T. P., principal of the high school at Whitehouse, Lucas county, this state; Charles N., a farmer, living in the vicinity of Jeffersonville, Fayette county; Myrtle, born in 1886, who died in 1907, and Coleman Younger Ritenour, a farmer, living at Jamestown, this county. Melvin D. Ritenour died in January, 1916, and his widow is still living, now making her home, as noted above, at Jamestown. She was born, Anna M. Brock, in Ross township, this county, daughter of Francis Asbury and Lovisa (Kelly) Brock, the former of whom also was born in this county and the latter in the neighboring county of Clark, daughter of Stewart and Elizabeth (Driscoll) Kelly, and a first cousin of Oliver S. Kelly, one of the most noted of the early manufacturers of the city of Springfield; Stewart Kelly, a son of James and Catherine (Stewart) Kelly, natives of Scotland and the former of whom was a soldier of the patriot army during the War of the Revolution.

James Kelly, maternal great-great-grandfather of Doctor Ritenour, was born in Scotland in 1752 and there lived until young manhood, when he and his brother John came to the American colonies and located in Virginia, where he was living when the struggle of the colonies for independence broke out.

James Kelly joined the Continental army and served valiantly in that behalf. During the historic winter of 1777-78 he was with Washington's army at Valley Forge and while there his face and ears were so badly frozen that the fleshy portions sloughed off. During one of his engagements with the British a musket ball took off the end of his nose. Upon the completion of his military service he located in Monongalia county, in what is now West Virginia, and there in 1784 married Catherine Stewart, a native of Scotland, born in 1764. In 1793 they and their five children moved from there to Kentucky and settled in the vicinity of Flemingsburg, Fleming county, where they remained for fifteen years, during which time seven more children were born to them. In 1808 James Kelly moved with his family up into Ohio, leaving behind three of his older children, Rachel, Joseph and Samuel, and settled at Springfield. Three years later, in 1811, he bought a farm four miles south of Springfield, in what then was Greene county, now a part of Clark county, and there established his home. Four of James Kelly's sons, Joseph, Thomas, John and Nathan, took part in the War of 1812. Stewart Kelly, the seventh son, was born on June 13, 1801, in Fleming county, Kentucky, and was seven years of age when he came up here into Ohio with his parents in 1808. He early learned the trade of cooper and followed the same all his life. On March 13, 1825, Stewart Kelly married Elizabeth Driscoll and to that union were born two children, Lovisa, maternal grandmother of Doctor Ritenour, and Eliza Jane, who married Henry Boyles and died in 1893. Lovisa Kelly married Francis Asbury Brock, a farmer of the Gladstone neighborhood, in Ross township, this county, and to that union were born six children, namely: Sarah, who married W. D. Thomas; Anna M., mother of Doctor Ritenour; Mollie, who married G. L. Green; John, who married Rebecca Clemans; Ella, who married Smiley Thomas, and Flora, who married J. C. Ritenour.

Reared on the home farm in Ross township, Winfield Scott Ritenour received his early training in the schools of that township. He early began teaching school and for seven years was thus engaged, teaching five terms in one school and two terms in another, both in his home township. During the latter part of this period of service he took summer school work at Wittenberg College at Springfield and in the Normal School at Lebanon, in the meantime devoting such leisure as he could command to the study of medicine, and in 1907 entered Starling Medical College at Columbus, being graduated from that institution in 1911. For a year after receiving his diploma Doctor Ritenour served as an interne in the Protestant Hospital at Columbus, his attention during that time being given particularly to surgical cases, and at the end of that period of service he returned to Greene county and opened an office at Bellbrook, where he was engaged in practice until 1915, in which year he moved to Xenia and there became associated

with Dr. Benjamin R. McClellan in the latter's hospital work, and has ever since been connected with the McClellan Hospital, at the same time carrying on a general practice. Doctor Ritenour is a member of the Greene County Medical Society, of which he was vice-president in 1915 and president in 1916; a member of the Second District Medical Association, of the Ohio State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association. During his course in college the Doctor was for two years secretary of the Alpha Mu Pi Omega (medical) fraternity. He is a Democrat, has twice been the nominee of his party for coroner of Greene county and for four years (1903-07) during the time of his residence in Ross township served as clerk of that township. Since 1913 he has been a member of the Greene county pension board, under appointment of President Wilson, and is the present secretary of that board. Upon the creation of the medical boards in connection with the selective draft for the new National Army in the early summer of 1917 Doctor Ritenour was appointed a member of the board for Greene county and is now serving in that capacity.

On November 27, 1912, Dr. Winfield S. Ritenour was united in marriage to Grace Turner, who was born at Bellbrook, this county, daughter of John S. and Martha (Cunningham) Turner, both of whom are still living at Bellbrook, where the former is engaged in the mercantile business, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Scott Turner Ritenour, born on January 12, 1914.

FRANK TOWNSLEY.

The first persons who established themselves and families permanently in Cedarville township were two brothers, John and Thomas Townsley, who emigrated from Kentucky and came here in 1801. They located on the banks of Massies creek, having previously bought there about a thousand acres of land, and there established their homes, building the first habitations erected by white men in what later came to be organized as Cedarville township, and in the summer of that year harvested the first crop that had been raised by white men in that region. John Townsley was the father of eight children and Thomas Townsley was the father of five children, and from this pioneer stock has sprung one of the most numerous families in this section of Ohio.

Frank Townsley, of Cedarville township, one of the best-known representatives of the old pioneer family in the present generation, was born in that township, on a portion of the old original Townsley homestead tract, May 4, 1867, a son of James and Clarissa (Harper) Townsley. The Harpers also were prominently represented here since the early days of the settle-

ment of Greene county. James Townsley in time became a substantial farmer on his own account, for more than fifty years the owner of the farm now owned by his son Frank, and also did a considerable business in the buying and selling of live stock. James Townsley died at his home in Cedarville township in 1910, being in the eighty-second year of his age. He had become a Republican upon the organization of that party and ever remained loyal to its principles. Of the old Seceder stock, he became affiliated with the United Presbyterian church after the "union" of 1858 and ever took an active interest in the affairs of his church.

James Townsley was twice married. His first wife, Clarissa Harper, died in 1868 and he afterward married Hester Barber, also a member of one of Greene county's pioneer families. To James and Clarissa (Harper) Townsley were born seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last-born, the others being the following: John, who died in September, 1917, and a memorial sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume; Elizabeth, who died in 1914, wife of John Owens; Delilah, wife of J. O. Spahr, of Jamestown, this county; Emma, wife of J. M. Harper, of Dayton; Jennie E., wife of O. A. Spahr, of Xenia, and Robert S., a retired farmer, now living at Cedarville.

Frank Townsley was but a year old when his mother died. He grew up on the home farm, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools, and has always lived on the place on which he was born, having established his home there after his marriage. Mr. Townsley has ever given particular attention to live stock and as a live-stock dealer is well known throughout this part of the state. Mr. Townsley now owns the old home place, a valuable tract of four hundred and forty-two acres, and has made many substantial improvements thereon. Politically, he is a Republican, as was his father.

On October 4, 1888, at Cedarville, Frank Townsley was united in marriage to Effie Fields, daughter of John A. and Savilla (Haverstick) Fields, the latter of whom is still living, now making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Townsley. John A. Fields, who died at his home in Cedarville on November 6, 1917, was born in the vicinity of Xenia, as was his wife, and for some time after his marriage continued to make his home in the Xenia neighborhood. He then moved to Cedarville, where he became engaged in the hotel and livery and where he spent the rest of his life. To him and his wife were born two children, Mrs. Townsley having had a brother, Fred Fields, who died in 1891.

To Frank and Effie (Fields) Townsley four children have been born, namely: Carrie, who married R. S. Bull, a well-known young farmer of Cedarville township, and has one child, a son, Ralph E.; Ralph, who on

December 29, 1917, was united in marriage to Matilda Crouse and who continues to make his home on the home place, and Pearl and Hester, both of whom also are at home. The Townsleys are members of the United Presbyterian church at Cedarville.

PAUL D. ESPEY, M. D.

Paul Denton Espey, one of the best-known among the younger physicians of Greene county, the proprietor of a well-appointed private hospital in North Detroit street, Xenia, is a native of the Hoosier state. He has been a resident of Ohio ever since he entered upon the practice of his profession, and of Xenia since 1915. He was born in Rising Sun, Indiana, son of Frank and Charity (Cunningham) Espey, both natives of that same state, who are still living at Rising Sun, where the former is engaged in the mercantile business, for years one of the leading merchants of that city.

The Espeys, who are of an old Colonial family, have been honorably represented at Rising Sun from the very beginning of that interesting old town down on the Ohio river. The first of the Espey name to come to this country was a North of Ireland man, of Presbyterian stock, the great-great-grandfather of Doctor Espey, who came to the colonies some little time before the opening of the War for Independence and who took an active part in that war. He married an orphan girl, the sole survivor of a village which had been cruelly massacred by Indians, and who had been adopted and reared by a family of the name of Hemphill. A son of this union was one of the first settlers in the Rising Sun settlement and was one of the founders of the Presbyterian church there, and a deacon in the same. The eldest son of each succeeding generation of the family has been an elder in that old church, the position now being occupied by Doctor Espey's father. Frank Espey is also an ardent Republican and has for years taken an active interest in political affairs in his home community. He and his wife have three children, of whom Doctor Espey is the eldest, the others being Dr. Hugh Stewart Espey, a dentist at Gary, Indiana, and Phoebe, wife of Henry Johnson, of Los Angeles, California.

Doctor Espey has received admirable scholastic training for the exacting profession to which he early devoted his life. Upon completing the course in the high school at Rising Sun, he entered Indiana State University at Bloomington, and after three years of study there entered the Medical School of the University of Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in 1905. Upon receiving his diploma, Doctor Espey was appointed an interne for Christ Hospital at Cincinnati and after eighteen months of very valuable practical experience in that institution located at Fort William, in Clinton county, this



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state. Here he opened an office and continued actively engaged in the practice of his profession until 1915, in which year he took a special course in surgery at the Post-Graduate Hospital in New York City. Having determined upon a change in the field of his practice, upon completing his course Doctor Espey moved to Xenia, where he since has been engaged in practice. Upon his arrival in Xenia the Doctor located in the old Doctor Wilson residence in North Detroit street, a very favorable location, and there opened a private hospital, which he has since very successfully maintained. Though the doctor specializes in surgery, he also has built up on extensive general practice and has made hosts of friends during the comparatively short time he has been a resident of Xenia. Doctor Espey is a member of the Greene County Medical Society, a member of the Ohio State Medical Society, a member of the American Medical Association and a member of the Clinical Congress of Surgeons and in the affairs and deliberations of these learned bodies takes a warm interest. Politically, he is a Republican, and, fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodges of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America.

On June 26, 1909, Dr. Paul D. Espey was united in marriage to Elizabeth McConnell, who was born at Danville, Kentucky, daughter of Angerau and Caroline (Calvert) McConnell, the latter of whom is still living at that place. To this union two children have been born, sons both, Hugh Stewart, born in 1912, and John McConnell, in 1916. Doctor and Mrs. Espey are members of the Presbyterian church and take a proper interest in the various beneficences of the same, the Doctor being a member of the diaconate. They also take an interested part in the general good works and social and cultural activities of the city in which they live.

DAVID E. PAULLIN.

David E. Paullin, owner of a well-kept farm of nearly one hundred acres three and one-half miles east of Jamestown, was born at Grape Grove, Ross township, on January 16, 1864, son of Thomas Jefferson and Ella (Van Gundy) Paullin, the former of whom was born in that same township, a son of David and Susan (Smith) Paullin, reference to whom is made elsewhere in this volume. David Paullin was the seventh in order of birth of the nine children born to the pioneers, Uriah and Rebecca Paullin, natives of New Jersey, who became residents of Greene county in 1807.

Thomas Jefferson Paullin was the second son of David and Susan (Smith) Paullin, who were the parents of eleven children. He was reared on the home farm in Ross township and in his young manhood spent a

year in Pennsylvania, where he met and married Ella Van Gundy. After his marriage he located on a farm a half a mile south of Grape Grove, in his home township, and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring when he was sixty-two years of age. His widow is now living at Jamestown in the eighty-first year of her age. Thomas J. Paullin was not only a good farmer, but he was for years known as one of the leading stockmen in his part of the county. He was a Republican and for some time served as trustee of his home township. By religious persuasion he became affiliated with the Seventh Day Adventists church. He and his wife were the parents of two sons, the subject of this sketch having a brother, E. G. Paullin, owner of the old home place in Ross township, who married Jennie Davis and lived on the home place until his retirement from the farm in 1915 and removal to Jamestown, where he is now living.

David E. Paullin was reared on the home farm in Ross township, receiving his schooling in the Grape Grove school, and remained at home until his marriage in 1892, after which he began farming on his own account. In 1895 he bought the farm on which he is now living in Silvercreek township, ninety-seven acres of the old Dawson tract, and has since made his home there. Politically, he is a Republican and he and his family are members of the Friends church at Jamestown and take an interested part in the various beneficences of the same.

In 1892 David E. Paullin was united in marriage to Della M. Robinson, of Silvercreek township, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Lelia Blanche, who was graduated from the Jamestown high school and is now a student at Wilmington College. Mrs. Paullin is a daughter of the late James F. Robinson, former trustee of Silvercreek township, who died at his home in that township in the spring of 1900 and a memorial sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Paullin's mother is still living, now a resident of Jamestown. She was born in Silvercreek township, Ann Eliza Moorman, daughter of Reuben and Susan (Sharp) Moorman, the former of whom was a son of the pioneer Micajah Moorman, a Virginian and a Quaker, who came to this county in the first decade of the past century and became one of the influential factors in the development of the Silver creek neighborhood. James F. and Ann E. (Moorman) Robinson were the parents of eight children, of whom Mrs. Paullin was the third in order of birth, the others being the following: Alma, who died in the days of her girlhood; Frank, who married Elizabeth Highland and is now living at Chicago; Charles A., who is farming the old home place in Silvercreek township; Reuben W., who married Bessie McCrught and is living at Jamestown; Bertha, who died in 1894 at the age of nineteen years; Sarah Blanche, who died at the age of four years, and Mary, wife of Ross Mendenhall, of Akron, this state.

LUTHER DEAN CHITTY.

Luther Dean Chitty, who is operating the fine farm of his father-in-law, George Perrill, on the Columbus pike in Xenia township, was born on a farm in Jefferson township on October 1, 1875, son of Cargill and Rebecca Ann (Osborn) Chitty, the latter of whom also was born in this county and is still living here, now making her home in the pleasant village of Bowersville.

Cargill Chitty was born in the state of Virginia and was orphaned when a child. As a young man he left his native state and came over into Ohio, taking employment on farms in this county. He later became engaged in the drug business in the village of Bloomington, in the neighboring county of Clinton, and later returned to Greene county and bought a farm of one hundred and five acres in Jefferson township where he established his home and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there in 1880, he then being forty-nine years of age. During the progress of the Civil War Cargill Chitty volunteered his services in behalf of the Union cause, but on account of having suffered a broken leg while hauling logs not long before, his services were declined. He was a Democrat and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, all of whom are living save one, Lee Chitty, who went to Portland, Oregon, and there spent his last days, the others besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: Kirk, who is engaged in the real-estate business at Muncie, Indiana; John, a farmer, of Jefferson township, this county; Frank, now living at Los Angeles, California; Claude, of Dayton, this state; Mary, wife of Alvin Zoarman, a farmer of Jefferson township, this county; Rose, wife of Doctor Marchant, of Millersville, this state, and Violet, a graduate nurse, now connected with the McClellan Hospital at Xenia.

Luther D. Chitty was reared on the home farm in Jefferson township and received his early schooling in the neighborhood schools, remaining there until his mother moved with her family to Valparaiso, Indiana, in order to secure there the advantages of education for her children offered by Valparaiso University, making her home there for five years. During that period Luther D. Chitty completed his schooling in the university and upon the return of the family to this county he assumed the management of his mother's farm and was thus engaged until his marriage in 1900, after which he began farming the farm owned by his father-in-law, George Perrill, now a member of the board of county commissioners, in that same township, remaining there until 1911, when he moved to Mr. Perrill's home farm of two hundred and seventy-eight acres in Xenia township and has

since been farming the same, Mr. Perrill making his home with him and his wife. Mr. Chitty is a Republican.

In 1900, Luther D. Chitty was united in marriage to Edith Perrill, who also was born in Jefferson township, this county, daughter of George M. and Elizabeth (Vanniman) Perrill, both of whom also were born in this state, the former in the neighborhood of what is now Milledgeville, in the neighboring county of Fayette, son of John and Margaret J. (Sparks) Perrill, and the latter, at Bowersville, in Greene county, daughter of Stephen and Rebecca Jane (Early) Vanniman. Mr. and Mrs. Chitty have four children, namely: Donald, born on September 25, 1901, who is now a student in the Xenia high school; Hugh, May 19, 1905; George, April 4, 1906, and Robert, June 3, 1907.

ADDISON D. SMITH.

Addison D. Smith, one of the best-known young farmers of New Jasper township, was born in that township on a farm a mile and a half east of the village of New Jasper on April 29, 1871, son of James Marion and Eliza (Huston) Smith, the latter of whom is still living there. James Marion Smith, a veteran of the Civil War, who died in 1911, was for years regarded as one of the most substantial farmers of the New Jasper neighborhood and elsewhere in this volume there will be found in detail a history of his family.

Reared on the home farm, Addison D. Smith received his schooling in the Schooley district school. After his marriage in 1895 he continued to make his home there, he and his brother Alva operating the farm in partnership, the place then consisting of three hundred acres. There Addison D. Smith continued to make his home until 1904, in which year he bought the farm of one hundred acres in New Jasper township that formerly belonged to his maternal grandfather, William S. Huston, moved to that place and has ever since resided there. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Smith has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock. He is also the owner of sixty-eight acres of his father's old place east of New Jasper and of the Griffith Sutton farm of sixty-seven acres just west of the village.

On October 23, 1895, Addison D. Smith was united in marriage to Sadie Fields, who also was born in New Jasper township, daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Peerman) Fields, who at the time of her birth were living on a farm in the northeast corner of the township and the former of whom is now living retired in the village of Jamestown. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at New Jasper, Mr. Smith being a member of the present board of stewards of the church.

JAMES ALBERT MERCER.

James Albert Mercer, mayor of Jamestown and owner of a fine farm in Ross township, was born on the farm which he now owns, in Ross township, June 21, 1861, son of William and Nancy (Skeen) Mercer, the former of whom was born on that same farm on September 22, 1835, a son of John Mercer and wife, who came to this county from Virginia and established their home in Ross township, developing there the farm now owned by Mayor Mercer.

William Mercer grew up on the farm on which he was born and in time became the owner of the same. He married Nancy Skeen, who was born in Highland county, this state, October 23, 1839, and after his marriage established his home on the old place, which he continued successfully to operate until his retirement from the farm and removal to Jamestown in 1883. For fifteen years after his removal to Jamestown William Mercer served there as justice of the peace and became a man of influence in the village. His last days were spent there, his death occurring in 1913. He and his wife were the parents of three children, Mayor Mercer having two sisters, Hattie Belle, born on May 3, 1865, who married William Watson, now president of the Farmers Bank of Manchester, this state, and Emma Della, July 30, 1867, wife of E. S. Fishback, a commercial traveler, now living at East Orange, New Jersey.

James A. Mercer grew to manhood on the farm on which he was born in Ross township and upon completing his schooling became actively engaged in farming there. After his marriage in the spring of 1884 he established his home on the home place and continued to operate the same, eventually becoming the owner of the farm, until his retirement in February, 1917, and removal to Jamestown, where he now resides and of which village he is the chief executive. Not long after he had taken up his residence in Jamestown Mr. Mercer was appointed justice of the peace and in the fall of 1917 was elected mayor of the town, the nomination coming to him without solicitation on his part. During the time of his residence in Ross township Mr. Mercer was for years director of schools in the home district and for six years served as township trustee. Mr. Mercer continues to own the ancestral farm in Ross township, and the same is now being operated by his son-in-law, George Ensign.

On April 4, 1884, James A. Mercer was united in marriage to Fannie Turner, who was born in Silvercreek township, this county, daughter of Jacob and Minerva (Wood) Turner, both of whom also were born in this county, and who were the parents of three children, Mrs. Mercer having had two brothers, Albert, who died when six years of age, and Charles Turner, who is now living at Cedarville. Mr. and Mrs. Mercer have two daughters,

Mary E., born on March 15, 1885, who married George Ensign, who is operating Mr. Mercer's farm in Ross township, and has one child, a son, Roger Albert, born on April 26, 1911; and Lena Belle, October 15, 1888, who married Clarence Mott and is living on a farm in the vicinity of Cedarville. Mr. and Mrs. Mercer are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Jamestown.

ALBERT E. BALES.

Albert E. Bales, one of New Jasper township's well-known farmers, was born in that township on August 16, 1869, son of Jacob and Matilda (Lucas) Bales, the former of whom was born in that same township, a son of John Bales, a soldier of the War of 1812, who was the son of Elisha and Rebecca Bales, Pennsylvania Quakers, who had come to Ohio with their family in 1806 and had settled in Greene county.

Elisha Bales, the pioneer, was born in Pennsylvania and was there reared in the faith of the Friends and to the life of a farmer. He married in that state and a few years later moved to Virginia, where he remained until 1806, in which year he came with his family to Ohio and established his home on a tract of land five miles southeast of the then village of Xenia, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Upon coming here Elisha Bales bought two sections of land in the old Military tract on what is now known as the Hook road in Caesarscreek township, paying for the same one dollar and twenty-five cents an acre, and with the assistance of his sons cut a farm out of the timber land and created a good piece of property. He and his wife were the parents of four sons, John, Jacob, Elisha and Jonathan, and two daughters, all of whom lived to maturity and reared families of their own.

John Bales was born in Pennsylvania on March 6, 1879, and came with his parents, Elisha and Rebecca Bales, to Greene county in 1806. He helped develop the pioneer home farm in Caesarscreek township and became a substantial farmer and landowner. During the War of 1812 he served as a member of the company of Capt. Joseph Lucas and upon the completion of that service resumed farming. In his home township he married Sarah Lucas, who was born at Maysville, Kentucky, in 1795, and who had come up into the valley of the Little Miami with her parents, John and Frances (Rains) Lucas, the family settling in Caesarscreek township, this county. Her uncle, Simon Rains, also a pioneer of this county, was a soldier of the War of 1812, serving in the company of Capt. Zach. Ferguson. John Lucas and his wife both lived to be past eighty years of age, the former dying in 1851 and his widow surviving him for some years. John Bales was a Democrat.

and served for fifteen years as justice of the peace and was his party's nominee for a seat in the state Legislature. He became the owner of two hundred acres of fine land along the waters of Caesars creek and on that farm spent his last days, his death occurring there on March 11, 1864. His widow survived him for more than ten years, her death occurring on June 8, 1874. They were the parents of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, and all of these sons were for some time engaged in school teaching.

Jacob Bales, son of John and Sarah (Lucas) Bales, was born on the old home farm on the Hook road in 1838 and there grew to manhood. He early became a school teacher, receiving for that service during the short winter terms the wages of eight dollars a month. He was thirteen years of age when his father died and upon attaining his majority he came into possession of sixty acres of the home estate, on which he established his home after his marriage and there spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on August 20, 1873, he then being but thirty-five years of age. His widow later married George Golder, but this second union was without issue. She lived until February 26, 1883. She was born, Matilda Lucas, in Virginia, in 1839, daughter of Basil Lucas and wife, who came to Greene county in 1843 and established their home on a farm east of Xenia. To Jacob and Matilda (Lucas) Bales were born two sons, the subject of this sketch having had a brother, John W. Bales, born on December 3, 1865, who died on May 31, 1881.

Albert E. Bales was but four years of age when his father died in 1873 and he was fifteen when his mother died. Thereafter he made his home with his uncle, Elisha Bales, completing his schooling in the neighborhood schools. Upon attaining his majority he entered upon his inheritance in his father's farm and after his marriage the year following established his home on that place and there continued to reside until 1907, when he sold that farm and bought the Shook farm of one hundred and fifteen acres on the Hook road in New Jasper township, where he ever since has made his home. Politically, he is a Democrat, as were his father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He is a member of the local lodge of the Woodmen at New Jasper.

On October 2, 1891, Albert E. Bales was united in marriage to Mattie L. Whittington, who was born in Virginia, daughter of John R. and Margaret Whittington, who are now living retired at Greenville, this state. To this union three children have been born, namely: Ray, now living at Hamilton, Ohio, and who married Martha Jane Harnes and has three children; Ruth, a graduate nurse, who follows her profession in this county, and Bernice, who was born in 1909.

REV. JOHN P. WILLIAMS.

