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# SEMI-CENTENARIANS

OF

BUTLER GROVE TOWNSHIP,

**MONTGOMERY CO. ILL.**

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ALSO

A BRIEF HISTORY

OF THE

**VILLAGE OF BUTLER.**

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## PREFACE.

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This little work was undertaken without any model before the mind of the Author which it was his intention accurately to follow.

The object was to prepare a brief outline history of those in Butler Grove Township who had passed the age of fifty years.

Such a sketch was desired as would preserve to posterity the date and place of birth, the different residences, the time and place of marriage, names of children etc, of those who had reached the age above mentioned.

As we advanced with the work, other ideas than our original ones presented themselves, and as a consequence the narratives in the latter part of the book are a little more full than those at the commencement.

In such a multiplicity of dates, gathered from such a multiplicity of sources, notwithstanding great care has been taken, we can scarcely believe that these sketches will be free from all mistakes. We have inserted four pages of blank ruled paper in order that any additional remarks may be made, or any mistakes corrected with a pen.

That these brief sketches may assist in keeping fresh the memories of parents, and cherishing their names when they sleep in the dust is the fond hope of your sincere friend,

T. E. SPILMAN.

DEDICATION.

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*To the children of those whose histories are herein briefly given are these Sketches respectfully and prayerfully dedicated.*

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*“Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.”*

THE  
SEMI-CENTENARIANS  
OF  
BUTLER GROVE TOWNSHIP.

REV. JOHN HAMILTON

was born Soudersburg, Lancaster Co. Penn. May 24th, 1803.

When a child his parents moved to Marietta in the same Co. Here, while quite young, John made a profession of religion uniting himself with the Lutheran Church. Here also he prepared himself for the Gospel Ministry, and entered upon the labors of the sacred office in 1826, engaging in missionary work in the western part of Penn. After laboring on this field for about a year he went to Virginia where he spent another year in missionary labors. He then returned to Penn. still continuing his missionary work.

On the 8th of Sept. ,1828, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Vondersaal near Shippensburg Penn. After marriage he had a call to a church in Virginia, in Shenandoah Co. where he labored for five years. From there he was called to a church in Hardy Co. of the same State where he preached for a little over two years. From here he removed to Stark Co. Ohio about the year 1841, and took charge of four congregations known as West Brookfield, Bethlehem.

West Lebanon and Richville. He remained with this charge about nine years, and then in Lancaster Ohio took charge of two congregations, one in the city, the other in the country.

In 1853 he was elected Grand Master of the Odd Fellows, and traveled and lectured in the interests of the Lodge for one year. Then he was elected Grand High Priest of the Encampment in which capacity he served the Order for one year.

After this he returned to his Homestead in Stark Co. Ohio, and took charge of eight or nine congregations.

In about eight years he changed his place of residence to Medina Co. and continued his labors on this extensive field about five years longer, and until he had succeeded in forming these churches into smaller charges. He then removed to Wyandott Co. Ohio where he preached about two years. Resigning this charge he returned to Stark Co. Ohio and took charge of what was called Stanza's Church. After preaching here for a year or two he received a call to a church in Mendon Ill. about 1867. He took charge of this field and labored, there over four years. From there, in 1874 he came to Butler and took charge of what are known as the Ware's Grove and St. John's Churches, upon which fields he is now laboring in the 51st year of his ministry.

At the same time in which Mr. Hamilton studied Theology he studied Medicine, and at Shippensburg, about the time of his marriage he was licensed to practice medicine, which practice he followed up in connection with his ministerial labors until the condition of his health required him to relinquish a part of his work, and in choosing between the care of the body and the care of the soul, he devoted his remaining strength to the care of souls.

Father Hamilton's life has been an exhibition of mental and physical strength, and an example of activity and industry.

## MRS. ELIZABETH HAMILTON,

daughter of John and Susanna Vondersaal, and wife of Rev. John Hamilton, was born April 25th, 1807 at Shippensburg, Franklin Co. Penn. Was married in the 21st year of her age. When about sixteen years old she united with the Evangelical Church, and on coming to Butler united with the Ware's Grove Lutheran Church. The children of John and Elizabeth Hamilton are:

Mary Ann, born April 18th 1830.

John born, March 21st 1832.

Louisa Maria, born Mar. 26th 1835.

Luther Duncan, born June 26th 1837.

Josephus M.M., born March 8th 1842.

Elizabeth Angeline, born Feb. 18th 1847.

These six children are all married, and are all living at the present time.

## MRS. REBECCA R. WOOD,

daughter of James and Ruth Smith, was born in Lancaster Co. Penn. Oct. 20th, 1819. In the ninth year of her age she moved with her parents to Morgan Co. Ohio. And in 1844 to Putman Co. Ill. and afterward to Lasalle Co. Ill.

While in Lasalle Co. she was married, June 10th, 1858, to Wm. Wood, who afterward became the first Merchant of Butler.

Immediately after marriage, Mr. Wood and his wife removed to Litchfield Ill. and after living there about one year came in Oct. 1859 to Butler to the property which Mrs. Wood now occupies.

On the 29th of May 1873 Mr. Wood died. in the 64th year of his age.

Until her removal to Montgomery Co. Mrs. Wood lived, by right of birth, in connection with the Quaker Communion. In the year 1868 she united with the Congregational Church at Hillsboro, four miles east of Butler.

The Children of Mrs. Wood are Mary and Joseph, both of whom are at this time living with their mother.

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## MRS. JANE MACKKEY,

daughter of George and Jane Gallen, was born in Aberdeen Scotland in the year 1815.

She made a profession of religion when about sixteen years of age and united with the Presbyterian Church.

In the nineteenth year of her age she, with her brothers, James and George, came to this country and located in the city of New York.

At the age of about twenty two she was united in marriage with Robert Mackey. About three years after her marriage, Mrs. Mackey left New York, and before coming to this State lived for a longer or shorter period of time at all of the following places, viz: Albany N. Y., Louisville Ky., Cincinnati Ohio, New Albany Ind., Warsaw Ky., Liberty Ky. and Maysville Ind.

At Louisville Ky. Mr. & Mrs. Mackey buried three children.

After removing to Maysville Ind, there being no church of her choice convenient, Mrs. Mackey, with her husband, united with the Baptist communion. It was here, that after twenty nine years of married life, Mrs. Mackey buried her husband.

In 1866, she with her son George and daughter Barbara removed to Butler Ill. and dwelt first in the house now oc-

cupied by C. O. Brown. She now lives in the North West part of the village upon her own property, and, though feeble in body, maintains herself by her own industry.

About the year 1868 she united with the Presbyterian Church of Butler. Her daughter Barbara, who lives with her, united with the same church in 1876.

Mrs. Mackey is the mother of six children whose names are as follows: James, Margaret, Agnes, John, George, Barbara.

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## HENRY S. STANLEY

was born in White Co. Ill. June 10th, 1827. In 1847, March 28th, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary Williams of White Co. In 1858 Mr. Stanley moved to Montgomery Co. and located about five miles N. W. of Butler. After about four years he returned to White Co. and remained there two years, and then came to the Village of Butler.

The greater part of Mr. Stanley's life has been spent in farming; but for the last few years he has been engaged as a Butcher.

When about twenty five years of age Mr. Stanley made a profession of religion and united with the Baptist Church in White Co. Ill. After his removal to Montgomery Co. he connected himself with the Baptist Church at Honey Bend, called "LITTLE FLOCK."

## MRS. MARY STANLEY,

daughter of Bedford and Susan Tidwell, and wife of Henry S. Stanley, was born in Arkansas, Dec. 16th, 1821.

Her parents moved before her recollection to Louisiana, and then when she was about five years of age, to White Co. Ill., where, Dec. 24th, 1839, she was married to John Williams.

In Aug. 1843 Mr. Williams died, and in March 1847 Mrs. Williams was united in marriage with Henry S. Stanley.

In White Co. she united with the Baptist Church at the same time with her second husband, and with him united with the "Little Flock" Church at Honey Bend.

The children by her first husband were:

Roley Williams, born March 25th, 1841,

Died at Butler Ill, Sept, 10th, 1871.

John Williams, born Dec, 21st, 1843,

Died in White Co, Ill, Nov, 15th, 1844.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley are:

Bedford, born July 29th, 1848,

Nancy Jane, born Sept, 22nd, 1850,

Died at Butler Ill, Oct, 22nd, 1875,

Susan Burnetty. born Oct. 21st, 1854.

## MRS. SUSAN MARIA LOCKHART,

daughter of Uel and Sarah Hurd, was born, in Morris Co. N.Y. Sept. 28th, 1814. When five years of age she moved with her parents to Adams Co. Ohio, where June 2nd, 1836 in the 22nd year of her age, she was united in marriage with James C. Lockhart.

About four years after marriage she with her husband moved to Montgomery Co. Ill. and settled on the farm three miles S. W. of Butler, now owned by Thomas Berry.

Here Mr. Lockhart's health being poor, with the hope of improving it he returned with his family to Ohio. In about one year after this removal, at Burlington Ohio, on the 23d of March, 1849 Mr. Lockhart died, and Mrs. Lockhart in a few weeks returned to Montgomery Co. Ill. She settled at this time a little south of Butler, and after a few years moved in-



to the two story house on the top of the "Seward Hill" built by Israel Seward, the empty remains of which can yet be seen.

On April 2nd, 1858 she moved into the village of Butler to the residence which she now owns and occupies, and which is but a few steps from the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Lockhart made a profession of religion when about fifteen years of age and united with the M. E. Church in Adams Co. Ohio. While living south of Butler, she united with the M. E. Church of this place, and in the year 1869 with the Presbyterian Church of Butler with which she and her daughter Caroline are now connected.

Mrs. Lockhart is the mother of five children whose names are as follows: Sarah May, Mary Caroline, John Meeks, Henry Aldrid and a daughter that died in infancy without name.

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## HENRY GRIFFITH

was born, in Carmarthan Shire, South Wales, March 24th, 1819, the same day upon which Queen Victoria was born. He came to America in 1839, and located first in the City of New York. From there he removed to Pittsburg Penn. While in Pittsburg he enlisted in the Mexican war, and served two years. After the close of the war he returned to Pittsburg, and after about two years more, in 1849, he went to New Orleans, Louisiana, where, in Dec. 1849, he was united in marriage with Miss Catharine Kane.

In 1861 Mr. Griffith came to Butler, Ill. and in Sept. 1866, buried his wife. In Oct. 1868 he was married again to Miss Maria Hanora.

Mr. Griffith is the "Nimrod" of Butler. He is a "mighty hunter", and keeps quite a number of excellent dogs, both

for his own use in hunting and for sale, training them in their art

Mr. Griffith buried three sons in one week in New Orleans, all dying of Yellow Fever. They are as follows:

Henry Griffith, Jr., born May 13th, 1852.

Died Sept. 8th, 1858.

Christopher Griffith, born June 6th, 1854.

Died, Sept. 10th, 1858.

Owen Griffith, born Aug. 18th, 1856.

Died, Sept. 11th, 1858.

Mr. Griffith has living one daughter, Mary Ann.

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## JOSEPH MCCOY

was born in Tyrone Co. Ireland, Nov. 5th, 1819, and came with his parents to Ogdensburg, N. Y. when nine years of age. After about two years his parents moved to De Feyster, N. Y., where they both died. In 1843 he made a public profession of religion and united with the Congregational Church of De Peyster, and April 15th, 1844, he was united in marriage with Miss Nancy E. Hathway.

About the year 1854 his residence and nearly all his household effects were destroyed by fire, and about two years afterward he removed with his family to Springfield Ill., and after remaining there about one year came to Montgomery Co. near Butler.

His first location in this County was on the "Seward Hill" in a small house now occupied by Mr. E. F. Fox. About one year afterward he bought a farm N. E. of Butler, which property now constitutes a part of the farm owned by Robert Bryce.

In 1867 Mr. McCoy moved in to the Village of Butler upon the property which he now occupies.

## MRS. NANCY E. McCOY.

daughter of Benjamin and Nancy Hathway, and wife of Joseph McCoy, was born in Ogdensburg N. Y. Feb. 15th, 1820.

Upon her 10th birth day her mother died. She then went to Mass. and lived ten years with an Aunt. Then she removed to Rochester, N. Y. and remained there two years with a sister. From Rochester she went to Ogdensburg again, and after spending a short time there with friends, removed to De Peyster N. Y. Here after teaching school for two years she was united in marriage with Joseph McCoy, April, 15th, 1844 in the 25th year of her age.

Mrs. McCoy believes that she experienced the renewing grace of God and accepted of Christ as a Savior at about the age of twelve years; but it was at the age of nineteen that she made a public profession of religion and connected herself with the Presbyterian Church at Rochester N. Y. At De Peyster, N. Y. she united herself with the Congregational Church. Upon removal to Montgomery Co. Ill. she and her husband united with the Butler Presbyterian Church in the year 1858 at about the time of its organization.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. McCoy are as follows:

Joseph Alphonso, born Feb. 3d, 1845.

Died Feb. 8th, 1845.

Alexander James, born Sept. 25th, 1847.

Sarah Emeline, born April 6th, 1850.

Nancy Ann, born July 10th, 1852.

Joseph Leslie, born Sept. 3d, 1856.

Died Aug. 1st, 1858.

Jesse William, born Jan. 27th, 1863.

Died Sept. 24th, 1866.

## CHARLES HARPER M. D.

was born in Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co. Ohio, Aug. 1st, 1810. He remained at the place of his nativity until about twenty-two years of age, when he removed to Jacksonville, Erie Co. Penn. Here he was united in Marriage with Miss. Harriet King, March 3d, 1835.

From Jacksonville Penn. he removed to Aurora Ill. and remained there about ten months, and from there to Waterloo Monroe Co. Ill. and remained there ten years. From Waterloo he removed to Hillsboro Ill. where he resided for about nine years, and in April, 1858 came to Butler.

Dr. Harper studied medicine in Conneaut Ashtabula Co. Ohio, and received his license to practice at Willowby, Cuyhoga Co. Ohio.

He practiced medicine two years in Penn. and is now in the forty-second year of his practice in Ill.

During his first four years in this state he was associated in practice with Governor Bissel, who was at that time a practicing physician.

Dr. Harper made a public profession of religion in 1875 and united with the M.E. Church of Butler.

## MRS. HARRIET K. HARPER,

daughter of Nathan and Elizabeth King, and wife of Charles Harper, was born in Conneaut, Ashtabula Co. Ohio, Feb. 9th, 1811. When fourteen years of age she moved, with her two brothers, to Jacksonville, Penn. where she remained until her marriage, in the 25th year of her age.

Mrs. Harper made a profession of religion in Hillsboro in the year 1853 and united with the Presbyterian Church.

In 1858, after removal to Butler, when a Presbyterian

Church was organized here, Mrs. Harper became one of its original members.

The children of Charles and Harriet Harper are as follows :

William N. Died at Waterloo, Ill. Dec. 9th, 1840, in the 4th year of his age.

Laura M.

Julia. Died at Hillboro Ill. April 15th, 1848, in the 5th year of her age.

Mary B. Died at Hillsboro Ill. Dec. 29th, 1849, in the first year of her age.

Harriet E. Died at Hillsboro Ill. Sept. 5th, 1853, in the first year of her age.

Laura M. is the only one of the children surviving, who, in 1860 was married to James Gray, and in Oct. 1863 buried her husband, and now with her daughter Jessie, makes her home with her parents.

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## JOHN CLEMENT SAMMONS

was born in Johnstown, Montgomery Co. N. Y. Aug. 25th, 1821.

In Broad Albin, N. Y. he learned the blacksmith's trade, commencing to serve his apprenticeship in the 20th year of his age. Was married Jan. 13th, 1848, to Miss Elizabeth Bedell of Denmark, Louis Co. N. Y.

In June 1854 Mr. Sammons came to Hillsboro Ill. and in Aug. 1865 removed to Butler. In 1871 he moved to Raymond Ill. and remained there about one year and then returned to Butler.

## MRS. ELIZABETH SAMMONS,

daughter of William and Rezina Bedell, and wife of J.C. Sammons, was born Sept. 1st, 1827 in Denmark, Louis Co. N.Y. where she lived until her marriage in 1848 in the 21st year of her age.

In Jan. 1875 Mrs. Sammons made a public profession of religion and united with the Presbyterian Church of Butler.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Sammons are as follows:

Emma Elizabeth, born Jan. 4th, 1850.

Ella Rezina, born June 2nd, 1851.

Died, Feb. 18th. 1864.

Estella Frances, born June 4th, 1853,

Leonard Eugene, born March 11th, 1864, and two who died in infancy.

## DANIEL SCHARDON M. D.

was born in Frankindale, Germany, Jan. 31st, 1807. He came to America in the year 1839, locating first in the City of New York, and living afterwards for a time in Philadelphia, Penn. and Cincinnati, Ohio. From Ohio he came to Ill.

Dec. 3d, 1844, he was united in marriage with Miss Cornelia Bennet, at East Fork, Montgomery Co, Ill.

After marriage he moved to Hillsboro; then to a farm at East Fork, where he lived for several years, and then for a longer or shorter period of time, at St. Louis, Mo., Bunker Hill, East St. Louis, and Venice, Ill., and came to Butler about the year 1867.

Dr. Schardon studied Medicine in Germany, and was there licensed to practice. It was there also he connected himself with the Lutheran Church.

## MRS. CORNELIA SCHARDON,

daughter of Azariah and Sabra Bennet, and wife of Daniel Schardon M. D., was born at South Wilberham, Mass. Nov. 28th, 1820.

In 1839 she, with her parents, came to Ill., and located first at Woodburn, Macoupin Co. After about one year her parents moved to Montgomery Co. about eight miles south of Hillsboro, upon what is called Bear Creek. Here both of her parents died, and in 1844 she was married, and removed to Hillsboro.

Mrs. Schardon made a public profession of religion when about nineteen years of age and united with the Baptist Church in South Wilberham. In 1869 she connected herself with the Presbyterian Church of Butler.

To the general duties of house keeping Mrs. Schardon adds the labors of Millinery work.

The children of Daniel and Cornelia Schardon are:—

Henry Daniel, Mary Caroline, Lewis Francis, John Martin, Louisa Jane, Lucy, and an infant which died without name.

John M, and Louisa J, were twins. John died April 21st, 1852, at the age of eight months. Louisa died May 8th, 1870. at the age of nineteen years.

## MRS. MARY SCHERER,

daughter of Peter and Margaret Wagoner, was born Aug. 6th, 1806, in Gilford Co. N. C., and when a child moved with her parents to Orange Co. in the same state. Here, in 1825 she was married to David Scherer who was born in the year 1802.

In 1834 Mr. and Mrs. Scherer came to Ill. and settled upon a farm five miles north of Butler. On the 29th of Nov. 1860 Mr. Scherer died, and in 1872 Mrs. Scherer came to Butler, purchasing and occupying the property immediately west of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Scherer belongs to a family of remarkable longevity.

There were in the family in which she was a daughter three brothers and seven sisters. The brothers have passed away, but the seven sisters are all living, the oldest being over ninety years of age, and the youngest about sixty eight. Of these seven Mrs. Scherer is the fifth.

Mrs. Scherer made a profession of religion in N. C. when about seventeen years of age and united with the Lutheran Church, in which communion Mr. Scherer also held his church membership.

After moving to Ill. in 1834 they connected themselves with the Lutheran Church at Hillsboro where their membership continued until the Ware's Grove Lutheran Church was built. They then moved their membership to that church.

Mrs. Scherer is the mother of a large family of children. Their names are as follows:

Jacob W., born May 11th, 1826.

Catharine P., born Aug. 27th, 1827. Died, near Butler, Ill. Feb. 27th 1878.

Elizabeth M., born June 16th. 1829.

John H., born May 1st, 1831.

Peter E., born Oct. 7th, 1832. Died, in N.C. Mar. 13th, '33.

Margaret A. and }  
Sarah J., (twins,) } born April 17th, 1834.

Daniel T., born Aug. 11th, 1837.

Infant, born Oct. 18th, 1838. Died, Oct. 19th, 1838.

Mary F., born Nov. 29th, 1839.

David Y., born Feb. 3d, 1842.



William J., born Jan. 17th, 1845. Died, at Butler, Ill. April 28th, 1877.

Isaac J., born July 11th, 1847.

George W., born Oct. 31st, 1849.

The first seven of these children were born in N. C. : the remainder in Ill.

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## MRS. SARAH VARNER,

daughter of Isaac and Nancy Compton, was born in Virginia near Martinisburg, Oct. 7th, 1806.

July 12th, 1826, she was united in marriage with Henry Varner.

About seven years after marriage she and her husband moved to Guernsey Co. Ohio, and from there to Pickaway Co. Ohio, and in 1852 to Ill. and located near Decatur. Here, about the year 1867 Mr. Varner died, and 1861 Mrs. Varner moved to Irving, Ill. From Irving she came to Butler in about the year 1868.

Mrs. Varner made a public profession of religion in Butler, and was baptized and received into the Presbyterian Church in Dec. 1870.

The children of Mrs. Varner are as follows :

John Henry, born May 16th, 1827. Died in the 14th year of his age.

Jacob, born Sept. 30th, 1829.

Adam, born July 11th, 1831.

Elizabeth Jane, born Feb. 20th, 1832

Eliza Ann, born June 20th, 1834.

Zachariah, born Jan. 15th 1835.

Mary Ann, born June 20th, 1837.

Mahala, born Dec. 15th, 1838.

Abbie, born July 16th, 1844.

George Washington, born June 12th, 1847.

Sarah Francis, Feb. 13th, 1851. Died in the 4th year of her age.

There were also four infants which died without name.

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## JACOB C. ATEN

was born in Warren Co. Ohio, May 18th, 1825. His mother died when he was but three years of age, after which he went to Butler Co. Ohio and lived with an Uncle until his marriage.

Nov. 10th, 1847 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary J. Squier.

In the year 1848 he moved to Johnson Co. near Franklin, Ind. He lived there until the Autumn of 1864 when he came to Butler, Ill. and purchased a farm three miles North of the Village.

When about twenty seven years of age Mr. Aten made a profession of religion and united with the Presbyterian Church at Franklin Ind.

## MRS. MARY JANE ATEN,

daughter of John and Mary Squier, and wife of Jacob C. Aten, was born April 20th, 1825 in Butler Co. Ohio, where she lived until the time of her marriage, Nov. 10th, 1847.

Of eleven children Mrs. Aten is the only one surviving. Her parents lived to see their ten other children all buried.

Mrs. Aten made a profession of religion and united with the Presbyterian Church in Franklin Ind. at the same time with her husband, about the 27th year of her age. About

eight years after connecting with this church, Mr. and Mrs. Aten removed their membership to the Hopewell Presbyterian Church, the two churches being about equally distant from them. Upon their removal to Montgomery Co. Ill. they connected themselves with the Presbyterian Church of Butler.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Aten are all living, and are as follows :

Hannah Maria, born Jan. 15th, 1849.

John Russel, born July 14th, 1851.

Margaret Ann, born Dec. 9th, 1852.

Mary Adaline, born Dec. 23rd, 1856.

Frank Peterson, born Nov. 30th, 1859.

Martha Della, born July 18th, 1864.

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## MRS. JANE D. SMITH,

daughter of Andrew M. and Rachel English was born Dec. 23rd, 1815 in Tioga Co. N. Y. When three years of age she moved with her parents to Undago Co. N. Y. Here, Feb. 16th, 1835, in the 20th year of her age she was united in marriage with Henry Caswell of Alton Ill. She then moved to Alton.

Oh the 27th of Feb. 1844 Mr. Caswell died, and in Feb. 1849 Mrs. Caswell was united in marriage at Alton with Woodbridge N. Smith of New Hampshire, who was doing business in Alton. On the 8th, of Feb. 1815 Mr. Smith died.

Mrs. Smith had been married previous to this union and was left with two children, Sarah J. and Maria. Sarah J. is the wife of S. M. Hedges, a former merchant of Butler.

Mrs. Smith continued to live in Alton until May 1870, when she came to Butler where she has ever since resided with her daughter. Mrs Stella Seward.

Mrs. Smith is the youngest of thirteen children, only three of whom are known to be living.

Her father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

At Alton Mrs. Smith made a public profession of religion and united with the Baptist Church.

Her children are as follows :

By her first husband,

Mary Caswell, born Feb. 3d, 1838.

Charlott Caswell, born Sept. 10th, 1839. Died Nov. 30th, 1839.

Henrietta Caswell, born Jan. 10th, 1844.

Died in the 17th year of her age.

Stella Smith, only child by her second husband, born Sep. 20th, 1850.

## MRS. LOUISA BASSET',

daughter of Ralph and Bethia Cleveland, was born at Chesterfield, Mass. Aug. 26th, 1798. At five years of age she moved with her parents to the State of N. Y., living at three different places, viz: Gorman, Farmington and Middlesex.

At Farmington her parents died when she was fourteen years of age. At Middlesex, Oct. 26th, 1815, in the 18th year of her age she was united in marriage with Isa Basset Here also she made a public profession of religion and united with the M. E. Church. In the communion of this church her husband died at Middlesex, July 24th, 1844.

After the death of her husband, about the year 1850, she

removed to Croton Mo. She remained here about three years and then went to Charleston, Wisconsin, remaining there several years, after which she came to Montgomery Co. Ill. and settled about three miles N. E. of Butler, where she has ever since continued to live.

The children of Mrs. Basset are as follows :

- Charles C., born Jan. 10th, 1817. Died June 14th, 1818.
  - William, born June 17th, 1818.
  - Martha B. born August 11th 1820.
  - Mercy C. born April 26th, 1824.
  - Mary E. born Sept. 18th, 1827.
  - Ira B. born Nov. 18th, 1830.
  - Samuel M. born Feb. 9, 1839.
- Also two infants which died without name.

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## DANIEL BOST

was born Rowan Co. N. C., Dec., 31st, 1815. When twenty one years of age he moved to Hillsboro, Montgomery Co. Ill., and located on a farm a few miles N. E. of the town. In the year 1840 he was united in marriage with Miss Ella Lype of Montgomery Co.

On the 25th of Feb. 1865 his wife Died, being the mother of six children ; viz :

- John Valentine, born Feb. 9th 1841.
- An Infant, born Feb. 6th 1843. Died Feb. 11th, 1843.
- Peter Francis, born Dec. 18th, 1843.
- Rachel Caroline, born May 26th 1847.
- Tilman Joshua, born Nov. 12th 1849.
- Daniel Elijah, born March 20th, 1851.

On the 25th of May 1865 Mr. Bost was married to Mrs. Amanda Cooper of Montgomery Co. Ill.

In 1875 he moved with his family to Butler, still continuing to cultivate his farm.

Mr. Bost made a public profession of religion and united with the Lutheran Church at Hillsboro in the year 1840.

Upon removal to Butler, he and his wife connected themselves with the Ware's Grove Lutheran Church.

The children of Mr. Bost by his second wife are as follows:

Charles Abraham Lincoln, born Oct. 7th, 1866.

Mahala Artilissa, born Nov. 2nd, 1868.

Flora Ella, born Jan. 21st, 1871.

Levi Thomas, born Nov. 27th, 1872.

George Hamilton, born Aug. 2nd, 1874.

Sarah Gertrude, born Oct. 26th, 1876.

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## REV. ELISHA E. BARRETT

was born in Virginia, Southampton Co. near City of Jerusalem, Nov. 21st, 1799.

Dec. 1st, 1822 he was married to Miss Mary Barden of N. C., Hurtford Co. He removed to Hurtford Co. N. C., immediately after his marriage. From here he removed, in 1827, to Salem Ohio, and from there, in 1837, to Ind., near Winchester, and in 1860 he came to Ill., locating upon a farm three fourths of a mile west of Butler, where he has ever since resided.

Mr. Barrett made a public profession of religion in Gates Co. Virginia when about eighteen years of age. and united with the M. E. Church.

In Southanton Co. Va. in 1818. he was licensed to preach

the Gospel, and in Ohio, about seven years afterward, received ordination.

He preached four years in Georgetown, Ohio, building up there a strong Church. He preached also in Williamsport, Ohio. In Ind. he preached in Portland, Jay Co., in Fairview, Randolph Co. and in various other places. In Portland he organized a church with about seventy members. He has frequently preached in Butler and vicinity since coming to this state, but has not been regularly engaged in ministerial work.

In Ind., as he traveled in his ministerial work on horseback, when the country was thinly settled, he sometimes carried corn in his saddlebags on account of the uncertainty of finding feed for his horse.

In Williamsport Ohio, he spent several years in cabinet work.

In 1864 Mr. Barrett was elected to the State Legislature of Ill. for two years, to represent the Counties of Montgomery and Christain.

Of eleven children Mr. Barrett is the only one surviving. He has passed the 50th anniversary of his marriage.

## MRS. MARY W. BARRETT,

daughter of Richard and Fruza Barden, was born in Hurttford Co. N.C., about July 1803. (The Family record furnishing the exact date is not at hand.) In the State and County of her nativity she was married when about eighteen years of age. When about twenty-four years of age she made a public profession of religion and united with the M. E. Church in Stark Co. Ohio. She has held connection in the M. E. Church in North Carolina, Ohio, Ind. and Ill.

The children of Elisha and Mary Barrett are all living, and are as follows:

William F., born Feb. 23d, 1824.

Mildred E., wife of Joseph Collins, deceased, born Dec. 1st, 1827.

Ann B., wife of Isaac F. Thompson of Randolph Co. Ohio, born Oct. 11th, 1830.

Richard R., born March 6th, 1834.

Fruza D., wife of Meredith Helm of Butler, Ill., born Jan. 21st, 1836.

Jesse C., born May 30th, 1839.

Martha F., wife of James Judd of Butler, Ill., born April 3d, 1841.

The grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Barrett are fifty three, and their great grandchildren twenty nine.

## MRS. ELIZA JUDD,

daughter of Frazee and Elisabeth Bishop, was born Oct. 28th, 1808, at Middletown Ohio.

She was married at the place of her nativity in the 17th year of her age to William B. Judd of Franklin, Ohio. After marriage she lived still several years in Middletown and then removed with her husband to Dark Co. Ohio, where, Oct. 26th, 1841, her husband died in the 37th year of his age. Several years after his death Mrs. Judd, removed to Randolph Co. Ind. where she lived for about twenty years. She then came, in 1863, to Butler, Ill. where she has ever since made her home with her son James.

Mrs. Judd made a profession of religion in Middletown, Ohio, in the 22nd year of her age and united with the Pres-



byterian Church. In Ind., she connected herself with the M. E. Church at Deerfield, and in 1875 with the same Church in Butler, Ill.

The children of William and Eliza Judd are as follows: Charles H., Elisabeth L., Mary Margaret, wife of Enos L. Watson of Winchester, Ind., James, Ann Maria and William B.

Elisabeth L., died at Deerfield Ind. at the age of twenty-four years. Anna M. at Dark Co. Ohio in the 2nd year of her age. William B., at Dark Co. Ohio in the 3d year of his age.

## MATTHEW McMURTRY

was born in Doagh, Antrim Co. Ireland, Dec. 12th, 1807. When quite a child he removed to Brus Lee and remained there till fourteen years of age. He then went to Belfast and learned the trade of a Mill Wright. The first steam flouring-mill built in Belfast was built, during his apprenticeship, by his Uncle. In this mill Matthew McMurtry was employed as Mill Wright until he came to America.

He left Belfast for America in Oct. 1831, and reached New Orleans in Dec. following. He stayed only about a month at New Orleans and then went to Nashville Tenn. Here he remained something over a year and then went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and after a few weeks removed to Covington Ky., where he lived for thirty-four years. He then removed to Louisville Ky., where he remained about eight months and then returned to Covington, where he lived for two years more. In 1855 he removed to St. Louis where he spent two or three years. During this time he was engaged in business for about three months in Belleville, Ill., his family remaining in St Louis.

In all these several places he was engaged in his trade, superintending the machinery of Rolling Mills, Flouring Mills etc. In the year 1858 Mr. McMurtry exchanged a house and lot in St. Louis for a farm two miles S.W. of Butler Ill., and on Aug. 2nd, 1858, moved with his family to the farm, where he has ever since made his home.

About two years after removal to Montgomery Co. Mr. McMurtry bought a ware house in Butler where he dealt as a grain merchant from May 1861, to Sept. 1864, still making his home upon the farm.

Mr. McMurtry made a profession of religion when about eighteen years of age, at Belfast Ireland, under the ministrations of Rev. Wm. Carr, and united with the Seceder Church.

After two years he united with Dr. Cook's Church of the same City.

In Covington Ky. he was ordained a Ruling Elder in the First Presbyterian Church at the time of its organization.

Mr. McMurtry, since coming to America, has held Church connection in all of the following places, Viz; Nashville, Tenn., Cincinnati, Ohio, Covington and Louisville, Ky., St. Louis, Mo., and Butler, Ill.

Mr. McMurtry has been favored with the ministrations of several eminent divines.

Dr. Cook of Belfast, one of Ireland's able ministers, Dr. Wm. Palmer of New Orleans, Lou., an eminent preacher, Dr. John Edgar of Nashville, Tenn., Dr. Joshua L. Wilson of Cincinnati, Ohio, who held a controversy with Dr. Lyman Beecher on Church Doctrine at the time of the division of the church into Old and New School bodies, Dr. J. L. Halsey, who has for so many years occupied the chair of Pastoral Theology in the North Western Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Chicago, Dr. J. M. Worrell of Covington, Ky., and Dr. N. L. Rice, the eminent Divine and Controversial-

ist,— all these at different times have been his spiritual instructors.

Mathew McMurtry's grandfather and grandmother McMurtry lived together fifty-three years; his father and mother over fifty-four, and he and his wife have lived together over fifty years, making three successive generations in the family which have passed the 50th anniversary of their marriage.

## MRS. ELIZABETH McMURTRY,

daughter of Robert and Janet Smyth, and wife of Mathew McMurtry, was born about the year 1803, at Strandton near Belfast Ireland. She was married in the year 1827.

At about eighteen years of age she made a public profession of religion and united with the Presbyterian Church of her native place, and has held connection in the various churches mentioned above.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. McMurtry are as follows :

Jane, born July 24th, 1828. Died Oct. 27th, 1838, at Covington, Ky.

Sarah, wife of Robert Bryce, born Nov. 9th, 1830.

Elizabeth, born Feb. 22nd, 1833. Died Oct. 27th, 1837. at Covington, Ky.

Mary Ann, born Dec. 26th, 1834. Died Aug. 2nd, 1855 at St. Louis, Mo.

Ezekiel James, born Aug. 17th, 1837. Died Nov. 1st, 1837 at Covington, Ky.

Jane Elizabeth, wife of James S. McMurtry of St. Louis, Mo., born Nov. 13th, 1838.

Susanna Esther, born Feb. 10th, 1841.

James, born April 20th, 1843. Died Sept. 17th, 1877 at Davidson, Colorado.

Abigail Emma Simm, born March 12th, 1847. Died April 16th, 1861 near Butler, Ill.

Jane, the first child and Elizabeth the third, both died the same day of scarlet fever.

## MRS. MARY McREYNOLDS,

daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Soverens was born near Morgantown, Virginia, July 9th, 1798.

Here she was united in marriage with John McReynolds in the 19th year of her age.

In 1829 she moved with her husband to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and from there to Kenton Co. Ky. where she spent a few months. She then removed to Boon Co. Ky. not far from Covington, and in 1855, to Hillsboro, Ill. Here, in the same year, Mrs. McReynolds buried her husband, his death occurring on the 17th of Dec.

In about two years from the time of Mrs. McReynold's arrival in Hillsboro she moved to Butler, and not long after took charge of the Butler Hotel and conducted it for about eleven years.

In 1872 she removed to Greenfield, Mo. Where her only surviving son, Bryant, now lives.

In about two years she returned to Butler to visit her daughter, Hester Hough, with whom she has ever since made her home.

Mr. McReynolds made a profession of religion in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, about the year 1836, and united with the Presbyterian Church, and was one of the original fourteen members of the Presbyterian Church in Butler, organized Aug. 29th, 1858.

About the year 1872 she was dismissed from the church of Butler to unite with the Presbyterian Church, Greenfield, Mo.

Mrs. McReynolds is the mother of nine children, all of whom lived to be heads of families. They are as follows ;

Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Johnston, of Knox Co. Ohio, born Jan. 9th, 1818.

Hester, wife of Sebra Hough, deceased, born June 26th, '20.

Harriet, wife of Jonathan Soverens, deceased, born Sept. 2nd, 1822. Died Nov. 23d, 1877.

Margaret, wife of Ephriam Farley of Iowa, born Dec. 18th, 1826.

Catharine, wife of Wm. Masters, born Nov. 15th, 1828. Died Sept. 8th, 1852.

Samuel, born April 11th, 1831. Died April 2nd, 1872.

Bryant W., born March 28th, 1835.

Lucy, wife of Wm. Masters, Butler, Ill. born April 22nd, '39.

Mary, wife of Wm. Hanson, of Oregon, born May 27th, '42.

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## MRS. HESTER HOUGH.

daughter of John and Mary McReynolds, was born near Morgantown, Virginia, June 26th, 1820. From Virginia she moved with her parents to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, afterwards to Kenton Co. Ky. where, Jan. 10th, 1841, in the 21st year of her age, she was united in marriage with Sebra Hough who was born Oct. 7th, 1803 at New Haven, Conn.

Mrs. Hough lived about two years in Kenton Co. and then, with her husband, moved to Boon Co. Ky. not far from Covington. Here, May 12th, 1866, her husband died, and in 1867 she came to Butler, Ill. arriving on the 4th day of July.

Mrs. Hough made a profession of religion in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, at about thirteen years of age and united with the Presbyterian Church. About the year 1868, after removal to Butler, she united with the Congregational Church of Hills-

boro, Ill. and on the 20th of Aug. 1870, with the Presbyterian Church of Butler.

The children of Mrs. Hough are as follows:

Edward Augustus, born Oct. 26th, 1842. Married, Dec. 1866, to Miss Virginia W. Sothers.

Robert Bruce, born Feb. 14th, 1845.

Eugene Wilson, born Aug. 12th, 1849. Died, in Boon Co. Ky. Sept. 27th, 1852.

Claudus William, born March 22nd, 1854.

John Wrice, born Feb. 2nd, 1857.

Sebra, born June 26th, 1861. Died at Butler Ill. Aug. 20th, 1873.

James Thomas, born Nov. 10th, 1864. Died in Boon Co. Ky. Jan. 17th, 1865.

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## REV. J. LIVENGOOD

was born July 11th, 1814, in Honeybrook Township, Chester County, Penn. His father dying when he was but two years old, he continued to reside with his mother, and sisters till about seventeen years of age, when the family removed to Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, Penn.

Here he was engaged in various secular pursuits, but mostly in teaching school, until he was about twenty three years of age.

At this time he became impressed that it was his duty to prepare himself for a wider sphere of usefulness, and under this impression he repaired to Pennsylvania College with a view to studying for the Gospel Ministry.

Here, having attended a regular course of catechetical instruction he was received into the church by the sacred or-

dinance of Baptism, and thus assumed the solemn obligations of the Christian life; and he humbly trusts that the vows which he then assumed have neither been forgotten nor their claims disregarded.

His College course occupied about four years.

Early in the spring of 1841 he bid adieu to his Alma Mater, and set out for the state of Ohio.

Arriving at Canal Dover, he took up his abode with the Rev. J. B. Reck, Lutheran Pastor at that place, for whom he preached occasionally, and under whose supervision he read Theology until the meeting of the English Lutheran Synod of Ohio, which convened in Bucyrus, Crawford County in the Autumn of 1841, at which time and place he received license to preach the gospel. And in two years from that time, at the meeting of the same synod in Wooster, Wayne County, he was ordained to the work of the Holy Ministry.

His ministry embraces a period of over thirty six-years.

His first charge was at Tiffin City, Ohio, and occupied nearly nine years.

His second charge was at Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio, and occupied about four years.

In the Autumn of 1854 he removed to the State of Illinois and located at Hillsboro, Montgomery County, where he assumed charge of four congregations, viz: at Hillsboro, Litchfield, St. John's, and at Ware's Grove. At the end of seven years he resigned his charge at Hillsboro; at the end of nine years, he resigned at Litchfield and the following year he gave up St. John's. This charge of four congregations being so large, and the fields so far apart, the work was necessarily very laborious. It is now divided into three pastorates, and served by three pastors.

In the spring of 1865 he located on a farm in the vicinity of Ware's Grove and continued to serve the church at that place some nine years longer making his entire ministry in that congregation over nineteen years. After resigning at Ware's Grove he served the Mt. Zion congregation, in Round-tree Township, about two years.

On account of certain physical disabilities he is compelled to desist for the present, from the active duties of the Ministry, which he deeply regrets.

In the month of Oct. 1842 the subject of this sketch was united in marriage with Miss Amanda Mary Beyer of Shanesville, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.

### MRS. AMANDA M. LIVENGOOD,

only daughter of John and Elizabeth Beyer and wife of Rev. J. Livengood, was born Jan. 12th, 1822 at Shanesville, Ohio, where she lived until her marriage Oct, 1842 in the 21st year of her age.

Mrs. Livengood made a profession of religion at Shanesville, Ohio at about eighteen years of age and united with the Lutheran Church.

She holds her membership at the present time in the Church at Ware's Grove.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Livengood, in the order in which their names occur, viz:

Frances Ellen, born Aug. 27th, 1843.

John B., born March 15th, 1845.

Rebecca Ann, born March 16th, 1847.

Amanda Mary, born May 12th, 1849.

Luther M., born Nov. 8th, 1851.

Caroline Virginia, born Dec. 8th, 1855.

Edward William, born June 29th, 1857.

Robert Jesse, born Feb. 10th, 1860.

Catharine Elizabeth born Sept. 14th, 1862.



Of these children all are living, except John B. who was killed at the battle of Corrinth while fighting for the Union.

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## WILLIAM SEWARD,

son of Israel and Margaret Seward. was born in Hamilton, Ohio, Aug. 17th, 1818. His parents moved to Montgomery Co. Ill when he was about fifteen months old. They settled upon the top of what is now known as THE SEWARD HILL, one half mile south of Butler.

When about ten years of age, Willaim returned to Hamilton, Ohio and spent three months at school. Other than this his whole life since fifteen months of age has been spent in the vicinity of Butler. When quite a youth he carried the mail for four years on horseback from Hillsboro to Jacksonville.

In the 24th year of his age he was united in marriage with Miss Susan Fuller of East Fork, about ten miles South East of Hillsboro.

The officiating minister was Rev. T. A. Spilman, the father of the writer of these sketches.

In the year 1858 Mr. Seward made a profession of religion and united with the Presbyterian Church of Butler.

In 1858 he was ordained a Deacon of the church, and about the year 1865 was elected and ordained a ruling elder.

Mr. Seward's residence is situated on the north side of the "Seward Hill" where he has lived for thirty-six years.

## MRS. SUSAN SEWARD,

daughter of Moses and Elizabeth Fuller and wife of Wm. Seward, was born in the year 1818, in Clark Co. Ohio near

Carlyle. She came to Ill. in June 1840, and settled in the community known as East Fork, and was united in marriage with Mr. Seward in 1841.

In the family of Mrs. Seward's parents there were eight children, one son and seven daughters, all of whom lived to be heads of families, and all of whom are living still except the two oldest daughters.

Mrs. Seward made a profession of religion when about nineteen years of age and united with the Baptist Church in Clark Co. Ohio. In 1868 she connected herself with the Congregational Church of Hillsboro, Ill.

The children of Wm. and Susan Seward are as follows:

Alonzo B., born April 25th, 1843. Died at Butler, Ill. March 29th, 1877.

Almeda, wife of Thomas J. Watkins of Butler, Ill. born April 9th, 1848.

Israel, born May 23d, 1850. Died at Butler, Ill. Aug. 25th, 1851.

Clarence F., born July 22nd, 1852.

Mary Ellen, born Nov. 28th, 1855.

Cornelia W., born Feb. 22nd, 1859.

William Lincoln, born Nov. 4th, 1861. Died at Butler, Ill., Nov. 3d, 1864.

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## GEORGE C. SEWARD,

son of Israel and Margaret Seward, was born in Montgomery Co. Ill. Oct. 11th, 1821.

In May 1844 he was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Casey of Jefferson Co. Ill. In Sept. 1845 his wife died at Butler, Ill. and on Feb. 1st, 1848 he was united in marriage at

the age of twenty seven years, near Butler Ill. with Miss Unity Phillips, daughter of Captin Thomas Phillips who recently died in Hillsboro, Ill.

One incident, or accident in the life of Mr. Seward is remembered with interest by his friends.

It was his lot in his younger days to be mail carrier for several years on the lines between Hillsboro and Jacksonville and Hillsboro and Alton.

During that time there came a freshet which raised the waters of Shoal Creek to an immense height. George attempted to cross the stream with a two-horse conveyance. A part of the bridge being gone he was carried away by the current. He got out of the carriage, stepping on one of the horses, and caught hold of a small Elm tree which he, after becoming wet nearly all over, climed, and in the branches of which he remained until the next day.

It was about one o'clock in the afternoon, and in the month of Dec., when he took refuge in the tree. It was a little after dark when his friends discovered him.

The stream was now about three fourths of a mile wide, and the current baffled their efforts to get to the tree. The logs which were carried down the stream would strike the slender tree and partially dislodge him.

He could see and hear his friends from his lonely perch, which probably helped to beguile the uncomfortable hours of the night; but it was not until about 9 o'clock in the morning that with a horse trough and poles they succeeded in reaching and rescuing him.

Mr. Seward has never lived else where than in Montgomery Co., and has been for thirty two years upon the farm where he now resides.

In the year 1865 Mr. Seward united with the Presbyterian Church of Butler.

The children of Mr. Seward are as follows: By his first wife,

Lewis, born April 28th, 1845.

By his second wife:

Harriet C., wife of Lloyd C. Washburn, born Dec 19th, 1848.

Thomas I., born July 25th, 1851.

Benjamin H., born Oct, 29th, 1853.

George T., born Sept. 14th, 1856.

Clara M., born Sept. 19th, 1859.

Jesse J., born Sept. 12th, 1863.

Infant, without name, born Dec. 17th. 1867. Died Feb. 15th, 1868.

## WILLIAM WATSON

was born in Macherknappan, Denegall Co. Ireland, Jan. 14th, 1800. He left Ireland for America at eighteen years of age, with the entire family, consisting of parents, two brothers and a sister, and came to Albany N. Y. where he lived for about five years.

He then removed to Geneva, N. Y. and lived there five years, and from there went to Genesee Co. N. Y. where he lived ten years. Here, Aug. 1834, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Taft.

On the 26th of Nov. 1839 he came to the farm on which he now resides in Montgomery Co. Ill., five miles north of Hillsboro near to the Montgomery Chapel.

William Watson, and his brother John residing in Hillsboro, are the only members of the family now surviving.

## MRS. MARY WATSON,

daughter of Wm. and Elisabeth Taft, was born at Cumber, County Down, Ireland, Dec. 10th, 1815. She had three brothers and one sister.

When about eighteen years of age she came to America, accompanied by her sister and family. She located in Genesee Co., N. Y., where she was married in the 19th year of her age.

Mrs. Watson made a profession of religion and united with the Presbyterian Church of Butler about the year 1862.

The children of William and Mary Watson are as follows :

William, born Nov. 20th, 1835.

Aaron, born Feb. 7th, 1837.