The Rev. John P. Williams, a retired minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, now living at Yellow Springs, is a native of England, born in the city of London, on October 8, 1851, son of Christopher Robert and Mary M. (Nimann) Williams, both of whom also were of English birth. He received his early schooling in a private school at Greenwich, in the vicinity of London. When sixteen years of age he became attracted by the possibilities then awaiting the gold miners in faraway New Zealand and he took a trip there, bent on making his fortune in the mines. For five years, or until he was twenty-one years of age, Mr. Williams continued mining in New Zealand, with more or less success. Mr. Williams had some family connections over in Australia and after having acquired all the experience in gold mining that he cared for he spent a year in Australia visiting these kinsfolks. He then sailed for Cape Town, Africa, and for a year or more visited there, at the same time investigating South Africa far up into the interior. He then returned to his old home in England and after a year there went to France, from which country he presently came to the United States, arriving at the port of New York when about twenty-three years of age. From there he went to Chicago and not long afterward in that city became interested in contract work and for some time was thus engaged there, employing a considerable force of men. In the meantime Mr. Williams had been seriously turning his thoughts in the direction of the gospel ministry and after a while began preaching. Though reared in the established church of England, his personal interest was manifested in the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church and when about twenty-six years of age he was licensed to preach by the Chicago conference of that church and for twenty years thereafter was actively engaged in the ministry of that church, his various appointments eventually bringing him to Ohio, his last definite official charge having been at Middletown, this state. He retired from the ministry while stationed there, about 1880, and then moved to Xenia, from which city shortly afterward he moved to Yellow Springs, attracted to the natural beauty of the place and its desirability as a place of residence, and has ever since resided there. Though retired from the active ministry, Mr. Williams has continued active in platform work and is widely known as a lecturer, his illustrated lectures, particularly, having won for him a very gratifying reputation as a platform entertainer.

At Guilford, in Dearborn county, Indiana, the Rev. John P. Williams was united in marriage to Anna R. Hansell, daughter of Robert and Catherine (Roberts) Hansell, of that place, the former of whom was born in England and the latter in the state of Maine, and who were the parents of six children, those besides Mrs. Williams having been Theodore, Grant

(deceased), Mary, Harriet and Abbie. Mrs. Williamson died on June 23, 1915, and is buried at beautiful Glen Forest cemetery at Yellow Springs. Mr. Williams has three daughters, Florence M., who has charge of the music department of Antioch College; Bessie Victoria, who married Prof. F. H. Young, of Cedarville, now a teacher in the Zanesville high school, and has three children, Paul R., Faith and Donald; and Marguerite Mae, who is a teacher of music in Antioch College and otherwise busied in the activities of that institution.

PIERRE W. DRAKE.

Pierre W. Drake, senior member of the firm of Drake & Van Kirk, dealers in lumber and coal at Yellow Springs, was born in the neighboring county of Clark on January 6, 1877, son of William W. and Bethany (Taylor) Drake, the former of whom also was born in that county, in 1830, of pioneer parentage. Bethany Taylor was born in Indiana, in 1830, but was reared in Clark county in the family in which Samuel Shallenbarger, afterward congressman from this district, was reared. William W. Drake, a well-to-do farmer in Clark county, was married in 1857. Both he and his wife are now deceased. They were the parents of six children, those besides the subject of this sketch being as follow: George, formerly and for years engaged in the lumber and saw-mill business at Yellow Springs, now living retired in that city; Ruthetta, wife of William M. Wilson, a farmer and stockman, now living at Alberta, Canada; Oliver, who established his home on the old home farm in Clark county after his marriage and who spent his last days there, his death occurring in 1917; Ralph, who is married and is living on a farm in Clark county, and Elmer, also married and living on a Clark county farm.

Reared on the home farm in Clark county, Pierre W. Drake remained there until he was twenty-one years of age, meanwhile completing his educational course in Wittenberg College at Springfield and at Antioch College, Yellow Springs. Upon leaving college he became engaged with his brother George in the lumber business at Yellow Springs. Two years later he went to West Virginia and was there engaged in the lumber business, in the employ of a Philadelphia concern. After being thus connected for a couple of years he returned to Yellow Springs, in 1906, and formed a partnership with his brother George in the lumber and milling business there, and this mutually agreeable arrangement continued until 1910, when George Drake retired from business and his brother Pierre bought his interest in the concern and continued the business under the name of P. W. Drake. In 1916 Mr. Drake bought the coal business which had been for years conducted at Yellow Springs by S. S. Johnson, added the same to his

lumber establishment and has since been operating the two in connection. In 1917 he admitted Lawson Van Kirk to partnership in his business and the same is now carried on under the firm name of Drake & Van Kirk.

On June 12, 1906, Pierre W. Drake was united in marriage to Georgia Black, who was born in this county, daughter of Prof. G. D. Black, president of Antioch College, and to this union one child has been born, Virginia. They are members of the Presbyterian church. Politically, Mr. Drake is a Republican and, fraternally, is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons at Yellow Springs.

ADELBERT N. VANDEMAN, M. D.

Dr. Adelbert N. Vandeman, who early in 1917 moved from Milledgeville, Fayette county, and located in the pleasant village of Bellbrook, was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Webster City, Iowa, December 13, 1878, son of S. W. and Elizabeth (Foster) Vandeman, both of whom were born in Adams county, Ohio, and who after their marriage in that county went to Iowa, where they established their home and where they remained for nearly twenty years, at the end of which time they returned to Ohio, bought a farm in Adams county and are still making their residence there. They have had three children, two sons and one daughter, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Lelia, who married Ira Howard and is living in Adams county. Orville, the second son, died in his second year.

Adelbert N. Vandeman spent his early boyhood on the home farm in the vicinity of Webster City, Iowa, where he was born, and was fourteen years of age when his parents returned to Ohio and located in Adams county. Upon completing the course in the Cherry Fork high school, he spent a year in the university at Valparaiso, Indiana, preparatory to taking up formally the study of medicine. In 1905 he entered Starling Medical College at Columbus, from which institution he was graduated in 1909 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. In the fall following the receipt of his diploma Doctor Vandeman opened an office for the practice of his profession at Milledgeville, in Fayette county, and was there engaged in practice until in February, 1917, when he came into Greene county and located at Bellbrook, where he has since been engaged in practice.

On December 26, 1902, Dr. Adelbert N. Vandeman was united in marriage to Lyda Howard, daughter of Cyrus and Margaret (Fenton) Howard, of Adams county, and to this union two children have been born, Howard, born in 1903, and Lawrence, 1910. Mrs. Vandeman has two brothers, Ira A. and Kelly. Doctor and Mrs. Vandeman have a pleasant home at Bellbrook and have made many friends since taking up their residence there.

AMOS S. BULL.

Among that doughty band of Scotch Seceders who came from their first settlement in the Lexington neighborhood of Kentucky in 1810 and formed the first Association congregation in this section of Ohio, were the Bulls, the Gowdys, the Laugheads and the Kyles, whose respective families still form a numerous and influential connection hereabout. About the time of the founding of the Massies creek settlement James Bull married Ann Gowdy and established his home on a considerable tract of land he previously had purchased in this county. Amos S. Bull, one of the sons of this union, grew up there and married a daughter of David M. and Elizabeth (Kyle) Laughead, and the surviving daughters of this union, the Misses Henrietta and Emily Johanna Bull, are still occupying the old home place in Miami township.

Amos S. Bull was born on the old Bull place on Massies creek, January 10, 1820, son of James and Ann (Gowdy) Bull, the former of whom was born in Fauquier county, Virginia, in 1776, a son of William Bull, a soldier in the patriot army during the Revolutionary War and whose death occurred here on October 31, 1811. James Bull was nineteen years of age when he came to Ohio and he lost little time after his arrival here in establishing himself as a landowner, making a purchase at the Dayton land office of a tract of one thousand acres. On November 8, 1804, he was united in marriage to Ann Gowdy, daughter of John and Ann Gowdy, who also had come up here from Kentucky. After his marriage James Bull established his home on the land he had bought from the government and continued the development of the same. During the War of 1812 he served as a soldier, a member of Capt. James Morrow's company. He and his wife reared their family on their pioneer farm and there spent the rest of their lives, James Bull living to the great age of ninety-six years, his death occurring in 1872, and he was buried in the old Massies Creek church yard. He was for years one of the most influential members of the Massies' Creek Associate church, but after the "union" of 1858 he and his family became affiliated with the United Presbyterian church. James Bull and his wife were the parents of eight children, all now deceased, namely: William Hunter, John Gowdy, Susanna, married James Turnbull, Margaret, who married James Hopping, James Law, Robert Scott, Amos S. and Andrew Rankin. They also reared until he was twenty-one years of age, Amos Shaw, son of Mr. Bull's widowed sister, Mrs. Ann Shaw. James Bull also had another sister, Mary, and five brothers, Asaph, John, Thomas, Richard and William.

Amos S. Bull received his early schooling in the primitive neighborhood school and supplemented the same by attendance at the academy which then was being conducted by the ministers at Xenia. He became early recognized as

one of the best-informed men in his community, ever interested in school work and was for years an active member of the local school board. Upon the organization of the Republican party he became affiliated with the same and ever after remained an ardent advocate of the principles of the party. Originally a member of the Associate church, he became a United Presbyterian after the "union" and ever took an earnest interest in church affairs, a member of the session, first of the Associate church and then of the United Presbyterian church, for fifty-one years. After his marriage, in the early forties, Amos S. Bull continued farming a part of his father's old place until 1855, when he bought the place in Miami township where his daughters are now living, and there he and his wife spent their last days, her death occurring in 1872. Mrs. Bull was born in this county, daughter of David Mitchell and Elizabeth (Kyle) Laughead, who were married in this county shortly after they had come here with their respective families from the Lexington settlement in Kentucky in 1803, both the Laugheads and the Kyles, even as the Bulls and the Gowdys, having been among the earliest and most influential pioneer residents of this county. To Amos S. Bull were born two sons and four daughters, James Harvey, Elizabeth Anna, Mary Frances, Henrietta, Emily Johanna and David Loudon, all of whom are now deceased save the Misses Henrietta and Emily Bull, who are still making their home on the old home place in Miami township, rural mail route No. 1 out of Yellow Springs, where they are very pleasantly situated. Amos S. Bull died on August 12, 1902, he then being past eighty-two years of age, and his body was laid beside that of his wife in the Stevenson cemetery on Massies creek.

WILLIAM EDWARD COY.

William Edward Coy, farmer and stockman in Beaver creek township, was born in that township on November 10, 1862, a son of Adam and Sophronia (Crowl) Coy, the former of whom was a son of Jacob Coy, one of the foremost pioneers of that part of Greene county.

Reared on the home farm in Beaver creek township, William E. Coy received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and early took up farming. After his marriage he established his home on a farm and began operations on his own account. He is now the owner of a farm of a fraction more than seventy-eight acres and in addition to his general farming gives considerable attention to the raising of registered Poland China hogs. Mr. Coy is a Republican and he and his family are members of the Reformed church, connected with the Mt. Zion congregation.

On December 25, 1885, William E. Coy was united in marriage to Sarah Black, who also was born in Beaver creek township, daughter of Jonathan

and Ellen (Cosler) Black, the latter of whom is still living, a resident of the Mt. Zion neighborhood. Jonathan Black and wife were the parents of eight children, all of whom save two, Margaret and Susan, are still living, those besides Mrs. Mary Ellen Coy being Samuel, who is living in Sugarcreek township; Duff G., now a resident of the state of Iowa; Effie, wife of David Bates, of Beavercreek township; Bertha, wife of John Shoup, of Beavercreek township, and Anna, wife of Grant Coy, of that same township. Mr. and Mrs. William E. Coy have one son, Russell Coy, born on May 31, 1890, who on January 9, 1911, was united in marriage to Martha Dietz, of Adams county, this state, and has one child, a daughter, Bessie Lucille.

JAMES CROWL.

James Crowl, proprietor of an old-established livery and undertaking establishment at Bellbrook, was born on a farm in Sugarcreek township, not far from Bellbrook, September 18, 1855, son of William H. and Sarah Ann (Berryhill) Crowl, the latter of whom also was born in this county, daughter of William T. and Nancy (Lyle) Berryhill, of Sugarcreek township.

William H. Crowl was born in Pennsylvania and in that state grew to young manhood, later coming to Ohio and locating in Greene county, where he married Sarah Ann Berryhill, a member of one of the old families of Sugarcreek township, and became engaged in farming, a pursuit he followed until his death in 1860, he then being forty-five years of age. His widow survived him for many years, her death occurring in April, 1907, she then being eighty-four years of age. William H. Crowl and wife were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the sixth in order of birth, the others being the following: Henry Lyle, deceased; Horace Rufner, deceased; Oscar Lawson, a resident of Bellbrook; William Rufus, deceased; Alexander Lacey, a resident of Dayton; Anna C., who married George C. Peck and is now living in Missouri; Mary Elizabeth, deceased, and Henry Francis, who is living at Wooster, this state.

James Crowl received his schooling in the Bellbrook schools and as a young man became engaged there in the butcher business, a business he followed until the spring of 1882, when he opened a livery stable at Bellbrook and thus established there a business which he has ever since maintained. In 1896 he bought out the undertaking establishment of W. H. Morris at Bellbrook and has ever since also conducted that business, one of the best-known funeral directors in the county. Mr. Crowl is a Republican and from 1889 to 1897 he served as village constable, from 1890 to 1897 served as trustee of Sugarcreek township and from 1899 to 1910 served as

township treasurer. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias at Cedarville and with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Bellbrook.

On March 20, 1895, James Crowl was united in marriage to Harriet Mason Kemp, of Bellbrook, who died on March 10, 1902. To that union were born four children, Donald Wallace (deceased), Margaret Kendall, Dorothy Louise and Mary Lewis (deceased). Mr. Crowl and his daughters are members of the Presbyterian church.

THOMAS H. TINDALL.

Thomas H. Tindall, train dispatcher at Yellow Springs for the Dayton, Xenia & Springfield Railroad Company, was born on a farm three miles from Clifton, this county, on October 15, 1855, son of Charles and Julia (White) Tindall, the latter of whom was the daughter of the Rev. John White, of Selma, in the neighboring county of Clark.

Charles Tindall was born in the Berkshire country in England and was but a lad when he came to this country with his parents, who came on out to Ohio and settled on what is now called the Tindall lease, the old Taylor tract of one thousand acres in the upper part of this county. Charles Tindall became engaged in farming on his own account and after his marriage established his home on a farm in Miami township, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1899. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, four sons and three daughters, of whom the subject of this biographical sketch was the sixth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Elizabeth, who married John Anderson, a Greene county farmer, and is now living at Springfield, this state; William, who is married and is now engaged in farming in Nebraska; Nancy, deceased; Mrs. Margaret Miller, now a resident of the state of Wisconsin; John, deceased; and Frederick, who is married and lives at Selma.

Thomas H. Tindall was reared on the home farm and received his schooling in the local schools. He early learned the carpenter trade and after his marriage in 1893 established his home at Cedarville, where for twenty years he was engaged as a carpenter and builder, later moving to Yellow Springs, where he became similarly engaged. Meanwhile he had learned the art of telegraphy and in 1917 accepted the position of night dispatcher at the car barns of the Dayton, Xenia & Springfield Railroad Company at Yellow Springs and has since then been thus engaged. Politically, Mr. Tindall is a Republican.

Mr. Tindall has been twice married. In 1893 he was united in marriage to Flora McFarland, who died in 1899, leaving three children, Charles,

now living at Xenia, who married Essie Bridgman and has two children, Thelma and Margaret; Nellie, wife of William Powell, of Cincinnati, and Florence, who is now living at Springfield. On August 19, 1908, Mr. Tindall married Minnie Mound, of this county, daughter of Leonard and Emily (Phillips) Mound, the former of whom was born in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, and the latter, in the state of Virginia, and who were the parents of four children, Mrs. Tindall having one brother, Clarke Mound, and two sisters, Daisy, wife of William Kelly, of Xenia, and Florence, wife of Joseph Pinkham, of Goes Station.

J. NEWTON COY.

J. Newton Coy, proprietor of a farm of eighty-one acres in Beaver-creek township, was born in that township on March 17, 1873, son of Adam and Sophronia (Crowl) Coy, the latter of whom was born in Germany and was but six years of age when she came to this county with her widowed mother. Adam Coy was born in Beaver-creek township in 1834, a son of Jacob Coy. Adam Coy and Sophronia Crowl were married about 1860 and made their home on what is now the Cornelius Zimmerman farm in Beaver-creek township. There they spent the remainder of their lives, her death occurring in May, 1913, and his, in January, 1918. They were the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being Edward, a Beaver-creek township farmer, who married Sarah Black and has one son, Russell, who married Martha Dietz and has a daughter, Lucille; Samuel, who died in infancy; Frank, who died leaving two daughters, Bessie and Anna, and whose widow is still living at Zimmerman; Nettie, who married John Brill, of Beaver-creek township, and has had thirteen children, all of whom are living save one; and Amy, who is living at Zimmerman, widow of Frank Gray, and who is the mother of six children.

J. Newton Coy received his schooling in the local schools and after his marriage in 1895 began farming on his own account. About fifteen years ago he inherited from an uncle the farm on which he is now living and ever since has made his home there. He is a Republican; fraternally, he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and he and his family are members of the Mt. Zion Reformed church.

On August 29, 1895, J. Newton Coy was united in marriage to Cora Zimmerman, who also was born in Beaver-creek township daughter of Cornelius Zimmerman. To this union three children have been born, Roy, Crawford and Dorothy, all of whom are at home.

GEORGE MANN.

Agriculture has been an honorable vocation from the earliest time, and as a usual thing men of humane impulses, as well as those of energy and thrift, have been patrons of husbandry. The free, out-door life of the farm has a decided tendency to foster and develop that independence of mind and self-reliance which characterize true manhood. The name heading this sketch belongs to a gentleman who sprang from good old pioneer stock, and who always displayed the same degrees of energy and worthiness that were ever prominent characteristics of his ancestors.

George A. Mann and his wife, Elizabeth (Palmer) Mann, were of German descent, though natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in 1827, the latter in 1746. In 17— they emigrated to Rockingham county, Virginia, where they remained some years, during which time George A. Mann served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. From that county they went to Nicholas county, Kentucky. They had eight children, John, Peter, Jacob, Henry, George, Elizabeth, Charles and David, the last named of whom was the father of the subject of this memorial sketch. While yet in Kentucky, George A. Mann purchased from his son-in-law, Adam Shillinger, two hundred acres situated on the waters of the South Fork (now Andersons Fork). The consideration was four dollars an acre and the purchase was made for his two youngest children, Charles and David. Early in the month of March, 1801, Charles and David Mann, the former twenty and the latter eighteen years of age, left their father's home in Nicholas county, Kentucky, for the "Territory Northwest of the Ohio" for the purpose of finding and settling on the lands mentioned. They left with the understanding that their father and mother, accompanied by their daughter Elizabeth Shillinger, and her husband, Adam Shillinger, would follow in their trail in the fall of that year or in the spring of 1802. The boys were on horseback and carried with them such articles as were of the utmost importance and at the same time most convenient to carry, such as axes, a few cooking utensils, some provisions and, above all, the constant companion of the early settlers, their guns. At about noon of a day in the latter part of that month they landed at their destination and immediately set to work to prepare some kind of a shelter. They felled some mulberry trees, which they split into slabs, and with these slabs erected a rude structure somewhat similar in pattern to an Indian wigwam. Into this they carried their effects, and in it they spent their first night on the "farm." The morning must have been a dreary one for them, for snow lay deep on the ground. Without doubt, as they looked out upon it and the scene before them, they longed for the pleasant fireside of their father and the warm meal there being prepared by the loved and loving mother. Few boys of this day would care to undergo



George Henry Smith Jay Mann
David Crosby Smith George Mann Sarah George Mann



such hardships; but the day came and went, to be followed in turn by others, until the time arrived when the crop for the coming year must go in the ground. The boys had labored hard, and why not? They were working for a home. The cabin was already up, the land partly cleared and the ground was being prepared as rapidly as possible for the planting. A morning came that caused them to sink temporarily into deepest despondency. They awoke to find that during the darkness of the night their horses had either strayed or were stolen. A decision was soon reached. Charles would go on the hunt for the missing animals. David would remain behind. Hastily bidding each other farewell, they separated; the former on the trail of the horses, the latter to his lonely toil. The day went by; a week followed, and months rolled by before the boys met again. David planted that season three acres of corn, securing seed from a settler named Price, who lived miles away near where Paintersville now stands. Spring passed, summer ended, his crop ripened and was garnered and yet no word from Charles, nor the loved ones from home. But he remained where he was. His nearest neighbors were Aaron Jenkins, Peter Price, and a settler where Waynesville now stands. The latter had a corn cracker that was turned by hand, which he had brought from Virginia. In the fall David would shell a grist of corn, put it in a linen bag which he had brought from home, then throwing it over his shoulder, with his gun in his hand, would trudge through the woods to the settler who owned the corn cracker, and after cracking the corn return home again the same way, a distance of nearly twenty miles. An incident occurred during that summer worthy of mention. One day when the corn was in fine condition for roasting, six big Indians came down the creek and went into the corn patch. Husking off an arm load of ears a piece they carried them down to the banks of the creek where after starting a fire they had a feast. David was a spectator of the scene and while he did not like to see the fruits of his labors going to fill a half dozen lazy savages, he did not say so to them, but allowed them to eat and depart when they were ready.

Charles Mann followed the horses day after day, until he reached the Ohio river opposite Maysville, at which point he learned that animals answering his description had swum the river at that place and had gone in the direction of Nicholas county. He crossed the river and followed on until his father's home was reached, and there he found the objects of his search. On his return home, all thoughts of waiting until spring were abandoned, and preparations were at once begun for an immediate removal to their new home. September found them on their way, and October safely landed in this state. Here they remained; here the boys grew to manhood; here under the sturdy strokes of these brave men grew one of the finest farms in the settlement and here on the 4th day of May, 1821, at

the age of ninety-five years, George A. Mann passed to his rest, to be followed at the age of eighty-four in January, 1839, by Elizabeth, the wife and mother. Thus passed from earth to eternity two of those noble souls who were so largely instrumental in preparing the way for succeeding generations.

David Mann was intensely fond of music and made a violin of a gourd, from whose depths he caused the sweetest strains to flow, whiling away many, many lonesome hours. He would often spend a part of the Sabbath day sitting under the majestic oaks, playing on his gourd violin. One day his only sister, who had settled on an adjoining farm, died; music lost its charm and the old violin the touch of its master. It was many years before he sought his favorite instrument again.

Charles Mann married Lydia, the daughter of Aaron Jenkins, and settled on an adjoining farm. He died on December 24, 1865, aged eighty-three. His wife, Lydia, died on April 5, 1838, aged fifty-two years.

David Mann married Rachel Irvin. They were the parents of eleven children, namely: Elizabeth, Druzilla, Jonas, Alexander, John, Sarah, David, George, Rachel, Joseph and Henry.

Among the stalwart men of a former generation who exerted an excellent influence in the community during the period of the development of Spring Valley township in the vicinity of New Burlington, the late George Mann, son of David and Rachel (Irvin) Mann, who died at his home in that neighborhood in the summer of 1915, will long be held in grateful remembrance there. Mr. Mann was born in that vicinity, a member of one of the real pioneer families and there spent all his life, becoming a substantial farmer and a man of influence in his community; he having developed a fine bit of farm property just north of the village of New Burlington, the place now owned and occupied by his daughter, Mrs. Anna E. Oglesbee.

George Mann was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church. During the greater part of his life he espoused the cause of the Democratic party, but in later years he had turned the influence of his political convictions to the Prohibition party. His wife, who before her marriage was Rachel Kearns and who was born in the vicinity of Newark, this state, died at the age of forty-six years. He survived her for many years and lived to the great age of ninety-two years, his death occurring at his home in Spring Valley township on July 5, 1915.

To George and Rachael (Kearns) Mann were born four children, namely: Anna E., who now owns and is living on her father's old farm in Spring Valley township, the widow of Augustus S. Oglesbee; Emma, who died unmarried; Horace, now a resident of Whittier, California, and Martha D., widow of the late Dr. Raymond W. Smith, of Spring Valley, a

memorial sketch in relation to whom is presented elsewhere in this volume.

Augustus S. Oglesbee, deceased husband of Anna A. (Mann) Oglesbee, was born near Lumberton, Liberty township, Clinton county, Ohio, on March 31, 1856, and died on January 15, 1909. He was a son of Manly and Phenia (Hiatt) Oglesbee, early settlers of Clinton county, and of Quaker descent. Manly Oglesbee had one hundred acres, part in Clinton county and part in Greene county. He had eleven children, of whom Augustus S. was the sixth in order of birth. Augustus S. Oglesbee grew up on the farm and married and bought a farm of one hundred and seventy acres in Clinton county (in Chester township), which is still owned by his widow. There Augustus S. Oglesbee spent the rest of his life. He was a Democrat. He belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church, as does his widow.

After Mr. Oglesbee's death, his widow, in the same year, returned to her father's home in Spring Valley township, this county, to take care of her father. There she lived until her father died and there she continued to reside, the farm belonging to her and her sister, Mrs. Martha D. Smith. Accompanying this sketch is an engraving of the late George Mann and his four grandsons, the only living grandchildren representing the name.

LEONARD C. ADSIT.