Margaret, born July 26th, 1838.

John, born Jan. 28th, 1840.

James, born April 26th, 1841. Died near Hillsboro, Aug. 16th, 1844.

Infant, Died without name, aged about 20 days.

George, born July 8th, 1842.

Ann Augusta, born Feb. 8th, 1847. Died near Hillsboro May 29th, 1863.

James, born Feb. 26th, 1849.

Eliza, born March 22nd, 1851.

Isabella, born May 10th, 1853.

## THOMAS COLVIN

was born in Hilltown, Down Co. Ireland, March 1814. He sailed with his parents for America in the Spring of 1826, landing at the City of New York, and going thence to Rochester, N.Y. where the family spent a few weeks only, and then removed to Stubenville, Ohio. They spent but a few months in Stubenville. From there they went to Clearmont Co. Ohio about the year 1836. Here, Jan. 5th, 1837, Thomas Colvin was united in marriage with Miss Matilda Williamson of Clearmont Co. Ohio. A few years after marriage he went with his wife to Miami Co., Ohio; but in about one year returned to Clearmont Co. to take care of his father and step-mother.

In 1858 he came to Ill., purchasing and locating upon the farm three miles north of Butler, now owned by J.C. Aten.

In Feb. 1868 he bought a farm about one mile N. W. of this residence, where he lived until he moved with his family to Butler in the spring of 1875.

In Nov. 1869 he entered in to partnership with Rolla Williams in merchandise in Butler.

While living upon the farm first mentioned, Mr. Colvin's wife died Oct. 3d. 1862.

On the 20th of Aug. 1863, Mr. Colvin was married to Mrs. Perlina Steward of Montgomery Co. Ill.

She died at Butler, on the 29th of March 1876, in the 45th year of her age, in the communion of the Presbyterian Church.

On the 7th of Aug. 1877, Mr. Colvin was united in marriage with Mrs. Margaret Slack of Hillsboro, Ill., who was born Aug. 20th, 1829, at Springdale, Hamilton Co. Ohio. Her husband, Daniel Slack, was born Feb. 16th. 1805. near

Trenton N. Y., and died March 28th, 1868.

Mr. Colvin made a profession of religion when about twenty nine years of age, and united with the Presbyterian Church Clearmont Co. Ohio. On coming to Butler he united with the Presbyterian Church of this place.

The children of Mr. Colvin, are as follows: By his first wife, Sarah, born Nov. 29th, 1837. Died near Butler, Feb. 20th, 1869.

James W., born Jan. 11th, 1839. Died near Butler, Sept. 27th, 1869.

John, born Jan. 8th, 1841.

Francis M., born Oct. 2nd, 1842. Died at Helena. Arkansas Oct. 13th, 1864.

Thomas Jr., born Jan. 23d, 1845. Died at Memphis, Tenn. July 6th, 1864.

These two sons, last named, died in the Union army.

Matilda, born Dec. 10th, 1846. Died near Butler, Jan. 3d, 1861.

Amanda J., born Jan. 17th. 1849. Died near Butler May 15th, 1870.

Ataline, born Feb. 2nd, 1853. Died near Butler, Nov. 4th 1868.

David, born Jan. 28th, 1851.

Belinda, wife of David Kenedy of Raymond Ill., born Sept. 20th, 1855.

These were all born near Williamsburg, Clearmont Co. Ohio.

By his second wife:

Emma Alice, born July 24th, 1864. Died at Butler, Feb. 10th, 1865.

Nathan Posey, born Dec. 1866.

Elisabeth B., born Jan. 7th, 1868.

Charlott M., born Feb. 10th, 1870.

Florence D., born Oct. 22nd, 1874. Died at Butler, Aug. 27th, 1875.

The children of Mrs. Perlina Colvin, by her previous husband, Mr. Steward. are as follows:

Julia A., wife of Robert E. Cannon of Tower Hill, born Dec. 12th, 1852.

Daniel W., born Nov. 23rd, 1854.

Mary E., born Nov. 30th, 1856. Died Sept. 7th, 1858.

The children of Mrs. Margaret Colvin, by her previous husband, Daniel Slack, are as follows:

James Lodwick, born May 14th, 1848.

Anna Elisabeth, wife of Richard B. Gordon of Butler, born Feb. 19th, 1851.

Ella Francinah, wife of Wm. N. Brown of Hillsboro, Ill., born Dec. 18th, 1852.

Charles B., born Feb. 16th, 1855. Died at Batavia Ohio, June 14th, 1856.

Emma Augusta, wife of John C. Barkley of Hillsboro, Ill., born Oct. 18th, 1857.

Mollie Edmonia, born Oct. 13th, 1859.

## SAMUEL BERRY

was born in New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Aug. 30th, 1815.

When a small child he moved with his parents to Hamilton Co. Ohio, and in the Autumn of 1842, came to Montgomery Co. Ill., and bought the farm five miles north of Butler now owned by Wm. Berry.



On the 11th of May 1851 he removed to the farm upon which he now resides one half mile east of Butler.

Mr. Berry was married at Springdale, Ohio, Dec. 13th, 1836, to Miss Lydia H. Moore, who died Sept. 24th, 1849, on the farm north of Butler.

On the 11th, of May 1852, in Hillsboro, Ill., Mr. Berry was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary S. Brown.

Mr. Berry served an apprenticeship as a shoe-maker when a young man and worked eight or ten years at the trade while in Ohio.

In 1875, during a time of an especial religious interest in Butler, Mr. Berry made a public profession of religion and united with the Presbyterian Church.

## MRS. MARY S. BERRY,

daughter of Jacob and Agnes Swallow, was born in Hamilton Co. Ohio, near Sharonville, Sept. 12th, 1823.

At the place of her nativity she was united in marriage, in the 19th, year of her age, with Hiram Brown, who died at Hillsboro, Ill., Sept. 7th, 1851.

After her marriage she remained a few months in Hamilton Co. Ohio, and then went to Michigan, Lapere Co., where she spent about six months. She then returned to Hamilton Co. Ohio, remaining there a few months, after which she went to Dillsboro, Indiana, where she lived about two years, and then in 1846, she came to Ill.

These changes of residence were occasioned by the ill health of her husband.

Mrs. Berry made a profession of religion in Hillsboro, Ill., and united with the Lutheran Church, under the ministrations and pastoral care of Rev. Francis Springer, D. D.

The children of Samuel Berry, by his first wife, are as follows:

George W., born Oct. 3d, 1837. Died Jan. 13th, 1849.

Harriet E., wife of Harris Mitts, born June 23d, 1839.

Died June 25th, 1870.

William H., born March 20th, 1842.

Abner, born Dec. 20th, 1843. Died Jan. 9th, 1849.

Mary M., born Jan. 6th, 1848. Died Jan. 6th, 1849.

The children of Samuel and Mary Berry are as follows:

Camilla, born Aug. 18th, 1853. Died Feb. 6th, 1855.

Joseph, born Nov. 2nd, 1855.

Frank C., born May 22nd, 1858.

Laura, born Sept. 16th, 1860.

Ella, born Dec. 17th, 1862.

Samuel G., born May 13th, 1869.

## JOHN HOSTETTER

was born near Litiz, Lancaster Co., Penn., July 26th, 1805.

His parents moved with him, when an infant, to Adams Co., Penn. He remained here until twenty one years of age, when he went to Hagerstown Maryland. Here, in the 26th year of his age, he was united in marriage with Miss Elisabeth Yeakle.

About the year 1843 his wife died, and in Dec. of 1847, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Lucretia Wolf at Hagerstown, Md.

In Sept. of 1854, Mr. Hostetter removed to Freeport, Ill., where he remained two years. He then came to Butler, Ill.

After five years he removed to Springfield, Ill., where he spent six years and then returned to Butler. where he has ever since made his home.

At Hanover, York Co. Penn., Mr. Hostetter served an apprenticeship of three years as a house carpenter, commencing his service in the 17th year of his age. During the greater part of his life he has worked at his trade.

Mr. Hostetter made a profession of religion at about the 22nd year of his age, and united with the Lutheran Church at Hagerstown Md., under the ministration of Rev. Benjamin Kurtz D. D.

## MRS. LUCRETIA HOSTETTER,

daughter of Wm. and Rebecca Knodle. and wife of John Hostetter, was born in Washington Co. Md., Oct. 9th, 1820.

Before she was eight years of age her mother died, and when seventeen years of age she moved with her father to Hagerstown Md. Here, Dec. 23d, 1840, she was united in marriage with John Wolf, who died at Hagerstown Md., Feb. 8th, 1843.

About the 28th of Dec. 1847, she was united in marriage with John Hostetter.

Mrs. Hostetter made a profession of religion and united with the Lutheran Church at Hagerstown on the 27th of May 1838, under the pastoral care of Rev. Charles F. Shaffer.

Mrs. Hostetter had one child by her first husband, viz: John William Wolf, born Oct. 28th, 1842. Died Nov 4th, 1842.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hostetter after the second marriage of each are as follows:

William Henry, born Sept. 29th, 1848. Died at Hagerstown, Md. Feb. 9th, 1849.

Cora Mary, born May 5th, 1850. Died at Hagerstown Md. Dec. 28th, 1851.

George Hartmar, born Dec. 9th, 1852.

Erb Davis, born Oct. 26th, 1855. Died at Butler, Ill., Sept. 11th, 1871.

Susie Mary, born March 24th, 1859.

Married Oct. 11th, 1877, to Wm. E. Spears of Richmond Franklin Co. Kansas.

Mrs. Henrietta Berry, wife of Joseph Berry, of Butler Ill., who was brought up by Mr. and Mrs. Hostetter, was taken by them, when two years old, and made secure to them by the officers of an Orphan Assylum. She was born Sept. 3d, 1849.

## MRS. RACHEL WRIGHT,

daughter of John and Rachel Yoakum, was born near Hillsboro. Ill., Jan. 31st, 1819.

On the 1st of May 1845, in the 27th year of her age she was united in marriage, by Rev. Elliot of the M. E. Church, with Thomas Wright then residing in Montgomery Co. Ill.

Thomas Wright was born in London, England, came to America in 1839, died in Columbia Co. Wisconsin, Nov. 27th, 1862, and was buried in Lock Cemetery in Lack Co. Wis.

Mrs. Wright lived in Montgomery Co. until thirty-one years of age, when, in 1847, she moved to Quincy, Ill.; where she spent a few weeks, and then returned to Montgomery Co.

After about eighteen months, she went to St. Louis, Mo.,

where she spent a year and a half. From there she removed to Franklin Co. Mo., remaining there something over a year when she removed to Columbia Co. Wis. Here she lived about four years, and then moved to Madison of the same State. She lived in Madison about two years and then returned to the farm in Columbia Co., where she lived nearly two years, and where her husband died.

On the 15th of Oct. 1863 she returned to Montgomery Co. Ill., where she has ever since resided.

Mrs. Wright made a profession of religion in the 22nd year of her age and united with the Freewill Baptist Church three miles S. W. of Butler, Ill.

The children of Mrs. Rachel Wright are as follows :

Charles D., born in Montgomery Co. Ill., March 21st, 1846.

John M., and William S., (twins,) born in Montgomery Co. Ill, March 23d, 1848.

William S., died in Montgomery Co. Ill., May 31st, 1848.

John M., died in Montgomery Co. Ill., Oct. 5th, 1848.

These twins were buried seven miles South of Butler, Ill., at the Clear Spring Baptist Church Cemetery.

Sarah M., wife of Alfred Saturly of Butler, Ill., born in Franklin Co. Mo., May 12th, 1850.

Andrew F., born in Franklin Co. Mo. Dec. 25th, 1851.

Benjamin F., born in Columbia Co. Wis., Nov. 21st, 1854.

George W., born in Madison, Wis., Dec. 1st, 1857. Died at the age of six days.

Mary, born in Madison, Wis., Dec. 31st, 1858.

Henry E., born in Columbia Co. Wis., Feb. 12th, 1861.

## FRANK WILLIAM WEBER

was born at Nenenkerchen, Melle, Germany Nov. 24th, 1824.

He left Germany for America on the 15th of Sept. 1853, and landed at New Orleans, Louisiana. He first settled at St. Louis, Mo. After living three years in St Louis. he removed to Marine, Madison Co. Ill., where he lived until 1861, when he entered the Union army and served three years.

After this term of service expired he volunteered again and served in the army about two years longer.

Mr. Weber was married in Germany, at the place of his nativity, to Miss Sophia Kesper May 1st, 1849, in the 24th year of his age. Their children are as follows:

William, born in Germany, Nov. 24th, 1848. Died in Germany, March 6th, 1851.

August, born in Germany, Nov. 1st, 1852.

Henry, born in St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 27th, 1855.

Otto, born at Marine, Madison Co. Ill., June 27th, 1858.

Mr. Weber's second marriage was in Hillsboro, Ill., with Mrs. Fredereka Kerchof, whose maiden name was Parpa, and who came from Braunschwig, Germany to America in the year 1866. They were married by Rev. Geo. A. Bowers of Hillsboro, Ill., July 29th, 1866. Their children are as follows:

Charles, born at Butler Ill., Jan. 7th, 1873.

Flora Katrena, born at Butler, Ill., Aug. 24th, 1877.

Also two daughters, who died in infancy, in Butler Ill.

Mrs. Fredereka Weber had one son, Henry, by her first husband, who came with her from Germany. He was born in Germany, July 29th, 1862.

Mr. Weber is a tailor by trade. In Germany he united with the Lutheran Church.

## MICHAEL M. STUCKEY

was born in Jefferson, Jefferson Co. Ky., March 12th, 1820.

He remained at the place of his nativity until in the 20th year of his age, when he removed to Alton, Ill. He remained in Alton only about a month, and then went to Macoupin Co. Ill., where he lived for seven years. From Macoupin Co. he went back to Alton and lived there about seven years.

From Alton he removed to Woodboro, Montgomery Co. in Feb. 1855. In Aug. 1864 he came to Butler, Ill., where he has ever since resided.

Mr. Stuckey learned the carpenter's trade at Louisville, Ky., serving an apprenticeship of two years, and the greater part of his life he has spent working at his trade.

At Woodboro he kept a store and ran a saw mill.

At Woodboro and Butler he served as Constable for twelve successive years.

Mr. Stuckey made a profession of religion in the 18th year of his age in Ky., and united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. His first connection with the M. E. Church, was in Macoupin Co. Ill., in 1841.

When he removed to Woodboro, he took with him his certificate of church membership, and connected himself with the M. E. Church of that place.

In 1866 Mr. Stuckey connected himself with the M. E. Church of Butler. Ill.

In 1864, he entered the Union army and served his country as a soldier until the close of the war, being discharged on the 2nd of Dec. 1865.

In 1860, while at Woodboro, he was licensed as a local

preacher of the M. E. Church. After connecting with the church at Butler, he was relicensed by Rev. W. F. Low.

At Woodboro, Butler, and other places, Mr. Stuckey has preached, as opportunity has occurred, in accordance with his license.

On the 10th of May, 1842, in Macoupin Co. Ill., Mr. Stuckey was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Ann McCaulley, who died in Macoupin Co. Oct. 1842.

On the 19th of May, 1844, Mr. Stuckey was united in marriage, in Macoupin Co. Ill., with Miss Sarah L. McCaulley, sister of his former wife. Their children are as follows:

Margaret, wife of James Suits of Butler, Ill., born Feb. 16th, 1845.

George M., and Charles F., (twins,) born Aug. 4th, 1847.

George M., died in Macoupin Co. Ill., Aug. 17th, 1847.

Charles F., died at Alton, Ill., Sept. 4th, 1847.

On the 20th of Aug. 1847, in Macoupin Co., Mrs. Sarah L. Stuckey departed this life.

On the 3d of March, 1850, at Alton, Ill., Mr. Stuckey was united in marriage, with Miss Amelia Bushwyler, who was born at Worms, in Germany, and came to America in 1846.

To them have been born eight children whose names are as follows:

Hannah Elisabeth, wife of Samuel Bartlet of St. Louis Mo.

Lucy Ellen, Michael Martin, George E., N. Amelia, Samuel Milton, Fredrick H., and Minnie Alder.



## HENRY HARPER

was born in Harpersfield, Ashtabula Co. Ohio, March 19th, 1813, where he lived until thirty four years of age.

In the 33d year of his age, Oct. 5th. 1845, he was united in marriage with Candace Partheina Wright, then living at Waukesha, Wis.

In the 35th year of his age Mr. Harper moved to Berlin, Wis., where he lived twenty years.

From Berlin he removed to Montgomery Co. Ill., to a farm three miles South of Butler, and in about one year, in the Autumn of 1858, moved into the village of Butler.

Mr. Harper is a painter by trade, the knowledge of which vocation he acquired at Harpersfield Ohio.

He is the inventor of the Patent Axil Guage, designed to facilitate the action of wagon and carriage wheels.

## MRS. CANDACE PARTHENIA HARPER,

daughter of Charles and Nancy Wright, and wife of Henry Harper, was born July 19th, 1813, at Copenhagen, Lewis Co. N. Y., where she resided until the 32nd year of her age, when she removed to Waukesha, Wis. Here in the 33d year of her age, she was united in marriage with Henry Harper of Harpersfield Ohio.

Mrs. Harper taught school for some time while in N. Y., and has devoted some time to needle and other fancy work.

The children of Henry and Candace Harper are as follows:

Malvina P., wife of John W. McClure of Pawnee, Ill., born Oct. 4th, 1846.

Wright Henry, born May 26th, 1848.

## HENRY BREMER

was born at Holzminder, Braunschweig, Germany, July 2nd, 1827.

He emigrated to America in about the year 1852, landing at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mr. Bremer's first settlement in America was at Cape Girardeau, Mo., where he lived for two years. He then removed to Carlinville, Ill., and remained there six months, after which he went to Hillsboro, Ill., where he lived one year. He then returned to Carlinville and lived there three years.

Mr. Bremer was a Shoe-maker by trade, but finding that his work did not agree with his health, he removed to a farm at East Fork, near Hillsboro, Ill., where he remained about four years, and then in 1863 came to Butler.

Henry Bremer was united in marriage at Hillsboro, Ill., Sept. 27th 1853, by J. T. Eccles Esq., with Miss Johannah Bremer, who was born March 18th, 1829 in Equord, Hanover, Germany, and came to America a few months later than Henry Bremer.

Though Mr. Bremer and his wife both bore the same name before marriage they do not know that there existed any relationship between them.

They both united in Germany with the Lutheran Church.

The children of Henry and Johannah Bremer are as follows:

Sophia, born at Carlinville Ill., June 29th, 1855. Died January 16th, at Carlinville Ill., 1861.

Louis, born July 12th, at Carlinville Ill., 1857.

Was Confirmed in the Lutheran Church at Ware's Grove near Butler Ill., by Rev. John Hamilton, Pastor, in 1875.

Annie, born April 2nd, at Carlinville Ill., 1859. Died August 25th, at Butler Ill., 1865.

Emma, born October 22nd, at East Fork Ill., 1862. Died January 22nd, at Butler Ill., 1873.

Minnie, born Dec. 7th, at Butler Ill., 1864. Died March 12th, at Butler Ill., 1865.

Willie, born January 22nd, at Butler Ill. 1865. Died at Butler. Ill., March 20th, 1866.

Henry, born at Butler Ill., February 29th, 1866. Died at Butler Ill., September 27th, 1869.

Charlie, born at Butler Ill., April 5th, 1868. Died at Butler Ill., October 5th, 1869.

Lena, born at Butler Ill., September 30th, 1870.

## MRS. RACHEL DE KAY,

daughter of Richard and Jemima Edsell, was born in Sussex Co. N. J., July 8th, 1787.

At twenty years of age, in the same State she was united in marriage with William De Kay, who died in N. J. about the year 1840.

About the year 1845 Mrs. De Kay moved with her family to the State of Ohio, and about the year 1863 came to Montgomery Co. Ill., to the farm near Butler, where she now resides with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Simmons.

In her native State Mrs. De Kay made a profession of religion and united with the Presbyterian Church.

The family record of Mrs. De Kay is not at hand, and it is possible that some of the dates in this sketch are only approximates. Her children are as follows:

Catharine, wife of Dr. Wm. McMurry of St. Louis, Mo., was born Aug. 3d, 1808.

Eliza, wife of Wm. Simmons of Butler, Ill., born May 16th, 1810.

Thomas, born June 8th, 1812. Died in New Jersey in 1860.

Richard, born Nov. 3d, 1814. Died in New Jersey in 1862.

Seal, born Feb. 19th, 1816.

William, born March 15th, 1823.

## JOSEPH BURNAP

was born in Hamilton, Butler Co. Ohio, Aug. 20th, 1821.

On the 13th, of June 1832 he came with his parents to Montgomery Co. Ill. to the farm south of Butler now owned by C. W. Jenkins.

In 1845 he located on the farm, which he now owns and upon which he resides, one mile S. E. of Butler.

On the 16th of May 1848 he was united in marriage, at Fillmore, Montgomery Co. Ill., with Miss. Catharine Bost, who died at Butler, Ill., Oct., 22nd 1850. Their only child was:

George, born July 18th, 1849. Died at Butler, Ill., Oct. 16th, 1850.

In Oct. 1853 he was united in marriage, at Ware's Grove, near Butler, with Miss. Sarah Hugg.

In June 1869 Mr. Burnap made a profession of religion and connected himself with the Presbyterian Church of Butler, and not long after was elected and ordained a Ruling Elder of that Church.

The children of Joseph and Sarah Burnap are as follows.

John, born Oct. 2nd, 1854.

Carrie S., born April 14th, 1857.

William Herbert, born July 6th, 1859.

Samuel, born Dec. 25th, 1860. Died April 14th, 1865.

Horace, born Jan. 18th, 1864.

Mary, born Sept. 9th, 1866.

Camilla M., born July 12th, 1873.

## WILLIAM SIMMONS

was born in Tyrone, Stuben County, N. Y., October, 1808.

When quite a youth he removed to the City of New York.

Here, on the 2nd of Nov., 1840, he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Wymans De Kay.

Immediately after marriage he removed to Melrose, Ohio, where he lived four years, engaging in merchandise. From Melrose he moved to Republic, Ohio, where he spent eighteen years of mercantile life. Here on the 25th of Dec. 1859, he was struck with apoplexy. After a long and severe illness, which deprived him of the power of speech and the use of memory, he was able to leave his bed.

He regained also, to some extent, his memory and speech, but not sufficiently to enable him to resume his business.

About the year 1863 he came to Ill. and purchased the farm upon which he now resides about one mile S.E. of Butler.

### MRS. ELIZA WYMANS SIMMONS,

daughter of William and Rachel De Kay, and wife of William Simmons, was born in Vernon, Sussex Co. N. J., May 16th, 1810. She lived at the place of her nativity until about nineteen years of age, when she removed to the City of New York.

Here at about thirty years of age she was united in marriage with Wm. Simmons.

After her husband's attack of illness, above referred to, she took his mercantile business upon her hands, went into the store, purchasing and selling for five years, going to New York City and Cleavland, Ohio for goods.

At the expiration of five years she closed up the business of the store and came with her husband and family to Ill.

The children of William and Eliza W. Simmons are as follows:

Mattie, wife of Henry Welge of Butler, Ill., born Aug. 7th, 1846.

Frank B., born Aug. 21st, 1849.

Catharine L. born Aug. 9th, 1853.

## MRS. JOHANNAH METTE,

daughter of Peter and Henrietta Berking, was born in Germany, Aug. 25th, 1803.

She was united in marriage with Christ Brandes in Germany, and there all her children were born.

About the year 1850, she came to America, landing at New Orleans, Louisiana. Here her husband, Christ Brandes, was, by accident, drowned in the Mississippi River.

Mrs. Brandes went from New Orleans to St. Louis, where she lived for about five years.

While living in St. Louis, Mo., she was united in marriage with Mr. Louis Mette.

From St. Louis Mrs. Mette removed to Macoupin Co. Ill., where she lived about ten years, after which she came to Butler, Ill., where she has lived ever since.

The family records containing accurate dates were destroyed by fire.

The names of the children are as follows:

Christ Brandes. Henry Brandes.

Johannah Brandes, wife of Charles Whitmar.

Fredereka Brandes, wife of Phillip Schnider.

Fredrick Brandes, Frank Brandes, and Wilhalm Brandes.

Johannah, Christ and Henry, deceased.

Wilhalm is a painter by trade, and is still living with his mother at her residence in Butler.

## FREDRICK BELL

was born in London, Waldeck, Germany, Dec. 10th, 1808.

At the same places, July 6th, 1839, he was united in marriage with Miss Elisabeth Bell.

In 1852 Mr. Bell came to America, locating first at Syracuse N. Y., where he remained a little more than a year.

In Oct. of 1854 he came farther west, going first to St. Louis, but remaining there only a few weeks. He then went to Madison Co. Ill., where he lived about one year.

From here he removed to Hillsboro, Ill. where he lived six months, after which, in the Spring of 1855, he came to Butler.

Mr. Bell is by trade a mason. At fourteen years of age he united with the Lutheran Church in his native town in Germany.

## MRS. ELISABETH BELL,

daughter of Christian and Magdalene Bell, and wife of Fredrick Bell, was born in London, Waldeck, Germany, Jan. 1st, 1810, where, July 6th, 1839, she was united in marriage with Fredrick Bell.

Mrs. Bell united with the Lutheran Church in her native town at the age of thirteen years.

When Mr. and Mrs. Bell located in Hillsboro, Ill. they united with the Lutheran Church of that place.

About the year 1868 they connected themselves with the M. E. Church of Butler, Ill.

The Children of Fredrick and Elisabeth Bell are as follows:

Augusta, wife of Frank Huber of Butler, Ill., born April 4th, 1840.

Mary Sophia, wife of Seth Barnes of Butler, Ill., born Nov. 24th, 1842.

Fredrick, born Jan. 9th, 1845. Died in Germany at the age of two weeks.

Charles J., born Oct. 18th, 1847. Died in Germany Jan. 9th, 1850.

Louisa, wife of Charles Michaelson, of Clyde, Ill., born Feb. 26th, 1852.

## ALBERT DRYER

was born in Vermont, August 16th, in the year 1808.

When about two years of age he moved with his parents to Victor, Ontario Co. N. Y., where he lived until about ten years of age, when, with his parents, he moved to Mosco, Genesee Co. N. Y. When about twenty years of age he moved to Ellicottsville, Cataraugus Co. N. Y.

At Ellicottsville on the 10th of Sept., 1833, Albert Dryer was united in marriage with Miss Eunice Louisa Webber.

After living three years in Ellicottsville, Mr. Dryer removed to Olean Point in the same Co., where he lived for about two years.

In 1835 he came to Hillsboro, Montgomery Co. Ill., arriving on the 25th of May.

He lived in Hillsboro four years, and was employed in a saw and grist mill owned by Tilson & Hayward.

At the expiration of four years he moved to a farm five miles north of Hillsboro, on the Taylorville and Hillsboro road not far from the place where Montgomery Chapel now stands.

On this farm he lived for thirty-eight years, and then in Sept. of 1874 came to Butler.

## MRS. EUNICE LOUISA DRYER,

daughter of Michael and Sarah Webber, and wife of Albert Dryer, was born in Wheeling, Ohio, Dec. 10th, 1817.

When about two and a half years of age she moved with her parents to Jamestown Chautauqua Co. N. Y. From here she went to Pine Grove, Warren Co. Penn., where she



lived for seven years. She then returned to Chautauqua Co.

From Chautauqua Co. she removed to Cataraugus Co. of the same State at the age of fifteen, where, in the 16th year of her age she was united in marriage with Albert Dryer.

Mrs. Dryer made a profession of religion in Warren Co. Penn., when about thirteen years of age, but did not connect herself with any church until after her removal to Hillsboro, Ill., where, at the same time with her husband, she united with the M. E. Church.

Upon removal to the farm North of Hillsboro, Mr. and Mrs. Dryer united with the Montgomery Church of that neighborhood, and when they came to Butler brought their membership to the M. E. Church of this place.

The children of Albert and Louisa Dryer are as follows:

Amelia Adaline, wife of Frank Marshall of Hillsboro Ill., born March 11th, 1835.

Olive O., wife of Wm., Bouten of Oakland Cal., born Dec. 3d, 1836.

George W., born Oct. 8th, 1838.

Ardalica M., wife of Rev. Martin Miller, of Richland, Cal., born Aug. 25th, 1841.

John Lewis, born Oct. 22nd, 1845.

Charles Albert, born Dec. 15th, 1852.

## MRS. EVELINE WILSON,

daughter of William and Margaret Vansandt, and wife of Henry Wilson, was born near Poplar Plains Fleming Co. Ky., May 14th, 1825.

In the year 1858 she came with her father to Butler, Montgomery Co. Ill., to the house in which she now resides.

On the 30th, of June 1859, she was united in marriage with Henry Wilson, who was born near De Peyster, N. Y., Feb. 11th, 1832, and is by trade, a carpenter.

Mrs. Wilson made a profession of religion at fourteen years of age and united with the M. E. Church at Poplar Plains, Ky. On coming to Butler, Ill., she connected herself with the M. E. Church of this place.

The children of Henry and Eveline Wilson are as follows:  
William W., born Aug. 12th, 1860.

Margaret B., born May 7th, 1862.

Effa C., born Sept. 26th, 1865. Died at Butler, Ill., aged two years and six months.

## LEMUEL DAY WASHBURN

was born in De Peyster, New York, May 23d, 1823.

At the place of his nativity. Oct. 10th, 1843, he was united in marriage with Miss Lucinda Wilson.

From De Peyster, he removed, in April 1858, to Springfield Ill., and in the following Aug. came to Butler, and occupied the small house standing one door south of the residence of C. O. Brown, and now used as a store room.

He built the house in which he now resides, on the corner N. E. of the M. E. Church, in the year 1866, and moved into it on the 17th of Oct. of the same year.

During his residence in Butler Mr. Washburn has been engaged a portion of his time in the shoe-maker's trade and as a Boot & shoe merchant, but of late years has been engaged in farming.

At about thirty-one years of age, while in De Peyster N. Y., Mr. Washburn made a profession of religion and united with the Congregational Church.

Mr. Washburn has in his possession several interesting relics.

One, a long barreled gun with which his Uncle, Wm. Washburn, shot a panther in Macomb, N. Y.

Another, an officer's sword owned by his Grandfather, Captain Washburn, and carried by him in the war of 1812.

A third consists of several bones found in the earth in digging a cellar in Macomb, N. Y. The bones have the appearance of those of a human being, and were found in an erect posture. The skull bone is exceedingly flat, having but very little elevation above the eyes.

Efforts have been made in vain to find a race of human beings, now living, with a skull corresponding to this relic.

The place from which it was dug is supposed to have been covered at one time with fortifications of war.

## MRS. LUCINDA W. WASHBURN,

daughter of John and Clarinda Wilson, and wife of L. D. Washburn, was born in De Peyster, St. Lawrence Co. N. Y. Jan. 24th, 1825. She was married Oct. 10th, 1843, the officiating Clergyman being Rev. L. D. Gibbs of the M. E. Church, and made a profession of religion when about thirty four years of age, uniting with the Congregational Church of De Peyster.

In 1859, soon after coming to Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Washburn, connected themselves with the Presbyterian Church of this place, and six months later, when a Congregational Church was organized in Hillsboro, removed their membership to that Church.

The children of Lemuel D. and Lucinda W. Washburn are as follows:

Lloyd C., born Sept. 15th, 1844.

John L., born Aug. 24th, 1846. Died in the service of his country, during the late war, at Helena Arkansas, Aug. 26th, 1864, aged 18 years and 2 days.

Fannie L., wife of C. O. Brown of Butler, Ill., born April 11th, 1850.

Amasa D., born April 14th, 1852.

Eulalia, born July 21st, 1856.

Aura M., born March 5th, 1864. Died at Butler, Ill., Aug. 29th, 1865.

## JOHN S. FOGLEMAN

was born in Orange, County N. C., Feb. 12th, 1805, and in the same Co., 1827, was united in marriage with Miss Tempy Robertson who was born in Orange Co. N. C., April 25th, 1807, and died in Alamance Co. N. C., June 18th, 1853.

During his residence in N. C. Mr. Fogleman lived in four different Counties, viz: Orange, Alamance, Gilford and Randolph.

At about forty-six years of age, he united with the M. E. Church in Alamance Co. N. C.

In Dec. of 1868 Mr. Fogleman left N. C. and came to Montgomery Co. Ill., locating at the place where he now lives two miles N. E. of Butler, in "Ware's Grove," where he has ever since resided except for two years, during which time he lived upon farms adjacent to his present home.

For the past year or two Mr. Fogleman has been suffering from the effects of a Paralytic stroke. He keeps his bed the greater part of the time, and is almost entirely helpless.

The children of John S. Fogleman are as follows:

Oscar D., born April 15th, 1829. Died in the army, near Chancellorsville, Virginia, in the year 1863.

Cornelia F., born Sept. 15th, 1831.

Jerome G., born Oct. 14th, 1833. Died in Montgomery Co. Ill., Aug. 26th, 1875.

Emily E., born March 8th, 1836.

Josephene E., born Nov. 25th, 1839.

Duncan Luther, born Aug. 7th, 1841. Died in Orange Co. N. C., Dec. 28th, 1843.

John F., born March 30th, 1844.

Madoura C., born Nov. 30th, 1846. Died in Alamance Co. N.C. July 26th, 1854.

Napoleon P., born Nov. 11th, 1849. Died in Gilford Co. N. C., Aug. 6th 1868.

Lucion C., born Dec. 2nd, 1851.

## MRS. ELISABETH HOSE,

daughter of William and Rebecca Knodle, was born near Williamsport, Maryland, Jan. 1st. 1814, where, on the 12th of Jan. 1837, she was united in marriage with Hartman Hose.

About the year 1858 Mrs. Hose, with her husband, removed to Freeport, Ill; and after remaining there six months moved to Mount Morris, Ill., and after a residence in that place of one year came to Montgomery Co. Ill. to the farm where she now resides about one mile S. W. of Butler.

In the year 1864 Mrs. Hose buried her husband. A few days previous to his death he went to St. Louis, Mo. for medical treatment, being entertained and cared for under the hospitable roof of Mathew Coudy of that City, at whose house his death occurred on the 24th. of July, 1864.

Mrs. Hose made a public profession of religion while living in Maryland, when about fifteen years of age, and

united with the Lutheran Church at Williamsport ; and about one year afterward removed her membership to the M. E. Church of the same place, and on her removal to Montgomery Co. Ill., connected herself with the M. E. Church of Butler.

The Children of Mrs. Elisabeth Hose are as follows :

William T., born Oct. 28th, 1837.

Susan Jane, wife of Augustus Klemme of Butler Ill., born Oct. 16th, 1839.

John Hamilton, born June 13th, 1841.

George Frisby, born August 9th, 1843.

Charles Hartman, born Sept. 15th, 1845.

Edward Wilson, born Dec. 23d, 1848.

Died near Williamsport, Md., Dec. 30th, 1848.

Luther Washington born Feb. 15th, 1850. Died near Williamsport, Md. aged five months and 21 days.

Albertes M., born July 28th, 1851.

Theodore Scott, born Sept. 6th, 1853;

## MRS. DELIVERANCE HUGG,

daughter of Samuel and Elisabeth Cooper, was born in Chester, Morrison County, N. J. Sept. 11th, 1808.

In the 21st year of her age, at the place of her nativity she was united in marriage with Elijah Hugg of Chester, N. J., who was born Jan. 25th, 1804, and died in Montgomery Co. Ill., Sept. 11th, 1848.

Mrs. Hugg came to Montgomery Co. Ill., in the Spring of 1845, and occupied the house on the "Seward Hill," the old and vacant remains of which are now standing. In this house

she remained for two years, when, with her husband she removed to the farm one half mile east of Butler, now owned by Sammel Berry. From this place she removed to the farm where Mr. Bovey now resides, one and a half miles N.E. from Butler, Mr. Hugg having purchased the farm, and built the house now occupied by Mr. Bovey.

It was while living on this farm, in 1848. that Mrs. Hugg buried her husband.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Hugg purchased and located upon the farm four miles N. E. of Butler where John Scherer now lives. On the 24th of Feb., 1870, she removed to Butler to reside with her daughter Mrs. Harriet Scherer.

Mrs. Hugg made a profession of religion in N. J. at about thirty years of age, and united with the Congregational Church at Chester. On moving to Hillsboro, Ill., she connected herself with the Presbyterian Church of that place; and when the Presbyterian Church of Butler was organized, Aug. 29th, 1858, she was one of the original fourteen who constituted that organization.

The children of Mrs. Deliverance Hugg are as follows:

George, born June 7th, 1831.

Sarah, wife of Joseph S. Burnap of Butler, Ill., born Dec. 25th, 1832.

Elisabeth, wife of Oscar C. Mack, near Hillsboro, Ill., born March 26th, 1834.

Henry, born Dec. 21st, 1835. Died near Butler, Ill., Oct. 1st, 1854, aged 18 years, 9 months and 10 days.

Samuel, born Nov. 14th, 1839.

Charles, born March 16th, 1843. Died in New York City N. Y., at the residence of his brother George, Oct. 25th, 1863, aged 20 years, 7 months and 9 days.

Harriet, wife of William J. Scherer, deceased, born Nov. 10th, 1847.

## MRS. ELNORA C. DUKE,

daughter of John and Elisabeth Smith, was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, Feb. 2nd, 1821, where, April 18th, 1839, she was united in marriage with William Duke, who was born about the year 1806, and died in Hancock Co. Md., May 1st, 1850.

In March of the year 1853 Mrs. Duke removed to Mount Morris, Ogle Co. Ill., and on the first day of April, 1858, came to Butler, Ill., where she remained for eight months. She then removed to a farm one and a half miles N. E. of Butler, where she lived for seven years. She then returned to Butler, where she lived for several years, after which she spent one year in Springfield, Ill. She then lived for a longer or shorter period of time in each of the following Counties in the State of Ill., viz: Brown, Franklin and Perry, and then returned to Butler, Illinois. In the Spring of 1875 she removed to the farm where she now lives about one and a half miles N. E. of Butler.

Mrs. Duke made a profession of religion in Hancock Co. Md., and united with the M. E. Church in 1851, and about the year 1858, connected herself with the M. E. Church of Butler, Ill.

The children of William and Elnora Duke are as follows:  
James H., born Feb. 24th, 1840.

William A., born Jan. 30th, 1844. Died near Butler Ill., May 29th, 1878.

Mary E., born March 10th, 1845. Died at Mount Morris, Ill., Jan. 4th, 1856, aged 9 years, 10 months and 24 days.

John E., born Jan. 14th, 1849. Died in Hancock Co. Md., Oct. 9th. 1851.



## MRS. SARAH WARE,

daughter of David and Catharine Slayback, was born in Lexington Ky., Sept. 13th. 1805.

In 1807 she removed to Butler County, Ohio, and in 1821 came with her Uncle, Israel Seward, to Montgomery Co. Ill., and located on the "Seward Hill" south of Butler.

Sarah Slayback lived with Israel Seward for six years, and at his residence, March 12th, 1828, was united in marriage with Benjamin Ware, who was born May 27th, 1796, and died upon the farm where Mrs. Ware now resides, July 31st, 1855.

The house in which Mrs. Ware at first resided with her Uncle on the "Hill," is the old two-story building now standing tenantless in the barn yard. The property is now in the hands of Mrs. M. A. Anderson.

On the 10th of June 1829, Mrs. Ware, with her husband, removed to the farm upon which she now resides with her son Justus, two miles N. E. of Butler upon a handsome elevation of land known as "Ware's Grove." On this farm Mrs. Ware has lived for forty-nine years.

Mrs. Ware made a profession of religion when about twenty years of age, and about five years later united with the Presbyterian Church of Hillsboro, at that time under the pastoral care of Rev. T. A. Spilman, from whom, about forty-five years ago, she obtained a Bible which is still in her possession.

When the Presbyterian Church was organized in Butler, Ill., Aug. 29th, 1858, Mrs. Ware was one of the original members.

About one year ago, (1877) Mrs. Ware had an attack of sickness, after recovery from which, the sight of her left eye

returned so that she can, without the aid of glasses, read type such as that in which this sketch is preserved, with great ease, and also see clearly objects at a distance.

The children of Sarah and Benjamin Ware are as follows :  
Austin B., born Feb. 20th, 1829. Died April 19th, 1829.  
Justus. H. born July 11th. 1834.

The Grove, upon what is called the "Seward Hill," had been settled for ten years before there was a death in it, and the first death occurring was that of Austin B. Ware, oldest son of Benjamin and Sarah Ware.

## ALEXANDER GRAY

was born in Monroe Co. Virginia, March 11th, 1805.

He left Va. for Christian Co. Ky. with his parents when about five years of age.

In 1853, March 16th, in Trigg Co. Ky., he was united in marriage with Miss Amanda B. Choat, who was born in Trigg Co. Ky., Jan. 6th, 1836.

After living in Christian Co. Ky., for nine years, Mr. Gray removed to Montgomery Co. Ill., to the farm three miles west of Butler now owned by Mrs. Parthenia Gray. His parents came with him from Ky. and died and were buried in Montgomery Co. Ill.

In the Spring of 1853, Alexander Gray removed to the farm where he now resides, about one and a half miles west of Butler.

The only improvement upon this farm when it came into the possession of Mr. Gray, was the breaking of forty acres of prairie land. The house in which he now lives is the same that he built previous to his removal to the farm.

When Mr. Gray first came to Montgomery Co. the wild deer

could be seen upon the prairie like herds of cattle, and scarcely a day passed, he tells us, that a wolf could not be seen.

Northward from his residence, for more than twenty miles, there were but two dwelling houses, and within ten miles to the west there was but one.

Mr. Gray made a profession of religion in Montgomery Co. Ill., about the year 1868, and united with the Christian Church of Litchfield, Ill.

The children of Alexander and Amanda B. Gray are as follows:

William A., born April 3d, 1855.

James B., born May 9th, 1857.

Thomas A., born June 31th, 1861. Died near Butler, Ill., Sept. 20th, 1864.

Emma A., born May 7th, 1864.

Susie L., born June 20th, 1867.

Laura M., born March 30th, 1871. Died near Butler, Ill., Feb. 8th, 1872.

Henry A., born March 18th, 1873.

Also three infants dying without name.

## WILLIAM HALEY

was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, about the year 1823.

About the year 1848 he came to America. On arriving in America he spent three weeks in Philadelphia Penn., and then went to N. J. where he spent one year.

From N. J. he went to Wheeling, Virginia, where he lived for about twenty years. He then removed to St. Louis Mo., and lived there about five years. About the year 1862 he came from St. Louis to Butler Ill., where he has ever since made his home.

William Haley is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

## MOSES BERRY

was born in Hamilton Co. Ohio, March 11th, 1823.

When he was seven months of age his mother died. He continued to live in Hamilton Co. until twenty years of age, when he removed to Cincinnati, where he worked for two or three years in a pork-packing house, and afterwards for about seven years in draying.

During the years that he lived in Cincinnati he spent four summer seasons on a farm where the town of Glendale, Ohio now stands.

On the twentieth of Sept. 1847, at the residence of John Pardonner of Sharonville, Ohio, by Rev. —— Stone, he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza J. Vansandt.

In the Autumn of 1855 Mr. Berry removed to Montgomery Co. Ill., to the farm upon which he now resides one mile north of Butler.

It was on the 24th of Dec. 1855 that Mr. Berry, with his family moved into the house a little to the north of his present residence, now occupied by his son Edward.

In the Spring of 1857 he moved into the house which he now occupies.

By industry and economy Mr. Berry has been enabled to make excellent improvements on his farm and to provide a comfortable home and living for his family. He is quite extensively connected with the Dairy enterprise of Butler.

While living in Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. Berry made a public profession of religion and connected himself with the M. E. Church, of that place known by the name of Sole Chapel.

## MRS. ELIZA J. BERRY,

daughter of William and Margaret Vansandt, and wife of Moses Berry, was born in Fleming Co. Ky., Feb. 1st, 1823.

While quite young she made a profession of religion and united with the M. E. Church in Fleming Co. Ky.

When a young woman she spent some time visiting relatives in Hamilton Co. Ohio, where Mr. Berry, with whom on the 20th of Sept. 1847 she was united in marriage, made her acquaintance.

The children of Moses and Eliza J. Berry are as follows:

William V., born Feb. 20th, 1850. Died in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 10th, 1851, and was buried in the Wesley Cemetery of that City.

George Edgar, born Oct. 11th, 1852. Died at Cincinnati, Dec. 24th, 1852, and was buried in the same Cemetery with his brother.

Moses Edward, born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 4th, 1854.

Frances Illinois, born Dec. 18th, 1856.

Isabell, wife of Alonzo Betty of Butler, Ill., born July 17th, 1859.

Anna E., born Jan. 10th, 1862.

## MRS. MENERVA STEERE,

daughter of Clarence and Elisabeth Davis, was born in Madison Co. Ky., March 21st, 1816.

In 1821 she moved with her parents to Madison Co. Ill., locating a few miles from Alton.

On the sixth of Aug. 1837, at Alton, Ill., she was united

in marriage with Nelson Steere, a carpenter by trade, who was born at West Gloucester, R. I., Aug. 12th, 1814.

From his residence near Alton, Mr. Steere, with his family, removed to Clyde, Ill., and remained there for a year or two.

In the year 1844 he purchased a farm one half mile west of Butler, Ill., and then removed with his family to the village of Harmony, R. I., where he spent nearly a year. He then came to Butler, Ill., in the Autumn of 1845, and spent the Winter in the o'd two-story building on the "Seward Hill," which has been the temporary home of so many families.

In the Spring of 1846 Mr. Steere removed with his family to the farm west of Butler, occupying for a time a small cabin.

While living in this cabin he built the house which Mrs. Steer now occupies and moved into it in the year 1848.

In the year 1862 Mrs. Steere buried her husband, his death occurring at his residence near Butler, on the 21st. of June 1862.

In Aug. of the year 1876, Mrs. Steere removed to the Village of Butler and took charge for one year of the Butler Hotel, and then returned to her farm.

Mrs. Steere made a public profession of religion at the time of the organization of the Presbyterian Church in Butler, Ill., Aug. 1858, and was one of its original members.

The children of Nelson and Menerva Steere are as follows:

Laura A., William H., Harriet M., Mary E., Charles H., Lydia J., Nelson, and Emma V.

Laura A. is the wife of Wm. N. Brookman, of Butler, Ill.

Mary E. is the wife of Garriet Brookman of Corning, Iowa.

William H. died near Butler, Ill., Jan. 15th, 1843.

Charles H. died near Butler, Ill., March, 1865.

Lydia J. died near Butler, Ill., March, 1864.

Nelson, died near Butler, Ill., April 1863.

## DENNIS CROWLEY

was born in the County of Cork, Ireland, about the year 1826.

When eighteen years of age he went to England where he lived for about twelve years.

In London England, in 1853, he was united in marriage with Miss Hanora Ronan, who was born in the County of Cork, Ireland, about the year 1832.

From England Mr. Crowley came to America, spending first a few months in the City of New York. From there he removed to the State of Michigan, where he spent several years, and then about the year 1855 came to Butler, Ill., where he has ever since made his home.

A portion of the house in which Mr. Crowley lives was originally a School house, being the first School house built in the District. It was located near the residence of George Seward, a little S. W. of Butler. It was purchased by Mr. Crowley, and removed to the place where it now stands in the Village of Butler and used by him for a dwelling house.