Leonard C. Adsit, manager of the extensive plant of the Jamestown Floral Company at Jamestown, this county, was born on a farm in Caesarscreek township, this county, April 3, 1872, son of Silas and Mary (Ford) Adsit, the latter of whom also was born in this county, who are now living retired at Jamestown. Silas Adsit was born in the state of New York, but was but a boy when he came to Greene county with his parents, the family locating here. He was early trained to the carpenter's trade and later became a farmer. For some years he lived in Indiana and then returned to this county and began farming in Caesarscreek township, where he remained until his retirement from the farm. To him and his wife were born five sons, the subject of this sketch having had four brothers, Walter and William, deceased; Louis, who is living at Columbus, this state, and Daniel, living at Jamestown.

Leonard C. Adsit was fifteen years of age when his parents moved from the farm to Jamestown and his schooling was completed in the schools of that place. When seventeen years of age he became employed in a bakery and for six or seven years thereafter followed the trade of a baker. He then became interested in the florist business and at Springfield secured employment in a green house where he became familiar with the business. From

there he went to Columbus and after several years of additional experience in the greenhouses of that city, went to Dayton, where for three years he was connected with the Miami Floral Company, the largest concern of its kind between Chicago and New York City. Thus equipped by the most thorough practical experience, Mr. Adsit returned to Greene county and, in association with his son-in-law, James A. Johnson, bought the greenhouse at Jamestown and reorganized the same, improving and extending the plant and giving it a new start under the name of the Jamestown Floral Company, Mr. Adsit taking the general management of the plant. This plant consists of seven floral houses, all equipped in up-to-date fashion and the company makes a specialty of pot plants, greenhouse stock and cut flowers of all descriptions. Besides the retail field covered by the company, the Jamestown Floral Company does an extensive wholesale business.

In 1898 Leonard C. Adsit was united in marriage to Mary Abbey, who also was born in this county, and to this union two children have been born, Louise, who married James A. Johnson, owner of the greenhouses of which his father-in-law is the manager, and Hannah.

MATHIAS KINNEY.

The late Mathias Kinney, a member of one of the pioneer families of Greene county, was born on what is now known as the Snively place, in this county, July 17, 1817, son of Peter and Jane (Quinn) Kinney, natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in 1787 and the latter in 1790, who became early settlers in this county, where their last days were spent.

Reared on the pioneer farm on which he was born, Mathias Kinney received his schooling in the primitive "subscription" schools of that neighborhood and as a young man took up the trade of carpenter, with particular reference to barn building, and after a while became a contractor on his own account. He also did some farming, having been the owner of a fine little farm lying on the edge of the city of Yellow Springs, and on that place made his home, spending his last days there, his death occurring on October 8, 1891, he then being past seventy-four years of age. Mr. Kinney was one of the charter members of the old Mud Run Presbyterian church, west of Yellow Springs, and was for years a member of the village council.

Mathias Kinney was twice married and by his first wife, Elizabeth Foresman, was the father of eight children. Following the death of the mother of these children he married, May 16, 1867, Sarah E. Applegate, who survives him and who is still living at the old home place at the edge of Yellow Springs, where she has a very pleasant home. Mrs. Kinney also was born in this county and is a member of one of the county's old families.

her parents, Elias and Ann Maria (DeHart) Applegate, having come here from New Jersey in 1832. Elias Applegate was a substantial farmer and he and his wife were the parents of eight children, those besides Mrs. Kinney having been William, Catherine, Mary, Julia, Margaret, Hannah and Howard. To Mathias and Sarah E. (Applegate) Kinney were born three children, namely: Charles, a farmer of the Yellow Springs neighborhood, who is married and has five children; Edmund, an instructor in the agricultural department of the Kentucky State University at Lexington, who is married and has two daughters, and LaBerta, a teacher in the Union school at Yellow Springs. Mrs. Kinney is a member of the Presbyterian church.

PATRICK HENRY ABBEY.

Patrick Henry Abbey, who for more than thirty years was a faithful employe of the great powder-mills plant south of Yellow Springs, but who for the past seven or eight years has been living retired from the active labors of life, is a native of the Emerald Isle, born on March 14, 1842, son of John and Ella (Mooney) Abbey, who were the parents of six children, Ann, Patrick, John, Edward, James and Margaret, all of whom continued to make their home in Ireland save Patrick and his brother John, the latter of whom is now living in Missouri.

When he was fifteen years of age, in 1857, Patrick Henry Abbey made his passage across to the port of New York. He did not find life in the new country agreeable as his youthful dreams had pictured it, but after awhile he found employment in the House of Refuge on Staten Island and there remained until he was about eighteen years of age, when he came to Ohio and after a while became employed in the big King powder-mills in this county. In 1860 Mr. Abbey came to Greene county, his destination being Xenia, and two or three years later, at Xenia, he married Hannah Higginson, who also had come to this country from Ireland. After his marriage Mr. Abbey found employment in various lines in and about Xenia, but presently he returned to his former employment in the powder-mills and there remained more than thirty years, until 1910, when he retired and has since been living quietly at Yellow Springs.

Hannah (Higginson) Abbey died in 1898 and is buried at Yellow Springs. To her union with the subject were born six children, namely: Mary Ellen, who died at the age of two years; Anna, who also died when two years of age; Lizzie, wife of Charles Roemack, of Chicago; Mary, who married Linn Adzet, now living at Springfield, who has one child, a daughter, Louise, who married James Johnson and has a daughter, Hannah; Anna, who also lives in Springfield, widow of William Jolly, and who has a daugh-

ter, Margaret; and Margaret, who married Bird Spriggs, now living at Jamestown, this county, and has one child, a son, Patrick Henry, named in honor of his grandfather. Mr. Abbey is a Democrat with independent leanings and by religious persuasion is a Catholic.

EDWIN J. LAMPERT.

Edwin J. Lampert, manager of the Engle Floral Company at Xenia, was born at Xenia on September 17, 1884, son of James J. and Catherine (Hornick) Lampert, the latter of whom also was born in this county, daughter of John Hornick and wife, who lived in the eastern part of the county.

James J. Lampert was born in Cincinnati and was there for the days of his boyhood trained to the florist business, remaining there until the days of his young manhood when he was put in charge of the greenhouses of the Ohio State Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home at Xenia and took up his residence there. Not long after his arrival here he married and about thirty-five years ago established his home on North King street, where he started a floral establishment of his own and developed an extensive business in that line. Mr. and Mrs. Lampert are still living at Xenia. They have six children, namely: John, who is unmarried and who is still living at Xenia; William, now living in California, who married Miss Heinz, of St. Louis, and has one child; George and Harry, unmarried, who for the past eight years have been operating a wholesale floral establishment at Xenia, and Helen, unmarried, who continues to make her home with her parents in Xenia.

Edwin J. Lampert was reared at Xenia and received his schooling in the schools of that city. From the days of his boyhood he was carefully trained in the florist business of his father, and after his marriage in 1910 continuing his interest in the business, but presently moved to 221 Dayton avenue, where he now has an extensive and thriving florist business, operating the same under the name of the Engle Floral Company. Mr. Lampert's greenhouses are operated in strictly up-to-date fashion and during the time he has been engaged in business there he has developed a trade that covers a wide territory hereabout.

On August 17, 1910, Edwin J. Lampert was united in marriage to Nellie Hamma, of the Yellow Springs neighborhood, daughter of Elmer A. and Harriet (Gowdy) Hamma, both of whom were born in this county. To this union one child has been born, a daughter, Martha Helen, born on October 24, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Lampert are members of the Catholic church.

GEORGE A. CARLISLE.

George A. Carlisle, a well-known retired hay dealer living at Yellow Springs, was born on a farm in Miami township, this county, June 29, 1840, son of Jehu and Hettie (Batchelor) Carlisle, the former of whom came to this county from Virginia in the days of his youth, married here and here spent the rest of his life, living to the age of eighty-three years. Jehu Carlisle was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, in 1816, and there remained until 1836, when he came over into this part of Ohio and settled in Greene county. After his marriage he established his home on a farm in Miami township, where he lived until his retirement from the farm and removal to Yellow Springs, where he died twenty years later. His widow survived him for some little time. She was born on what is now the site of the Old Folks Home at Yellow Springs in the spring of 1816, daughter of Robert Batchelor and wife, who had come here from Pennsylvania and were among the first settlers in the vicinity of the medicinal springs around which the village of Yellow Springs later grew up. Jehu Carlisle and his wife were the parents of nine children, namely: Robert B., deceased; George A., the immediate subject of this sketch; John, deceased; James, deceased; Julia, wife of Henry Confer, of Selma, in Clark county; Mrs. Margaret Muskman, deceased; Towne, a retired lumberman, of Yellow Springs, and a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume; William, also a resident of Greene county, and Jessie, who married Lincoln Harner and is now deceased.

George A. Carlisle received his schooling in the Yellow Springs schools and from the days of his boyhood was accustomed to work. During the progress of the Civil War he enlisted, in 1864, and went to the front as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was later transferred to Company K of the One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Regiment, with which he served until the close of the war. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Carlisle became engaged in the garden-truck business, dealing between Springfield and Cedarville, and later became engaged in business at Yellow Springs for thirty-seven years previous to his retirement in 1892. Since his retirement he has continued to make his home in Yellow Springs, where he is very comfortably situated. Mr. Carlisle is a Democrat, with independent leanings.

On September 17, 1861, George A. Carlisle was united in marriage to Margaret Kiser, who also was born in this county, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Ellis) Kiser, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in the state of Maryland, who were the parents of eight children, of whom Mrs. Carlisle was the third in order of birth, the others being

as follow: Caroline, who is now living in Dayton, widow of David Shrodes; Henry, deceased; Sarah, wife of Benjamin Sidenstick, of Yellow Springs; John, deceased; Anna, widow of John Shrodes; Helen, deceased, and William, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle have one son, Frank Carlisle, born in 1862, now living at Springfield, who married Sallie Jacoby and has four children, James Albert, Hester, Bertha and Mary. Hester Carlisle married Dennis C. Riser and has two children, Ben Wilson and James Gale, great-grandsons of the subject of this sketch and his wife.

THOMAS A. DONLEY.

Thomas A. Donley, of Yellow Springs, was born here on May 8, 1872, a son of Michael and Anna (Maylan) Donley, the former of whom was born in this state and the latter in Ireland and the latter of whom is still living, continuing to make her home in Yellow Springs, where she was married in 1866 and where her husband died in the fall of 1914.

Michael Donley was born at Sandusky, this state, October 10, 1838, and was twelve years of age when his parents, both of whom were born in Ireland, moved from Sandusky to Yellow Springs. He completed his schooling at Yellow Springs and early became connected with the building trades and was one of those who helped to erect Antioch College. In April, 1861, Michael Donley went to the front with the first troops sent from this part of Ohio, thus becoming a participant in the first battle of Bull Run. Upon the expiration of his original enlistment he re-enlisted and served until the close of the war, taking part in some of the important engagements of the Civil War. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Donley returned to Yellow Springs, resumed his work as a builder, married in 1866, established his home there and became one of the leading building contractors and stone masons hereabout, continuing engaged in that line the rest of his active life. He died at Yellow Springs on October 10, 1914, and his widow is still living there. To Michael Donley and wife were born twelve children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth. Of these children, the first three, Ellen, Stephen and William, are now deceased; Anna married Harry Fochler and is living at Dayton; Frank, unmarried, also is a resident of Dayton; Katherine married Joseph Hackett and is living on a farm in the Clifton neighborhood; Edward, unmarried; James, also unmarried; Howard, married, is living at Xenia, and John and Nellie are deceased.

Reared at Yellow Springs, Thomas A. Donley received his schooling there and early became familiar with the general details of the stonemason's trade. Upon arriving at man's estate he became engaged as a contractor

on his own account and since that time has carried out building contracts in almost all parts of Ohio. Mr. Donley has for years made a specialty of ornamental stone work, with particular reference to boulder mantels and the like, and has done considerable work of that character at Springfield. One of the most notable examples of his craftsmanship in this line is the ornamental entrance to the Kelly farm north of Yellow Springs. In 1903 Mr. Donley served as street commissioner and for two years, 1906-07, served as marshal of the town. In 1911 Mr. Donley was elected mayor of Yellow Springs and by successive re-elections served in that important executive capacity for four years. On November 6, 1917, he again was elected mayor of Yellow Springs, for a term of two years, and is now serving in that administrative capacity.

On June 12, 1900, Thomas A. Donley was united in marriage to Anna Fisher, who also was born at Yellow Springs, daughter of John and Catherine (Slate) Fisher, and to this union nine children have been born, namely: George, now (1917) sixteen years of age, who is a student in the high school; Thomas, fifteen; Charles, thirteen, also in the high school; Lillian, eleven; Anna, ten; Nellie, eight; Margaret, seven; John, who died in infancy, and James, two. The Donleys are members of the Catholic church.

THOMAS J. KOOGLER.

Thomas J. Koogler, proprietor of a seventy-acre farm in Beaver creek township, was born in that township on June 11, 1845, son of Solomon and Catherine (Jones) Koogler, the latter of whom was born in February, 1803, and died on January 31, 1856. Solomon Koogler also was born in Beaver creek township, February 26, 1812, and spent all his life in his home township, becoming the owner of a farm of one hundred and forty acres there, besides one hundred and twenty-five acres in Miami township. His death occurred on April 25, 1902. He and his wife were the parents of four sons, the subject of this sketch having one brother living, John H. Koogler, of Beaver creek township, and two, George W. and Jacob, deceased.

Thomas J. Koogler received his schooling in the "Big Woods" school in Beaver creek township and after his marriage, when twenty-two years of age, began farming on his own account and has ever since been thus engaged. He has given considerable attention to the raising of Poland China hogs. Mr. Koogler is an independent voter. Years ago he rendered service for some time as school director in his home district.

On July 4, 1867, Thomas J. Koogler was united in marriage to Sarah J. Westfall, who also was born in this county and who died on June 9, 1917, and to that union were born nine children, the first-born of whom died in infancy, the others being the following: Frank W., who is living

in Beaver creek township; Harlan, who remains on the home farm; Anna E., deceased; Julia C., at home; Susan, wife of Lincoln Harner, of Byron; Mary E., wife of Howard Carlisle, of Yellow Springs; Martha, at home, and Effie, wife of Thomas Moore, of Newport, Kentucky.

CLYDE WILSON ANDERSON.

Clyde Wilson Anderson, a well-known and successful building contractor of Xenia, was born on a farm three miles south of that city on December 10, 1888, a son of Horace and Ida May (Wilson) Anderson, the former of whom, still living, was born on that same farm and the latter, in the state of Indiana. Horace Anderson was reared on the old home place south of Xenia, where he was born and his schooling was completed in the old Xenia College. In 1887 he married Ida May Wilson, who was born in Indiana about 1869 and who had come to Greene county not long before her marriage. Horace Anderson had, from the days of his youth, been engaged more or less at work at the carpenter trade, in addition to his farming operations, and in 1896 entered into the general building contracting business, in which he is still engaged. He is a member of the school board in his district. He has been twice married. To the first union were born three children, two sons and a daughter, the latter of whom died in infancy, and the subject of this sketch has a brother, Earl, born on August 4, 1891, who married Golda LeValley and is engaged in farming two and one-half miles south of Spring Valley. The mother of these children died in 1905 and Horace Anderson later married Miss Wolf, to which second union has been born one child, a daughter, Lucile.

Reared on the home farm south of town, Clyde W. Anderson received his early schooling in the district school in that neighborhood, and supplemented the same by a course in the Xenia high school, which he entered in 1909. As a boy he had learned the carpenter's trade and after leaving school he became employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, running from Cleveland to Pittsburgh, a year or two later returning to Xenia. About that time his health began to fail and in the hope of finding relief by a change of climate he went to Medford, Oregon, where he became engaged at farming and carpentering and where he remained for a year, at the end of which time he returned to Ohio and took up his residence at Xenia and has ever since made his home there, engaged as a building contractor, and has been quite successful in that line.

On November 17, 1912, Clyde W. Anderson was united in marriage to Elizabeth McKay Finlay, who was born in Dundee, Scotland, and who was eighteen years of age when she came to this country with her parents,

William and Lillian (McGregor) Finlay, also natives of Scotland, the former born on January 9, 1861, and the latter, April 13, 1862, who are now living at Xenia, where they took up their residence upon their arrival in this country in April, 1904. Mrs. Anderson completed her schooling in the Xenia high school, which she entered in the fall after her arrival there and from which she was graduated in the spring of 1908. She is one of the six children born to her parents, three of whom, Boyd, Lillian and Beatrice, are dead; she having a sister, Pauline, living in Xenia, and a brother, William Finlay, Jr., who is now (1917) connected with the National Army, stationed at Ft. Sheridan. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have two children, Thelma Lillian, born on February 11, 1914, and William Finlay, July 20, 1916. They are members of the United Presbyterian church, and Mr. Anderson is independent in his political views.

GEORGE H. ECKERLE.

George H. Eckerle, proprietor of the "Republican" job-printing plant in Xenia, was born in that city on March 12, 1875, son of Florentine and Catherine (Fey) Eckerle, both of European birth, the former born in the grand duchy of Baden and the latter in Hesse-Darmstadt, who first met in Cincinnati and whose last days were spent in Xenia, where for years Florentine Eckerle was engaged in business on East Main street.

Florentine Eckerle was born in July, 1831, and grew to manhood in his native Baden, where he remained until the year 1859, when he came to this country and was located at Cincinnati and at Memphis, Tennessee, until 1865, in which year he located in Xenia, where he spent the rest of his life, successfully engaged in the retail meat business on East Main street. He died in January, 1907, he then being in the seventy-fifth year of his age. Florentine Eckerle was twice married. His first wife died leaving two children, Anna and Henry. Anna Eckerle married George Toews, of Springfield, this state, and is now dead, as is her husband. They had four children, Christina, William, Fred and Adeline. Henry Eckerle, now deceased, spent all his life in Xenia. Following the death of the mother of these children Florentine Eckerle married Catherine Fey, his deceased wife's sister. She was born in Hesse-Darmstadt in December, 1841, and was about fourteen years of age when she came to this country with her parents in 1855, the family locating in Cincinnati. She predeceased her husband about nine years, her death occurring at her home in Xenia in December, 1898. To that union six children were born, those besides the subject of this sketch being Adaline, John N., Mary, Bertha and Ben F., the latter of whom is a city mail carrier and one of the best-known citizens of Xenia. Adaline Eckerle

married John G. Leis, a farmer, of Darke county, this state. To this union have been born six children, Louis, Lottie, Gertrude, Joseph, John, Jr., and Thelma (deceased). John N. Eckerle, who was an expert poultry and egg man, died in 1917. He married Anna Layton, of Greensburg, Indiana, and had two children, Florentine and John, Jr. Mary Eckerle married J. J. Molitor, a millwright, of Xenia, and has four children, Bertha, Florentine, Mary and Dorothy. Bertha Eckerle died at her home in Xenia in 1899.

Reared in Xenia, the city of his birth, George H. Eckerle received his early schooling there and was graduated from the Xenia high school in 1892, after which he entered Kenyon College at Gambier, this state, and was graduated from that institution, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, in 1896. Following his graduation Mr. Eckerle was appointed to the important position of assistant principal of the high school at Jamestown, and served in that capacity for four terms, leaving there in June, 1900, to accept the position of superintendent of the schools of Sugarcreek township, which position he occupied for two years, at the end of which time, in 1902, he was appointed superintendent of the schools at Bowersville and in that capacity rendered further excellent service in behalf of the schools of this county for two years. In December, 1904, he was engaged to fill out an unexpired term in the office of superintendent of schools of Fairfield and during the winter of 1905-06 was again engaged at Jamestown, superintendent of the schools of that village. Mr. Eckerle then turned his attention to the newspaper field and, in association with W. O. Custis, bought the *Greene County Press* and continued engaged in the management of that paper for two years, at the end of which time he disposed of his interests to *The Horse Journal* and in January, 1909, went to Richmond, Indiana, where for two years he was engaged in the advertising business, representing various foreign advertisers in behalf of country newspapers. In 1911 he returned to Xenia and became engaged in the advertising department of the *Daily Gazette*, later becoming connected with the *Republican*, as advertising manager of the latter newspaper, and so continued until the consolidation of the *Republican* with the *Gazette* in 1915, when he took over the considerable job-printing business which had been built up in connection with the publication of the *Republican* and has since been successfully engaged in the job-printing business in Xenia.

On September 12, 1900, at Jamestown, George H. Eckerle was united in marriage to Edna Thuma, daughter of John and Virginia (Clark) Thuma, who are still living in that pleasant village, of which they have been residents for years, John Thuma being engaged in the lumber and planing-mill business there. Mr. and Mrs. Thuma, both of whom were born in the vicinity of Mt. Salem, Virginia, have three children, Mrs. Eckerle having a brother,

Ernest Thuma, of Jamestown, and a sister, Mrs. Mabel Reeves. Mr. and Mrs. Eckerle have two children, Catherine, born on October 1, 1903, and Clarke, September 1, 1905. They are members of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church at Xenia and Mr. Eckerle is the superintendent of the Sunday school of the same. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons.

FRANK L. JOHNSON.

Frank L. Johnson, one of the most successful young lawyers in Xenia, was born in the village of Degraff, in Logan county, September 23, 1885, son of W. C. and Mary (O'Neal) Johnson, both of whom also were born in this state, the former in the neighboring county of Clinton and the latter in Greene county, and the former of whom was for years engaged in the mercantile business at Degraff, remaining there until his retirement from business and removal to Bellefontaine, where his last days were spent.

W. C. Johnson was born at Port William, in Clinton county, in 1839, a member of one of the old families there, his father and mother both having been born and reared in that county. He was one of four sons born to his parents, all of whom are now deceased, the others having been Frank, Oswald and Marion. Reared at Port William, he received his schooling there and early learned the details of the grocery business, presently going to Degraff, where he opened a grocery store and where, after his marriage, he established his home, continuing in business there all the rest of his active life. Upon his retirement from business he moved to Bellefontaine, where he died in 1906, his widow surviving him. She was born, Mary O'Neal, at Fairfield, in this county, daughter of Thomas O'Neal and wife, the former of whom also was born in this county, his parents having come here from their native Ireland, and who was a building contractor. Thomas O'Neal was twice married, by his first marriage having been the father of six children, those besides Mrs. Johnson having been Thomas (deceased), Frank (deceased), William, Alice and Charles, and by his second marriage, two children, Russell and Carrie. W. C. Johnson and Mary O'Neal were married at Degraff and were the parents of three children.

Frank L. Johnson's youth was spent at Degraff and his early schooling was received in the schools of that village. He later entered the Bellefontaine high school, from which he was graduated in 1906, and during the period of his schooling there took an active interest in school athletics, particularly the football team. In the fall following his graduation from the high school he entered Ohio Northern University at Ada and was graduated from the law department of that institution in 1908, having taken the three-year course in two years, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws. For a year

after receiving his diploma Mr. Johnson continued his law studies, thus gaining a practical insight into practice, and then successfully passed the state examination and was admitted to the bar on December 25, 1909. Upon being admitted to the bar Mr. Johnson engaged in the practice of his profession at Xenia and has ever since been successfully engaged there, being recognized as one of the most capable and energetic young lawyers in the city. In May, 1910, he received the Republican nomination for prosecuting attorney of Greene county and was elected to that office in the ensuing election. In 1912 he was re-elected and in 1914 was again re-elected, thus serving for three terms in that important office, this term of service expiring on January 1, 1917. During the campaign of 1916 Mr. Johnson was a candidate for the office of judge of the probate court, but owing to the confusion created in the minds of the voters by the presence nearer the head of the ticket of the name of another Johnson, a candidate for supreme court honors, was unsuccessful in his race, a sufficient number of votes to have elected him apparently having been diverted by hasty or careless voters to the other Johnson. Mr. Johnson is an ardent Republican and ever since taking up his residence in Xenia has given his earnest attention to the civic affairs of the county and city. By religious persuasion he is a member of the Baptist church.

FELIX P. EYMAN.

Felix P. Eyman, now living comfortably retired in the city of Xenia, was born on a farm over in Delaware county, Indiana, June 27, 1839, a son of George and Hannah (Peterson) Eyman, who later returned to Ohio, where they had been reared and where they were married and here spent the remainder of their lives, useful residents of the New Jasper neighborhood in this county.

George Eyman was born in the neighboring county of Fayette, a son of pioneer parents, and in the early twenties of the past century was married in Greene county to Hannah Peterson, who was born in Hardy county, Virginia, in 1801, and who was thus about eleven years of age when she came to Ohio with her parents in 1812, the family settling in Greene county. Not long after his marriage in this county George Eyman moved over into Indiana and after farming for some time in Delaware county, that state, returned to Ohio with his family and settled in this county, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were earnest members of the German Reformed church and their children were reared in that faith.

Felix P. Eyman was but a child when his parents returned to Ohio from Indiana and located in this county and here he grew to manhood and received his schooling in the New Jasper schools. On October 12, 1861, he

enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union and went to the front as a member of Company A, Seventy-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until the close of the war, being mustered out on May 9, 1865, with the rank of sergeant. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Eyman returned to his home in Greene county and presently became engaged in farming on his own account on a farm on the Wilmington pike. After his marriage in the spring of 1871 established his home there and there continued to reside, successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising, until his retirement from the farm in 1914 and removal to Xenia, where he is now living.