Mr. and Mrs. Crowley hold their Church connection in the Roman Catholic Church at Hillsboro, Ill.

The children of Dennis and Hanora Crowley are as follows:

Margaret, born July 4th, 1854.

Timothy, born Aug. 24th, 1859.

Stephen, born Dec. 26th, 1862.

Mary A., born Feb. 5th, 1869.

Jeremiah and James, who died in infancy in Butler, and were buried in Litchfield, Ill.

## DANIEL HEFLEY

was born in Montgomery Co. N. C., Nov. 4th, 1818. His father died when he was a child, and in the fifteenth year of his age, in the year 1833 he came with his mother to Montgomery Co. Ill., locating ten miles north of Hillsboro. After a residence in this place for nearly two years he removed to Hillsboro and learned the blacksmith's trade with John McEwen. He remained in Hillsboro a little over five years and then went to the "Seward Hill" south of Butler Ill., and worked at his trade for five years, being employed by Israel Seward, and living with him. At the expiration of these five years, he was united in marriage, Dec. 12th, 1849, with Mrs. Catharine P. Slayback, daughter of Mrs. Mary Scherer now living in Butler, Ill.

At about the time of his marriage Mr. Hefley bought an acre of land and the small house on the Hill in which Mr. E. Fox now lives, where he lived and worked at his trade for about ten years.

While welding iron a heated cinder lodged in one of Mr. Hefley's eyes, which resulted in the loss of its sight. This occurred about the year 1850, and about the year 1854 he bought a farm and built the house upon it in which he now resides about one and a half miles north of Butler.

About twenty years ago Mr. Hefley, from some unknown cause, lost the sight of his second eye. His vision is such however as to enable him to discern objects dimly when placed between himself and the light.

In the year 1878 Mr. Hefley buried his wife, her death occurring at her residence, near Butler Ill., on the 27th of February.



The children of Daniel and Catharine Hefley are as follows :  
Camilla E., wife of George Sharp of Butler, Ill., born July 20th, 1851.

Mary C., wife of Charles Houser of Texas, born Aug. 13th, 1853.

William Henry, born Dec. 20th, 1855. Died near Butler, Ill., May 20th, 1857.

David C., born May 23d, 1858.

Elisabeth J., born Oct. 9th, 1860.

James H., born Dec. 1st, 1862.

George W., born Dec. 13th, 1866.

## WILLIAM WILLIAMSON

was born at Springdale, Hamilton Co. Ohio, Sept. 9th, 1818.

When six months old he moved with his parents to Dearburn, Ind., where he lived until the tenth year of his age.

From Dearburn he removed about the year 1828, to Butler Co. Ohio, where he lived with his relatives until the year 1838. On the first day of March, 1838, he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza M. Swallow of Hamilton Co. Ohio.

In 1843 Mr. Williamson came to Montgomery Co. Ill., arriving on the 18th of Oct. at "Seward's Hill," where he spent three days enjoying the hospitality of Israel Seward and family.

He then located upon a farm five miles N. W. of Butler where he lived until the Spring of 1844. On the 24th of Jan. 1844 he bought the farm where he now resides one and a half miles N. W. of Butler, and removed to it on the fifth day of March following.

Mr. Williamson made a profession of religion in Dearburn Co. Ind., in the 9th year of his age, but his first connection with the Church was at Cherry Grove, Montgomery Co. Ill.

About the year 1844, he united with the M. E. Church of that place.

## MRS. ELIZA M. WILLIAMSON,

daughter of Jacob and Nancy Swallow, and wife of William Williamson, was born in Hamilton Co. near Sharon, Ohio, April 22nd, 1821.

In the same County, March 1st, 1838, she was united in marriage with Wm. Williamson.

Mrs. Williamson made a profession of religion at the age of eleven years; and at thirteen years of age connected herself with the M. E. Church of Sharon Ohio. On coming to Montgomery Co. Ill., she united with the M. E. Church at Cherry Grove, and when the M. E. Church of Butler was organized she and her husband removed their membership to that Church.

The children of William and Eliza Williamson are as follows:

Nancy J., wife of John C. Miller of Litchfield, Ill., born July 22nd, 1840.

John, born Nov. 2nd, 1842.

Perry, born May 16th, 1845.

Luther C., born June 1st, 1847. Died near Butler, Ill., Aug. 10th, 1847.

Jacob H., born Nov. 5th, 1848.

Luther, born May 4th, 1851. Died near Butler, Ill., June 10th, 1852.

Jansen, born May 8th, 1853. Died near Butler, Ill., Aug. 29th, 1855.

Caroline E., born May 28th, 1857. Died near Butler, Ill., Aug. 13th, 1857.

Alice R., born June 24th, 1858.

Mary, born Feb. 1st, 1862.

## MYNDERT VROOMAN

was born in Johnstown, Montgomery County N. Y., May 12th, 1807.

On the 19th of Jan. 1832 at Johnstown N.Y., he was united in marriage with Miss Julia Ann Sammons.

In Oct. of the year 1854 Mr. Vrooman left the State of N.Y. and came to Montgomery Co. Ill., and occupied for nine years the brick building three miles S. W. of Butler now owned by Mr. George Grassel. In the year 1863 he removed to the farm upon which he now resides about two miles S. W. of Butler.

## MRS. JULIA ANN VROOMAN,

daughter of John and Emma Sammons, and wife of Myndert Vrooman, was born in Johnstown, Montgomery Co. N. Y., March 13th, 1815, where she lived until her marriage with Myndert Vrooman, Jan. 19th, 1832.

Of the few large families in which there has never a death occurred, that of Myndert and Julia Vrooman is one.

Their children are as follows:

Shuler S., born Nov. 8th, 1833.

Ann E., wife of William E. Scott of Pana, Ill., born Dec. 19th, 1835.

John C., born July 12th, 1840.

Sidney S., born March 22nd, 1842.

Sarah C., wife of Clarence S. Seward of Butler, Ill., born Sept. 22nd, 1843.

Jacob S., born June 17th, 1845.

Emma F., wife of Perry Williamson of Butler, Ill., born Aug. 13th, 1847.

## FRANCIS PHILLIPS

was born in Randolph County, Ill., Feb. 14th, 1828. In the sixth year of his age he came to Montgomery Co. Ill., and lived with his Uncle, Captain Thomas Phillips, five miles S. W. of Hillsboro.

When Francis was quite a child his Uncle removed with him to Putnam Co. Ill., where he remained for a few months and then returned to the farm S. W. of Hillsboro.

Francis Phillips remained with his Uncle until nineteen years of age. He then, about the year 1849, bought the farm and brick building three miles S. W. of Butler, belonging to Mr. Geo. Grassel. Boarding in the neighborhood of this farm he cultivated it for a year or two, and then about the year 1850 went to Calafornia. After spending about three months in Calafornia he returned to Montgomery Co. Ill., where he remained for two or three years in different localities, and then went to Wisconsin.

He remained in Wis. about one year, and then returned to Montgomery Co. Ill., and boarded for a time with Wm. Seward of Butler.

On the 21st, of Feb. 1856, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah J. Scherer, who was born in Montgomery Co. Ill., April 17th, 1834.

After his marriage he lived for about three years and a half on the farm of his brother, Thomas Phillips, one and a half miles west of Butler.

In Sept. 1859 he removed to the farm upon which he now resides three and a half miles north of Butler. Nearly all the improvements now on this farm were made by Mr. Phillips.

Nov. 4th, 1870 the house and nearly all the household effects of Mr. Phillips were destroyed by fire. Comfortable dwellings have again been erected.

The children of Francis and Sarah J. Phillips are as follows :

Thomas B., born March 15th, 1857. Died near Butler, Ill., Jan. 7th, 1861.

Harriet V., born Dec. 11th, 1859.

George F., born Nov. 1st, 1860. Died near Butler Ill., Aug. 4th, 1864.

Caroline, born June 12th, 1864. Died near Butler Ill., Nov. 14th, 1876.

Nettie J., born Nov. 4th, 1867. Died near Butler Ill., Jan. 10th, 1869.

David, born Nov. 22nd, 1869.

## MRS. ANNA WIKOFF,

daughter of David and Catharine Slayback, was born in Hamilton Co. Ohio, June 24th, 1807.

On the 2nd of Sept., 1828, in Hamilton Co. Ohio, she was united in marriage with Benjamin Wikoff who was born in Huntington Co. N. J., Oct. 11th, 1801, and died at his residence near Butler, Ill., Oct. 27th, 1874.

From Hamilton Co. Ohio, Mrs. Wikoff removed, about the year 1831, to Shelby Co. of the same State, where she resided about seven years. She then came to Montgomery Co. Ill., and after having made her home at two different places in the County located, in 1844, on the farm where she now resides three miles west of Butler.

The children of Benjamin and Anna Wikoff are as follows :

John H., born July 7th, 1831. Died near Butler, Ill., Aug. 11th, 1871.

Jerome, born Feb. 17th, 1833. Died near Butler, Ill., Aug. 11th, 1864.

David S., born Aug. 30th, 1836.

Benjamin M., born Sept. 4th, 1839.

Henry S., born Dec. 26th, 1843.

## OLIVER H. BEWLEY

was born in Bucks County Pennsylvania, May 22nd, 1809.

His father died when he was a child, and about the year 1817 he went to Warren Co. Ohio, where he was bound to Samuel Swallow.

In Aug. 1830 he was united in marriage, in Warren Co. Ohio, with Miss Charlotte Fitzgerald, who was born in N.J., about the year 1813, and died in Montgomery Co. Ill., about the year 1840.

The children of Oliver and Charlotte Bewley are as follows:

Amanda M., born May 8th, 1831.

Daniel S., born Dec. 25th, 1832.

Eli F., born May 28th, 1834.

Malinda, born Oct. 25th, 1835.

William, born June 8th, 1837.

Charles F., born March 6th, 1839.

On the 9th of Feb. 1841, Oliver Bewley was united in marriage with Miss Sarepta Misenheimer of Montgomery Co. Ill., who was born Feb. 5th, 1823, and died in Montgomery Co. Ill., March 30th, 1872.

In the year 1850 Mr. Bewley took an over-land trip to California where he spent some time mining. He returned to Ill. in 1851, having been gone only about one year.

While in Warren Co. Ohio, he served as mail carrier for several years, but most of his life has been spent as a farmer.

The children of Oliver and Sarepta Bewley are as follows:

Henry P., born Feb. 1st, 1842.

George M., born June 27th, 1846.

Oliver T., born April 3d, 1850.

Rachel A., wife of Micocher Bandy of Montgomery Co Ill., born March 8th, 1853.

Lawson O., born Aug. 21st, 1855.

Harriet B., wife of Houston Bandy of Montgomery Co. Ill., born Jan. 30th, 1858.

Dovey A., born May 4th, 1860.

Infant died without name.

Ivy, born Dec. 24th, 1864.

Louie H., born Dec. 21st. 1867.

Of the children named above, the following have deceased, all having died in Montgomery Co. Illinois: Amanda, Malinda, William, Charles F. and Lawson Orleno.

## ORLANDO MACK

has been at some pains to gather up statistics concerning his ancestors, and though it does not properly come within the design of this little work to make much record of past generations, these statistics being in a condensed form, we take pleasure in giving them a place here:

### RECORD OF GRANDFATHER SOLOMON MACK'S FAMILY.

Solomon Mack, the first, was born in Lime, Conn., Sept. 26th, 1735. Died in Gilsum, N. H., Aug. 23d, 1820.

Lydia, our Grandmother, died in Tonbridge, Vermont.

Their children are as follows:

Jason Mack. Died in Maine.

Stephen Mack. Died in Pontiac, Mich.

Daniel Mack. Died in Tonbridge, Vt.

Solomon Mack. Died in Gilsum, N. H.

Lydia Mack, wife of Samuel Bill, died in Gilsum, N. H.

Lucy, who married Joseph Smith. She was the mother of Joseph Smith the Mormon Prophet.

Lovica and another sister were buried in Gilsum N. H.

## RECORD OF THE FAMILY OF SOLOMON MACK, THE SECOND.

Solomon Mack, the second, was born Jan. 28th, 1773.

Esther Howard Mack was born June 5th, 1774.

Their children, born in Gilsum, N. H., are as follows:

Calvin Mack, born Nov. 28th, 1797. Died Aug. 13th, 1845, aged 47 years, 8 months and 15 days.

Orlando Mack, born Sept. 23rd, 1799.

Chilion Mack, born July 26th, 1802.

Solomon Mack, born May 23d, 1805.

Amos Mack, born May 1st, 1807. Died Oct. 17th, 1824, aged 17 years, 5 months and 16 days.

Dennis Mack, born Oct. 18th, 1809. Died Aug. 4th, 1811, aged 1 year, 9 months and 16 days.

Merrill Mack, born Sept. 14th, 1812. Died March 29th, 1844, aged 31 years, 5 months and 15 days.

Esther Mack, born April 2nd, 1815. Died Oct. 26th, 1824, aged 9 years, 5 months and 24 days.

Rispah Mack, born June 19th, 1818.

## RECORD OF OUR MOTHER'S FAMILY.

The first we learn of our ancestors on our mother's side is that they moved from Dedham Mass. to Mendon, Mass. in the early settlement of that town.

Our grandmother's name was Esther Holmes. Our grandfather's name was Peter Hayward of Surry, N. H. Our great grandmother's name was Joanna. Our great grandfather's name was William Hayward.

Our great, great grandfather's name was Jonathan Hayward. Our great, great grandmother's name was Trial, so named for the severe trials which were endured by her parents from the blood-thirsty Indians which were prowling around their dwellings in those early days.

This is the best record we can obtain of our ancestors.

*Sept. 25th, 1876.* ORLANDO MACK & MRS. R. M. HOWARD.



## ORLANDO MACK

was born in Gilsun, New Hampshire, September 23d, 1799.

In the Spring of 1839 he removed to Rock Island Co. Ill., where he lived one year. He then came to Montgomery Co, Ill., and located upon the farm where he now resides two miles north of Butler.

When he first settled upon this farm he built himself a sod house consisting of two rooms. His farm is now well improved, and his dwelling house handsome and commodious.

In Dec. 21st, 1824 he was united in marriage with Miss Myra Eaton of Sullivan N. H., who died at Cleveland, Rock Island Co. Ill., Sept. 1839.

The children of Orlando and Myra Mack are as follows:

Elisabeth E., wife of Wm. Nimmons, of Butler, Ill., born June 15th, 1827.

Rispah M., born Feb. 24th, 1831. Died Aug. 1868, at Butler, Ill.

Dennis E., born July 28th, 1833. Died Nov. 15th, 1851, at Butler, Ill.

Myra J., born Oct. 7th, 1835. Died Nov. 15th, 1874, at Fillmore, Ill.

In April 1840, he was united in marriage with Miss Sally A. Arnold of North Carolina, who died near Butler, Ill., April 1848.

Their children are as follows:

Anna P., wife of John Wallace, born Sept. 21st, 1841.

Hattie F., born Jan. 31st, 1844. Died Oct. 8th, 1866, at Butler, Ill.

In Nov. 5th, 1849 he was united in marriage with Mrs. Louisa P. Mansfield of Alstead, New Hampshire.

Their children are as follows:

Mary E., born Feb. 27th, 1848. Died April 1848, at Butler, Ill.

Solomon O., born Aug. 20th, 1850. Died Jan. 23d, 1851, at Butler, Ill.

L. Ella, born July 9th, 1858.

Douglas S., born June 23d, 1866. Died June 10th, 1866, at Butler, Ill.

William A. Mansfield, son of Mrs. Louisa P. Mansfield, present wife of Orlando Mack, was born July 17th, 1845 in Swanzey, New Hampshire. Married to Miss Mary Etta Crane of Butler, Ill., April 1867.

## MRS. LOUISA P. MACK,

daughter of Jacob and Lois Polley, and wife of Orlando Mack, was born in Alstead, New Hampshire, July 10th, 1819.

When eleven years of age she removed with her parents to Gilsum, New Hampshire, where, at twenty three years of age she was united in marriage with William S. Mansfield of Gilsum. From Gilsum she removed to Swanzey, N.H., where, on the 2nd of Sept. 1827, Mr. Mansfield died.

After the death of her husband Mrs. Mansfield returned to Gilsum, where, on the 5th, of Nov. 1849, she was united in marriage with Orlando Mack.

Mrs. Mack holds church connection in the communion of the Lutheran Church at Ware's Grove.

## BEZALEEL POLLEY

Living in the family of Orlando Mack is Bezaleel Polley who was born at Alstead, New Hampshire, October 27th, 1823.

In 1869 his mother died, and in 1870, his father. Since the death of his mother he has made his home with his sister Mrs. Louisa Mack, near Butler, Ill.

## JOSEPH PETHERAM

was born in Somerset Co. England, November 5th, 1814.

In the Spring of 1831, and in the 17th, year of his age, his father removed with his family to America, locating at Onondago, N. Y. After a residence of about two years in Onondago, Joseph Petheram went to Auburn, N. Y., to learn the Carpenter's trade. After learning his trade he returned to Onondago.

In April of the year 1853 he removed to Brighton, Ill., and in 1854, came to Montgomery Co. locating on a farm one and a half miles north of Butler.

On the 15th of June 1862 in Steuben, Oneida Co. N. Y., he was united in marriage with Miss Jennett Meredith.

Joseph Petheram made a public profession of religion and united with the M. E. Church at Auburn, N. Y., about the year 1837.

## MRS. ELISABETH PETHERAM,

daughter of Hugh and Elisabeth Meredith, and wife of Joseph Petheram, was born in Steuben, Oneida Co. N. Y., May 29th, 1826.

While living in the State of N. Y., in the Autumn of 1846 she made a public profession of religion and united with the M. E. Church.

After removal to Montgomery Co. Ill., Mr. and Mrs Petheram united with the M. E. Church of Butler.

Joseph and Jennett Petheram have living with them a son of Benjamin Walker, who was born on the 30th of Oct. 1862, and whom they adopted when 2 years and 9 months of age.

## MELISSA A. ANDERSON,

daughter of Peter and Anna Pollard, was born in Lisbon, St. Lawrence Co. N. Y., June 25th, 1827.

When four years of age she removed to Clark, Canada, and remained there until she was seven years old, She then returned to the place of her nativity where she lived until nineteen years of age, after which she removed to Canton, St. Lawrence Co. N. Y., where she lived until twenty-four years of age. Two years of this period of her life were spent in teaching school in Canton and elsewhere.

While living at Canton, she was united in marriage, March 10th, 1851, with Benjamin Anderson, who was born in Dekalb, N. Y., May 9th, 1824, and died at his residence near Butler, Ill., Sept. 12th, 1874.

After marriage Mrs. Anderson located, with her husband, at Dekalb, N. Y., where she lived until the Spring of 1874, when Mr. Anderson bought the farm on the hill south of Butler, Ill., belonging to the widow and heirs of Israel Seward.

In April, 1874, Mr. Anderson moved with his family to this farm, occupying the house which had been so long the abode of Israel and Margaret Seward, early settlers and prominent citizens of Montgomery County.

In Dec. 1868 Mrs. Melissa Anderson made a public profession of religion and united with the Presbyterian Church of Dekalb, N. Y., and on removing to Butler, Ill., she and her husband connected themselves with the Presbyterian Church of that place.

The children of Benjamin and Melissa Anderson are as follows :

Anna M., wife of Amasa D. Washburn of Butler, Ill., born June 26th, 1852.

Fred H., an adopted son, born May 16th, 1854.

Avery J., born March 14th, 1858.

Ada, born Feb. 6th, 1861. Died in Dekalb, N. Y., May 17th, 1868.

## JAMES ANDERSON,

son of Joseph and Elisabeth Anderson, was born at Dekalb, N. Y., Nov. 24th, 1806.

In the year 1851 he removed to Greenwood, McHenry Co. Ill., where he lived for about two or three years. He then spent some time in Chicago, after which he returned to Dekalb, N. Y., about the year 1857, where he lived till 1874. In this year his brother Benjamin, with whom he made his home, removed to Butler, Ill. James removed with him and still remains a member of the family.

He made a public profession of religion and united with the Presbyterian Church at Dekalb, New York.

## GEORGE ANDERSON,

a brother of James and Benjamin, named above, was born at Dekalb, N. Y., July 22nd, 1816.

He continued to live in Dekalb until the year 1874. After the death of his parents he lived with his brother Benjamin, and with him removed, in April 1874, to Butler, Ill., and since the death of his brother Benjamin continues to live in the family of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Melissa Anderson.

## MRS. JULIA H. NAIL,

daughter of Eldad and Mary Hildreth, was born in Pittsford, Vt., Sept. 4th, 1810.

When eighteen years of age she removed to Dublin, N. H., where she lived for four years, and then removed to Lowell, Mass. Here, March 10th, 1836, she was united in marriage with Timothy Dort, who was born in Gilsum N. H., Nov. 6th, 1797, and died at his residence near Butler, Ill., Nov. 24th, 1860.

After her marriage, Mrs. Nail removed from Lowell, Mass., to Gilsum, N. H., where she lived for about eighteen years. She then removed to Rockford, Ill., and after remaining there two years came, about the year 1857, with her family to Montgomery Co. Ill., to the farm where she now resides two and a half miles N. W. of Butler. It was here, that, in the year 1860, she buried her husband. In June 1866, she was united by second marriage with John Nail, living on a farm N. W. of Butler, who after marriage, moved into the village of Butler, and for a year or two occupied the house now owned by Wm. Elliman, and then returned to his farm.

On the 1st, of Sept. 1874 John Nail died, and Mrs. Nail returned to her farm where she has ever since resided.

In Pittsford, Vermont, Mrs. Nail united with the Baptist Church at about sixteen years of age, and when she removed to Lowell Mass., she removed her membership to the Baptist Church of that place, and when she went to Gilsum, she connected herself with a church of the same communion in Sullivan near to Gilsum.

The children of Julia Nail are all by her first husband, Timothy Dort. They are as follows :

Hirah T., born Nov. 26th, 1837. Died in the Union army ;

but the time, place and manner of his death are involved in uncertainty.

Ira Lisfranc, born Sept. 12th, 1839. Died July 1863 in the Union army at Pittsburgh Landing, Miss.

Julia Antonette, wife of John Sullivan near Butler, Ill., born Aug. 11th, 1841.

Allen J. H., born June 27th, 1846.

John Nail had been married previous to his union with Mrs. Julia Dort, and to him had been born the following children; Mathena, wife of Waid Roberts. Mary, deceased wife of Daniel Snider. Christina, relict of Isaac Berry. Elisabeth, wife of David Snider. Nathan, Perlina, deceased wife of Thomas Colvin. Hiram, James, Sarah, wife of Bazile Evans. Wilson, Hugh, Ellen, wife of Jefferson Wetherford.

## PERRY MASTERS

was born at Springfield, Hamilton Co. Ohio, July 6th, 1806.

When about eighteen years of age he removed with his parents to Boon Co. Ky.

While living in Boon Co. he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ann Peters, who was born at Delhi, Hamilton Co. Ohio, and died in Boon Co. Ky., Aug. 3d, 1832.

The Children of Perry and Mary Ann Masters are as follows:

Clarissa, deceased wife of Isaac Rush, born Nov. 28th, 1825. Died in Boon Co. Ky., Jan. 27th, 1854.

William, born Sept. 12th, 1827.

Stephen, born Nov. 29th, 1829.

Perry, born March 18th, 1832.

In the year 1834, in Boon Co. Ky. Mr. Masters was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Mathes of Boon Co. Ky., in which County she died June 1841, aged 30 years.

Mary Ann, and Nancy Masters, first and second wives of Perry Masters, were both buried in the family burying ground of Wm. Masters, father of Perry Masters.

The children of Perry and Nancy Masters are as follows : Mildred E., wife of John Seymore of Butler, Ill., born Jan. 3d, 1835.