On April 22, 1871, at the residence of the bride's parents in this county, Felix P. Eyman was united in marriage to Mary Elizabeth Peterson, who was born in this county, daughter of Jesse and Eleanor Ann (Weaver) Peterson, both natives of Virginia, the former born in Hardy county, that state, February 28, 1813, and the latter, in Frederick county, April 19, 1817, who were substantial residents of the Caesarscreek neighborhood. Mrs. Eyman is deceased and is buried in Woodland cemetery at Xenia. By her union with Mr. Eyman she was the mother of one child, a son, Charles Edgar, born on June 2, 1876, who died on March 4, 1878, and is buried in the Peterson graveyard in Clinton county, where Mr. Eyman's mother also is buried. Mr. Eyman is a member of the Caesarscreek German Reformed church, as was his wife, and during the many years of his residence in that community was an active worker in the church.

CHARLES BUCK.

Charles Buck, head of the firm of Buck & Son, meat market, Xenia, was born in Xenia in 1865 and has lived there all his life. Thirty years ago he became engaged in the retail meat business in Xenia and has ever since been thus engaged, now having associated with him his eldest son, Edwin Buck, the concern doing business under the firm name of Buck & Son. This firm does an extensive business in its line and is recognized as one of the substantial business concerns of Xenia. Charles Buck is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he and his family are connected with the Reformed church.

Charles Buck married Mary Wolf and has four children, namely: Edwin, who married Hazel Whittington and who, as noted above, is associated with his father in business in Xenia; Earl, who also lives at Xenia; Margaret, who married Edward Lang, of Xenia, and has one child, a daughter, Margaret; and Philip, who is connected with the operations of the firm of Buck & Son at Xenia.

LEWIS R. JONES.

Lewis R. Jones, the proprietor of a fine farm and a comfortable home in Caesarscreek township, was born on a farm one mile north of where he now resides on August 23, 1856, son of John and Sarah (Bales) Jones, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families in New Jasper township, and whose last days were spent here.

John Jones grew up on the parental farm in New Jasper township and was married there, later establishing his home on a farm in Caesarscreek township, the place where the subject of this sketch was born. He developed and improved that place, and there spent the rest of his life. During the earlier days of his manhood John Jones worked for some time as a carpenter and millwright and was one of the best-known men in his community. Politically, he was a Democrat and he and his wife were members of the Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal church. His wife died at the age of sixty-four years and he survived her for some years, living to be seventy-seven years of age. They were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch and his brother, Jacob R. Jones, a farmer in New Jasper township, alone now survive, the others having been William, Alice and Melissa Jane, the latter of whom died in the days of her girlhood.

Reared on the home farm in New Jasper township, Lewis R. Jones received his schooling in the Mt. Tabor school. He remained at home until his marriage, when twenty-five years of age, and after his marriage continued to make his home there, continuing his labors in the cultivation of the home place until he bought the place on which he is now living, the old Edward Powers place of eighty-five acres a mile to the south, and has ever since made his home there. Among the substantial improvements Mr. Jones, after taking possession of the same, erected one of the most comfortable farm houses in that part of the county. Mr. Jones has long given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and has done well. Of late years he has been living practically retired from the active labors of the farm, having turned the management of the place over to his son, John Oscar Jones, who has been giving particular attention to the breeding of fine live stock.

On September 20, 1881, Lewis R. Jones was united in marriage to Emma St. John, who was born in Caesarscreek township, this county, a daughter of John W. and Phoebe Ann (Hiney) St. John, the former of whom is still living in that township and a biographical sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. To this union two children have been born, namely: John Oscar, who married Grace Peterson and, as noted above, is now operating his father's farm in Caesarscreek township, and Alma L., who married J. H. Hollingsworth and died at the age of thirty-one years,

leaving a daughter, Nancy Cleo. The Joneses are members of Mt. Tabor Methodist Episcopal church. In his political views Mr. Jones is inclined to be independent.

ROBERT E. HOLMES.

Robert E. Holmes, one of the colored business men of Xenia, was born at Fincastle, Virginia, December 6, 1863, a son of Alexander and Rebecca (Dillard) Holmes, both of whom were born and held in bondage in that state prior to the Emancipation. Alexander Holmes died in 1876 and his widow survived until 1914, her death occurring at Fincastle, Virginia, she then being past eighty years of age. They were the parents of eight children, one of whom, a daughter, Maria, was given with part of the estate of Robert Harris, upon its division, and was never again seen by her family. The other members of this family, besides the subject of this sketch, follow: James Wendall Holmes, who lives in Boston, Massachusetts; Gertrude, who is the widow of Andrew Scruggs and who now lives with her brother Robert at Xenia; Phyllis, now living at Charleston, West Virginia, widow of John Dehaven; Fannie, unmarried, who lives at Harriman, New Jersey; Eva, deceased, and Virginia, who married Louis Gurdy and is still living at Fincastle, Virginia.

Reared at Fincastle, Robert E. Holmes received his early schooling there and later entered the Central Tennessee College at Nashville, from which he was graduated in 1880. Following his graduation he began teaching school in Tennessee and was presently made the principal of the colored schools at Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, a position he occupied for fifteen years, at the end of which time, in 1902, he came to Ohio and located at Xenia, where he became engaged in the undertaking business in partnership with J. D. Thomas, under the firm name of Holmes & Thomas, which firm also conducted a grocery store at 630 East Main street. In July, 1915, the firm bought another grocery store at 803 East Church street and operated both stores until the death of Mr. Thomas in December, 1916, after which Mr. Holmes merged the two stores and has since been carrying on the business at 803 Church street, where he also has his undertaking establishment. Mr. Holmes is a Republican and when the charter committee was chosen in the spring of 1917 to draft a charter for the city of Xenia with a view to adopting a commission form of government he was made a member of that committee and when that charter was adopted at a subsequent election he announced his candidacy for a place on the prospective city commission.

On March 25, 1897, at Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, Robert E. Holmes was united in marriage to Carrie M. Marshall, who was born and reared at that place, and to this union five children have been born, namely: Robert, who died in infancy; Gertrude, born in 1904, who is now a student in the Xenia

high school; Robert, born in 1908; Thomas, 1911, and Willa, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes are members of Zion Baptist church, of which the former has for years been one of the office bearers, being now treasurer of the church, a member of the diaconate and chairman of the joint board. He is identified with the colored lodges of the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

WILLIAM M. SMITH.

William M. Smith, one of Cedarville township's substantial farmers, was born on the farm on which he now lives, on March 22, 1875, son of Samuel and Esther J. (Cook) Smith, the former of whom was born in that same vicinity, just over the line in Madison township, in the neighboring county of Clark, and the latter near the village of Waynesville, in the county of Warren, neighboring Greene county to the southwest.

Samuel Smith was born on December 31, 1827, a son of Seth and Deborah (Wildman) Smith, pioneers of the Selma neighborhood up in Clark county. Seth Smith was a Virginian, born in Loudoun county, in the Old Dominion, July 11, 1798, and was but two years of age when his parents, Seth Smith and wife, also Virginians, the former of whom was born on May 19, 1761, came to the then Territory of Ohio and settled on a tract of land about a mile from where later came to be established the village of Selma. The elder Seth Smith and his wife were earnest Quakers and were among the original members of the Friends meeting at Selma, and their descendants even to the present generation have ever preserved their birthright in that meeting. The elder Seth Smith created a good piece of farm property there in pioneer days and spent his last days on that farm, his death occurring there on April 1, 1837. On that place his son Seth grew to manhood. After his marriage to Deborah Wildman, who was a member of one of the pioneer Quaker families of that neighborhood, he established his home on a farm in that same vicinity, bordering on the Greene county line, about a mile from Selma, and there developed a fine piece of property. He and his wife were the parents of four children, of whom Samuel Smith, father of the subject of this sketch, was the first-born, the others being Ruth, who became the wife of Samuel Hadley, of Wilmington, county seat of the neighboring county of Clinton; Oliver, who moved from his farm on the line between Clark and Greene counties to Emporia, Kansas, in 1885, and thence, after a while, to Whittier, California, where he spent his last days; and Seth, who came into possession of his grandfather's old home place, but years ago moved to Whittier, California, where he is now living retired.

Reared on the place on which he was born, Samuel Smith was early trained in the ways of practical farming and after his marriage established

his home on that portion of the home farm which extended over the line into Cedarville township, this county, and where in 1874 he erected the substantial brick house in which his son William is now living. After his father's death Samuel Smith inherited that farm and gradually added to the same until he became the owner of a fine place of three hundred and forty-two acres. In addition to his general farming, he was widely known as one of the most successful stockmen in that part of the county. Samuel Smith was a Republican and had rendered public service as a director of schools in his home district. He and his wife were earnest adherents of the Friends meeting at Selma and he was for years an office bearer in the same. His death occurred at his home on February 24, 1901, he then being in the seventy-fourth year of his age. His wife had preceded him to the grave by fifteen years, her death having occurred on September 28, 1885. She was born, Esther J. Cook, in the vicinity of Waynesville, in Warren county, this state, January 24, 1846, daughter of Marcellus and Harriet (Whittaker) Cook, the former of whom was reared in the vicinity of Selma, a birthright member of the Selma meeting of Friends, and whose last days were spent in the vicinity of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he had made his home upon his retirement from his Warren county farm. Marcellus Cook was thrice married and his daughter Esther was one of the children of his first marriage. Samuel Smith and Esther Cook were united in marriage on June 1, 1869, and to that union were born four children, namely: Howard, a well-to-do farmer of the Selma neighborhood; Anna Ethel, who died in her third year; William M., the immediate subject of this biographical sketch, and Edith, wife of G. W. Sharpless, a dairyman, living in the vicinity of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

William M. Smith grew up on the farm on which he is now living and supplemented the schooling received in the Selma schools by attendance for two years at Earlham College, in which institution his brother and his sister also completed their schooling, and after leaving school resumed his place on the farm and gave his serious attention to the further development of the same. Following the death of his father in 1901 he inherited one hundred acres of the farm, including the home place in Cedarville township, and after his marriage in 1904 established his home there. Since coming into his inheritance Mr. Smith has bought seventy-two acres adjoining and has made substantial improvements on his place. In addition to his general farming he feeds about fifty head of cattle and one hundred head of hogs each year.

On September 14, 1904, William M. Smith was united in marriage to Floy McDorman, who also was born in this county, daughter of Allan and Stella (Paullin) McDorman, residents of Ross township and members of the Selma meeting of Friends, and to this union have been born two children, daughters both, Esther, born on January 22, 1907, and Virginia, February

12, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are both birthright members of the Selma meeting of Friends and take an interested part in the good works of the same, Mr. Smith having served as overseer of the meeting.

COL. CHARLES YOUNG, U. S. A.

On the back of the honorable discharge received by Gabriel Young, father of Col. Charles Young, U. S. A., of Wilberforce, upon being mustered out of service at the close of the Civil War, there appears the following: "I take pleasure in recommending to the public at large the within named Gabriel Young. He has served faithfully and honestly, is a good soldier; besides is trustworthy and reliable in every particular and a gentleman, which is indispensable to a thorough soldier. (Signed) Resp^{tly}, Lt.-Col. L. S. Long."

"A good soldier and a gentleman." Surely no higher commendation could be given, and with this as his guide and goal and with the memory of his soldier father as an inspiration Col. Charles Young, the only living colored graduate of the United States Military Academy and the only colored man ever raised to the rank of colonel in the United States regular army, has gone on his way, faithfully and dutifully performing those tasks that were set for him to do until he has gained his present distinctive position in the army he has so long served, bearing modestly the honors he has won—"a good soldier and a gentleman."

Colonel Young is a native of Kentucky, born at Helena, in Mason county, that state, March 12, 1864, son and only child of Gabriel and Arminta (Bruen) Young, both of whom were born in slavery in that same state and the latter of whom is still living. Her mother, Julia Quinn Bruen, was a cousin of Bishop Allen, the founder of the African Methodist Episcopal church in the United States, and was the first colored teacher in Kentucky. On February 13, 1865, Gabriel Young enlisted his services and went to the front as a member of Company F, Fifth Kentucky Heavy Artillery, serving with that command until honorably discharged at Vicksburg on February 12, 1866. Upon the completion of his military service Gabriel Young moved with his little family from Kentucky to Ohio and located at Ripley, in Brown county, where he engaged in the livery business; remaining there until 1884, when he moved to Zanesville, where he was further engaged in the livery business and where he spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there in 1894 at the age of forty-eight years. His widow, who still survives him, is making her home with her son, the Colonel. She is a Baptist, as was her husband. The latter was a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Zanesville. Politically, he was a Republican.

Charles Young was but eighteen months of age when his parents came to this state from Kentucky and he was reared at Ripley, receiving his early schooling in the schools of that place, and was graduated from the high school there in 1881. For three years thereafter he taught school at Ripley, the last year of his service in that connection being as principal of the colored high school, and in 1884 he received his appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, from which institution he was graduated in 1889, and was shortly afterward attached, as second lieutenant, to the Ninth United States Cavalry, then stationed at Ft. Robinson, Nebraska, remaining with that regiment until 1894, in which year he was appointed to take charge of the course in military tactics at Wilberforce University. This was Colonel Young's first introduction to Wilberforce, the place which later was to become his home. In 1897 he was commissioned first lieutenant and when the Spanish-American War broke out he was recalled to active field service and was put in charge of the Ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, continuing thus attached until 1899, when he was ordered to rejoin his old regiment, the Ninth United States Cavalry, in Utah. In 1901 he received his captaincy and his troop saw service in the Philippines during two difficult campaigns, remaining there for eighteen months, at the end of which time, in the latter part of 1902 he was returned to the United States and was located with his regiment at the Presidio, San Francisco. It was while he was stationed at the Presidio that Colonel Young, in 1903, was appointed military attaché to the United States legation in Santo Domingo and Haiti, married and took his departure for his new station in the island republics, where he remained for four years. During his service at Santo Domingo Colonel Young made a map of the island and wrote a monograph on the same for the United States government which are regarded as valuable documents. Upon the completion of his service there he was returned to his old regiment, the Ninth United States Cavalry, and in 1908 was returned to the Philippines as captain commanding a squadron, two troops, of that command, and upon his return with his command in 1909 continued with the regiment and was thus stationed until 1912, in which year he received his second appointment as military attaché in a foreign post, this appointment sending him to the republic of Liberia, on the west coast of Africa, where he remained for four years. During this period he acted as military adviser to the government of Liberia and in that capacity rendered an important service by securing the construction of a lengthy military road from the capital, selecting three American assistants of his own choosing to attend to the details of construction; for this work receiving, in 1917, the Spingarn Medal, the second award of that honor ever conferred. Upon his return to the United States in 1916 he was assigned to the Tenth Cavalry in command

of a squadron of that regiment, with title of major, later raised to the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and with that command served with the punitive expedition sent into Mexico under General Pershing's command, remaining with his regiment until July, 1917, when he returned to his established home at Wilberforce, where he is now (1918) awaiting further orders.

Since his return from Santo Domingo in 1907 Colonel Young has had a residence in the immediate vicinity of Wilberforce, on the Columbus pike out of Xenia. The Colonel has many souvenirs of his travels in his home and can tell some entertaining tales connected with some of them. Besides the official monograph above referred to he has written considerable and his book, "Military Morale of Nations and Races," was regarded as of sufficient technical value as to warrant its publication. Colonel Young also has written some plays, which are still in manuscript, and some music, and is a performer on the pipe organ and piano. In 1903, just prior to his departure for Santo Domingo, Colonel Young was united in marriage to Ada Barr and to this union two children have been born, C. Noel, born in 1907, and Marie A., 1909. By religious persuasion the Colonel is a Universalist. His wife is a Catholic.

CAMPBELL L. MAXWELL.

Among the alumni of Wilberforce University there are many persons who in one and another walk of life have attained honor and fame or who have reflected a more than usual degree of credit upon their *alma mater*, as well as upon the race in whose behalf that institution has for many years exercised so beneficent an influence, but in the whole long roster of this alumni there are few names more widely known than that of Campbell L. Maxwell, of Xenia, a life trustee of Wilberforce University and dean of the law department of that institution, former consul-general to the Republic of Santo Domingo, former city clerk of Xenia and for many years engaged in the practice of law in that city.

Campbell L. Maxwell is a native son of Ohio, born on his father's farm in Fayette county, not far from Edgefield, fifth in order of birth of the eleven children born to Campbell and Henrietta (Hill) Maxwell, both of whom were born in Virginia, but who, soon after their marriage, about 1830, came over into Ohio and settled in Fayette county, where Campbell Maxwell became the owner of a farm near the town of Edgefield, where his wife spent the remainder of her life, he moving to Xenia after his second marriage, where he remained until death. Campbell Maxwell was a son of James Maxwell and wife, both of whom also were born in Virginia and who, not long after their son Campbell came to Ohio joined him and his family and pres-

ently bought a little farm in the vicinity of Plymouth, where their last days were spent. Campbell and Henrietta Maxwell were the parents of eleven children. The mother of these children died in the early '70s and Campbell Maxwell married again, his second wife having been a Mrs. Armstrong, but this second marriage was without issue. He was a member of the African Methodist Episcopal church and both he and the mother of his children were devoted to the proper education and training of those children, the benefits of this training being noted in the after courses of the lives of these children, several of whom besides the subject of this sketch have achieved success in the gospel ministry, in educational circles and in the marts of trade. Joshua C. Maxwell, the eldest son, was for years a grocer in the city of Xenia, where his last days were spent. The Rev. J. P. Maxwell, another son, long a resident of Wilberforce and formerly and for years secretary of Wilberforce University, is now the pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal church at Lancaster, Ohio. Another son, the Rev. George W. Maxwell, also entered the ministry and is now the presiding elder of the Cincinnati district of the African Methodist Episcopal church. He has for years made his home at Xenia. Charles F. Maxwell early became qualified as a teacher and is now connected with the public schools at Spencer, Indiana. John M. Maxwell, another of these sons who turned his attention to teaching was for many years principal of the colored high school at Louisville, Kentucky, where his death occurred several years ago. Daniel S. Maxwell, now deceased, also became a teacher and was connected with the schools of New Albany, Indiana, at the time of his death. There were four sisters in this family. Of these Mary J., widow of Samuel Finley, is now living at Detroit, Michigan. Martha, widow of Thomas Jones, a veteran of the Civil War, is living on her farm in Paulding county, this state. Celia, now deceased, married Charles Uptegrove and lived in Fayette county. Her death occurred in Xenia. Nancy, the only one of these children who did not grow to maturity, died at the age of fourteen years.

Reared on the home farm in the vicinity of Edgefield, Campbell L. Maxwell received his early schooling in the district schools of that neighborhood and when eighteen years of age entered the public schools of Xenia and after a course there entered Wilberforce University, in which institution he completed a special course preparatory to entering the law school of the university, from which latter department he was in due time graduated. Upon receiving his diploma Mr. Maxwell was admitted to the bar of Greene county and also was admitted to practice in the supreme court of the state. Not long after his graduation from the law school Mr. Maxwell married and was about that time appointed principal of the colored schools in the neighboring county seat of Springfield, which position he held for several years, at the end of which time he left the school room and returned to Xenia,

where he opened an office for the practice of his profession. Not long afterward he was elected clerk of the city of Xenia and for six years held that office. During the administration of President Harrison he was appointed American consul to Santo Domingo and with his family moved to that island, where he lived for three years, or until his retirement under the administration of President Cleveland. During the McKinley administration Mr. Maxwell was returned to the island republic of Santo Domingo as United States consul-general and for four years served his government in that important capacity. Upon his retirement from public life he returned to his home in Xenia and has since resided there, continuing the practice of his profession. Mr. Maxwell is a life member of the board of trustees of Wilberforce University and for several years has been dean of the law school of that admirable institution.

In 1873 Campbell L. Maxwell was united in marriage to Mary E. Cousins, who was born in Xenia, daughter of Edward and Catherine Cousins, the latter of whom is still living, and to this union two children have been born, a son and a daughter, Earl F. and Minnie Pearl, the former of whom is associated with his father in the practice of law at Xenia, and the latter, a teacher in the Xenia public schools, at home with her parents. Earl F. Maxwell was graduated from the Xenia high school and early turned his attention to the study of law, later entering Ohio State University and after being graduated from that institution was admitted to the bar and became associated with his father in the practice of his profession at Xenia, under the firm name of Maxwell & Maxwell. He is married, his wife having been Helen Garnes before her marriage. Minnie Pearl Maxwell attended and was graduated in French and Spanish from the Instituto de Senoritas de Santo Domingo during the time of her father's service as consul-general to Santo Domingo and there became proficient in the use of both French and Spanish. She later attended and graduated from Wilberforce University and has for some years been connected with the Xenia schools. The Maxwells are members of St. John's African Methodist Episcopal church at Xenia, in which Mr. Maxwell has for years been an office bearer and is at present a member of the board of trustees of the same. Mr. Maxwell has for years taken an active interest in the affairs of the colored Masonic organization and was for many years secretary of the grand lodge of that order in Ohio. He was at one time affiliated with the blue lodge, the council, the chapter and the commandery at Xenia and has done much to promote the proper development of Masonic principles among the men of his race in this state. Mrs. Maxwell was before and after her marriage a teacher in the public schools and it is to her wise counsel and steadfast devotion that Mr. Maxwell attributes much of his success in life.

GILBERT H. JONES, M. A., PH. D.

Dr. Gilbert H. Jones, dean of the liberal arts department of Wilberforce University and one of the best-known young colored educators in the country, was born at Ft. Mott, in Calhoun county, South Carolina, August 23, 1883, and is a son of Bishop Joshua H. Jones, former president of Wilberforce University and a bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal church since 1912, who is still making his home at Wilberforce, and regarding whom "Who's Who in America" says: "Jones, Joshua H., bishop; *b.* Pine Plains, Lexington Co., S. C., June 15, 1856; *s.* Joseph and Sylvia J.; B.A., Claflin U., S. C., 1885; student Howard U., Washington, D. C.; B.D., Wilberforce (Ohio) U., 1887 (D.D., 1893); *m.* Elizabeth Martin, 1875; *m.* 2d, Augusta E. Clark, of Wilberforce, Nov., 1888. Local preacher A. M. E. Ch. at 18; pastor in S. C., Wheeling, W. Va., Wilberforce, O., Lynn, Mass., Providence, R. I., and Columbus, O.; presiding elder Columbus dist., 1894-9; pastor Zanesville, O., 1899; pres. Wilberforce U., 1900-8; bishop A. M. E. Ch. since 1912. *Home:* Wilberforce, O."

Gilbert H. Jones was but a boy when his parents moved from South Carolina to Providence, Rhode Island, and in that city he received his first public-school training. The family later moved to Columbus, Ohio, and there in 1898, he then being but fifteen years of age, he was graduated from the Central high school. The next year he entered Ohio State University and after three years of study there transferred his attendance to Wilberforce University and was given his Bachelor of Arts degree by that institution in 1902, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree from the same institution in 1903. For three years after his graduation Doctor Jones was employed as principal of the Lincoln high school at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in the meantime pursuing his studies in Dickinson College at that place, and in 1905 received from that institution the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, the same institution two years later conferring upon him the degree of Master of Arts. While at Carlisle he was invited to accept the chair of classic languages in Langston University at Langston, Oklahoma, and after a year of service in that connection decided to finish his studies abroad, and in July, 1907, went to Europe and for two years thereafter was engaged in study in the University of Goetingen, in Berlin, in the University of Leipsic and in the University of Jena, receiving his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the latter institution in 1909. Upon his return to the United States, Doctor Jones was invited to accept the chair of philosophy in St. Augustine Collegiate Institute at Raleigh, South Carolina, and after a year of service there was asked to return to Langston University and resume his former place there as teacher of classic languages. He accepted the invitation and was thus

engaged at Langston for four years, or until 1914, when he was called to accept the position of dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Wilberforce University, which position he has since occupied. Since taking charge of the liberal arts department of the university Doctor Jones has modernized the procedure in that department, has expanded the work to include general biological research, securing for that department an admirably equipped laboratory, and has directed special summer-school work there. The Doctor is a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science and for several years has been working on a couple of books which he will shortly have ready for publication, one relating to the subject of psychology and the other having to do with the principles of teaching.

On June 8, 1910, Dr. Gilbert H. Jones was united in marriage to Rachel Gladys Coverdale, who was born at Germantown, Pennsylvania, and to this union two children have been born, Gladys Havena, born in May, 1911, and Gilbert H., Jr., September 25, 1914. Doctor and Mrs. Jones are members of the African Methodist Episcopal church and the Doctor is the Ohio state superintendent of the Allen Endeavor Society of that church.

WILLIAM SANDERS SCARBOROUGH, M. A., LL. D., PH. D.

SCARBOROUGH, WILLIAM SANDERS, university pres.; *b*, Macon, Ga., Feb. 16, 1852; *s*, Jeremiah and Frances S.; A. B., Oberlin College, 1875, A. M., 1878; Ph. D., Ky. State U., 1892; (LL. D., Liberia Coll. W. Africa, 1882; Ph. D., Morris Brown Coll., Ga., 1908; F. Ph., St. Columba's Coll., Eng., 1909); *m*, Sarah C. Bierce, of Danby, N. Y., August 2, 1881. Prof. classical Greek, Wilberforce U., 1877-01; prof. Hellenistic Greek, Payne Theol. Sem. (Wilberforce U.), 1801-5; prof. classical Greek, v.-p. and head of Classical Dept., 1895-1908, pres. since 1908, Wilberforce U. Exegetical editor of the S. S. publs. A. M. E. Church; del. Ecumenical Meth. Conf., London, 1901; del. Congress of Races, London, Eng., 1911. Mem. Am. Philol. Assn., Archaeol. Inst. America. Modern Lang. Assn. America, Am. Folk-Lore Soc., Am. Dialect Soc., Am. Social Science Assn., Am. Acad. Polit. and Social Science, Royal Soc. of Arts, London. *Author*: First Lessons in Greek, 1881; Theory and Functions of the Thematic Vowel in the Greek Verb; Our Political Status, 1884; Birds of Aristophanes, a Theory of Interpretation, 1886; also many articles on Negro folk-lore, the Negro question, classical, philol. and archaeol. subjects. *Address*: Wilberforce, O.

The above from "Who's Who in America" gives in a nutshell the outstanding facts in the life of Dr. W. S. Scarborough, president of Wilberforce University and for many years one of the most conspicuous figures in the world in the cause of Negro education and uplift. Doctor Scarborough has been a resident of Greene county ever since his call to Wilberforce University as the head of the classical department of that institution in 1877. His early and continuous devotion to the cause of education and his lifelong interest in behalf of the youth of his race have given him a standing in educational circles throughout the country and even in Europe that places him in a high rank among educators. Doctor Scarborough began to attract the attention of the leading educators of the country not long after he became a



W. A. Scarborough



member of the faculty of Wilberforce University, when, in 1881, he published his notable Greek text-book, "First Lessons in Greek," the first and only Greek book ever written by a Negro. So simple and comprehensive were the lessons arranged by the young Negro scholar—for Doctor Scarborough was not thirty years of age at that time—that the text-book attained instant recognition and was widely adopted as one of the most helpful aids to the student of Greek ever written. His utter devotion to the cause of education and his continued and undivided interest in behalf of the youth who came from all parts of the country and even from Europe and Africa to gain the benefit of the advantages offered the race at Wilberforce, naturally kept Doctor Scarborough's influence effective in the institution to which he had early devoted his life and it was regarded as eminently fitting that when the vacancy occurred in the executive chair of that institution in 1908 he was elected to fill the same. It is but proper further to say that the wisdom of this choice has been demonstrated throughout the years that the Doctor has been serving as president of Wilberforce University, for the many notable improvements that have been made in the institution since he took charge as executive head have proved to all concerned that he indeed is "the right man in the right place." Doctor Scarborough's various scholastic activities have been briefly mentioned in the paragraph from "Who's Who in America," quoted above, but those strictly formal items of information barely touch on the greater and wider activities which have marked his loving nurture of the interests of the great institution of learning of which he has been the head since 1908 and to which he has so unselfishly and ungrudgingly devoted his life since his arrival there away back in 1877, when, as a young collegian and with all a collegian's enthusiasm for the work that thus opened before him, he entered upon the labors which have been so wonderfully effective. No written page ever can carry the full story of those activities, for, even as is every proper labor of love, they have been of a character that the written word but coldly and ineffectively delineates. The story of these activities, however, has been written in indelible and imperishable characters upon the hearts of thousands of the youth who have gone in and out before Doctor Scarborough at Wilberforce during the past forty years and are reflected in characters that glow wherever the better elements of a Negro population congregate in this country today. And wherever the wonderful story of the uplift that has marked the progress of the Negro race since the cruel days of slavery is told in this country today there is mentioned the name of Doctor Scarborough; and wherever there are found gathered two or more of those of all those thousands who have benefited by reason of his benevolent instructions, there his name is spoken in loving and grateful remembrance.

A few years ago the university published the following brief biography

of President Scarborough: "William Sanders Scarborough, president of Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio, U. S. A., was born in Macon, Georgia, in 1854. He received his early education in his native city before and during the Civil War. In 1869 he entered Atlanta University, where he spent two years in preparation for Yale University, but entered Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, instead, in 1871, and was graduated from the department of Philosophy and the Arts with the degree of A. B. in 1875. Later he received from his *alma mater* the degree of M. A. He has since been honored by various colleges with the degrees of Ph. D. and LL. D. He spent a part of the year following graduation in Oberlin Theological Seminary in special study of the Semetic languages and Hellenistic Greek.

"In 1877 he was elected head of the classical department in Wilberforce University. In 1881 he published, through A. S. Barnes & Co., a Greek text-book—"First Lessons in Greek"—the first and only Greek book ever written by a Negro. This book was widely used by both white and colored schools of the country, especially in the North. He has also written a treatise entitled 'The Birds of Aristophanes—a Theory of Interpretation'—aside from numerous tracts and pamphlets, covering a variety of subjects, classical, archaeological, sociological and racial. He has written many papers for various societies to which he belongs, especially the Philological Society. In 1891 he was transferred to the chair of Hellenistic Greek in Payne Theological Seminary of Wilberforce University, upon the opening of this school. In 1897 he was again re-elected as professor of Latin and Greek in the university and was made vice-president of the same. In 1908 he was elected president of Wilberforce University, a position which he now holds.

"In 1881 he married Sarah C. Bierce, a lady of high literary attainments, and a writer for many magazines.

"President Scarborough has long been a contributor to the press of his country, including the leading magazines. He has been for many years the exegetical editor of the A. M. E. Church Sunday school publications. He is a member of a number of learned societies: American Philological, American Dialect, American Social Science, Archaeological Institute of America, American Spelling Reform, American Folk-Lore, American Modern Language, American Political and Social Science, the Egyptian Exploration Fund Association, National Geographic Society, American Negro Academy, of which he is first vice-president. He has several times been one of the invited orators at the Lincoln League banquet of the state of Ohio. At a conference of the Negro leaders in Columbus, Ohio, he was elected president of the Afro-American State League, designed to further the interests of the Negro throughout the country. He was appointed by the governor of Ohio a delegate to the national conference in St. Louis in the inter-

est of Negro education. He is the only Negro representative on the board of the Lincoln Memorial Association of Ohio, which is presided over by the governor.

"He has now in press a volume of his work on the race question. He was a delegate to the Ecumenical Methodist Conference held in London in 1901, representing the African Methodist Episcopal church, and was in attendance upon the Universal Race Congress in London, representing Wilberforce University, of which he is president."

PROF. GEORGE THOMPSON SIMPSON.

"If there is such a thing as king of singers, Mr. Simpson is entitled to that honor." When the *Baltimore American* voiced the above sentiment it was not indulging in mere newspaper "puffery." When the *Wheeling Intelligencer*, referring to the same singer, said: "He has a beautiful, pure voice, under rare cultivation, especially sweet and true in the highest notes," that paper was not merely filling space to give a complimentary account of a concert. When the *Pittsburgh Post* referred to the same singer as one "whose vocal possibilities are so favorably compared to those of Campanini," it stated but a fact long recognized by musical critics, and when the *Chillicothe (Ohio) News* referred to the same gifted master of song as "one of the most melodious tenor singers in the world," it voiced the opinion of all who have ever sat under the spell of the wonderful tones of one of the sweetest singers of his race, the man who won a wide reputation as soloist during the world tour of the Fiske Jubilee Singers and who for the past twenty years has been the dean of the department of voice culture and theory of music at Wilberforce University.

George Thompson Simpson was born at Coal Hill, in Muskingum county, Ohio, son of M. M. and Martha (Guy) Simpson, both of whom were born in that same county, the former a son of Turner and Jemima Simpson (freeborn), who came to this state from the neighborhood of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1823 and settled in Muskingum county, leaders of a considerable colony of colored people that made their way into that county in that year and established homes in the then wilderness. Turner Simpson and his wife Jemima started a church and a school there and exerted an influence for good that is still felt in the third and fourth generations of the descendants of those who made up that colony. Turner Simpson was a shoemaker as well as a farmer. He and his wife were the parents of nine children and the descendants of these in the present generation form a numerous connection, many of the name having become well known among the leaders of their race, active as teachers or in the professions.

M. M. Simpson, father of Professor Simpson, grew up in Muskingum county and was trained by his father to be a shoemaker. He married Martha Guy, daughter of Andrew and Mary (Beard) Guy, who had come from Hagarstown, Maryland, into Ohio and had settled in the colored colony in Muskingum county. M. M. Simpson was foreman of the cutting room of the shoe factory of Bethel & Delong for twelve years. In 1870 he moved with his family to Zanesville, Ohio, and went in business for himself. In 1899 he was made head instructor in the shoemaking department of the manual-training section of Wilberforce University and his last days were spent at Wilberforce, his death occurring there on June 18, 1903, he then being seventy-seven years of age. His widow survived him for six years, or until 1909, she also being seventy-seven years of age at the time of her death. They were members of the African Methodist Episcopal church and he was for years a steward in the same. They were the parents of nine children, of whom five are still living. Of these Professor Simpson is the eldest, the others being M. J., residing in Zanesville, this state; Martha, also a resident of Zanesville; Mrs. Nannie A. Luebers, also of Zanesville, and Mrs. William Clark, of Saginaw, Michigan.

George T. Simpson received his early schooling in the schools of Zanesville, and from his father learned the trade of shoemaker. From the days of his boyhood he had taken delight in singing and was encouraged to cultivate this natural gift. In 1887 he entered the Conservatory of Music at Oberlin, working his way through that institution by "sticking to his last." Two years later he entered upon a course of instruction under a special teacher at Cincinnati and for thirteen months was drilled there in voice culture. In the meantime, in 1889, he was engaged as soloist for the Fiske Jubilee Singers and with that organization made a tour of the world, singing in concert in England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Switzerland, Italy, Egypt, Arabia, Ceylon, India, British Burmah, Penang, Singapore, Johore, Borneo, China, Japan, the Philippines and Honolulu, returning by way of San Francisco after a tour of two years. Upon the conclusion of this tour Professor Simpson made an extensive independent concert tour of the United States and Canada, singing in the chief cities of the country. In the meantime he continued his studies, attending summer courses at Northwestern University at Chicago during the years 1903-05 and in the latter year was graduated from the American Institute of Normal Methods as applied to the teaching of music. For two years, 1896-97, he was employed as teacher of singing in Morgan College at Baltimore and in 1898 he was invited to take the place of chief instructor in theory of music and voice culture at Wilberforce University, an invitation he accepted and which position he ever since has occupied, now having about two hundred and fifty pupils in his department. In 1912 and in 1915 he took supplemental summer courses at North-

western University. The Professor has written quite a bit of music and the fifth edition of his adaptation of "Jesus Lover of My Soul," has already sold beyond five thousand copies. He still occasionally responds to demands upon his time for concert work.

Professor Simpson has been twice married. On August 31, 1898, he was united in marriage to Lillian Kelly, of Baltimore, Maryland, who died on August 2, 1899. On October 19, 1912, he married Mary Elizabeth Denham, who was born at Bethel, in Clermont county, this state, daughter of Erasmus and Emma (Brown) Denham, both now deceased. The Professor and his wife own a house just recently completed at Wilberforce. They are members of the local African Methodist Episcopal church and ever since entering upon his professional duties at Wilberforce in 1898 the Professor has had charge of the musical part of the vesper services at the university. He is a member of the colored organization of Masons at Xenia, affiliated with the subordinate lodge, the chapter, the commandery and with the Western Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Springfield, and his wife takes part in the work of the Eastern Star lodge.

CHARLES H. SCOTT.

Charles H. Scott, caterer and manufacturer and distributor of confectionary, ice-cream products and soft drinks and one of the best-known colored residents of the city of Xenia, was born on a farm in Xenia township, not far from the city, a son of John and Julia (Scurry) Scott, natives of Tennessee, who were married in that state and later came up into Ohio, settling in Greene county, where the father became engaged as a farm laborer. John Scott and his wife were the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch having had a sister, Sallie, who died at the age of sixteen years, and they were members of the African Methodist Episcopal church.

Charles H. Scott received about five years of schooling in the public schools as a child and when eleven years of age began making his own way in the world, working at such jobs as his hands could find to do. In 1896 he started in as a porter in the depot restaurant at a wage of three dollars and fifty cents a week and his board and later took charge of the dining room. It was in that same restaurant that Thomas Taggart, former United States senator from Indiana, also worked when a boy. In the year just named Charles H. Scott married and he and his wife decided to start out "on their own" instead of working for others. With this end in view they opened a small ice-cream "parlor," making their own ice cream in a hand-freezer, and it was not long until they found themselves on the way to the creation of a real business in the city of Xenia. In 1900 Mr. Scott located

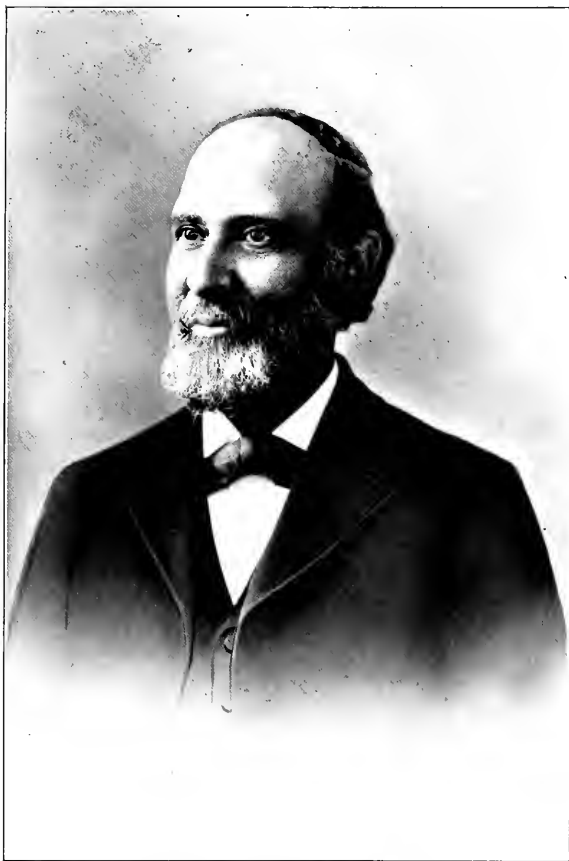
in his present quarters at 412-14 East Main street, rebuilt and remodeled the same, and has ever since been engaged in business there, three auto deliveries now being required to cover the field of trade he has built up. He and his wife also make a specialty of catering to fashionable parties. In addition to his business house and residence in Xenia Mr. Scott owns a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Spring Valley township, besides residence property in the city.

In 1896 Charles H. Scott was united in marriage to Florence E. Russell, who was born in Xenia, daughter of Levi and Ella Russell, both of whom are now deceased, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Gladys, born in 1897, who was graduated from the Central high school at Xenia and is now attending the University of Illinois, where she is taking special courses in household science and in languages and who was the first colored girl ever given a place on the honor list of that university. The Scotts are members of the First African Methodist Episcopal church at Xenia and Mr. Scott is one of the stewards of the same. He is a Republican and, fraternally, is affiliated with the local lodge of colored Masons.

REV. SAMUEL THOMAS MITCHELL, A. M., LL. D.

When the historian of the future comes to make up the record of the growth and development of Wilberforce he will perforce need to reserve space for a review of the life and works of the late Rev. Samuel Thomas Mitchell, who for a period of sixteen years served as president of that institution and who while thus engaged rendered an inestimable service in behalf of the race which he thus so unselfishly, devotedly and ably represented in its highest aspect. Not only was Doctor Mitchell recognized as one of the leading Negro educators of the world, but as a minister of the gospel he took high rank and in the councils of his church was long recognized as one of the foremost figures there, his work as an intellectual and moral educator being so closely interwoven that it was almost impossible to speak of one without the other. Compelled, in June, 1900, on account of failing health, to resign the presidency of the educational institution to which he had so long and so untiringly devoted the best energies of his mind, of his heart and of his body, Doctor Mitchell did not long survive, his death occurring at Wilberforce on April 10, 1901, and his body was laid to rest at Cedarville.

Samuel Thomas Mitchell was born in the city of Toledo, Ohio, September 24, 1851, a son of William and Nancy A. Mitchell, both of whom were born in the state of North Carolina. William Mitchell was a freeman and was on his way from the South to Canada, where he hoped to secure a degree of recognition that was denied him in his native state, but upon



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reaching Toledo found conditions there favorable to his location and he stopped in that city, for several years thereafter being there engaged working at his trade, later moving to Cincinnati and thence to Indiana, where his last days were spent. His widow later became a resident of Wilberforce, keeping house for her sons while they were attending the university, the family occupying the old brick mansion which is now occupied by the students of the theological seminary, and there she spent the remainder of her life. William Mitchell and wife were the parents of ten children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the last-born. The eldest son, the Rev. John G. Mitchell, for years one of the foremost clergymen of the African Methodist Episcopal church, was a graduate of Oberlin College and during the time his brother, Doctor Mitchell, was president of Wilberforce University was dean of the Payne Theological Seminary of that institution, and in his time occupied some of the most influential pastorates in his communion, for some time pastor of a church at Pittsburgh and later, of the Metropolitan church at Washington, D. C.

Having been but a child when his parents moved from Toledo to Cincinnati, Samuel Thomas Mitchell received his first schooling in the public schools of the latter city and was fourteen years of age when in 1865 he accompanied his mother to Wilberforce, where he grew to manhood, a student in the university, from which he was graduated in 1873 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Two years later he was licensed by the African Methodist Episcopal church to preach; in 1881, received from his *alma mater* the degree of Master of Arts, and in 1889 received from the Kentucky State University the degree of Doctor of Laws. Even while pursuing his studies in the university Doctor Mitchell had earned the right to teach and during the closing semesters of his course there was engaged as a teacher in the lower classes. Upon receiving his diploma he was engaged as a teacher in the colored schools at Wilmington, in the neighboring county of Clinton, and was thus engaged for two years, at the end of which time he was called to accept the principalship of Lincoln Institute, a state school for colored pupils at Jefferson City, Missouri. For three years he occupied that position and then returned to Ohio to accept the position of principal of the colored schools at Springfield, which position he occupied for five years, or until 1884, when he was elected president of Wilberforce University and thus entered upon a new period of service in behalf of his beloved *alma mater*. The history of Doctor Mitchell's service as president of Wilberforce does not need to be told here. It is a part of the unchangeable history of the university and is also written on the hearts of that great multitude of students who came under the influence of his personality during the period

of his service there. It is but proper to say, however, that during Doctor Mitchell's presidency Wilberforce witnessed its greatest growth, its capacity being largely increased and the scope of its activities greatly extended. It was during that period that the military department of the university was inaugurated and it was also due to the Doctor's well-directed efforts that the state by legislative enactment inaugurated here the Combined Normal and Industrial Department which has done so much to widen the influence and the efficiency of the university. Doctor Mitchell was an able organizer as well as a ripe scholar. In 1884 he was a delegate to the general conference of his church at Baltimore and was the author of the measure which led to the inauguration of Endowment Day and the effective general educational scheme under which the African Methodist Episcopal church has since carried on its aid to schools. He was for years one of the most active and influential members of the Colored National Teachers Association, president of the same at the time of his death, and during his term of service as principal of Lincoln Institute effected the organization of the Missouri Colored State Teachers Association and was elected first president of the same. During the progress of the Columbian Exposition or World's Fair at Chicago in 1893 Doctor Mitchell was one of the vice-presidents of the educational congress held there and under his direction Wilberforce University was represented at that exposition, at the New Orleans Exposition and at the Paris World's Fair, and received from the Columbian Exposition a special award for excellence of methods.

On June 24, 1876, at Wilberforce, Dr. Samuel Thomas Mitchell was united in marriage to Malvina Fairfax, who was born in Fairfax county, Virginia, daughter of Carson and Ellen (Beckley) Fairfax, the former of whom was a slave, but the latter, a free woman, hence Mrs. Mitchell was born free, as was her husband. Carson Fairfax came to Ohio with his family from Virginia in 1859 and located at Waynesville, in the neighboring county of Warren, later moving to Wilberforce, where he and his wife spent their last days. Their daughter Malvina was but six years of age when they came to this state and here she grew to womanhood, completing her schooling at Wilberforce and afterward engaging in teaching school, continuing thus engaged for six years, two years in Kentucky, two years at Wilmington, this state, and two years at Wilberforce, where she was living at the time of her marriage to the young collegian who afterward became president of Wilberforce University. To that union were born six children, namely: Ethel, who married Cantwell Magee and is now teaching in the state school for colored pupils at Nashville, Tennessee; Charles Sumner, who is engaged in the railroad service, making his home at Cleveland, this state; Pearl, who has but recently finished a supervisor's course in music at Oberlin College;

Bessie, who, following her graduation from Wilberforce University, entered the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute, from which she was graduated, later and for six years was engaged in teaching at Indianapolis and is now living at home with her mother; Samuel, who makes his home at Toledo, Ohio; and Dr. O'Neill Mitchell, who studied dentistry at the Michigan State University at Ann Arbor and at Northwestern University at Chicago, and is now engaged in the practice of his profession at Chicago. After her husband's death Mrs. Mitchell became matron of Shorter Hall, the girls' dormitory at Wilberforce, and when Emery Hall was erected became matron of that new dormitory and so continued until S. T. Mitchell Hall was completed, the same being dedicated to the memory of her late husband, when she was matron of that hall and is still thus engaged. Mrs. Mitchell has done much for the institution to whose interests she has been devoted since the days of her girlhood and whose development she has watched almost from the days of its beginning.

JORDAN ROBB.

Jordan Robb, a retired merchant of Xenia, who is now engaged in truck farming on a tract of land in the corporation limits of that city, is a native of Tennessee, but has been a resident of Xenia since the days of his boyhood. He was born in the hills of eastern Tennessee on March 15, 1855, son of Alfred Robb and his wife Maria, the latter of whom was a light-colored mulatto woman.

Col. Alfred Robb was a native of Tennessee, a typical mountaineer, six feet and four inches in height, who had been admitted to the bar and was just beginning to practice law at Clarksville, Tennessee, when the Civil War broke out. He was commissioned colonel of the Tenth Tennessee Regiment of the Confederate army, known as "the Irish Regiment," and was killed while in command of the same at the battle of Ft. Donnelson in 1862. He was a Catholic and his wife was a Methodist.

Jordan Robb was seven years of age when his father was killed in battle. When his father's estate was adjusted he was sent to Chicago in charge of a freedman named Thornton Johnson, an old servant of the Confederate General Johnson, who had freed him, the old servant being entrusted with the boy's share of the estate with instructions to take care of him until he came to a more understanding age, and the lad lived with Thornton Johnson until he was eleven years of age, when he ran away, leaving whatever money eventually might have come to him, and started out to make his own way in the world, presently making his way to Xenia. When sixteen years of age, a red-headed, ragged, unlettered boy, he came to

the notice of William Reid, uncle of Whitelaw Reid, who was looking for a boy to help about the house and he was taken into the Reid household. This was the turning point in the life of Jordan Robb. The Reids treated him well, gave him right ideas of religion and morality, taught him to read and write and generally put him on the right path, opening the way for a better condition in life than he otherwise might dared to have hoped for. After about three years spent with the Reids he enlisted in the regular army, with a view of becoming a soldier, but six weeks later it was discovered that he was under eighteen years of age when he had enlisted and he was discharged. In the meantime he had been developing a natural taste for mechanics and when he came home from his little jaunt in the army J. B. Fleming employed him in his tanning shop, starting him at a wage of fifty cents a day, and he remained in that shop for eight years. He then entered the employ of the Shawnee Agricultural Machine Company and was for seven years employed there. He then was made mechanical foreman of the Forsythe saw-mill at Xenia and was thus engaged for a year, at the end of which time he bought from C. E. Hall a grocery store on East Church street and, he having meanwhile married, operated the grocery with the help of his wife until the latter died. Mr. Robb continued in the grocery business for thirty years, or until 1915, in which year he sold his store and bought a tract of ten acres within the corporate limits of Xenia, where he has since been engaged in truck-gardening. In 1898 he built a house at 525 East Market street and still lives there. Mr. Robb is a Republican, has served as a member of the county visiting committee and for the past ten years as a member of the Xenia board of health, and in the spring of 1915 was elected one of the members of the committee of fifteen chosen to draft the new city charter, which later was adopted preparatory to the city entering upon a new administrative era under a commission form of government.

Jordan Robb has been twice married. On October 12, 1878, he was united in marriage to Lizzie Collins, who was born in Cincinnati, daughter of James and Nancy Collins, the former of whom also was born in Cincinnati and the latter, in Kentucky, and both of whom spent their last days in Xenia. James Collins was a ship carpenter and was for years employed in the United States navy yards. Mrs. Lizzie Robb died on August 5, 1887, she then being twenty-nine years of age, leaving two daughters, Viola and Elizabeth. On June 27, 1906, Mr. Robb married Laura Virginia Phelps, who also was born in Cincinnati, a daughter of Samuel and Anna Phelps, both now deceased, and who died on January 27, 1915, without issue. Both of Mr. Robb's daughters were graduated from the Xenia high school and the elder, Viola, later was graduated from Drexel Institute in Philadelphia, where she took bookkeeping and millinery. She married Christopher An-

derson and still lives in Xenia. The younger daughter, Margaret, was graduated in dressmaking from the Young Woman's Christian Association School at Cleveland. She married Raymond Borden, who is engaged in the plumbing business in Xenia, and she and her husband make their home with her father on East Market street.