James E., born Nov. 11th, 1836.

Phebe Ann, born April 23d, 1839. Died in Boon Co. Ky., June 1st, 1841.

Mary Jane, wife of Edward Seymore of Hillboro, Ill., born Jan. 3d. 1841.

On the 15th, of Aug. 1843 Mr. Masters was united in marriage with Mrs. Catharine Vansycle, of Boon Co. Ky., who died near Butler, Ill. Aug. 4th, 1876, aged 58 years 10 months and 22 days.

The children of Perry and Catharine Masters are as follows :

Barton W. S. Masters, born Jan. 23d, 1845.

Alexander T., born July 26th, 1847.

Melvina A., wife of Hamilton Hose, of Butler, Ill., born Jan. 23d, 1849.

Phebe Ellen, wife of Benjamin B. McCarty of Higginville, Mo., born Dec. 23d, 1851.

Lucretia, wife of Jeremiah Yowel of Hillsboro, Ill., born Nov. 22nd. 1854.

George H., born May 17th, 1858. Died near Butler, Ill., Nov. 5th, 1858.

Mrs. Catharine Masters had two children by her first husband, Mr. Vansycle. They are as follows :

Mary Ann Vansycle, wife of James Steely of Mattoon, Ill., born Jan. 27th, 1841.

William Lafayette Vansycle, born May 26th, 1843.

After marriage with Mary Ann Peters, Perry Masters remained in Boon Co. Ky., about six years. He then removed to Ohio, not very far from Cincinnati, where he lived about



six years, after which he moved in the year 1832, into the City of Cincinnati and made brick for one year. He then returned to Boon Co. Ky., and kept a wood-yard for steam-boats for fourteen years.

In the Autumn of 1855 he moved to Montgomery Co. Ill., and lived for about seven years on a farm three miles S. W. of Butler, belonging at that time to Israel Seward. He then bought and improved the farm where he now resides a little S. W. of the farm just mentioned.

Mr. Masters made a public profession of religion and united with the Christian Church in Boon Co. Ky. ; and after coming to Montgomery Co. Ill., connected himself with the Church of the same order at Brush Creek, three miles south of Butler.

The number of Mr. Master's children, is fifteen, twelve of whom are living. His grand-children are seventy, of whom forty-two are living. His great grand-children are seven, of whom six are living. His children, grand-children, and great grand-children, living and dead are ninety-two.

## MRS. SARAH F. JENNINGS,

daughter of Nathaniel and Electa Austin, was born in Becket, Berkshire Co. Mass., Dec. 2nd, 1827.

At the place of her nativity, on the 24th, of March 1846, she was united in marriage with Milton S. Jennings, who was born in Becket, Mass., April 13th, 1820, and died at Brownsville, Kansas, Sept. 27th, 1875.

In 1833, when Mrs. Jennings was five years of age she removed with her parents to Wellington, Ohio. Here, in 1838 her father died, and in Aug, 1840, she returned with her mother to Becket Mass.

In 1863 she came to Montgomery Co. Ill., arriving at Butler, on the 31st, of Oct.

In Montgomery Co. she lived for a longer or shorter period of time at each of the following places, viz:— Butler, Hillsboro, Litchfield and Honey Bend.

She then removed, with her family to Wirtonia, Kansas, reaching that place on the 5th, of March, 1872. She returned to Butler in Oct. 1875.

Mrs. Jennings made a public profession of religion when fifteen years of age, and united with the Congregational Church of Becket, Mass. After coming to Butler she united with the Presbyterian Church of this place.

The children of Milton S. and Sarah Jennings are as follows: Helen Elisabeth, wife of Barton Masters of Butler, Ill., born Nov. 29th, 1847.

An infant son, born April 13th, 1850. Died the same day, in Becket, Mass.

Marion Electa, born Jan. 31st, 1852. Died in Becket, Mass., Feb. 11th, 1852, aged 12 days.

Luther Milton, born Feb. 10th, 1854. Died at Becket Mass., June 26th, 1854.

An infant son, born May 1st, 1855. Died the same day at Becket, Mass.

Willis Dwight, born Dec. 3d, 1857. Died at Butler, Ill., Oct. 7th, 1877.

George Edwin, born Dec. 13th, 1859. Died in Butler, Ill., Nov. 14th, 1863.

An infant son, born Jan. 6th, 1862. Died same day at Becket, Mass.

George Hamilton, born Oct. 30th, 1865. Died at Butler, Ill., July 24th, 1866.

## JEFFERSON D. HICKS

was born at Spencer, Indiana, March 9th, in the year 1828.

When about four years old he removed with his parents to Vigo Co. Ind., where he lived until about ten years of age, when he removed to Macoupin Co. Ill. About the year 1863 he went to Pana, Ill., and in Oct. of 1865 he came to Montgomery Co. Ill., locating upon the farm where he now resides three miles N. W. of Butler.

On the 18th of March 1851, in Mocoupin Co. Ill., he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ann Barnes, who was born in Macoupin Co. Ill., and died at Alton, Ill., Feb. 14th, 1852.

On the 28th of April, 1854, at Carlinville, Macoupin Co. Ill., he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Flemming, who was born at Boonville, Mo., Oct. 18th, 1829.

He made a public profession of religion about the year 1873 and united with the M. E. Church at Cherry Grove, one half mile West of his residence.

The children of Jefferson and Margaret Hicks are as follows:

Moses E., born Feb. 4th, 1855. Died in Montgomery Co. Ill., Sept. 18th, 1857.

David, born May 9th, 1856. Died in Macoupin Co. Ill., Oct. 5th, 1857.

Jefferson C., born May 18th, 1858. Died in Montgomery Co. Ill., Sept. 1859.

Mary E., born Jan. 24th, 1860.

Ann Elisabeth, born July 3d, 1862. Died in Christian Co. Ill., Oct. 16th, 1865.

George R., born June 21st, 1864.

Maria E., born Jan. 24th, 1871. Died in Montgomery Co. Ill., Sept. 8th, 1876.

## MRS. URSULA GROBE,

daughter of Mathias and Ursula Hagman, was born in Canton, St. Gallen, Switzerland, Jan. 17th, 1822.

On the 18th, of Jan. 1840 at Sevelen, Switzerland, she was united in marriage with John Fredrick Grobe, who was born at Sevelen, Switzerland, in the year 1802.

In the 30th, year of her age she left Switzerland with her husband and two children and came to America, and located in Jacksonville, Ill. where she lived about five years. She then removed to a farm about six miles north of Jacksonville where she remained for about seven years, when with her husband she removed to Montgomery Co. to the farm belonging to the Turner brothers, two miles N. W. of Butler, where she still lives with her daughter Mrs. William Turner.

On this farm her husband died Jan. 13th, 1865.

While in Switzerland, and at about sixteen years of age Mrs. Grobe united with the Zwinglian Church, and about three years after removing to Jacksonville, Ill., she connected herself with the M. E. Church of that place, and in the year 1876 united with the Presbyterian Church of Butler Ill.

The children of John F. and Ursula Grobe are as follows:

Annetta, deceased wife of Albert Doler of Jacksonville Ill., born March 28th, 1843. Died at Jacksonville, Ill., Feb. 9th, 1877.

Fannie B., wife of William Turner of Butler, Ill., born June 15th, 1845.

Fredrick William, born April 11th, 1854. Died at Jacksonville, Ill., Sept. 27th, 1854, aged 5 months and 16 days.

## ENOCH F. FOX

was born near Palestine, Crawford Co. Ill., April 26th, 1822.

On the 27th of Nov. 1844, he was united in marriage with Miss Julia Barker who was born in Athens Co. Ohio, Jan. 29th, 1823, and died in Crawford Co. Ill., Nov. 27th, 1862.

The children of Enoch and Julia Fox are as follows:

Findley T., born May 1st, 1845. Died in the Union army near Tullahoma, Tenn., April 15th, 1865.

Martha A., born Nov. 20th, 1846. Died in Crawford Co. Ill., Sept. 10th, 1855.

William H., born Nov. 7th, 1850.

Alice M., born April 21st, 1858. Died near Butler, Ill., March 7th, 1878.

On the 16th, of Nov. 1869, at Palestine, Ill., Enoch Fox was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary Vane, who was born in Wane Co. Ill., Sept. 24th, 1831.

About the year 1865, Mr. Fox removed from Crawford Co. to Shelby Co. Ill., near the town of Windsor, where he resided about seven years. He then came to Montgomery Co. Ill., and spent about five years in the neighborhood five miles north of Butler, known by the name of "Blue Grass." About the year 1876 he removed to the place where he now lives on the top of the Seward Hill, and on the east side of the Hillsboro road.

## FRANKLIN DAILY

was born in Caiuga Co. N. Y., July 29th, 1825. When seven years of age he removed with his parents to Huron Co. Ohio where he lived for about nine years.

He then removed to Gentry Co. Mo., where he spent about nine years.

In the year 1846 he came to Butler, Ill. His parents also came to this County and located upon a farm three miles N. W. of Butler, now belonging to their son, Duran Daily.

After coming to Butler, Franklin worked about six months with Israel Seward, and for several months with Oscar Seward.

In 1851 his father died at his residence S. W. of Butler, and several years afterward his mother.

Since the year 1854 Franklin has spent most of the time on the farm formerly belonging to his father.

About the year 1853 he acted as mail carrier upon several lines in Ill. and Iowa, driving the stage in Iowa between Glenwood and Council Bluffs for six months, and in Ill. between Peoria and Farmington in Fulton Co., and at the same time, between Farmington, Ill., and Burlington, Iowa. He also carried the mail for a time on horse-back between Farmington and Knoxville, Ill.

## JACOB CRESS

was born in Harrisburg, Washington Co. Ind., May 5th, 1818.

When but a few weeks old his parents left Ind. and came to Montgomery Co. Ill., locating a mile N. W. of Hillsboro on the farm where the old Horse-Mill has so long stood known as the "Cress Mill."

On the 5th of May 1840, Jacob Cress removed to the farm where he now resides, two miles east of Butler; and on the 23d of June 1840, at Hillsboro, Ill., was united in marriage with Miss Helena Scherer.

The improvements upon this farm are indicative of energy, industry and thrift.

When about eighteen years of age Mr. Cress made a public profession of religion and united with the Lutheran Church of Hillsboro, Ill.

## MRS. HELENA CRESS,

daughter of Rev. Daniel and Rachel Scherer, was born in Pendleton Co. Virginia, Oct. 8th, 1818. When about three years of age she removed to Cabarrus Co. N. C., and in the Spring of 1832, came to Montgomery Co. Ill.

At about 18 years of age she made a public profession of her faith in Christ and connected herself with the Lutheran Church of Hillsboro, Ill.

The children of Jacob and Helena Cress are as follows:

Absalom Alexander, born Dec. 7th, 1840.

John M., born Feb. 8th, 1842.

Jacob D., born Aug. 25th, 1845.

William S., born Feb. 11th, 1848.

Samuel E., born Sept. 15th, 1849.

Benjamin L., born Dec. 10th, 1850.

Sophia Lucretia, wife of Orvel Blackman of Dickson, Ill., born May 28th, 1853.

Joseph E., born April 17th, 1856.

James H., born Sept. 2nd, 1858. Died near Butler, Ill., Nov. 21st, 1862.

Mary I., born April 4th, 1861. Died near Butler Ill., March 5th, 1862.

Thomas J., born June 13th, 1864.

## DAVID BERRY

was born near Springdale, Hamilton Co. Ohio, Dec. 15th, 1827. He lived at the place of his nativity until twenty-seven years of age. He then removed, in April 1855, to Montgomery Co. Ill., and located about three miles N. W.

of Butler where he remained about one year. He then lived for about twenty-two years in various localities in the neighborhoods of Cherry Grove, Blue Grass, Harvel and Ware's Grove, and in the early part of the year 1878 moved into the Village of Butler, occupying the house belonging to H. H. Titcomb.

On the 15th of April 1855, in Hamilton Co. near Sharon, Ohio, David Berry was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Martin, who was born in Hamilton Co. Ohio, July 11th, 1832.

The children of David and Margaret Berry are as follows:  
William Thomas, born March 10th, 1856.

James H., born July 22nd, 1857. Died near Harvel, Ill., Dec. 29th, 1873.

Sarah Ann, wife of Joseph B. Winters of Butler, Ill., born March 28th, 1839.

Clara J., born July 8th, 1860.

Francis M., born March 28th, 1862.

Nora L., born June 21st, 1865.

Peter E., born Aug. 6th, 1868.

Edmond B., born Jan. 8th, 1872.

## MICHAEL FAHEY

was born in Ballingarry, County Tipperary, Ireland, about the year 1825. He left Ireland when a boy and went to England where he spent about two years. He then embarked for America and came to New Orleans, Lou. in 1844. He stayed at New Orleans about one year. He then spent fourteen years in various capacities upon the River as a boat-man, working from lower offices up to that of Mate of the boat.

On the first day of Dec, 1851. at St Louis, Mo., he was



united in marriage with Miss Ellen Kelly, who was born in Ballyphillip, Killenaule, County Tipperary, Ireland, and was the daughter of Eliza and Phillip Kelly.

About the year 1860 Michael Fahey removed to Montgomery Co. Ill., and lived for three years upon the farm east of Butler now owned by Wm. Simmons. He then bought the house on the Seward Hill south of Butler, now occupied by Enoch Fox, where he lived for about two years. He then removed to St. Louis where he remained for about one year when he came to the Village of Butler which he has ever since made his home.

His time has been variously employed in keeping a Livery-stable, buying and selling stock and in Agricultural pursuits.

Mr. and Mrs Fahey were both members of the Catholic Church in Ireland, and hold their membership now in the Catholic Church of Hillsboro, Ill.

The children of Michael and Ellen Fahey are as follows :

Thomas, born Aug. 14th, 1852.

Phillip, born March 18th, 1854. Died in St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 10th, 1855.

John, born Dec. 6th, 1856. Died in St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 1857.

Mary Ann, born Nov. 8th, 1857.

Eliza, born Sept. 23d, 1859. Died near Butler, Ill., at the age of 9 months.

Phillip, born May 27th, 1861. Died in St. Louis, Mo., April 27th, 1865.

Eliza, born Feb. 13th, 1863.

Edmond, born Dec. 11th, 1865.

William F., born Jan. 4th, 1868.

Nellie, born April 12th, 1870.

Michael Joseph, born March 10th, 1874.

Mr. Fahey has also living in his family an orphan son of his brother Patrick Fahey. The name of this orphan child is Thomas P. Fahey, born March 6th, 1876.

## MRS. ISABELLA BATESON,

daughter of Robert and Jane Baley, was born in County Down, Grayabbey, Ireland, about the year 1827.

At the place of her nativity on the 9th of Aug. 1850, she was united in marriage with James Bateson, who was born in June 1823, in Ireland and in the same County with Isabella his wife, and died near Butler, Ill., March 20th, 1876.

Mrs. Bateson and her husband came to America in the Summer of 1851, making their first home in Philadelphia, Penn'a where they lived for about thirteen years. They then removed to Ind. near to Franklin, where they lived for about eighteen months.

In the Autumn of the year 1865 they came to Montgomery Co. Ill., and leased a farm three miles N. W. of Butler, where they lived about eight years. They then removed to a farm six miles north of Butler, where they lived about three years. About this time they purchased and improved a farm a little more than a mile to the S. W. of the last named place. Near the time of this purchase Mr. Bateson died. His widow and children have improved the farm and still live upon it. This farm is very near the N. W. corner of Butler Grove Township and is five miles N.W. of the Village.

Mrs. Bateson, While in Ireland, united with the Presbyterian Church, and on coming to Philadelphia connected herself with a Presbyterian Church of that City.

The children of James and Isabella Bateson are as follows :  
James, born Oct. 14th, 1851. Died in infancy in Philadelphia , Penn'a.

Andrew, born Aug. 27th, 1853.

Robert, born April 2nd, 1857.

James, born April, 26th, 1860.

Jennie, born Oct. 16th, 1862.

John, born Jan. 31st, 1867.

## THOMAS E. HARRIS

was born in Charleston, Mass., Feb. 28th, 1812, where he lived until twenty-one years of age. His early life was spent in mercantile pursuits.

When twenty-one years of age he removed to the City of New York where he spent three years in connection with a mercantile establishment. He then went to England for the purpose of purchasing goods and spent about two years in the City of Manchester. From England he returned to New York and then came, in 1838, to Montgomery Co. Ill., and spent a year or two upon the "Seward Hill," boarding with Israel Seward.

About the year 1840, Thomas Harris and George Brooks bought and improved the farm east of Butler, now belonging to Wm. Simmons. Mr. Harris remained upon this farm for about two years.

In 1842 he purchased the farm where he now resides at Ware's Grove, a little less than three miles N. E. of Butler.

On the 29th, of May 1845, near Butler, Ill., Thomas Harris was united in marriage with Miss Huldah R. Ware, of Montgomery Co. Ill.

### MRS. HULDAH R. HARRIS,

daughter of Obadiah and Electa Ware, and wife of Thomas E. Harris, was born in Green Co. Ill., Sept. 17th, 1823, and removed with her parents in infancy to Ware's Grove, near Butler, Montgomery Co. Ill., where she lived until her marriage.

The children of Thomas E. and Huldah R. Harris are as follows:

Fredrick W., born March 24th, 1846. Died at Ware's Grove, near Butler, Ill., Feb. 9th, 1868.

Julia A., wife of Michael L. Robertson, of Butler, Ill., born Sept. 15th, 1852.

## CHARLES M. WESTCOTT

was born at North Scituate, Rhode Island, Aug. 7th, 1822. In 1852 he removed to Dunkirk, Chautauqua Co. N. Y., where he remained three months. He then came to Pekin, in Taswell Co. Ill., and spent several weeks in carpenter work, having served an apprenticeship as a carpenter in his native State. He then came, in the Autumn of 1852, to Montgomery Co. Ill., spent a few weeks with his cousin, Nelson Steere, contracted for two-hundred acres of land one mile north of Butler, returned on horse-back to Rhode Island and remained there one year.

He then came back to Montgomery Co., staid a few weeks and returned again to Rhode Island and remained there for two years.

In March, 1856, he came again to Montgomery Co. and improved the farm north of Butler, boarding at different places in the community.

On the 12th. of Dec. 1861, at Ware's Grove, near Butler Ill., he was united in marriage with Miss Betsey Ware, who was born at Ware's Grove, Aug. 18th, 1838, and is the daughter of Obadiah and Electa Ware.

In Feb. 1862, a few weeks after marriage, Mr. Westcott and his wife went to North Scituate, Rhode Island, and remained there until May 1865, when they returned to Montgomery Co. Ill.

Mr. Westcott then built a house in Butler and lived there for about five years. He then removed to his farm north of Butler and remained there one year.

In the Spring of 1871 he removed to the farm which he improved and where he now resides at Ware's Grove N. E. from Butler.

Charles Westcott made a public profession of religion in North Scituate, R. I., at about the age of forty-two, and connected himself with the Freewill Baptist Church, and on locating at Butler Ill., united with the M. E. Church of that place, and since removing to Ware's Grove, he and his wife have united with the Montgomery M. E. Church five miles N. E. of Butler.

The Children of Charles M. and Betsey Westcott are as follows:

Thomas K., born Sept. 20th, 1862.

Eliza W., born Jan. 14th. 1864.

Lillie E., born July 22nd, 1869.

Mary Grace, born Sept. 6th, 1872.

## BENAIAM KELLEY

was born at Pembroke, Merrimac Co. New Hampshire, Dec. 10th, 1807.

When twenty-one years of age he removed to Boston Mass., where he spent about ten years.

For the three following years he had no permanent home, being part of the time on the land and part on the sea.

In May 1837 he removed to Montgomery Co. Ill., and purchased and located upon the farm, two miles south of Butler, now owned by Christopher Kober. While owning this farm and superintending its interests he spent the greater part of his time for eight years upon the Seward Hill one half mile south of Butler, at first making brick, and afterward running the Saw & Grist mill belonging to Israel Seward.

About eight or nine years after purchasing the farm two miles south of Butler, he exchanged it for land two miles farther west where he has ever since resided.

On the 14th of Oct. 1842 Benaiah Kelley was united in marriage, a few miles south of Butler, Ill., with Miss Sarah Ann McAdams, who was born in Montgomery Co. Ill., Jan. 5th, 1821, and died near the place of her nativity Nov. 28th, 1875.

The children of Benaiah and Sarah Ann Kelley are as follows:

Alvin H., born Oct. 22nd, 1843.

William J., born May 18th, 1845.

## MRS. NANCY SAMMONS,

daughter of Francis and Mary Ketner, and wife of Abner Sammons, was born in Stokes Co. N. C., Sept. 12th, 1828.

When eight years of age she removed to Morgan Co. Ill., not far from Jacksonville. In this neighborhood, on the fourth of April, 1840, she was united in marriage with Abner Sammons, who was born near Jacksonville, Ill., April 4th, 1829.

In the Autumn of 1864 Mr. Sammons, removed with his family to the farm where he now resides three miles N. W. of Butler, in the neighborhood known as "Cherry Grove."

Mrs. Nancy Sammons made a public profession of religion when about fourteen years of age, and united with the M. E. Church near Jacksonville, Ill., called the Eben-ezer Church. In 1872 she connected herself with the M. E. Church at Cherry Grove, near Butler, Ill.

The children of Abner and Nancy Sammons are as follows:

John E., born April 2nd, 1851.

Ellen, wife of Thomas J. Briggs near Litchfield, Ill., born Oct. 16th, 1853.

Albert N., born April 10th, 1856.

Mary, born Oct. 15th, 1860.

William J., born March 25th, 1862.

James E., born May 26th, 1864.

Athen C., born June 22nd, 1865.

## STANFORD ROBERTSON

was born in Orange Co. (now Alamance Co.) N. C., Sept. 24th, 1809. On the 10th, of Jan. 1833, in Gifford Co. N. C., he was united in marriage with Miss Ann Milican Cummins.

In 1834 he removed to Carroll Co. West Tenn., where he lived for twenty-nine years. In the Autumn of 1863 he removed to Ill., and after spending the winter in Bond Co. he located five miles south of Hillsboro, in Montgomery Co. where he lived for about three years. He then settled upon the farm where he now resides three and a half miles S. E. of Butler.

Mr. Robertson made a public profession of religion in Gifford Co. N. C. when about twenty-two years of age and united with the Lutheran Church. On removing to Carroll Co. Tenn., he united there with the Lutheran Church; and on coming to his present residence N. E. of Butler, he connected himself with the Lutheran Church at Ware's Grove.

### MRS. ANN M. ROBERTSON,

daughter of Elijah and Abigail Cummins, and wife of Stanford Robertson, was born in Gifford Co. N. C., Feb. 11th, 1811, where she lived until her marriage.

When about nineteen years of age she made a public profession of religion under the pastoral labors of Rev. Eli Carruthers, and united with the Presbyterian Church in Gifford Co. N. C., known as Alamance Church. On removing to Tenn., she united there with the Lutheran Church, and on coming to Montgomery Co. Ill., united with the Lutheran Church at Ware's Grove.

The children of Stanford and Ann M. Robertson are as follows:

Sarah Jane, born Oct. 8th, 1833. She was united in mar-

riage with Henry Fields of Carroll Co. Tenn., deceased. She was united by second marriage with J. M. Mills of Hillsboro, Illinois.

Nathaniel Lawson, born Nov. 16th, 1835.

Alphensine Eve, born Oct, 11th, 1837. She was united in marriage with Barney Pecoek, deceased. She was united by second marriage with John Burrow, after which she soon died in Ballard Co. Ky.

Mary Frances, deceased wife of Wm. Edwards, born July 23d, 1840. She died in White Co. Ark.

Elisabeth Clemmintine, wife of T. M. Smith of Hillsboro, Ill., born Aug. 29th, 1842.