PROF. THOMAS H. JACKSON, D. D.

Prof. Thomas H. Jackson, D. D., chair of introduction and practical theology, Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce University, and a colored writer of more than local note, was born in the City of Brotherly Love, reared in New Orleans and Louisville, early turned his attention to the acquisition of learning, finished his schooling at Wilberforce University, a member of the first class graduated from that institution, became a minister of the African Methodist Episcopal church, later and for years rendered service in the cause of education as president of Shorter College at Little Rock, Arkansas, and in 1912 returned to Wilberforce and has since then continued connected with his *alma mater*, with the faculty of which he had first become connected in 1870, being thus regarded as the oldest member of the faculty in point of service.

Doctor Jackson was born in the city of Philadelphia on March 13, 1844, son of George and Elizabeth (Williams) Jackson, the former of whom was born in Maryland, one generation removed from Africa, and the latter of whom was of Pennsylvania-Dutch extraction, who were the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch having had a sister who died in infancy. George Jackson was a sailor and was lost at sea when his son Thomas was but a baby. His widow survived him many years, her death occurring at the home of her son, Doctor Jackson, at Wilberforce, in 1898, she then being sixty-nine years of age. She had moved from Philadelphia to St. Louis in 1851 and in the latter city married Thomas Lucas, a steward in the river-boat trade, for some time thereafter living in New Orleans and then in East St. Louis and in the city of Louisville. During his residence in the latter city Thomas Lucas was engaged in the river trade on a boat plying between Louisville and Henderson, Kentucky, and while thus engaged met his death while attempting to escape from a band of the Ku Klux Klan which had attacked the boat on which he was serving as steward. He hid himself in the boat's wheelhouse and was struck by one of the wheel's paddles and carried down to his death. It was during the time of the family's residence at New Orleans that young Thomas H. Jackson, then about eight years of age, received his introduction to letters, under the tutorship of a Mr. Lawrence, a kindly white man, who inspired in his breast a desire for further learning.

He also while in that city received some instruction from the Rev. John N. Brown, pastor of a local African Methodist Episcopal church, who later became bishop of the church. When the family moved to Louisville in 1853 young Thomas Jackson received further instruction from William Gibson, who was connected with the African Methodist Episcopal church, and in 1856, when the (white) Methodist Episcopal church opened the school at Xenia which later developed into Wilberforce University he became one of the first students of that Southern school on Northern soil, his first instructor there having been Professor Parker, the second principal of the school, and his second, Dr. Richard S. Rust, later president of the school, and for two terms he pursued his studies in the school to which students by the score had been attracted from the South to the free state of Ohio. He then returned to his home in Louisville and became engaged working on the steamboats plying between Louisville and New Orleans, and was thus engaged until 1864, when, he then being twenty years of age, he re-entered Wilberforce University, which the year before had passed into the possession of and under the control of colored men, and was thus a student there when a year later, on the very day of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, the school building was destroyed by fire. This disaster so seriously interrupted the work of the school that it was not until 1870 that the class of which young Jackson was a member, the first class graduated from Wilberforce, was enabled to complete its course. There were but three members in that class, Doctor Jackson, John T. Jenifer and Isaiah Welsh, the latter of whom is now deceased. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Jackson was ordained a deacon in the African Methodist Episcopal church and a year later was made instructor in Hebrew, theology and homiletics in Wilberforce University, remaining thus connected until 1873, when he accepted a call to the pastorate of a church at Columbia, South Carolina. In 1884 Doctor Jackson returned to Wilberforce and resumed his former position as teacher of Hebrew, theology and homiletics and was thus engaged until 1892, when he became engaged in college work at Little Rock, Arkansas. Two years later he accepted the presidency of Shorter College at Little Rock, Arkansas, which position he occupied from 1895 to 1904, in which latter year he was made dean of the theological department of that college and continued thus engaged until his election in 1912 to the chair of introduction and practical theology in the Payne Theological Seminary of Wilberforce University. The Doctor accepted that call and has since been thus connected with his *alma mater*. Doctor Jackson has written on a wide variety of subjects, a contributor to theological magazines and church papers, and has published pamphlets, including one on "Will" and one on the "Life and Labors of Bishop Payne." He is the owner of property both at Wilberforce and at

Little Rock. The Doctor ranks high among colored Masons and Odd Fellows and for years was the grand chaplain of the latter order in the state of Ohio, as well as master for the third district, and while living at Little Rock helped materially in the erection of the colored Masonic temple in that city.

Doctor Jackson has been twice married. On the evening of the day of June, 1870, on which he was graduated from Wilberforce University, he was united in marriage to Julia Frances Early, of St. Louis, who had also been attending the university. To that union were born two daughters, the late Elizabeth Louisa Jackson, who was graduated from Wilberforce University and was later elected principal of the female department there, and Julia Edna, also now deceased. The mother of these daughters died in 1896 and in December, 1897, Doctor Jackson married Susan Pattillo, who was born in Arkansas and who was a member of the first class graduated from the colored high school at Little Rock, later teaching in Shorter College and later attending and graduating from Wilberforce University. To this union two children have been born, Thomas Henry, Jr., born in September, 1901, now (1918) a senior in the academic department of Wilberforce University, and Geraldine Edith, who was graduated from the classical department of the university in 1918.

PROF. DUDLEY W. WOODARD, Sc. M.

Prof. Dudley W. Woodard, head of the department of mathematics at Wilberforce University and a charter member of the American Mathematical Society, has been engaged in educational work ever since his graduation from Wilberforce in 1903, one of the strong and growing force of Negro educators in this country. He was born in the city of Galveston, Texas, son and only child of Dudley and Geneva (Anderson) Woodard, both of whom were born in that same city, but who are now living at Austin, Texas, where the former is engaged in the undertaking business. They are members of the African Methodist Episcopal church and their son was reared in that faith.

Following his graduation from high school at Galveston in 1899 Dudley W. Woodard entered Wilberforce University and was graduated from that institution in 1903 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He then returned to Galveston and during the two years following, 1903-05, was there engaged in high-school work, a teacher of mathematics. Following this practical experience he entered the University of Chicago and in 1906 was graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Science, the same university the next year conferring upon him the degree of Master of Science. In 1907 Professor Woodard was called to Tuskegee Institute

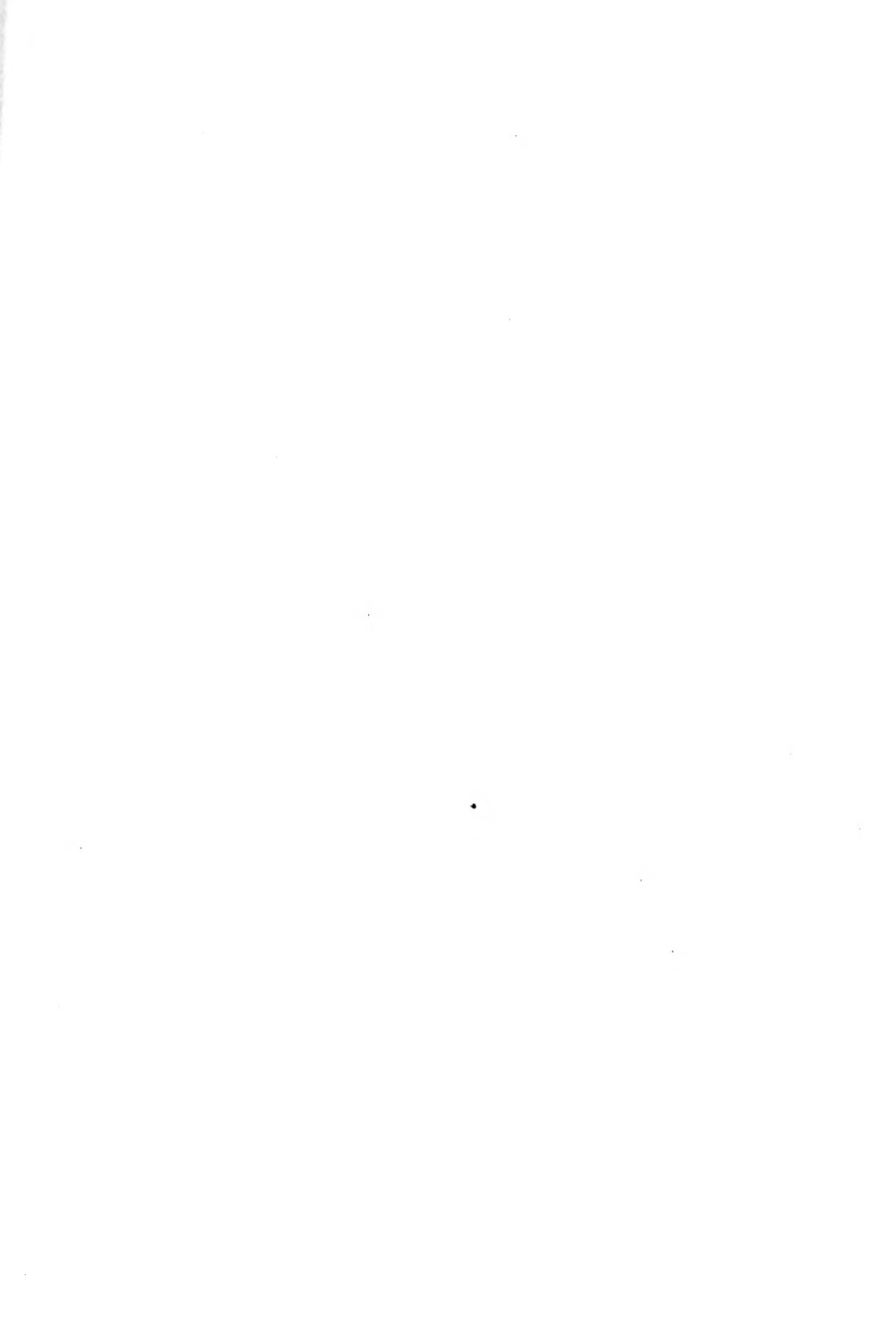
at Tuskegee, Alabama, to take charge of the department of Mathematics of that institution and was thus engaged there for seven years, or until the spring of 1914, when he accepted the call to enter upon a similar service in behalf of Wilberforce University, where he ever since has been thus engaged. Professor Woodard is a charter member of the American Mathematical Society, a learned association whose object is to encourage and maintain an active interest in and to promote the advancement of mathematical science. In 1911 he published a text-book, "Practical Arithmetic," and he also is a frequent contributor to educational journals.

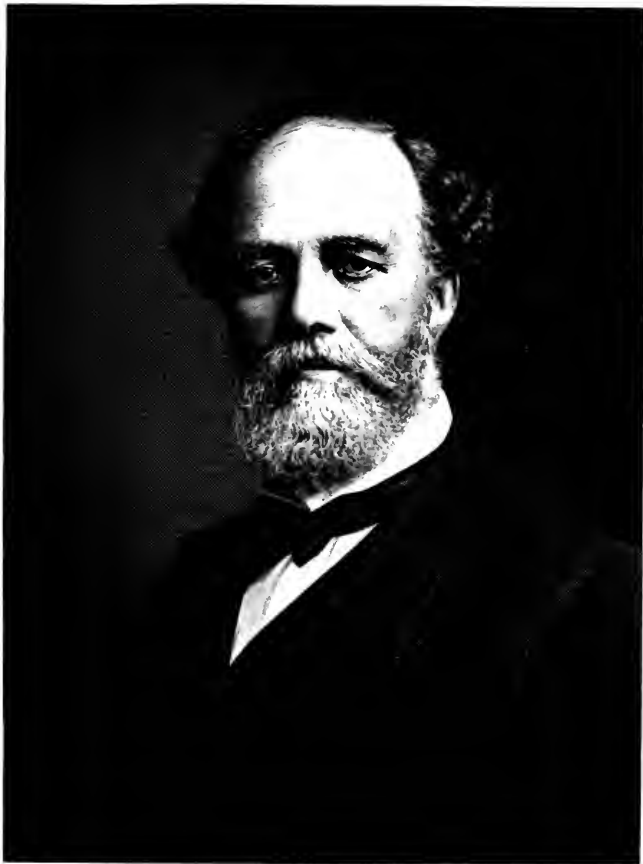
On August 4, 1908, at Tuskegee, Prof. Dudley W. Woodard was united in marriage to Gertrude Hadnott, who was born in Alabama, was graduated from Fiske University at Nashville, Tennessee, and was teaching at Tuskegee Institute when Professor Woodard met her, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Dudley H., born on June 29, 1909. Professor Woodard and his wife are members of the African Methodist Episcopal church at Wilberforce.

REV. THEOPHILUS GOULD STEWARD AND S. MARIA .
STEWARD, M. D.

In the varied activities of Wilberforce University there are few more prominent factors or more popular individuals than the Rev. Theophilus Gould Steward, chaplain and vice-president of the university and pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal church at Wilberforce, or than was his late wife, Dr. S. Maria Steward, formerly and for years resident physician and member of the faculty of the university, lecturer on hygiene and physiology before the girls' classes, and who also was engaged in general practice in and about Wilberforce. Doctor Steward, who died on March 7, 1918, had been a resident of Wilberforce ever since 1898, having located there when her husband went to the Philippines as chaplain of the regiment which he had served in that capacity since the days of President Harrison's administration, and Chaplain Steward has been stationed at Wilberforce since 1907, when he was made a member of the faculty, professor of history and languages, later being elected vice-president of the institution. Chaplain Steward has a pleasant home, "Oakview," on the Columbus pike, in the immediate vicinity of the university.

The Rev. Theophilus Gould Steward, more familiarly known locally as Chaplain Steward, is a native of New Jersey, born at Gouldtown, in Cumberland county, that state, April 17, 1843, son of James and Rebecca (Gould) Steward, both of whom were born in that same vicinity and the latter of whom died in 1877 at the age of fifty-seven years, the former surviving





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until 1892, he being past seventy-seven years of age at the time of his death. James Steward for thirty years was foreman of the finishing department of the Cumberland Nail and Iron Works at Bridgeton, New Jersey. Though a man of small education he recognized the advantages of schooling and he and his wife, the latter of whom had been a teacher in the days of her young womanhood, instilled into the breasts of their children a desire for learning that inspired all their after lives. The parents were members of the African Methodist Episcopal church and their children were reared in that faith. There are six of these children, all of whom are still living, the youngest being now sixty-nine years of age, and of whom Chaplain Steward was the fourth in order of birth, the others being the following: Margaret, who married Lorenzo F. Gould, farmer, justice of the peace and veteran of the Civil War, and lives at Gouldtown, New Jersey; William, who for years has been engaged in newspaper work at Bridgeton, New Jersey, a writer of stories and a correspondent for metropolitan newspapers; Mary, wife of the Rev. Theodore whose service she draws a pension from the government, and Stephen S., a carpenter, also residing at Gouldtown. Chaplain Steward knows little about his paternal grandparents, his grandmother, Margaret Steward, having gone to Santo Domingo and with her what records the family had, but regarding the Goulds, his mother's family, he has a long and interesting history, the Goulds having been represented at Gouldtown, New Jersey, ever since the founding of the colony.

When the English came into possession of New Amsterdam in 1664 the colony which the Dutch had settled at Bergen before 1620 came under the control of the Duke of York, who finally made over the whole to Sir George Carteret, from whose native island of Jersey the provinces were named. Later, John Fenwick, styled knight and baronet, second son of Sir William Fenwick, baronet, representative from the county of Northumberland in the last parliament under the Commonwealth, came into possession of a considerable tract of this land in the south part of New Jersey, chartered a ship and with his children and their families and effects sailed for the colonies. Fenwick's wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Walter Covert, of Sussex, and among their children was a daughter, Elizabeth, who had married John Adams, a weaver, who with his wife and three children (one, a daughter Elizabeth) formed a part of the new colony, which in 1675 settled on the eastern shore of the Delaware river. Johnson's "History of Fenwick's Colony," written in 1835, says: "Among the numerous troubles and vexations which assailed Fenwick, none appears to have distressed him more than the conduct of his granddaughter, Elizabeth Adams, who had attached herself to a citizen of color. By his will he deprived her of any share in his estate 'unless the Lord open her eyes to see her abominable trans-

gression against him, me and her good father, by giving her true repentance and forsaking that Black which hath been the ruin of her and become penitent for her sins.' From this connection has sprung the families of the Goulds, at a settlement called Gouldtown, in Cumberland county." Further on the same historian says: "Elizabeth Adams had formed a connection with a Negro man whose name was Gould." Elizabeth Adams, granddaughter of Fenwick, had five children by Gould, one of whom was a son named Levi. Three died young. All trace of Levi has been lost. The other son, Benjamin Gould, was the founder of Gouldtown and the founder of the family with which Chaplain Steward is connected through the maternal line. It is quite probable that when Benjamin Gould grew up there were no women of his own color in the settlement with whom he could have associated had he desired to do so. In 1627 Swedes and Finns had settled on the Delaware, regarding that country as part of the province of New Sweden, and upon Fenwick's arrival there were numerously represented in what are now the counties of Salem and Gloucester, and it is recorded that Benjamin Gould married a Finn by the name of Ann. Benjamin and Ann Gould had five children, Sarah, Anthony, Samuel, Abijah and Elisha, who, it is recorded, were fair skinned, with blue eyes and light hair, the force of the mother's Ugrian blood evidently having been dominant in this progeny. Abijah Gould, born about 1735, married Hannah Pierce, who was born in 1756, third daughter of Richard and Mary Pierce, and the first-born son of this union, Benjamin Gould, born in 1779, married Phoebe Bowen, who was born in 1788, in Salem county, New Jersey. Benjamin Gould (second) died in 1851, at the age of seventy-two years. His widow survived him until 1877, she being eighty-nine years of age at the time of her death. They were the parents of nine children, Oliver, Tamson, Lydia (who lived to the great age of one hundred and two years), Jane, Abijah, Sarah, Rebecca, Phoebe and Prudence. Of these children, Rebecca Gould, mother of Chaplain Steward, was born on May 2, 1826. In 1838 she married James Steward and was the mother of the children noted in the preceding paragraph, including Chaplain Steward. James Steward's parents had gone to Santo Domingo with the Bowyer expedition in 1824 and it was known that they there became engaged in coffee growing, but after a few years nothing more was heard of them in this country. James Steward had been indentured to a man who ill-treated him so shamefully that before he was nine years of age he ran away and found shelter in the household of Elijah Gould at Gouldtown, where he was reared, later marrying Rebecca Gould, as set out above.

Chaplain Steward received excellent scholastic training for the ministerial duties he has so long and so faithfully performed. Upon completing the course in the local schools at Bridgeton he for two terms taught

school. He early had turned his attention to the ministry and in due time was ordained as a minister of the African Methodist Episcopal church and held local charges. During the reconstruction period following the Civil War, 1865-71, he labored in Georgia and South Carolina, and after some further service entered the West Philadelphia Divinity School, associated with the Protestant Episcopal church, and was graduated from that institution at the head of his class in 1880, afterward being given charges in Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Wilmington, Delaware, and had charge of a church in Baltimore when, in 1891, he was appointed by President Harrison chaplain of the Twenty-fifth Regiment, United States Infantry. For seven years thereafter Chaplain Steward was stationed with his regiment in Montana and then, in 1899, went with that regiment to the Philippines, where he remained for three years, at the end of which time he returned with the regiment and for some time thereafter was stationed at Niobrara, in Nebraska, later being stationed at Laredo, Texas, in which latter post he was serving when retired in 1907. After a trip to the City of Mexico he returned to Wilberforce, where his wife had installed her home upon his departure for the Philippines, and at once was made instructor in history and languages in the university, two years later being made vice-president of the university, which latter position he still occupies, as well as serving as pastor of the local African Methodist Episcopal church. Chaplain Steward has published several books, including "The Haitian Revolution, 1791 to 1804," "Genesis Re-read" and "Death, Hades and the Resurrection." In 1909 and again in 1911 he and his wife made trips to Europe, in the latter year both the Chaplain and his wife being representatives from the African Methodist Church in America to the Inter-racial Congress held in London in that year, both having places on the program of the meetings scheduled for that occasion.

Chaplain Steward has been twice married. On January 1, 1866, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Gadesden, of Charleston, South Carolina, and to that union were born eight children, five of whom survive, namely: Dr. Charles Steward, a dentist, now practicing his profession at Boston; Capt. Frank R. Steward, who commanded Company G, Forty-ninth Regiment, United States Infantry, during the Spanish-American War and is now practicing law at Pittsburgh; Dr. Benjamin Steward, who attended the medical department of the University of Minnesota and is at present employed by the United States government as assistant inspector in the Chicago stock yards; Prof. Theophilus B. Steward, instructor in English in the Lincoln high school at Kansas City, Missouri, and Gustavus Steward, present secretary to Archdeacon Russell, of St. Paul's (Episcopal) School at Lawrenceville, Virginia. The mother of these children died in 1893. She was a member of one of the old free families of Charleston and a woman

of exalted character. It is doubtless to her teaching and example that Chaplain Steward and her sons now living owe much of their success in life. Although of a very affectionate nature she was nevertheless endowed with a large practical intellect and very sound judgment. Her family furnished one brother alderman of the city of Charleston, one assistant postmaster, and another, a prosperous butcher, who at one time commanded a troop of show cavalry composed of young colored men of the city who furnished their own horses and equipments. She is buried in the Gouldtown cemetery and over her grave stands a beautiful shaft on which is inscribed the just encomium: "The model wife and mother." On November 27, 1896, Chaplain Steward married Dr. Susan Maria (Smith) McKinney, widow of the Rev. William G. McKinney, an Episcopal minister at Charleston, South Carolina, and the mother of two children, the Rev. William S. McKinney, a recently ordained minister of the Episcopal church, now a resident of Jamaica, Long Island, and Mrs. Anna Maria Holly, now a teacher in public school No. 109 at Brooklyn, New York. Mrs. Holly was graduated from the public schools of Brooklyn and later entered Pratt Institute in that city, where she took the full course, being the first colored graduate of the high school department of that institution.

Dr. S. Maria Steward, who, as noted above, died at her home at Wilberforce in the spring of 1918, was one of the best-known women of her race in the United States, and for years exerted a remarkable influence for good in and about Wilberforce, where she had been practicing her profession for the greater part of the time since 1898, resident physician at the university since 1907 and a member of the faculty, giving lectures on hygiene and physiology to the girls. She was born at Brooklyn, New York, daughter of Sylvanus and Ann Elizabeth (Springsteel) Smith, the latter of whom also was born in Brooklyn and the former, at Little Neck, Long Island, and who were the parents of five daughters, Doctor Steward having had four sisters, the late Mrs. S. J. S. Garnet, who for years was principal of one of the public schools of Greater New York; the late Mrs. Emma Thomas, who also was a teacher; Mrs. Clara T. S. Brown, a successful teacher of music in Brooklyn, and Miss Mary Smith, who became quite successful in business. Doctor Steward was given excellent educational advantages in the days of her girlhood in Brooklyn, and upon completing a normal course became engaged as a teacher at Washington, D. C. In the meantime she had been devoting her leisure to the study of medicine and two years later entered the New York Medical College, from which she was graduated in 1870, valedictorian of her class. She later attended clinics at Bellevue Hospital, in the meantime engaging in practice in Brooklyn, and in 1878 took a post-graduate course in the Long Island Hospital and College. After her first marriage she continued

in practice in Brooklyn, her practice not being limited by color or creed. She was a member of the Kings County Homeopathic Society and of the New York State Medical Society. In addition to her knowledge of medicine, Doctor Steward was also a musician of skill and for twenty-eight years served as organist of the Bridge Street African Methodist Episcopal church and for two years, of the Bethany Baptist church. Her removal from Brooklyn was the outcome of her marriage to Chaplain Steward. After that marriage in 1896 she was for a time stationed with the Chaplain in the West and in 1898, when it became known that he would have to go with his regiment to the Philippines, she located at Wilberforce, where she resumed the practice of her profession and was thus engaged there until her husband's return in 1902, when she rejoined him and was with him in Western army posts, still practicing, however, until his retirement and return to Wilberforce in 1907. Upon her return to Wilberforce she resumed her practice and in that same year was made resident physician and member of the faculty of the university, both she and her husband thus devoting their energies to that institution. In addition to her membership in the New York medical societies noted above, Doctor Steward was a member of the Ohio State Medical Society. She took an active interest in the work of the Red Cross Society and of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and proved a strong force for good among the young women of the university community. She had written and read numerous papers before the various medical societies with which she was affiliated; in 1911 read a paper on "Colored Women in America" before the Inter-racial Congress held in London in that year, and in 1914 read a paper, "Woman in Medicine," before the meeting of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs at Wilberforce. This latter paper was published in pamphlet form and has had wide circulation. She was buried in Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN JACKSON TURNER.

John Jackson Turner, proprietor of "Turner's Dairy and Stock Farm" in the neighborhood of Wilberforce and one of Greene county's colored farmers and stockmen, is a native of the Blue Grass state, but has been a resident of Ohio and of Greene county for the past twenty years and more, having come here in order that his children might have the benefit of the educational advantages offered by Wilberforce University in behalf of the young people of his race. He was born in slavery on the Haines plantation in the vicinity of Richmond, county seat of Madison county, Kentucky, February 27, 1855, son of Cyrus and Esther (Haines) Turner, both of whom also were born in slavery on that same plantation and the former of whom

spent all his life there, his death occurring in 1907, he then being seventy-five years of age. His widow is still living, now a resident of Richmond, Kentucky, and is past eighty-four years of age. During the Civil War Cyrus Turner served as a soldier of the Union and for years before his death received a pension from the government, his widow continuing in receipt of a pension granted for that service. After the war Cyrus Turner continued to make his home on the Haines plantation, a place of fifteen hundred acres of blue-grass land owned by the Misses Katie and Margaret Haines, the survivor of whom left at her death a legacy of fifteen hundred dollars apiece to Cyrus Turner and his wife and each of their then nine living children. Cyrus Turner and his wife were Baptists and their children were reared in that faith. There were ten of these children, the subject of this sketch having had one brother and eight sisters. All of the younger daughters attended nearby Berea College.

Being the eldest in the family of ten children born to his parents, John J. Turner was required to work hard in the days of his youth and thus did not receive the educational advantages that were given his younger sisters, although he was able for a while to attend Berea College. After his marriage in 1877 he continued to make his home on the Haines plantation, helping to work the place. Upon receiving the legacy of fifteen hundred dollars above referred to he bought a part of the Haines place and began farming on his own account, remaining there until 1897, when he sold his farm there and came to this county with his family and bought the Alton farm of sixty-seven acres in the vicinity of Wilberforce. A year later he bought the Samuel Stevenson farm of one hundred and eighty-three acres adjoining and later bought the adjoining Leffel farm of sixty-five acres on the Columbus pike, where he makes his home, calling his place "Turner's Dairy and Stock Farm." For ten years he kept a herd of thirty dairy cattle, but of late years has been giving his special attention to the buying and selling of live stock and hay.

On April 5, 1877, John J. Turner was united in marriage to Mary Eliza Arthur, who was born at Richmond, in Madison county, Kentucky, on March 28, 1857, daughter of Anderson and Sophia (White) Arthur, both of whom were born in slavery in that same county and there spent all their lives, the latter dying in August, 1865. Anderson Arthur later married Angeline Tribble and died in 1877, he then being sixty-five years of age. Sophia (White) Arthur, mother of Mrs. Turner, was a daughter of George White, a slave, born in Madison county, Kentucky, who bought his own freedom and then in turn bought the freedom of all of his six children and their families, all then making their home on a bit of land he had purchased in the vicinity of the village of Cleveland, in his home county. To John J.

and Mary Eliza (Arthur) Turner have been born five children, namely: Arthur, who married Susan Harris and is now engaged in the government employ, an agent of the agricultural department in the University of Florida at Tallahassee; Cyrus, who married Mildred Burnett, of Canada, and is living on a farm in Xenia township, this county; Mayme, who is now teaching at Lewisburg, West Virginia; Pattie Norine, wife of H. L. Allston, a landowner and lawyer at Asheville, North Carolina, and Caroline, who supplemented the schooling she received at Wilberforce by attendance at the University of Michigan, from which latter institution she was graduated in music, and is now taking special post-graduate work at Fiske University. All of these children were graduated from Wilberforce University. Arthur Turner attended Berea College. In 1902 he completed a commercial course at Wilberforce University and entered the dairy and live-stock business with his father. Feeling a need of a scientific knowledge of the business, he took a special dairy course at Ohio State University at Columbus. The Turners are members of Zion Baptist church at Xenia.

PROF. BRUCE H. GREEN.

Prof. Bruce H. Green, chair of chemistry and physics at Wilberforce University and a well qualified young Negro educator, has been connected with the work of the university since 1902. He was born in the city of Charleston, South Carolina, June 8, 1879, son of Nelson J. and Anna (Dart) Green, both of whom were born in that same state, in slavery days, and who were the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Bessie, who is a teacher in the state college at Orangeburg, South Carolina. Nelson J. Green was for years employed as an inspector in the customs house at Charleston. He died in 1902 and his widow is still living at Charleston.

Upon completing the course in the public schools of his home city, Bruce H. Green entered Exeter Academy, in New Hampshire, and was there prepared for college, receiving there a scholarship as a reward for diligence and for the high grade he attained in his studies. He then entered Brown University at Providence, Rhode Island, and was graduated from that institution in 1902 with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. Later he took summer courses of study in the graduate school of Chicago University and is still working for his Doctor degree. During his attendance at Brown, Professor Green was a member of the varsity track team and possesses some silver cups won at the broad jump and in other forms of athletics. He is a member of the Kappa Alpha Xi college fraternity.

In September, 1902, following his graduation at Brown University, Professor Green was employed as a teacher at Wilberforce University and has

been connected with that institution ever since. In 1909 he was given the chair of chemistry and physics and still occupies that position. In 1916, the year of his marriage, Professor Green built a house on the Columbus pike in the vicinity of the university and he and his wife are residing there.

On September 6, 1916, Prof. Bruce H. Green was united in marriage to Sumi P. Steele, who was born at Georgetown, Kentucky, and who was graduated from Wilberforce University in 1908. The Professor and his wife are members of the African Methodist Episcopal church.

SUPT. WILLIAM A. JOINER.

The following brief paragraph of official data presents in a nutshell the essential details in the career of William A. Joiner, superintendent and financial officer of the Combined Normal and Industrial Department of Wilberforce University and long recognized as one of the most forceful and energetic figures in Negro educational circles in the United States: "S. B., Wilberforce University, 1888; LL. B., Howard University, 1892; LL. M., *ibid*, 1893; graduate Teachers College, *ibid*, 1896; S. M., Wilberforce University, 1909; graduate student, University of Chicago; instructor in Latin, high school, Washington, D. C., 1898-1904; director, Teachers Training School, Teachers College, Howard University, 1904-10; present position since 1910." But there is much that ought to be told to make complete the above meager biographical details.

When Superintendent Joiner entered upon the exacting duties of his present important position as superintendent of the Combined Normal and Industrial Department at Wilberforce University in August, 1910, he found there a most deplorable condition. That department had been created by legislative enactment in 1877, the Legislature appropriating six thousand dollars annually for the maintenance of the same. In 1896 a new law made the department an entity under the general jurisdiction of the university, but under control of the state acting through a board of trustees the majority of whom are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate. Under this system the department struggled along with a fluctuating fund for maintenance, the annual appropriations depending upon the varying decisions of each successive Legislature, the average yearly appropriation for maintenance ranging around thirty thousand dollars; in consequence of which the department had confessedly not been keeping up with the expectations of those in charge. When Superintendent Joiner was put in charge of the department in 1910 as superintendent and financial officer of the same he discovered this condition and at once set about to repair it. Appropriations had gradually become lower and the standards of the department had deteriorated accord-



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ingly, so that when Superintendent Joiner took charge he found neither adequate books nor a clerk that could give him a proper insight into the previous operation of the department. On coming in touch with the state auditor's office he found not only that there were no funds with which to carry on the department but that there was a deficit charged against it. Dr. W. A. Galloway, of Xenia, at that time was president of the board of trustees and Superintendent Joiner and Doctor Galloway, upon their own credit, arranged a loan of twenty-five hundred dollars with which temporarily to take care of the deficit and to permit the new superintendent to inaugurate the system he had in mind and under the operation of which there has never since been a deficit. Superintendent Joiner also found the physical condition of his plant much run down, due to long continued lack of funds, the dormitories and school buildings out of repair and the equipment wholly insufficient. Because of the unfortunate physical conditions the school government also was in bad shape. Here was enough to stimulate the energies of an even less energetic man than Superintendent Joiner. The latter, however, had his plans well in hand and he proceeded along the lines he had outlined until presently he began to see order growing out of chaos and in due time he had his department well on the way to its present successful state of operation, a matter of pride on the part of the university and a distinct credit to its superintendent and financial officer, whose success has won for him not only a state-wide but a nation-wide reputation as a school administrator.

When the legislative visitation committee reached Wilberforce on its first trip after Superintendent Joiner had been placed in charge of the normal and industrial department, the superintendent had his budget all ready for them, showing in comprehensive detail just exactly what was necessary for the proper maintenance of the department, each item of prospective expense being brought down to the penny. This was something new for the contemplation of the committee, previous demands having been made in lump sums, and careful inquiry was made into the merits of budget, the superintendent being called on to explain explicitly each item. This he did so satisfactorily that the sub-committee reported to the committee on visitation with a recommendation that every penny asked for should be provided. The committee rejected this report and sent another sub-committee of eight to investigate. This latter committee concurred in the report of its predecessor, but the main committee was even then unconvinced and sent for Superintendent Joiner to appear personally before it and explain on what grounds he based what the committee was pleased to regard as a "ridiculous" increase in the appropriation for his department. The superintendent previously had placed in the hands of each member of the committee a printed statement of his grounds and when he appeared in person to explain the items therein his address was so business-like

and so convincing in its tone that the hearing ended by the committee adopting the previous reports of its sub-committees and securing an appropriation of one hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars for the succeeding biennial period, this being the first time in the history of the state of Ohio that a state institution received exactly the amount asked for in its appropriation bill; and not only that, but Superintendent Joiner's effective method of itemizing his budget was so highly commended by the committee that afterward by legislative enactment his method was made compulsory upon all state institutions in making up their respective budgets for legislative appropriations.

During the seven years in which Superintendent Joiner has been in charge of the normal and industrial department of the university that department has received from the state more than six hundred thousand dollars and the wise and judicious use of this fund has raised that once badly depleted department to a plane where it has come to be recognized as one of the most efficient departments of the kind in any of the colored institutions of learning in the country and has thus done much to add to the fame of Wilberforce. During the period of Superintendent Joiner's administration of the affairs of the normal and industrial department the entrance standard has been raised so as now to include only high school graduates and those of the graduates asking for license to teach are placed on the standard of the state accredited list. The courses also have been reconstructed so as to give students who go from that department to other schools full credit for the work done in the former, and the courses also have been so amplified that the student who goes out from the institution may be reasonably assured of success in teaching or in the several departments of vocational training there conducted, such as printing, carpentering, blacksmithing, shoemaking, mechanics and the like. Superintendent Joiner also has established a series of teachers' conferences in the department, the object of the same being a free and full discussion of the needs of the several branches, and by this means has created in his staff an *esprit de corps* that has been wonderfully effective in securing that unity of effort that has done so much to elevate the general standards of that useful department, all the branches thus working together for the common end of giving the student the best possible preparation for the prospective work of teaching. The superintendent also issues a series of bulletins setting forth the progress being made in the school and by this means keeps the alumni and other schools in touch with the work being done there. Since taking charge he also has kept a complete and permanent scholarship record of each pupil and has had marked success with the movement he early inaugurated for the purpose of creating a more genial relation between the school and student body and the community at large. It was he who inaugurated the present well-defined

system of physical training in the school as well as the system of medical inspection of students preparatory to their acceptance in the school, and he also established the local hospital in connection with the school, the same having a resident nurse permanently attached. As another health measure he also secured the establishment of the present modern waterworks system at the school and also installed a preceptress in charge of the woman's department, with a special charge to teach ethics, etiquette, deportment and the like. For the benefit of the student teachers he has created actual working conditions under which they may secure real experience as teachers of the under classes and has also arranged matters so that the students from different departments may have actual experience in practical work; for example, the printing classes do all the printing required by the university, such as printing catalogs, bulletins and the like, and the classes in the various building and mechanical trades do similar practical work, the boys in those classes having actually built several of the new buildings on the campus, five of which have been erected under the administration of Superintendent Joiner, besides a number of cottages for the teachers. As a fitting final commentary on the work done at Wilberforce by Superintendent Joiner, it is notable that the enrollment in his department has more than doubled under his administration. He recently has inaugurated an extension department for co-operating with the government in food conservation by having agricultural co-operation with farmers in this county in seed testing and other aids to good crops.

William A. Joiner was born at Alton, Illinois, son of the Rev. Edward C. and Frances (Badgett) Joiner, the former of whom was born in that same state and the latter in the state of Iowa. The Rev. Edward C. Joiner, a minister of the African Methodist Episcopal church, died in 1888, he then being forty-six years of age. His widow survived him for many years, her death occurring in 1916, she then being sixty-eight years of age. Due to his father's ministerial itinerary, young Joiner received his early schooling in the schools of such towns as the family was called to reside in and was graduated from the high school at Springfield, Illinois, in 1886. Thus qualified, he entered Wilberforce University with an advanced standing in that same year and was graduated from that institution in 1888 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He then returned to Illinois and for two years and a half was engaged as a teacher in the public schools at Jerseyville, that state, resigning that position to accept an appointment in the war department at Washington, D. C. He continued thus engaged in the government service for four years, at the end of which time he opened a confectionery store at the national capital. In the meantime he had also been rendering service from time to time as a teacher in the capital and during the period 1898-1904 was engaged as the teacher of Latin and English in the M street high school. In 1904 he was ap-

pointed director of the training school of the Teachers College at Howard University, Washington, D. C., and was there thus occupied until he resigned in the summer of 1910 to accept the position of superintendent and financial officer of the normal and industrial department of Wilberforce University, which position he since has occupied, with the very gratifying results above set out.

Superintendent Joiner has continued actively engaged in continued research work since taking up his administrative labors at Wilberforce and has added to the degrees he brought with him to that school the accredited degree of Bachelor of Philosophy earned by four summers of work at Chicago University. In 1893 he had graduated from the law department of Howard University (valedictorian of his class), with the degree of Master of Laws and in 1902 was graduated from the pedagogical department of that same institution with the degree of Bachelor of Pedagogy, and in 1909 was given his degree of Master of Science by Wilberforce. During his high school days Superintendent Joiner was catcher on the school baseball team and also worked on the *Springfield* (Illinois) *Daily Monitor*, which paper he afterward represented as Washington correspondent upon his removal to the capital. He published the "Ohio Book" for the Lincoln Jubilee, commemorative of the fiftieth anniversary of Negro emancipation, and has also published a pamphlet, "History of Negro Education in the District of Columbia." On October 19, 1917, Superintendent Joiner was united in marriage to Ada A. Rountree, of Xenia. He and his wife are members of the African Methodist Episcopal church and he has a Sunday school class of fifty-one members, his work in connection with that class being one of the chief pleasures of his life.

REV. HORACE TALBERT, M. A., D. D.

With the recent passing of the Rev. Dr. Horace Talbert, long and more familiarly known as Secretary Talbert, Wilberforce University lost a factor that had for years been exerted in behalf of the interests of that institution and of the extension of its sphere of influence. Doctor Talbert was a product of Wilberforce and in his life and works ever honored the institution to which he felt he owed so much. After years of successful gospel ministry following his graduation and ordination he returned to his beloved *alma mater* in 1892 to accept there the chair of languages, but his executive ability soon convinced the trustees of the school that he was a man who could accomplish splendid things for the university if placed in a larger sphere of usefulness, and, in 1896, he was elected secretary of the institution, a position he occupied for nearly twenty years, or until his resignation in October, 1915, ill health necessitating the reluctant relinquishment of an obligation of

service that he had held as sacred in its binding force; for to Doctor Talbert the service he had so long rendered in behalf of Wilberforce was regarded as special work for the Kingdom of God, and to that work he gave the best that there was in him. He did not long survive the relinquishment of his official duties and his death occurred at his home at Wilberforce on November 12, 1917, he then being in the sixty-fifth year of his age.

Horace Talbert was born in slavery in the city of Louisville, Kentucky, September 21, 1853, son of William and Jane Ellen (Dory) Talbert, and was the fifth in order of birth of the seven children born to that parentage. Though shut out by their servitude from all knowledge of books, William Talbert and his wife by natural endowment possessed the elements that go to the making of noble natures and strong characters. Of his mother Doctor Talbert long afterward wrote: "She planted the seeds of piety and truth in my heart," and her prayers in his behalf were the most tenderly cherished recollections of his early days. From the interesting narrative of his own recollections left by Doctor Talbert it is learned that before he was eleven years of age, one evening in October, 1864, he had dropped into old Asbury Chapel, in Louisville, where an evangelist was conducting services, and that the exhortations of the evangelist, based upon St. Paul's importunate plea, "O, wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death," sank so deeply into his boyish heart that after several days of seeking he became convinced of his conversion. Even before his conversion the boy Horace had felt an ardent longing to become "some day" a minister of the gospel and after that the endeavors of his youth were directed toward the acquisition of an education that would fit him for the call to which in his boyhood he had responded with his whole heart. "Here am I," was his response to that call and he wanted to be ready when the time for service came.

Horace Talbert's first schooling was received in the school of the Rev. Basil L. Brooks, in Asbury Chapel, and later in the school of Prof. William H. Gibson at Quinn Chapel. When necessity presently compelled him to go to work, in the tobacco warehouses or on the river, he became enrolled in a night school and continued his studies, such of his wages as could be saved being laid by to defray the expenses of the college course to which he continually looked forward. As a communicant at Asbury Chapel the lad came under the notice of the pastor who became convinced that young Talbert possessed no ordinary mind and, together with other influential friends, urged him to enter Berea College; but about this time the Rev. Robert G. Mortimer, who then was conducting a high school in the basement of his church in Louisville, was asked to take charge of the language department of Wilberforce University. A number of his pupils decided to go with him

and Horace, then in his eighteenth year, was invited to join the party of students. He accepted and by the middle of September, 1870, was enrolled as a student at Wilberforce, this being his introduction to the institution in the affairs of which he was destined later to take so influential a part. The young man's desire for the service of the church remained undiminished and in October, 1871, he was licensed to exhort. Four years later he received local preacher's orders and was taken into the Ohio conference, presently being appointed assistant to the pastor on the Springboro circuit. In two years more he had completed his studies in the English and classical departments of the university and on the day of his graduation, June 17, 1877, was assigned by Bishop Wayman to the pastorate of the African Methodist Episcopal church at Cynthiana, Kentucky. In the following September he was ordained to the diaconate at Midway, Kentucky, and in that same month returned to Wilberforce for a further season of study in the theological department, with a view to preparation for entrance in the theological seminary of Princeton University, and in April, 1878; went East with Bishop Payne, but the journey was extended to Boston, where he was placed in charge of the church of his communion at Cambridge and was thus given opportunity to take the course he sought in Greek, Hebrew and philosophy at the University of Boston. Ordination to the eldership came in June, 1878, and his next charge was at Lynn, Massachusetts, from which city he presently was sent by Bishop Brown to Bridgeport, Connecticut. About that time he married and was transferred to the New Jersey conference, being installed as pastor of the church at Bordentown. While thus engaged he was appointed recording secretary of the Sabbath School Union of the African Methodist Episcopal church and not long afterward was transferred to the New York conference and stationed at Albany, capital of the state, going thence to Elmira, New York, other pastorates following, in the course of his itinerary, at Oswego, Jamaica and East New York, during this latter pastorate being made the presiding elder of the Brooklyn district. While there he also founded the New York conference high school and assumed the editorship and management of *The African Watchman*. He next was sent to Buffalo, New York, and it was while serving in that city that he was called to the chair of languages at Wilberforce University, which meanwhile had not lost sight of his services in behalf of his church and his race and had conferred upon him his Master of Arts degree and his later degree of Doctor of Divinity. As noted above, it was in 1892 that Doctor Talbert returned to Wilberforce. Not long afterward he was elected secretary of the institution and it was in this capacity that he traveled extensively East and West in the interests of the school and won hundreds of new friends for the institution, it being said of him that he collected more money for Wilberforce than any

agent ever connected with the school. It was through his personal interview with Andrew Carnegie that the latter contributed the money for the erection of the library building that now graces the campus and for its furnishings, and numerous other liberal contributions for the extension of the university's usefulness were secured by the manner in which he presented the aims and needs of the institution.

The home life of Doctor Talbert was an exceedingly happy one. His house, facing the Columbus pike, in the immediate vicinity of the university, was planned by Mrs. Talbert and was built, for the most part, by the two elder sons, Eugene and Henry, who had their training in the carpentry department of the university. There Mrs. Talbert is still living with her children. She was born, S. Frankie Black, at Baltimore, Maryland, November 6, 1859, daughter of William Henry and Anna M. (Gazaway) Black, both of whom also were born in Maryland (free born), the latter the daughter of an Indian mother who lived to be one hundred and twelve years of age. William Henry Black, who died at his home in Washington, D. C., in 1888, had early learned the trade of wheelwright and as a young man worked at that trade, later moving to the city of Baltimore, where he became engaged in the hotel and restaurant business. While there he formed some influential acquaintances who secured for him in 1869 an appointment in the United States postoffice department at Washington. When the postoffice money-order department later was created he was made a clerk in that department and continued serving in that capacity until his death. His widow survived him for many years, her death occurring on May 6, 1917, she then being eighty-one years of age. William H. Black and his wife were the parents of five children, of whom Mrs. Talbert was the fourth in order of birth. She supplemented the course of schooling received in the public schools of Washington by a course at Wilberforce University and it was while attending the university that she became acquainted with Doctor Talbert, to whom she was married at her home in Washington on September 4, 1879.

To the Rev. Dr. Horace and S. Frankie (Black) Talbert were born fourteen children, namely: Anna Augusta, who died at the age of three years; Eugene Hunter, born on December 12, 1881, a graduate of Wilberforce University, who married Tennie Montgomery and is now living in Chicago, where he is in charge of an automobile distributing agency; Horace, Jr., April 26, 1883, who died at the age of nineteen months; Henry Payne, March 13, 1884, a graduate of Wilberforce (1905), who married Dora Russell and is still living at Wilberforce, connected with the university; Wendell Phillips, January 8, 1886, a musician connected with the lyceum stage, who married Florence Cole and makes his home at Detroit, Michigan; William Ellsworth, September 14, 1887, who married Melissa Richardson and is now living at Seattle, Washington, where he is employed in the postoffice;

Benjamin Blain, April 1, 1889, born at Jamaica, New York, and who died there on January 19, 1890; Ulysses Grant, October 29, 1890, who died at the age of fifteen years; Dumas Shorter, May 29, 1892, who died at the age of three months; Virgil and Homer (twins), October 28, 1893, the former of whom is now a student of the veterinary department of Ohio State University, and the latter of whom married Nettie Russell and is now living at Wyoming, in Hamilton county, this state; Ruby, May 23, 1895, who is now engaged as a teacher of mathematics in the normal school at Florence, Alabama; Elizabeth Rebecca, November 16, 1900, now a student at Wilberforce, and Helen Jane, January 1, 1902, also a student in the university. In addition to the labors performed by Doctor Talbert and which have been referred to in the foregoing account of his life, it is but proper to state that in 1906 he published a book, "Sons of Allen," a volume of biography carrying sketches and intimate sidelights relating to many of the more prominent figures in the African Methodist Episcopal church, which attracted considerable attention and which is highly valued in the church and in Negro educational circles.

HALLIE QUINN BROWN.

Among the many personal forces that have operated through the years since its establishment to bring to Wilberforce University worldwide recognition as a center of Negro education few, if any, have been exercised more widely and with greater force of direction than that so long exercised by Miss Hallie Quinn Brown, the famous Afro-American elocutionist, whose "Homewood Cottage" at Wilberforce has for years been an acknowledged center from which has radiated an influence of inestimable value to the race in whose behalf Miss Brown has been unselfishly laboring ever since the day when she was graduated from Wilberforce and started out on her mission of education and enlightenment, a mission whose successful accomplishment has made her name well known in educational circles on two continents.

"Who's Who In Lyceum" makes note of Miss Brown that she was "born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; educated Wilberforce Univ. (B. S. 1873; M. S. 1890); C. L. S. C. grad. of 1886; dean of Allen Univ., S. C., 1885-7; of Tuskegee Inst., Tuskegee, Ala., 1892-3; prof. of elocution Wilberforce Univ. 1900-3; taught on Sonora Plantation, Miss., Yazoo City, Miss., and Dayton, Ohio (4 yrs.); member and lecturer of British Woman's Temperance Ass'n.; member W. C. T. U. of America; member Royal Geog. Soc., Edinburgh, Scotland, and of International Woman's Congress, London, Eng., 1899; pres. Ohio State Federation of Woman's Clubs. Author of: 'Bits and Odds,' 1880. Lecturer: 'The Progress of Negro Education and Advance-



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ment in America Since Emancipation,' 'The Status of the Afro-American Woman Before and Since the War,' 'Songs and Sorrows of the Negro Race,' 'The Life Work of Frederick Douglas, Slave, Freeman, Orator, Editor, Emancipator,' 'Negro Folklore and Folksong,' 'My Visit to Queen Victoria,' and 'Windsor Castle.' Reciter: 1894-1900 lectured in Great Britain, Germany, Switzerland, France, appearing before Queen Victoria 1899; entertainer at the Princess of Wales' dinner to the London poor children, 1897; was one of the seven members to form first British Chautauqua, Pwllheli, N. Wales, 1895; lectured at the Grindelwald conf., Switzerland, 1895." Miss Brown also was a speaker at the third biennial convention of the world's Woman's Christian Temperance Union held in London, June 14-23, 1895, Lady Henry Somerset presiding, and in June, 1899, was one of the representatives from the United States to the International Congress of Women held in London. On July 7 of this latter year Miss Brown was received by Queen Victoria, tea being served in St. George's Hall, the hall of the garter, Windsor Castle. During the time of the celebration of the queen's jubilee she was the guest of the lord mayor of London and his wife and later, of the mayor of Corydon and wife, journeying with the latter in a private car to London, where special seats were reserved for the party near Westminster Abbey from which to view the procession and ceremonies. Miss Brown also was in attendance at the services in Westminster Abbey incident to the funeral of William E. Gladstone, her ticket of admission having been furnished to her by a member of parliament. On November 23, 1899, Miss Brown sang "Listen to the Angels" at the meeting of the National British Woman's Temperance Association at Victoria Hall, Hanley, Staffordshire, and on other occasions during her period of activity in Europe during the '90s was accorded recognition of a high character. In 1912 she made a second trip to Europe, going as the representative of the Women's Missionary Societies of the African Methodist Episcopal church in the United States to the World's Missionary Conference held in that year at Edinburgh and was on the other side for seven months. While there she so greatly interested Miss E. J. Emery, a wealthy London philanthropist, in the work being done on behalf of the Negro race at Wilberforce University that Miss Emery gave to her fifteen thousand dollars with which to erect a new girls' dormitory at the university. The building thus so generously provided for was erected in 1913 and was called the Keziah Emery Hall and dedicated to the memory of Keziah Emery, mother of the donor.