Jerome Cummins, born Dec. 4th, 1844.

Mildred A. T., wife of Henderson Frame of Wellington, Sumner Co. Kan., born July 5th, 1848.

Michael Luther, born Sept. 14th, 1851.

Julia A. B., wife of W. H. Wiley of Hillsboro, Ill., born May 3d, 1857.

All of the children, with the exception of the eldest daughter, were born in Carroll Co. West Tenn.

The children are nine in number; and the grand-children twenty-nine.

## JOSEPH STICKEL

was born in York Co. Penn., Aug. 26th, 1814. In the seventeenth year of his age he removed to Harrisburg, Penn., where he commenced to serve an apprenticeship as a carpenter. He remained at Harrisburg about one year and then removed to Bellefonte, Centre Co. Penn., where he completed his term of service as an apprenticeship.

When twenty-one years of age, in the Autumn of 1835 he removed to Decatur, Macon Co. Ill., and lived there un



til the Autumn of 1857, when he came to Montgomery Co. Ill., and purchased the farm where he has ever since resided three miles east of Butler, on what is called the Hillsboro and Taylorville road.

On the 13th of April, in 1837, in York Co. Penn., Joseph Stickel was united in marriage with Miss Susan Shelly, who was born in York Co. Penn., Sept. 15th, 1818, and died at Decatur, Ill., Aug. 12th, 1840.

The children of Joseph and Susan Stickel are as follows:

Francis Marion, born April 15th, 1838. Died a prisoner in the Union army, but the exact time of his death is not known.

Susan Matilda, born March 28th, 1840. Died at Decatur, Ill., July 29th, 1841.

On the 19th, of Aug. 1841, at Decatur, Ill., Joseph Stickel was united in marriage with Mrs. Catharine Smith, who was born in Tenn., Aug. 21st, 1816, and died at Decatur, Ill., Jan. 7th. 1854.

The children of Joseph and Catharine Stickel are as follows:  
Fletcher A., born Sept. 11th, 1842.

Nancy A. E., wife of Thomas F. Seymore, of Litchfield, Ill., born March 5th, 1844.

John Andrew born Jan. 24th, 1846.

Alexander Wesley, born Feb. 9th. 1849.

James H., born Nov. 9th. 1850. Died at Decatur, Ill., Aug. 26th, 1851.

On the 8th of Nov. 1855, near Springfield, Ill., Joseph Stickel was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Scott, who was born near Princeton, Caldwell Co. Ky., Oct. 9th, 1828, and is the daughter of James and Mary Scott.

The only child of Joseph and Mary Stickel is:—

Ella Charlena, born Aug. 30th, 1864.

Joseph Stickel made a public profession of religion in York

Co. Penn., and united with the M. E. Church in the 16th year of his age. When he removed to Harrisburg, Penn., he connected himself with the M. E. Church of that place, & also with the same Church at Bellefonte while living there and remaining a little while at Cincinnati, Ohio, and Lafayette, Ind. while on his way to the West he united with the M. E. Church in each of these places.

On locating at Decatur he united with the M. E. Church of that City, and when he removed to Montgomery Co. he united with the M. E. Church of Hillsboro, in which Church his wife also, Mrs. Mary Stickel, holds her connection.

## ROBERT BRYCE

was born in Doune, Perthshire, Scotland, Sept. 22nd, 1821.

He was one of ten children, seven sons and three daughters.

These seven sons all learned trades. Four, of whom Robert was one, became blacksmiths; two bakers, and one a shoe-maker

In the year 1849 Robert Bryce left Scotland for America.

He landed at Quebeck, Canada, in June 1849, and came to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he lived for six years.

In the year 1856 he removed to Montgomery Co. Ill., and lived for two years with Israel Seward one half mile south of Butler. He then purchased the farm where he now resides one half mile N. E. of Butler, and for three years lived upon it with his brother-in-law, John W. Kirkland.

Having married in the year 1861 he located in the Village of Butler and remained there for two years. In 1863 he removed to his farm where he has ever since resided.

Mr. Bryce commenced business as a Blacksmith in Butler

in the year 1856 and has successfully combined the vocations of Blacksmith and farmer. He is also largely identified with the Dairy interests of Butler.

At the age of eighteen years Robert Bryce made a public profession of religion and connected himself with the Presbyterian Church of Bridge of Frith, Scotland. In the year 1850 he united with the Associate Reformed Church at Cincinnati, Ohio, and on coming to Montgomery Co. Ill., he removed his membership to the Presbyterian Church of Hillsboro, and when in 1856, the Presbyterian Church of Butler was organized he was one of the original fourteen members, and was at that time chosen and ordained a Ruling Elder of the same Church.

Robert Bryce has been twice married. His first marriage was at Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 22nd, 1852, with Miss Sophia Heath.

The Children of Robert and Sophia Bryce are as follows:  
 Eliza H., wife of George Noggle of Greenville, Ill., born June 23d, 1853.

George M., born Oct. 8th, 1854. Died in infancy at Cincinnati, Ohio, aged 7 months.

Robert W., born Jan. 26th, 1856.

The second marriage of Robert Bryce was near Butler, Ill. April 9th, 1861, with Miss Sarah McMurtry, who was born at Belfast, Ireland, Nov. 9th, 1836, and is the daughter of Mathew and Elisabeth McMurtry.

The children of Robert and Sarah Bryce are as follows:  
 Maggie S., born Feb. 8th, 1862.

Thomas L., born Nov. 1st, 1867.

Mary G., born Sept. 1st, 1870.

## MRS. SARAH KENDRICK,

daughter of James and Nancy Twaddle, was born ten miles south of Springfield, Sangamon Co. Ill., Dec. 14th, 1826.

When four years of age she removed with her parents to a location three miles east of Springfield where she lived until about ten years of age. She then removed to Bloomington, Ill., when Bloomington was but a Village, and lived there nine years. She then removed with the family to Montgomery Co. Ill., and located seven miles south of Hillsboro, where she remained about one year, when she went to Upper Alton, Ill., where she was united in marriage with Benjamin Harris, who died at Upper Alton, Feb. 3d, 1842. She then returned to her home south of Hillsboro, Ill.

On the 30th of Aug. 1843 she was united in marriage with John C. Kendrick, who was born in Gilsum, New Hampshire Oct. 1807, and Died at Butler, Ill., Sept. 8th, 1869.

Mrs. Kendrick made a public profession of religion when twenty-one years of age and united with the M. E. Church at Upper Alton.

She has but one child viz:—Leroy Kendrick, born Aug. 5th, 1856.

Her step-children, the children of John C. Kendrick, are as follows:

Jane R., deceased wife of Jacob Weber near Butler, Ill.

Marah L., wife of J.D. Robinson, deceased. Hester Ann, deceased. Rosanna, deceased. Bramwell, deceased.

Lydia A., wife of Samuel Osborn, deceased. Jerome W.

Mattie H., wife of Jerome Robertson of Kansas. Diance.

## WILLARD M. TODD

was born near Oswego, Oswego Co. N. Y., Jan. 9th, 1821.

In 1833, when twelve years of age, he removed with his parents to Mich., where he lived four years. He then returned to Oswego, N. Y., and remained there until the year 1842, when he came to Vandalia, Fayette Co. Ill. He remained there for two years. He then, in the year 1844, came to Montgomery Co. Ill., and located one and a half miles south of Litchfield, where he bought land and divided his time between teaching school and farming.

On the 26th of April, 1849, in Montgomery Co. Ill., he was united in marriage with Miss Emeline Dryer, who was born in Hillsboro, Ill., and was the daughter of John & Mary Dryer. She died near Butler, Ill., Sept. 10th, 1869.

The children of Willard and Emeline Todd are as follows:  
John E., born May 5th, 1850.

Henry, born Sept. 21st, 1851. Died near Butler, Ill., Sept. 29th, 1852.

Amos B., born March 7th, 1853. Died near Butler, Ill., July 28th, 1855.

Mary H., born Dec. 16th, 1854. Died near Butler, Ill., Aug. 14th, 1857.

George M., born Jan. 1st, 1857.

Amelia E., born Dec. 17th, 1859.

Almira C., born March 4th, 1862.

Charles C., born Jan. 29th, 1864.

Laura E., born Oct. 1st, 1868.

On the 26th, of May, in 1870, Montgomery Co. Ill., Willard Todd was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Polen, who was born in Du Bois Co. Ind., Nov. 3d, 1839, and is the daughter of Shiloh and Celia Polson.

In communities near where he now resides N. E. of Butler he taught two terms of school, about the years 1851, and 1857, but has devoted himself chiefly to agricultural pursuits.

The children of Willard M. and Lizzie Todd are as follows: Julia Belle, born March 10th, 1871.

Jessie Grace, born Feb. 2nd, 1878.

Willard Todd made a public profession of religion in N. Y., and united with the Freewill Baptist Church of Oswego.

In 1850 he assisted in the organization of the first Sabbath-school ever held in the community south of Litchfield, Ill., where he was then residing.

## JACOB WEBER

was born at Busti, Chautauqua Co. N. Y., Aug. 9th, 1821.

In the year 1840 he left New York and came to Montgomery Co. Ill., and located four miles N. E. of Butler, purchasing his land from the government.

On the 9th of March 1852 he was united in marriage with Miss Jane Rebecca Kendrick, who was born in the year 1829, at Gilsum N. H., and was the daughter of John C. and Rebecca Kendrick.

She died at her residence in Montgomery Co. Ill., Aug. 21st, 1858, aged 28 years and 9 months.

Mr. Weber made a public profession of religion when a young man and united with the Montgomery M. E. Church five miles N. E. of Butler, Ill.

The only child of Jacob and Jane R. Weber is Ellen L., born Sept. 11th, 1855.

## JOSEPH D. BRUCE

was born near Plainfield, Newhampshire, Feb. 28th, 1824. When two years old he removed with his parents to Middlesex, Vermont, where he remained until about twenty years of age.

In 1843 he started for the West, and in seeking a location he visited Lou., Texas, Wis., Ark., Iowa and Minn. Then in the year 1863 he came to Hillsboro, Ill., where he remained until about the year 1870, when he removed to the place where he now resides on Shoal Creek, about two miles N. E. of Hillsboro and about two and a half miles S. E. of Builer.

In June of the year 1862 he was united in marriage with Miss Amanda Hughs, daughter of Elijah and—— Hughs, and a member of the Missionary Baptist Church.

The children of Joseph D. and Amanda Bruce are as follows:

Rosana Julia, born Oct. 15th, 1863.

Infant, born May 1867. Died in South Hillsboro, Ill., aged 15 months.

## GRANDBERRY WILLIAMS

was born near Lewisburg, Franklin Co. N. C., April 18th, 1810.

Near the place of his nativity he was united in marriage with Miss Wilmoth Strickland.

To Grandberry and Wilmoth Williams were born three children, all of whom are dead. Mrs. Wilmoth Williams also died near the place of her marriage.

In 1845 Mr Williams removed to Roan Co. N. C., and in 1853 to Davidson Co. of the same State. Here, on the 15th of June, 1854, he was married to Miss Rhody Baley who was born in Davidson Co. N. C., Aug. 21st 1830, and is the daughter of Daniel and Margaret Baley. She made a public profession of religion in Davidson Co. N. C. and united there with the Missionary Baptist Church, and now holds her connection with the Baptist Church of Hillsboro, Ill.

In the year 1856 Grandberry Williams removed to Iredell Co. N. C., and in 1869 to Montgomery Co. Ill., locating about one and a half miles south of Hillsboro, where he lived for nearly nine years. He then removed to the community where he now resides, about two miles east of Butler, and three miles north of Hillsboro.

The children of Grandberry and Rhody Williams are as follows:

Margaret, born Nov. 10th, 1855.

John A. G., born March 31st, 1860.

Doctor F., born Nov. 19th, 1865.

## WILLIAM W. KEELE

was born at Shakertown, Warren Co. Ky., October 1st, 1826.

He left Ky. with his parents when about seven years of age, and came to Alton, Ill., where he lived about six months. He then came with his parents to Montgomery Co. and lived a year or two about six miles S. E. of Litchfield. From here he removed to the farm two miles south of Butler now owned by John Kilpatrick.

On the 2nd of Sept. 1848, near Hillsboro, Ill., he was united in marriage with Miss Julia A. Starr, who was born



Feb. 29th, 1828, and died near Hillsboro, Ill., Nov. 17th, 1856.

In 1849, not long after his marriage, he removed to a farm about one mile west of Butler, where he lived for four or five years. He then bought land, moved upon it and improved it, about one and a half miles west of Hillsboro, Ill. He remained upon this farm for about seventeen years. In 1871 he removed to the farm where he now resides three miles N. E. of Butler, on the north side of Ware's Grove.

On the 11th of March 1859, about five miles north of Butler, Ill., Wm. Keele was united by second marriage with Miss Mary F. Scherer, who was born Nov. 29th, 1839, and died near Hillsboro Ill., in the Autumn of 1864.

On the 10th of Aug. 1865, near Woodboro, Ill., Wm. Keele was united in marriage with Mrs. Jane E. Cress, who was born April 22nd, 1837, and is the daughter of Thomas and Hannah Cory.

The children of Wm. W. and Julia A. Keele are as follows :

Laura E., born Sept. 23d, 1850. Died near Butler, Ill., Nov. 20th, 1850.

George W., born Jan. 1st, 1853. Died near Butler, Ill., Sept. 14th, 1853.

The children of Wm. W. and Mary Keele are as follows :

Charles R., born Dec. 3d, 1860.

William J., born Oct. 1st, 1862.

The children of Wm. W. and Jane E. Keele are as follows :

Thomas C., born Oct. 16th, 1866.

Lucy J., born Aug. 31st, 1869. Died near Hillsboro, Ill., Aug. 5th, 1870.

Mrs. Jane E. Keele, formerly the wife of Henry Cress, had one son previous to her union with Wm. Keele, viz;— Henry Absalom Cress, born Aug. 12th, 1859.

## GEORGE BOVEY

was born at Shepherdstown, Virginia, June 16th, about the year 1820.

When about one year old he left Va. with his parents and went to Hagerstown, Maryland. Here on the 2nd of May, 1849, he was united in marriage with Miss Hannah Knodle, who was born near Hagerstown, Md., May 17th, 1816 and was the daughter of William and Rebecca Knodle. She died near Butler, Ill., March 31st, 1869.

Mr. Bovey left Md. and came to Montgomery Co. Ill., in June 1868. He purchased land and located upon it about two miles N. E. of Butler, where he has ever since made his home. By trade, Mr. Bovey is a shoe-maker, having served an apprenticeship in Hagerstown, Md., where he also worked at his trade for nineteen years. Since coming to Ill., his time has been spent in agricultural pursuits.

About the year 1866, at Hagerstown, Md., he made a public profession of religion, and connected himself with the Church of The United Brethren.

The children of George and Hannah Bovey are as follows:

Georgianna, William D., Emma L., wife of Robert Warren, of Kansas, Florence E., wife of Frank Berry, of Kansas, and Albert Marion.

## RICHARD ROBERTS

was born in Shelby County Ky., September 27th, 1813.

When quite a young child he moved with his parents to Ind., locating eight miles south of Vernon in Jennings Co.

When about sixteen years of age he removed again with the family to Johnson Co. of the same State. Here in 1832

he was united in marriage with Miss Rachel Walker, who was born in the State of Ky.

In April 1848 Mr. Roberts and wife went to Texas, and while returning in the following Oct. to Johnson Co. Ind., Mrs. Roberts died in Newton Co. Mo.

On the 28th of Dec. 1848, in Johnson Co. Ind., Mr. Roberts was united in marriage with Miss Mary Lipsey. In 1850 he came to Shelby Co. Ill., and in 1874 to Hillsboro, Ill., where he remained one winter. He then removed one and a half miles S. E. of Hillsboro, where he spent the following summer, after which he removed to a location five miles north of Butler, where he lived about six months. He then came on the 17th of Oct. 1876, to the place where he now resides one half mile north of Butler.

Mr. Roberts made a public profession of religion when about twenty-five years of age, and united with the Christian Church at Williamsburg, Johnson Co. Ind.

## MRS. MARY ROBERTS,

daughter of John and Lettie Lipsey, and wife of Richard Roberts, was born in Wayne Co. Ky., Dec. 13th, 1826.

When about five years of age she removed with her parents to Morgantown, Morgan Co. Ind., and when about seventeen years of age she removed to Johnson Co. Ind., where she remained until her marriage in 1848.

When about eighteen years of age she made a public profession of religion and under the pastoral labors of Rev. — Miner, united with the Missionary Baptist Church near Franklin, Ind., and when about twenty-five years of age united with the Christian Church at Morgantown, Ind.

The children of Richard and Rachel Roberts are as follows :

Mary Ann. Died in Johnson Co. Ind., Aug. 12th, 1847.  
 Sylvester. Killed in the Union army at Chattanooga,  
 Tenn. Sept. 20th, 1863.

Jacob.

Nancy Nellie, wife of James A. Robertson, of Taylor-  
 ville Ill.

John H. Died in Shelby Co. Ill., Aug. 20th, 1852.

Walker.

Joseph. Died in Shelby Co. Ill., March 26th, 1866.

Sarah, wife of Spencer Rogers of Butler, Ill.

The children of Richard and Mary Roberts are as follows :

Louvisa, born July 23d, 1850. Died in Johnson Co. Ind.,  
 Sept. 5th, 1850.

Samuel, born Aug. 4th, 1852. Died in Shelby Co. Ill.,  
 Aug. 21st, 1852.

James W., born Feb. 28th, 1853.

Raney, born Jan. 6th. 1856. Died in Shelby Co. Ill.,  
 Jan. 7th, 1856.

Austin M., born Nov. 18th, 1857.

Asa Martin, born Dec. 12th, 1859.

Matilda, born Dec. 4th, 1861.

There is also living in the family of Richard and Mary  
 Roberts, a little boy named Willie Rogers, born Sept. 20th,  
 1869.

## DE WITT C. BURRIS

was born six miles S. E. of Jackson, Jackson Co. Ohio, April  
 3d, 1826.

His father's name is William Burris. His mother's maid-  
 en name was Ross. His father was married at the age of  
 eighteen years, and his mother at the age of sixteen. His

mother died when he was three years of age. His father is still living, and was seventy-six years of age on the 2nd, of Aug. 1878. He is residing at this time (Sept. 1878) upon the farm upon which he first settled.

De Witt Burris left Ohio for Texas on the 20th of Dec. 1848. He went as far as New Orleans, Lou., but on account of the prevalence of Cholera he gave up the enterprize. He came then on the 23d of Feb. 1849, to Jersey Co. Ill., where he lived until July 4th, 1852, engaged in running a Saw-mill, except for the first six months, which time he worked on a farm two miles west of Jerseyville, Ill., for a man whose name was John Frost.

On the 6th of Aug. 1851 he purchased land in Montgomery Co. Ill., and on the 4th of July, 1852 removed to Mo. near Independence, where he lived one year with John Corbett from Jerseyville, Ill. Here again he was engaged in running a Saw-mill. During the winter of 1853 and 1854 he lived near the Sulphur Springs in Macoupin Co. Ill., engaged again in a Saw-mill.

On the 15th of March 1854 he removed to Honey Bend, Montgomery Co. Ill. He remained in this County until Dec. 1856. He then went to Christian Co. Ill., to run a Saw mill for John Bell, with whom he remained until April 1858.

On the 7th of April, 1857, he was united in marriage with Miss Roselma Mack, who was born April 16th, 1835 in Gilsum, N. H., and is the daughter of Calvin and Huldah Mack.

In April 1858 he returned to Montgomery Co. Ill., in which County he has ever since resided.

In the Autumn of 1863 he removed to the farm which he owns and upon which he now resides about four miles N. W. of Butler.

Since first leaving home he has made quite a number of visits to his native State.

The children of De Witt C. and Roselma Burris are as follows :

George W . born Feb. 22nd, 1860.

Emma J., born April 29th, 1863.

Hattie E., born Feb. 8th, 1866.

Carrie A., born Aug. 3d, 1868.

Elzina, born Oct. 2nd, 1870.

William O., born Oct. 21st, 1872.

Charles D., born Feb. 15th, 1875.

Wesley C., born Aug. 30th, 1877.

Infant, died without name near Butler, Ill.

## ISAAC BETTY

was born in Smith County Tenn., December 6th, 1820.

On the 2d of July 1840, in the same County in which he was born, he was united in marriage with Miss Louisa Allen.

On the 15th of April 1851, he left Smith Co. Tenn., and came to Montgomery Co. Ill., locating first on the farm three miles nearly west of Butler, where Lewis Brinker now lives. After about three years he removed to the adjacent farm recently owned by J. T. Ross. He lived on this farm for two years, and then removed still father south near the Rail Road to the place where David Wykoff now resides. From this place he removed to the farm three miles west of Butler now owned by Mrs. Parthena Gray, where he lived for three years. He then bought and improved the farm recently owned by Jefferson Brown, nearly three miles west of Butler. From here he removed to the district of country about three miles south of Butler. called Brush Creek, and lived upon the farm now

owned by Wm. Brewer, and in the Spring of 1865, he came to the farm which he purchased and improved and where he now resides, two and a half miles west of Butler.

Mr. Betty made a public profession of religion in Smith Co. Tenn., and united with the M. E. Church. While living south of Butler, he connected himself with the Christian Church of that community, and after locating upon the farm where he now resides he united with the M. E. Church of Butler.

### MRS. LOUISA BETTY,

daughter of Archibald P. and Matilda Allen, and wife of Isaac Betty, was born in Wilson Co. Tenn., Sept. 5th, 1818.

When about twenty-one years of age she removed to Smith Co. of the same State, where she was united in marriage with Isaac Betty.

She made a profession of religion in Wilson Co. Tenn., when about eighteen years of age, but did not connect herself with any Church until she united with the M. E. Church of Butler, Ill., about the year 1876.

The children of Isaac and Louisa Betty are as follows:

Clantha C., wife of Thomas Gray, of Butler, Ill., born June 27th, 1841.

Frances M., born April 5th, 1843.

Robert C., born March 27th, 1845.

Infant died without name.

William A., born Oct. 27th, 1850.

Alonzo A., born June 18th, 1853.

Amanda E., born Sept. 1st, 1856.

Charles H., born June 11th, 1859.

## PATRICK WHELAN

was born in County Tipperary Ireland, July 6th, 1816.

He left Ireland for America in 1844 and arrived at St. Louis Mo., in 1845. He remained in St. Louis for about twenty years. Several years of this time he spent in quarrying rock, and then for about sixteen years labored as a teamster.

From St. Louis Mr. Whelan removed to Montgomery Co. Ill., and located near the place where the village of Raymond now stands. He remained there for three years and then moved to the house east of Butler now owned and occupied by Wm. Simmons. Mr. Whelan had been but a month upon this farm when Mr. Simmons purchased it. He then removed to the location between Butler and Hillsboro known as the "Townsend Place." He lived on this place for ten years and then removed near Litchfield, Ill., where he remained for three years. In March 1876 he removed to the farm where he now lives one and a half miles nearly south of Butler, belonging to Wm. Abbott.

On the 11th, of Oct. 1848, Patrick Whelan was united in marriage at St. Louis, Mo., with Miss Margaret Brophrey.

## MRS. MARGARET WHELAN,

daughter of Michael and Catharine Brophrey, and wife of Patrick Whelan, was born in County, Kilkenny Ireland Dec. 25th, 1813. She came to America at the same time, and in the same vessel with Patrick Whelan, her future husband, landing at St. Louis, Mo., in 1846, where she remained until her marriage in 1848.

Mr. and Mrs. Whelan were members of the Catholic



Church in Ireland and at the present time hold connection in the same Church in Hillsboro, Ill.

The children of Patrick and Margaret Whelan are as follows:

Mary, born June 5th, 1849. Died at St. Louis, Mo., aged 2 days.