As a reader and public entertainer Miss Brown has gained an international reputation. From the days of her girlhood her exceptional vocal and elocutionary talent has been recognized, but it was not until some years after her graduation from Wilberforce that she began to gain fame as a public

entertainer. Worn out by the strain of the educational work she had been doing after leaving the university in 1873, she sought relaxation from the strain thus imposed and started out on a lecture tour in behalf of the university. Later she became connected with the Wilberforce Grand Concert Company and for several years traveled with that organization, giving benefits in behalf of the university, and in that connection lectured and read throughout the breadth and length of this land, being everywhere favorably and enthusiastically received; later pursuing a similar course in Europe, where she did much to bring to the favorable attention of those who might be interested, the work being done at Wilberforce. Miss Brown continues her public appearances by appointment, making her home at "Homewood Cottage," Wilberforce, which has been her established home for years. Her lecture repertoire has been indicated above. She also has a very large and varied recital repertoire, some ninety pieces being available for her programs, and the press tributes paid to her performance in many of the leading cities in this country and in Great Britain are evidences of the entertaining character of those performances. As an interpreter of the poems of the late Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Miss Brown is particularly effective and her readings of that poet's works have gained for her the unstinted praise of discriminating critics.

Miss Brown was born in the city of Pittsburgh, but her girlhood was spent on a farm in the vicinity of Chatham, Ontario, Canada, to which her parents had moved upon leaving the city. It was there that her exceptional talents in the elocutionary way were discovered, but these were not systematically developed until later when her parents returned to the United States and located at Wilberforce, where she entered the university and was graduated, as noted above, in 1873, among her classmates having been Mrs. Mary F. Lee, wife of Bishop B. F. Lee, and Samuel T. Mitchell, who later became president of the university. Miss Brown's father died at Wilberforce in 1882, he then being eighty years of age. His widow survived him for many years, her death occurring at "Homewood Cottage" on April 16, 1914, she then being one day past ninety-five years of age. Miss Brown was the last-born of the six children born to her parents, the others being Jere A. Brown, formerly and for years a resident of Cleveland, this state, who served his district as a member of the Ohio state Legislature and later became connected with the government service at Washington; Mrs. Belle Newman, deceased; Mrs. Anna E. Weaver, of Farmland, Indiana; Mary Frances, deceased, and John G., also deceased, who was a graduate of Wilberforce University and who was developing his excellent native powers as a lecturer and speaker when his promising career was brought to a close by death.

PROF. CHARLES HENRY JOHNSON.

Prof. Charles Henry Johnson, head of the art department of Wilberforce University, is a product of Wilberforce, a member of the class of 1893, and has ever since his graduation devoted his life to teaching. In 1900 he was elected to take charge of the Normal Art Department of that institution and has ever since been at the head of the same. During the Jamestown Exposition Professor Johnson, under government appointment, had charge of the Negro building at that exposition, collected much of the exhibit made in the same and had charge of the installation of the same. His special work in the university is the preparation of teachers for art work in public schools and his department has taken thirty-three prizes in contests mostly promoted by the School Arts Guild, in 1915 the Wilberforce art exhibit taking first place. Preparatory to these exhibitions all of Professor Johnson's advanced pupils submit their best efforts in the way of art production and from the collection thus submitted five pieces are chosen and this selective exhibit of five is then sent to the national exhibit. During the Lincoln Jubilee held at Chicago commemorative of the fiftieth anniversary of Negro emancipation Professor Johnson was appointed by the Ohio state commission to have charge of Ohio's exhibition at that jubilee demonstration, the state having appropriated the sum of ten thousand dollars to provide for adequate representation there. The Professor is an ardent temperance advocate and has delivered lectures on temperance all over the state. He also is an influential figure in the councils of the African Methodist Episcopal church and at the general conference of that church held at Kansas City in 1912 was elected general secretary of the laymen's missionary movement of that communion, a position he still occupies and in which connection he has traveled all over the United States promoting that cause and lecturing in its behalf. He was for six years president of the Ohio state organization of the Allen Endeavor League of his church and is still the president of the local society of the same.

Professor Johnson was born at Van Wert, Ohio, on September 27, 1873, son of Thomas W. and Margaret (Tooney) Johnson, both of whom were born in slavery, the former in Virginia and the latter in Tennessee, who were married in Ohio and the latter of whom is still living, now a resident of Nashville, Tennessee. Thomas Johnson made his way from Virginia to Ohio during the progress of the Civil War and enlisted his services in behalf of the Union cause, going to the front with an Ohio regiment and serving until the close of the war, for which service his widow is now drawing a pension from the government. After the war he married in Columbus. He later became a landowner and farmer in Van Wert county and there died in 1906, he then being sixty-nine years of age. He was a deacon in the Baptist

church and his constant recognition of the necessity under which his race was bound with respect to education and educational influences prompted him to stimulate in the breasts of his children that desire for learning which eventually resulted in all acquiring the benefits of excellent schooling. There were six of these children, of whom the subject of this biographical sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being the following: George, deceased; John, who is engaged in business in the city of Chicago; Mrs. Lucia Ross, a teacher in Turner College at Nashville, Tennessee; Fred, a civil engineer, now living at Alberta, Canada, and Blanche, who was graduated from Knoxville College and was engaged in teaching for a while before her marriage to Doctor Love, of Texas.

Reared on the home farm in Van Wert county, Charles Henry Johnson received his early schooling in the neighborhood district school and supplemented the same by attendance for a while at the Van Wert schools, after which he entered the Normal Department of Wilberforce University, from which he was graduated in 1893. Upon receiving his diploma he accepted an invitation to join the faculty of one of the state colleges in Alabama and for a year thereafter was engaged in teaching music and mathematics in that institution. He then transferred his services to Kittrell College in North Carolina and was there engaged in teaching science and art for four years, at the end of which time he went to Chicago for the purpose of furthering his study in art and in 1900 completed the course in teachers and academic art at the Chicago Art Institute. Thus equipped he returned to his *alma mater* in 1900. Professor Johnson teaches general art, with particular reference to free-hand drawing, oil painting, both landscape and portrait, pastel work and clay modeling. He is a member of the Western Drawing Teachers Association and is a frequent contributor to art magazines. By political preference, he is a Republican. In 1917 Professor Johnson built a house on the Columbus pike, in the immediate vicinity of the university. This house is of tiled exterior and the Professor's taste in such matters is revealed in every line of the place. On the walls of this home are hanging many of the best products of his brush.

On August 16, 1904, Professor Johnson was united in marriage to Castella Vivien Carr, who was born at Aberdeen, this state, a daughter of the Rev. George and Amanda (Reese) Carr, the latter of whom died in 1900 and the former of whom, a retired minister of the gospel, is now living at Lexington, Kentucky. Mrs. Johnson completed her studies in the state colleges in Alabama and in Kentucky, in which institutions her elder sister served as female principal, she having made her home with this elder sister after her mother's death and was a teacher in Kentucky at the time of her marriage to Professor Johnson.

PROF. JOSEPH DELL MOORE RUSSELL.

Prof. Joseph Dell Moore Russell, postmaster at Wilberforce, a teacher in the academic department of Wilberforce University, formerly and for years superintendent of the colored high school at Richmond, Kentucky, and for some years past a resident of Greene county and owner of a farm in the immediate vicinity of Wilberforce, is a native of Kentucky, born in Logan county, that state, May 16, 1872, son of the Rev. Greene and Frances (Page) Russell, both of whom were born in slavery in that same county and who were married before the days of the Civil War.

The Rev. Greene Russell, a minister of the African Baptist church in the state of Kentucky, for years had charge of a church in his home county, but in those days did not preach for money, regarding his service as a labor of love. His work was largely evangelistic in character and during his long service of more than fifty-one years in the pulpit helped to establish no fewer than fifty churches of his faith in that section extending from Hopkinsville to Bowling Green in Kentucky and as far south as Nashville, Tennessee. He also had farming interests in Logan county, acquired after the war. He died in 1913 at the age of eighty-two years. His first wife and the mother of his children died in March, 1894, at the age of fifty-five years, and he later married Annie Bibb, after whose death he married again and his third wife, Amanda, also is now dead. The Rev. Greene Russell was the father of ten children, the subject of this sketch, the only one of these living in Greene county, having had seven brothers and two sisters. One of these brothers, Dr. Greene P. Russell, is president of the Kentucky State College for Colored People at Frankfort; another, the Rev. D. B. Russell, is pastor of a Baptist church at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; another, Prof. Richard Russell, is principal of the colored high school at Nicholasville, Kentucky, and another, Isaac Russell, is a machinist now residing at Springfield, this state. Only one of the sisters is now living, Mrs. Olive Lewis Woods, of Russellville, Kentucky.

Joseph D. M. Russell was given careful training by his father in the days of his youth and later completed a course of instruction at Berea College, after which he entered Wilberforce University, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1898. In that same year he was made superintendent of the colored high school at Richmond, Kentucky, and for seventeen years held that position, or until his removal to Wilberforce in 1915. In the meantime Professor Russell had taken a special course in pedagogy at Howard University, Washington, D. C., and since taking up his residence at Wilberforce has been engaged in teaching special courses in pedagogy in the academic department of the university. Upon moving to Wilberforce Professor Russell bought the old Kendall farm

of one hundred and twenty-three acres on the Columbus pike and there established his home, the management of the farm being in the hands of his son, Greene P. Russell. The Professor is a Democrat and in May, 1917, was appointed postmaster at Wilberforce, which position he now occupies. He has written quite extensively for school journals and also was for some time an assistant editor on the staff of the *Common School Journal*, published at Lexington, Kentucky. Fraternally, he is a member of the order of colored Masons and of the Good Samaritans. He was reared in the Baptist faith and has ever adhered to the same.

On December 26, 1893, Prof. Joseph D. M. Russell was united in marriage to Carrie Turner, who was born in Madison county, Kentucky, daughter of Cyrus and Esther (Haines) Turner, who were born in slavery in that same county and further reference to whom is made in a biographical sketch relating to Mrs. Russell's brother, John Jackson Turner, a stockman at Wilberforce, presented elsewhere in this volume. Professor and Mrs. Russell have four sons, Greene P., who married Mollie Corbin, of Xenia, and who, as noted above, is managing his father's farm, and John D., Cyrus and Joseph D.

HENLEY CALVIN PETERS.

Henley Calvin Peters, colored, head of the firm of H. C. Peters & Sons, dry-cleaners and dyers, at Xenia, is a native of Virginia, but has been a resident of Ohio since he was ten years of age, the greater part of that time having been spent in Greene county. He was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, December 19, 1860, son of Henry and Lucy Jane (Clark) Peters, and was ten years of age when his parents came to Ohio in 1870, the family driving through. There were three families in the party that thus came over here from Virginia, Henry Peters and his family being accompanied by the families of James Clark and Wesley Cooper. Upon their arrival in Greene county, the Peters family remained a month at Stringtown and then located at Cedarville, but two years later moved down into Clinton county and settled on a farm south of Wilmington, where Henry Peters spent his last days. His widow survived him for some years, her death occurring at Dayton, Ohio, about 1891. Henry Peters and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being the following: Virginia, wife of Louis B. Brown, of Chicago; Susan, of Chicago, Illinois; Anna, unmarried, who is now living at Alto, Virginia; Sarah, deceased; Stewart, who was accidentally drowned in childhood, and Dr. John H. Peters, a physician at Danville, Kentucky.

As noted above, H. C. Peters was but ten years of age when he came

to Ohio with his parents and he was reared in Greene county and in Clinton county. In Greene county he learned the carpenter trade under the direction of James Collins, who afterward became his father-in-law. He married at Xenia, where he continued working at his trade, presently becoming a building contractor on his own account, and was thus engaged for twenty years, or until compelled to retire from that form of labor by reason of failing health. In 1911 he became associated with his sons, James H. and Howard A. Peters, in the dry-cleaning and dyeing business at Xenia, under the firm name of H. C. Peters & Sons, and has since been thus engaged, with office at 29 Greene street and cleaning and dyeing plant at 529 East Main street. H. C. Peters is a member of the local lodge of the colored Knights of Pythias and he and his family are affiliated with the African Methodist Episcopal church.

On December 24, 1883, H. C. Peters was united in marriage to Hattie Collins, who was born in the vicinity of Wilberforce, in this county, daughter of James and Nancy Collins, both now deceased, the former of whom was a carpenter who had served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War. James Collins and his wife were the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Peters was the last-born, the others being Mrs. Sarah Matthews, who lives at Defiance, this state; the Rev. George Collins, now deceased, who was a minister of the African Methodist Episcopal church; Charles, a carpenter, now living at Dayton; Elizabeth, who married Jordan Robb and is now deceased, and Josephine, now living at Xenia, widow of James Kelly. To H. C. Peters and wife two sons have been born. James H., born on November 13, 1884, and Howard A., October 15, 1886, the latter of whom married Myrtle Merritt and has one child, a daughter, Martha. Howard A. Peters is a graduate of the Xenia high school and is treasurer of the local lodge of the colored Masons.

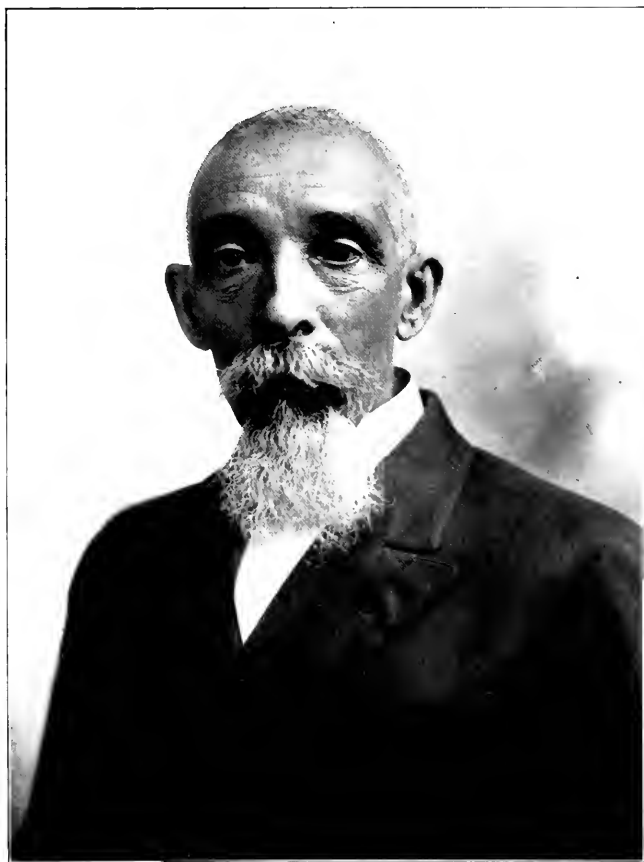
James H. Peters was born at Xenia and there received his schooling. He became employed in the undertaking establishment of Johnson & Dean at Xenia and was thus engaged for eighteen months, at the end of which time he took employment in Hutchinson & Gibney's dry-goods store and was there employed for three years. He then went to Indianapolis and for more than two years thereafter was employed in the drapery department of the Taylor Carpet Company in that city, later going to St. Louis, where he became employed as a window decorator in the department store of Scruggs & Vanderwort, continuing thus engaged at that place for ten months, at the end of which time he returned to his home in Xenia. On February 28, 1910, he became engaged in the dry-cleaning business at Xenia, in partnership with Charles H. Tate, of Richmond, Indiana, an association which continued for a year or more, or until the time in 1911 when his father and brother bought

Tate's interest in the business, which since then has been conducted under the firm name of H. C. Peters & Sons, James H. Peters being in charge of the office and Howard A. Peters in charge of the cleaning and dyeing establishment.

REV. THOMAS PERKINS.

The Rev. Thomas Perkins, of Wilberforce, a retired minister of the African Methodist Episcopal church and the owner of a large plantation in the state of Mississippi, is a striking living example of the amazing accomplishments of the Negro race since the days of emancipation. Born a slave, he was eighteen years of age when by that divinely-directed stroke of the immortal Lincoln's pen he became a freeman. Slavish servitude, however, had not crushed within him that strong native sense of industry that later was to bring him so large a measure of success, nor had his instinctive aspirations for something beyond such servitude been stifled thereby. Exercising a sense of proportion and a keenness of judgment that can not be commended too highly, he remained on the plantation on which he was born, a rich Mississippi cotton plantation of nearly one thousand acres; saved the greater part of such wages as came to him after he became "his own man," improved such opportunities as he could seize in the way of education and mental development, applied his native common sense to the task in hand and in time became the owner of the plantation on which he had labored as a slave. In the meantime, in the pursuit of the material things of life, he had not been neglecting the cultivation of the spiritual side of his nature, and after a powerful conversion turned his attention to the spread of the gospel message, in due time was ordained a minister of his church and became the presiding elder of his district. Upon his retirement from his plantation he came North, joined the Wilberforce settlement, erected there a comfortable residence and has since been living there, very properly possessed of a sense of accomplishment that might profitably to the race be set out in a much more ample tale than the limitations of this brief biographical sketch will permit.

Thomas Perkins was born on a plantation in Leflore county, Mississippi, November 15, 1845, son of Rufus and Isabella Perkins, who were slaves on adjoining plantations in that county and who continued to make their home there after emancipation. Rufus Perkins lived to be seventy years of age. His widow survived him until 1902, she being eighty years of age at the time of her death. She was the mother of eight children, seven sons and one daughter, of whom but two are now living, the Rev. Thomas Perkins having a half-brother, John Robinson, who is still living



REV. THOMAS PERKINS.



in Leflore county, Mississippi. When Lincoln's emancipation proclamation freed the slaves Thomas Perkins was a husky young slave boy on the plantation on which his mother was held. He had had practically no opportunity to acquire a knowledge of letters, such lessons as he had received along those lines having been but occasional Sunday lessons delivered to the youngsters on the plantation by one of the kind-hearted women in the "big house," but from the days of his early youth he had felt a longing for that form of learning that comes out of books and after emancipation he and some of the other young folks of his race in the neighborhood formed a group, employed a teacher and set up an "independent" school in which he was able to advance somewhat farther than the knowledge of the mere rudiments of learning and his mind was thus opened to the possibilities of self-study which he later improved to the great advantage of himself as well as to the advantage of those with whom he came in close personal touch. Upon his release from bondage he received for his labor the sum of fifty cents a day, paid by the owner of a nine-hundred-acre cotton plantation, but so simple were his needs that he was able to save the greater part of even this meager wage. He married when twenty-one years of age and after that his wife helped him save. It was his custom to have his employer reserve his wages until the end of the year, when he would receive the pay for his year of toil in a lump sum. Before his marriage he made an old tool chest his bank, there being no bank within sixty miles of the place, but after his marriage he found his wife's "bustle" a safe and ample receptacle for his accumulating wealth. After a while he branched out on his own account and sub-rented a portion of the plantation on which he had been employed. His industry and excellent methods of farming produced their rewards and as he prospered he extended his operations, still successfully, until in 1892 he was enabled to buy the whole of the plantation of nine hundred acres on which he had so long labored, and six hundred acres of which he still owns, having sold three hundred acres of his place upon his removal to Wilberforce. In 1885 he was converted at a revival meeting being held in the African Methodist Episcopal church in the neighborhood of his home and felt a powerful call to turn his talents in the direction of the ministry of his church. He presently was admitted to the conference and for two years served as an itinerant preacher, this service proving so acceptable to the conference that he was ordained and not long afterward was made presiding elder of his district, in the meantime, however, continuing to carry on his farming operations. After a while his health began to fail and he was advised to come North. In 1897 he arranged his affairs in Mississippi so that he could leave his big farm in the charge of a responsible tenant and moved to Wilberforce, the fame

of which active center of race education had long been dear to him, and there has ever since made his home. In 1899 he erected there the twelve-room house in which he and his family reside. He owns a tract of seven acres surrounding the house and there enjoys comforts and advantages that he hardly could have even dreamed of in the days of his boyhood when a slave down on a Mississippi cotton plantation. Though long retired from the active ministry he continues to take an interest in church work and is a member of the board of stewards of Holy Trinity church at Wilberforce. Politically, he is a Republican.

The Rev. Thomas Perkins has been twice married. In 1866 he was married to Lulu Fisher, who was born in a county adjoining that in which he was born in Mississippi, and to that union were born eleven children, those living being Alice, wife of L. Baker, superintendent of construction of United States government buildings, first colored man to have that place, now stationed at Detroit, Michigan; Lizzie, wife of Dr. John Fehrs, a physician of South Bend, Indiana; Charlotte, wife of Fred McGinnis, instructor in printing in Wilberforce University; Eliza, wife of Gilbert Allen, of Wilberforce, the two making their home with Mrs. Allen's father, and Bryan, who is married and lives at Centralia, Illinois, where he is engaged in the railroad shops. The mother of these children died in 1897, and on March 2, 1909, Reverend Perkins married Ella Irvin, who was born in Kentucky.

CLARENCE A. LINDSAY, M. D.

Dr. Clarence A. Lindsay, a young colored physician at Xenia, was born in that city on June 11, 1891, son and only child of Dr. Frank T. and Florence A. (Kirk) Lindsay, the former of whom died in the summer of 1910 and the latter of whom is still living, now performing the office of matron of the girls department of Wilberforce University.

Dr. Frank T. Lindsay, who for years was a physician at Xenia, was born south of the Mason and Dixon line and as a young man came North. After a course in Oberlin College he entered Howard Medical School and upon his graduation from the same, in 1875, located at Xenia, where he spent the rest of his life engaged in the practice of his profession, his death occurring there on June 2, 1910, he then being at the age of fifty-eight years. His wife was born at Van Wert, this state.

Reared at Xenia, Clarence A. Lindsay received his early schooling in the schools of that city and was graduated from the high school there in 1909. He then entered Wilberforce University and was graduated from

that institution in 1911, after which he entered the Ohio State Medical School at Columbus and was graduated from that institution in 1916. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Lindsay returned to Xenia and entered upon the practice of his profession there, occupying the residence and office of his late father at 537 East Main street.

On July 20, 1916, Dr. Clarence A. Lindsay was united in marriage to Margaret V. Smith, who also was born in Xenia. The Doctor and his wife are members of St. John's African Methodist Episcopal church at Xenia.

PROF. LUTRELLE F. PALMER.

Prof. Lutrelle F. Palmer, former principal of the academic department of Wilberforce University and present librarian of the university, is a native of Alabama, born at Snow Hill, that state, September 25, 1888. His parents, Aaron and Anna (Johnson) Palmer, also were born in Alabama and the latter died there in 1904, she then being forty-nine years of age. Aaron Palmer is a carpenter and is following that vocation at Birmingham, Alabama, where he has made his home for years. He is a member of the African Methodist Episcopal church and has for years been a class leader in the same. To him and his wife were born five children, of whom Professor Palmer was the fourth in order of birth, the others being the following: D. G., who is a railroad fireman, living at Montgomery, Alabama; Alexander, a machinist, also living at Montgomery; Ella, widow of Charles Hamilton, now keeping house for her father at Birmingham, and Mrs. Lola Huston formerly of Birmingham, deceased.

Lutrelle F. Palmer was but a lad when his parents moved from Snow Hill to Selma, Alabama, and in the public schools of the latter place he received his first schooling. In 1905 he entered the academic department of Wilberforce University, he then being seventeen years of age, and he continued his studies through the academy and then through the university until he was graduated from the latter in 1911 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then entered the senior class of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and in 1912 received his Bachelor degree from that institution. He then accepted a call to the chair of ancient languages in Paul Quinn College at Waco, Texas, and was there thus engaged for years, or until 1914, when he was called back to Wilberforce to take the position of assistant professor of Latin in the university. A year later he was made professor of history and two years later was made the principal of the academic department, a position he occupied for a year, at the end of which time, in June, 1917, he resigned in

order to accept the position of librarian of the newly completed Carnegie library at the university, which position he now holds.

On June 30, 1915, Prof. Lutrelle F. Palmer was united in marriage to Myrtle Hathcock, who was born at Bellefontaine, this state, and who was graduated from the commercial department of Wilberforce University in 1912, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Edward Nelson, born on January 30, 1917. Professor Palmer is a member of the African Methodist Episcopal church and is the present superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a member of the college fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha.



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