Catharine A., born April 27th, 1851.

Mary E , born Sept. 5th, 1853.

Annie, born Jan. 15th, 1855. Died in St. Louis, Mo., aged 1 year and six months.

## HENDERSON HOWARD

was born in Rutherford County Tenn., July 6th, 1826.

In 1834 he removed to Green Co. Ill., where he lived for about four years. From Green Co. he went to Scott Co. and lived there about four years. He then removed to Mason Co. on the Illinois River, where he remained about nine years. He then spent about three months in Waterford, Fulton Co. and from there went to Beardstown, where he spent a year or two, and then came to Montgomery Co. to the community known as West Fork, six miles north of Litchfield, Ill., where he remained for a few months and then came to Hillsboro, Ill. In Hillsboro, and communities not far from it, he has ever since lived until the early part of the present month, (Sept. 1878,) when he removed to Butler to take charge of the Hotel, which property had been in his possession for about a year.

On the 25th of March, 1848, while living in Mason Co. Ill., he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Jane Brown, who died, June 20th, 1862, at Hillsboro, Ill.

On the 10th, of Oct. 1862, at Hillsboro, Ill. he was united

in marriage with Miss Mary Jane Morrisoe, who was born in Hunting Co. Ind., Jan. 15th, 1832, and is the daughter of Joseph and Margaret Morrisoe.

Mr. Howard is a painter, having learned his trade in Beardstown, Ill.

On the 23d of June, 1846, he left home to engage in the Mexican war, and served in that war for one year.

In the war of the Rebellion he served in the Union army for nearly a year as Company Farrier.

While living in Waterford, Fulton Co. Ill., he made a profession of religion, but connected himself with no Church until he removed to Hillsboro, Ill, where he united with the Cumberland Presbyterians.

The children of Henderson Howard and his first wife are as follows:

James H.

William Alfred. Died in Hillsboro, Ill., June, 1865.

Martha C. Died in Hillsboro, Ill., aged two years.

Mary Belle.

The children of Henderson Howard and his second wife are as follows.

Florida May.

Lydia F.

Jesse. Died in Hillsboro, Ill., aged three weeks.

Margaret C., and Joseph D. H.

## JOHN S. COLE

was born in Vernon, Sussex Co. New Jersey, Oct. 26th, 1807.

When about twelve years old he left N. J. and came to Hamilton, Butler Co. Ohio. After residing there for two or three years he came to Montgomery Co. Ill., and lived upon

the Seward Hill south of Butler. In about seven years he returned to N. J., and in that State, and the State of N. Y., he lived for about twenty-six years, when he returned to Montgomery Co, Ill. He located on a farm about three miles S. W. of Butler upon which he has resided most of the time since his return to Ill.

He was united in marriage in Sussex Co. N. J., with Miss Elisabeth Paddock, who died near Butler, Ill., Nov. 13th, 1876.

Mr. Cole made a public profession of religion in Hillsboro, Ill., and united with the M. E. Church of that place under the pastoral care of Rev. Ebenezer Webster.

About the year 1875, Mr. Cole lost his sight.

The children of John S. and Elisabeth Cole are as follows:

Emily. Died in Sussex Co. N. J.

Julia, wife of Burrell Phillips, of Hillsboro, Ill.

John. Died in Sussex Co. N. J.

Lucinda, wife of Calvin Surratt, of Litchfield Ill.

Almeda G., wife of Charles H. Schaper, of Nokomis, Ill.

George. Died near Butler, Ill.

Clarence, resident of Butler, Ill.

Henry. Died near Butler, Ill.

## MRS. MARY B. CLINESMITH,

daughter of Ira and Louisa Bassett, was born in Yates Co. N. Y., Sept. 18th, 1828.

When 18 years of age she went to Warren Co. Penn., where she remained about one year, after which she spent one year in Geauga Co. Ohio. She then removed to Fond du Lac, Wis., where she lived for ten years. From Wis. she removed to Lee Co. in Southern Iowa, where she lived for two years.

While living in each of the places mentioned above, Mrs Clinesmith was engaged in teaching school. Her service as a teacher extended over a period of sixteen years, a portion of which time she devoted to study.

On the 4th of March, 1861, in Lee Co. Iowa, she was united in marriage with John Clinesmith, who was born near Pittsburg, Penn., Dec. 18th, 1812, and died near Butler, Ill., Jan. 20th, 1876.

Immediately after marriage in 1861, Mrs. Clinesmith, with her husband, removed to Montgomery Co. Ill., to a farm two and a half miles nearly east of Butler, where she has ever since resided, and where she has endeavored to perform the duties of a mother to one child, Orvel H., born May 27th, 1862.

Mrs. Clinesmith made a public profession of religion when twenty-two years of age, and united with the Congregational Church at Tacheedah, Wis., at its organization, under the pastoral care of Rev. Everdell, and on removing to Montgomery Co. Ill., united with the Congregational Church of Hillsboro.

## CHARLES W. JENKINS

was born in Darlington District, S. C., May 29th, 1827.

He came to Montgomery Co. Ill., with his cousin, Joseph Wood, in March 1837. He remained in this County until Sept. 1848, when he took up his residence in Springfield, Ill.

On the 27th of April, 1854, at the residence of George Burnap, on the Seward Hill south of Butler, he was united in marriage with Miss Camilla Burnap, who was born at the same place where she now resides, Feb. 21st, 1832.

Mr. Jenkins removed to the place where he now resides, one half mile south of Butler, in Aug. 1856.

In 1868 he was elected Circuit Clerk, and removed with his family to Hillsboro, the County Seat of Montgomery Co., where he remained for four years, the term of his public service, and then returned to his residence near Butler.

The children of Charles W. and Camilla Jenkins are as follows:

Mary, Camilla, Frances, Roland B., Emma, Fredrick, E., and Martha Maria.



## IN MEMORIAM.


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Since writing the brief memoirs of John S. Fogleman and Grandberry Williams, contained in the foregoing pages, these two persons have departed this life.

John S. Fogleman died near Butler, Ill., Sept. 5th, 1878, in the 74th year of his age.

Grandberry Williams died near Butler, Ill., Sept. 18th, 1878, in the 69th year of his age.

## REMARKS.

 *Here add with pen any additional remarks that may be desired, or correct any errors that may have occurred in the print.*









A  
BRIEF HISTORY  
OF THE  
VILLAGE OF BUTLER.

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In gathering up the scraps of history contained in the following pages we have been obliged to rely largely upon the memories of persons who have been long residents of the community. Some of the dates, therefore, which we give may be only approximates to truth; some names may be omitted, and some facts not accurately recorded. Yet, with the pains which we have taken to secure accuracy, we believe that following statements may be relied upon as an outline history free from any serious error.

The Village of Butler derived its name from the fact that many of its earliest settlers came from Butler County, Ohio.

The Village was built upon land belonging to William Seward, and laid out by him about the year 1855.

In the first survey, which was by James Starr, eighty-six lots were laid out. Some time afterward the most of the remaining lots which constitute the Village were surveyed by a Mr. Bayless.

The town was incorporated about the year 1865.

The first School-house built in the District was of logs, and built in 1849, near the residence of Geo. Seward. It

was afterwards purchased by Dennis Crowley, removed to the village, and now constitutes a part of his residence.

The first School-house erected in the village, was built about the year 1857, by John H. McGowan. About eight years afterward an addition was made to it so that it consisted of two rooms.

When there were more pupils than could be accommodated in these two rooms, the deficiency was met by securing a private room for a portion of the school until the year 1863, when, at the cost of about \$10,000 the present neat and commodious building was erected, which is free from debt.

We give below, according to the best of our information the names of those who have taught school in the Village of Butler.

We have not attempted to fix upon the dates of the service of those who taught in the earlier history of the Village, but give names as we have received them from those who are familiar with the history of the place.

This record commences about the year 1857.

#### TEACHERS OF THE BUTLER PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Charles Seward, George Paisley, Rev. Daniel Lee, Rev. — Mize, Edwin Keeler, Charles Parks, Jesse C. Barrett.

We have dates from the year 1863. The School term generally commences in one year and closes in the next. During the term there may have been assistant teachers who taught but a short time, but we mention their names in connection with the year in which the school commenced.

In 1863, Andrew Waters.

In 1864, James W. Colvin.

In 1865, Jesse Barrett and Miss Abbie Cunningham.

In 1866, E. Hodson and Miss Jane Hickman.

In 1867, S. T. Sanford and Miss Jane Hickman.

In 1868, J. C. Barrett, Miss Jane Hickman and Miss Lucy Stuckey.

In 1869, J. C. Barrett, Mrs Helen Colvin and Miss Lucy Stuckey.

In 1870, Miss Fannie Kiddoo, Mrs. Helen Colvin and Miss Lucy Stuckey.

In 1871, M. V. Zimmerman, Mrs. Helen Colvin and Miss Lucy Stuckey

In 1872, George B. Mitchel, Mrs. Helen Colvin and Miss Florence Seward.

In 1873, C. L. Howard, Miss M. E. Richardson and Miss Alice Hickman.

In 1874, R. M. Henderson, Mrs Mary B. Mitchel and Miss Etta C. Doerr.

In 1875, L. B. Whitham, Miss Mary E. Smith and Miss Sylvia Gardner.

In 1876, William S. Cress, Miss Alice Hickman, Miss Sylvia Gardner and Miss Susie Hostetter.

In 1877, George A Franklin, Miss Camilla Jenkins, Miss Sylvia Gardner and Miss Annie Anderson.

In 1878, Geo. A. Franklin, Miss Cammilla Jenkins, Miss Sylvia Gardner and Miss A. E. Luderman.

#### TEACHERS OF SUBSCRIPTION SCHOOLS.

Charles Seward, Miss Sarah Casey, Miss Carrie Lockhart, Miss Frcncina Sargent. Miss Mary Pogue, Miss Mary Pool, Mrs. Maria Brooks, Mrs. M. M. Stuckey, Miss Fannie Seward, Miss Jane Hickman, Mrs. Helen Colvin, Miss Fannie Kiddoo, C. L. Howard, Miss——Stroud, T.J.McGrath. Mrs. J. B. Christy, Miss Millie Stuckey, Miss Jennie Van Doren.

## NAMES OF BUTLER MERCHANTS, MECHANICS, PHYSICIANS &c.

### DRY GOODS, GROCERY, BOOT & SHOE MERCHANTS.

William Wood, Samuel Haywood, Thomas Wallace, Wallace & Nelson, Alexander Coudy, Coudy & Mehagen, Thomas Morrison, C. Meisner, G. Geist, Henry Wilson, S. M. Hedges & Bro., J. R. Roth, Staten & Wickersham, J. Baum & Co., L. D. Washburn, A. W. Marshall, Cheatham & Bros., A. H. McCallister, Fred Arnsted, Mrs. Susan Gunderman, Watkins & Mackey, A. B. Seward & Co., J. H. McGown, Brown & Bro., Cannon & Williams, Williams & Colvin, Colvin & Son, McReynolds & Garrett, McGowan & Watkins.

### GRAIN MERCHANTS.

Wm. Wood, Samuel Haywood, Charles Coudy, Frank Lyford & McGill, M. McMurtry, J. H. Haywood, John Nelson, Alex. Hoxey, G. D. Brookman, Kirkanbaum & Co., Thomas Elliman & Bro., Dickerson & Bro., Capt. Wm. Young, John G. Moore, H. & J. S. Weaver, Mr. Hay, (bought for Soule & Gibson, Indianapolis, Ind.,) George Vannevar, Brown & Bro., (bought for Soule & Gibson,) A. B. Davis, Davis & Elliman, John Noonan, L. Washburn, Brown & Bro.

### HAY PRESS.

The Hay Press of Butler was built by J. B. Christy, about the year 1871.

### HAY MERCHANTS.

J. B. Christy, S. M. Haywood, J. H. McGowan, and J. R. Mitchel.

## CARPENTERS.

William Wilson, Henry Wilson, S. M. Haywood, J. H. McGowan, Joseph Chenneworth, Milton Chenneworth, Charles Coudy, Charles Vorhees, George Vansandt, Jerome Vansandt, John Hostetter, Athan Cannon, Marcus Cannon, M. M. Stuckey, Wm. Brookman, H. H. Titcomb, T. J. Watkins, Charles Westcott, William Wharton.

## CABINET MAKERS.

Carl Brell, Conrad Schroeder, Wm. Vansandt.

## WAGON MAKERS.

John Born, Hermann Tetzlaff, George Cooper.

## HARNESS MAKERS.

John Fehr, John Vrooman & Bedford Stanley, Charles E. Moore, Alexander Mutchler, Bedford Stanley.

## TINNERS &amp; HARD-WARE MERCHANTS.

Fred Schmidt, Tinner & Hard Ware merchant. Thomas Kessinger, Hard Ware merchant.

## MILLERS.

John Cunningham, John Cunningham & George Baker, L. Hoffman, August Roth, B. F. Rhodes, John Strunk, Thomas Kessinger, J. N. Wood.

## TAILORS.

Wm. Weber, Fred Klemme, Hamilton Hose, John Hose.

## BLACKSMITHS.

Robert Bryce, Joseph Rogers, J. C. Sammons, Balford Richmond, Lewis Schardon, Peter Simons.

## BUTCHERS.

James Brookman & Bryant McReynolds, Wallace Nelson, & Thompson, Fred Luddeke, John Van Doren, Fred Anderson & Amasa Washburn, and Henry Stanley.

## SHOE-MAKERS.

McReynolds & J. C. Railing, L. D. Washburn, Manufacturer and Merchant. Christain Keachley, Hermann Wygant, Frank Shuford, Claudus Hough, Rollond Rakow, Frank Shuford (2nd time.)

## PROPRIETORS OF THE BUTLER HOTEL.

Bryant McReynolds, Richard Barrett, Mrs. Elnora Duke, Mrs. Mary Pollard, Thomas Kessinger. William Brookman, Mrs. Menerva Steere, J. W. Webb, Wm. Brookman (2nd time.) Henderson Howard.

## POST MASTERS.

Henry Richmond, Samuel Haywood, Alexander Coudy, Bryant McReynolds, J. H. McGowan.

## DRESS MAKERS &amp; MILLINERS.

Mrs. Lewis Vansandt, Dress-maker & Milliner. Miss Carrie Lockhart, Dress-maker. Mrs. Cordelia Schardon, Milliner. Mrs. Laura Gray, Milliner. Miss Annie Boyd, Dress-maker & Milliner.

## JEWELERS.

Charles Witherspoon and J. W. Webb.

## JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

Henry Richmond, James Ghaston, George Burnap, Wm. Wood, James Judd, Wm. Elliman, G. D. Brookman, Jerome Kendrick, A. W. Marshall.

## POLICE MAGISTRATES

Henry Richmond, James Judd, J. B. Christy, and George W. Brown.

## CONSTABLES.

D. W. Manners, Wm. Wharton, M. M. Stuckey, John Van Doren, Charles Wright, Daniel Bost.



## VILLAGE CLERKS.

D. W. Manners, J. H. McGowan, James Judd, J. E. Hickman, A. W. Marshall.

## CHEESE FACTORY.

The Butler Cheese Factory is owned by a Stock Company called The Mont Cabanne Creamery Co. It was built in the year 1875, at a cost of about \$3,000, with apparatus costing about \$1,600.

## PHYSICIANS.

Charles Harper, —Sargent. J. B. White, Jesse Stick, C. R. Ross, Daniel Schardon, P. L. Brown, Benjamin Perlee, J. H. Kester, John Enlow, A. Gifford.

The physicians at the present time are Charles Harper, Daniel Schardon, and A. Gifford.

## DRUGGISTS.

Ross & Brown, E. L. Thomas, Frank Seward, Charles Slayback, Wm. Diddle, G. W. Parr, W. A. Wesner.

## EXPRESS AGENTS.

Thomas R. Wallace, A. R. Fink, Coudy & Mehagen, James Judd, Thomas Elliman, William Elliman.

## FIRES.

In 1866 a Store belonging to J. R. Roth, near the Rail Road, and also an adjacent Drinking Saloon, were destroyed by fire.

A Plaining Mill, located in the western part of the town belonging to D. W. Manners was burned about the year 1867. It had been in operation about one year.

In the Spring of 1875 a small dwelling house belonging to Wm. Vansandt near Robert Bryce's Blacksmith Shop was destroyed by fire.

Concerning a destructive fire in the early part of Oct. 1877 we copy the following minute from the Revised Village Ordinances of Dec. 1877.

“On the night of the first, or morning of the second October 1877, a fire broke out in the Buildings adjoining Seward’s Hall and continued its destructive work until all the Buildings and the Hall containing all the Village records, papers and other property belonging to the Village were consumed by the devouring element against all the efforts made to save them.”

On the 31st of Oct. 1877, the private dwelling of Charles Casselberry in the north-western part of the town was destroyed by fire.

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The only Firms engaged in General Merchandise in Butler at the present time, (Sept. 1878) are those of Brown & Bro., and McGowan & Watkins.

George W. Brown commenced business as a Grocery & Queens-ware merchant in Butler, in the building known as Haywood’s Old Stand, in April 1867. In a few months he and his brother, Charles O. Brown, entered into partnership constituting the Firm known as Brown & Bro. In the early part of the year 1869 Brown & Bro. purchased the Haywood building, at that time belonging to Moses Berry, and continued to do business in it until 1873. In 1871 they added to their Stock Dry Goods, Boots & Shoes. In May 1873 they purchased what was called the McReynolds property nearly opposite the Butler Hotel, and in Sept. of the same year moved their goods to this building, adding to their stock Ready made Clothing. They have recently enlarged, remodeled and repainted this Store, adding much both to its convenience and appearance.

J. H. McGowan commenced business in Butler as a Merchant with Samuel Haywood in the year 1865. He was associated with Mr. Haywood for about one year. During this year he was appointed Post Master. After dissolving partnership with Mr. Haywood he clerked a year or two for the Firm of A. B. Seward & Co., keeping the Post Office in their Store. He then removed to the small building south of the Hotel owned by Thomas Colvin, and now used as an Office by A. W. Marshall, Justice of the Peace. Here he kept the Post Office, Stationary, School Books &c., until about the year 1867, when he built the house north of the Hotel now used as a Shoe & Harness Shop, to which he removed the Post Office and his merchandise. In this building he remained until he entered into partnership in 1872 with Thomas J. Watkins.

Thomas J. Watkins and George Mackey commenced business as General Grocery Merchants in Butler, in the Spring of 1866, occupying the building belonging to L. D. Washburn, and standing a little to the south of the residence of C. O. Brown.

T. J. Watkins continued in business with George Mackey about one year, but a portion of this time he spent working at the carpenter's trade. He then clerked for the Firm of S. M. Hedges & Bro., for about five years, with the exception of a few months, during which time he sold goods for A. B. Seward & Co.

In the Spring of 1872 he and J. H. McGowan bought out the Firm of Hedges & Bro. and formed a partnership in General merchandise, under the name of McGowan & Watkins, and have ever since occupied the building formerly owned by Hedges & Bro. J. H. McGowan still remains Post Master, and has the Office in this building.

# CHURCHES.

## BUTLER M. E. CHURCH.

The M. E. Church of Butler was organized under the ministerial labors of Rev. —Boon, a local preacher, about the year 1856.

The original members were as follows:

Mrs. Alexander Gray, Moses Berry, Mrs. Eliza Berry, Mrs. J. M. Ghaston, Mr. Thomas Wood, Wm. Williamson, Mrs. Eliza Williamson, James Wood, and his wife and Mrs. Benaiah Kelly.

Its pulpit has been regularly supplied by the following ministers:

Revs. J. E. Lindley, —Aldridge, —Cabrie, R. W. Travis, T. S. Johnson, A. E. Orr, J. H. Holloway, W. F. Lowe, M. M. Cooper, J. D. Bodkin, D. Stubblefield, S. T. McIlheren, George Barrett, R. M. Beech, J. W. Lapham, and E. D. Randle.

The Church Edifice in which the congregation now worship, was erected in the year 1863 at a cost of about \$2.350.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Butler Presbyterian Church was organized in the School House in Butler, Aug. 29th, 1858, by a Committee consisting of Rev. R. M. Roberts, Minister, T. W. Washburn, M. D., and J. T. Eccles, Elders. The original members were fourteen in number and their names were as follows:

Mrs. H. K. Harper, Mrs. Catharine Coudy, Israel Seward, William Seward, Mrs. Mary Cunningham, Mrs. Susana Cunningham, Mrs. Martha Burnap, Robert Bryce, S. M. Hedges,

Mrs. Margaret Seward, Mrs. Deliverance Hugg, Mrs. Mary McReynolds, Minerva Mrs. Steere, Mrs. Sarah Ware.

The names of the Ministers who have stately supplied the Presbyterian Church are as follows:

Rev. R. M. Roberts, Rev. W. L. Mitchel, Rev.—Todd, Mr. Cornelius V. Monfort, Licentiate, Rev. —Lougheed, Mr. Moses Paisley, Licentiate, Rev. T. E. Spilman.

The Church Edifice belonging to the Presbyterian Congregation was built at the cost of about \$2.200 and dedicated to the service of God, July 3d, 1864, Rev. T. W. Hynes preaching the dedication sermon, and Rev. R. M. Roberts assisting in the service.

#### BAPTIST CHURCH.

About the year 1868 a Baptist Church, consisting of about thirteen members, was organized in Butler, by Rev.—Johnson, and enjoyed for a time the ministerial labors of Rev. Mize, then teaching school in Butler.

No efforts, of which we are aware, have been made for some years to revive or retain the organization.

We give as, follows, a brief account of the other Churches in the Township, outside of the Village.

#### CHERRY GROVE M. E. CHURCH.

We find that as early as the year 1843, there was existing a church with a considerable membership in the community now called Cherry Grove, three and a half miles N. W. of Butler. Just what its membership was, and how long it had existed as a Church we have not ascertained. But from some cause, probably deaths and removals, this Church so declined that in a few years there remained of it but a feble remnant. About the year 1852 it was reorganized, and prob-

ably for the first time, elected regular Trustees, and assumed the name of Cherry Grove Church.

The following, so far as we are able to give them, are the names of those who assumed the responsibilities of membership at the re-organization :

John Nail, Mrs. Martha Nail, Nathan Nail, Mrs. Sarah Nail, Mrs. Susan Williams, Anderson Walker and wife, Menassah Camp and wife, Wm. Williams and wife, James Roberts and wife and Mrs. Sarah Baker.

The congregation, in an early day, worshiped in a private dwelling house upon the farm now belonging to D. C. Burris. The building now known as Cherry Grove Church was erected about the year 1856.

#### MONTGOMERY M. E. CHURCH,

five miles north of Hillsboro, and about the same distance N. E. of Butler, was organized in the year 1836, and consisted of the following members :

James Osburn and wife, Michael Webber, Mrs. Sarah Webber, Henry Nichols, Mrs. Ellen Nichols, Joseph Webber, Mrs. Eunice L. Webber, James Wiley, Mrs. Sarah Wiley, Nicholas Webber and wife, Allert Dryer and Mrs. Eunice L. Dryer.

The Church was organized under the pastoral labors of Rev. —Hale.

For some years the congregation worshiped in a School House. The neat and comfortable Church Edifice in which they now worship was built in the year 1872. The dedication sermon was preached by Rev. C. P. Baldwin.

#### WARE'S GROVE CHURCH.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ware's Grove was organized Dec. 24th, 1860 under the pastoral labors of Rev. J. Livengood.

The names of the original members are as follows :

Jacob W. Scherer, Mrs. Electa Scherer, Henry Misenheimer, Mrs. Rachel Misenheimer, Mrs. Mary Scherer, Mrs. Rebecca A. Cress.

The Church Edifice in which the congregation now worships was built in 1862, and dedicated in Dec. of the same year, the dedication sermon being preached by Rev. George A. Bowers.



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